



Twenty F-16s from the 8th Fighter Wing line up for an elephant walk early in the morning on Feb. 3, 2016 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The elephant walk was designed to test the 8 FW's ability to launch aircraft at a moment's notice. (U.S Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

## **Beverly Pack 16-2: No-notice exercise tests Wolf Pack's readiness**

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Wolf Pack Airmen sharpened their ability to survive and operate with various simulated contingency scenarios during Beverly Pack 16-2 here at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 2 through 6.

The exercise scenarios were crafted with an emphasis on readiness.

"We conduct multiple operational readiness exercises every year to hone that edge of readiness," said Lt. Col. Scott Seigfried 8th Fighter Wing inspector general. "We also conduct the exercise multiple times to accommodate for the high turnover rate of Airmen at Kunsan."

With most of Kunsan's Airmen being on one-year tours, that creates a higher turnover rate than the Air Force average. That turnover means high value is placed on educating new Airmen and preparing the wing to be ready at all times.

"We need to constantly exercise to ensure that we are bringing our new folks along and getting them ready to defend the Republic of Korea at a moment's notice," Seigfried said.

The scenarios Airmen were tested on throughout the week involved building evacuation operations, ground, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive attacks, unexploded ordinance detection, and self-aid and buddy care techniques.

"We simulated incoming theater ballistic missile attacks, which contained high explosives" Seigfried said. "We also exercised against CBRN weapons that would deliver hazardous chemical or biological materials."

Beverly Pack 16-2's scenarios allowed Airmen to practice their contingency CBRNE response and readiness levels. Defending the base and responding to CBRNE threats 24/7 allows Airmen to work on their ability to react to a myriad of circumstances under pressure.

"Anytime a human being is under stress, things tend to become a little bit more difficult," Seigfried said. "You're thinking about the actual danger or lifethreatening situations going on."

Siggfried said that when Airmen make decisions under pressure, they must ensure the actions they take are almost second-nature.

"Things like putting on a gas mask and donning MOPP gear appropriately need to become a reflex action when a siren goes off," Seigfried said. "If you stop to think about what you're doing, you're also now thinking about the fact that there are incoming missiles that are also life-threatening."

According to Seigfried, the Wolf Pack has proven its ability to be ready

for any situation throughout the exercise.

"Overall, as far as the decisions our Airmen have been making, I think it went very well," Seigfried said. "I think morale has been fairly high. I've gotten a chance to walk around the maintenance, operations, security forces and various other organizations to check out their entry control points."

The maintenance teams met all their time constraints for generating aircraft, Seigfried said. This was especially impressive, considering they worked around the clock, often out in the elements, in temperatures that often stayed in the teens at night, he added.

"You never know when we'll get recalled to start generating aircraft," he said. "That could happen at any time. The mentality of being ready aroundthe-clock is critical when it comes to maintaining the wing's ability to stand strong regardless of the circumstances and defend the Republic of Korea."



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# Air Terminal Operations Center delivers goods to Osan



Staff Sgt. Jason Decena, 731st Air Mobility Squadron Air Terminal Operations Center controller, radios personnel after checking cargo on a C-17 Globemaster on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 1, 2016. The ATOC Airmen here process more than 1,200 service members and their dependents and from 800 to 1,000 tons of cargo weekly. (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** -- Osan AB is home to numerous mission partners such as the 731st Air Mobility Squadron, which is responsible for all Department of Defense aircraft transporting personnel and cargo to and from the entire Korean peninsula.

All air cargo coming to any U.S. military base peninsulawide first goes through this squadron.

Within the squadron, there are many sections that help maintain the mission of the 731st, including the Air Terminal Operations Center, which is the information hub for the aerial port here.

"Any information on flights coming in or out is collected to help track passengers or cargo landing here," said Master Sgt. Thomas Perry, 731st AMC ATOC section chief. "We have a constant rotation of service members, supplies, household goods and other cargo; everything that lands here must be processed through our flight."

The ATOC Airmen are responsible for continuously monitoring airlift missions and providing updates to the other sections within the 731st AMS. Like a well-oiled machine, they work together to plan all cargo and passenger movement and gather data from the flight manifest to pass information to load masters.

"We handle aircraft at any given time," said Perry. "We'll look at capabilities and forecast missions, including potential hazards or parts to prepare for."

The Airmen work on a multitude of aircraft including C-5 Galaxies, KC- 135 Stratotankers, C-17 Globemasters and the C-130 Hercules.

"Essentially if it's not a fighter jet or a helicopter, if it flies we touch it," said Senior Airman Wesley Cotterman, 731st ATOC information controller. "On average we cover about two to three missions each day but that can change depending on what's coming in or going out."

On an average week, the Airmen here process more than 1,200 service members and their dependents and from 800 to 1,000 tons of cargo.

"Our job is critical here because of the centralized location and the amount of cargo and personnel we manage," said Cotterman. "We save more than 10 million dollars each year on commercial airline costs and even more for household goods." Whether supporting the U.S. forces here or ensuring the personnel arrive to the peninsula safely, the ATOC Airmen recognize the importance of their mission.

"The Airmen in this flight are the best of the best of our guys," said Perry. "They are very knowledgeable and can handle all situations and questions thrown at them. I take pride in knowing we have our top one-percent working together to accomplish the mission here."



