

# Crimson Sky



Team Osan members recently gather during the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Attendees enjoyed hot chocolate, sang carols and watched Santa Claus arrive during the ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

## 7th AF command chief visits Wolf Pack

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

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Chief Master Sergeant Anthony Johnson, Seventh Air Force command chief, took an immersion tour here at the Wolf Pack Dec. 4-5.

The experience was designed to give the command chief a first-hand look at the 8th Fighter Wing mission.

He toured the 8th Operations Support squadron, Security Forces and Logistics Readiness, sections of the 8th Maintenance Squadron, and various other groups.

“Our folks took away the importance of the chief’s focus on wingmanship,” said Master Sgt. Dennis Lotito, 8 Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment superintendent. “I think the immersion highlighted some of the manning challenges associated with our career field against the nature of short tours here and the training issues we face.”

In addition to the information on where and how Kunsan performs day-to-day, leadership gained knowledge on the tough jobs Airmen perform.

After a day of hands-on experience, the command chief had the opportunity to watch the Wolf Pack Theater Group performance on sexual assault, which is one of the highlights of his speech in affiliation with the wingman concept.

“What I first took from when he showed up was that he made time for his Airmen,” said Senior Airman Dorresalyn Moses, 8th Communication Squadron cable and antenna maintenance technician. “When he talked to us he said that ‘when he was coming up in the military ranks, the way people handled these types of subjects was shut up and handle your business’. Therefore in so many words he explained how the military has conformed and how Airmen are being molded as they come in to the military. Even though abuse is prevalent in some areas of the military there is a support system and leadership like this makes a difference.”

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**Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, Seventh Air Force command chief, has an early morning breakfast with several military members during his immersion tour at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 4, 2015. In addition to the information on where and how Kunsan performs day-to-day, leadership gained knowledge on the tough jobs Airmen perform. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Ashley L. Gardner)**



**Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, Seventh Air Force command chief, speaks to Wolf Pack members during his immersion tour at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 3, 2015. The experience was designed to give the command chief a first-hand look at the 8th Fighter Wing mission.**

**8th CES wins Outstanding Civil Engineer Small Unit award**

**By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson**  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron was announced as the Pacific Air Forces award winner for the Air Force outstanding Civil Engineer Small Unit award, here, Dec. 9.

In addition, the 8th CES resource flight won the PACAF Maj. General Robert C. Thompson Resource Excellence Award.

"I'm extremely proud of my unit. We're the legendary CE Red Devils," said Lt. Col. William Frost, 8th CES commander. "The morale and partnership within this unit is the best that I've ever experienced."

As morale and partnership laid the groundwork for actions that lead up to the small unit award, the civilian counterparts that work in the squadron played a key role.

"We're legendary because of the civilians," said Capt. Matthew Nichols, 8th CES installation management flight commander. "Since we get new classes of Airmen each year, we have to quickly learn how things work in the Republic of Korea."

The civilians in the squadron teach Airmen whatever they

aren't able to quickly pick up on.

"The civilians are the backbone that holds us up and we're the muscles that make it move," Nichols said. "Without them, this squadron wouldn't be successful. We owe a lot to them."

While Airmen are constantly moving in and out of the squadron each year, many of the civilians in the squadron have worked in the squadron long enough for Airmen to enlist, serve 20 years and retire multiple times.

"We have a tremendous amount of experience here," Nichols said. "They're willing to be patient with us because we're all young military members. Even our commander is young in their eyes."

Along with the assistance the civilians provide day in and day out, the previous class of Airmen also played an important part in what eventually culminated in the small unit award.

"The previous class was important for posturing the squadron and setting us up for success," Frost said. "Upon arrival, we worked really hard to execute the end of year funding that was becoming available across the Air Force. The other piece of that is also the amount of construction we do here at Kunsan. It drives the ability to meet the mission requirements across the peninsula."

# 8-steps to fight tonight: MXS Airmen create innovative process to repair aircraft

By Senior Airman Kristin High  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Airmen from the 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuels system repair shop have an important job in helping keep aircraft ready to take-off at a moment's notice.

To ensure the aircraft are indeed ready to "fight tonight," the Airmen are responsible for necessary preventative maintenance, decreasing the probability of an accident involving the aircraft fuel systems; and quickly repairing broken aircraft so they are able to fly again.

Processes can include working in-and-out of fuel tanks to remove, repair, inspect, install and modify aircraft fuel systems; diagnosing component malfunctions; and performing maintenance on the tanks and themselves.

Although the job has technical orders, or TOs, ensuring processes are completed correctly, it's not always in a timely manner because of other underlying issues that may be found.

The fuels system repair shop Airmen here developed an eight-step process to correlate with the TOs in order to find all problems and repair them, rather than finding them individually over time.

"Essentially, the new system helps to judge the amount of repairs an aircraft will need," said Airman 1st Class Kyle Keirns, 51st MXS aircraft fuels systems journeyman.

The process took a great deal of trial and error to develop.

"We began with how fuels maintenance affected aircraft availability," said Tech. Sgt. Jason Levesque, 51st MXS aircraft fuels systems repair craftsman. "We gathered fuels avionics, crew chiefs, weapons and production superintendents and asked how fuel affected their career fields.

"What are some similarities in the aircraft break out processes that are shared with fuels?" He continued, "Essentially, we developed counter measures from the root causes."

Currently the way the process is designed, the completion of the eight-step will be in six months.



Staff Sgt. Ashton Swift and Senior Airman Sarah Barrera, 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuels systems repair technicians, look over a technical order while working on an F-16 Fighting Falcon on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 9, 2015. The TOs ensures Airmen perform each step of their job correctly to prevent maintenance errors from occurring. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

Aircraft fuel systems are complex, and Levesque along with nine other Airmen, worked on the processes to ensure their tasks were carried out, not only correctly, but ensuring future incidents were prevented.

"I developed a component isolation slide show from the fault isolation technical order," said Levesque. "When a repair is made, we can find multiple broken lines or components not associated with the original faults. I briefed how testing the entire aircraft can potentially prevent in flight emergencies, ground aborts

and mission impaired capability awaiting parts."

With the added measures of the eight-step process, overall proficiency level along with aircraft reliability will rise.

"In the long term, our fuels system repair Airmen will have invaluable access to train on the aircraft before it effects mission requirements," said Levesque. "The Osan mission will gain experienced fuel maintainers and aircraft reliability ensuring our pilots are truly ready to 'fight tonight'."

