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## Buddy Wing 15-7 -- ROKAF/USAF pilots train together



An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 8th Fighter Wing is parked at the end of the runway as Republic of Korea air force F-15K Slam Eagles from the 11th Fighter Wing, Daegu, taxi behind it during Buddy Wing 15-7 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 17, 2015. Buddy Wing exercises are held multiple times a year to not only enhance interoperability between the USAF and ROKAF combat Airmen, but to promote cultural awareness through operating as one force as they integrated mission planning, briefing, flying and debriefing together. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

**By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson**  
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**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Wolf Pack F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots from the 35th Fighter Squadron practiced combined flying operations alongside counterparts from the Republic of Korea air force's 11th Fighter Wing, Daegu Air Base, during Buddy Wing 16-7 at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Nov. 16 to 20.

Buddy Wing training, held multiple times per year, polishes the ability of ROKAF and USAF pilots to train and operate as a combined force.

"It's very interesting to work with the U.S. Air Force," Maj. Young Hwan Ahn, 11th Fighter Wing F-15K Slam Eagle pilot and safety flight commander. "We really like it because we've learned a lot of things from the Pantons."

The Buddy Wing program enables both sides to learn from each other, and

it's designed to increase cultural awareness through operating as one force as they integrate mission planning, briefing, flying and debriefing together.

"Training together is more effective than training separately because it gives us an opportunity to ask questions about things we might not initially understand," Ahn said. "If we go to war together, the training we conduct during the Buddy Wing exercises will help us coordinate better."

Being able to ask questions not only enables better coordination, but it also helps to fix and prevent mistakes from happening.

"It is necessary for us to get to know and understand each other. The whole game plan involves everybody doing their part," said 1st Lt. Aaron Koveleskie, 35th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot and assistant chief of training. "Fighting in a war without the combined training would be similar to having a

team with 20 different players who have never practiced together."

Along with getting to know one another, the Buddy Wing exercises help to actually bridge the gap between hearing a voice in the fuselage and getting to know who you're flying with on a personal level.

"In addition to the mission planning, the execution and the debriefs, we also hosted social functions to help us get to know each other both personally and professionally," said Capt. Jake Lowrie, 35th FS F-16 pilot and Buddy Wing 15-7 project officer. "We got to learn and exchange information about where they're from, who has wives and children, how their path led them to where they are now and vice versa."

In fact, one of the 11th FW pilots went to the Air Force Academy prior to commissioning with the ROKAF.

"He's been an asset for us to lean on and he's been very helpful," Lowrie said.

As both sides leaned on one another to share their knowledge and skills, they also learned that they had a lot in common.

"Although there will obviously be some challenges relative to one side of the team being American and the other being Korean, we ended up finding that there were a lot more similarities than there were challenges for us," Koveleskie said. "We're not that different because we operate in similar ways."

The 35th Fighter Squadron pilots and their Korean counterparts had capable teams with capable aircraft that were able to get along and understand each other.

"We really like the 35th Fighter Squadron pilots," Hahn said. "They've been extremely helpful to us, which was the best part. Not only do we have a better image of the US, but we really hope to see more of this training in the future."

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# 36 AMU/FS recognizes newest dedicated crew chiefs



Maintainers assigned to the 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit recite the oath of the Dedicated Crew Chief Nov. 20, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Twenty-seven maintenance Airmen received the title Dedicated Crew Chief, or DCC, at a ceremony recognizing them as the maintenance experts on their respective aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton)

**By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton**  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Twenty-seven maintenance Airmen received the title Dedicated Crew Chief, or DCC, at a ceremony here Nov 20, 2015.

The ceremony recognized them as the maintenance experts on their respective aircraft.

The newest DCCs are assigned an F-16 Fighting Falcon which bears their name and are responsible for all maintenance, upkeep, general appearance and maintenance discrepancies.

"Being selected as a dedicated crew chief is such an honor," said Staff Sgt. Nathan Lewis, 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron DCC. "I am very proud to maintain the 51st Fighter Wing flagship. These jets are able to deliver effective airpower to defend the interests of the United States and our allies anywhere across the globe."

Lewis was selected from more than 40 crew chiefs to maintain the 51st FW flagship, the aircraft flown by Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st FW commander.

"Given the high operations tempo here, our aircraft are in high demand," said Staff Sgt. Bryan Boswell, 51st AMXS

DCC. "In order for us to defend the base at a moment's notice, there needs to be continuity between maintainers and aircraft."

Boswell was selected to be the DCC of the 7th Air Force flagship, the aircraft flown by Lt. Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, 7th AF commander.

The ceremony formally outlined the expectations for DCCs as well as being a chance to recognize these individuals who have demonstrated the highest levels of dedication and hard work.

"Our job as maintainers is very important to not only the mission here in South Korea, but the overall Air Force mission," said Boswell. "Without the efforts of hard-working maintainers, we would not be able to provide such a world-class, combat capability."

Finally, the ceremony is an opportunity to establish and build the human relationship and bond between pilot and DCC.

"This ceremony is a great way to take a moment and recognize members who are going above and beyond and acknowledge their hard work," said Master Sgt. Patrick McManaman, 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit aircraft section chief. "We are extremely proud of their accomplishments as members of the 51st Fighter Wing team."

# Phase inspection Airmen keep Osan's aircraft fixed right, ready to fight tonight



Airman 1st Class Cody Alleman, 51st Maintenance Squadron phase dock crew chief, removes screws from a tail panel on an A-10 Thunderbolt II during a routine phase inspection at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 16, 2015. Panel removal is the first step in the in-depth inspection and preventive maintenance regiment the airframe must undergo after every 500 flight hours. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

**By Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm**  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Historical evidence has proven that air superiority is crucial to a nation's success in battle, and while the U. S. Air Force is the most powerful in the world, most of the aircraft used are a few decades old, making maintenance incredibly important. After spending a certain amount of time in the air, exposed to extreme pressure and sudden shifts in gravitational pull, the aircraft are given a complete physical inspection, what the military simply refers to as going into phase.

The 51st Maintenance Squadron operates the base's phase docks, ensuring that all aircraft brought in meet strict safety standards. Every 400 hours of flight for the F-16 Fighting Falcon and every 500 hours of flight for the A-10 Thunderbolt II, the aircraft must undergo this in-depth inspection and preventive maintenance regiment.

