

Crimson Sky



A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft perform an 'Elephant Walk' on the runway this week during Exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Elephant Walk was a demonstration of U.S. Air Force capabilities and strength and showcases the wing's ability to generate combat airpower in an expedient manner in order to respond to simulated contingency operations. The A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft are from the 25th Fighter Squadron "Draggins" and the F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft are from the 36th Fighter Squadron "Fiends" of the 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, ROK; the additional F-16 aircraft are from the 179th Fighter Squadron "Bulldogs" of the 148th Fighter Wing out of Duluth Air National Guard Base, Minnesota. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

Beverly Herd 16-01 wraps up at Osan

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- After three days of simulated contingency operations, and two days of individual unit-level training, the readiness exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 ended here May 13, 2016.

The 51st Fighter Wing, Republic of Korea air force and ROK army personnel participated in the quarterly exercise. In addition, Beverly Herd 16-01 featured an "Elephant Walk" that showcased the aircraft available here and the 179th Fighter Squadron "Bulldogs" from the Minnesota Air National Guard.

Contrary to past wing operational readiness exercises, Beverly Herd 16-01 focused on individual unit-level objectives to increase the overall combat effectiveness of Team Osan.

"This exercise has a different feel than others over the past year. These exercises are an assessment of our ability to 'Fight Tonight,' they are not training events," said Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander. "Your group leadership and the IG team have done an incredible job of focusing this exercise on key events that truly test our capabilities."

The exercise featured simulated attacks from various sources. In addition to the barrage of simulated incoming missiles, mortars and ground attacks, individual units were tested by wing inspection team members whose sole job was to observe and inject certain scenarios specifically tailored to that unit.

"We will continue to conduct exercises each quarter, on average, and the majority will be like the exercises you are used to," said Hansen. "BH 16-02 will be in August and coincides with Ulchi-Freedom Guardian."

"Between now and then, we will identify and mitigate shortfalls and constantly train to our wartime tasks in order to ensure our 'Fight Tonight' capability," he added.

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Leadership: caring vs. checking the box

By 1st Lt. Brianca Johnson
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- When I heard Osan's leaders are making it a priority to organize more professional development opportunities in an effort to develop leaders at all levels, I leaped at the opportunity to attend a professional development course.

Officers of all ranks attended a flight commander's course and seemed to leave with good takeaways. I was impressed that this course was not just a how-to guide for officers. Commanders, first sergeants and chiefs who were involved in open discussions were transparent enough to admit there's no cookie-cutter approach to many of the issues we face in our organizations.

For me, no new leadership concepts were introduced but a theme that is constant in our Air Force was mentioned countless times and caused me to do some reflecting. That theme is "taking care of our Airmen."

It's a big piece of the puzzle in Air Force culture, and we hear it all the time. It's really nothing new and most of us probably think we have a full grasp of this concept. "To be successful at any level of leadership, you have to take care of your unit. In return, your unit will take care of you." What does this really mean? I believe many of us in leadership roles have developed a skewed perception of this concept.

Some would agree when we hear "taking care of our Airmen," it's often associated with a mental checklist of tasks that involves making sure they do not run into issues that can affect them personally and professionally. "Are they meeting PT standards? Are they studying for promotion? Are they staying out of legal trouble? Do I need to help them reach out to a helping agency?" While this is important, I realized it's not all encompassing.

After hearing several commanders share the knowledge they've gained from leading organizations, and thinking about my leadership experiences thus far, I connected the dots. I came to the conclusion it's the environment we create in our organizations that determine whether or not we're truly taking care of our Airmen.

Taking care of our Airmen means taking the time to know them to understand what motivates them, and how as leaders we can challenge them to reach new heights, both personally and professionally.

It means being bold enough in our leadership roles that we're willing to combat toxic behaviors, whether from subordinates, peers or superiors, because we're aware of the detrimental impact this can have on an Airman's drive.

It means setting the standard, evaluating our leadership approach and determining whether or not our expectation management is effective. Are we so lax that there's an overall lack of accountability or are we micromanaging to the point there's no sense of trust?

It means ensuring each Airmen understands how essential their role is in the organization.

These were just a few key points that came to mind after I left the professional development course. While this was nothing new, it was needed. I needed that time for introspective thinking. I'm still learning, but I realized I wouldn't have this perspective if I had not encountered some of the circumstances I have during the first two years of my career. I thought about my leadership decisions, and the decisions of those who have led me. I've come to the conclusion leadership is a personal choice. It's a choice we make or fail to make. Whether or not we make that choice is based solely on our character, and determines the impact we have on those who are capable of driving mission success.

Airmen, Soldiers receive recognition for heroic acts during building fire



Airmen, Soldiers, and the Enyioko family along with their sister and pastor pose for a group photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2016. The photo was taken after an award ceremony recognizing the team of Airmen and Soldiers who saved the lives of four locals from a burning building in Songtan, Republic of Korea. Each Airman and Soldier involved with the rescue received an Air Force Commendation Medal and the civilian received a Command Civilian Award For Valor. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

Buddy Wing 16-4 displays interoperability



F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots from the 35th Fighter Squadron, receive their step briefing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, during Buddy Wing 16-4, May 11, 2016. Buddy Wing exercises are conducted at various ROKAF and U.S. Air Force bases multiple times throughout the year in order to practice interoperability between the U.S. and the ROKAF. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dustin King)

By Senior Airman Dustin King
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Fighter Wing hosted members from the Republic of Korea air force's 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Seosan Air Base, to participate in Exercise Buddy Wing 16-4 here, May 9 to 13.

