

# Crimson Sky

## Vigilant Ace 16: A new kind of exercise



Airman Jaden Santos, 35th Security Forces Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan, installation entry controller, scans for opposing forces during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. Santos is one of more than 1,000 augmentees participating in the large-scale exercise. Vigilant Ace 16 is peninsula-wide, providing ROK and U.S. armed forces the opportunity to hone resourceful skills used in the event of real-world contingencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristin High)

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November 1-7 marked the planning and participation of a first of its kind exercise for Seventh Air Force, Vigilant Ace 16. For a unit that already plans and/or participates in over 30 unique training events on average yearly, this was no easy task. So with that many training events already on the roster, why another exercise; how would this be different?

"[Exercises like] Key Resolve and Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise the strategic level, whereas the tactical level is all simulated," said Lt. Col. David Villa, 7 AF Inspector General, and exercise planner. "The other types of exercises we typically do are tactical level exercises where the wing executes the flying but there's no higher level command and control or strategic level involvement above the wing. So this exercise is unique in that it bridges the gap and is specifically focused on exercising the strategic to operational to tactical level linkages."

In meeting this larger-scale objective, the exercise spanned eight bases in Korea, and involved units from Japan, Guam and the United States. It encompassed the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air National Guard and required the movement of more than 1,000 personnel and more than 50 aircraft into the ROK, adding to the over 20,000 U.S. and ROK participants and more than 200 on-peninsula participating aircraft.

"It's really an impressive feat," said Lt. Col. Erik Axt, 7th Air Force chief of training and VA16 exercise planner. And as one can expect, getting everyone and everything in the right place at the right time was critical.

"The 374th Airlift Wing and Operations Group [Yokota, Air Base, Japan] spearheaded the airlift planning for this exercise and partnered with the Alaskan and California Air National Guard to obtain the proper amount of aircraft, air crews, and

maintenance support necessary to create a 'Western Pacific air bridge' for our fighter units to deploy efficiently and effectively," said Maj. Mark Nexon, 374th Operations Group mission commander and lead planner for the airlift portion of the VA16.

He went on to explain the benefits of creating an air bridge. "Airlift, in this case an air bridge, can quickly deploy forces for combat or humanitarian reasons," he said. "More importantly, it can sustain Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in a variety of scenarios - many of which don't allow for overland or oversea delivery due to any numbers of barriers. From my perspective, airlift is the most responsive and flexible link between our logistics enterprise and those in the fight."

One of those units "in the fight," was the 18th Fighter Wing deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

"For the folks from across the entire [18th Fighter] wing to be able to come, plug in to a Korean Air Force Base, bed down and learn how to operate out of this base in the local air space and environment makes us more ready to provide assistance to Seventh Air Force and to the Republic of Korea air force if contingencies require us to come and support defensive operations on the Korean peninsula," said Col. David Mineau, 18th Operations Group commander. But a seamless transition required months of planning and coordination across the Pacific Command area of responsibility.

According to Mr. Donald Hoobler, 374th AW, who assisted Nexon on the planning of the airlift piece, that coordination spanned the 374th AW to the 18th FW. The success of this coordination was seen as early as halfway through the exercise when the 374th AW had moved more than 400 thousand pounds of cargo and over 650 passengers during approximately 87 sorties.

Nexon added that by the end of the exercise the 374th AW would have flown more missions and hours than it flies during a normal month.

This being a new exercise, Villa and Axt were unsure of the response and support it would receive.

"We're getting at different objectives than we normally do, [we wondered] how to explain this new exercise to all of the participating units, get buy in," said Axt.

A valid concern with an exercise of this scale, however, response from participants has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I saw this exercise as a great validator of our capability to meet our wartime mission," said Hoobler. "While most units exercise on the tactical level by conducting wing level exercises, this exercise allows both the Seventh and Fifth Air Forces' commanders and all their wings to work together."

Mineau added, "it makes us combat ready, interoperable and gives us confidence that we can do this contingency mission on a very short notice if we are asked to do so."

However, the U.S. units weren't alone in reaping the benefits from this new training.

"The Republic of Korea air force is doing something they've never done before as well," said Villa, "so it reflects very credibly on them and the coalition that they took this step forward to undertake an exercise like this that's unlike anything they've ever done before. The lessons they're going to learn will be significant and we'll be able as a coalition to take that further and plan more successful exercises together which ultimately increases the combat capability of the entire coalition."

Seventh Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy went on to say, "Vigilant Ace 16 was a massive undertaking that really showed what air power in the Pacific is capable of. The coordination required for multiple wings, two numbered air forces and the Air Force Operations Center to provide heavy airlift support and a comprehensive air combat campaign was really incredible. Every Airman, Sailor, Soldier and Marine should be very proud of all we accomplished."

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# Honoring veterans past, present this Veterans Day

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**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii** -- To the men and women of Pacific Air Forces and to veterans across the services, I offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your dedicated service. As you know, this Wednesday commemorates a significant date in our nation's history, a day in 1918 where a signed armistice marked an end to World War I. The historical significance of Veterans Day reminds us of the sacrifice of military service. On this day, let us honor the thousands of American veterans, past and present, for their love of country and their willingness to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

A couple of weeks ago, the University of Hawaii hosted the Air Force football team, resulting in a 58-7 victory for the Air Force. I had the privilege of attending a pep rally where I met many of our Air Force's future officers from the 2016-2019 graduating classes. One of the things that struck me was their connection to our heritage through their class exemplars. The Airmen they selected to aspire to were Maj. David "Klepto" Brodeur, Col. George "Bud" Day, and Capt. Louie "Zamp" Zamperini.

Brodeur was a decorated F-16 pilot who deployed as an advisor to the Afghan Command and Control Center and was subsequently killed in 2011 when an Afghan military trainee turned gunfire on him. Col Day served during three major wars and when shot down in Vietnam, refused to yield to his tormentors at the Hanoi Hilton for five years and seven months, escaping once despite tremendous injuries. Capt Zamperini, the subject of the book and subsequent movie "Unbroken," was a World War II bombardier who survived 47 days at sea after his plane experienced mechanical difficulties and had to ditch, only to be captured and held prisoner for two years in Japan.

Every generation has faced difficult challenges, and our generation is no exception. This Veterans Day, I ask that we reflect upon the importance of what we do. Whether you are military or civilian; active duty, Reserve or Guard; Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman or Coast Guardsman, each and every one of you plays a vital part in safeguarding our way of life. And, despite how much we ask of you and your families, you continue to amaze me with your character, your resilience and your devotion to duty and country. Truly, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

## November is Warrior Care Month: mental health aids unseen injuries



November is Warrior Care Month (courtesy photo)

By Senior Airman Kristin High  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- In 2008, the Secretary of Defense designated November as Warrior Care Month to educate service members, their families and communities about the programs and initiatives provided through the Warrior Care system.

According to the Warrior Care Web page, the Defense Department honors the courage of wounded, ill or injured service members, and highlights the programs that support their return to duty or transition to the civilian community.

The theme this year, "Show of Strength," is about recognizing the mental and physical resilience consistently demonstrated by our wounded, ill and injured service members.

Although the Warrior Care program aids people with physical injuries, the program also supports mental and psychological injuries, such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

"With mental illness or injury, not being able to see the injury is the obvious and most difficult part," said Maj. Christie Simpson-McKenzie, 51st Medical Operations Squadron mental health clinical psychologist. "With physical, you would be able to see the person had some sort of limitation and understand that there are things they can't do."

"When there is a mental injury, people are often exposed to things that remind them of the trauma," she con-

tinued. "Because you usually can't see a mental injury, there is a lack of understanding."

Like any physical injury, if something goes untreated for an extended period of time, it becomes more difficult to fix later, she said.

The mental health clinic offers a myriad of services for active-duty members who may be suffering from mental injury.

Outreach through resiliency programs helps provide people with knowledge and expectation of mental health processes. Airmen can be referred to the behavioral health optimization program, or BHOP, which has mental health doctors who work with the family practice clinic, or Airmen can go to mental health as a self-referral.