Airmen from the 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuels systems repair shop check the external tank vent and pressure system on an F-16 Fighting Falcon, on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 9, 2015. The Airmen from the shop are responsible for a multitude of processes including working in-and-out of fuel tanks to remove, repair, inspect, install and modify aircraft fuel systems; diagnosing component malfunctions and performing maintenance on the tanks themselves.



# Buddy Wing exercise underway at Osan AB

By 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** Airmen of Osan's 25th Fighter Squadron and the Republic of Korea's 237th Tactical Fighter Squadron are training together for a Buddy Wing exercise and exchange program December 15-18, 2015, here.

The purpose of the Buddy Wing Program is to execute joint tactics, exchange ideas and improve interoperability between the USAF and ROKAF pilots, maintainers and support personnel.

U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter aircraft from the 25th Fighter Squadron will integrate with ROKAF KA-1s to train in forward air control and close air support missions. Pilots will also engage in combined tactical discussions, mission briefings and debriefings during the exercise.

Buddy Wing exercises and exchange programs are important to the readiness of the USAF and ROKAF in order to ensure combat readiness and training for combined air operations.

For more information, please contact the 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 784-4044 or 031-661-4044.



A Republic of Korea KA-1 Woongbi rests on the flightline after arriving for Buddy Wing 15-8 at Osan Air Base, ROK, Dec. 15, 2015. Buddy Wing is used to train and improve the interoperability of U.S Air Force and ROK air force pilots, maintainers and support personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

## "Dirt Boys" prep for winter weather



(Above left) Staff Sgt. Ernest Opoku, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and construction equipment craftsman, directs the movement of a 1,100 pound bag of deicing chemicals at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 8, 2015. With an estimated five inches of snow already fallen, winter preparations are important to maintain the continued functionality of the base.

(Above right) Staff Sgt. Ernest Opoku, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and construction equipment craftsman, preps a 1,100 pound bag of deicing chemicals at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 8, 2015. The chemicals, once mixed with sand, will be used to keep the roads clear of ice while providing vehicles with additional traction.

(Left) Pavement and construction equipment Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron fill the back of a dump truck with deicing chemicals at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 8, 2015. When mixed with sand, the chemicals will be used to keep the streets clear during the winter season. Prepping the trucks during clear weather ensures the ability to respond immediately should inclement weather strike the base. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

# Airmen build resiliency with small-group discussions, activities



Airmen of Team Osan participate in small-group discussions for Resilient Airman Day Dec. 7, 2015, at the Songtan Community Center near Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Airmen participated in discussions on equal opportunity, the "Step Up, Step In" program and suicide prevention. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

**By Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman**  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** The 51st Fighter Wing hosted a Resilient Airman Day to build on Comprehensive Airmen Fitness Dec. 7 here.

Osan Airmen began the day with discussions on equal opportunity, the "Step Up, Step In" program and suicide prevention.

"With RAD, we seek to reinforce our priorities of leadership, fitness and community along the four pillars of resiliency: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual," said Maj. William Yoakley, 51st Fighter Wing commander's action group officer.

Step Up, Step In is a program that encourages Airmen to appropriately intervene when witnessing acts not following Air Force Core Values.

"Simply speaking up when you see something that is questionable could save someone's career, maybe even a life," said Lt. Col. Trent Davis, 51st Fighter Wing chaplain.

With the holiday season underway, most Airmen at Osan are separated from their families, which can cause a buildup of stress.

"These next few months are difficult for a lot of us here," said Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander. "It's important to understand when you or your Airmen need help and where to go for it.

"The focus of [RAD] is to take care of the Airmen around us, so we're always ready to fight," he added.

After the in-depth discussions, Osan Airmen participated in group activities like hiking or paintball to strengthen their physical pillar of resiliency and build camaraderie within each unit.

## 51st SFS Defenders conduct active-shooter training



(Above) Defenders from the 51st Security Forces Squadron search for an active-shooter during an internal exercise on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 10, 2015. The defenders keep multiple members on teams during these incidents to ensure all sides are covered and minimize the risk of injury.

(Left) Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Kolise, 51st Security Forces defenders checks a simulated active-shooter for injuries and weapons during an internal exercise on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 10, 2015. The defenders ensure all possible threats are removed and the active shooter is controlled before declaring an area safe. The active shooter exercises and training allows both the defenders and the squadrons associated to train in the event of a real-world incident. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

# JTAC Airmen train with Juvats



Senior Airman William Irvin, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron joint terminal air controller, and 1st. Lt. Austin Hairfield, 604th ASOS tactical air control party officer in charge, coordinate close air support during Exercise Woody Cloud 16-1, Dec. 4, 2015. Exercise Woody Cloud 16-1 was the first-ever exercise that allowed pilots and JTAC Airmen to train side by side. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson/Released)

**By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson**  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Juvat pilots from the 80th Fighter Squadron trained with joint terminal air controllers from the 607th Air Support Operations Group, Camp Red Cloud, Seoul, Republic of Korea, as part of Exercise Woody Cloud 16-1 Dec. 1 - 4.

Exercise Woody Cloud 16-1 was the first-ever exercise that allowed pilots and JTAC Airmen to train side by side at Kunsan Air Base.

“Coming down here gives us an opportunity to see what it’s like from a pilot’s perspective to train for close air support scenarios,” said 1st Lt. Austin Hairfield, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron tactical air control party officer in charge.

Scenarios the Airmen participated in involved close air support and counterinsurgency.

“We simulated scenarios of events we’ve experienced during time spent in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Capt. Rolf Tellefsen, 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot and chief of weapons and tactics. “We’re trying to get a mix of everything in order to maintain some of those

skillsets that guys don’t execute very often. I think it’s good from both sides just to exercise some of those skillsets that may atrophy over time.”

The face to face interaction be-

tween the pilots and the controllers offered a unique training advantage.

“The biggest takeaway for us coming down here in the integration is the pre-brief, mission execution

and debrief, which we don’t usually get with the pilots. It’s usually over the telephone or radio,” said Staff Sgt. Stephen Stein, 604th ASOS JTAC.

Integrating with the pilots alleviates the stress of having to worry about a disconnect in communication due to both the 80th FS and the 604th ASOS being geographically separated.

“Being multiple hours away, we may not always have the opportunity to do a face to face debrief,” said Senior Airman William Irvin, 604th ASOS JTAC. “It’s nice to be able to actually sit down and discuss weapons and tactics. That creates huge advantages for our training.”

Overall, JTACs and 80th FS pilots alike plan to conduct the training exercise again next year.

“I think the training that we’ve gotten from this exercise added an incredible amount of value to the way we execute our mission,” Tellefsen said. “It allows us to craft up scenarios where both pilots and JTACs can provide more input than they normally would be able to. Rather than just checking boxes, we’re able to develop scenarios with specific desired learning objectives.”