During the five-day exercise, the 120th TFS fighter pilots, maintenance and support personnel integrated with Wolf Pack Airmen on all aspects of the exercise, including mission planning, briefing, execution and debriefing.

"The importance of Buddy Wing exercises is to give our pilots an opportunity to work directly with our ROKAF counterparts," said Capt. Ryan Neely, 35th Fighter Squadron B-flight commander and Exercise Buddy Wing 16-4 project officer. "This gives us the ability to work through all the fog and uncertainty that we have to plan around but don't really get to see until we are in the same room as each other trying to jump the small hurdles such as language barriers."

According to Neely, Exercise Buddy Wing 16-4 focuses on different aspects of air-to-air and air-to-ground tactical training between the 8th FW and the 120th TFS in order to execute effectively.

"The training allows us to identify obstacles we may have not seen earlier," Neely said. "You can plan on paper and end up realizing there is small problems that weren't thought of at first. Cultural differences effect the way that we brief and fly, these exercises allow us to see that first hand, that way we are not finding out things for the first time when they really matter."

Combining specific objectives prove beneficial for the participating units during Buddy Wing exercises because Airmen not only refine tactical skill-sets but also promote safety, cultural awareness and interoperability.

"The Wolf Pack has a long standing mission to aid in the defense of the Republic of Korea. If we are called upon, we will be fighting beside our Ko-

rean brothers and sisters to do so," said Maj. BaiInn Beck, 8th Fighter Wing Director of Staff. "Exercises like Buddy Wing allow us an opportunity to train together and build the relationships needed to fight at a moment's notice. Each time we come together, both group of pilots walk away with a better understanding of what each brings to the team."

Buddy Wing exercises are conducted at various ROKAF and U.S. Air Force bases multiple times throughout the year on the Korean peninsula. The combined fighter exchange program provides pilots an opportunity to exchange ideas and practice combined tactics in order to fight and fly as one Allied force.



Major BaiInn Beck, 8th Fighter Wing Director of Staff, climbs into an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, for Exercise Buddy Wing 16-4, May 11, 2016. Buddy Wing exercises are conducted at various ROKAF and U.S. Air Force bases multiple times throughout the year in order to practice interoperability between the U.S. and the ROKAF.

Osan's Command Post takes AF level Award

By Staff Sgt Jonathan Steffen
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Air Force recently announced that the 51st Fighter Wing command post won 2015 Medium Command Post of the Air Force award.

The award recognizes a command post with between 11 and 17 authorized manning slots for excellence in mission accomplishment and impact, recognition of command post controller performance and training recognition.

"I'm very proud of my team for earning this award," said Lt. Col. Teresa Rivers, 51st FW command post chief. "In the 16 years that Pacific Air Forces has kept track, this is the first time that we have won it."

The 51st FW command post is responsible for providing notifications, communicating messages to leadership and scheduling flights. They are also accountable for executing action plans and orders for contingencies such as aircraft emergencies, civil disasters and high-priority activities that could affect national security.

"It was a team effort," said Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Bill 51st FW senior emergency action controller. "The team's hard work paid off."



(Left) Staff Sgt. Brenton Hobson and Staff Sgt. Gabriel Peters, 51st Fighter Wing senior emergency action controllers, man their crew positions in the command post on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 26, 2016. The 51st FW command post won the 2015 Medium Command Post of the Year award.



Staff Sgt. Zachary Pirrung, 51st Fighter Wing emergency action controller, mans his crew position in the command post on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 26, 2016. The 51st FW command post won the 2015 Medium Command Post of the Year award. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

51 CES responds to mock IED during Beverly Herd 16-01



(Top) Firefighters from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron setup a decontamination line during Exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2016. The firefighters tested their skills to respond to a mock chemical improvised explosive device.

(Left) Staff Sgt. Timothy Ostberg and Staff Sgt. Paolo Pineda, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technicians, operate an F6A EOD robot during a mock chemical improvised explosive device training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2016. The training is part of Exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 and tests their abilities to respond and operate during combat operations. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

(Above) A mock chemical improvised explosive device is scanned remotely with a Joint Chemical Agent Detector by Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight during Exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2016. The JCAD is used to detect and identify chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemical vapors, and can be used on mobile platforms like the F6A EOD robot. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Victor J. Caputo)

5 RS celebrates 40 years of heritage, U-2 operations



Lt. Col. Todd Larsen, 5th Reconnaissance Squadron commander, speaks to Team Osan and U-2 Dragon Lady supporters during the 40th Anniversary U-2 Ceremony May 6, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Members from the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron organized the ceremony to honor their unit heritage as well as give thanks to Team Osan for their support. (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 -- Beginning with a three-month deployment from Beale Air Force Base, California, 40 years ago, the U-2 Dragon Lady has flown over the skies of the Republic of Korea in countless air operations.