"We've got to make sure we do it right the first time," said Tech. Sgt. Justin Wolfe, 51st MXS A-10 dock chief. "It doesn't matter whether you're taking out a screw or putting in a panel, there's something that can affect the integrity of the aircraft and cause it to crash, putting somebody's life in danger. Fixed right, ready to fight; it's what we do."

Phase inspection crew chiefs team up with other

back shops such as aerospace recovery, egress, avionics specialists, electro-environmental, sheet metal and engines, all working around the clock to meet maintenance deadlines.

"It's only a seven- or 10-day phase," said Wolfe.



Tech. Sgt. Justin Archer and Airman 1st Class Cody Velloff, 51st Maintenance Squadron phase dock crew chiefs, work together to remove screws from a panel on the belly of an A-10 Thunderbolt II during a routine phase inspection at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 16, 2015. Panel removal is the first step in the in-depth inspection and preventive maintenance regiment the airframe must undergo after every 500 flight hours.

Wolfe continued explaining, the main things aircraft are inspected for are cracks and other structural integrity issues, which are on the critical items

list. Those issues, if not identified immediately, could lead to a prolonged stay in the phase dock, which in turn limits the number of aircraft available for immediate response.

While working together and around each other, specialists crawl in, out, over and under the entirety of the aircraft, seeing to their specific sections for repairs. Egress airmen remove the ejector seat for easier maintenance. Crew chiefs remove aircraft panels to check for cracks or excessive wear and tear and report to sheet metal for repairs. Aerospace recovery, electro-environmental and avionics are everywhere checking their myriad of wires and functions.

"We perform routine maintenance, unless something is specifically wrong," said Staff Sgt. David Davis, 51st Maintenance Group aerospace propulsion craftsman. "I mainly work on the engines themselves, changing out filters, inspecting to make sure the equipment is safe and still usable, if not we replace them as needed."

The base's primary war fighting capability is its aircraft. The phase team ensures the reliability of the airframe and in conjunction, the safety of the pilots who fly them.

"No matter how hard it gets, it's worth the work," said Davis. "Seeing [the aircraft] fly afterwards, it's amazing. I don't have the words; it's just a huge sense of accomplishment."

# Wolf Pack post office keeps families connected



By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson  
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**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- The holidays bring thoughts of decorative tree lights, holiday food and an exchange of gifts among friends and family members. Many of the service members stationed at Kunsan Air Base are not only geographically separated from their family members, but they are also on the opposite side of the globe.

To accommodate service members during the holiday season, the post office is extending their hours to 9:30am to 5:30pm on Monday – Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays from Nov. 23 to Jan. 2. The post office will be closed on Nov. 26, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1.

This is part of an effort to ensure parcels are delivered in a timely manner, as incoming and outgoing packages triple during the holiday season. In addition, here are a few guidelines to follow while sending mail over the holiday season.

1. If mailing a package via priority mail that needs to be received by Dec. 25, it needs to be sent out by Dec. 10.

2. If mailing a package that needs to be received by Dec. 25 with the regular mailing service, it needs to be sent out by Dec. 3.

As accommodations are being made in the post office, the need for volunteers is steadily rising. Groups or individuals who want to volunteer can contact the post office for more information at DSN: 782-5514.



(Top) Senior Airman Cory Kittman and Airman 1st Class Mastin Alexandria, both post office volunteers from the 8th Communications Squadron, organize mail at the post office at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 24, 2015. To accommodate service members during the holiday season, the post office is extending their hours to 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday – Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays from Nov. 23 to Jan. 2.

(Bottom) Chongonn Won, Tech. Sgt. Alethea Keaton and Master Sgt. Renee Williams, all post office staff members, organize mail at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 24, 2015. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photos)

# Newest defenders, ROKAF team up in combat readiness course



The 51st Security Forces Squadron defenders and Republic of Korea airmen are briefed during the combat readiness course on Osan Air Base, ROK, Nov. 17, 2015. The five-day course covers different spectrums of defense needed to support the mission such as non-lethal fighting, combatives, land navigation and active-shooter 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** -- Ever since the 1950s, the U.S. and ROK alliance has been prevalent in sustaining the country's freedom. The 51st Security Forces Squadron defenders and the Republic of Korea air force will be among the first to protect and defend the base in the event of an attack here.

The multitude of tasks, requirements and manpower needed to ensure that Osan and its assets are protected are initiated through immense training ensuring the newest team members are ready to "fight, tonight."

Once their boots hit the ground on base, the newly assigned defenders are sent through a five-day combat readiness course. The course covers different spectrums the defenders need to support the mission such as non-lethal fighting, combatives, land navigation and active-shooter training.

"The CRC is designed to teach or re-teach our defenders to perform communicative, combative, tactical, and emergency procedures through simulated environments ensuring they're prepared for real-world contingencies," said Staff Sgt. Aaron Robison, 51st SFS training instructor. "All of the new [SFS] Airmen are required to take the course upon arrival to base to make certain everyone is prepared for the fast-paced mission.

"Our mission here is important," he continued. "You have to be ready at any given time and the rigorous training scenarios are vital to making sure our Airmen are set for anything and have the right mindset for any event."

The tactics and ideas taught during the CRC are

derived from the SFS technical training school, but each one is adapted and applied to an Osan-specific scenario.

"One of the different types of training the new Airmen undergo is baton training," said Airman 1st



Staff Sgt. Aaron Robison, 51st Security Forces Squadron training instructor, teaches 1st Lt. James Park, Republic of Korea air force 3rd Training Wing special duty team, proper baton training during the combat readiness course on Osan Air Base, ROK, Nov. 17, 2015. The five-day course covers different spectrums of defense needed to support the mission such as non-lethal fighting, combatives, land navigation and active-shooter training. It is designed to teach or re-teach the defenders to perform communicative, tactical, and emergency procedures through simulated environments ensuring they're prepared for real-world contingencies.

Class Kevin Kalgren, 51st SFS armory. "After they finish the initial classroom and field training portions, Airmen apply what they learn, through non-

lethal combat with the "Redman" and expandable baton."

The Redman or red man suit is a full-body protective suit for instructors or volunteers to wear for protection during baton training.

"The Redman training creates a real environment and makes it better for training our [Airmen]," said Kalgren. "It's easier to train on a dummy, but when you have someone attacking you and your adrenaline is pumping, the Redman suit helps with vital preparation for events that may occur here.