(Right) Tech. Sgt. Patrick Naughton, 1st. Lt. Austin Hairfield and Senior Airman William Irvin, all 604th Air Support Operations Squadron tactical air control party members, use radio systems to coordinate with pilots as part of Exercise Woody Cloud 16-1, Dec. 4, 2015. The first-ever exercise simulated scenarios of events JTAC Airmen experienced during previous tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson/Released)

# UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

## Nonjudicial Punishment



### Osan

- An airman first class was involved in a verbal altercation with other Air Force members and was disorderly on station. The punishment was reduction to airman, 26 days extra duty, 18 days restriction to base, suspended forfeiture of \$321 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- A senior airman was apprehended in the Songtan Entertainment District after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days restriction to base, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant was apprehended in Hongdae after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,175 pay, 60 days restriction to base, and a reprimand.
- A technical sergeant was apprehended in Seoul after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, 30 days restriction, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant was apprehended in Hongdae after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,225 pay, 60 days restriction to base, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class wrongfully solicited a Korean female. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days restriction to base, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant misused his government travel card and made a false official statement. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.
- An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21 and was apprehended in Seoul after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$867 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- An airman basic failed to report to his appointed place of duty on multiple occasions. The punishment was a reprimand.
- An airman first class consumed alcohol while under the age of 21 and was apprehended in Seoul after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Policy. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$867 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class wrongfully consumed alcohol within eight hours before duty, was incapacitated for the proper performance of his duties due to overindulging in alcohol, and failed to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty. The punishment was a reduction to airman, 60 days restriction suspended, and a reprimand.
- An airman failed to report to work due to excessive alcohol consumption. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days extra duty, 30 days restriction to base, 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, 30 days restriction to base, and a reprimand.



### Kunsan

- A captain committed an assault upon a first lieutenant. The punishment was a reprimand.
- A senior airman was found drunk on duty. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, with a suspended reduction to airman, and a reprimand.
- A senior airman committed an assault upon a Republic of Korea Air Force Security Forces member by pointing a knife at him while on duty. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$969 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty suspended, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant falsified official documents. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,225 pay per month for one month, 30 days extra duty suspended, and a reprimand.

# ROKAF/USAF POL train together



Senior Master Sgt. Jonathon Northington explains some of the ways they look for impurities in the fuel to Republic of Korea Air Force Petroleum Oil and Lubricants Airmen at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea on Dec. 8. This training is scheduled to take place every quarter to build partnership capacity with ROKAF counterparts. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dustin King)

**By Senior Airman Dustin King**  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** Without a Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants flight, it would be difficult to get aircraft off the ground. Kunsan Air Base Airmen conducted their first ever POL bilateral training with the Republic of Korea Air Force Dec. 8.

The ROKAF and USAF POL teams are currently in the process of developing a bilateral training program.

“POL has a huge effect on the mission at Kunsan. We have a saying, “without POL pilots are pedestrians,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jonathon Northington, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels superintendent. “We store, issue, and receive all the fuel that the base uses, all fuel comes through POL first.”

“The tools that America uses are different than the ones we use, but the strategy and process to get results are the same,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jeong Hun Ji, ROKAF 38th Logistics Squadron fuels superintendent. “We want to see and compare the differences to be able to create the most efficient way to work. It’s very nice to be able to work with the US Forces and see how they operate.”

Both parties hope that this program will continue to evolve and that the Airmen will be eager to learn and adapt alongside one another.

Northington started the interaction between ROKAF and USAF forces to get the training plan in motion.

“This is a huge deal for me; I have a little bit of a background in international relations. Building host nation relationships and knowing our ROKAF brother and sisters, it’s really important for us to work with them and know who they are,” said Northington. “The ROKAF POL superintendent shares the same vision that I

have and understands the need to have that relationship between our two countries.”

The relationships developed through this program

will ensure fuel is provided for the aircraft the most efficient way and get the aircraft off the ground to be ready to defend the Republic of Korea at a moment’s notice.



Republic of Korea Air Force Petroleum Oil Lubricants Airman demonstrates how they retrieve fuel from the ROK fuel trucks as part of the joint training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea on Dec. 8.



# IEDs, UXOs no match for EOD flight

By Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Whether a faulty 9mm pistol round or a pipe bomb meant to cause harm, there is one shop that holds the responsibility of disarming and disposing of these dangerous objects.

With their extensive and rigorous training, the Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight protect the Airmen and families here from any explosive threat.

"Our primary mission is to keep the planes flying and the base safe," said Senior Airman Gabriel Baerwald, 51st CES EOD technician. "In order to do that, we ensure the flightline is free of any [improvised explosive devices]."

Upon notification of an explosive threat, an EOD team moves in to determine how to disarm the device or munition and disposes as quick and safe as possible.

"When an [A-10 Thunderbolt II] or [F-16 Fighting Falcon] has a damaged rocket or if a crash occurs, we go out and alleviate any danger," he added.

After finding and disabling an IED or unexploded ordnance, EOD stores them to later perform controlled detonations in a secured area.

However, being so close to the explosives is a risk these battlefield Airmen take sometimes to ensure the safety of the base.

"Technology is always evolving, as well as our threats, so we have to improve our processes and equipment as well," said Baerwald. "Danger is to be expected in this line of work, so we need to be ready."

To keep up with the demand of the Air Force, EOD uses top-tier equipment to keep Airmen out of harm's way while deployed or at home station. They use a wide array of tools to help them identify explosives and perform controlled detonations.

"We [can] use F-6A robots, Air Force medium sized robots, [Mine Resistant Ambush Protected] vehicles and bomb suits to keep us safe during [bomb] disposal," said Baerwald.

Even with all the tools and advanced technology available, the EOD flight still conducts annual safety stand-down days. This helps remove some of the worry that comes with the critical and dangerous mission these Airmen hold.

"We provide support to the airfield combat, so we need to look out for ourselves and each other," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Overton, 51st CES EOD logistics section chief. "We host safety days to open the forum for Airmen to discuss and reassess past incidents in the career field."

Along with safety, training is critical in a battlefield Airman's development according to Overton. EOD training usually consists of deployed IED scenarios, mine detection and electronic countermeasures.

"Most [of our Airmen] are here for only a year, so we have to compress our training plans," said Overton.

"This assignment can prove to be a challenge [due to the training aspects] for some because of the high ops tempo," he added. "But we have to remain vigilant for any situation."

