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An airman from the Republic of Korea air force watches an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 36th Fighter Squadron takeoff during Buddy Wing 16-1 at Seosan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 28, 2016. The Buddy Wing exercise is a combined fighter exchange program between the U.S. and ROKAF to promote interoperability and mutual understanding between the two air forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristin High)

Buddy Wing showcases US-ROK Alliance, soars through ROK skies

By Senior Airman Kristin High
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEOSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea— Personnel from both U.S. and ROK Air Forces gathered to participate in Buddy Wing 16-1, held here Jan. 25 to 29, 2016.

U.S. Airmen from the 36th Fighter Squadron and Aircraft Maintenance Unit travelled to Seosan AB, ROK, to participate in the Buddy Wing exercise with ROK air forces personnel from the host-unit 121st Fighter Squadron, from Seosan's 20th Fighter Wing.

"The Buddy Wing program is a combined fighter exchange between the U.S. and ROKAF to promote solidarity among any operations we may execute," said Capt. Shannon Beers, 36th Fighter Squadron pilot. "Buddy Wing is a great opportunity to work with our Korean counterparts in deterrence exercises in the event of combat operations."

A program conducted throughout the year, Buddy Wing is held across the peninsula and is used to sharpen interoperability between the allied forces.

"The ROKAF and U.S. alliance is not the matter of short-term but a long-term, everlasting one," said Capt. Yim, Chung Su, 121st FS pilot. "I hope we are able to continue to improve the combined exercise where more ROKAF and U.S. Airmen can participate."

Designed to increase mutual understanding and enhance interoperability, Buddy Wing exercises allow participants from both nations the opportunity to exchange ideas and practice combined tactics.

"Our number one role here is deterrence and being capable in our credibility,"

said Beers. "The better we work together, the better we will be able to live up to that role."

"Buddy Wing is a unique opportunity to work with the ROKAF, learn how they do things and teach them different techniques from our end," he continued. "Interoperability is vital to our success. Knowing that I have capable combat partners and they also have faith in me helps to execute the mission here on the peninsula."

Some of the challenges faced create better learning opportunities.

"The biggest challenges are working with unfamiliar terms and in different airspaces," said Beers. "We'll work through those differences in mission planning so we have a better understanding now versus in a real-world incident."

"A large part of being a fighter pilot is working on mission planning," he added. "We conduct the planning to go over every detail including potential contingencies that may arise. In the event of a real world foreign aggression, we would have anticipated that problem and executed successfully."

This Buddy Wing included four F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 36th FS and more than 10 KF-16C Fighting Falcons from the 121st FS.

"My favorite part in the Buddy Wing is starting the exercise with U.S. from the beginning," said Yim. "There have been some other combined exercises, but Max Thunder and Buddy Wing exercises are the only ones which we can train together from planning until the end of flight. In that sense, this exercise is really important and I like the part where we both can plan together."

The alliance between the U.S. and ROK has been prevalent for more than 62 years.

"The success of Buddy Wing program is imperative to our success in the event of real world contingencies," said Beers. "The more we practice, the better prepared we are in the war front."

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7 AF/CC issues new curfew order

By Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Seventh Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy recently announced changes to the current curfew policy in a curfew order dated Jan. 11, 2016, effective immediately.

The changes made are designed to clarify curfew guidelines in order to ensure Airmen fully understand the commander's expectations. They are also intended to improve mission readiness, and help U.S. Airmen continue to serve as unofficial ambassadors for the United States.

Daily curfew hours remain 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. However, members on leave who were previously exempted from curfew are no longer exempted in the new curfew order. Other changes in exemptions include the level of approval authority to grant them. Exceptions to curfew must now be approved at the in-

stallation commander, 607th Air and Space Operations Center Commander, or 7th Air Force Chief of Staff level to maintain consistency. Individuals who secure an exception to curfew, while approved to be off base during curfew hours, are prohibited from publicly consuming or possessing alcohol and being present in bars, nightclubs or other such facilities. In addition, exceptions to the curfew are now no longer needed for travel directly to and from the airport, for performance of official duties and if responding to medical or safety emergencies outside of curfew hours.

"As Americans serving in a foreign land, we represent our country at all times. Regardless of an Airman's status, misconduct during curfew hours negatively impacts our alliance," said O'Shaughnessy. "The Republic of Korea is counting on us to maintain stability in the region. We owe it to ourselves and our Korean partners to be mission ready 100 percent of the time."

Deterring aggression: A crew chief's point of view



A team of 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chiefs move an F-16 Fighting Falcon into a hardened aircraft hangar on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 12, 2016. The 36th AMU trains, equips and executes mission capabilities to ensure the 51st Fighter Wing is able to provide safety and deterrence to the ROK. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Approaching his aircraft on Jan. 10, the crew chief glances around his maintenance arena, preparing to tackle his mission.

Tools and machines scattered in an organized chaos, he checks each wheel and panel ensuring this F-16 Fighting Falcon is ready to fight within the hour.

The pilot greets him and enters the cockpit, and the crew chief continues the preflight checks. Soon enough the pilot gives him a reassuring thumbs up.

He marshals the aircraft, swinging his arms in a high-intensity ballet, salutes the pilot and the F-16 takes off.

On Jan. 10, this U.S. F-16 and a Republic of Korea F-15K Slam Eagle flew with a Andersen Air Force Base, Guam B-52 Stratofortress near the northern peninsula in response to North Korea's provocative action.

Crew chiefs from the 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit ensure the wing is ready to respond to any threat to the host nation through inspecting, refueling and marshalling the F-16s for flight.

"This standup shows that [the U.S. and ROK] can work together timely and efficiently," said Staff Sgt. Todd Gilbert, 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief. "Whether it's with the ROKAF, Kunsan (Air Base, ROK) or Andersen, we're all in separate locations but we're all supporting the same fight."

Teamwork between the 36th AMU and other geographically separated units provides the global deterrence ability necessary during contingencies.

"It's not very often that real-world situations happen, which is the main reason we're stationed here," he added. "To be a part of something that has a national focus feels very rewarding."

The 36th AMU Airmen provide maintenance for the wing's entire F-16 arsenal, all continuously maintained and inspected to respond to any aggression.