Tech. Sgt. Joaquin Camacho, 731st Air Mobility Squadron Air Terminal Operations Center senior controller, radios information to ground personnel at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 1, 2016. The ATOC Airmen are responsible for continuously monitoring airlift missions and providing updates to the other sections within the 731st AMS.

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### New runway opens, enhances 'Fight Tonight' readiness



F-16 Fighting Falcons taxi before takeoff on the new runway at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2016. The 51st Operations Support Squadron and 36th Fighter Squadron use the new runway to execute training and combat missions for the Republic of Korea.

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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- The Army Corps of Engineers, 51st Civil Engineer and Operations Support Squadron completed the five-year project of constructing a new runway for the base and began flying operations here January 2016.

Osan holds the Air Force's oldest runway, constructed in 1952, which supported operations from the Korean War's F-86 Sabres to today's A-10 Thunderbolt IIs and F-16 Fighting Falcons.

"After over 60 years of use, our [old] runway made our increasing need of delivering air superiority a challenge," said Johnny Duraccio, 51st OSS airfield manager. "If one of the runways goes down due to maintenance, we have backup capabilities from the other, so we can sustain our training and combat missions.

"This new runway enhances our combat capabilities by expanding the [51st Fighter Wing] commander's vision and philosophy of 'Fight Tonight' readiness," he added. Construction on the new runway began in 2011 under the Land Partnership Plan, an agreement between the U.S. Forces Korea and Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense to reshape the posture of U.S. military forces in the ROK.

After opening the new runway for operations, the 51st CES is scheduled to begin repairs on the old runway in Fall 2016.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon takes off on the new runway at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2016. The Army Corps of Engineers, 51st Civil Engineer and Operations Support Squadrons completed the five-year project to construct the new runway in January 2016. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

# **AFE Airmen keep pilots safe**



### By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Staff Sgt. Patricia Johnson and Senior Airman Richmond Davis Jr., both 8th Operation Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeymen, test the serviceability of an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot's helmet during Beverly Pack 16-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 4, 2015. Though the exercise was planned for months, Airmen were not told when it would start, testing their readiness and ability to respond to a crisis at a moment's notice.





(Top left) Staff Sgt. Patricia Johnson, 8th Operation Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, tests an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot's G-suit during Beverly Pack 16-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 4, 2015.

(Right) Senior Airman Richmond Davis Jr., 8th Operation Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, tests an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot's helmet during Beverly Pack 16-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 4, 2015. The exercise tested Airmen on their ability to survive and operate while under the stress of simulated wartime activities.

(Bottom left) Staff Sgt. Patricia Johnson, 8th Operation Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, tests the air pressure of an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot's G-suit during Beverly Pack 16-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 4, 2015. Though the exercise was planned for months, Airmen were not told when it would start, testing their readiness and ability to respond to a crisis at a moment's notice.

(Right) Senior Airman Richmond Davis Jr., 8th Operation Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, assembles a flight suit during Beverly Pack 16-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 4, 2015. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

### **Retirees receive extra care during appreciation day**





Retired Tech. Sgt. Jeff Laman, receives a blood-sugar test from a Hallym University Dongtan Sacred Heart Hospital nurse during the Retiree Appreciation Day in the Exchange at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 4, 2016. Laman was one of many retirees who received some extra care, attention and appreciation during the Exchangesponsored event. (Above) Retired Tech. Sgt. Ron Davis, Veterans of Foreign Wars senior vice commander for Korea, explains the benefits of becoming a VFW member to an active-duty Airman in the Exchange during the Retiree Appreciation Day at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 4, 2016. Retirees living and working in the vicinity of Osan AB showed up to learn about and enjoy the benefits available to retirees and veterans. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Retirees received some extra care and attention in the form of benefit education and health screening from Team Osan during the Retiree Appreciation Day held at the Exchange here Feb. 3, 2016.

Retirees living and working near Osan Air Base showed up to enjoy and learn about the free benefits available to retirees and veterans.

"The retired population around Osan is small, but they support big when it comes to helping the local community with projects," said Candace Ford, lead coordinator for the event. "After four years of being at Osan, I've seen that retirees have the strongest presence and the biggest hearts--so we wanted to give back."

Ford added that it isn't uncommon to see large donations from veteran and retiree-centric clubs, like the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"We're here to help," said retired Tech. Sgt. Ron Davis, VFW senior vice commander for Korea. "Some retirees may not know how to get involved or that the VFW is here, so we're here to show them."

A total of 12 agencies came to the Exchange to support the retirees and inform them of what benefits are available to them; including The Department of Veteran Affairs.

Additionally, one doctor and a team of nurses from Hallym University Dongtan Sacred Heart Hospital, were on hand to give a free health screening, something not always available to the retirees.

"I have a strong service history with my family and I've been on two deployments to Bosnia and Kuwait, so I have a strong affiliation to those who serve, have served and retired from service," said Ford. "I really just want [retirees] to remember that they are not forgotten, we still care for them and we really appreciate the time they put into the service to help us be where we are today."

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## **Aircrew Flight Equipment, safeguarding lives**







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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Components of a pilot's survival kit are laid out for inspections before being packed away in the main shop of the 51st Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment shop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 26, 2016. The main shop is responsible for maintaining all equipment installed in each aircrafts ejection seats.