"The clinic here also offers classes to help with various situations, such as relaxation or stress management," Simpson-McKenzie said. "Also, if Airmen have difficulty with alcohol-related incidents or stressors, we have the ADAPT program."

The Air Force Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program includes substance abuse prevention, education and treatment.

"Overall, our goal is to ensure Airmen are taken care of and moving forward so they can return to their everyday life," said Simpson-McKenzie.

For more information on the Warrior Care program, visit [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov). For information with the Osan mental health clinic, contact them at DSN 784-2148 or commercial 0505-784-2148.

## Air Force current operations director visits Osan



(Above) Maj. Gen. James N. Post III, Headquarters Air Force director of current operations and deputy chief of staff for operations, speaks with base senior leaders during a tour of the air traffic control tower at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 12, 2015. Post visited Osan to discuss the challenges Airmen may face with training and readiness at the most forward, non-deployed air bases in the world. As the director of current operations, Post is in charge of providing time-sensitive situational awareness and analysis to Air Force senior leaders and linking worldwide operations with core Air Force processes to enable global vigilance, reach and power. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

(Left) Tech. Sgt. Skylar Derouen, 51st Munitions Squadron munitions equipment assistant section chief, explains his wartime duty as a munitions expeditor to Maj. Gen. James N. Post III, Headquarters Air Force director of current operations and deputy chief of staff for operations, while at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 12, 2015. In a wartime scenario, a munitions expeditor ensures the correct munitions are delivered to the right aircraft in a timely manner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)



Maj. Gen. James N. Post III, Headquarters Air Force director of current operations and deputy chief of staff for operations (middle), greets Staff Sgt. Stephen Buynack, 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of A-10 programs, prior to an explanation of flightline decontamination procedures at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 12, 2015. The current operations directorate encompasses five divisions, the Air Force Operations Group, and the Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation, which are responsible for policy, guidance, and oversight of Air Force current operations in air, space and cyberspace. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

# Fuels drives the fight during Vigilant ACE 16



An 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 from Kunsan Air Base's 8th Fighter Wing receives fuel after returning from a sortie, Nov. 6, 2015. Airmen assigned to the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight are supporting Vigilant Ace 16, a large-scale exercise designed to enhance the interoperability of U.S. and Republic of Korea Air Forces, by providing fuel support to home station and transient aircraft.

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**Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea** -- The 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight has one of the most critical jobs, to ensure that jets can take off from Kunsan Air Base and take the fight north.

"Aircraft can't take off without fuel; we like to sometimes call it, "Pilots are Pedestrians Without Fuel." It is our job to provide clean, water free fuel in a timely manner and we do it well," said Airman First Class Ross Karrick, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobile distribution operator.

"Fuels takes care of all the aircraft by providing around the clock, on-time fuel support to home station, transient and commercial aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Amerson, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobile distribution supervisor. "That includes not just fighter aircraft that we have full-time at Kunsan, but cargo aircraft that help us accept follow-on forces and defend the base too."

Amerson added that the exercise and the training it provides improves everyone on the fuels team.

"Exercises help to enhance the readiness of both the U.S. and Republic Of Korea forces to defend the Republic of Korea," said Amerson. "We have a Training & Support section within the Fuels Management Flight that initiates and schedules training that is beneficial for the Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants team."

"These training exercises allow us to be effective war fighting Airmen giving us the ability to quickly respond to a variety of scenarios," Karrick said. "This training without question has prepared us to be effective in the event we had to "Defend the Base, Accept Follow On Forces, and Take the Fight North" in a real world environment."

Amerson said that they take full advantage of all training opportunities to ensure new arrivals are aware and fully understand the distinct mission of Kunsan and the threats associated with being here. These training opportunities showed how Airmen perform SABC response, CBRNE actions and post-attack reconnaissance sweeps.

The unique nature of this exercise meant many units in the 8th Fighter Wing got to work with their Republic of Korea Air Force counterparts they share Kunsan AB with.

The ROKAF POL team utilizes USAF fuel facilities to fill their trucks they use to refuel ROKAF aircraft, increasing interoperability. Additionally, the Fuels Management leadership had a meeting last week with the ROKAF POL leadership to establish a training rotation to integrate U.S. and ROKAF Airmen. POL said this coordination helped improve each other's capabilities and increase rapport with each nation.

"The exercises we do at Kunsan build a mutual respect between the US and Republic Of Korea Air Forces and allow us to know we can count on each other when needed," Amerson said. "I feel that the bond between us and the ROKAF is strong and will continue to grow."

# Airmen ensure top-quality fuel used for fighters



Senior Airman Joshua Jordan, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron preventive maintenance technician, displays a sample jar of JP-8 jet fuel taken from one of the R-11 mobile fuel truck at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 15, 2015. Daily samples are taken from each truck to test the fuel for excess water and contaminants. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

**By Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm**  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Everything needs some kind of fuel to live and to move, humans get our fuel from food, plants from sunshine and Osan's aircraft get theirs from the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oils and lubricants flight. It is up to the Airmen of the POL flight to keep team Osan in the fight.

"Without us [the wing] wouldn't be flying," said Airman 1st Class Steven Trottier, 51st LRS fuels facility technician. "We wouldn't be able to do the mission; we wouldn't be able to prepare for whatever comes next."

Driving a fleet of 14 R-11 and three C300 mobile fuel trucks and gassing up the bases aircraft might be what these Airmen are known for, but it is by no means the extent of their responsibilities.

"Every morning we do a general overview of all the trucks, making sure they're good to go," said Senior Airman Joshua Jordan, 51st LRS preventive maintenance technician. "If the trucks don't get checked out, don't get fixed, the fuel isn't getting out to the aircraft."

Weekly and monthly tests of the pipe lines and daily checks of filter separators are necessary to make sure the fuel contains no contaminants or water. Jet fuels, like JP-8, are kerosene-based and while similar to commercial aviation fuel, they have added corrosion inhibitors and anti-icing properties making it a high-quality fuel with demanding purity requirements.

"If excessive amounts of water or sediment contaminants are found, we have to lock out the line and have it lab tested," said Trottier. "If [contaminants are] in the filter separators we drain a few gallons [from the tanks] and sample [the fuel] by the quart. If we still get contaminants we flush the system, making sure all the fuel goes through the pipeline twice."

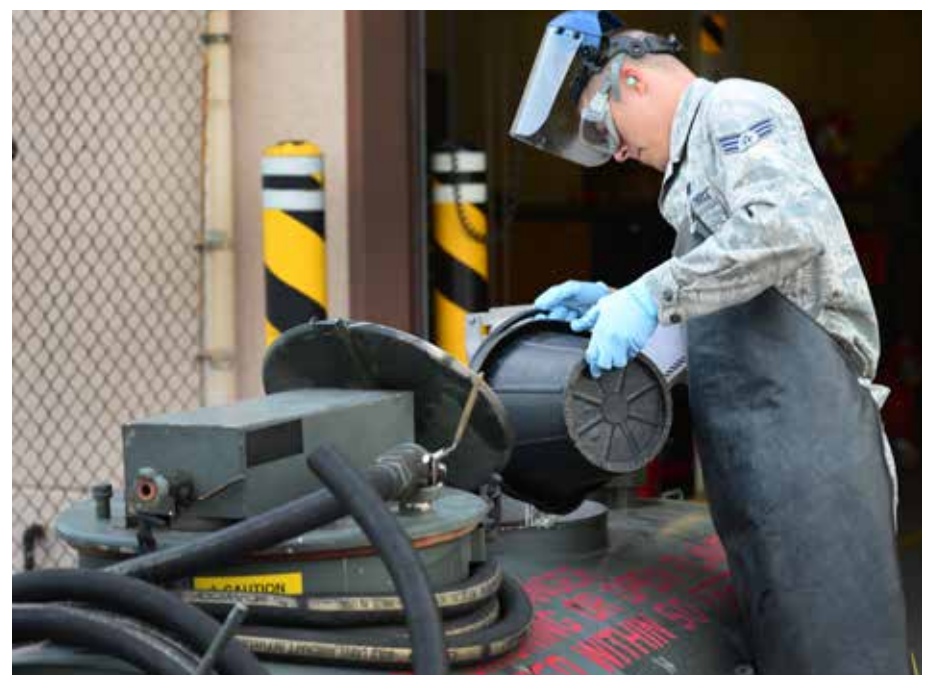
Maintaining miles of pipeline, two 3.2 million gallon tanks, 17 fuel trucks and gassing up all the aircraft that come and go from the air base is an around-the-clock operation necessary to the wartime capabilities of the base.