"In the real world, the Redman training is very beneficial," he continued. "Most people have never been in a fight before or experienced being attacked, even simulated. It gives you that necessary hands-on experience to be able to take on someone who may be inebriated or overly aggressive."

Other training scenarios include convoy operations, responsibilities during wartime operations, ruck marching, physical training and active-shooter exercises with both SFS and ROKAF, including firing simulated ammunition from their weapons.

"We have the same mission here as the U.S. defenders -- protect the base," said 1st Lt. James Park, ROKAF 3rd Training Wing special duty team. "I am attending the training to learn better and more effective ways of communication and training along with teaching some skills the defenders may not use. I'm impressed with the training here."

The intent to improve the defenders and ROKAF airmen throughout the course gives the instructors a sense of pride.

"We stand by the defender motto, 'Always ready, defend the base,'" said Kalgren. "In the long-run, we're not only guarding the base, we're here to help protect the freedoms of 51 million people."

# Without weapons, it's just another airline

By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Inside an ordinary building near the flightline a select group of Airmen are assigned the task of maintaining weapon systems, which when used inside combat aircraft have a devastating effect on the enemy.

These maintainers from the 51st Munitions Squadron armament flight keep the F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II weapon systems operational day and night.

"After missions these weapon systems are completely broken down, overhauled and inspected," said Staff Sgt. Robert Taylor, 51st MUNS F-16 armament floor chief. "We ensure they are fixed, clean and reassembled properly to maximize our combat effectiveness when they are used again. The amount of work we do on a daily basis can seem overwhelming sometimes, but we realize it's due to the high operations tempo we have here in South Korea. As long as we come into work every day and do our best, we know we will be able to meet any challenge that may occur."

The 51st MUNS armament flight is split into two departments: the A-10 section and F-16 section. This allows airmen to specialize on each in-

dividual weapon system.

"It's not an easy job by any means; there is a constant flow of equipment maintenance and inspections which require our attention," said Staff Sgt. Cody Hamilton, 51st MUNS aircraft armament systems journeyman. "Our motto is 100 percent, by the book. This ensures our fellow Airmen on the flightline know the weapons we fix and inspect are ready to be loaded into jets for mission success. It's all about teamwork."

A-10s are inspected on their 30-mm gun, feed and handling system, ammunition loading adaptor and triple ejector rack.

"These weapon systems are what make our aircraft extremely deadly and formidable," said Hamilton. "Our team is just one piece of what it takes to sustain combat and maintenance operations here."

The 20-mm gun inside the F-16s, air-to-air missiles, and conventional air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions are all inspected and maintained as necessary.

"These guns are quite an effective weapon for the pilots when they are out on missions," said Taylor. "We have to make sure they are functioning at 100 percent because any error could potentially have disastrous consequences."

To ensure an operative, realistic and robust role in readiness, the armament flight cautiously expe-

rites equipment to the flight line crews.

"We get the aircraft guns back out onto the flightline as quickly and safely as possible," said Hamilton. "Safety is our number one priority. In this career field, we really have to do things by the book and focus on safety every day. I am constantly working with my Airmen to ensure they are safe and accurate. When dealing with weapons systems, any lapse or negligence could mean someone gets hurt or worse. For me, safety is vital to being a successful armament shop."

Hamilton further explained that the technical manuals weapons Airmen use are constantly updated to provide the most current information to maintainers.

"We are fixing and inspecting extremely dangerous weapon systems and there is zero room for error," said Taylor. "This is why safety is paramount for us and why proper instruction to new Airmen is so important."

"I love teaching and supervising Airmen," he continued. "It's very rewarding for me to train brand new Airman properly over the course of a few months and then watch as they are able to complete any task assigned to them quickly and efficiently. I find immense satisfaction in knowing what we do makes a difference in executing combat operations across the globe."



Staff Sgt. Robert Taylor, 51st Munitions Squadron F-16 armament floor chief, and Senior Airman Jacob Brown, 51st MUNS aircraft armament systems journeyman, put a 20-mm gun for an F-16 Fighting Falcon back together after performing maintenance Nov. 18, 2015, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. These maintainers from the 51st MUNS armament flight keep the F-16 Fighting Falcon weapon systems operational both day and night. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Sutton) (Editor's note: A part of this image was blacked out for operational security reasons.)

# AGE flight keeps planes flying



Senior Airman Nicholas Appenzeller, 8th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment journeyman, performs maintenance on a bomb lift at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 10, 2015. The AGE flight maintains more than 600 pieces of equipment across the base valued at \$15 million. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

**By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson**  
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**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- As critical as the mission is for the Wolf Pack to maintain air superiority, it's also important for the 8th Maintenance Squadron's Aerospace Ground Equipment flight to ensure equipment is ready to support daily maintenance operations that keep aircraft flying.

While F-16 Fighting Falcons take the fight north, the AGE flight maintains more than 600 pieces of equipment across the base—valued at \$15 million.

“Without ground power, there is no air power,” said Tech. Sgt. Garret Brown, 8th MXS AGE production support section chief. “If an aircraft is broken, AGE is utilized to fix it. Without us, sorties can't take place.”

To ensure aircraft can fly sorties, the AGE flight maintains equipment that tests, services and troubleshoots aircraft systems while the aircraft is on the ground.

“In a war time emergency, we play a part in making sure jets are able to fly immediately,” said Senior Airman Nicholas Appenzella, 8th MXS AGE journeyman. “That's why it's important for us to supply equipment on time or early.”

Being able to provide equipment, such as generators, hydraulic systems and other items to troubleshoot aircraft are among many other items the AGE flight is responsible for.

“We do a lot of work to keep the Wolf Pack's mission aloft,” Brown said. “As the subject matter experts, if there are any questions about any of these items, we're the ones to go to.”

Being the subject matter experts of AGE requires the flight to have a variety of components inside of the shop. A few sections of the flight include service inspections, production support and supply, among many others. If these sections don't do their jobs, it could negatively impact the mission.

“One of the things we work on is the bomb lift that loads munitions into the aircraft,” Brown said. “A bomb is very explosive and can cause a lot of damage to a lot of people if it falls down.”