Formerly Detachment 2 from the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron "Blackcats" celebrated this monumental feat with a 40th anniversary ceremony May 6, here.

"First, this is a celebration of the heritage we have at Osan as the Blackcats," said Lt. Col. Todd Larsen, 5th RS commander. "Second, this is a celebration from the Blackcats to ourselves, as well as Team Osan for the support they provide us every day."

The 5th RS, the fifth oldest Air Force squadron dating back to World War I, was reactivated in October 1994 as Det. 2 to assist in the defense of the Republic of Korea through the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission in the Southeast Asia region.

"Whether we were the Det. 2 or the 5th RS, we have always been the Blackcats and we'll continue to be while we're here at Osan," said Larsen.

"We're as much a part of Team Osan as we are of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing," he added.

The Blackcats' mission at Osan is to protect the Korean peninsula as well as support Pacific Air Forces, which wouldn't be feasible without the Blackcat Airmen to support the U-2.

"We're a combined maintenance and operations squadron, which there aren't many left in the Air Force," said Larsen. "Inside our squadron, we have about 200 men and women supporting our four aircraft, which speaks highly to their ability to overcome the obstacles that our mission has."

Staff Sgt. Milton Keith, one of the 5th RS' crew chiefs, spoke up about his service to this aircraft and his squadron.

"It brings me great pride to be able to be one of the very small percentages within the Air Force to crew this awesome, old airplane," said Keith.

After the ceremony concluded, Team Osan members toured the facility and took family pictures with the 5th RS iconic aircraft.



Lt. Col. Todd Larsen, 5th Reconnaissance Squadron commander, presents a certificate of appreciation to Robert Boucher, Lockheed Martin mechanical engineer, during the 40th Anniversary U-2 Ceremony May 6, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Larsen thanked Boucher for his contributions to the 5th RS through supporting the U-2 Dragon Lady aircraft.

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

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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.

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Earth-Based
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Jewish
Contact the Chapel
LDS
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Muslim
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 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

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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

“Life is a marathon, not a sprint”



By Ch, Capt. John C. Choi
 51st Fighter Wing Chapel

We live in an interesting age where we are now completely accustomed to fast-food, microwave oven cooking, high-speed internet, on-demand movies, and a Big Mac delivered to your front door. Many of us have become restless

and impatient – when we want something, we want it right away and not later. We cannot be bothered with waiting. On many occasions, I remind myself life is a marathon, and not an all-out sprint.

It has been said by Dr. Phil and others, “Life is a marathon, not a sprint...Train for endurance, not speed.” I am rarely the fastest person on the track or road, or to put it another way, Ryan Hall laps me on his really slow days. When I was in middle school and high school, I did not aspire to join the track team, and I was not ever motivated enough to train for a marathon, or the now very popular half-marathon.

While some people sprint well and others have the endurance, tenacity, and pain-tolerance to run a marathon or half-marathon; I can only remember running more than five miles one time in my life. In 1987, a fellow soldier challenged me to run a five miler with him while we were stationed together in Schwetzingen, Germany (South of Heidelberg City), but that was when I was in my early twenties. Admittedly, *Runners’ World* magazine has never asked me to be on the cover.

In the Christian scriptures we have a letter the Apostle Paul wrote to a young pastor named Timothy. Paul wrote, “For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” (1st Timothy 4:8). Paul’s words remind us of the incredible value we find in the Comprehensive Airmen Fitness (CAF). The four domains are intricately interwoven, and I don’t think a reasonable person would ever want to separate the physical, mental, spiritual, and social domains. Weaving those four domains together makes us all stronger and more resilient beings. We are not disembodied spirits.

Last week I was doing some spiritual fitness training when I read a post on Our Daily Bread online (www.odb.org/2016/05/05) by Poh Fang Chia. Chia wrote:

The life of faith is a marathon. The ups, the downs, and the plateaus in our prayer life are a reflection of this race. And just as in a marathon we need to keep running, so we keep praying. My point is, “Don’t give up!”

Bottom line – life brings challenges on a regular basis. Oh, believe me, I can get discouraged and exasperated. Work, taskers, suspenses, school, and even relationships can overwhelm and stress us to our limits. However, be of good courage - keep your spirit up! I encourage you to continue to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). You do not have to be a world-class athlete or even a member of the Osan Running Club to confess life is truly a marathon and not a sprint. So, don’t give up – endure, persevere, and press on.

May the Lord richly bless you in this life’s journey. Find comfort and strength in these holy words, “Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you; which you have declared so well before many witnesses.” (1st Timothy 6:12)



Aircrew flight equipment: no masking safety



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jonathan McCullough and Senior Airman Daniel Godfrey, 8th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment (AFE) journeymen assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, inspect flight equipment, May 2, 2016, at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. AFE technicians check each piece of equipment a pilot needs and makes sure it is in proper working condition before each sortie. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Ashley Nicole Taylor)

By Staff Sgt. Ashley Nicole Taylor
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska -- "Everything we do when it comes to maintaining flight equipment is crucial," said Senior Airman Elijah Lee, an 18th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman assigned to Kadena Air Base, Japan. "If we fail to double-check this equipment it can easily become a domino effect and cause concern for the pilots if it doesn't deploy properly."