"People say that this is a thoughtless job," said Jordan. "If you go out there and mess one little thing up you're going to have fuel on the ground, that could mess up the aircraft and that's just going to make it harder for everybody involved."

The safety precautions required for handling jet fuel are necessary to prevent a negative impact on the environment. Should a spill occur, there could be permanent damage done to the soil and water table of the surrounding area.

"It may look like we're a bunch of truck drivers but there's a lot more to it," said Trottier. "These kinds of jobs are what make the flashy ones possible, not all of us realize it but we play an important role, and that's why I like this job."

They might not be the pilots or the ones maintaining and arming the aircraft, but they are just as crucial to getting jets off the ground; they provide the fuel that keeps Osan ready to fight tonight.



Senior Airman Joshua Jordan, 51st Logistic Readiness Squadron preventive maintenance technician, pours a bucket of JP-8 jet fuel into a fuel recovery unit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 15, 2015. Gallons of fuel are drawn every day in order to sample for sediment contaminants and excess water.

# U.S. and ROKAF Engineers – ready together



U.S. Air Force and Republic of Korea air force firefighters prepare to extinguish a structural fire during Vigilant Ace 16 at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Nov. 2, 2015. Vigilant Ace 16 is a regularly scheduled training event designed to enhance the readiness of U.S. and ROK forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ashley Gardner)

**By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson**  
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**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron and Republic of Korea air force 38th Fighter Group combined to participate in joint training during Vigilant Ace 16, Nov. 1 through 7.

The main purpose of this U.S. and ROK combined exercise was to enhance operational and tactical level coordination. Previous exercises focused on wing-level activities, but this year's exercise tested the linkage between operational-level planners and tactical units. It also increased the amount of ROK air force participation.

"Here in Korea, especially at Kunsan Air Base, we live, work and play together, which brings us to appreciate the shared values that we have," Maj. Mark Schoenbeck, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander and night shift emergency operations center director. "Shared values build a greater bond than shared objectives."

Along with building bonds, the exercises also promote interoperability.

"This exercise puts us and our Korean counterparts together responding to the same scenarios," Schoenbeck said. "This forces us to communicate and work together to solve challenges that are more strenuous than your normal day to day tasks."

As Airmen and their ROKAF counterparts solve challenges together, they're also simultaneously learning and growing together.

"This exercise, with its focus on

theater-wide objectives, has demonstrated our regional commitment by putting each of the bases involved in components as pieces to a bigger puzzle," Schoenbeck said. "In previous exercises we were just focused in one base."

Focusing on the entire puzzle helps prepare the alliance to respond to potential contingencies in defense of the Korean peninsula.

"Through a variety of scenarios, this training specifically tested our ability to react and survive as an installation with our Korean counterparts," Schoenbeck said.

The training ranged from simple scenarios such as fires and probing attacks along the fence line to more complex attacks involving multiple situations that were spread out across the base simultaneously.

"Our main focus within the 8th CES was our fire department, where we have a mix of Americans and Koreans who work in our fire station every day," Schoenbeck said. "We also teamed up with the ROKAF fire department to respond to several types of scenarios together."

Both fire departments had an opportunity to practice on the live fire trainer, with vehicle response techniques and a variation of other training exercises.

"Working together to solve those challenges and respond to those scenarios all focused on the joint partnership," Schoenbeck said. "With the fire department, we were specifically focused on emergency response skills."

Focusing on response skills also enables both sides to resolve any opera-

tional planning issues.

"Our readiness and emergency management members work with their ROKAF counterparts to ensure the coalition can survive in all operating environments," said Capt. Patrick Grandsaert, 8th CES fire department officer in charge. "We familiarize each other with both forces' tactics techniques and procedures as well as forge excellent working relationships to increase our readiness."

As U.S. and ROKAF partners focus on collaborating to solve challenges, inspectors challenge them by immersing the entire base in the scenarios.

"The second an Airman, American or Korean, walks outside their dormitory they are a player," said Maj. Roberto R. Flammia, 8th Fighter Wing director of inspections. "We train like we fight and thus unless it is illegal, unnecessarily expensive or going to cause someone to get hurt, the Wolf Pack will execute exactly as they do in wartime."

To maximize efficiency during wartime scenarios, both ROKAF and USAF Airmen have translators to help them break through any language barriers.

"We translate our presentations and mission products to the maximum extent possible," Flammia said. "Body language, non-verbal cues and hand gestures go a long way."

Along with the translation of presentations, ROKAF members and USAF Airmen partake in joint mission briefs and planning meetings. After the exercises end, both sides gather during a debrief to propose integration improvements.

"During the debrief we identify

the best techniques each side is using and how we can adopt them to increase our synergy and cooperation," Flammia said. "Thus, we exercise together to synchronize movements and procedures. If we find ourselves using different procedures in the field, we watch how it plays out."

Synchronizing movements and procedures requires the 8th FW commander and the 38th Fighter Group commander to specify mission protocols from the top down.

"Installation commanders collaborate to establish to the desired learning objectives for Kunsan Air Base," Flammia said. "Using their inputs as a starting point, the groups and units establish their own desired learning objectives. It is then the job of both teams' inspector generals to create the script that ensures the Airmen achieve the DLOs and increase their readiness."

When increasing mission readiness, U.S. and ROKAF members routinely collaborate to conduct exercises to help prepare the alliance to respond to any potential contingencies and to defend the Republic of Korea. Kunsan Air Base is the only base in PACAF that is exercising both on the ground and in the air with their ROKAF partners.

"Every time an alarm goes off, there is a medical response or a ground attack on base, both teams respond," Flammia said. "This is unique, ground breaking even, and we are leading the way in the 7th Air Force and in PACAF in terms of integration with our national partners."

## Vigilant Ace 16: Defenders simulate OpFor attacks



Airman 1st Class Emily Downer, 51st Security Forces Squadron, listens to an outbrief after a simulated opposing forces attack during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. Vigilant Ace 16 is designed to enhance the interoperability of U.S. and ROK forces through combined and joint combat training. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

**By Senior Airman Kristin High**  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Day or night, defenders from the 51st Security Forces Squadron are the first line of protection against opposing forces. With strategic and tactical training, they are able to protect more than 10,000 U.S. and Korean service members and their families.

The defenders train year-round in the high operations environment here, especially during Exercise Vigilant Ace 16, which has more than 16,000 U.S. and ROK forces personnel participating.

The exercise created an intense training environment with various simulated opposing forces attacks, giving defenders the opportunity to showcase their ability to position, employ and sustain forces during a variety of situations.

"We practiced large-scale attacks on some of our facilities, tested the individual arming responses of defenders and even practiced enemy prisoner of war capture scenarios," said Chief Master Sgt. James

O'Neil, 51st SFS wing inspection team chief. "The wing inspection team monitored each scenario for potential weak spots in defense."

Defenders of all ranks were tested on their ability to lead the fight. Airmen from 51st SFS and 35th SFS, Misawa Air Base Japan, simulated opposing forces during attacks.

"Our Airmen are doing extremely well," said O'Neil. "Being this far into the exercise, people are tired, but the motivation is high. People are taking care of business, learning and practicing, honing and applying their skills."

From a tactical standpoint, Airmen were asked a multitude of questions. What did they do? Why did they do it? How well did we accomplish this? Did we meet our goals?