"This was no easy feat," said Gilbert. "We worked a lot of extra hours, which could wear on a maintainer. While many were enjoying time at home, we were out on the flightline preparing for the worst.

"It was a tough weekend, but it was extremely gratifying to push the limits of what we can do," he added.

Crew chiefs are the last avenue to ensure the pilots and aircraft are ready for takeoff, a responsibility not taken lightly according Senior Airman Kevin Schweiger, 36th AMU crew chief.

"This is where the trust between us and the pilots come in," said Schweiger. "In the end, the mission has to get done, so you get to feel good about that."

Even through the long hours and stressful environment, the 36th AMU crew chiefs continue to service the F-16 day-in and day-out, ready to respond.

Maintenance flight helps aircrew take the fight north



Tech. Sgt. Rowland Thagard, 8th Maintenance Squadron assistant propulsion section chief, oversees Airmen during an engine test in a hush house at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 9, 2015. In addition to the hush house, the 8th MXS maintenance flight encompasses multiple duty sections, which include a tire shop, aerospace propulsion, crash damage, aircraft recovery and phase. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Everyone in the Wolf Pack plays a role in taking the fight north. However, when it comes to getting birds in the sky, one unit in the 8th Maintenance Squadron has a unique mission.

The 8th MXS maintenance flight encompasses multiple duty sections, which include a tire shop, aerospace propulsion, crash damage, aircraft recovery and phase.

"I think our flight is different in a sense that we are more hands on with the aircraft," said Master Sgt. Lance Humphrey, 8th MXS phase section chief. "The rest of MXS involves more of a supporting role."

The tire section is responsible for the tires aircraft need to take off and land.

"We're the meat and potatoes when it comes to tires for the Wolf Pack," said Master Sgt. Craig Dawdy, 8th MXS crash damage and disabled aircraft recovery chief. "Our biggest job is to ensure that we get tires from the aircraft maintenance units, break them down, rebuild them and get them returned as soon as possible."

Along with aircraft tires, the maintenance flight also has a propulsion section, which controls and maintains all of the inbound and outbound F-16 Fighting Falcon engines on base.

"Our flight always has to be on call if there is an emergency during flight," Humphrey said.

The aerospace propulsion section checks the serviceability of the engines and performs the repairs necessary to remedy the situation so planes can get back in the air to fly, fight and win.

"When we look at the engine's integrity, we ensure everything is tight and nothing is loose," said Tech. Sgt. Rowland Thagard, 8th MXS assistant propulsion section chief. "We also pull out engine components if something is leaking or cracked. We'll use our technical orders to replace that item and get the engine up and running again."

The propulsion section is also the liaison between the centralized repair facility at Misawa Air Base, Japan, and various maintenance shops at Kunsan.

"For every engine we can fix here without having to send it to Misawa, it saves the Air Force \$33 thousand," Thagard said. "When engines go to Misawa that we can't fix, they take the engines apart, fix them and send them back, which costs an additional \$33 thousand. We also save the maintainers at Misawa from several weeks, if not months, of man hours by repairing F-16 engines ourselves."

Another mission the propulsion section has that saves money is the operation of the hush house. The hush house is an engine test facility that is similar to a sound booth in a musical production studio. It keeps all of the sound inside of the facility to prevent any noise from being heard outside.

Along with having a section that maintains and services engines, the maintenance

flight has another section that provides transient services to incoming aircraft assigned to Kunsan and other U.S. bases. The transient alert aspect involves responding to aircraft that have emergency landings.

"The services we provide involve responding to various incidents and scenarios," Dawdy said. "It could range from leading an aircraft to a parking spot to refueling and performing general inspections on the aircraft to ensure they are ready for flight. We want to make sure those aircraft arrive and depart the airfield as safely as possible."

In addition to ensuring aircraft arrive and depart as safely as possible, the maintenance flight also has a phase section, which ensures the safety of aircrew and the serviceability of aircraft.

"The Airmen have to take their time and make sure everything the aircraft needs is available," said Master Sgt. Andrew Wilson, 8th MXS phase support section chief. "There is a lot of attention to detail."

"The F-16 is like a wolf they give us to take the fight north," Thagard said. "The maintenance flight makes the wolf howl. The enemy knows that it's not the howl you have to worry about. It's the bite."



Senior Airman Matthew Ring, 8th Maintenance Squadron transient assistance crash recovery journeyman, signs a tag after performing a leak check on an F-16 Fighting Falcon landing gear tire at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2016. In the tire shop, one of Ring's responsibilities is to ensure that he gets tires from the aircraft maintenance units, breaks them down, rebuilds them and get them returned as soon as possible.

731st AMS, 51st AMXS prepare Patriot Expresses for flight



An Airman from the 51st Maintenance Squadron uses an aircraft de-icer on the Patriot Express passenger aircraft after a large amount of snowfall at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2016. The de-icing process ensures the safe travel of passengers and cargo. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 731st Air Mobility Squadron and 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron worked together to prepare the Patriot Express passenger and a government chartered aircraft for transport Jan. 14 here.

Due to snow the night prior, the aircraft had large amounts of snow on it that can cause problems with aircraft while in flight.

“The weight this snow adds to aircraft could present an inherent danger for the pilots and passengers,” said Senior Airman Dylan Bruning, 731st AMS air transportation journeyman. “Imbalances from each of the wings and rotors not working due to frozen temperatures is a concern.”

In order to prepare the aircraft, the 51st AMXS transient alert team utilizes an aircraft de-icer, which sprays out a de-icing fluid at high pressure to break down accumulated snow and ice.

“These aircraft weren’t designed to compensate for this added weight, so it’s imperative we remove the potential risk,” he added.

Service members, their families and retirees rely on the Patriot Express program to transport them and their cargo internationally.

“The aircraft needs perfect balance in the air to ensure the safe flight of the service members and their families,” said Airman Dylan Rymer, 731st AMS air transportation apprentice.

Through the coordination and teamwork between the two squadrons, both aircraft took flight the same day with minimal delay.



Senior Airman Christopher Gonzalez, 51st Maintenance Squadron transient alert specialist, uses an aircraft de-icer on a government chartered aircraft after a large amount of snowfall at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2016. Gonzalez sprayed the aircraft with de-icing fluid to help melt the snow and ice to keep the aircraft from weight complications during flight.