1. Components of a pilot's survival kit are laid out for inspections before being packed away in the main shop of the 51st Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment shop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 26, 2016. The main shop is responsible for maintaining all equipment installed in each aircraft's ejection seats.

2. Senior Airman Phillip Conley, 51st Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment specialist, inspects the lines on a parachute at the AFE main shop on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 26, 2016. The inspection is part of the annual periodic review of the ejection seat, pilot recovery parachute and survival kit performed by the Airmen.

3. Anti-exposure suits await inspection in the main shop of the 51st Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment shop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 26, 2016. During the cold winter months, pilots are required to wear the suit in addition to their normal gear. In the event of an emergency ejection over water, the suit will insulate the pilot from the cold water increasing survival time before rescue.

4. Staff Sgt. Ryan Malmquist, 51st Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment specialist, repacks a pilot survival kit at the AFE main shop on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 26, 2016. The main shop is responsible for maintaining all equipment installed in each aircraft's ejection seats.

5. Life preservers are inflated and tested before being folded in to the pilots neck harness at the main shop of the 51st Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment shop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 26, 2016. The life preservers are designed to inflate automatically in the event of a water landing. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

# **ROKAF general tours 51st Fighter Wing**



(Below) Maj. Craig Morash, 25th Fighter Squadron director of operations, briefs Maj. Gen. Choi, Geyn Young, Republic of Korea air force Air Mobility Reconnaissance Command commander, on A-10 Thunderbolt II capabilities during an immersion tour at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 1, 2016. Choi toured the base to learn about the various assets the 51st Fighter Wing provides.



Col. Andrew Hanson, 51st Fighter Wing commander, escorts Maj. Gen. Choi, Geyn Young, Republic of Korea air force Air Mobility Reconnaissance Command commander, during his immersion tour at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 1, 2016. (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 --** Col. Andrew Hanson, 51st Fighter Wing commander, escorts Maj. Gen. Choi, Geyn Young, Republic of Korea air force Air Mobility Reconnaissance Command commander, during his immersion tour at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 1, 2016. Choi was briefed on the individual capabilities and missions of the F-16 Fighting Falcon, A-10 Thunderbolt II and U-2 Dragon Lady.

Senior Airman Johnathon Jordan, 5th Reconnaissance Squadron physiological support technician, explains the suit worn by U-2 pilots to Maj. Gen. Choi, Geyn Young, Republic of Korea air force Air Mobility Reconnaissance Command commander, at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 1, 2016.



First Lt. Aaron Young, 36th Fighter Squadron pilot, briefs Maj. Gen. Choi, Geyn Young, Republic of Korea air force Air Mobility Reconnaissance Command commander, on the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon during an immersion tour at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 1, 2016.

## **Pilots protect ROK through airpower demonstration**



Capt. Nathan Skavdal, 36th Fighter Squadron pilot, prepares for takeoff in an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2016. Skavdal took part in a joint airpower demonstration with a B-52 Stratofortress and ROK air force F-15K Slam Eagles Jan. (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** -- *Editor's Note: This is the second of a fourpart series looking into the Airmen of Osan who support global deterrence.* 

In an effort to highlight the alliance with the host nation, F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots from the 36th Fighter Squadron aided a B-52 Stratofortress in a joint airpower demonstration Jan. 12 here.

Teaming up, the U.S. and ROK air forces showcased to the world they're ready for any contingency according to two 36th FS pilots who flew in the demonstration.

Maj. Jason Vanta and Capt. Nathan Skavdal shared their accounts and insight on flying with the ROK pilots.

"It wasn't so much a practice of going to war, but a demonstration of our common (combat) capabilities and our ability to work together," said Skavdal. "Even though it was a relatively simple mission, it's something we can bring to any theater at any time."

Vanta and Skavdal worked alongside F-15K Slam Eagle pilots during the demonstration and delivered a presence in the Korean skies.

"In the past years [the 51st Fighter Wing] has been here, we've worked very closely with our ROK counterparts," said Skavdal. "Even in the 18 months I've been here, I can see the progression their pilots are making."

In addition to working with the ROKAF, the 36th FS trains to work with other Department of Defense assets like the B-52.

"As a fighter squadron, the 36th is able to rapidly put jets in essentially any configuration to complete the mission," said Vanta, who flew as the mission commander during the demonstration. "Whenever they need us, we're able to [deter the aggression] as shown in our past."

"In this demo, [the U.S. Air Force] was able to send up a nuclear-capable bomber, showing what we can offer," he added.

In order to deliver this amount of airpower, the 36th FS worked 24-hour operations to ensure mission capability, which according to Vanta was rewarding in the end.

"Pride in our work gets pretty high when we get to do interesting missions like this," said Vanta. "Flying with a B-52 on the right and an F-15[K] on the left in a show of force definitely increases morale for me."

Whether a normal sortie or a joint-flying mission, the 36th FS stands ready to deter any aggression and defeat any attack.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 36th Flying Squadron taxis on the flightline before takeoff at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2016. Pilots from the 36th FS teamed up with ROK air force F-15K Slam Eagles to deliver a joint airpower demonstration.