"Sometimes it's hard to understand why people make certain choices during the attacks," he said. "When you get to talk to them afterward, you get a sense of where their head was. Positive or negative, we critique after each attack allowing for a learning environment for all of the participants."

These lessons learned have the

potential to save a life tomorrow, he added.

Training of this nature is very important to 51st SFS defenders because it's not the level of training that occurs on a daily basis, explained Staff Sgt. Kevin McCarthy, 51st SFS WIT member.

"It's a stressful environment, but it's a learning environment and Airmen are out here practicing what they're trained to do, and showing us all what they're truly capable of."

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Airman Bradley Maier, 51st Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates using an M203 grenade launcher to Chief Master Sgt. James O'Neil, 51st Security Forces Squadron wing inspection team chief, during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16, on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. After simulated opposing forces attacks, the WIT members asked strategic questions to ensure Airmen were retaining knowledge and understanding scenarios.

# Vigilant Ace 16: Delayed disaster team saves lives

By Senior Airman Kristin High  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Throughout readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 members of the 51st Medical Operations Squadron were faced with multiple challenges.

Injured augmentees were taken to the medical group. Depending on the severity, some augmentees were treated in emergency services and the non-emergency augmentees were brought to the delayed disaster team.

"The room here can hold more than 150 litters for the sick or injured," said Capt. Christina McGill, 51st Medical Operations Squadron clinical nurse. "The triage time is around two hours including stabilizing them and preparing them for flight."

This exercise provided the opportunity to test three doctors and five nurses from the delayed disaster team.

"This room is specifically set up for patients who need medical air evacuation," said McGill. "If they are not treated within a certain amount of time, their wounds could potentially become life threatening."

The team members in the delayed disaster team are devoted to saving life, limb or eyesight, if they can be saved.

"The least significant we would treat in this area would be a fracture or broken arm," she continued. "The most severe would have to be anyone needing immediate surgery."

The Airmen practiced as if it were real-world situations, administering IVs, securing splints and giving patients pain medication if necessary.

"We want to make sure the patients are staying stabilized and prepared for flight as soon as the bird lands," said McGill.



(Left) Senior Airman Nicholas Burns, 51st Dental Squadron prophylactics technician, acts as an augmentee during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 3, 2015. Burns simulated having a broken wrist and was triaged and given an IV with pain medication.

(Below) Capt. Nicolas Skordas, right, 51st Medical Operations Squadron orthopedic surgeon, checks vitals on Senior Airman Nicholas Burns, 51st Dental Squadron prophylactics technician, during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 3, 2015. The simulation was part of the peninsula-wide exercise, challenging U.S. and ROK forces in multiple conditions, including various mild to severe injuries requiring medical air evacuation. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)







U.S. Air Force and Army medical personnel participated in a medical evacuation exercise as a part of the Vigilant Ace 16 peninsula wide exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 5, 2015. The medical evacuation exercise, or medevac, tested the 8th Medical Groups ability to safely and quickly get injured personnel the help they need through air transportation provided by the Army. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Ashley L. Gardner)

## US forces practice medevac training

By Senior Airman Ashley L. Gardner  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** – U.S. Air Force and Army medical personnel participated in a medical evacuation exercise here as a part of the Vigilant Ace 16 peninsula wide exercise. The medical evacuation exercise, or medevac, tested the 8th Medical Groups ability to safely and quickly get injured personnel the help they need through air transportation provided by the Army.

The role of Kunsan AB was to work with the patients from the base. If their injuries are beyond Kunsan's care, injured individuals would receive air transportation to Osan AB. From there they would eventually get them to a more thorough care location at Misawa AFB or back to the states if the injuries are severe.

"Kunsan has a very small clinic", said Master Sgt. Daniel Johnson. "We don't have a bunch of the specialty services that you would find at a bigger facility with a larger hospital."

More than 16,000 U.S. personnel participated in the Vigilant Ace 16, one of the largest flying exercises held on the Korean Peninsula, Nov. 1 to 9. The medevac enhanced interoperability between Air Force and Army personnel and increased their combat effectiveness by testing their knowledge in skills they have trained for as if it were a real world mission.

"This is our first time doing a live mission," said Johnson. "I think that everything went very well with communication and the patient had no problems. It went very smoothly."

While conducting live training scenarios, effective communication plays an important role in

ensuring patients are rescued in a timely manner.

"With what we do right now lives matter," said Chief Master Sgt. Paul Thomas, 8th Medical Group superintendent. "Practice like you play; so if you are not being serious and you are not doing it right and you get forward deployed, it's too late

to practice then. People count on you to save their lives."

Using the teamwork between the two forces, they executed the mission getting the patient where he needed to be in time to live to fight another day.



U.S. Air Force and Army medical personnel participated in a medical evacuation exercise as a part of the Vigilant Ace 16 peninsula wide exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 3, 2015. More than 16,000 U.S. personnel participated in the Vigilant Ace 16, one of the largest flying exercises held on the Korean Peninsula, Nov. 1 to 9.

## Vigilant Ace 16: MWDs, handlers practice evacuation



A military working dog sits in his kennel after an evacuation during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. During the exercise, the handlers simulated a fire outbreak at the kennels and needed to quickly evacuate the MWDs to a secondary location. The exercise tested the expedited movement of seven dogs. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

**By Senior Airman Kristin High**  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Vigilant Ace 16 is an exercise designed to challenge different sectors of the defense system. One of the challenges faced is protecting the four-legged Airmen along with their handlers.

The military working dogs and handlers practiced an emergency evacuation of the kennels. Although real-world causes for evacuating would vary, the process is very real.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Carbajal, 51st Security Forces Squadron MWD handler, along with two other handlers swiftly gathered up the seven MWDs and drove to their secondary location.

"We simulated a fire at the kennel," said Carbajal. "Fortunately many of the dogs were posted in the field, so we had less at the kennels to evacuate. We make sure the dogs are moved away from the smoke quickly to protect them from smoke inhalation."

"If there's ever a chemical attack, we would have to get the MWDs to a collection protective system facility so the dogs aren't affected. Their safety is just as important as anyone on our team."

Though very serious, the cause of evacuation is not the only thing handlers have to worry about.

In a real-world situation, the handlers would have to move more than 20 dogs from the kennels to a secure facility.

"The MWDs all have their own personalities," he continued. "With the more aggressive dogs, we try to have their handler move that particular one, although we are all familiar with the dogs and can move them if need be."

The handlers were able to move the MWDs to their safe locations and debriefed with the wing inspection team members.

"Overall I think we did really well," said Carbajal. "We were able to move the MWDs quickly and under our allotted time into our secondary location."

"We all became handlers for a reason, and taking care of the dogs is just as important as any other member of our family."



Military working dog handlers move quickly to evacuate the MWDs during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015.

# CHAPEL SCHEDULE

## KUNSAN AIR BASE

### Protestant Services

**Gospel Service**  
 Sunday, 1 p.m.  
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501  
**Contemporary Service**  
 Sunday, 5 p.m.  
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

### Catholic Mass

**Catholic Mass**  
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501  
**Daily Mass & Reconciliation**  
 Please call the chapel

### General Services

**Church of Christ**  
 Sunday, 11 a.m.  
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510  
**LDS Service**  
 Sunday, 2:30 p.m.  
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510  
**Earth-Based Religions**  
 Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

**Point of Contact:**  
 Kunsan Chapel, 782-4300

**Visit us on Share Point:**  
<https://kunsan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC/default.aspx>

## OSAN AIR BASE

### Protestant Services

**Gospel (Praise Joy Night)**  
 Friday, 7:30 p.m., Osan Chapel Sanctuary  
**Traditional Service**  
 Sunday, 10 a.m., Osan Chapel Sanctuary  
**Gospel Service**  
 Sunday, Noon, Osan Chapel Sanctuary  
**Contemporary Service**  
 Sunday, 5 p.m., Osan Chapel Sanctuary  
**Church of Christ**  
 Sunday, 10 a.m., Elementary School Cafeteria

### Catholic Mass

**Daily Mass**  
 Tuesday – Thursday, 11:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
**Reconciliation**  
 Saturday, 4 p.m.