Osan holds the largest overseas unaccompanied housing and has a high operations tempo, the EOD flight's Airmen say they grow closer throughout the process.

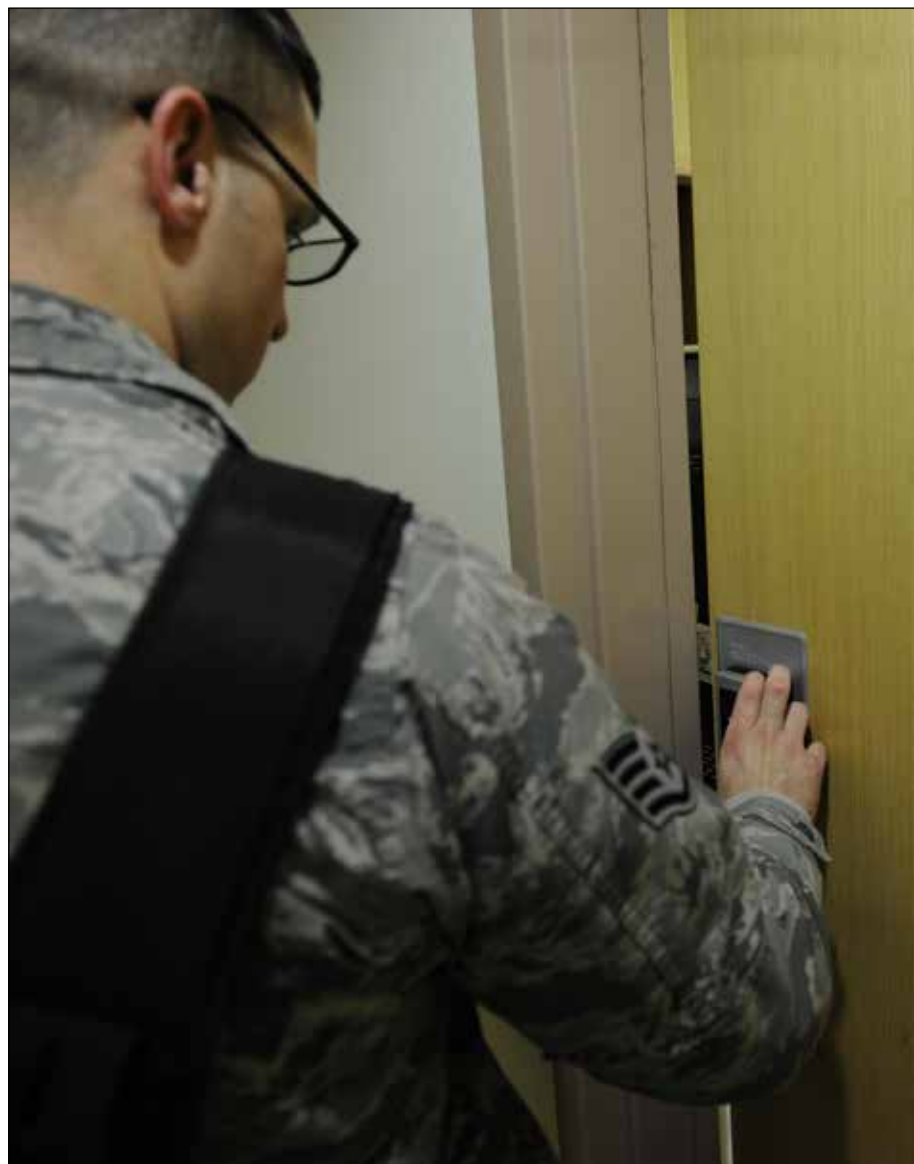
"Our EOD shop here is a tight brotherhood," said Baerwald. "We train together and we fight together, which is why we get the mission done."

At the end of the day, this 'tight brotherhood' continues to provide a critical service for the safety and security of all Airmen.



Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight discuss the location of simulated unexploded ordnance during a training scenario at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 6, 2015. EOD training usually consists of deployed IED scenarios, mine detection and electronic countermeasures to ensure their fight tonight readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

# Dormitories undergo lock changes



By Senior Airman Dustin King  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea** -- The holidays are coming early this year; the 8th Civil Engineering Squadron Unaccompanied Housing Office is changing the locks on most of the dorms this winter. Currently some dorms are already undergoing the change, but some others will become a part of a three-phase project.

Phase 1 is projected to be completed by Dec. 18 and includes dormitory buildings 617, 535 and 339.

Phase 2 is projected to start Dec. 22 and includes dormitory buildings 504 and 603.

Phase 3 is projected to start Jan. 28 and includes dormitory buildings 340, 342, 344, 346, 1407 and 1408.

The goal of this project is to cut down the amount of individuals locking themselves out of their rooms. Instead of losing a key or accidentally demagnetizing a card, all that dormitory personnel will have to remember is a 5-digit pin to get into their room.

The Unaccompanied Housing Office wants to thank all personnel for being patient while the contractors change out over 2,100 locks.



(Left) 8th Civil Engineering Squadron Unaccompanied Housing Airman sets up a key code in building 535 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 2, 2015. The dormitory buildings are being changed to smart locks as part of a three phase program to reduce dormitory lockouts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dustin King)

(Right) A Korean national contractor sets up new smart locks in building 535 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 2, 2015.

# A&FRC: providing countless resources at your hands



Senior Airman Jaron Liles, 694th Intelligence Support Squadron Criticom technician, speaks with Rebecca Ramirez, 51st Force Support Squadron Airman & Family readiness Center community readiness consultant on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 2, 2015. The A&FRC here offers a myriad of programs to assist military members and their families with not only the military lifestyle, but also with adjusting to an overseas environment. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristin High)

**By Senior Airman Kristin High**  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** *Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles on helping agencies and services provided to ensure Airmen and families remain resilient during their overseas tour.*

The 51st Force Support Squadron Airman and Family Readiness Center provides a multitude of resources and services to military members and their families to assist with achieving and maintaining a balance of work and life.

The mission here differs for Osan Airmen and their families because the A&FRC offers specific programs to adjust to a new life overseas with the Korean community.

"Our mission is to assist with life-challenging issues and educate and inform our community to enhance multi-cultural integration, promotion, retention, and mission readiness," said Rebecca Ramirez, A&FRC community readiness consultant. "Here, we live and work in a fast-paced environment because of the high operations tempo, but it's also shell-shock because the Airmen and families here are experiencing an entirely new culture.

"We provide a myriad of programs and assistance to help alleviate the void of leisure activities and to help you better understand the Korean culture and its people," she added.

The multi-cultural program offers a number of orientation tours and cultural-awareness seminars along with seminars for foreign spouses so they can interact confidently with Americans.