## Beverly Pack 16-2: Wolf Pack maintainers execute rapid exercise ops tempo



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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- When it comes to getting planes in the sky, the 80th and 35th Aircraft Maintenance Units are unrivaled.

The 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron encompasses flightline maintainers that perform day to day maintenance and servicing, launch and recovery operations for Kunsan's F-16 fleet.

"We maintain every jet on the ramp, whether it's the tires to the vertical stabilizer, or simple parts such as a light bulb to extreme parts such as a rudder servo actuator, we are in charge of everything on the aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Brandon Rachuy, 80th AMU dedicated crew chief.

"Our responsibility is to maintain the jet and keep it safe for the pilots and whoever the next people are to work on it," said Senior Airman Kollin Bell, 35th AMU crew chief. "It's important for us to complete our mission so we can get jets in the air and complete sorties to protect the Republic of Korea."

Transitioning from hot and humid summers to snowy and freezing winters doesn't put a stop to the mission tempo at Kunsan.

"During the summer, you get dehydrated and deal with the giant mosquitos, and in the winter we're working on a thing made out of metal so when you touch it your hands are immediately 10 times colder," said Rachuy. "We continue to push things out no matter the weather; we try to stay vigilant and complete our mission."

Flight line personnel continue to meet mission necessities despite manning challenges, increased ops tempo and weather-related contingencies. The 80th and 35th always figure out a way to get Wolf Pack jets in the air.

"The operations tempo when deployed and when doing exercises at Kunsan differentiates greatly," Rachuy added. "Where we would put out about 1 or 2 jets in 6 hours at a deployed location, we push out jets at a more constant and rapid rate during exercises at Kunsan."

Another added stressor during exercises is working in chemical protective gear. "Chemical gear makes it a little more difficult to work during alarm black," said Bell. "Wearing the gloves gets complicated, especially when it comes to getting into some of the tight spaces on the jets and it limits our mobility."

Rauchy says that Kunsan is the most challenging exercise environment he has

"The exercises here leave us with a more accurate mind set of what a real time incident would be like," Rachuy said. "I think it's extremely important for younger airmen because they get a taste of what it would be like if we went into a contingency scenario and had to prep the jets in an extremely short time period."



Staff Sgt. Brandon Rauchy, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief, works on removing a rudder servo actuator on an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Beverly Pack 16-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 3, 2015. Airmen work around the clock no matter the conditions during the exercises here on Kunsan.

### **AF Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program list triples**

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force officials released details on the fiscal year 2016 Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program Feb. 1. This year's program, consisting of 117 Air Force specialties eligible to receive bonuses, is a substantial increase from the previous year's program where 40 Air Force specialty codes were eligible.

The program's expansion coincides with Air Force plans to grow the force to meet mission demands in the face of changing geopolitical situations, and to address key gaps in nuclear, maintenance, cyber, intelligence, remotely piloted aircraft and support career fields through fiscal 2017.

According to Col. Robert Romer, the chief of military force policy for the Air

Force, the criteria used to determine career fields eligible for re-enlistment bonuses includes current and projected manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career field force structure changes, career field stress levels, and the cost levels associated with training new Airmen.

"This year's SRB list increased by nearly threefold as we focused on retaining key experience while continuing our deliberate plan to grow our force," Romer said. "We are increasing our accessions and training pipeline to support the increased growth, but these new enlistees won't be seasoned for some time. Retaining the experience we have is critical to our success in reaching target end strength."

All AFSC bonus changes are effective Feb. 1, 2016.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight re-enlistment section.

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# **51FW command chief bids farewell with Q&A**



Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Greene, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, speaks with Airmen during a promotion ceremony March 31, 2015. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Greene, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, bids farewell to Team Osan with a final question and answer session.

Greene took over as command chief here January 2014. Osan was his 12th assignment after serving as command chief of the 451st Expeditionary Operations Group, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

While here, Greene was entrusted with the operational readiness, training, morale and welfare, installation support, and quality of life of more than 5,500 personnel assigned to the 51st FW, Headquarters 7th Air Force, and other Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps units.

He sat down recently to share some of his final thoughts about the base and the Airmen who keep it running.

#### What were your goals when you first took the command chief role here?

As command chief I relay the goals of the commander. At the time I arrived here, [Col. Brook Leonard, previous 51st FW commander], had the goals of team-building, readiness and discipline throughout the base.

At one point, Osan wasn't connected. We wanted to connect the base and build the Team Osan concept. I feel like we did some pretty amazing things that were quite effective. We initiated an update brief, to allow our mission partners to come in and have a voice. We stood up the Team Osan Awards and the Osan Cup, a capstone piece for team building and comradery, which we have hosted twice already and will continue in the years to come.

Readiness was another thing we've worked to improve. We began inspecting what was needed to ensure we win the fight. We stopped painting the grass green and began to be honest with ourselves where we were failing. Over the past year, [Col. Andrew Hansen, current 51st FW commander], has had an incredible drive to robust and realistic readiness. We are confident in our readiness and we test these capabilities every quarter to ensure we are truly ready to "Fight Tonight".

The last goal was discipline. Usually before you deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan, you get weeks or months of training with your gear. Previously, you would get your shots and a little online training and that was it. We initiated the Korean Readiness Orientation to get people focused on the mission prior to and immediately upon arrival to the peninsula. A trained Airman equals a ready Airman and a valuable Airman.