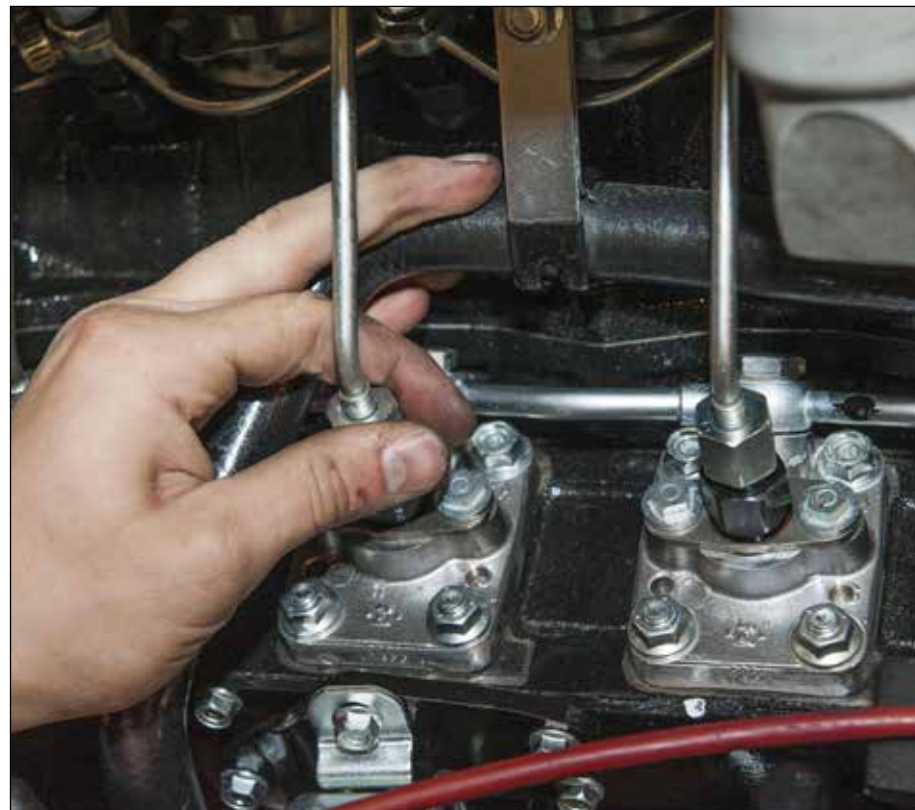
If a wheel on a bomb lift fell off, for example, it could cause problems.

“We need to inspect that wheel to ensure that it's properly tightened,” Brown said “If the wheel pops off, a 3,000 pound bomb could hit the ground.”

If AGE maintainers aren't able to conduct maintenance and inspections on their

equipment, F-16 pilots won't be able to have heavy munitions loaded or even take-off.

“Knowing that I'm being successful at helping the Wolf Pack take the fight north helps me sleep better at night,” Appenzella said.



Senior Airman Nicholas Appenzeller, 8th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment journeyman, inspects a nitrogen cart at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 10, 2015.

## Wolf Pack vehicle maintainers keep mission moving



Senior Airman Anthony Benitez, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintainer prepares an engine after it is removed from a vehicle at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 13, 2015. Though vehicle maintaining is the 8th LRS vehicle maintainer's primary duty; everyone can help them by taking care of the vehicles that are used daily and essential to the mission. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Ashley L. Gardner)

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

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Grease splatters across their coveralls while oil and grease stain their hands. One turn of a wrench at a time, the 8th Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle maintainers are keeping motorized vehicles across Kunsan Air Base running.

Vehicle maintainers must know how to work on all types of vehicles. Everything from fire trucks to fork lifts; they are keeping the mission flowing by making sure the vehicles are repaired and ready.

"The customers' needs are our number one priority," said Master Sgt. Michael Wright, 8th LRS vehicle maintenance manager. "Our goal is always to provide quality repairs in a timely matter. We do all we can with what we are given."

The LRS Airmen maintain conveyances in order to fulfill the mission and to assist Airmen in completing their ideal task in the long run. It isn't until a vehicle breaks down that some may realize how important transportation and equipment are for day-to-day jobs.

Squadrons that use group transportation rely on LRS maintainers.

"If vehicle maintenance could not perform their job in a timely manner, it will cause a domino effect and will greatly hinder the Kunsan mission," said Master Sgt. Arwin Sarinas, 8th LRS vehicle management superintendent. "With vehicle management having oversight and control over all maintenance responsibilities on all Air Force vehicles, failure would hamper the wing's mission."

If those vehicles break down it may be tougher to re-coordinate plans depending on when the problem arises. That, in the end, may negatively impact the mission.

"We touch all the vehicles on base," said Senior Airman Anthony Benitez, 8th LRS vehicle maintainer. "If we don't do our job nobody really moves."

LRS vehicles are used for base security, for construction, and for many other reasons. If they aren't maintained properly, the mission could fail.

The Airmen work together and strive for excellence.

"The Airmen here without a doubt are the best group of Airmen I have worked with," said Wright. "They are hardworking, enthusiastic and have great attitudes. This is a great shop."

Though vehicle maintaining is the 8th LRS vehicle maintainer's primary duty; everyone can help them by taking care of the vehicles that are essential to the mission.

"Take an ownership mentality of the vehicles assigned to their unit," said Sarinas. "Most importantly, drive safely to prevent accidents which could cause unnecessary repairs, vehicle downtime, and expenses, or worst, injury or loss of life."



Senior Airman Anthony Benitez, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintainer prepares an engine after it is removed from a vehicle at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 13, 2015. Vehicle maintainers must know how to work on all types of vehicles.



# Kunsan Airmen victors in services challenge



A colorful medley of ingredients await use during a cooking competition held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 20, 2015. Force support squadron Airmen from both Osan and Kunsan AB competed against each other in a variety of events during the bi-annual FSS Challenge. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)



Secret cooking ingredients are revealed just minutes before the cooking portion of the bi-annual Force Support Squadron Challenge kicks off at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 20, 2015. FSS Airmen from both Osan and Kunsan AB were required to make a three-course meal which included pomegranates, butternut squash and spicy cheese-flavored cornmeal pieces.



Pots and pans pile up as the four-man teams from Osan and Kunsan Air Bases battle for stove space during the bi-annual Force Support Squadron challenge held at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, Nov. 20, 2015. Each team had one hour to prepare a three-course meal before being judged on taste, presentations and individual courses.



Finishing touches are added to a three-course meal prepared by Airmen from the force support squadron of Kunsan Air Base for the bi-annual FSS Challenge held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 20, 2015. Each team had only one hour to prepare meals that would be judged on taste, presentation and best individual course.