"I'm here to assist newcomers to help them adapt to the culture differences and language barriers," said Tokhui Kim, A&FRC multicultural awareness program manager. "We offer Survival Korean class that allows us to teach basic Korean words and phrases such as '안녕하세요' (annyeonghaseyo) or 'hello' in English. The class helps to build confidence in having basic conversations when you go off base."

International cooking classes are also available allowing the Osan community to experience culinary arts from a variety of cultures.

In addition, the A&FRC offers exploration opportunities to aid new members in learning public transportation systems. Some of them include the following:

- Adventure Dining - A pay-as-you-go exploration of Songtan area restaurants. Evaluations at restaurants will keep the A&FRC Restaurant Guide current.
- Explore Namdaemun Market - Learn how to use the Seoul subway system during a tour of one of Seoul's largest shopping districts. Won required.
- Explore Tongdaemun Market - Participants set out on a tour of one of the most popular shopping areas in Seoul. Won required.
- Hike to Burak-San & Lunch - Explore various hiking areas in the Songtan athletic park with stops at two village Buddhist temples, followed by an opportunity to

experience typical cuisine (Offered March - November).

- Cooking Classes - Participants will gain hands-on experience in preparing traditional dishes from American, Mexican, Filipino, Korean, Thai, Soul and Turkish cooking. Space is limited.

The A&FRC strives to meet the needs of Airman and their families through other various avenues, to include unit briefings, classes, workshops, seminars and individual meetings.

One way to meet the needs of families is with child care.

"One of the programs we have include Child Care for PCS, where parents can receive up to 20 hours of care for each child upon arrival and departure of the base," said Ramirez. "We also have child care for volunteers and Give Parents a Break."

"The Airman and Family Readiness Center is important to community readiness, resiliency, and quality of life for individuals and families," said Ramirez. "We provide targeted Airmen and Family support and services, contributing to mission readiness and the well-being of the Air Force community."

A&FRC programs are open to all military personnel including active duty, reservists, guardsmen and Defense Department civilians and their families. Some of the additional programs provided by the A&FRC are as follows:

- Give Parents a Break - Assisted by the Child Development Center to give parents time to take a break without having to pay for a babysitter. Certificates, provided by chaplain, first sergeant or medical provider, are good for up to three months.

- Air Force Aid Society - Provides emergency financial assistance by assessing emergencies and evaluating personal budgets to determine eligibility for an interest free loan or grant up to \$750.

- Transition Assistance - Provides service members with the knowledge, skills and abilities to empower them to make informed career decisions, be competitive in a global work force, and become positive contributors to their community as they transition from military service and reintegrate into civilian life.

- Volunteer program - Provides organizations a list of volunteers available when needed for events.

- Spouse Employment - Supports military family members in achieving short and long-term employment through local labor market information and job search skills workshops.

- Spouse Orientation - A monthly spouse orientation to hear briefings and ask questions regarding a variety of base services and agencies along with a wing mission brief, medical including dental and Tricare, Noncombatant Evacuation Operation, schools, services and housing.

"Collectively, all of the programs and events we have here help the resiliency and quality of life on the base," said Ramirez.

For more information on A&FRC programs, contact them at 784-5440.

# No mission without ammo: MUNS Airmen epitomize fight tonight readiness



Airmen from the 51st Munitions Squadron assemble various bomb components during exercise Vigilant Ace 16 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 6, 2015. The sensitivity of the devices to radio signals and electricity is something that must be kept in mind during each construction and requires the establishment of maximum safe distance evacuation points. (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 --** They are the bullets in the gun, the missiles on the aircraft and the career field that keep Team Osan ready to fight tonight.

The 51st Munitions Squadron is comprised of 85 different facilities that house multiple sections such as pre-load, control, storage and precision guided munitions. Located at the farthest reaches of the base (for safety reasons) their presence may be overlooked but never their contributions.

“We enable everyone else to fight,” said Tech. Sgt. DanCarlos Edwards, 51st MUNS munitions storage shift lead. “Whether it be the cops, the pilots, even the maintainers, then can’t really do much of anything without ammo.”

Munitions Airmen are responsible for building, storing, maintaining, inspecting and delivering everything from 2,000 pound bunker busters to the blanks used by security forces Airmen during exercises.

“Anything you can imagine, we have it,” said Edwards, “Bombs, bullets basically everything that goes boom.”

Small-arms ammunition like the 9mm, to the larger 30mm for the GAU-8 Avenger rotary canon on the A-10 Thunderbolt II, even 105 mm for the M102 howitzer on the AC 130U Spooky, are stored in special bunkers on base. MUNS also provides courtesy storage for the Army’s quick-access munitions in their high security-buildings along with pallets of other fight tonight assets all kept ready 24-7.

Munitions control Airmen provide all the planning, directing and controlling of squadron activities by coordinating with support, maintenance and emergency-response agencies to ensure effective use of the assets. They are responsible for the safety and security of 350 personnel working, in four geographically separated areas of the base that cover more than 217 acres of land.

The breadth of this operation is made necessary by the inherent dangers involved in performing a job where everything is designed to cause damage. As the Airmen assemble various bomb components, attaching the nose, tail and running fuses they have to be mindful of the sensitivity of the devices to radio signals and electricity. Those sensitivities require MUNS Airmen to establish maximum safe distance evacuation points and safety briefings at the beginning of every shift.

“You’ve got to be really careful out here because it is such a dangerous job. Everything [can] blow up,” said Senior Airman Jonathan Gaillard, 51st MUNS munitions crew chief. “I like my job. It’s something that helps the mission.

“I feel like a really big part of the mission; I’m contributing to the Air Force. I feel like I have an impact.”

Edwards calls this feeling of accomplishment AMMO pride.

“AMMO has the most pride, the most camaraderie,” he said. “AMMO is the backbone of what the Air Force is.”

Munitions are what turn airplanes from reconnaissance sources to war fighters, without them there would be no dominant force in the air and no fight tonight.



Tech. Sgt. Dan Edwards, 51st Munitions Squadron storage shift lead, poses in front of munition pallets stacked high at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Nov. 17, 2015. MUNS Airmen are responsible for building, storing, maintaining, inspecting and delivering everything from 2,000 pound bombs to 9mm rounds.

# Operation Sweet Treat spreads holiday cheer to Osan



Tech. Sgt. Alena Arce, NCO in charge of 51st Fighter Wing executive staff, receives a bag of cookies from Master Sgt. Christine Wagner, 51st Wing Staff Agency first sergeant, during Operation Sweet Treat at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 8, 2015. Team Osan volunteers baked more than 108,000 cookies for commanders and first sergeants to deliver to the base's unaccompanied Airmen.