### How has Osan changed in the past two years here?

We're more of a team now than ever before and there's more lateral communication between the wing and our mission partners.

We're slowly changing the perception of an assignment at Osan, getting away from the frat house mentality and now pressing harder on the readiness inspections.

Osan is a place for great opportunities and to experience culture. We are truly changing the culture of acceptable behavior in the local area and the rest of the peninsula.

### What will you remember most about Osan and the Airmen here?

I'm going to remember how incredibly talented our Airmen can be with the right environment and leadership. Osan is a leadership lab. We sometimes make mistakes but these committed Airmen and Soldiers help each other grow in ways not possible anywhere else.

I'll also remember how we've come together to face challenges. We've responded to North Korean aggressive actions, fixed the runway and even worked through many political issues with Anthrax and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome. We still saw everyone come together all over the peninsula to make the mission happen.

I've never been to another base where there was such a strong sense of comradery and energy available, the environment here is just so incredible.

Where was your favorite place to travel in the ROK?

My wife, Debbie, and I love driving to the countryside. We would get in the car and drive for hours until you find some of the fishing villages or we would go biking along the rivers. We would visit the Seoul area, but the countryside and the Korean culture is absolutely beautiful.

Do you have any recommendations for Airman morale and activities off base?

Get out beyond the Songtan Entertainment District. Explore Korea, use Information, Tickets and Travel or even better, learn to use the robust subway, train and bus systems. There are so many opportunities available in this country to enjoy; take advantage of it!

#### What are your hopes for the future of Team Osan?

I would love for Osan to expand command sponsorship billets for more families to be here. Being away from your family can lead to many challenges and poor choices, whether it be from loneliness, financial issues or whatever may come.

I want Osan to have a similar perception as to [Yokota Air Base, Japan] where there's a wonderful culture, great things to do and the opportunity to become a better version of you. We've made great strides in that direction, but we're not quite there yet. It takes Airmen helping Airmen and stepping up to do what's right in every situation.

### Do you have any final words of advice for the Airmen here?

Osan is a great assignment where you can grow and accelerate your career. You have to make good choices for this to be true and treat yourself with dignity and respect. Every service member should be able to depart Osan with their head held high and reflect on their accomplishments. Knowing their reputation and standards were not lowered nor tarnished by poor choices and knowing they invested their precious time for personal and professional growth. Leaders must also work to put things in place that would help our service members make good choices. We owe it to them and their families.

Throughout his career, Greene won the John L. Levitow award in Airman Leadership school, distinguished graduate in NCO and Senior NCO academies and Joint Military Attaché School.

Greene will relinquish his position to Chief Master Sgt. Alexander Del Valle, currently stationed at 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Forward Operating Base Oqab, Kabul, Afghanistan, in February.

# **ADAPT helps get Osan Airmen back on track**

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

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

Like all helping agencies, the base Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program, or ADAPT, is here to do just that—help.

According to Maj. Relinda Hatcher, 51st Medical Operation Squadron ADAPT Program manager, Osan AB has the highest amount of referrals to the ADAPT program in the Air Force.

"The ADAPT program focuses on issues that an individual may have with alcohol or drug abuse," said Hatcher. "The program is not punishment for people, but more to help individuals develop and enhance appropriate coping skills while offering meaningful, healthy outlets for stress."

Unfortunately, only a small percentage of individuals who need it will actually seek help on their own," she added.

There are three entry points for ADAPT: self-referral, command directed and a medical referral.

Self-referral- An individual can walk-in or call the ADAPT clinic and request help or intervention.

Command directed- Involves alcohol related misconduct including violence, curfew violation, DUI, drunk and disorderly, public intoxication or the individual's command is concerned about the individual's alcohol usage, not necessarily a specific incident but an observation over time.

Medical Referral- If an individual has a medical injury as a result of overconsumption and medical services are rendered. This may include if an individual blacks out and is treated by emergency services.

ADAPT is comprised of substance abuse prevention, education and treatment, which includes urinalysis testing.

For an individual to be accepted into the program there is an initial diagnostic assessment.

"Most individuals are referred to our program after an alcohol or illegal substance-related incident occurs," said Hatcher. "Although this may come off negatively to the individual, our program can produce tremendous results for those who enter with the intention of being helped.

The biggest hurdle for most people is getting past the stigma and false belief that getting help will ruin their career.

"We are not part of the punitive process at all," Hatcher continued. "Our job is to create a positive outlook and experience by providing counseling and proper guidance to assist each individual's needs."

ADAPT offers an educational route or a treatment route after the initial assessment.

If an individual does not require treatment, they will go through Alcohol Brief Counseling, which involves three subsequent sessions where the individual is educated on the effects of alcohol, and they also discuss their personal values and create a change plan.

"Approximately 80 percent of the individuals who come here will go through the ABC route," said Hatcher.

If someone requires treatment, the base offers level-one treatment. If a higher level is required,



Osan Air Base has the highest amount of referrals to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program across the entire Air Force, according to Maj. Relinda Hatcher, 51st Medical Operation Squadron ADAPT Program manager. The ADAPT program here offers a variety of services to assist with substance abuse prevention, education and treatment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristin High)

the base can make the appropriate referral off base as needed. Level-one treatment involves outpatient groups and one-on-one treatment with a provider.

