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U.S. Air Force maintainers from the 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Korea air force maintainers from the 19th Fighter Wing meet to shake hands during Buddy Wing 16-3 at Jungwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

Wolf Pack, ROKAF sharpen skills in Buddy Wing 16-3

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

JUNGWON AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots from the 80th Fighter Squadron at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, practiced combined flying operations alongside counterparts from the Republic of Korea air force's 19th Fighter Wing at Jungwon AB during Buddy Wing 16-3, March 28-31.

Buddy Wing training, held multiple times a year, polishes the ability of the ROK and U.S. pilots to train and operate as a combined force.

"These exercises certainly help you understand what the Koreans are bringing to the fight," said Maj. Nicholas Longo, 80th Fighter Squadron assistant di-

rector of operations. "We also look at the similarities and differences of tactics, strategies and technical subjects."

Buddy wing helps examine the similarities and bridges the gaps in understanding the differences between how things are done on both ends of the table.

"Even though our pilots have a lot of flying skills, I think it's important to highlight that our key to success is that we're continuing to maintain, develop and share every aspect of how we plan to defend the Republic of Korea," said Lt. Col. Bokman Jung, 162nd Fighter Squadron commander, Jungwon Air Base, Republic of Korea. "It helps us consolidate our plans so we're both going in the same direction in the end."

This iteration of Buddy Wing training included two air combat maneuvering

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Minnesota Air National Guard 148th FW prepares for Osan deployment

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs
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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Approximately 300 Airmen and 12 F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 148th Fighter Wing at Duluth Air National Guard Base, Minn., are set to deploy mid-April to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, as the 179th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron in support of the U.S. Pacific Command Theater Security Package.

The U.S. Air Force routinely deploys fighter aircraft to the region to provide U.S. PACOM and Pacific Air Forces with Theater Security Packages, which help maintain a deterrent against threats to regional security and stability.

Movement of U.S. Air Force TSPs into the region has been a routine and integral part of U.S. Pacific Command's force posture since March 2004.

These theater security packages demonstrate the continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region

Mustangs' vehicle maintainers keep 60K afoot

By Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Sergio McLaughlin, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron sorting generating and aircraft sustaining vehicle maintainer, checks turn signals for serviceability on a Tunner 60K loader at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. The loader can transport six pallets of cargo for loading on commercial and military cargo aircraft.



(Above) Senior Airman Jonathan Rowley, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron sorting generating and aircraft sustaining vehicle maintainer, checks oil on a Tunner 60K loader at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. The loader can transport six pallets of cargo for loading on commercial and military cargo aircraft. (Right) Prepares to conduct a limited technical inspection on Tunner 60K loader at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. The inspection consisted of operational function checks on the mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems.



Staff Sgt. Sergio McLaughlin, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron sorting generating and aircraft sustaining vehicle maintainer, checks turn signals for serviceability on a Tunner 60K loader at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. The loader can transport six pallets of cargo for loading on commercial and military cargo aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

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exercises, eight air interdiction exercises, 11 strike coordination and reconnaissance exercises and 14 defensive counterair exercises.

“We always talk about fitting our host nation partners into our game plan, but they’re also fitting us into their game plan,” Longo said. “Because for us to be able to fight alongside them, we have to understand how we fit into the big picture with them.”

The 80th FS pilots were also able to communicate differences in verbiage and build on coordination techniques they use with their ROKAF counterparts and ground forces.

“Even with a slight language barrier, our pilots are ready to fight tonight,” Jung said. “On the ROKAF side, the pilots are still developing their English speaking skills. I cannot guarantee that there is no barrier between the ROK

and US, but we are narrowing down those gaps. It’s narrow enough to be able to perform combined missions.”

Getting to know ROKAF pilots on a personal level was also instrumental to enhancing communication and the understanding of each other’s culture.

“Almost everything we worked on stemmed from the focal point of communication,” Longo said. “If there was a breakdown there, then we had a hard time moving forward. However, as the week progressed, we’ve started to see the communication gap narrow as we get on the same page.”

Not only did the Buddy Wing training strengthen relationships, but it also enabled U.S. and ROKAF pilots to further solidify their skills in air combat.

“We really appreciate the patience, friendship and devotion to the mission that the U.S. pilots bring to the table,” Jung said. “We are the edge of the sword, so we have to always prepare to fight with the enemy. Through our combined Buddy Wing training, we have opportunities to sharpen that sword.”



An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 80th Fighter Squadron takes off during Buddy Wing 16-3 at Jungwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. Buddy Wing training, held multiple times a year, polishes the ability of the Republic of Korea and U.S. pilots to train and operate as a combined force.



Republic of Korea air force Airman 1st Class Chang Kyu Park and Staff Sgt. Heon Kyun Jeon, both from the 19th Fighter Wing, carry aircraft equipment during Buddy Wing 16-3 at Jungwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016.



Airmen from the 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit and pilots from the 80th Fighter Squadron greet one another before a post-flight inspection during Buddy Wing 16-3 at Jungwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

Osan Green Belt: combating shoddy processes

By Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Nine members from Team Osan attended Green Belt training to learn continuous process improvement techniques from March 22-25, here.