Col. Carl Misner, 51st Mission Support Group commander and taste-testing judge, speaks to the crowd during the food portion of the bi-annual Force Support Squadron Challenge held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 20, 2015. FSS Airmen from Kunsan and Osan AB were given one hour to prepare a three-course meal that would be judged on taste and presentation.

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A Republic of Korea air force F-15K Slam Eagle from the 11th Fighter Wing, Daegu, takes off as part of Buddy Wing 15-7 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 17, 2015. During the five-day exercise, pilots from the 8th Fighter Wing exchanged tactics and procedures with their ROKAF counterparts. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)



(Above) An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 8th Fighter Wing prepares for takeoff as part of Buddy Wing 15-7 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 19, 2015. Buddy Wing is part of a bilateral fighter exchange program designed to improve interoperability between U.S. Air Force and ROKAF fighter squadrons and are conducted multiple times throughout the year in order to promote cultural awareness and sharpen combined combat capabilities.

A Republic of Korea air force F-15K Slam Eagle from the 11th Fighter Wing, Daegu, prepares for takeoff as part of Buddy Wing 15-7 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 17, 2015. Buddy Wing is part of a combined fighter exchange program designed to improve interoperability between U.S. Air Force and ROKAF fighter squadrons and are conducted multiple times throughout the year in order to promote cultural awareness and sharpen combined combat capabilities.

(Right below) Maintainers from the from the 11th Fighter Wing, Daegu Air Base, Republic of Korea, place chinks in front of the landing gear of an F-15K Slam Eagle during Buddy Wing 15-7 at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Nov. 16, 2015. Wolf Pack Airmen trained alongside Airmen of the 11th Fighter Wing, learning how to operate as one force with dissimilar fighter aircraft.



(Left) Republic of Korea air force pilots from the 11th Fighter Wing, Daegu Air Base, exchange greetings with pilots from the 35th Fighter Squadron during Buddy Wing 15-7 at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Nov. 16, 2015. The 11th FW deployed four F-15K Slam Eagles to fly alongside the 8th FW's F-16 Fighting Falcons during the five-day exercise.

## 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

**Visit us on SharePoint:**  
<https://osan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/51FW/51FW-HC/default.aspx>  
**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

### Go light your candle...



**Ch, Maj. Rolf Holmquist**  
 51st Fighter Wing Chapel

Advent is upon us as some prepare their hearts for the coming of Christmas. The Christian Church celebrates Advent with the lighting of Advent candles. Each candle represents a different theme, one of hope, peace, joy and love. These themes are drawn out of scripture from our church fathers around the 6th century. They represent humanity's best, regardless of one's background.

There is also significance in the color of the candles. Historically, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is purple. This is the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. In many churches, the third Sunday remains the Sunday of Joy marked by a rose-colored candle. Lastly, the Christ Candle is white as a reminder of purity.

I have always liked candles. I enjoy the way candles cast off a warm glow on a cold winter's night. I know about cold winters, I am stationed in Korea. This morning's temperature was 29 degrees. I think about what

it must have been like for military personnel to endure their first winter here on the Pen in the 1950s. Some men and women lit candles just to see inside their tent, when the sun went down. It is amazing how something as small as the flicker of the flame on a candle, has the ability to light up a whole room.

I believe that is how it is with some of us. Though the candle of our soul may be small, it should light up the whole room. This Advent season, there is a reason to be joyous. As Christians believe, we are deeply loved by a God that gave the very first present on Christmas – himself. As some light the advent candles in the church this month, think about what they represent -- hope, peace, joy and love. Is our candle lit? As we care for one another, we should be lighting up the whole world!

Go ahead this Advent--- take your candle and go light your world!

## 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.

**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 or 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 or DSN 784-4709.

**Christmas Tree Fire Safety**

According to U. S. Fire Administration, Christmas trees account for 200 fires annually, resulting in six deaths, 25 injuries and more than \$6 million in property damage. Typically shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. Dry and neglected trees can be.



**The following is fire safety tips for your Christmas trees.**

1. Only noncombustible trees and decorations are authorized for installation in public assembly occupancies and individual sleeping rooms.
2. Natural Christmas trees may be used inside accompanied housing.
3. Trees must be placed in an appropriate container and watered daily.
4. The tree is kept clear of exits and other combustible materials.
5. Christmas tree lights and wiring have a UL or other approved testing agency label. Defective or deteriorating wiring will not be used.
6. No decorative lighting on the tree will be left on while the facility is unattended.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834 or 4835.

Have a happy December!

**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)**



## Osan AB Chapel Christmas Schedule 2015

### CATHOLIC

8 Dec	- Immaculate Conception	- 1700 @ Osan Chapel
24 Dec	- Christmas Eve Program	- 2000 @ Osan Chapel
	- Children's Pageant	- 2030 @ Osan Chapel
	- Christmas Eve Mass	- 2100 @ Osan Chapel
25 Dec	- Christmas Day Mass	- 0900 @ Osan Chapel
1 Jan	- Solemnity of Mary Mass	- 0900 @ Osan Chapel

### PROTESTANT

24 Dec	- Family Candlelight Service	- 1600 @ Osan Chapel
	- Team Osan Candlelight Service	- 1800 @ Osan Chapel
31 Dec	- Watch-Night Service	- 2200 @ Osan Chapel

Normally scheduled Saturday/Sunday services will also be observed.  
Please call the Osan Chapel for more info at DSN: 784-5000.

## Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

서울 - 남부터미널 SEOUL W3800 NamBu Terminal	동서울 장지 가락 잠실 Dong Seoul W4400	성남 SeongNam W3400	인천공항 InCheon Airpot W11200	인천 InCheon W6200	의정부 (동두천) UijeongBu W8000
06:10			04:45	06:30	
06:30	JangJi	06:40	05:05	07:50 via Cheongbuk	07:45
06:50	GaRak JamSil	07:30	05:25	08:30	09:45 Dongducheon
07:05	06:20 via Dongtan	08:10 via Dongtan	05:55	10:10	12:05
07:20	06:35	08:45	06:25	10:50	15:55
07:30	06:55 via Dongtan	09:30	06:55	11:30 via Cheongbuk	17:05
07:45	07:15 via Dongtan	10:10	07:25	13:40	20:05 Dongducheon
08:00	07:45	10:40	08:05	15:30	
08:20	08:25	11:20 via Dongtan	08:45	16:00 via Cheongbuk	
08:40	09:05	12:10	09:25	18:30	
08:55	09:35	12:45	10:15	19:10	강릉
09:10	10:05	13:40	11:05	21:40	GangNeung W14800
09:30	10:35	14:30	11:55		
09:55	11:05	15:20	12:45		07:20
10:15	11:35	16:10	13:35	동탄	09:20
10:30	12:05	16:45	14:15	DongTan W2100	11:50
10:55	12:35	17:30	15:05	06:20 Bus for Dong Seoul	13:50
11:15	13:05	18:10	16:05	06:55 Bus for Dong Seoul	16:20
11:30	13:35	18:40	16:55	07:15 Bus for Dong Seoul	18:20
11:50	14:05	19:20	17:55	08:10 Bus for SeongNam	원주
12:15	14:35	20:20	18:45	11:20 Bus for SeongNam	WonJu W9200
12:30	15:05	20:55	19:35	12:25 Bus for Hwaseong	07:10
12:50	15:35	21:50		15:55 Bus for Uijeongbu	08:50
13:10	16:05		김포공항		10:30
13:30	16:35		KimPo Airport W7100	속초	
13:45	17:05	청북,해군아파트		SokCho	12:10
14:00	17:35	포승,평택항	10:45	W20000	13:50
14:30	18:05	Cheongbuk W1900	12:25	08:45	15:30
15:00	18:35	PoSeung	18:15	14:25	17:10
15:20	19:05	PyeongTaek Port W3300	20:05		18:50
15:40	19:35				20:30
16:00	20:25				제천
16:20	21:05	07:20			JeCheon W13300
16:40	21:35	07:50			15:10
16:55		09:10			19:10
17:10		10:40		춘천 청평 가평	
17:25		12:20	대전	ChunCheon W14000	광주(전남)
17:40		13:50	DaeJeon W7200	ChungJu W10400	KwangJu W16600
18:00		16:20	07:00	CheongPyeong	
18:15	고양 백석 화정	17:20	08:30	GaPyeong	08:45
18:30	GoYang	19:10	10:30		10:25
18:50			10:55		12:25
19:10	백석 (W7800)		12:30		14:15
19:30	BusSeok 10:45	청북	14:30		15:45
19:45	BusSeok 12:25	CheongBuk W1900	16:30		17:15
20:10	BusSeok 18:15		18:30	청주	14:30
20:25	BusSeok 20:05	07:50	20:00	CheongJu W6400	16:50
20:40	화정 (W7800)	11:30			18:10
21:10	12:25	16:00			19:10
21:50	Hwaleong				20:20

## Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



<b>Destination</b>	<b>Departure Time</b>
<b>Osan to Incheon</b>	<b>0600 1130 1530</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bus will stop at Turumi Lodge 30 minutes before departure.</li> <li>- Bus will arrive at ITT 15 minutes prior to departure</li> </ul>	
<b>Incheon to Osan</b>	<b>0900 1830 2230</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Departures from USO Counter (Gate1)</li> <li>- Bus may stop at Turumi Lodge, ITT, Hallasan Tower and Mustang Club (If this is one of your stops)</li> </ul>	
<p>* During non-business hours, you may purchase bus tickets from the bus drivers. <b>Cash Only.</b></p>	
<b>Ticket Price</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure Travel : \$15</li> <li>• Official Travel(TDY/PCS): \$35</li> <li>- NOTE: Official traveler rates are completely reimbursable to member</li> <li>- If there are no delayed arrivals, bus will depart at 22:30</li> </ul>	
**Effective 1 June 2013	

# Exploring South Korea: Wawoojeong Temple



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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea--** Author's Note: This is the first in a series of articles about recreational travel, dining and other cultural opportunities throughout South Korea. Each article will highlight a specific destination, attraction, event or restaurant within the authorized travelling distance for U.S. forces in S. Korea. The aim of this series is to encourage everyone to safely and enthusiastically explore their surroundings, develop an appreciation for the history, culture, and customs of their host nation, as well as showcase the diverse activities available to service members, and their families, near and far. Each article will conclude with an approximation of the money and time required for each location, as well as directions (if transportation is not provided) and amount of physical activity required. Many opportunities to travel in groups are available through the base's Information, Tickets and Travel office as well as Outdoor Recreation.

It struck me a few days ago that I've been in South Korea for almost six months, but it doesn't really feel like it's been that long. I guess the saying is true, "time flies when you're having fun."

Before I arrived here, I was already interested in the culture and what I would be able to take from it. However, that's not always the consensus and I've run into a lot of people who really don't know what to do or don't think there's much excitement outside the gates. Hopefully, I can inspire someone to get out and travel by sharing my own personal experiences.

When I first reached country, I wanted to grasp anything I could, but I had no idea how to get to it. I couldn't read signs in Hangeul, the Korean alphabet, and I had no idea how the subway or bus systems worked. I chose the easiest way to begin exploring, the ITT office.

One of my first destinations was the Wawoojeongsa Buddhist Temple, more commonly known as Wawoojeong Temple. The temple is the youngest in South Korea, established in the 1970s when a Buddhist monk named Haewolbopsa moved from North Korea to pray for reunification of the nations.

It is home of the world's largest Wabul, reclining Buddha, at 10 feet high and 32 feet long. The Buddha was carved from a giant Chinese Juniper Tree imported from Indonesia. There are more than 3,000 Buddhist statues throughout the grounds, including Buldu, Buddha heads, located near the entrance.

My favorite part about the temple was hearing the

sounds of monks praying over the speakers throughout the area. I'm not Buddhist, but being there with the statues, in the mountains and hearing the prayers, made it a very tranquil experience. I walked the grounds by myself, listening to the prayers and birds chirping. Almost everyone in passing was silent as they walked which made for a peaceful environment.

The temple is also known as the Pagoda of Unification. The pagodas, tiered towers, are comprised of stones brought by visitors from holy sites around the world.

There are details in everything you see when you walk around including the brightly colored koi fish in the pond, the lit candles underneath bronze Buddha statues, the vibrant paper lanterns with hundreds of thousands of prayers under them and the variety of murals painted throughout the temple walls.

The temple is also the site where the 12-ton "Reunification Bell" rang during the opening of the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games is kept.

For one of my first trips on the peninsula, it was definitely worth taking. The breathtaking views and serenity gave me welcome insight to the Korean culture. You never know what you may find traveling the peninsula, but this gem is definitely worth looking into.