The base chapel offers Alcohol Anonymous programs throughout the week at 7 p.m. For dates and additional questions, call DSN 784-5000, commercial 0505-784-5000.

"We want each individual to take a hard look at the program and a harder look at their personal

behavior; really take the program seriously," said Hatcher. "It's difficult to come forward and say, 'I need help'. The individual's health is the number one concern."

"Without taking care of ourselves, we can't support the mission," She continued.

For more information on ADAPT or services rendered, contact their office at DSN: 784-2149 or COMM: 0505-784-2149.

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### **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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### **CHAPEL SCHEDULE**

### **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

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**Point of Contact:** Osan Chapel, 784-5000 Visit us on SharePoint: https://osan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/51FW/51FW-HC/default.aspx Visit us on Facebook (OSAN AB CHAPEL) https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel

**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

**Protestant Services** 

### Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

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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

**Catholic Mass** 

Sunday, 8 a.m.

**General Service** 

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

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



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

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### **Spiritual Charge**

### How far can a fox run into the forest?



By Ch, Capt. Son Nguyen 51st Fighter Wing Chapel

"How far can a fox run into a forest?" was the unusual question my high school math teacher asked the class. The question was a welcomed change from the usual litany of algebra and geometry questions he usually asked. We all thought and thought and he eventually told us, "A fox can only run into the forest halfway." My math teacher explained to the class that

once the fox runs past the halfway mark in the forest the fox is no longer running into the forest but he is now running out of the forest. It took me a few years of life to fully understand the wisdom of my math teacher who sought to leave us, sophomores (wise fools), more than just a math problem. He wanted to teach us to look at problems and process in the macrosetting before we got ourselves lost in the micro-myriads or the minute details. He wanted us to be aware of and know the starting line, the half-way mark, and when to push ourselves across the finish line toward the cheering crowds and waiting celebration. This life lesson would serve us well as we got down to taking care of business and taking care of ourselves. Knowing that every challenge has a halfway mark would inspire and encourage us, and strengthen our resiliency in the process. Knowing challenges have a halfway point enables us to maintain and sustain our mission at Osan AB. We, like the fox, need to

remember that we will eventually start running out of the forest.

I have read more than a few times, "Every Airman has a story to tell," and as a chaplain daily interacting with the men and women of Team Osan I have heard lots of stories from our service members. Overall, most members' stories are positive stories as correctly reflected in the culture and professionalism we have at Team Osan. Once in a while a "not-so-happy-ending" story is told. The common theme in such stories is that the Airman did not realize they were already at the halfway mark. They do not always get that every forward step they take is a step closer to the finish line or "running out of the forest." Just knowing you are passing the halfway point is refreshing and comforting. Having this knowledge can instill hope and inspire us to take another step in the right direction, breathe another breath, and live another day.

I am a "sun worshiper" and the lack of sunshine during winter is

like a ball and chain around my ankles. But, knowing that I am halfway through this hazy cold Korean winter has already caused my body to rejoice because with each passing day I get more sunshine. I will admit that Osan's stress, strain, and mission pace is wearing out your chaplain, but just knowing I am passing my mid-tour mark has triggered me to silently celebrate.

Somehow when you can name and claim the halfway point in a problem, predicament, or challenge you will be refreshed and energized in both body and mind. This resiliency thinking process has helped me overcome many hardships of job and life.

As my math teacher posed the question to us, I pose the question to you, "How far can a fox run into the forest?" Only half way.

If you need some help running out of the forest you are in today, right now, please contact a chaplain or chaplain assistant you know. We would be honored to run out of that forest with you.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 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.



- **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 emplo ees. 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)

### 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 benefitsincludes 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.

### NFCU changes hours

Beginning March 7, 2016, the Navy Federal Credit Union will add an extra hour to its current opening hours. Hours will change from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., to Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., to better serve its members and the community. For further information, please call 784-3129.





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 "DES-IGNATED 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.

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Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

### Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

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### WEEKEND & U.S HOLIDAYS

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\* Bus stops at Humphreys main gate

\*\* Bus stops at Yongsan DHL

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

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## NEWS

## **Corrosion control: Prolonging the life of Osan's aircraft**



Staff Sgt. Alan Johnson, 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintainer, applies a layer of advanced protective paint to aircraft panels at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 6, 2016. Johnson is a part of the 51st MXS corrosion control shop, commonly known as the "paint barn," where Airmen apply paint touchups to aircraft. (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** -- The bulk of the Air Force's aircraft fleet is several decades old, so preventive maintenance is very important to the mission. A simple wash down and paint touchup can prolong the life of a jet.

Aircraft structural maintenance Airmen from the 51st Maintenance Squadron perform these maintenance procedures in the corrosion control shop, also known as the "paint barn." They identify, remove and treat corrosion using mechanical and chemical procedures.

"Metals have a tendency to return to their natural state," said Tech. Sgt. Sameth Mao, 5st MXS NCO in charge of corrosion control. "Being outside in the elements and even time can accelerate the corrosion factor. It's a man-made object so it will always corrode."