Each visiting unit brought its own AFE members, but working in the same environment means sharing knowledge from different bases, countries and services.

"This is my first time at RED FLAG-Alaska and the pace is definitely higher than home station," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan McCullough, an 8th OSS AFE journeyman assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of South Korea. "We always strive to keep air-

crew alive, but we also take back a lot of useful information to improve our processes back home."

Shop members maintain pilots' helmets, masks, G-suits, survival vests and harnesses, and planning for RED FLAG-Alaska meant thinking ahead to be equipped for anything.

"Pilots have two helmets in case one becomes unserviceable, so they won't lose any training time," explained Lee. "Anything can happen between the time pilots leave our shop and when they board the aircraft, so we need to be prepared no matter what."

Despite the fast-paced turnover, AFE Airmen keep a positive attitude about their job and contribution to the people they serve.

"I enjoy my job because I get to see a whole different side of the mission and contribute to winning wars," said Lee. "My favorite part is communicating with the pilots and hearing their stories. They treat all of us like one of their own and it makes me feel great knowing they trust me."



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jonathan McCullough, an 8th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment (AFE) journeyman assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, performs maintenance on an oxygen mask, May 2, 2016, at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. AFE technicians must perform extensive work on each piece of equipment to ensure maximum safety for pilots.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jonathan McCullough, an 8th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment (AFE) journeyman assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, signs a service date on a strobe light, May 2, 2016, at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Strobe lights are used to signal for rescue once the pilot has ejected and is awaiting extraction.

Beverly Herd 16-01: 51 SFS, ROK army fend off opposing forces



Republic of Korea army special operations forces members and a 51st Security Forces Squadron fire team work together during a training scenario for Beverly Herd 16-01 May 11, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. BH 16-01 is a week-long readiness exercise for the 51st Fighter Wing that includes a plethora of scenarios like chemical, biological, radioactive, and nuclear response, active shooter and opposing forces. (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 -- Defending the men and women of Osan is one challenge to the 51st Security Forces Squadron, but defending an entire country is another.

To bring a force multiplier to the table, the 51st SFS defenders trained with the Republic of Korea army special operations forces during a training scenario May 11, here.

“We test our defenders by teaching them different ways attacks can happen, as well as strengthening our bonds with our ROK counterparts,” said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Swen Swearingen, 51st SFS NCO in charge of armistice plans.

The ROK SOF members deployed to Osan via HH-60P Pave Hawks earlier in the day.

While at Osan, their goal was to increase their interoperability with the base defenders for combat operation readiness.

“In a real situation, we need as much support to defend the base as possible,” said

Swearingen. “They come down to help us out and give us a unique toolset to aide in our defense.

“While there is a sizeable language barrier between the two forces, they still get it done,” he added. “But when shots start getting fired, that language barrier doesn’t matter; it’s all about taking care of each other and completing the mission.”

The joint forces simulated live fire and “shoot, move and communicate” actions to thwart opposing forces, which consisted of Airmen new to the “Mustang Stampede.”

“Participating in OPFOR, you get a small taste of what you’ll be dealing with during your year stay here at Osan,” said Swearingen. They see how our on-duty defenders respond to incidents, and hopefully bring an outside perspective to the fight.”

Airman 1st Class Samantha Flores, 51st Security Forces Squadron fire team member, participated in the OPFOR program and caught her first experience of Osan’s iconic “Fight Tonight” readiness.

“This exercise is a lot more interactive than what I’ve experienced in the past,” said Flores “It was fun as well as informative. I got to see what to look forward to in the year ahead.”



(Left) Staff Sgt. John Gavin, center, 51st Security Forces Squadron fire team leader, issues instructions to disarm simulated opposing forces during a training scenario for Beverly Herd 16-01 May 11, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. BH 16-01 is a week-long readiness exercise for the 51st Fighter Wing that includes a plethora of scenarios like chemical, biological, radioactive, and nuclear response, active shooter and opposing forces.

(Above) Republic of Korea army special operations forces members ruck march after stepping off of HH-60P Pave Hawks for Exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 May 11, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The SOF members trained with the 51st Security Forces Squadron on opposing forces scenarios.

Mongrels train for wartime environment

By Senior Airman Victor J. Caputo
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron went through a series of training stations covering various wartime skills here on May 11 during Exercise Beverly Herd 16-01.

The different stations gave the 51st CES Mongrels a chance to hone skills they don't normally utilize, such as donning Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear, decontaminating themselves, and proper weapon handling and safety.

"They're getting the information straight from the experts rather than word of mouth," said Master Sgt. Angel Peraza, 51st CES emergency manager. "The whole squadron will now have the same mindset and expectations about what to do in these situations."

The Mongrels' primary mission in a wartime scenario is keeping the base runway active and in the best condition possible, along with maintaining infrastructure throughout the rest of the base, and events like this provide them with a chance to practice a skillset outside of their primary duty.

"I would argue that more than anywhere else in the world, this matters, that we do it regularly and that we take it as seriously as possible," said Maj. Je Raley, 51st CES deputy commander. "When my junior Airmen and officers are going through this, especially with this potentially being their first assignment, it should hit home and help to secure that muscle memory on what they're supposed to be doing."