Green Belt training provides Air Force members with skills on strategic planning, continuous process improvement (CPI) principles and tools and practical problem solving.

"CPI is essentially monitoring processes and eliminating waste," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Gralewski, 51st Force Support Squadron superintendent of manpower and organization. "When we look at the processes and eliminate waste we come up with more time for our people and more time to efficiently complete our mission."

Gralewski, the instructor for Osan's Green Belt training, focused on CPI tech-

niques like Lean Process, six sigma and the eight step problem solving.

"CPI is more about a conglomeration of small wins," said Gralewski. "Every minute and every dime you save by improving processes can be reinvested back into our combat capabilities."

The training allowed students to take back CPI tools to their units to streamline their own processes.

"One of the things I'm going to take back is the brain storming phase of identifying the problem," said Capt. Jin Lee, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron installation management flight commander. "It is the most important step of all. If you don't know what the problem is you're wasting your time."

Even though individuals are here for a short tour, a 12-month period, they may be able to identify smaller problems that could change culture or how Osan operates in the end," he continued.

For members who are interested in future Green Belt training opportunities, contact Senior Master Sgt. Gralewski at 784-4332.



Senior Master Sgt. Michael Gralewski, 51st Force Support Squadron superintendent of manpower and organization, teaches Green Belt training to members from Team Osan March 24, 2015 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Green Belt training provides Air Force member with skills on strategic planning, continuous process improvement (CPI) principles and tools and practical problem solving. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

MWDs train to keep paws on the ground

By Senior Airman Ashley Gardner
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



(Left) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Aaron Reason, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, stands his ground as Nex, a military working dog attacks him at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Mar. 25, 2016. Kunsan has a variety of MWDs that are trained to attack, find narcotics and find different types of explosives.

(Right) U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Eric Sweat and Staff Sgt. Aaron Reason, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handlers, run through a training scenario with Nex, a military working dog, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Mar. 25, 2016.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Aaron Reason, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, unleashes Oovey, his working dog in preparation for running the obstacle course at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Mar. 25, 2016. Kunsan has a total of 21 military working dogs here in the kennel.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Aaron Reason, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler watches Oovey, his assigned MWD, as he goes through an obstacle at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Mar. 25, 2016. At Kunsan, handlers are only afforded about 10-11 months with MWDs due to in and out processing so dogs go through handlers regularly. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Ashley L. Gardner)

CMSgt Del Valle wraps up Team Osan immersion



Master Sgt. Bryan Greene, 51st Operations Support Squadron deputy airfield manager, speaks with Chief Master Sgt. Alexander del Valle, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, during the chief's immersion tour with the 51st Operations Group on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2016. The immersion provided an opportunity for Team Osan members to speak directly to the chief about accomplishments and limitations. "Our overall goal is to make Osan better with a stronger mission," said Del Valle. (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 -- Since his arrival at Osan in late February, Chief Master Sgt. Alexander del Valle, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, has been introduced to the various groups and tenant units across the base.

The Airmen provided Del Valle with insight about their respective units and also highlighted individual accomplishments.

"The Osan family is a tight-knit group of people," said Del Valle. "I've seen a lot of tremendous work in my short time here."

Through immersions with the groups, he is able to gain a deeper understanding of the employment of the Airmen across the base.

"It's important for me to know [the units] to help make strategic decisions and get the resources needed to accomplish the missions here," Del Valle said. "As I continue to move forward, I'll continue to look toward the successes of our Airmen so we can praise them and also look for the shortfalls so we can fix them.

"The overall goal is to make Osan better with a stronger mission," he continued.

Del Valle recently served as the Senior Enlisted Leader, Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air and Command Chief Master Sergeant, stationed at the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, Forward Operated Base Oqab, Kabul, Afghanistan.

He is joined here by his wife, Caroline, and son, Gregory.



Chief Master Sgt. Alexander del Valle, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, speaks with Senior Master Sgt. Jason Trickey, 51st Operations Support Squadron superintendent, during the chief's immersion tour with the 51st Operations Group on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2016. The immersion tour consisted of unit visits around the base since Del Valle's arrival in late February.



Airman 1st Class Jon Yulan, 51st Operations Support Squadron administration support technician, greets Chief Master Sgt. Alexander del Valle, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, during the chief's immersion tour with the 51st Operations Group on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2016. The immersion tour allowed Del Valle to get a deeper understanding of the employment of the Airmen across the base.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

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

Catholic Mass

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

General Services

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

Point of Contact:
 Kunsan Chapel, 782-4300

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OSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

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

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Earth-Based
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Jewish
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LDS
Contact the Chapel
Muslim
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 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 9 a.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
 K-16 Chapel

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

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

Pentecostal
 Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
Latter Day Saints (LDS)
 Sunday, 4 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Seventh-Day Adventist
 Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

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

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

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Catholic Mass

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

General Service

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

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



Spiritual Charge

Waiting...