Volunteers with the Girl Scouts of America prepare Christmas cards for Operation Sweet Treat at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 5, 2015. The volunteers decorated the cards to give with bags of cookies to unaccompanied Airmen living in dormitories.



Volunteers of Team Osan prepare bags of cookies for unaccompanied Airmen during Operation Sweet Treat at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 5, 2015. The Osan Spouses Club organized the event to build morale for Airmen away from their families for the holidays.



Christmas cards rest in stacks during Operation Sweet Treat at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 5, 2015. Team Osan volunteers and Osan Middle School children decorated the cards to give with bags of cookies to unaccompanied Airmen living in dormitories.



Pans of cookies cool after baking during Operation Sweet Treat at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 5, 2015. Team Osan volunteers baked more than 108,000 cookies to deliver to the base's unaccompanied Airmen.



Maj. Timothy Foster, right, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, poses for a photo with Staff Sgt. Ashley Simmons, 51st LRS freight documentation supervisor, during Operation Sweet Treat at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 8, 2015. Team Osan volunteers baked more than 108,000 cookies for commanders and first sergeants to deliver to the base's unaccompanied Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

**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

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<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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<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

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

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**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



**Spiritual Charge**

**We are not afraid!**



**Ch, Capt. Myung Cho**  
51st Fighter Wing Chapel

Nov. 13, 2015, terrorists attacked Paris, France, killing 130 people and wounding 368. We were shocked, horrified and once again found ourselves very much afraid. We will always remember November 13.

We have fears, and even the heroes of history have fears. Moses, one of the heroes of the Old Testament, was afraid of returning to Egypt. God told Moses

to return to Egypt and free the Israelites from slavery. Moses had a speech impediment, unresolved legal issues, and generally liked his new shepherd life. He was afraid and quite reluctant to follow God’s command and return to Egypt. Even in the shadow of the burning bush Moses’ fear caused him to give excuses like, “I can’t speak,” “Who do I say, who sent me?” or “Who am I, that I should go?”

Regardless of the historical time we are all afraid of something and our fear causes us to give excuses like Moses. I was afraid when I deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan a few years ago. I was afraid of answers to “What if” questions. One big “What if” question for me was, “What if I can’t get back home and see my family and friends?”

I’ll admit I’m often afraid and nervous when I go up on stage or in front of large groups. You are probably thinking, “but you are a chaplain and you speak in front of people all the time.” Yes, I speak through briefings, preaching, teaching, and leading praise at the Osan Contemporary Worship Service. Every time I stand up

to walk to the front I get nervous and afraid, but still I go forward. I stand tall because there is always someone who supports, encourages and prays for me



when I stand before God’s people. That someone is my friends, family, and my God. “I” becomes “We” and we are never alone.

The phrase, “Do not be afraid,” oc-

curs 365 times in the Bible. The sun rises and sets 365 times a year and each rising and setting is a day to not be afraid. God is always with us, and especially with us when we experience oppression, trials, or times when we can smell and taste fear.

That weekend in Paris authorities cautioned the French people that it was too dangerous to gather in public for observation of the international moment of silence for the victims. One man though, wrapped in a French flag, proclaimed he was not afraid by observing that profound moment of silence in front of Notre Dame Cathedral. Minutes after the image of the lone brave man wrapped in a French flag hit social media nearly 1.5 million Parisians took to the streets of the “City of Light” proclaiming to the world that Paris is not afraid. One French official said: “We are very shocked by what happened on Friday and we are here to say that we are not afraid and that life should go on. We are here for the victims, and to say that we continue.”

We are not afraid! We are not alone! God is with us! We are not afraid!

## 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.

**Osan Middle School Career Expo**

Osan Middle School needs volunteers in different career fields to speak to students in grades 6-8, Jan. 14, 2016 at the school-wide career expo. Volunteers can participate in the 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. session, the 12:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. session, or both sessions. For more information, please contact Dr. Robyn Medlock at robyn.medlock@pac.dodea.edu, Mrs. Hyeun Elliot at hyeun.elliott@pac.dodea.edu or Dr. Joanne Kalesnik at joanne.kalesnik@pac.dodea.edu.

**Holiday Observances:**

- **Christmas Eve:** 24 Dec 15, Thursday, The President of the United States of America, has issued an Executive Order excusing all executive branch non-Postal Service employees from duty for the last half of the scheduled Workday on Thursday, 24 Dec 15, with pay and without a charge to leave.

For U.S. civilian employees, it is an official holiday for the last half of the scheduled workday. If a U.S. civilian employee is required/ordered to work on that day, the employee must be paid a holiday premium pay.

For KN employees, the last half of 24 Dec 15 is the closure, not a holiday. Offices that are closing due to an Executive Order may also grant excused absences to KN employees. KN employees who are required to work on 24 December 2015 will be paid at straight time rates (no holiday premium pay) as specified in USFK

Regulation 690-1, paragraph 6-4f.

- **Christmas Day:** 25 Dec 15, Friday, is an Official holiday for both U.S. and KN employees. If an employee is required/ordered to work and actually worked on that day, the employee must be paid a holiday premium pay. All others will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay. For KN civilian employees, if a holiday falls on their non-work day, no substitute observance day is granted.

- **New Year's Day:** 1 Jan 16, Friday, is a legal holiday for U.S. employees; Friday and Saturday, 1 and 2 Jan 16, are official holiday for KN employees. Both U.S. and KN civilian employees who are regularly scheduled to work on their observed holiday will be paid holiday premium pay. All others will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay. For KN civilian employees, if a holiday falls on their non-work day, no substitute observance day is granted.

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

# Adopt a school English tutoring program closing ceremony



Volunteers from 7th Air Force were recognized during a closing ceremony for the Adopt-A-School program, Dec. 7, 2015, in Osan City. Twenty-four volunteers participated in the program by supporting conversational English classes at five middle schools across Osan City from March to July and September to December. The closing ceremony was hosted by the Osan City mayor to show appreciation for the support provided by 7th Air Force. (Courtesy photo)

## Osan AB Chapel Christmas Schedule 2015

### CATHOLIC

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.**

# Not quite black and white: The story of Juan Hernandez

Tech. Sgt. Juan Hernandez, 731st Air Mobility Squadron air terminal operations center senior information controller, shows various artworks on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 3, 2015. Hernandez learned early on that he could not see many colors on the electromagnetic spectrum that are visible to the human eye, but prevailed in learning how to draw detailed and vibrant works of art. Through dedication, he taught himself to read colors based off of name or issued number. (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** -- Beethoven has been known as one of the most influential pianists and composers to have walked the earth, primarily because he was deaf when he composed many of his more famous works. He managed to adapt and overcome his impairment to create a multitude of symphonies beating all odds against him.