The stations included unexploded ordnance identification, how to identify chemical attacks and protect mission-critical gear, and decontamination checks and procedures.

"If you think about typical CE, their job is to get the airfield up and running after an attack," said Peraza. "So if these guys are on a working party filling craters on the runway, that's a process that can take several hours, and they may have to provide their own security. Now I know that my Airmen know how to point their weapons downrange, how to identify targets, or how to protect themselves in a chemical attack."



A 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Airman marks a piece of M8 Chemical Detection Paper during a training exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 11, 2016. The Airmen used the M8 paper to detect the presence of liquid, nerve and blister chemical agents after a simulated attack on the base, and is marked to ensure each piece can be properly documented for identification purposes. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Victor J. Caputo)



Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron take off their Mission Oriented Protective Posture boots while going through a mock-decontamination line at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 11, 2016. The 51st CES held a training event during Exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 to give CES Airmen a chance to practice wartime survival skills.

51st MDG Delayed Team manages crisis patients

By Senior Airman Victor J. Caputo
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Readiness exercise Beverly Herd 16-01 kicked off on May 9, and brought a vast variety of scenarios with it, ranging from simulated attacks on base opposition forces to sheltering in place.

The 51st Medical Group was an active player in the exercise, taking in patients with simulated wounds and injuries, but the first responders weren't the only critical members of the medical response force.

"The Delayed Team's mission is to keep patients stabilized and prepare them either to go back to the fight or leave on an aero evacuation," said Capt. Samuel Madson, 51st Medical Operations Squadron pediatrician and Delayed Team chief.

The Delayed Team does not handle the most critical patients sent to the emergency room, but they play the vital role of determining the status of and providing care for the wounded who are on the cusp of going critical.

The medical portion of Beverly Herd was designed to present realistic scenarios to medical personnel based on injuries seen in the field.

"We wanted to see what limiting factors we could find so we can minimize them in a real world situation," said Maj. Jerod Rieger, 51st MDG wing inspection team chief.

Some of quick decisions that medical personnel need to be able to make are whether or not they can save a patient, if they have the tools necessary to support a patient, and if they have the blood, drugs and other medical supplies necessary to keep a patient alive, said Rieger.

"We sustain the fight," said Madson. "We make it so that anybody that is injured can be taken care of and get them back into the fight."



(Above) Airman 1st Class Zach Nelson, 51st Medical Operations Squadron family health technician, helps Staff Sgt. Matthew Wobken, 51st Dental Squadron lab technician, put a sling onto his arm during readiness exercise Beverly Herd 16-01, May 9, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Wobken was simulating a patient with a dislocated shoulder, giving Nelson a chance to hone his injury-response skills.

(Left) Capt. Samuel Madson, right, 51st Medical Group Delayed Team chief, diagnoses a patient during readiness exercise Beverly Herd 16-01, May 9, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Madson was in charge of the Delayed Team, which treated patients with simulated injuries ranging from head trauma to gunshot wounds.



Airman 1st Class Olivia Leopold, 51st Medical Operations Squadron outpatient records technician, reads over a patient's digital record during readiness exercise Beverly Herd 16-01, May 9, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Members of Team Osan had to don the proper Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear depending on the alert level while still maintaining the ability to accomplish their task at hand. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Victor J. Caputo)

Osan's Airmen represent at Suwon Airshow



The Black Eagles aerobatic team conduct an aerial maneuver during the Gyeonggi Suwon Airshow 2016 at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 7, 2016. The 51st Fighter Wing assisted with the airshow by providing F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II static displays as well as support from Osan Air Base Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)



The Black Eagles aerobatic team fly in formation during the Gyeonggi Suwon Airshow 2016 at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 7, 2016.



Attendees check out F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II static displays from Osan Air Base during the Gyeonggi Suwon Airshow 2016 at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 7, 2016. Maintainers and pilots from the 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons, 36th Fighter Squadron, 25th Fighter Squadron and 5th Reconnaissance Squadron took photos and answered questions during the airshow.



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Kyle Robinson, 7th Air Force vice commander, and other distinguished visitors, throw toy aircraft with children during the opening ceremony of the Gyeonggi Suwon Airshow 2016 at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 7, 2016. The 51st Fighter Wing brought aircraft maintainers, pilots, an F-16 Fighting Falcon and an A-10 Thunderbolt II to the airshow to highlight the wing's mission.



Yeom Tae-young, Suwon mayor, gives opening remarks at Gyeonggi Suwon Airshow 2016 at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 7, 2016. The airshow featured the Republic of Korea Black Eagles aerobatic team.

Osan hosts Spouse Appreciation Day



Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander, signs Spouse Appreciation Day proclamation, May 6, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosted a free lunch and provided spouses with tokens of appreciation from agencies around base in recognition of their contributions to mission success. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Victor J. Caputo)



Team Osan spouses and children line up around information booths during Spouse Appreciation Day, May 6, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosted a free lunch and provided spouses with tokens of appreciation from agencies around base in recognition of their contributions to mission success.