Corrosion is a natural process that causes refined metals to convert to more stable elements and compounds such as oxygen and hydroxide. Prolonged exposure to air starts the process, so a sealed layer of advanced protective coating paint is required for proper prevention.

According to studies performed by Bio Water Synergistics, a company that specializes in aerospace wash equipment for the military, up to 80 percent of maintenance costs during an aircraft's life span can be attributed to corrosion, hence the importance of corrosion-control procedures.

Aircraft are washed down every 90 days to remove the dirt, grime and grease built up during flight that can hide any chips or gouges in the paint.

"The advanced protective coating is expected to last for 10 years," said Staff Sgt. Alan Johnson, aircraft structures maintainer. "Per the AFI, every 10 years the aircraft are repainted, but required touchups are often done in the meantime."

When aircraft go through phase, they are thoroughly inspected for scrapes and gouges in the paint coating which might require touchups after the maintenance is complete. If any are found, the aircraft is delivered to the corrosion shop for the required painting.

"After we figure out which areas of the aircraft we need to paint, we'll start masking, putting down tape and paper, off all the areas that cannot be painted," said Johnson. "Once all areas are masked, we sand the areas feathering and blending any chipped or nicked areas to provide a smooth surface so the finished product looks even. "After sanding is complete we wipe the areas to be painted to remove all dust and debris, and once the areas are clean we spray a light coat of primer," continued Johnson. "When the primer has dried we spray the top coat then let it dry."

Mao explained that from start to finish, it takes about five work days to completely sand, prime and paint an aircraft, then another 72 hours for the paint to properly dry or "cure." For the coating to dry properly the hanger must being kept between 60-90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Once all preventive maintenance procedures are completed the aircraft is deemed serviceable and returned to active status.

Corrosion control's aircraft structural maintainers extend the life of each aircraft system that they work on keeping Osan's aircraft presentable and mission ready to fight tonight.



Senior Airman Matthew Cook, 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintainer, mixes a container of advanced protective paint at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 6, 2016. The paint is used to touch up scratches and chips in existing coating and prevents corrosion from developing in the metal.

# CRIMSON SKY Airmen of steel



An aircraft structural maintenance specialist from the 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft sheet metal shop demonstrates drilling techniques at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 12, 2016. The shop's Airmen use metal, fiberglass and composites to repair or create replacement parts for Osan's aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Grimm)

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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- It takes a lot to keep over 10 tons of metal soaring through the air. Whether that aircraft is designed to be able to withstand a great deal of damage like the A-10 Thunderbolt II, or more geared toward high speed and maneuverability like the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the importance of maintaining structural integrity is the same for both--vital.

Aircraft structural maintenance specialists from the 51st Maintenance Squadron preserve the structural integrity of all operational aircraft on base. They man both the corrosion control shop and the sheet metal shop.

"We work on anything made out of metal," said Master Sgt. Andrew Manning, 51st MXS aircraft structural maintenance section chief. "Anything and everything that needs paint or is made out of metal, composites or fiberglass, we fix it."

Physical damage can be caused by many different things such as foreign object debris, wind shear, corrosion, weather, and metal fatigue, all of which can lead to loss of structural integrity and the aircraft being grounded.

"We work on many different aircraft and each brings its own unique challenges," said Manning. "An A-10 can still fly under certain restrictions, without repairs being made. Whereas with an F-16, if you have damage to one-thousandth of an inch and it has to be fixed before it can fly."

Manning explained that phase and scheduled inspections bring in the majority of the shop's work, 20 to 30 repairs a week. The number of repairs made can in-

crease exponentially when the fighter squadrons are "surging" or launching aircraft as quickly as possible.

"During surges our quick response vehicles are called out to the flightline to make minor repairs on aircraft, the average turn time is 10 to 15 minutes before they're good to go," said Manning. "Between our three shifts, we might end up answering 20 to 30 calls in a single 24-hour period."

The Airmen work around the clock repairing and fabricating aircraft parts using a variety of tools ranging from drills, hammers, saws and cutters to larger table-based saw, vices and alignment tools.

"Sometimes it's not just a square patch of metal you're repairing, you may get a circle or an 'L' shape," said Senior Airman Obrine Brewster, 51st MXS aircraft structural journeyman. "Everything is like an art project, you start with a blank piece of metal that has nothing on it and you build parts of an aircraft--from nothing to something that takes flight."

When called out to the phase docks the Airmen will inspect the metal components for any corrosion on the aircraft and make repairs on parts that couldn't be sent back to the shop.

"It's really cool to see how everything works to make the aircraft fly," said Airman 1st Class Ian Michaels, 51st MXS aircraft structural apprentice. "What we repair helps hold everything together and keep the aircraft in the air."

The sheet metal specialists work day and night either repairing damages or creating replacement parts for Osan's aircraft, ensuring that each is able to quickly rejoin the fight tonight.

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# **Exploring South Korea: Ice skating adventures**



The Lotte World Mall is filled with hundreds of stores and restaurants and includes an entire indoor theme park and ice rink for families to visit. Lotte World and Lotte World Mall is centrally located at Jamsil Station in Seoul. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High)

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

**SEOUL, Republic of Korea --** At this point in my tour, I'm pretty well versed with exploring and finding events. I like to pretend I'm an expert on navigating the sub-way lines and I even impress some of the local nationals with the new phrases I've learned. But there's still so much to discover in Korea!