By Ch, Major Rolf Holmquist
 51st Fighter Wing Chapel

The weather here on the ROK has warmed up and like so many other people, I am ready for spring. In fact, I was ready about two months ago! I was tired of waiting and now it has arrived. Spring is so refreshing and crisp that the feeling in the air energizes me for the day. This feeling takes me back to the day I

was headed off to basic training. Ahhh the beginnings of what would be an everlasting lesson of hurry up and wait. Who came up with that idea? The military thrives on hurry up and wait. In basic training, you get up early so you can stand in line for breakfast. Then you do the same thing for lunch, then for dinner and then you ‘groundhog’ the day all over again the next day. Sounds familiar doesn’t it? This is what happens at deployments and it can even happen at Osan AB. We wait for our meals, wait to use the washer and dryer, wait to get a haircut and on and on.

I was reading this week in Isaiah 30:18 that says, “Blessed are those who wait for him.” Waiting is a blessing? Hmm, didn’t we just decide, or at least I did, that waiting is not fun and we rarely invite this practice in our lives? However, scripture says, “Blessed are those who wait for him – (God).” Blessed means to bring pleasure and happiness to something or someone and in this scripture that contentment is toward those who wait on God. God tells us that the waiting is worth it when we wait for him. We will not be disappointed. We can find contentment in the waiting if we wait on him. While we are waiting on God, God waits on us. 2 Peter 3:9 states:

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Therefore, waiting has at least two important purposes in our lives. Waiting can produce contentment and hope, if we persevere. Romans 5:3 reminds

us suffering, which can be a byproduct of waiting, produces perseverance; perseverance, character, and character, hope. For this reason, the next time you are in one of those long lines waiting on something. Even waiting to go back home, think about this, you could be producing contentment and hope in your life while you wait in line, halleluia!



Wolf Pack Airmen honor Women's History Month

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members of a Women's History Month panel discussed their personal experiences at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2016. The National Women's History Month theme for 2016 honors women who have shaped America's history and its future through their public service and government leadership.

The panel was open to Airmen and civilians all over the wing as part of Women's History Month to inspire women working in the military and around the world.



(Above) Ms. NJ Kim, Kunsan Bank of America manager, gives a speech during a Women's History Month panel at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2016. The purpose of the event was to give Airmen the opportunity to meet and hear stories of women in the military around the world. (Right) Senior Master Sgt. Theresa Grolla, 8th Comptroller Squadron superintendent, gives a speech during a Women's History Month panel at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2016. Grolla volunteered to speak at the panel with six other women from around the wing and around the world.



Members of a Women's History Month panel discuss their personal experiences at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2016. The National Women's History Month theme for 2016 honors women who have shaped America's history and its future through their public service and government leadership. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson)

Airmen engage at Women's History Month events



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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- To celebrate Women's History Month, the 51st Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity office organized events for Osan Airmen to recognize female service members past and present March 18-31 here.

The month's events included a volleyball game, career day and will conclude with an empowerment program hosted by Women Inspiring the Next Generations (W.I.N.G.S.) and Mentoring, Inspiring, Supporting, Teaching through Empowerment and Rapport (M.I.S.T.E.R.).

"What makes this month great is everyone participates together, whether it be a volleyball game or a discussion, and has fun with it," said Tech. Sgt. Alejandra Chavez, 51st Fighter Wing NCO in charge of equal opportunity. "Everyone matters in the Air Force and it's great to show that."

In 1987, Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month. Since then, the Air Force has recognized the women choosing to serve this month from the female Airman Basic arriving at their first duty station to four-star generals.

"I think there are no bounds and no limits that leaders that happen to be women will have in the future," said Gen. Lori Robinson, Pacific Air Forces commander.

General Robinson was recently nominated to be the first female U.S. Northern Command combatant commander, the top general overseeing activities in North America.

Female leaders from multiple units highlighted their career fields during the event, including the Office of Special Investigations, dental clinic, security forces and air traffic control.

"It's great to showcase OSI to others and tell them about what we do," said Lizette Camacho, 51st Fighter Wing OSI special agent.

According to Camacho, OSI has several females in her unit including her commander and director of operations.

"Field agents and branch superintendents all have females with leading roles," said Camacho. "It shows women are able to do and lead in this job."

To close the month's events, the empowerment program is slated for March 31 at the base Enlisted Club from 3-4:30 pm.

For more information on Women's History Month or for an observance request, call the Equal Opportunity office at 784-4848.

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(Top) Attendees speak with Maj. Wendi Sazama, 51st Fighter Wing deputy staff judge advocate, about the base legal office during a career day for Women's History Month at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2016. The 51st Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity office hosted events throughout the month to include volleyball games, a career day and an Empowerment Program.

(Middle) Lizette Camacho, 51st Fighter Wing Office of Special Investigations special agent, explains the roles and responsibilities of OSI to Tech. Sgt. Raul Chavez, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron NCO in charge of electrical power production, during a career day for Women's History Month at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2016. Camacho and other female leaders from multiple units highlighted their career fields during the career day.