Emergency management: Prepared for any hazard

Senior Airman Matthew McDonough and Senior Airman Nebil Ali, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeymen decontaminate each other before passing through the zone transition point. Emergency management specialists at Kunsan Air Base develop plans to ensure Airmen here will keep the mission going. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dustin King)



Senior Airman Matthew McDonough, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman, radios in to the Unit Control Center after decontaminating the truck.



Senior Airman Matthew McDonough and Senior Airman Nebil Ali, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeymen inspect M8 chemical detection paper for any possible contamination.

By Senior Airman Dustin King
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- When disaster strikes an Air Force base, whether a typhoon, major aircraft crash, or an enemy attack, Airmen have to adapt to keep the mission going.

Emergency management specialists at Kunsan Air Base develop plans to make sure Airmen here will keep the mission going, no matter what happens.

“The goals for emergency managers at Kunsan are to assist in preparing, training, and responding with the base populace for a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incident,” said Senior Airman Matthew McDonough 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman. “In addition, we also assist in responding and mitigating natural disasters and major accidents on the base and surrounding areas.”

The emergency management team stays busy by making sure everyone is up to date on all CBRN training.

“Keeping every Airman trained and ready is extremely important,” said Master Sgt. Daniel Raimondo, 8th CES emergency management superintendent. “The mission of the emergency management flight is to prevent, prepare, respond and recover from all hazards.”

Emergency management prepares for CBRN threats by doing combined training with a variety of the flights on base.

“In all fairness, we can’t do it without the partnership we have with our Republic of Korea air force counter parts, and the support received from the bio-environmental team, and the 33 personnel from the 8th Communications Squadron which composes our emergency management support team,” said Raimondo.

During exercises, emergency management oversees the emergency management support teams and shelter management teams. The EMSTs are responsible for checking liquid detection points in each chemical zone for contaminated M8 chemical detection paper. The SMTs process people entering secure facilities and contamination control areas.

For both real-world and exercise scenarios, the emergency managers use a large arsenal of technical equipment when responding. From joint chemical agent detectors which identify the type of contaminant to radiation level detectors, the equipment is vital in pinpointing the hazard.

Since work must continue while wearing the bulky mission-oriented protective posture gear, figuring out quickly where the contaminants are is vital.

“Being aware of chemicals’ locations and strength helps us to minimize personnel exposure to chemical agents,” said McDonough. “Split MOPP operations and exercises provide the ability for members to wear the appropriate level of IPE to continue operations in a particular zone.”

This capability ensures an increased level of execution of mission essential tasks.

IPE Airmen provide the Pack with survival tools



Airmen from the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron issue individual protection equipment to newly assigned Airmen at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 15, 2016. The 8th LRS IPE Airmen provide more than 260 IPE kits monthly to Airmen, ensuring that each member has the correct equipment to protect themselves in the event that a contingency does arise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sergeant Nicholas Wilson)

By Senior Airman Dustin King
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- As Airmen arrive at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, they receive individual protective equipment from the 8th Fighter Wing Logistic Readiness Squadron IPE unit.

“Our job is the safety of Airmen on base,” said Master Sgt. Rodercikus Moor-er, 8th LRS IPE section chief. “Our primary objective is to equip all the base members with their chemical war defense equipment gear to sustain and protect them in the event of a real world incident.”

The equipment includes real world chemical war defense equipment, training gear for exercises and gas masks. Storing the assets returned by members, is another part of their mission.

“We in-process about 260 individuals monthly,” said Airman William Linton, 8th LRS IPE apprentice. “IPE is a tough job, it requires each airman to work hard and diligently to be able to run an IPE shop and complete all the orders on time.”

There are 11 Airmen working in the 8th LRS IPE section.

Without providing the necessary CWDE, none of Kunsan’s Airmen would be able to enter a potentially hazardous environment due to the risk to their own lives effectively stopping the mission.

“Without the mission, our job would be pointless,” Linton said. “Therefore, it’s not how our job affects the mission but how our job and the mission comple-ment each other. We need to make sure the Airmen receive the proper gear in case a real world situation does occur.”

Their mission is the same no matter where they’re stationed. They have to prepare for the worst no matter where they are, to include non-deployed environ-ments. At any point in time, a non-deployed setting can change into a deployed one.

“The way we in-process here is different than at most bases,” Moor-er said. “While all bases must be ready, here at Kunsan we do our in-processing at the base theater and get the sizes there. That way, when you come and pick up your stuff on Friday it’s already packed in a bag for you so you don’t have to sift through a line for the correct sizes.”

From in- and out-processing to storing inventory, these Airmen defend the Wolf Pack against a mortar or chemical attack.

“We stay busy outfitting people with chemical war defense equipment who are frequently coming through our base. There is one mission in particular that pertains to Kunsan, exclusively, which is that we are ready to defend the penin-sula in the case of any contingency,” Linton continued.

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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
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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
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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.
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Saturday, 4 p.m.

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Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
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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.
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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

The legendary hero: Yoo, Kwan Soon



Ch, Capt. Myung Cho
51st Fighter Wing Chapel

I love learning and memorizing leadership quotes I discover in books and movies, or hear in speeches. One of my favorite quotes is from the 2000 movie “Gladiator” starring Russell Crowe. You probably know where I am going with this next quote. In the beginning of the film, when Crowe’s character, General Maximus, and his legions are preparing to fight the Gauls, he shouts to the Roman legionnaires, “Fratres,” which means brothers in Latin. Maximus goes on to say, “Three weeks from now, I will be harvesting my crops. Imagine where you will be,

and it will be so. Hold the line! Stay with me! . . .” Then he says the line many know, “Brothers, what we do in life. . . echoes in eternity.”

While fictional heroes like General Maximus inspire us, we often find even greater inspiration in real life heroes. One of my heroes and a hero of many Koreans is a young woman named, Yoo Kwan Soon.