Beethoven said, "Don't only practice your art, but force your way into its secrets; art deserves that, for it and knowledge can raise man to the divine."

This could be interpreted as not letting limitations impede one from success.

Like Beethoven, there is an Airman at the 731st Air Mobility Squadron air terminal operations center senior information controller, who has a talent that otherwise would be hindered, but through practice and exasperating patience, has allowed him to create extraordinary art.

Tech. Sgt. Juan Hernandez is color blind.

"I've been drawing 'ever since,'" said Hernandez. "By that, I mean literally as long as I can remember. I specifically remember when I was four, I painted a wolf sitting on a log, looking at a cabin with three pigs poking their heads out."

"My mom left it on the bathroom wall and we had it there the entire time we lived in the house, for some reason, that image sticks out to me."

Hernandez said he learned very early that he wasn't like most children and never would be.

"I remember being in school; the teacher was showing us a red and a green light, but I wasn't interpreting anything correctly," he said. "We conducted a test and quickly learned that I was indeed color blind, not completely but enough to make everything challenging growing up."

"I still drew and created art, but learning what colors to use took time," he continued. "I would have to ask people, if I was drawing a comic book character, what colors to use for each area."

Over time the hurdles he faced became easier.

"I learned to read colors by the labels or numbers embedded on each pencil and marker," said Hernandez. "I had to memorize numbers for what I wanted to draw or color so my work was accurate."

The average person sees colors based on the visible spectrum, which is the portion of the electromagnetic spectrum that is visible to the human eye. Many premier art companies create number codes to represent the different colors on the spectrum.

"It doesn't affect my job, but it does make being an artist difficult," he continued. "I feel like everyone else has an advantage over me because they can make their work look more realistic and create gradients that I have such a hard time putting together. People never notice, but I always feel like I can do better."

To cope with his own difficulties, Hernandez found other outlets to show his vibrant personality.

"I randomly dress up as [a super hero] and visit children's hospitals," he said. "It gives me a great sense of purpose to see the children's faces when I walk into the room, in-turn, filling a void I think I've been missing all these years."

"It also inspires me when I am creating new art," he continued. "I put a lot of passion and emotion into my art and if you pay attention to the details, you can see various elements of intelligence, formulas, different languages and cultural symbols. It's all very abstract."

His added that his favorite piece is a self-portrait in his super hero costume.

"I love the portrait because it reminds me of why I started wearing the costume," said Hernandez. "I feel like I have to. It's my way of giving back."

Overcoming limitations is a challenge Hernandez will live with for the rest of his life. It's not quite black and white-- an artist's work is never finished.

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on Airmen artists across Osan. If you are an artist (painter, singer, musician, crafter, etc.) who would like to tell your story or know someone who is, contact the 51st Fighter Wing public affairs office at 784-4044.



Tech. Sgt. Juan Hernandez, 731st Air Mobility Squadron air terminal operations center senior information controller, shows his coloring system on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 3, 2015. Hernandez learned early on that he could not see many colors on the electromagnetic spectrum that are visible to the human eye, but prevailed in learning how to draw detailed and vibrant works of art. Hernandez taught himself to read colors based off of name or issued number and creates sample pages to make sure his artwork is accurately portrayed.



# Osan commander answers questions during live, virtual townhall

By Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- The commander of the 51st Fighter Wing, Col. Andrew Hansen, took time Dec. 1, 2015, to answer questions from the Osan Facebook audience during a live “ask me anything” virtual town hall here.

The question and answer session with the commander lasted approximately one hour. Hansen or “Mustang 1,” had subject-matter experts from various base agencies on-hand to ensure the most current and correct information was provided to the virtual audience.

The following are questions and answers from the event:

Q1. For people who live on the lower floor of Hallasan, especially on the street side, they have to put up with the “drunk parade” every night, especially on weekends. This is when everyone is walking back late at night and yelling, etc. They are woken up on a regular basis by people making lots of noise, some of them screaming obscenities. Proposed solutions include signs, etc. Not sure those will do much good, but I would like leadership to consider this one. I know from firsthand experience, it gets old.

A1. We appreciate you highlighting this issue. We are engaged with our leadership teams to curb the inappropriate behavior and enforce community standards throughout the base.

Q2. The old “front gate” post office, Bldg 506, does not seem to have a use at this time. Would it be possible to make that the Retiree Affairs Office? It’s the perfect location as it’s easy to access for those with walking problems, is close to the main gate and has parking available as well as is easy for taxi service just outside the gate. Services like Chapel, Tri-care and the VA could have a desk there and meet with the widows and retirees there once a month or as needed in support of the Retiree Affairs Office.

A2. Great question. We are slated to start construction on a new coffee shop in building 506 with construction scheduled to be complete and open by the end of February 2016. We’ll have the CE community planner, Mr. Jerry Choy, work with the RAO about your request for space.

Q3. Sir, our football season was cut short due to funding. When we are away from our family’s for ex-

tended periods of time, intramural sports help pass the time. Will we have the appropriate funding for intramural sports next fiscal year? Thanks for your time.

A3. Unfortunately, we had limited funding due to continuing resolution authority and had to compress the season (but with the same number of games). We expect full funding for future intramural sports.

Q4. The crosswalks in front of Hallasan are probably the most busy in the morning (for school kids), but are outside of the school zone. I also am quite sympathetic to this one as my child almost got hit in that crosswalk by a Taxi, on the way to school as I was watching him cross the street. Because of this, I’d already planned to take it to Wing Safety, I found out at the meeting it is a universal concern.

A4. We take the safety of all members of Team Osan seriously and have established a single point of crossing for school children at the middle school. Likewise, the speed limit is reduced and when available, Security Forces provides routine traffic enforcement at that location. Based on your concerns, we will have the Safety Office take the lead on other options, such as expanding the school zone.

Q5. When I came to Osan in 2012 we had an awesome annual air show on base. I saw they had one recently in Japan and was wondering if it may eventually return to Korea?

A5. We are extremely proud to announce that we have a planned Osan Air Power Day scheduled for Sept. 24 and 25, 2016. We have invited some amazing demonstration teams to join us, like the ROKAF Black Eagles. More details will be provided as they become available.

Q6. Commissary parking lot on the Atm side needs spaces painted. Is this something we could get done?