(Bottom) A poster rests on display during a career day for Women's History Month at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2016. The 51st Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity office hosted events throughout the month to include volleyball games, a career day and an Empowerment Program. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman)

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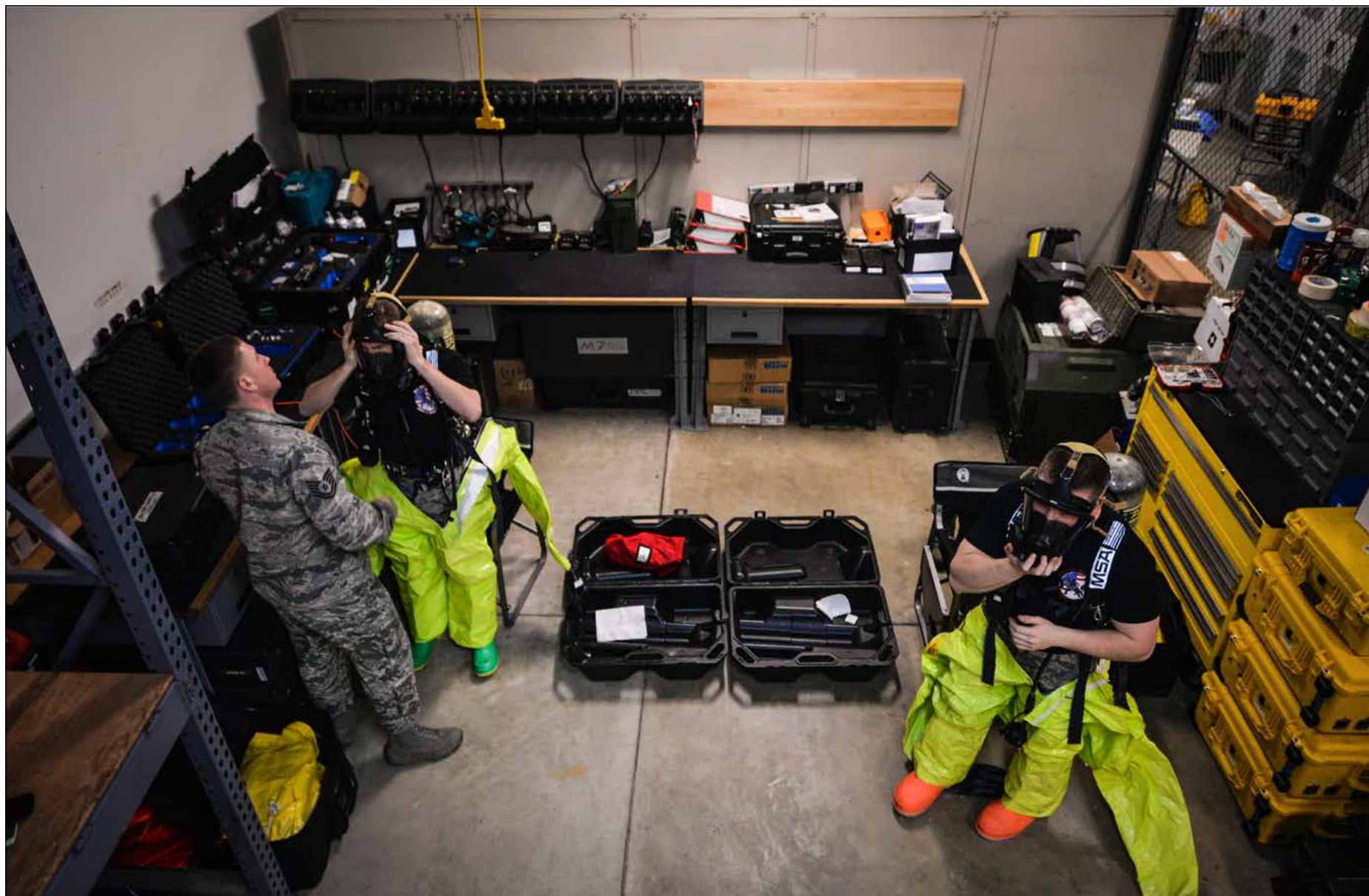
Maj. Wendi Sazama, 51st Fighter Wing deputy judge advocate, speaks to an audience on her experiences as a female military leader during the Women's History Month Empowerment Program April 1, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Sazama spoke on leading during a deployment as a Judge Advocate in Iraq and her service as an enlisted member in the Army National Guard.

An audience gives a round of applause to Korean performers during the Women's History Month Empowerment Program April 1, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.



Korean performers play a traditional song with gayageums during the Women's History Month Empowerment Program April 1, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The gayageum is a 12-string instrument rich in Korean history, dating back to the 6th century. Women Inspiring the Next Generations and Mentoring, Inspiring, Supporting, Teaching through Empowerment and Rapport, organized the program to highlight women who have made a difference in military history. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

Emergency management maintains contingency, natural disaster readiness



Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Management Flight don hazardous material suits to test chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear and explosive equipment Feb. 5, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The flight equips and trains Osan Airmen to ensure the base's ability to respond to CBRNE incidents. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

By Senior Airman Dillian Bamman
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- From the inspection of unidentified chemicals to the response of contingencies and natural disasters, one flight holds the responsibility of ensuring Osan's safety and response to these scenarios.

The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management flight equips and trains Osan Airmen to ensure each are able to respond to these situations.

"The main focus of emergency management is to save lives, promote overall preparedness and minimize the degradation of Air Force assets," said Airman 1st Class Justin Eason, 51st CES emergency management logistics.

Due to the high risk of contingencies and natural disasters, emergency response can mean saving 51 million lives on the Korean Peninsula.