**Location:** Wawoojeongsa Buddhist Temple

**Directions:** It's located near Yongin, approximately two hours west of Osan AB. The temple is not in walking distance to public transportation so the best way to visit is to coordinate through the ITT office.

**Cost:** The ITT offers the trip to the temple, travel, lunch and the Korean Folk Village in one package for \$40. They are located in building 924 and can be contacted at 784-4254 or commercial, 0505-784-4254.

**Time:** A full day trip is about nine hours, but there is plenty of time on the bus and areas to sit if you want to rest for a while. Departure and return is conveniently located at the ITT office on base. The ITT office offers this trip all year, so plan for the weather.

**Documentation required:** None.

**Food:** You can always bring snacks, but there are plenty of gift shops and lunch is provided.

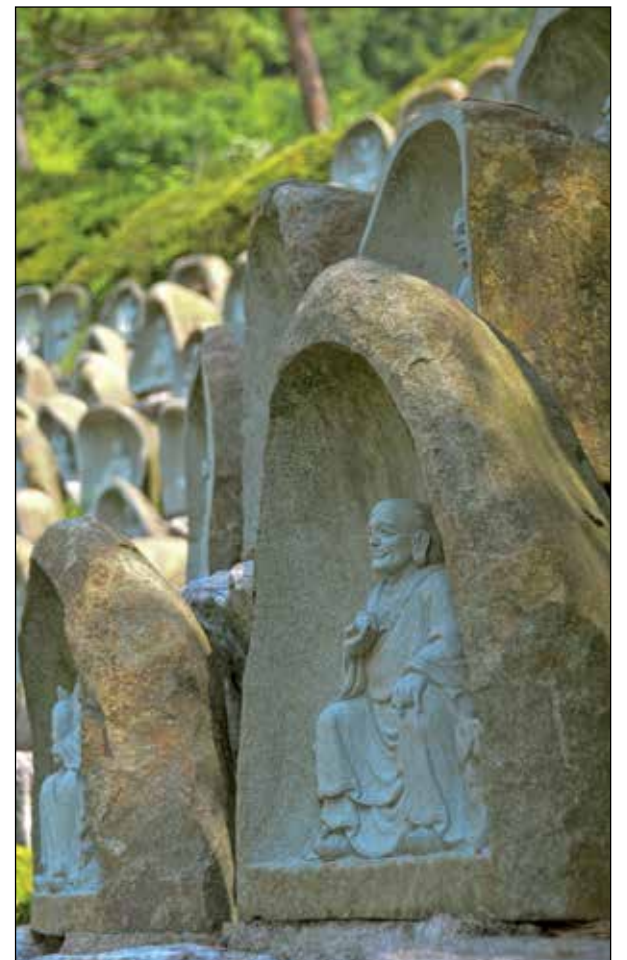
**Who it's for:** Anyone in the family. The temple grounds have some areas with steps or slopes, but can be avoided if necessary. The Korean Folk village is flat.

**Activity required:** Simply walking. Most of the trip is at your own pace except for initial introductions to the locations. It's best to wear sneakers or hiking shoes and comfortable clothing.

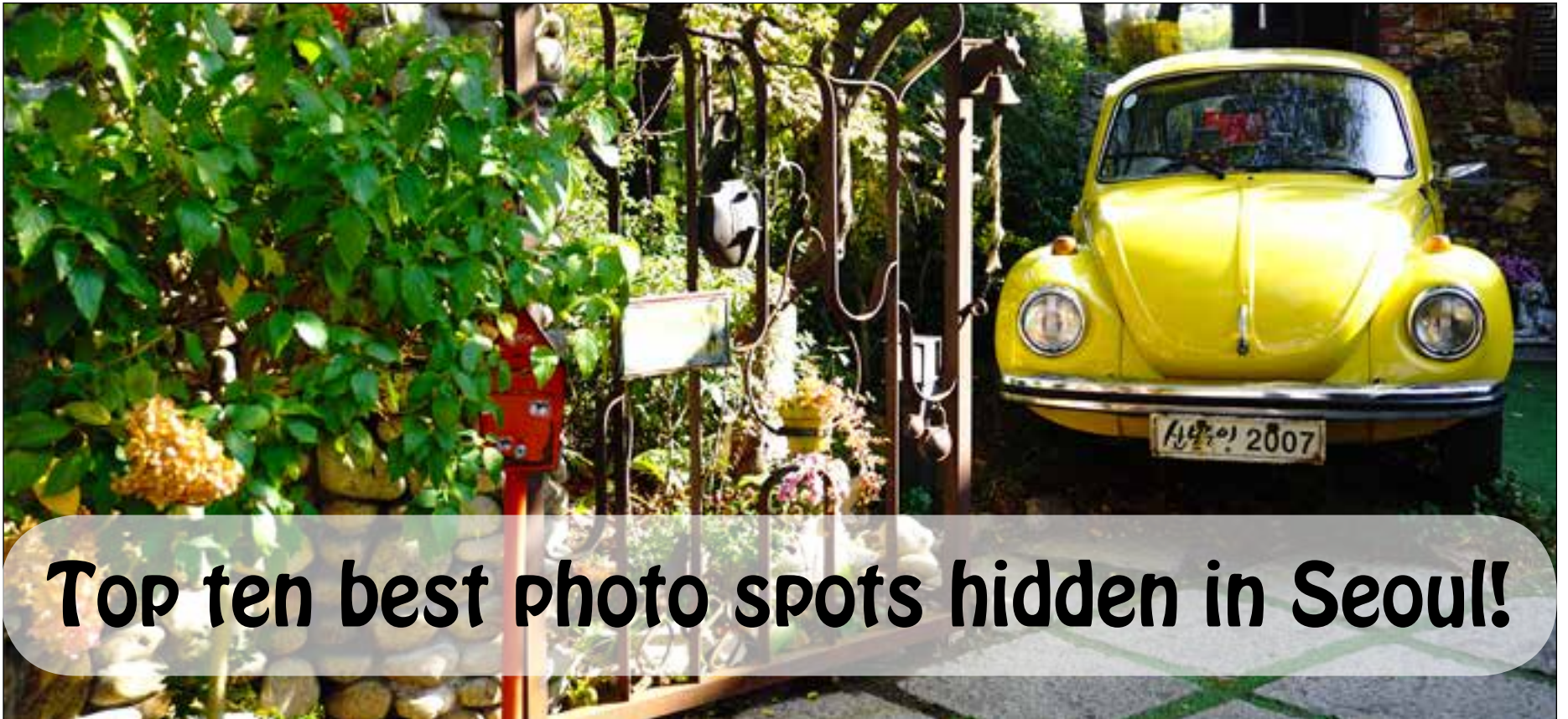
**What to travel with:** You can travel light because

you'll be close to home, and there are plenty of places to get food. Make sure to take your status of forces agreement and military ID card as well as a functioning cell phone. You can bring a camera to both locations and there are no photo restrictions.