In 1910, Japan invaded Korea and formally annexed it as an official part of Japan. The Japanese treated the Korean people poorly. The Japanese closed many Korean schools and tried to eradicate thousands of years of Korean culture. After nearly nine years of oppressive Japanese rule, the Korean people said, “Enough is enough,” and began to peacefully resist the Japanese occupation of their nation. One of the resistors was Yoo, Kwan Soon, a sixteen year old girl from Cheonan, Seoul. On March 1st, 1919, this educated and passionate young woman and thousands of others staged a peaceful demonstration now known as the “March 1st Movement.” Yoo, Kwan Soon planned more demonstrations for independence, and on March 31, 1919, she is particularly remembered for lighting 24 torch beacons on Mount Maebongsan. The lighting of those 24 beacons inspired more than 4,000 Cheonan citizens and 2 mil-

lion others to join the Korean independence movement. The protesters peacefully protested Japanese occupation of their nation by shouting,



“Long live Korean Independence!”

The Japanese killed more than 7,000 people during those peaceful protests, to include Kwan Soon’s parents. Kwan Soon, as a leader of the Korean independence movement, was arrested and sentenced to seven years in prison at Seodaemun Prison. Even while imprisoned, she protested the Japanese occupation of her land. The Japanese punished her for her protests with harsh beatings and severe torture. She died as a result of the torture and beatings on Sept. 28, 1920, at the age of seventeen.

Today, Koreans recognize Kwan

Soon as a symbol of the Korean fight for independence through peaceful protest and passive resistance. She is a prominent hero in Korean history.

Here is the truth; anyone can be a hero as long as you are fighting for something bigger than yourself. Martin Luther King Jr. led the non-violent civil rights movement, George Washington fought for the independence of the United States, and Admiral Yi Soonshin defended Korea from a Japanese invasion at the Battle of Myeongnyang with only 13 warships against 133 Japanese warships in 1597.

Here is another truth; whether you think so or not, you are a hero. When you wear the uniform of our nation, you are fighting for freedom. You are the heroes. All you have to do is believe in yourself and fight for the cause bigger than yourself. Remember what Maximus said, “Brothers, what we do in life . . . echoes in eternity.” The echoes in eternity are like a pond. When you throw a pebble in the middle of the pond, the ripples stop only when they reach the edge of the pond. When we take care of our fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, that ripple will only finish when it reaches the shore of our lives. Caring is an ongoing process. Who starts the ripple? A hero starts it. It starts with you.

Air Force implements additional security measures

By Secretary of the Air Force Command Information

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- In response to tragic events that have taken place on and off installations over the past few years, Air Force commanders can take additional measures to secure personnel and property on their installations through three programs that allow service members to carry weapons.

The Air Force Security Forces Integrated Defense team established and implemented the Unit Marshal, Security Forces Staff Arming and Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act programs that will enable commanders the ability to increase his or her force protection measures on their installations.

"We looked at active-shooter incidents across the country and there are statistics out there that show where many ended without police intervention because there was somebody there who had a concealed carry permit or somebody interdicted the active shooter," said Maj. Keith Quick, the Air Force Security Forces Integrated Defense action officer. "These programs allow commanders the ability to arm additional trained Airmen who could interdict before police arrive and are trained to stand down when

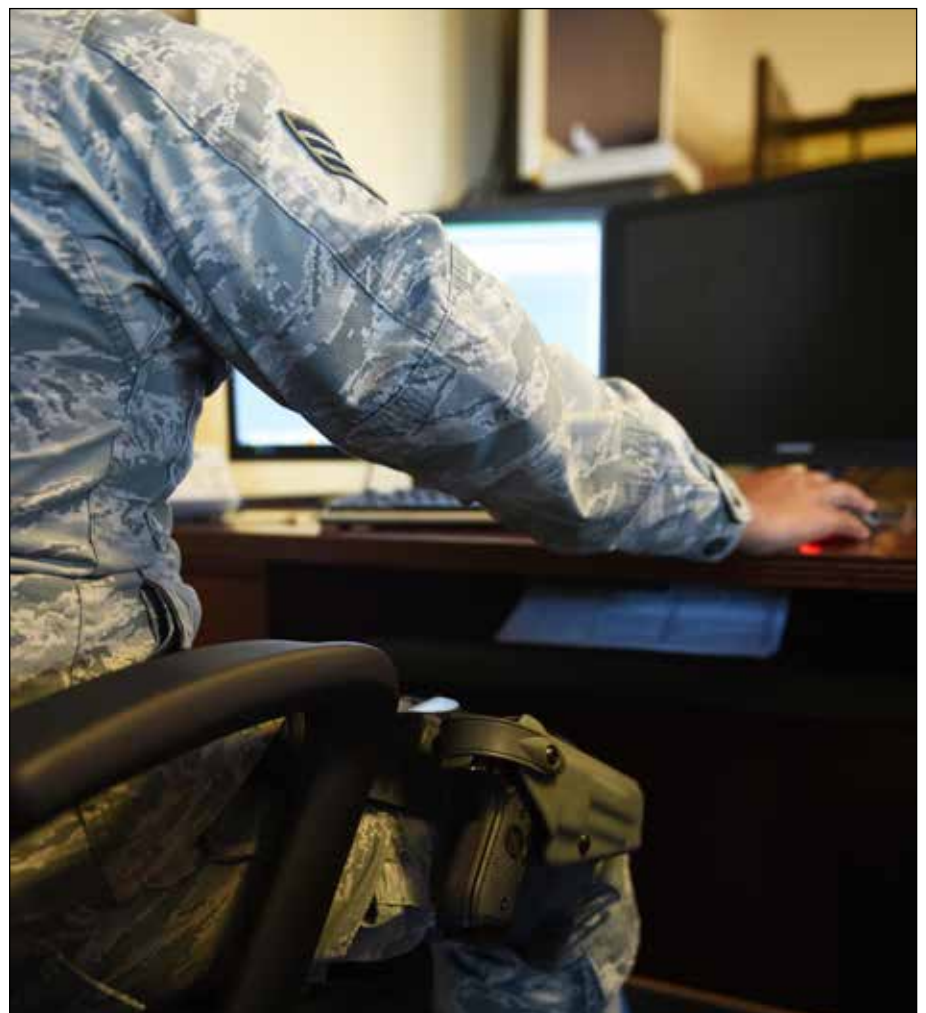
able more security forces members who work in staff billets at the squadron, group, wing or major command to carry a government-issued weapon while on duty with the approval of the installation commander.