"There's no timeline when a disaster, whether manmade or natural, can strike," said Airman 1st Class Benjamin Thompson, 51st CES emergency management flight trainer. "We provide training and education to the base populace on how to properly respond and make it through these situations."

The flight provides Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear and Explosive awareness, which includes CBRNE mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, recovery procedures and threats, as well as shelter management for collective protection systems, a group protection area for CBRNE incidents.

"It's important to have our career field overall because it promotes installation readiness, whether you're a civilian or a service member," Thompson added.

Not only does the flight train Osan Airmen, they also prepare Republic of Korea air force members to respond to CBRNE incidents. Thompson explained working with the ROKAF improves the flight's ability to respond and mitigate CBRNE incidents.

In addition to providing the means to protect Osan, the EM team has a major role in ensuring essential aircraft like the F-16 Fighting Falcon are ready for takeoff during contamination.

"We are an important factor when it comes to getting jets off the ground," said Eason. "For example, if an F-16 is contaminated, we work with the maintenance group to prepare that aircraft for takeoff as soon as possible."

According to Thompson, even though emergency management can be a difficult career, he finds solace in providing others a means to protect themselves.

"My favorite part about my job is training the dependents," said Thompson. "Working with Korean nationals and Airmen's families to ensure they can protect themselves gives me a lot of pride in my work."

Osan's "Fight Tonight" mission is made possible with the response assets these EM Airmen provide to protect the base and local community.



Airman 1st Class Justin Eason, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Management Flight logistics technician, and A1C Benjamin Thompson, 51st CES EM Flight trainer, use chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear and explosive equipment to test simulated unknown substances Feb. 5, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Emergency Management Flight trains Osan members on CBRNE recovery procedures and shelter management for collective protection systems on-base.

Osan children “egg”cited for Easter

Osan Youth Programs hosted the annual Easter egg hunt for Osan families March 26, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. More than 400 children competed in the search for Easter eggs filled with candy.



(Left) A child hugs the Easter Bunny during the annual Easter egg hunt March 26, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Children participated in inflatable rides, bag races and cotton candy during the day's events. (Right) Children search for Easter eggs during the annual Easter egg hunt March 26, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.



Parents and children standby for the annual Easter egg hunt March 26, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Children partook in inflatable rides, bag races and cotton candy during the day's events. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

Osan holds first sergeants symposium

By Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The first sergeant symposium was held here to prepare technical and master sergeants for first sergeant duties from March 29 to April 1.

Even though the first sergeant wears the diamond in their rank, these trained NCOs and senior NCOs take their place during emergencies or leave.

“The first sergeant symposium is designed to give the basics to experienced technical sergeants and master sergeants that are interested in becoming a first sergeant or filling in when short,” said Senior Master Sgt. John Reiland, 51st Logistic Readiness Squadron first sergeant.

The four-day symposium held biannually, provided perspective and knowledge of first sergeant responsibilities to include counseling, administrative reprimands and death notifications.

“This gives them a little better understanding of what a first sergeant does and can better help them on their own without the assistance of the first sergeant,” said Reiland.

To become a first sergeant master sergeants go through six weeks of training and the symposium provides an overview of the special duty training.

Reiland explained what the duties a first sergeant entail, including wanting to help people and help the Air Force.

“The symposium hopefully inspires a few to go talk to their leadership to get developmental special duty and end up becoming a first sergeant,” said Reiland.

Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander, gave closing remarks for the symposium highlighting the importance of how a first sergeant helps sustain the force.

“There is no job, whether it’s an additional duty or a diamond-wearing first sergeant, that has as much direct impact on Airmen,” said Hansen.

For more information about first sergeant symposium contact your first sergeant.



Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Newsom, 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, briefs about death notifications at the first sergeant symposium at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2016. The four-day symposium provided perspective and knowledge of first sergeant responsibilities like counseling, administrative reprimands and death notifications. (U.S. Air force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY Osan City's English Program for Middle School Students

As part of the Good Neighbor Program, 7th Air Force Public Affairs has been supporting the conversational English program organized by the Osan City Mayor for middle school children in Osan city. We are in need of American volunteers who will assist/teach conversational English to the students for the 2016 first semester. The program occurs every Monday from 4 April to 18 July 2016 .

Transportation is provided; two mini buses departs from Checkertails at 2:40 p.m. and returns to Checkertails at approximately 5:40 p.m. each Monday.

Spouses are welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in please contact Mr. Pak, To Yong via email to_yong.pak.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4709.

Claims Announcement

Lt. Col. Jason I. Humble, U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Republic of Korea has been appointed as the Summary Court Officer for the estate of Tech. Sgt. James Z. Johnson, deceased. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to present them to the Summary Court Officer within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Humble can be contacted at jason.humble@us.af.mil



Holiday Observances & Closure



ROK PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION DAY: 13 April, 2016 has been designated by the Republic of Korea Government as a temporary public holiday. In accordance with paragraph 6-4g of the USFK Regulation 690-1, USFK Korean National employees will be excused from work on 13 April, 2016 without charge to leave or loss of pay for the number of hours for which they are normally scheduled. USFK Korean employees required to work on this day will be paid holiday premium, and an alternate day off will NOT be authorized.