It's been below 30 degrees on most days, so I decided to do none other than ice skating. But where was I going to go?

Sure, there's tons of outdoor ice rinks around but I wanted to go somewhere indoors with restaurants and potentially shopping afterward.

And like some magical fairytale, I learned of this amazing place called Lotte World.

When I first arrived, I was kind of shocked. Well, let me paint the picture.

You walk out of the Jamsil subway station and immediately you're in a shopping mall. Not just a regular shopping mall, not even a typically large, Korea-size shopping mall. I mean humongous, it makes Mall of America look like the Delaware of the U.S.

The signs to navigate were really easy to understand and they're all over the place. If by chance you do manage to get lost, there are tons of information booths with fluent guides to assist. From the train area, it's about a five-minute walk to the entrance, well that's if you're not distracted by all of the stores.

If you can manage to get through the gauntlet of sales, you'll suddenly see an abundance of giant vinyl cartoon characters smiling at you. Luckily they don't move so families with small children won't be as traumatized as I was growing up with the giant rodent who served pizza.

Getting past all of the signs and happy characters, you suddenly come to an opening that is none-the-less, the grand entrance to Lotte World; an entire indoor theme park with roller coasters, trains, restaurants, a kid-friendly zone and yes, ice skating.

Talk about the ultimate bang for your buck worthwhile site-seeing trip. The ice rink is massive, and extremely safety conscious. They provide helmets to

check out along with safety penguins (used to help balance you while you're skating). The center of the rink is blocked for only the professional skaters, who you can

catch conducting pirouettes or gliding in their speed skating suits. Okay, I may have exaggerated. It's not professionals, but those six-year old kids were pretty amazing. I think I fell about 15 times trying to go forward without holding on to the wall. But that's a story for another time.

The Lotte World Ice Rink is separate from the rest of the theme park but you can still enjoy the view from that level. There are makeshift hot air balloon rides that glide across the ceiling so it really does provide a great view from any direction.

Hopefully you can enjoy it as much as I did. It feels good to be a big kid for the day.



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Characters are located at the entrance of the Lotte World Adventure Theme Park, Feb. 2, 2016. The Lotte World Mall features hundreds on stores and restaurants and is centrally located at Jamsil Station in Seoul.

Location: Lotte World B3F (롯데월드)- 240 Olympic-ro, Songpa-gu Seoul (서울 특별시 송파구 올림픽로 240)

**Directions:** It's located in Seoul, approximately an hour and 45 minutes north of Osan AB. This is extremely easy to get to by bus or train.

Bus- (No transfers) Go to Songtan Bus Terminal. Purchase a ticket to Dong Seoul, you will not go all the way to Dong Seoul. You will need to get off at Jamsil Station. The bus ride is about an hour and 30 minutes and costs #4400 (about \$4). The bus will drop you off about one block away from the entrance. You'll pass by Lotte World and the mall right before it stops so pay attention to your surroundings.

Train- (You will be on three separate trains) Go to Songtan Train Station and take Line 1 (dark blue line) to Geumjeong. Transfer here to Line 4 (light blue line) and go to Sadang. Transfer here to Line 2 (green line) and go to Jamsil Station. Once here, you are already in the building. The ice rink is located near exit #4.

**Cost:** The entrance fee and rental to the ice rink is #16,000 (about \$13) however, they do offer a foreigner discount, so you only pay #11,000 (about \$9).

**Time:** Honestly there's so much to do here, you can spend a few hours or a whole day at your leisure.

Documentation required: None.

**Food:** There are dozens of restaurants to choose from including traditional Korean, American, Japanese, Italian and more.

Who it's for: Anyone in the family. There is a lot of walking, but there's plenty of seating as well.

Activity required: Simply walking. Unless you choose to go on the ice, then it involves balance.

What to travel with: You can travel light because you'll be close to home, and there are plenty of places to get food. Make sure to take your status of forces agreement and military ID card as well as a functioning cell phone. You can bring a camera take pictures, in fact I recommend bringing one. There are no photo restrictions.

There are lockers in the ice rink area if you do travel with anything or went shopping.

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

Author's Note: This is part of articles about recreational travel, dining and other cultural opportunities throughout South Korea. Each article will highlight a specific destination, attraction, event or restaurant within the authorized travelling distance for U.S. forces in S. Korea. The aim of this series is to encourage everyone to safely and enthusiastically explore their surroundings, develop an appreciation for the history, culture, and customs of their host nation, as well as showcase the diverse activities available to service members, and their families, near and far. Each article will conclude with an approximation of the money and time required for each location, as

well as directions (if transportation is not provided) and amount of physical activity required. Many opportunities to travel in groups are available through the base's Information, Tickets and Travel office as well as Outdoor Recreation.



(Above top) Tech. Sgt. Michael Fronk, 607th Air Intelligence Squadron, takes photos in the Lotte World Mall, Feb. 2, 2016. The mall features an abundance of attractions for all members of the family and is centrally located at Jamsil Station in Seoul.

(Bottom) A sign points toward the entrance of a theme park and ice rink in the Lotte World Mall, Feb. 2, 2016. The mall features hundreds on stores and restaurants and is centrally located at Jamsil Station in Seoul.