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Illmagwon Orphanage

Join Airmen from across the base in a wing chapel-sponsored event as they travel down to the Illmagwon Orphanage in Gusan 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.

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Airman and Family Readiness Center programs

***Bundles for Babies** - A workshop for expectant parents who want to learn more about parenting and support programs here at Osan. The class also offers you a finance piece that focuses on budgeting for your new baby from conception to college years and a chance to meet other new parents. Additionally, you'll receive a free "bundle" from the Air Force Aid Society.

***Separation & Retirement Benefits** - This is an optional workshop where separating and retiring members can learn about their benefits- includes briefings by MFLC, TMO, CPO, Finance, Tricare and SBP.

***Spouse Orientation** - This is a great opportunity for spouses to learn about the 51st Fighter Wing Mission, Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) process, and receive a protective (gas) mask demonstration. Spouses will also have an opportunity to meet key base representatives and learn about Korean Culture. As a bonus, a community information fair will end the day.

***Volunteers' Training** - The goal is to ensure all our volunteers are registered and they receive all tools and information to keep them informed of volunteer opportunities.

For more information, call 784-0119.

E-mail security

There has been a rising trend of unencrypted e-mails containing FOUO, PII, or other sensitive/critical information due to recipients not being on the USAF GAL. Please exercise good information security and call the Help Desk if you are having problems sending an encrypted e-mail.

Anthem Singers

Sopranos, altos, tenors and bass vocalists are needed to sing the US and ROK National Anthems at various events on base. Practice is held at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Chapel Annex. Send an e-mail to annapauline.magno.1@us.af.mil or ric.rebulanan.1@us.af.mil for more information.

Military Tuition Assistance Briefing

Presented by the 51 FSS Education & Training Center, this is mandatory for all first time users, officer/enlisted, for military TA. No appointment necessary! Held every Tuesday at 8 a. m. in Bldg 787, Rm. 10. For additional information or questions please contact the Education Center at 784-4220.

Volunteers Needed for Translation

Seventh Air Force is seeking volunteers who are able to speak both Korean and English for a USFK-led event. The Executive Orientation Program is a Good Neighbor program aimed at improving relations between USFK and the Republic of Korea. As part of the program, about 70 Korean leaders from Seoul will be visiting the base and we are in need of Korean/English speakers during the dinner and/or aircraft static display portions of the visit. **WHEN/WHERE:** 1 June 2016 (Wednesday) 1500-1540 hrs (Static Display at Flight Line) and/or 1730-1830 hrs (Dinner at E-Club)

WHAT: Translation support is needed during the F-16/A-10 static display starting around 3 p.m., and dinner around 5:30 p.m. About eight translators would be needed at the E-Club and two at the flight line.

ATTIRE: UOD

If you would like to volunteer please contact 7AF/PA Mr. Pak, To Yong via email at to_yong.pak.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4709.

Holiday Observances

Memorial Day

May, 30 2016, is an Official holiday for U.S. civilian employees, MEMORIAL DAY, and June, 6 2016 is an official holiday for KN civilian employees, Korean MEMORIAL DAY. Both U.S. and KN civilian employees who are regularly scheduled to work on their observed holiday will be paid holiday premium pay. All others will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay. For KN civilian employees, if a holiday falls on their non-work day, no substitute observance day is granted.

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

Fire Safety



In case of fire, smell of smoke, and/or fire alarm bells sounding, remember S-P-E-E-D and perform these actions:

- S - Sound the alarm (Alert all in the building)
- P - Phone 911 (call Fire Department Dispatch Center with details)
- E - Evacuate the building
- E - Extinguish the fire (if it can be done without injuring yourself)
- D - Direct first arriving fire crew of where the fire or emergency is located

No matter how small or large the fire is, even if it is extinguished, call 911 or 0505-784-9111. All fires must be reported. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835. Have a fire safe day.

115 members awarded CCAF degrees at Osan



One hundred and fifteen graduates were awarded their Community College of the Air Force associate's degree in their particular career fields during a ceremony held April 28, 2016 at the Enlisted Club on Osan Air Base. Receiving their degree were:

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| Airman 1st Class Dustin Murphy | Senior Airman Cierra Rogers | Staff Sgt. Lance Bollenberg | Tech. Sgt. Joseph Brown |
| Airman 1st Class Ian Westfall | Senior Airman Jacquelyn Shipp | Staff Sgt. Kelsey Gage | Tech. Sgt. Andrea Alderete |
| Airman 1st Class Dean Whikehart | Senior Airman Tianaja Graham | Staff Sgt. Andrew Hopkins | Tech. Sgt. Shawn Koutsouros |
| Airman 1st Class Michael Altman | Staff Sgt. Emmanuel Juarez | Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Mayfield | Tech. Sgt. Angelo Macugay |
| Senior Airman Darren Siefring | Staff Sgt. Bryan Showalter | Staff Sgt. Anthony Simmons | Tech. Sgt. Mireya Nyirenda |
| Senior Airman Luke Thurmond | Staff Sgt. Joshua Heath | Staff Sgt. Sinhue Castro | Tech. Sgt. Corey Green |
| Senior Airman Nina Walker | Staff Sgt. Robert Antsen | Staff Sgt. Michael Fusik | Tech. Sgt. Francisco Avila |
| Senior Airman Crystal Wilson | Staff Sgt. Jonathan Johnson | Staff Sgt. Jeffrie Miller | Tech. Sgt. Kendra Coleman |
| Senior Airman Philip Sequeira | Staff Sgt. Timothy McDonald | Staff Sgt. Matthew Tillery | Tech. Sgt. Jesse Franklin |
| Senior Airman Melneiqua Montgomery | Staff Sgt. Andrew Umbel | Staff Sgt. Willie Rouse | Tech. Sgt. Robert Ryan |
| Senior Airman Amanda Daniels | Staff Sgt. Alysha Alexander | Staff Sgt. Joe Arnold | Tech. Sgt. Bradley Allred |
| Senior Airman Eduardo Tapia | Staff Sgt. James Ehlschlaeger | Staff Sgt. Porfirio Corrales | Tech. Sgt. Andrew Clark |
| Senior Airman Dustin Adkins | Staff Sgt. Aaron Lenhart | Staff Sgt. Steven Dalmeida | Tech. Sgt. Zachariah Debolt |
| Senior Airman Branden Berns | Staff Sgt. Loyda Martinez | Staff Sgt. Marc Major | Tech. Sgt. Joshua Paullus |
| Senior Airman Scott Clark | Staff Sgt. Andrea Moffite | Staff Sgt. Shanda Moreno | Tech. Sgt. Raphael Simmons |
| Senior Airman Jonathon Evans | Staff Sgt. Christopher Browne | Staff Sgt. Robert Johnson | Tech. Sgt. Matthew Connell |
| Senior Airman Adam Nguyen | Staff Sgt. Derek Dusenbery | Staff Sgt. Yelizaveta Baranchuk | Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Nunnally |
| Senior Airman Romane Reid | Staff Sgt. William Flemming | Staff Sgt. Brandon Baker | Tech. Sgt. William Saprito |
| Senior Airman Khirsten Mitchell | Staff Sgt. Nathan Ritz | Staff Sgt. David Kim | Tech. Sgt. William Bechard |
| Senior Airman Cody Jones | Staff Sgt. Anthony Rodriguez | Staff Sgt. Marquis Cole | Tech. Sgt. Antonio Nesby |
| Senior Airman Raul Macias | Staff Sgt. Omar Garcia | Staff Sgt. Kristen Luke | Tech. Sgt. Juan Hernandez |
| Senior Airman Juanita Stewart | Staff Sgt. Shaniya Dickey | Staff Sgt. Amber Coronado | Master Sgt. Brian Witherspoon |
| Senior Airman Dominic Hermann | Staff Sgt. Ryan Fordham | Staff Sgt. Jennie Garza | Master Sgt. Raymund Ballesteros |
| Senior Airman Justin Hosack | Staff Sgt. Cecilia Diaz | Tech. Sgt. James Aschmann | Master Sgt. Chevis Carter |
| Senior Airman Donterrio Davis | Staff Sgt. Joshua Henderson | Tech. Sgt. Charles Danila | Master Sgt. Flor Backer |
| Senior Airman George James | Staff Sgt. Darryl Womble | Tech. Sgt. James Gallagher | Master Sgt. Kuang Li |
| Senior Airman Quincy Johnson | Staff Sgt. Robert Stine | Tech. Sgt. Clyde Jones | Master Sgt. Justin Degarmo |
| Senior Airman Jose Cruz | Staff Sgt. James Ray | Tech. Sgt. Nemesio Perez | |



51st Fighter Wing Chapel



NOW ACCEPTING BIDS

ACCOUNT MANAGER

Chapel Tithes and Offerings Fund

- Individual must have knowledge of general accounting practices & bookkeeping
- If awarded contract, contractor will submit an application for a background check
- Individuals can pick up **Statement of Work (SOW), Basis for Award (Best Value), and a bidding schedule** from the OSAN AIR BASE CHAPEL
- Bidders will submit a resume and a separate sealed bid to SSGT BRANDON DAVIS no later than 4:30pm on 25 May 2016
- Interviews/demonstrations will be scheduled as bidders submit resumes and bids
- Public bid opening is Thursday, 26 May at 4:30pm at the Osan Air Base Chapel

For more information please contact SSgt Brandon Davis at the Osan AB Chapel between the hours of 0730-1630 Mon-Fri at DSN: 784-5000

Feel the Thunder!

UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Nonjudicial Punishment

Osan

- A senior airman was found in Pyeongtaek after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The senior airman also unlawfully entered the apartment of a Korean national and destroyed property. The punishment was a reduction to airman first class, a suspended forfeiture of \$1,041 pay per month for two months, 60 days restriction to Osan Air Base, and a reprimand.
- A technical sergeant was found in Pyeongtaek after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The punishment was a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$1,573 pay per month for two months, 45 days restriction to Osan Air Base, 45 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class was found in Seoul after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The airman first class also wrongfully consumed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of 7th Air Force Alcohol Policy and made a false official statement. The punishment was a reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic, 30 days restriction to Osan Air Base, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class wrongfully consumed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of 7th Air Force Alcohol Policy. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$878 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty suspended, and a reprimand.
- An airman first class wrongfully consumed alcohol while under the age of 21, in violation of 7th Air Force Alcohol Policy. The punishment was a reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$878 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty suspended, and a reprimand.
- An airman basic committed larceny at the Base Exchange. The punishment was 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.
- A master sergeant was found in Itaewon after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The master sergeant also made a false official statement. The punishment was a reduction to technical sergeant, suspended forfeiture of \$1,859 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.
- A first lieutenant was found in the Songtan entertainment district after 0100L, in violation of the 7th Air Force Curfew Order. The first lieutenant also willfully disobeyed an order from a superior commissioned officer. The punishment was a forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