Things to remember: Be respectful of taking pictures of people outside of your group. Being courteous and asking permission is important to maintaining a good bond with our host nation. Do not stray from the group unless you go with someone or have them in close sight and bring a friend with you to enjoy the sites. Good luck on your next adventure in South Korea!



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Travelers often find themselves snapping shots constantly throughout their trip in order to capture every last thing. This is especially the case for those one-of-a-kind places that draw people's attention and bring smiles to their faces. Join in the fun of taking memorable photos for keepsakes, and explore the surrounding area. Even in a heavily-populated city like Seoul, there are plenty of spots to cover to make an unforgettable photography journey!

The most liked types of pictures from Seoul all have something in common: a distinctive atmosphere and character. Examples include parks carrying the freshness of nature, excitingly colored mural villages, exotic streets clustered with unique buildings and spaces, and more. In these places, travelers less-skilled in photography needn't worry, because the surrounding itself will provide all that is necessary for nearly-professional quality photos by just directing the camera in any direction. If this has got you jumping on your feet to start shooting, read on to find out the top 10 best photo spots hidden throughout the city that come highly recommended by locals.

## Ihwa Mural Village & Naksan Park

Ihwa Mural Village offers the fun of scouring alleys to locate the colorful mural paintings that are hidden and dispersed throughout the village. Some of the most popular photo zones like the carp stairway, flower painting stairway, and the angel wing mural are often crowded with people waiting their turn to take pictures.

The village gained even more popularity after appearing as the filming location of the Korean TV dramas 'The Girl Who Sees Smells (2015)' and 'Rooftop Prince (2012),' as well as the famous variety show 'Two Days, One Night.' The walking course leading from Daehangno (University Street) through Ihwa Mural Village to Naksan Park is not only dotted with diverse-themed murals, but also unique sculptures, making for an ideal place to take memorable photos.

- Address: Ihwa-dong area in Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Hyeonja Station (Seoul Subway Line 4), Exit 2, walk for about 15 minutes.

▶ Ihwa Mural Village



## Samcheongdong-gil Road & Jeongdok Library



▲ Mural paintings at Samcheong-dong

Lined with time-honored restaurants, as well as various fashion brands and unique shops, Samcheongdong-gil Road is a neighborhood that gives off a sensuous and chic vibe. This well-known tourist destination has been frequently featured in the Korean TV show 'We Got Married.' The elderly couple mural and Jeongdok Library are just two of the more popular photo spots in the area.

The snow white building of Jeongdok Library and colorful autumnal tints create a spectacular harmony in fall. Moreover, a range of amenities such as the cozy garden, fountain, and pavilion add quaint beauty to the library and the surrounding grounds, for which one can often spot couples taking pictures here.

Samcheongdong-gil Road

- Address: Gahoe-dong area in Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Anguk Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 1, walk for about 10 minutes.

Jeongdok Library

- Address: 48, Bukchon-ro 5-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Anguk Station (Seoul Subway Line 3), Exit 1, walk for about 10 minutes.
- Operating hours:  
Weekdays 07:00-23:00 (08:00-23:00 during winter season; November-February)  
Weekends 07:00-22:00 (08:00-22:00 during winter season; November-February)

## Changgyeongung Palace Greenhouse

Changgyeongung Palace's Daeonsil (Grand Greenhouse) is a large glass structure situated within the grounds of Changgyeongung, one of the four notable palaces in Seoul. It was the very first Western-style greenhouse to come into existence in the peninsula. On display inside are natural monuments, wild flowers, and more. The antique Victorian-style greenhouse and the fountain create a unique harmony alongside the traditional Korean palace. Sunlight pours in through the all-glass facade covering the whitewashed frame structure and shines generously on the plants housed inside.



- Address: 185, Changgyeongung-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Hyeonja Station (Seoul Subway Line 4), Exit 4, walk for about 15 minutes.
- Operating hours: 09:00-18:00 February-May, September-October / 09:00-18:30 June-August / 09:00-17:30 November-January (\* Last admission: 1 hour before closing. / Closed on Mondays)
- Admission: 1,000 won
- Website: [cgg.cha.go.kr](http://cgg.cha.go.kr) (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

▶ A couple taking a photo with Changgyeongung Palace Greenhouse as a backdrop

## Seonyudo Park



Located near Yanghwa Hangang Park, Seonyudo Park is the nation's first-ever ecological park. In addition to the main attraction of the ecological park, its diverse facilities include Aquatic Botanical Garden, a water playground, and more items to be enjoyed by visitors of all walks of life. The park houses rare species of plants along with some 120 kinds of trees, grasses, flowers, and other vegetation. It features picturesque natural landscapes, such as a birch grove and a bamboo trail, attracting crowds of photographers, as well as couples on dates and families on outing.

- Address: 343, Seonyu-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Seonyudo Station (Seoul Subway Line 9), Exit 2, walk for about 5 minutes.
- Operating hours: Weekdays 06:00-24:00
- Website: [parks.seoul.go.kr](http://parks.seoul.go.kr) (Korean, Japanese, Chinese / English page is currently under renewal.)

▶ Seonyudo Park

## Yanghwa Hangang Park



▲ Mural paintings at Yanghwa Hangang Park

One of the 23 parks created along the Hangang River banks, Yanghwa Hangang Park is a captivating destination featuring scenic landscapes that vary in accordance with the changing of the seasons. A series of fun paintings have recently been drawn on the support pillars beneath the nearby Yanghwadaegyo Bridge, adding more charm and vibrancy to the park. In fall, the park's waves of silver grass and the fully bloomed cosmos garden are excellent spots to take photos.



- Address: 98-1, Dangsang-dong 6-ga, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul,
- Directions: Seonyudo Station (Seoul Subway Line 9), Exit 2, walk for about 13 minutes.
- Website: [hangang.seoul.go.kr](http://hangang.seoul.go.kr) (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, French, Spanish)