Questions about the holiday should be directed to Ms. Kim or Mr. Kim of the Civilian Personnel Office at 784-4434/8177. (51 FSS/FSMCE)

Hot Work Safety

Any type of hot work operation is required to have a permit issued by OSAN AB Fire Department. Also, AF Form 592, Checklist for Operations, is available in English/Korean version at Osan AB Fire Department.

When cutting or welding outside a designated area, conduct the work in a safe location free of combustible materials if possible. If the work cannot be moved, clear flammable materials and rubbish from the area for about a 35' radius. If these precautions are not feasible, shield or cover such materials with fire resistive materials to protect them for combustion. Holes in the floor and walls must be covered to prevent sparks from falling through unnoticed onto people or combustible materials below.

Maintain a fire watch when doing this kind of work and have a charged fire extinguisher readily available. Depending on the job, more than one fire watch may be needed on the other side of a wall or floor that a pipe passes through, to control potential ignition from sparks or conduction. Check the area for 30 minutes to 1 hour after stopping work for the day to make sure no smoldering materials exist. Most welding fires break out long after the operation has ceased, as they are caused by unnoticed sparks which travel long distances before lodging in combustible materials.

Do not cut or weld any closed vessel that has contained or is suspected to have contained flammable or toxic materials until it has been tested, thoroughly cleaned, purged and vented. Traces of the material may still be in the vessel and result in a fire or explosion, or create a toxic exposure.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835 or 784-4710. Have a fire safe day.

Songtan Bus Terminal Time Table

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| Nambu Terminal | 장지 가락 잠실 | SeongNam W3400 | Incheon Airport W11200 | Incheon W6200 | (등두천) UiJeongBu W8000 | | | | | |
| 06:10 | Dong Seoul W4400 | | 04:45 | 06:30 | | | | | | |
| 06:30 | JangJi | 06:40 | 05:05 | 07:50 via Cheongbuk | 07:45 | | | | | |
| 06:50 | GaRak JamSil | 07:30 via Dongtan | 05:25 / 05:40 | 08:30 | 09:45 via Guchon | | | | | |
| 07:05 | 06:20 via Dongtan | 08:20 | 05:55 | 10:10 | 12:05 | | | | | |
| 07:20 | 06:35 | 09:00 | 06:25 | 10:50 | 15:55 | | | | | |
| 07:30 | 06:55 via Dongtan | 09:50 | 06:55 | 11:30 via Cheongbuk | 17:05 | | | | | |
| 07:45 | 07:15 via Dongtan | 10:40 | 07:25 | 13:40 | 20:05 via Guchon | | | | | |
| 08:00 | 07:45 | 11:30 via Dongtan | 08:05 | 15:30 | | | | | | |
| 08:20 | 08:25 | 12:20 | 08:45 | 16:00 via Cheongbuk | | | | | | |
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| 09:10 | 10:05 | 15:00 | 11:05 | 21:40 | GangNeung W14800 | | | | | |
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| 10:15 | 11:35 | 17:20 | 13:35 / 13:55 | | DongTan W2100 | | | | | |
| 10:30 | 12:05 | 18:00 | 14:15 | | 06:20 via Dong-Seoul | | | | | |
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| 10:55 | 13:05 | 19:20 | 16:05 | | 07:15 via Dong-Seoul | | | | | |
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Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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| Ar. 121st GH | | | | | | | 1435 | | | | | | |
| Lv. Osan AB | 0650 | 0810 | 0940 | 1119 | 1210 | 1410 | 1540 | 1740 | 1830 | x | 2010 | 2240 | |
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| 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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| Ar. Humph | 0850 | 0950 | 1050 | 1150 | 1250 | x | 1450 | 1550 | x | 1750 | x | 1950 | 2120 |

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

* 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

LRS fallen honored during ceremony



(Left) Smoke and flames billow from a 40,000-gallon fuel tank after an explosion at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 5, 1986. Thirty years after the explosion, the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron performed a ceremony to honor the 16 individuals who lost their lives. (Right) Lt. Col. Timothy Foster, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, speaks during the 30th anniversary fuel tank explosion ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 5, 2016. The 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron performed the ceremony to honor the 16 service members who passed away. According to Foster, this incident marked the turn for extensive safety changes for the fuels career field across the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

By Senior Airman Dillian Bamman
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants Flight performed a ceremony for the 30th anniversary of the 1986 fuel tank explosion April 5, here.

On April 5, 1986, a 40,000-gallon fuel tank burst into flames during routine refueling, which resulted in the death of an Osan Airman and 15 Korean nationals.

"I believe we gather here every year because it makes us feel closer to these men," said Lt. Col. Timothy Foster, 51st LRS commander. "It allows us the opportunity to focus on what we do, how dangerous it is, and recognize the individuals who lost their lives that day."

Airmen from the fuels flight gathered in formation, with each Airman signifying one of the lives lost during the incident 30 years ago.

"I resembled Choi, Mal Sun, one of the Korean contractors laying sod that day," said Senior Airman Aaron Nevarez, 51st LRS fuels fixed facility technician. "He was just out there doing his job."

"I didn't hear of this until I came to Osan, but knowing what I know now brings me closer to my POL brethren, past and present," he added.

To prevent further instances like this, the Air Force revamped the regulations on POL duties.