Any Air Force security force member who has the appropriate Air Force specialty code and is current on all of their qualifications may qualify with the goal of putting trained defenders in places around the base where they could immediately interdict an active shooter or some type of other threat.

"If we can have a trained defender in the Base Exchange or commissary getting their lunch, or in the dry cleaners or library they can immediately interdict against an individual," Quick said. "The goal is to have armed and trained service members carrying to respond if a need arises."

The program that supports the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act also applies to security forces members both past and present. LEOSA is a federal act that provides credentials for law enforcement members to carry a concealed weapon to any state for personal protection against people who may want to harm them, as long as they obey state and local laws pertaining to firearms.

"The theory was that throughout their career they were arresting criminals, put-



(Left) Air Force commanders can take additional measures to secure personnel and property on their installations through the Unit Marshal and Security Forces Staff Arming programs along with the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act allow service members to carry weapons.

(Right) Air Force commanders can use the Unit Marshal and Security Forces Staff Arming programs along with the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act to meet the needs of their installation. The Air Force Integrated Defense team is looking into how to authorize Air Force personnel assigned to duty at an off-installation center or facility to carry an appropriate firearm. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photos)

police arrive."

The Unit Marshal Program is the newest of these tools designed to enable commanders at every level, when approved by the installation commander, permission to work with security forces to train Airmen and allow them to open carry an M9 pistol in their duty location.

"We are calling it a subset of the security forces augmentee program," Quick said. "The traditional augmentee program was established for security forces squadrons that didn't have enough personnel to cover installation security and we would ask for personnel from other work centers across the base."

Unlike the security forces augmentee program, the UMP allows a squadron commander who has a perceived threat to request additional security. Now a commander can train and arm Airmen in their unit that would remain at the squadron doing their primary job but also provide security for the location.

Members selected for the program will attend a training course that includes sections on use of force, weapons retention and weapons training.

"The goal of the UMP is to protect them, their immediate work space and the people within it," Quick stressed. "They are not first responders, they are not to go to the sound of fire, they are not to chase bad guys. If an active shooter happened, these members are not authorized to engage unless confronted directly by the active shooter."

The second program is the Security Forces Staff Arming program that would en-

ting them in jail and creating enemies, and while they are allowed to carry in their jurisdictions they may not be able to go to another state or city and still have that same right to carry and defend themselves," Quick said.

However, the Air Force now allows its members to request LEOSA credentialing. There is a list of criteria that a security force member must meet. Active-duty Airmen can apply if they have the security forces AFSC, work a security forces position and maintain current weapons qualifications. If an Airman is in the Reserves, Guard or retired they must fulfill a minimum service requirement and still maintain weapons qualification through their state's requirements.

"This affects base personnel because we have given the option to the installation commander to allow security forces members to carry under LEOSA on the installation while they are off duty," Quick said. "With installation commander's approval, I could go to the commissary on Saturday and stay armed and concealed while conducting my business on the installation and leave ... it's not for work purposes."

Commanders can use these formalized programs at their discretion; the Air Force Integrated Defense team is also looking at how to authorize a member of the Air Force who is assigned to duty at off-installation, center or facility to carry an appropriate firearm.

"None of these programs gives the installation commander authorizations they didn't already have the authorization to do," Quick said. "We are now formalizing it and telling them how they can use these types of programs more effectively."

Osan Chapel team leads spiritual charge



By Senior Airman Kristin High
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

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

Spiritual health and well-being is just as important as physical fitness when it comes to an Airman's mission readiness and resiliency.

Chaplains and chaplain's assistants provide a team approach to help Osan Airmen and family members exercise their constitutional right to the free exercise of religion.

This is accomplished through religious observances, providing pastoral care, and advising senior leaders on spiritual, moral, ethical, morale, core values and religious accommodation issues.

"Because of our rights, we as Americans are allowed to freely express our religion or we can choose not to," said Chaplain (Maj.) Rolf Holmquist II, 51st Fighter Wing deputy wing chaplain. "Here, we have religious support teams within each unit to talk to Airmen whether they are religious or not.

"Often times we talk to people about stress, work, financial or even disciplinary issues," said Holmquist. "Our goal is to help balance between helping Airmen and providing religious services for those who wish to partake."

The chaplain corps has requirements from the Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Air Force to be present within units and must provide 100 percent confidentiality during counseling.

"We may come from specific religious backgrounds, but we are universally here to help everyone," said Holmquist.

Chaplain's assistants usually help with administrative work, including creating schedules and finances of the chapel but they also aide chaplains with unit visits.

"Although we aren't trained to council, we are able to help de-escalate any issues a person may have," said Master Sgt. Jason Knight, 51st FW Chapel operations superintendent. "Often times, younger or newer Airmen see rank on the chaplains and can feel intimidated. We assist in ensuring the Airmen know we're all here to help."

The Osan Chapel team offers various programs to help with spiritual fitness and guidance.

"We offer relationship seminars, spiritual resiliency briefings, reintegration programs (for Airmen returning to the states), monthly dorm dinners, orphanage trips and many other opportunities," said Holmquist.

"In addition, we give coping skills on how to deal with pressure," he added. "There are various reasons, but we all feel some sort of pressure. In reality, we all have problems, we just need to learn how to deal with them."

The chapel here has six chaplains and four chaplain's assistants with various religious backgrounds. However, if a particular service is not offered on base, they can

assist to find services within the local community. This particular chapel also has a linguist to help translate with local nationals.

Holmquist added, the number one goal for the Osan Chapel team is to take care of the Airmen so they can support the mission.

"The military is about defending our country, someone's job is to turn the wrenches or fly the aircraft," said Holmquist. "We bring humanity back into play ensuring our Airmen's spiritual health and well-being is preserved."

For more information on the Osan Chapel and the services they provide, visit www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel or call DSN 784-5000, commercial 0505-784-5000.



The Osan Chapel team, located in building 779, offers a variety of services to help Airmen practice spiritual health and well-being. They also offer services to assist with stressors that may come up through work or home life. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

51st CES firefighters renovate to innovate



Firefighters from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron construct a drywall room during construction at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2015. The firefighters renovated one of the fire station's rooms to provide better inspection production and customer service from their fire-prevention team. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron performed renovations to their fire-prevention workstation Jan. 11-15 to further increase their ability to protect the base.