### Other Faith Groups

**Earth-Based**  
 Contact the Chapel  
**Jewish**  
 Contact the Chapel  
**Muslim**  
 Contact the Chapel  
**Buddhist**  
 Contact the Chapel

**Point of Contact:**  
 Osan Chapel, 784-5000

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**Visit us on Facebook (OSAN AB CHAPEL)**  
<https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

## USAG-YONGSAN

### Protestant Services

**Traditional Service**  
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel  
**Contemporary Service**  
 Sunday, 9 a.m.  
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702  
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
 K-16 Chapel

### Nondenominational Service

Sunday, 11 a.m.  
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

### Gospel Service

Sunday, 1 p.m.  
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

### Pentecostal

Sunday, 1:30 p.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

### Latter Day Saints (LDS)

Sunday, 4 p.m.  
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

### Seventh-Day Adventist

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

### KATUSA

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

### Catholic Mass

Sunday, 8 a.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
 Saturday, 5 p.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
 1st Saturday, 9 a.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
 M/W/T/F, 11:45 a.m.  
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597  
 Tuesday, 11:45 p.m.  
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

### General Service

**Episcopal Service**  
 Sunday, 11 a.m.  
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

### Jewish

Friday, 7 p.m.  
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702



**Point of Contact:**  
 USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011

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<http://www.army.mil/yongsan>

## Spiritual Charge

### The Chaplain Assistant



**Tech. Sgt. Erin Brock**  
 51st Fighter Wing Chapel

As a chaplain assistant, I am asked, “What do you do? It makes me think, “What do I do?” Why do I think that? I know what I do, right? Why not answer the question? I answer the question, but the response,

“What do you think I do?” catches people off guard. People respond with, “You protect the chaplain and buy Bibles right!” or “Do you preach on Sundays?” and my favorite, “Is it an actual job, an AFSC, or a special duty?”

Welcome to the chaplain assistant world. In the past the chaplain assistant was the behind the scenes character, providing a watchful eye over chapel programs/events and was usually the one who set it up and tore it down. Today, we manage the chapel facility, run the logistics behind programs and events, and lead the resourcing charge. Running a chapel is a fulltime job. Chaplain assistants facilitate communication, juggle complicated administrative details, perform additional duties, and make sure the needs of a facility utilized seven days a week are met. That can mean you fix it with your multi-tool, or work with our CE heroes.

This brings us to networking. If you need help networking, talk to a chaplain assistant. We are the ninjas of networking. I’m not bragging, but we get it done and we always tie it up with a bow of regulation red tape. In the chaplain assistant career field we learn and live event planning, and logistical support is our language. Ask chaplain assistants and they will tell you it’s rewarding to see an event go off with minor glitches and even better when the event happens flawlessly, at least in the eyes of the participants. Planning is a part of what we do. The motivator for doing our job is the Airmen. Helping you and all the other

“capitol A” Airmen, is what we do.

Chaplain assistants have four core competencies: religious program management, crisis intervention counseling, advising leadership, and unit engagement. Unit engagement means being there with you, the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines. To me that’s where my job counts the most. Being there with you, in your world, doing what I can to help you whether it’s turning wrenches or just shooting the breeze. Yes, that is one of the things the entire Chaplain Corps does. I do not want to take away from my Chaplains, but they are very busy and need a partner or teammate, and that’s where we, chaplain assistants, come in and help save the day. We call that Religious Support Team power. Don’t confuse our roles. I’m not a mini chaplain. I don’t preach or give spiritual/religious guidance. That’s the Chaplain’s specialty. But, I will listen, let you vent, help you, and offer crisis intervention counseling. If it’s a crisis to you, it’s a crisis to me. Yet, how am I different from the other helping agencies? I have the 100% confidentiality like Chaplains and I will guard your privileged communication. Your story stays with you; it is not mine to share. I can and will help you connect with your spiritual resiliency.

Bottom line: “What do I do?” It’s not easy to say it in one sentence. What I tell everyone is, “I am here for you, so you tell me how I can help you.” I’m TSgt Brock, a Chaplain Assistant, how can I help?

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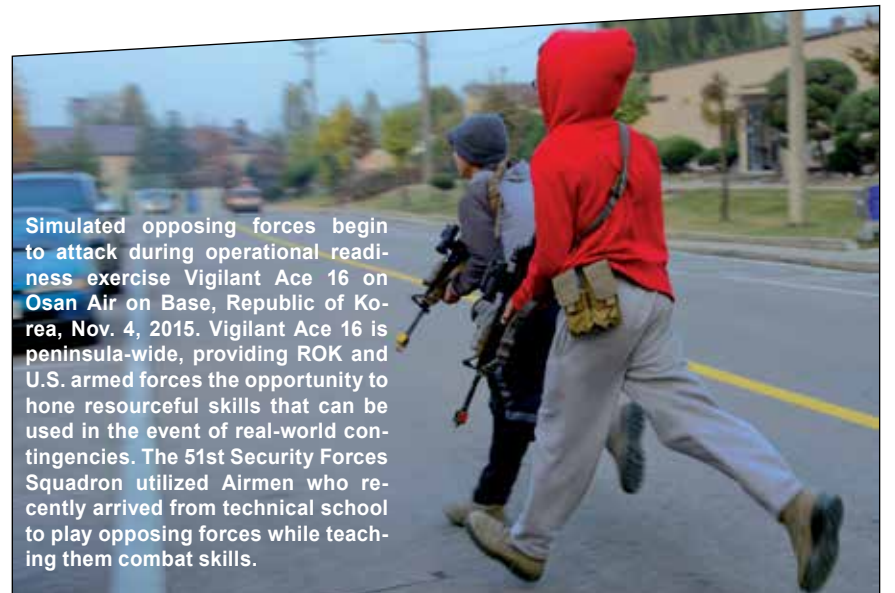
Staff Sgt. Raymond Burk, 35th Security Forces Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan, base defense operations center controller, watches an A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter aircraft prepare to take off during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. Throughout the week-long, peninsula-wide exercise, more than 16,000 participants demonstrated the ability to operate in a chemical environment as well as administer self-aid buddy care during a wartime environment. These defenders highlighted their ability to position, employ and sustain forces and showcase operational readiness. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)



Defenders from the 51st Security Forces Squadron search for opposing forces during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. Vigilant Ace 16 is a peninsula-wide exercise with more than 16,000 participants including augmentees from U.S. air bases in Japan. During the exercise, U.S. and ROK forces demonstrated the ability to operate in a chemical environment as well as administer medical assistance in a wartime environment.



(Above) An emptied smoke can sits during a simulated opposing forces attack during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. Vigilant Ace 16 is a peninsula-wide exercise which focuses on increasing interoperability between the joint U.S. forces and their ROK allies. The defenders utilized Vigilant Ace 16 as an opportunity to gain knowledge and proficiency in the event of real-world contingencies. In addition to the 51st SFS, augmentees from the 35th SFS participated.



Simulated opposing forces begin to attack during operational readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. Vigilant Ace 16 is peninsula-wide, providing ROK and U.S. armed forces the opportunity to hone resourceful skills that can be used in the event of real-world contingencies. The 51st Security Forces Squadron utilized Airmen who recently arrived from technical school to play opposing forces while teaching them combat skills.



(Left) 1st Lt. Zachary Watkins, 51st Security Forces Squadron Alpha and Bravo flight commander, gives an outbrief to Airmen after a simulated opposing forces attack during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. During the attacks the defenders practiced base defense to help with responding to real world contingencies.



(Right) Airman Gun Pak, 51st Security Forces Squadron, is detained during readiness exercise Vigilant Ace 16, on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 4, 2015. Throughout the exercise, defenders used Team Osan Airmen and augmentees from the 35th SFS, Misawa Air Base, Japan, as opposing forces to simulate real-world conditions.