"What happened that day set forth changes and regulations that we follow daily," said Master Sgt. Donald Scott, 51st LRS Fuels Operations section chief. "That's why we are not on the fuel tanks while receiving fuel to ensure our Airmen are safe."

As the ceremony concluded at 1:12 p.m., the estimated time the explosion occurred, everyone in attendance had a moment of silence to honor the fallen individuals.

Commander's resiliency day motivates Mustangs

By Senior Airman Kristin High
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 51st Fighter Wing participated in a Resiliency Day here, April 4. Throughout the day, units trained on suicide prevention, teamwork and maintaining the "Fight Tonight" readiness posture here.

Resiliency day consists of individual unit training, small group discussions and fitness activities while providing an opportunity to focus and build comradery.

The day's events concluded with an all-call led by Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander, who spoke about the wing's new focus areas: leadership, fitness and community. He was joined for remarks from Chief Master Sgt. Alexander del Valle, 51FW command chief.

Hansen spoke of the opportunities afforded to the Airmen across the peninsula, which allow for care of military families, and provide advantages in leadership opportunities through professional development and community involvement.

"These resiliency days allow us to take time from our hard work to decompress and rejuvenate and concentrate on training we can continue to support the mission," said Hansen.

He continued with the importance of promoting and nurturing an environment of mutual respect, which coincides with Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, Green Dot and the newest Team Osan initiative, Step Up, Step In.

"I don't want this to be another bumper sticker initiative," said Hansen. "Team Osan knows the importance of caring for each other and we want to shift the culture and thinking to reduce all forms of violence and other negative behaviors."

"In the long run, I believe there will be fewer negative events and we'll gain lasting and meaningful results from our accomplishments," he continued.

He took time to highlight the abundance of higher headquarter recognition the Mustangs have received including more than 40 Pacific Air Forces-level awards and three Air Force-level awards.

Hansen concluded the all-call by mentioning upcoming events and encouraging 51FW participation.

51st FIGHTER WING, OSAN AB, ROK



Vision: Ready Mustangs Leading at All Levels of the Community

| MISSION | PRIORITIES |
|--|--|
| DEFEND the Base EXECUTE Contingency Ops SUSTAIN the Force | -Be Ready to Fight Tonight -Maximize the Combat Capability of ROK's Airpower Team -Strengthen the US-ROK Alliance -Care for Our Airmen and Their Families |

Focus Areas: Leadership --- Fitness --- Community



Mission First, People Always... Leading the Charge!

Kunsan launches AFAF campaign

By Senior Airman Dustin King
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Wolf Pack launched its Air Force Assistance Fund campaign here March 22 and will continue through April 29. The legacy theme for the campaign is “For the Airmen, By the Airmen.”

The AFAF is an annual Air Force fundraising campaign that supports the four official Air Force charitable organizations. These organizations provide to support Air Force members and their families in need.

“When we get the chance to give back, whether it is through the Combined Federal Campaign or the Air Force Assistance Fund, I think that it is a vital part of the whole person concept,” said Col. Jeremy “Wolf” Sloane, 8th Fighter Wing commander. “Giving back doesn’t always mean money. Your time and everyday acts of kindness are also very worthy things to give back to your fellow Airmen.”

Donating to AFAF can be accomplished in two different ways.

“Airmen can help by giving money either through a one-time cash donation or a monthly paycheck deduction,” said 1st Lt. Yvonne May, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels flight commander. “Also, Airmen can volunteer to help organize a fundraiser with their group or squadron AFAF representatives, or if they have ben-

efitted from any of the four AFAF charities and would be willing to share their personal story we would appreciate hearing from them.”

Group, squadron and/or flight representatives will work in coordination to make sure all work centers and personnel are contacted and their donations collected.

“Our goals for the campaign are to make 100% contact with each Wolf Pack member and to reach our basewide contribution goal of \$48,606,” said May.

The four AFAF charities are:

-The Air Force Village. The Air Force Village was established in 1970, and is a retirement community for Air Force officers’ spouses who need financial assistance. Surviving spouses are provided with a secure and comfortable environment to live.

- The Air Force Aid Society. The Air Force Aid Society offers interest-free loans to service members when living and emergency expenses become overwhelming.

-The Air Force Enlisted Village. The Air Force Enlisted Village has served as a haven for more than 1,500 surviving spouses since 1975. The organization provides housing to surviving spouses of enlisted members who died while on active duty.

-The LeMay Foundation. The LeMay Foundation helps widows of all Air Force retirees--both officer and enlisted--by granting financial assistance.

Payroll deductions for active duty members will automatically start June 1 and will start July 1 for retirees. Contact your unit POC for any questions or further information.



Col. Jeremy “Wolf” Sloane, 8th Fighter Wing commander, presents his signed Air Force Assistance Fund donation form to 1st Lt. Yvonne May, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels flight commander and Master Sgt. Alonzo Johnson, 8th Medical Support Squadron TRICARE operations patient administrations flight chief, on March 23, 2016. The AFAF campaign, which helps Airmen and families in their times of greatest need, officially kicked off on March 22 at Kunsan and concludes on April 29. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dustin King)



Enjoy Spring Blossom Roads in Seoul



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Going to the mountains are undoubtedly one of the best places to enjoy spring outdoors, but it is not necessary to travel far out to feel the scent of spring. A city filled with skyscrapers and cutting edge technology; there are several places in Seoul where you can enjoy a leisure walk under the beautiful canopies of spring bloom. Read on more to find out the best places to view cherry blossoms in Seoul this spring!