A6. We are aware of the shortfall. We plan on painting the stripes as soon as resources become available.

Q7. There is a suggestion to have a spouse and active duty person invited to join the Commissary committee. I’m not too smart on that one but it sounds like a reasonable idea if such a thing exists.

A7. At Osan, we do not have a Commissary Working Group as DeCA carries 100 percent of the items available in the ROK. We will address the possibility of a Commissary Working Group with DeCA leadership.

Q8. I’ve noticed an increase in taxis speeding on base. This concerns me as a giant safety issue. Can you address this speeding problem?

A8. At Osan, we’re very fortunate to have an inex-

pensive and convenient taxi service provided by the Exchange. On the occasion you might have an unpleasant situation that needs attention please feel free to email Pakkh@aafes.com and report the time, location and numeric code on the taxi (or license plate number). If you cannot email, call 784-2258 or 784-4293. The Exchange will work with the taxi company to ensure we continue to have a safe, quality service.

Q9. When will the Osan Base Theater open and when will Star Wars be shown at it?

A9. We appreciate everyone’s patience while the Osan Theater was closed for renovation. We are looking forward to the grand opening on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 1250. The \$1 million spent to repair and upgrade the facility will be worth the investment for the future. We commend AAFES and our Civil Engineers in overseeing this needed upgrade. As for Star Wars, the force will be with you on Friday, 18 December here at Osan.

Q10. Is there a chance we could get a dumpster or regular non-recycle bin trash cans at Mustang park? With the dog run and family activities we need a place to dispose of the trash.

A10. Thank you for your concerns. There are dumpsters located in convenient locations throughout Mustang Valley (close to the housing towers). Additionally, we routinely monitor and empty the garbage on a weekly basis; however, we will continue to try and make improvements to the dog park. Of note, it is also important that all pet owners police up after their pets and leave the area respectful for other patrons.

Q11. Why are more families getting command sponsorship when this base doesn’t have resources for housing, TLF, preschool, pediatrician, and doctors. First I thought the leadership is needed and the longer they stay the better the base is functioning. I don’t understand the need of E3-E6 with 3/4 children getting command sponsorship for 2/3 years in Osan. I absolutely believe that families doesn’t belong here (in my opinion).

A11. Thank you for the question. While it may seem like command sponsorship levels are increasing, the command sponsorship program is set by U.S. Forces Korea and levels have been constant since 2009. Those levels are reflective of the current services we are capable of providing.

Q12. Arby’s coming?

A12. Yes, Arby’s is coming to Osan, with a date to be determined. Details are in the works.



# WARM-UP THIS WINTER WITH SOME TASTY KOREAN TREATS



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With the arrival of winter's cold bite comes a variety of Korean winter snacks and foods. Savory and sweet winter street foods like bungeoppang, hotteok, baked sweet potatoes, and hoppang, just to name a few, are all-time favorite snacks for Koreans regardless of age.

Carts and stalls selling these food items increase in number as temperatures drop, becoming easily spotted at every street corner, thus drawing people to warm themselves up and have a bite before continuing their journey. Standing around the cooking stoves, this not only helps everyone forget about the chilly winter weather for a moment, but also brings back childhood memories for Koreans.

## Bungeoppang



Stalls selling bungeoppang at Insa-dong Street

A common winter street scene in Korea is that of food carts selling bungeoppang (붕어빵) on street corners. Bungeoppang is made by pouring flour dough into the bungeo (carp)-shaped black cast iron mold and filling it with red bean paste. Bungeoppang can vary slightly in shape and color depending on the amount of flour used and the baking time, but the taste is a crowd-pleaser.

For many Koreans, the sight of freshly baked bungeoppang and its sweet aroma wafting through the crisp winter air is a signal that winter has truly arrived. Nowadays, you can find a diverse variety of bungeoppang such as ingeoppang (잉어빵), mini-bungeoppang, and bungeoppang filled with ingredients other than the traditional red bean paste. Prices vary by region, but 3 to 5 bungeoppang usually sell for 2,000 won.

Hoppang (호빵), pre-cooked soft buns, are typical Korean winter treats usually warmed in a steamer or microwave before being eaten. Traditionally hoppang is filled with red bean paste, but other versions are also available including fillings like meat, cheese, vegetables, sweet potatoes, pizza toppings, sweet pumpkin, and more. Moreover, the shape of hoppang has become more varied over time.

Hoppang derives its name from the Korean onomatopoeia “ho ho” for blowing on hot food and also from the sound of laughter that comes from a family happily eating hoppang together. Each bun is around 700 to 1,000 won. This tasty snack can be purchased at nearly any convenience store, small independent grocery store, street vendor, or market in your neighborhood.

## Hoppang (Jjinbang)



▲ Hoppang filled with red bean paste



▶ Steamy jjinbang coming right out of the iron hotpot

## Gunbam



▲ Golden brown chestnuts resting on roasting machine (left) / Ready-to-eat peeled chestnuts are also sold (right)

Roasted chestnuts, or gunbam (군밤) in Korean, are one of the most popular winter snacks as they can easily be prepared at home. Roasted chestnuts take a long time to cook thoroughly but long cooking time ensures that you get the most flavor out of it. They are usually sold near traditional markets in small paper bags for 2,000 to 3,000 won.

## Hotteok



▲ Ssiat hotteok (seed-stuffed Korean-style pancake) (left) / Hotteok stall in Myeong-dong (right)

Hotteok (호떡) is probably the most friendly winter snack favored by locals and international visitors alike. In winter, places such as Insa-dong and Namdaemun Market in Seoul are dotted with hotteok vendors serving up these delicious little pancakes.

Hotteok is made with dough from glutinous rice flour and filled with a mix of sugar, peanuts, and cinnamon. The round and flat pancakes are then lightly fried in oil. Some of the recent variations include hotteok stuffed with vegetables or seeds. Be careful when you take that first bite; although the brown-sugar filling is delicious, it is often very hot. Like many of the other street foods in Korea, hotteok is a steal at only 700 to 1,000 won apiece.



## Kkochi eomuk

Yet another favorite street food snack that Koreans like to eat as the temperatures drop is kkochi eomuk (꼬치 어묵; fish cake skewers). Eomuk is prepared on skewers then boiled in a broth flavored with radishes and kelp. Unlike tteok-bokki, eomuk is not spicy and is a great complement to help soothe the spicy taste of tteok-bokki, and of course it's the menu to look for when you want to speed up the thawing of your body. Kkochi eomuk usually cost anywhere from 500 to 1,000 won and are often sold at the same stands as tteok-bokki.

▶ Skewered eomuk (fish cake)