A team of 51st CES firefighters constructed the catch-all workstation for fire-prevention Airmen to better provide administrative improvements.

"This renovated room will unite everyone in fire prevention in one office to increase their communication and have a uniform spot for customers to come to," said Senior Airman Paul Smith, 51st CES firefighter.

The firefighters saved more than \$15,000 for this project opposed to hiring contractors to perform the renovation.

"Previously, our fire prevention inspectors were split between offices," said Smith. "To eliminate the need for two offices, we created one large workspace so they can work together easier."

The fire prevention office inspects all of Osan's buildings to prevent future fire mishaps ensuring the safety of the base.

"Fire prevention is one of the backbones of fire protection," said Staff Sgt. John Brinkley, 51st CES firefighter. "We ensure the safety of the base populace, so having our fire prevention team working efficiently gives them more time to produce inspections or permits."

In addition fire prevention, the firefighters gained pride in their workstation according to Brinkley.

"Even the project itself increases our morale by giving us some quality work and training," said Brinkley. "It brings us a sense of accomplishment in our station, working side-by-side the firefighter way."

Osan offers tax prep assistance

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Osan Tax Center is scheduled to open to provide preparation and assistance services to all active-duty service members, retirees and family members at the Education Center here Feb. 1, 2016.

Osan volunteers will provide tax assistance at the Education Center, building 787 Room 8. The tax center opens Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for appointments only.

Tax assistance will be available until April 15, which is the last day people can file their tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. The following documents are needed in order to file taxes:

- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- All Form W-2's, 1099's and 1095's
- Information for other income
- Information for all deductions and credits

- A copy of last year's tax return
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification notices/cards for you, your spouse, and/or dependents
- Proof of identification for yourself and/or your spouse
- Total paid to daycare provider and their tax ID number
- Birth dates for you, spouse and/or dependents on the return
- Proof of foreign status if applying for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number

In order to prepare taxes, more than 20 volunteers attended a two-week course that consisted of tax software familiarization and filing for both physical and digital returns.

"We want make sure our Airmen have the right resources available to them to take one stress away from their time here," said Senior Airman Marie Marasigan, 51st Fighter Wing general law paralegal and tax volunteer. For more information on filing or to make an appointment, call the base Legal Office at 315-784-4595 or from a cell phone by dialing 0505-784-4595.

Childhood dream becomes reality in Air Force

By Master Sgt. Marelise Wood
Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Ioan Gaitan, a Romanian computer engineering college student, had aspirations of living the American Dream. One day he decided to do something about it. He entered the U.S. Department of State's Diversity Immigrant Visa Program more commonly known as the visa lottery.

As the name suggests, there's an element of chance and luck involved in the program which is open to people from around the globe each year. The program is run on a fiscal year calendar and about 50,000 diversity visas are made available each year to selectees who are chosen randomly by computer. Individuals who subsequently selected for a visa are given an opportunity to live, work and study in the United States.

"This has always been my dream, since I've been a kid," he said. "I remember scribbling the United States flag on my desk."

Gaitan filled out the registration packet and applied. After a six-month wait, Gaitan was disappointed to learn that he was not selected. A year passed, he didn't reapply, but then he decided to give it another try.

"It's like a ticket," Gaitan said. "It's good to apply rather than live with the regret of never trying."

According to the DoS website, there were over 5.5M other people also trying that year with 50K coming from Romania alone, but 2007 was Gaitan's lucky year. He was selected!

"There is a very slim chance of being selected; it's more likely to be selected to win an actual lottery," said Gaitan. "But I got a letter in the mail saying I was one of the 55,000 selected; that it did not guarantee me a visa but I should make the proper arrangements to go to the embassy."

Gaitan completed the additional requirements, went to the embassy to be inter-

viewed and in about a half an hour his life was changed. Gaitan was handed a diversity visa. In that moment, he couldn't focus on what he'd be leaving behind; he had to consider his future.

"I had to leave behind...everything that I loved," he said. "But I was not going to let this slip through my fingers. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to fulfil my dreams."

Gaitan immigrated to America with money he had saved and was given by his parents, and the promise from a neighbor currently living in America to help him get on his feet. He tried civilian work, but he couldn't find the right fit. He wanted to belong somewhere he felt like family so he set his sights on the military. Within about six weeks of making America his new home, Gaitan was in Air Force Basic Military Training.

Even though he was having trouble understanding everything being said around him, Gaitan prevailed. "I couldn't understand the slang and I had to work really hard but I ended up being honor grad," he said. "I think the training instructor saw my effort and that I was ready and willing to go the extra mile. I did the proper hospital corners, had my uniform ready and scored well on the tests."

Gaitan didn't have a guaranteed job before BMT, but left ready to pursue civil engineering.

"It wasn't computer engineering, but it was still good," he said.

Nine years later Gaitan is a technical sergeant with a stellar Air Force career. He earned the title of Distinguished Honor Graduate at his technical training school, John L. Levitow award winner at Airman Leadership School and has garnered countless yearly and quarterly awards. He completed his computer engineering degree, is close to completing his graduate degree and this summer he'll be starting the next chapter of his career. Gaitan was recently selected for Officer Training School.

"This is what I like about the Air Force, equal opportunity," he said. "[The Air Force] allows people to raise themselves to their highest level of potential. I came to live the American dream and this is the epitome of living the American dream."



Tech. Sgt. Ioan Gaitan, 607th Materiel Maintenance Squadron, noncommissioned officer in charge of engineering support, inspects aggregate brought on site for an airfield project at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea. His job encompasses managing multi-million-dollar contracts and supporting over 600 tenant soldiers living and operating out of the facilities that the Air Force maintains at Suwon AB. Gaitan was recently selected for Officer Training School building on an exemplary enlisted career, one he couldn't have imagined when nine years ago he was randomly selected for a diversity immigrant visa allowing him to leave his home country of Romania and live, study and work freely in the United States. (Courtesy photo)

The Airman's Creed through photos



I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
I AM A WARRIOR.
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN.
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,
A TRADITION OF HONOR,
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.