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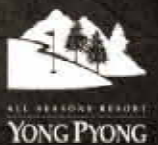


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## Kunsan

**Illmagwon Orphanage**

Join Airmen from across the base in a wing chapel-sponsored event as they travel down to the Illmagwon Orphanage in Gunsan City every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for an evening of playing games and learning more about the local culture. For more information, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

**Single Airmen Game Night**

Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Sonlight Inn. Everyone's welcome, special invite for all Single Airmen!

For more information contact, Senior Airman Jenfil Morillo-Burgos.

**Kunsan Photo Club**

Interested in sharing your photography experience with others and exploring Korea along the way? Have a camera, but want to learn how to use it more completely? Then join the Kunsan Photo Club as they delve into the finer qualities of photography where the key concept is: "It's not the camera that makes a great photo, but the photographer." If interested in joining, the group can be found on Facebook, just search for "Kunsan Photo Club."

**Wolf Pack Lodge**

Lodging Space A Policy  
Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? You can book lodging rooms on a space available basis up to 120 days in advance for a maximum of 30 days depending on availability. You can also book reservations for the holiday season (November and December) up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of 15 days. (Depending on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday!

Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844  
FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

**Children's English class**

Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the Children's English class weekly, for children 2-15 years of age. We will break you up into groups to read, talk, or play board games with the children. Civilian attire is preferred however, UOD is allowed. Classes are held from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Sonlight Inn.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Justin Worthen.

**Sunday Sonlight dinner**

Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

**Sponsor training**

Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

**ROKAF English Class**

Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the ROKAF English class every Saturday, at the Sonlight Inn. You will be talking to ROKAF Airmen (enlisted) for approximately one hour. This event is open to all ranks! Civilian attire is preferred, however, UOD is allowed.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Charles Nelson.

**Ping Pong tournament**

Free to all. Prizes for first and second places. Prizes include Wolf Pack Won. To sign up, dates or for more information, call the CAC at 782-5213 or 4679.

## Osan

**Airman and Family Readiness Center programs**

**\*Bundles for Babies** - A workshop for expectant parents who want to learn more about parenting and support programs here at Osan. The class also offers you a finance piece that focuses on budgeting for your new baby from conception to college years and a chance to meet other new parents. Additionally, you'll receive a free "bundle" from the Air Force Aid Society.

**\*Separation & Retirement Benefits** - This is an optional workshop where separating and retiring members can learn about their benefits- includes briefings by MFLC, TMO, CPO, Finance, Tricare and SBP.

**\*Spouse Orientation** - This is a great opportunity for spouses to learn about the 51st Fighter Wing Mission, Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) process, and receive a protective (gas) mask demonstration. Spouses will also have an opportunity to meet key base representatives and learn about Korean Culture. As a bonus, a community information fair will end the day.

**\*Volunteers' Training** - The goal is to ensure all our volunteers are registered and they receive all tools and information to keep them informed of volunteer opportunities.

For more information, call 784-0119.

**E-mail security**

There has been a rising trend of unencrypted e-mails containing FOUO, PII, or other sensitive/critical information due to recipients not being on the USAF GAL. Please exercise good information security and call the Help Desk if you are having problems sending an encrypted e-mail.

**2015 Osan Air Base Chapel Survey**

The Chapel is currently assessing the spiritual and religious needs of Osan Air Base. Would you please take a few minutes to better ensure we are meeting the needs of our community? Thank you for your time and input in this effort.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/osanchapelneedsurvey>

**Anthem Singers**

Sopranos, altos, tenors and bass vocalists are needed to sing the US and ROK National Anthems at various events on base. Practice is held at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Chapel Annex. Send an e-mail to [annapauline.magno.1@us.af.mil](mailto:annapauline.magno.1@us.af.mil) or [ric.rebulanan.1@us.af.mil](mailto:ric.rebulanan.1@us.af.mil) for more information.

**Military Tuition Assistance Briefing**

Presented by the 51 FSS Education & Training Center, this is mandatory for all first time users, officer/enlisted, for military TA. No appointment necessary! Held every Tuesday at 8 a. m. in Bldg 787, Rm. 10. For additional information or questions please contact the Education Center at 784-4220.

**Volunteers Needed for Translation**

Seventh Air Force is seeking volunteers who are able to speak both Korean and English for a Seventh Air Force Commander's event. The Commander's Holiday Open House 2015 is a Good Neighbor Program aimed at improving relations between USFK and the Republic of Korea. Approximately 190 guests (7AF Honorary Commanders, ROK government officials, AFOC and 7th AF leadership) will be invited to attend the event. We are in need of Korean/English speakers during the event.

**When:** 13 December 2015 (1st Shift: 1230-1400 / 2nd Shift: 1430-1600 Hrs)

**Where:** Commander's Residence Hill 180 House

If you would like to volunteer please contact 7AF/PA Mr. Pak, To Yong via email at [to\\_yong.pak.kr@us.af.mil](mailto:to_yong.pak.kr@us.af.mil) or DSN 784-4709.

**HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES**

**THANKSGIVING DAY:** 26 Nov 2015, is an official U.S. holiday. The liberal leave policy will be in effect for Korean National (KN) non-essential civilian employees. Supervisors should ensure the time and attendance cards for KN civilian employees who wish to be off that day are properly coded to reflect the appropriate leave code, i.e., annual leave, etc. Organizations with KN civilian employees scheduled to work should provide adequate supervision. If an office is going to be closed, KN civilian employees can be required to take annual leave but management must provide them with a 24-hour advanced notice.

**\*\* Liberal Leave: Employees may utilize annual leave or leave without pay with prior approval.\*\***

**Civilian Personnel notes:**

**FORFEITED ANNUAL LEAVE FOR U.S. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:** The current leave year for U.S. appropriated fund civilian employees ends on 9 Jan 2016. Use or lose annual leave not taken by 9 Jan 2016 will be forfeited and may not be considered for restoration unless it has been requested and approved in writing by the start of the third biweekly pay period before the last day of the leave year, 29 Nov 2015. Forfeited annual leave may only be restored under the provisions IAW AFI 36-815, Chapter 2, 2.10, if it has been canceled due to "exigencies of the service or sickness of the employees".

**PAYMENT/CARRY FORWARD OF UNUSED ANNUAL LEAVE FOR KN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:**

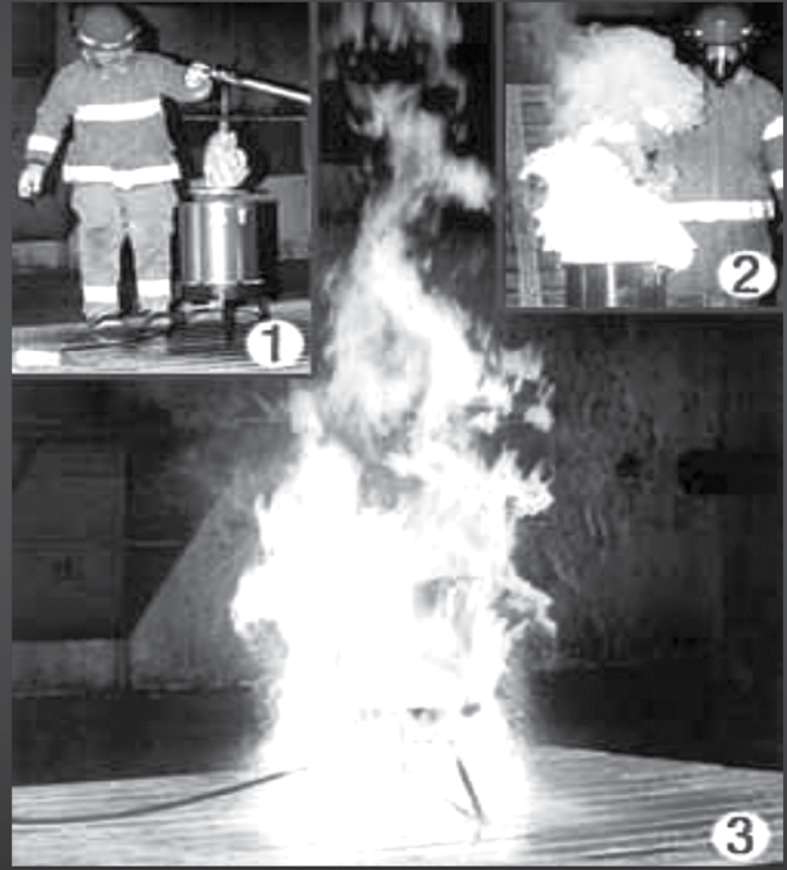
The request for payment/carry forward of unused annual leave should be a last resort. Requests may be submitted by 2 Jan 16 for appropriated fund (APF) and 31 Dec 15 for non-appropriated fund (NAF) KN civilian employees through supervisory channels to 51 FSS/FSMCE. 51 FW/CC has an approving authority to pay for a maximum of 48 hours of unused annual leave under certain circumstances. The leave must have been scheduled NLT 60 days before the end of the leave year. The total amount of excess annual leave carried forward, added to the number of hours of paid excess annual leave, may not exceed 120 hours. The request will include a copy of the disapproved annual leave application form, written documentation showing the dates when the annual leave was scheduled for use, an explanation of the facts and circumstances precluding the use of the scheduled leave, and reasons why the leave could not be rescheduled and used during the of the current leave year. As a reminder, employees should make every attempt to schedule and use their leave.