Seoul Forest



▶ Cherry blossoms aligned parallel with the walking trails (Photo courtesy of Seoul Metropolitan)

Recognized as one of Seoul's premium city-park, a magnificent sight of giant cherry blossom trees can be found at Seoul Forest. Visitors to the park may enjoy a break with a walk or picnic under the gently fluttering cherry blossoms. Also, do not miss out the vibrant flowers of the Gallery Garden and the beauty of the Butterfly Garden located beside Insect Garden. In addition, there is a deer feeding experience corner where visitors may participate in.

- Address: 273, Ttukseom-ro, Seongdong-gu, Seoul
 - Directions: Seoul Forest (Bundang Line), and Exit 3. Walk for about 300m.
 - Website: <http://parks.seoul.go.kr> (Korean only)
- Children's Grand Park

Children's Grand Park



▶ Sitting on a mat on the grass, enjoying spring (Photo courtesy of Children's Grand Park)

The giant cherry blossom trees are not only considered to one of the most vibrant and colorful sections of the park, there is also a zoo and botanical garden found within the park that are also great for visitors or all ages to enjoy the spring atmosphere. Sale of snacks can be found in almost every other corner for visitors who are hungry while exploring the extensive park. For those who are yearning for more fulfilling portions of food, full meals are also available at cafeterias.

- Address: 216, Neungdong-ro, Gwangjin-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Children's Grand Park Station (Seoul Subway Line 7), and Exit 1.
- Operating hours: 05:00-22:00
- Website: www.sisul.or.kr (Korean, English)

Seokchonhosu Lake



Every spring, the lake is boasts a splendid view of cherry blossoms and about 300,000 wild flowers that bloom altogether during spring. In particular, Lotte World sitting in the middle of Seokchonhosu Lake creates a fairy tale-alike picture. Regardless of the time, there are always numerous people seen enjoying a light walk or exercise along the Dulle-gil. The annual Seokchon Lake Cherry Blossom Festival is also held here, with a various events and programs offered to all visitors to enjoy.

- Address: 180, Jamsil-ro, Songpa-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Jamsil Station (Seoul Subway Line 2, 8) and Exit 2 or 3. Walk for about 300m.

► **Magnificent view of cherry blossoms surrounding the lake (Photo courtesy of Songpa-gu Office)**

Tongin Market Cherry Blossom Road



► **Enjoy a cherry blossom road that can be found just nearby Tongin Market**

Known for using yeopjeon (brass coins) to purchase dosirak (lunch box) at Tongin Market, the street from the entrance of the market, following Pirundae-ro road, is filled with white canopies of cherry blossoms on both sides, forming an impressive cherry blossom road.

Along with the Tongin Market Cherry Blossom Road, a diversity of galleries can be found. It is highly recommended to take a slow walk while enjoying the beauty of cherry blossom and bask in the spring sunshine simultaneously. Above all, the annual spring festival offering a wide assortment of activities to all visitors will also be conducted here.

- Address: 18, Jahamun-ro 15-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Directions: Gyeongbokgung Station (Seoul Subway Line 3) and Exit 2. Walk for about 600m.

Haneul Park in World Cup Park

Haneul Park (Sky Park), located within the World Cup Park, stands at the highest elevation among the other parks. Once a landfill site, it was transformed into a green hill and boasts as one of the best walking trails and outdoor venues among local residents. Colonies of forsythia can be found along both sides of the trekking paths for visitors biking or walking to enjoy the scent of spring. As this was a restoration project to preserve the ecological environment, almost no man-made facilities can be found. Henceforth, it is best advised to prepare a few drinks and snacks in advance before visiting.

- Address: 95, Haneulgongwon-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul
- Directions: World Cup Stadium Station (Seoul Subway Line 6) and Exit 1. Walk for about 1km.
- Website: <http://worldcuppark.seoul.go.kr> (Korean only)

Colonies of forsythia at Haneul Park (Photo courtesy of World Cup Park) ►

Haneul Park in World Cup Park



Seoul National Cemetery



- Address: 95, Haneulgongwon-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul
- Directions: World Cup Stadium Station (Seoul Subway Line 6) and Exit 1. Walk for about 1km.
- Website: <http://worldcuppark.seoul.go.kr> (Korean only)



► **Various attractive spring flowers (Photo courtesy of Seoul National Cemetery)**

The cherry blossoms cultivated at the Seoul National Cemetery offer a different feel than the usual ones seen in most parks. Like a willow tree, the branches hung towards the ground as it grows. As such, the cherry blossoms leaves are also seen hanging down that resembles that of a flowing waterfall. Though known for its cherry blossom, forsythia, fringe trees and other plant species also make beautiful sights for a leisurely walk around the Seoul National Cemetery. Moreover, the annual ‘Seoul National Cemetery Event with Weeping Cherry Blossoms’ is held every April with varied sightseeing activities to enjoy the weeping cherry blossoms fully.

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