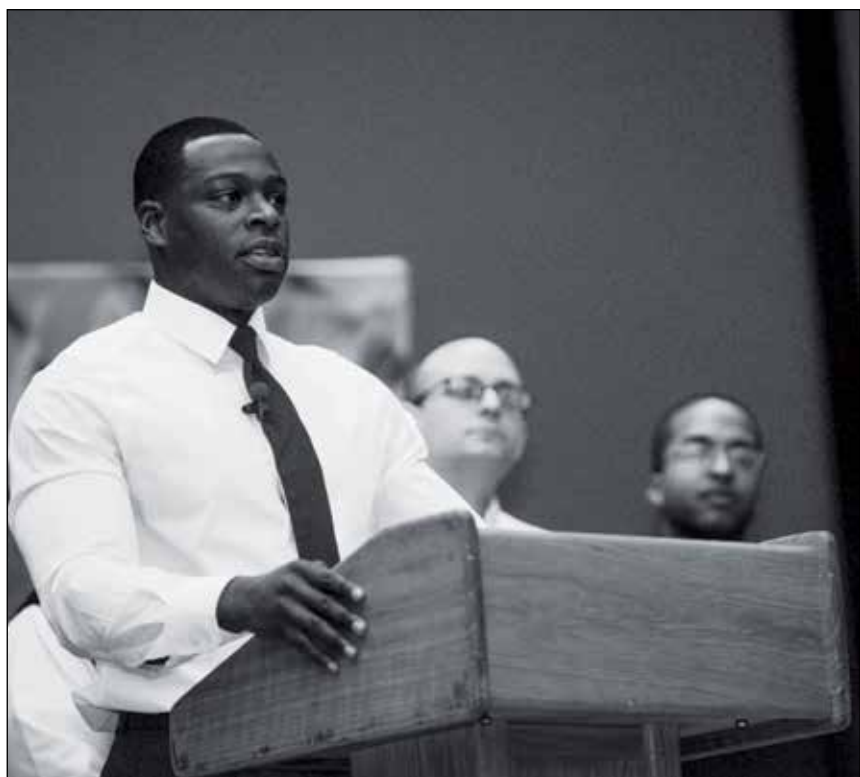
I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD,
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR.
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,
I WILL NEVER FALTER,
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.

By 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Airman's Creed. An ethos that today's Airmen strive to embody. We shot 18 photos over the course of 18 days to illustrate the concepts taken from each line of our Airman's Creed. Airpower!

Volunteers perform for Martin Luther King Day



(Above left) A volunteer of Team Osan performs a skit during a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stage play on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2016. The actor delivered King's iconic "I Have A Dream" speech, which highlighted the U.S.'s shift in segregation laws.

(Above right) The 2016 King's special observance committee organized the play to highlight his contributions to the civil rights movement.



(Above left) Volunteers of Team Osan sing a chorus during a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stage play at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2016. The actors performed songs and skits to commemorate MLK Jr.'s accomplishments to the civil rights movement.

(Above Middle) The actors showcased events leading to Rosa Park's arrest in Montgomery, Ala.

(Above right) The actors portrayed events from King's childhood to his funeral.



Attendees clap along during a chorus at a Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stage play at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2016. The 2016 Dr. MLK Jr. Special Observance Committee organized the play to highlight MLK Jr.'s accomplishments to the civil rights movement. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

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.

**Holiday Observances & Closure**

- **PRESIDENT'S DAY:** Feb. 15, 2016, Monday, is an official U.S. holiday. The liberal leave policy will be in effect for Korean National (KN) non-essential civilian employees. Supervisors should ensure the time and attendance cards for KN civilian employees who wish to be off that day are properly coded to reflect the appropriate leave code, i.e., annual leave, etc.

Organizations with KN civilian employees scheduled to work should ensure adequate supervision is available. If an office is going to be closed, KN civilian employees can be required to take annual leave but management must provide them with a 24-hour advance notice.

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

Smoking Safety

Every year, there are thousands of home fires caused by cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars and other smoking materials. These fires are absolutely preventable!

If you smoke or live with someone who smokes, learn the facts. A lit cigarette accidentally dropped onto a chair or bed, hot cigarette ashes or matches tossed away before they are completely extinguished can ignite a fire in seconds.

Smoking & Home Fire Action Steps

- If you smoke, smoke at the designated area.
- Whenever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach.
- To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking, or have taken medicine or other drugs.
- Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.
- Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used.
- Be mindful of E-Cigarettes as well, e-cigarette batteries lack over-current protection and thus continue charging even once fully charged. The coil can potentially overheat and could cause the battery to explode in the unit.

(Ref: U.S. Fire Administration)

Smoking in Air Force facilities is prohibited in most cases. (Ref: AFI 40-102, Tobacco Use in the Air Force) All areas will be considered "NO SMOKING" areas unless a "DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA" sign is posted.

Disposal of waste, trash or any combustible material in ashtrays or smoking material cans is prohibited. (Ref: AFI 91-203)

Any questions, feel free to reach out to Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834 or 4835.

Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



Destination **Departure Time**

Osan to Incheon **0600 1130 1530**

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

Incheon to Osan **0900 1830 2230**

- Departures from USO Counter (Gate 1)
- Bus may stop at Turumi Lodge, ITT, Hallasan Tower and Mustang Club (If this is one of your stops)

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

Ticket Price

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

**Effective 1 June 2013

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



Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

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17:40	고양 백석 화정	17:20	06:30 Sejong-Si	09:00							
18:00	GoYang	19:10	08:30	10:55							
18:15			10:30	12:55							
18:20	백석 (W7800)		12:30	14:00							
18:30	10:45	청북	14:30	15:25							
18:50	12:25	CheongBuk W1900	16:30 Sejong-Si	18:20							
19:10	18:15		18:30	청주							
19:30	20:05	07:50	20:00	CheongJu W6400							
19:45	화정 (W7800)	11:30		16:50							
20:10	12:25	16:00		18:10							
20:25	HwaJeong			07:30							
20:40				19:10							
21:10				20:20							
21:50											

Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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Lv. Yongsan	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1300	1430	1630	1720	1720	1900	2130	
Ar. 121st GH							1435						
Lv. Osan AB	0650	0810	0940	1119	1210	1410	1540	1740	1830	x	2010	2240	
Ar. Humph	0740	0850	1020	1150	1250	1450	1630	1820	1910	1850	2050	2320	