For further information, please contact Ms. Kim, Min Kyo of the Civilian Personnel Office at 784-4434/8177. (51 FSS/FSMCE)



# Turkey Fryer Safety

- Place correct amount of oil. Use water and thawed turkey to measure. Once turkey is out, mark waterline, drain water & fill with oil.
- Never fry a turkey indoors or under the overhangs.
- Never leave the hot oil unattended, and don't allow children or pets near the cooking area.
- Dial 911 for all fires



*Feel the Thunder!*

## Cooking Fire Safety



Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Therefore, it is important to practice the following safety guidelines to keep you and your family safe.

1. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
  2. Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
  3. Do not wear loose clothing or anything flammable, and avoid synthetic clothing, which can melt onto your skin if it catches on fire. If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll.
  4. Barbeque grills will not be used within 25 feet of a building or 50 feet from an aircraft or flammable storage.
- Any questions, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834 or 4835.

## Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



Destination	Departure Time
Osan to Incheon	0600 1130 1530

- Bus will stop at Turumi Lodge 30 minutes before departure.
- Bus will arrive at ITT 15 minutes prior to departure

Incheon to Osan	0900 1830 2230
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- Departures from USO Counter (Gate1)
- Bus may stopo at Turumi Lodge, ITT, Hallasan Tower and Mustang Club (If this is one of your stops)

**\* During non-business hours, you may purchase bus tickets from the bus drivers. Cash Only.**

### Ticket Price

- **Leisure Travel : \$15**
  - **Official Travel(TDY/PCS): \$35**
  - NOTE: Official traveler rates are completely reimbursable to member
  - If there are no delayed arrivals, bus will depart ar 22:30
- \*\*Effective 1 June 2013

**For more information,  
call ITT at 784-4254**



# MDOS trains for real-world contingencies



Capt. Lauren Bosshardt, 51st Medical Operations Squadron physician, simulates inserting a breathing tube in a patient during the Vigilant Ace 16 exercise on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 3, 2015. Throughout the exercise, the MDOS Airmen will be tested on various role-players who have assigned injuries. Each role player is given a number and a detailed card stating the severity of their injuries. Doctors and nurses along with medical technicians evaluate the simulated patients as they would in real life, in an effort to save the exercise player. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)



Maj. T.J. Szerszenski, 51st Medical Operations Squadron emergency services element chief, simulates giving a patient pain medication during the Vigilant Ace 16 exercise on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 3, 2015. The MDOS Airmen act out each scenario with role-playing patients to ensure every step is correctly taken as they would in real life, in an effort to save the exercise player.

By Senior Airman Kristin High  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** With exercise Vigilant Ace 16 under way, there's no doubt the medical Airmen are revving full speed in intense training scenarios.

The Airmen in the emergency services section use this exercise to train on a multitude of injuries in the event of real-world contingencies.

"We treat anyone with life, limb, eyesight or severe morbidity injuries," said Tech. Sgt. Lerinda Carle, 51st Medical Operations Squadron emergency services flight chief.

The emergency services flight is also used as an intensive care unit during exercises to assist with patients who can't be downgraded to the delayed triage area. Patients who are downgraded are not considered life or limb threatened.

So far the Airmen in the section have trained on shrapnel, inhalation burns and gunshot wounds. They can also be tested on other types of burns, fractures, head injuries and open wounds. They are evaluated on how promptly and effectively they respond to each simulated injury to ensure the casualty amount stays to a minimum.

"The most important thing we can do is take care of patients," said Carle. "We need to make sure we get them in and out quickly and to the right location for proper care.

"So far my team is doing great," she said. We have a lot of new Airmen who've never experienced these scenarios and this is a perfect opportunity to get them up to speed."

Although the injuries are simulated, role players have costume paint to create a more realistic environment. Each role player is given a number and a detailed card stating the severity of the player's injuries. Doctors and nurses along with medical technicians evaluate the simulated patients as they would in real life, in an effort to save the exercise player.

Care can include IV drips, X-rays, receiving blood, ultrasounds and more depending on the situation.

"As a whole I think everyone here is doing great so far, we work very well together," said Staff Sgt. Emily Brown. "When someone is not there or we need to step in, we're able to do so.

"The unity among the MDOS creates a well balanced asset to the "Fight Tonight" mission here on Osan."



Capt. Regan Lyon, 51st Medical Operations Squadron emergency medical physician, briefs her team while simulating patient care during the Vigilant Ace 16 exercise on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 3, 2015. The exercise is an annual peninsula-wide operation used to enhance the U.S. and ROK alliance through operational and tactical level joint combat training. The MDOS Airmen are utilizing the exercise to perfect real-world skills through active role-playing with simulated patient care.



# UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

## Nonjudicial Punishment



### Osan

- A master sergeant was apprehended in the Songtan Entertainment District after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was forfeiture of \$700 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.
- An airman failed to go to his appointed place of duty. The punishment was suspended forfeiture of \$500.00 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 60 days, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class stole personal property of another military member. The punishment was reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$549 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was apprehended at City Hall in Pyeongtaek after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was apprehended at the main gate for underage drinking with a BAC of 0.112. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$867.00 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- An airman failed to report to work due to excessive alcohol consumption. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic with the condition not to purchase or consume alcohol for six months, 30 days extra duty, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant was apprehended in the Songtan Entertainment District after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was reduction to senior airman, 30 days extra duty, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- A senior airman failed to report to work due to excessive alcohol consumption. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class with the condition not to consume alcohol for six months, 30 days extra duty, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class solicited a prostitute, in violation of USFK Policy on Combating Prostitution and Trafficking in Persons. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant verbally, and via text message, communicated inappropriate comments to two junior Airmen. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.
- An airman failed to obey a lawful order given by his commander to provide travel contact information before departing base. The punishment was a reduction to airman basic, suspended restriction to base for 60 days, and a reprimand.
- An airman misused his government travel card. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.
- A master sergeant, on multiple occasions, signed false official documents to fraudulently obtain BAH. The punishment was a reduction to technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,862 pay per month for two months, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.



### Kunsan

- A staff sergeant wrongfully touched another Airman on two separate occasions. The punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of senior airman, forfeiture of \$656 pay, restriction to base for 14 days, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant was drunk and disorderly. Specifically, he entered the dorm rooms of female Airmen and disturbed their belongings. The punishment was a reduction to Senior Airman, suspended forfeiture of \$1,225 pay, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- A senior airman assaulted another Airman. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, 15 days extra duty, restriction to base for 15 days, and a reprimand.