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Lv. Humph	x	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1230	1330	1530	1710	1910	2100	
Lv. Osan AB	0600	x	0750	0920	1050	1150	1320	1420	1620	1800	2000	2140	
Ar. 121st GH		0720	0850										
Ar. Yongsan	0710	0730	0900	1030	1200	1300	1430	1530	1730	1910	2110	2250	

- * Bus stops at Humphreys main gate
- ** Bus stops at Yongsan Dragon Hill Lodge

“Price \$6.00 or W6,200 one way, For more info (DSN)784-6623”

WEEKEND & U.S HOLIDAYS

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Lv. Yongsan	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1930 2130
Lv. Osan AB	0810	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910	2040 2240
Ar. Humph	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	x	1450	1550	x	1750	x	1950	2120 2320

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Lv. Humph	0620	0800	0930	1030	1130	1230	x	1400	1530	x	1700	x	1900 2100
Lv. Osan AB	0700	0840	1010	1120	1220	1320	1400	1450	1620	1700	1750	1850	1950 2140
Ar. Yongsan	0820	0950	1130	1230	1330	1430	1510	1600	1730	1810	1900	2000	2100 2250

- * Bus stops at Humphreys main gate
- ** Bus stops at Yongsan DHL
- x Bus doesn't stop at this station

POC for the bus schedule - Osan: 784-6623, Yongsan: 723-4499, Humphreys: 753-7354

UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Nonjudicial Punishment

Osan

- An airman first class was apprehended in Hongdae after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$867 pay, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant was apprehended in Hongdae after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$1,225 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class absented himself from his place of duty without authority. The punishment was 60 days restriction to base and a reprimand.
- A technical sergeant absented himself from his place of duty without authority on multiple occasions and made a false official statement to a senior noncommissioned officer. The punishment was a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$502 pay per month for two months, 21 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- A first lieutenant committed an abusive sexual contact upon a technical sergeant and communicated a threat. The punishment was forfeiture of \$2,500 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.
- An airman wrongfully consumed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of 7th Air Force Alcohol Policy. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, 14 days restriction to base, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- An airman violated a No-Contact Order issued by his commander. The punishment was suspended forfeiture of \$867 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was apprehended in the Songtan Entertainment District after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a reduction to airman basic, 30 days restriction to base, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was apprehended in Itaewon after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a reduction to airman, 60 days restriction to base (30 days restriction to base suspended), and a reprimand.
- A senior airman was apprehended in the Songtan Entertainment District after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order, and was drunk in such a manner that brought discredit upon the armed forces. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant committed an abusive sexual contact upon a staff sergeant and communicated indecent language. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.
- A captain was apprehended in the Songtan Entertainment District after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order, and made a false official statement to Security Forces Town Patrolmen. The punishment was forfeiture of \$2,200 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Kunsan

- A senior airman was apprehended in Hongdae after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- A senior airman was drunk, disorderly, and resisted apprehension. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, restriction to base for 30 days, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- A senior airman was apprehended in Gunsan after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$981 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant was apprehended in Seoul after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$1,241 pay, and a reprimand.
- A senior airman was drunk and disorderly, resisted apprehension, and assaulted a security forces patrolman. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$321 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was apprehended in Gunsan after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order and also consumed alcohol while under the age of 21 in violation of the 7th Air Force Alcohol Policy. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$878 pay per month for two months, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was caught sleeping while on duty. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant was apprehended in Hongdae after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a reduction to senior airman, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant assaulted another staff sergeant. The punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$600 pay, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was apprehended in Gunsan after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$878 pay, restriction to base for 30 days, and a reprimand.

FOREIGN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

- A civilian employee was apprehended by Korean National Police for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The Suwon District Court sentenced him to pay a fine of 1,000,000 Korean won.
- A captain was apprehended by Korean National Police for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The Suwon District Court sentenced him to pay a fine of 3,000,000 Korean won.



Taking the Plunge at the Polar Bear Swim Festival in Busan



Haeundae Beach in Busan



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The crowd enjoying the entertainment with the country flags in the background.

On January 10th, 2016 I started my venture from Seoul to Busan’s Haeundae Beach for the 29th Polar Bear swim where over 2,000 participants participated. I couldn’t help but think on my way to the event just how cold it was going to be even though I had already experienced a similar event in the past. After the long ride we pulled up to the beach and was pleasantly surprised to see that the temperature had risen to somewhere in the 30’s. So I knew it was going to be relatively warm compared to what it could have been. Next, I picked up my “press pass” and wandered around to see what I could see, who I could speak with and also to merely enjoy the festivities.

I saw many different cultures and types of people. All seeming to enjoy the event filled with music, food and good people. The atmosphere was great that included rotating DJs on stage as they always knew what to do to get the crowd excited and also ready to do the plunge. About five minutes prior to the race a women came on the stage and began a pre-race warm-up which seemed to be a combination of dancing, aerobics and other dynamic movements and ended with a “race countdown.” At this point it was now time to remove my layered clothes down to my swim trunks and get ready for the challenge. I ran on the beach to the water and continued until I reached just above waist level

and then dove head first underwater. After coming back up to the surface I then waded around and swam out until I couldn’t stand anymore and then returned back to waist height. I then paused and watched all of the people enjoying themselves in the water. Some were by themselves, others were in groups and also couples were present. After a couple of minutes I left the water and was met by my beautiful wife where she took a picture. After all of this believe it or not the water didn’t feel too cold, really! However, I knew if I stayed out in the cool air for a prolonged period of time this would change. While walking back to retrieve my clothes I was met by other participants;

both foreigners and locals whom wanted to take pictures and of course I obliged.

There seemed to be as many spectators as participants. In retrospect, the event was truly an international event witnessed by the many country flags flown and camaraderie being shown amongst everyone.

I highly recommend the event as it was an excellent way to travel, enjoy local food, listen to music and socialize as well as take an exciting plunge, which was quite invigorating and exciting!



Polar Bear Swim Festival captions

1. A sand castle of a polar bear and a hot air balloon.
2. A spectator showing off his "muscle pose" and his love for his girlfriend on his chest.
3. A group of participants wave to the cameraman.
4. Korean life guards standing in for a group photo.
5. Korea's K-pop stars Norajo get the crowd entertained prior to the plunge.
6. Korean couple and two countrymen with flags stand together.