# NURTURED WITH THE SUN, SKY AND THE WIND

## SUNCHEON BAY



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When it comes to autumn travel, most would be thinking about the beautiful red, orange and yellow canopy of autumn leaves as ideal fall foliage destinations. However, besides that, there is another magnificent sight of autumn – the golden fields of reeds. Suncheonman Bay Ecological Park is home to the biggest colony of reeds in Korea, and it is yet another as a perfect way to enjoy autumn by taking leisurely romantic strolls around the park. In addition, Suncheonman Bay National Garden has recently been designated as Korea's first national garden thanks to the overwhelming number of tourists who visit here to appreciate the scene. With an epithet "garden from heaven," experience the unique nature and beauty of Korea's most outstanding natural eco-system and protected wetland – Suncheonman Bay Ecological Park!

### Korea's First National Garden – Suncheonman Bay National Garden

Since the opening of the Suncheon Bay Garden Expo in 2013, the garden has become a top tourist attraction for all and it was designated as the first National Garden on September, 2015. A wide variety of themed gardens can be found meticulously lined up at the Suncheonman Bay. Furthermore, as we approached this new season, autumn flowers such as chrysanthemums can be found on display, bringing the liveliness of the garden to a whole new level.

There are two entrances found at the East and West side of the Suncheonman Bay National Garden respectively. The East gate leads to the Suncheon Lake Garden, World Garden and Metasequoia Path while the West gate brings visitors to the Korean Traditional Garden, Suncheon Bay International Wetland Center and other nearby attractions. Visitors may choose to start with either entrances to begin their trail. As the park is fairly large and spacious, it may take a few hours to explore. Thus, it is best advised to grab the free map available at the entrances for navigating around.

A sightseeing bus (separate fees applicable) also known as the Ferris wheel, is operating in the Suncheon Bay National Garden. Take a ride on this sightseeing bus to the World Garden and other attractions found around the East-gate direction. One circulation tour takes approximately 20-minutes in duration. Visitors may board the bus at the bus stop in front of the French Garden.



10 million chrysanthemum exhibition at the Suncheonman Bay National Garden



Ferris Wheel Sightseeing Bus

#### ► Sightseeing Course

French Garden → Chinese Garden → Oriental Herbs Experience Center → German Garden → Dutch Garden → International Outdoor Garden → American Garden → Metasequoia Path → Italian Garden → Spanish Garden → Turkish Garden → British Garden → Japanese Garden → Thai Garden → Rock Garden → Dream Garden → Indoor Garden → GEO East Gate → Suncheon Lake Garden → Rose Garden → Hooded Crane Maze Garden → French Garden

\* Visitors wishing to explore each garden are recommended to tour by foot instead.

#### ► Recommended Courses (Hourly Basis)

2-Hour Course:

1 GEO East Gate → Rose Garden → Hooded Crane Maze Garden → Suncheon Lake Garden → Lugworm Path → Chinese Garden → French Garden → Rock Garden → Indoor Garden/Plants Factory → GEO East Gate

2 West Gate → Suncheon Bay International Wetland Center → Dream Bridge → French Garden → Suncheon Lake Garden → Rose Garden → Green Yard → GEO East Gate

3-Hour Course:

1 GEO East Gate → Indoor Garden/Plants Factory → Rock Garden → Japanese Garden → Spanish Garden → Metasequoia Path → Dutch Garden → Oriental Herbs Experience Center → Suncheon Lake Garden → Chinese Garden → French Garden → Rose Garden → GEO East Gate

2 West Gate → Korean Traditional Garden → Dream Bridge → Chinese Garden → French Garden → Suncheon Lake Garden → Rose Garden → Lugworm Path → Dream Bridge → Suncheon Bay International Wetland Center → West Gate

5-Hour Course:

1 West Gate → Tree Ground → Korean Traditional Garden → ECOGEO Greenhouse → Dream Bridge → Oriental Herbs Experience Center → German Garden → Dutch Garden → Metasequoia Path → Spanish Garden → Italian Garden → British Garden → Japanese Garden → Thai Garden → Indoor Garden/Plants Factory → Rose Garden → Hooded Crane Maze Garden → Suncheon Lake Garden → Lugworm Path → Chinese Garden → French Garden → Dream Bridge → Suncheon Bay International Wetland Center → West Gate

## Suncheon Lake Garden



Suncheon Lake Garden

As soon as you enter Suncheon Lake Garden, another incredible biodiversity of Suncheon attractions appear. Inspired by the city's unique topography, this venue was created and formed by American landscape designer Charles Jencks during his stay in Suncheon. This garden displays the city in miniature size, including Bonghwasan, Nanbongsan, Haeryongsan, Aengmusan Mountains' replicas made into simple slopes of hills, all surrounding Suncheonman Bay, of which is recreated to have the lake in the center of the garden.

Visitors can take a leisure walk around the area, where climbing on these hills and entering the lake can be done through the use of the promenade deck set atop of the lake. This deck represents Dongcheon Stream that crisscross the Suncheon in reality.

## World Garden

One of the most visited places among the park's themed garden here, the World Garden is literally filled with diverse designs of ecological parks influenced by a number of countries from the European, American and Asian continents. Besides Korea, it is an interesting experience to compare and appreciate different beauties presented by each nation including America, Britain, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Spain, Thailand and Turkey.

If you are looking to see some exotic beauty, we recommend visiting Thai garden, which is hands down the most atypical site to pick from the group, featuring the nation's own traditional sculptures, architectural adornments, and of course the iconic elephants! This garden certainly connotes a Middle Eastern charm, encompassing that of Asia as well as Western cultures.



Thai Elephants (left) / Roses at the Turkish Garden (right)

The Dutch Garden was built with Suncheon Bay's hopes of announcing to the world that spring has come to Suncheon, the world's ecological capital. Symbols of the Netherlands, tulips and windmills form the festive mood during springtime, whereas dazzling colors of chrysanthemums are planted during the cool autumn season.

French Garden is located closer to Suncheon Lake as compared to others, therefore creating a more calm and organized ambience. The place is highlighted with baroque styles, of which is motivated from the Versailles Palace in France. Next to French garden, lies the Chinese Garden dotted with pagodas, ponds, and a bridge, creating a well-balanced picture. Chinese long believed that natural energy from trees would bring a good fortune and health benefits, consequently leading them to have deeper understanding in gardening and preservation of the greeneries.



Dutch Garden (left) / Chinese Garden (right)

## Korean Traditional Garden



Korean Traditional Garden

Attractions in Suncheonman Bay Garden can be categorized into major two types: a Western-styled and the other is a traditional Korean-styled garden. The latter in particular can mostly be seen at a royal palace such as Changdeokgung Palace in central Seoul. Luckily for us, tourists will not need to travel to two separate places because both of the charming natures coexist here.

Korea's modest beauty and nobility is well captured at this place, a quiet fitting for meditation and rejuvenation while looking around. Although it is might not be as grandeur as seen the ones from Huwon Garden of Changdeokgung Palace or Gyeongbokgung Palace, this would adequately serve as a great location to recharge your mind and body.

In addition to the Palace Garden, Noblemen's Garden and the Garden of Hope make up the rest of the Korean Traditional Garden. The stone pagoda standing in the middle of the Garden of Hope is one feature not to be missed as it is known as the 'wish granting statue', making the tour all the more worthwhile.

### More Info

● **How to get there (Seoul → Suncheon)**

**Train:** KTX Yongsan Station → Suncheon Station  
(Price 44,000 won / Travel time: approx. 2.5 hours)

**Bus:** Seoul (Honam Line) Express Bus Terminal (Central City) → Suncheon Bus Terminal  
(Price 19,300-28,600 won / Travel time: approx. 4 hours)

\* The ticket prices aforementioned is for adults and standard seats basis.

● **Website:**

KORAIL [www.letskorail.com](http://www.letskorail.com) (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)  
Suncheon Tourism [tour.suncheon.go.kr](http://tour.suncheon.go.kr) (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

● **1330 Korea Travel Hotline:** +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)