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- A senior airman made a false official statement and signed a false Air Force Fitness Assessment Scorecard. The punishment was a suspended reduction to airman first class, 17 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

FOREIGN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

- An airman first class entered a Korean national's vehicle while intoxicated and refused to get out, he also assaulted a Korean National Police officer. The Jeonju District Court sentenced the airman first class to pay a fine of 5,000,000 Korean won.

'Faith is what keeps us alive' Rabbi speaks of faith at Holocaust remembrance breakfast



Col. Brian Carr, 51st Fighter Wing vice commander, presents a gift to Army Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph Messinger, the U.S. Army Garrison Humphries Rabbi, after the rabbi's speech during the Osan Holocaust Remembrance breakfast May 2, 2016, at the Osan Enlisted Club. The breakfast was one of many events held for Osan's Holocaust Days of Remembrance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Travis Edwards)

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- In a room full of Airmen and Soldiers, an Army chaplain took a moment to talk about Jewish spirit and faith in God during a Holocaust Remembrance Breakfast here May 2, 2016.

Army (Capt.) Joseph Messinger, the U.S. Army Garrison Humphrys rabbi, started his discussion with facts about the Holocaust and the resulting persecution of Jews.

"Nazis ran more than 42,000 camps and ghettos during the war," said Messinger. "Six million Jews were murdered; I say murdered and not killed because that is what happened, they were brutally murdered."

Messinger added that he wasn't there to throw out numbers and scary statistics, but to inform people about the good that comes out of tragedy.

"Yes, it was a horrible tragedy, but they had faith," the rabbi said. "We trust in God; our spirit, the essence of what it means to be Jewish. Our faith in God, is unwavering. Faith is what keeps us alive."

He explained the faith in stories about rabbis who, despite the harsh conditions and maltreatment, their faith never relented. One story was of Rabbi Yisroel Spira, whose wife and children were murdered during the Holocaust.

Spira descended from a line of rabbis, led congregations in several Polish towns and survived concentration camps during World War II. He lived to be 99 years old before passing in 1989.

Today, he has hundreds of living descendants. In the book, "Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust," Spira and many other Jews were interviewed and explained what it was like at the concentration camps run by Nazis.

Throughout the book, Spira and other Jews stood fast in their faith, despite the adversity and persecution in the camps. He still lifted the spirits of his fellow Jews by secretly performing Jewish rituals and ceremonies, such as lighting the menorah and getting matzah.

"We must never forget that dark and tragic time in history," Messinger said. "Faith kept them alive to tell the tales of our people."

Messinger spoke at length about his personal relationship with Rabbi Ernest Friedman, a concentration camp and Holocaust survivor. He said Friedman's life serves as an example of simple, honest faith, humbleness, and sweetness and included that his life story was a lesson in faith and resilience.

Friedman, like Messinger, was a Hungarian Jew. However, his wife and daughter were taken from him while enroute to a camp.

Messinger quoted a passage from Friedman: "Faith is not like a pill. It is not easy. You gather it. And you have to make up in your own mind. Ask yourself, how did I get here. Who is giving you the ability to have life, to breathe?"

In addition to the breakfast, four book readings took place inside the Osan Community Center during the week, where participants discussed "Boy with the Stripped Pajamas," "The Book Thief," "Unbroken" and "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier."



Meet ‘Descendants of the Sun’ in Incheon!



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Though the hit Korean drama on a love story of a handsome soldier and a beautiful lady doctor, “Descendants of the Sun” had recently come to an end, its popularity still lingers around as it continues to be the latest talk of the town. Several drama scenes were particularly filmed in the city of Incheon, resulting in the nearby attractions to be equally well-liked and highly visited these days. Read on more to find out the places that actors Song Joong-ki and Song Hye-kyo had visited in Incheon!

Songdo Central Park Area



Central Park, a green space found amidst tall skyscrapers in Songdo International City. Commonly referred to the well-known New York Central Park, Songdo Central Park is just as magnificent and beautiful. Being an attraction that offers the best views in Songdo, it is also the main reason why Songdo Central Park was selected to be one of the filming locations for ‘Descendants of the Sun’.

If you are looking for a bird’s eye view of the central park, head over to the G Tower here. G Tower is where the South-North dialogue in the drama was filmed at. Go up to Sky Park (level 29) or Promotion Hall (level 33), to enjoy a panoramic view of the Central Park and the nearby International Business District. What’s more, admission is free!

▶ **G Tower in the middle, a filming location of ‘Descendants of the Sun’**

At the far east of Songdo Central Park, you may find East Boathouse, a place for water leisure sports. Canoeing, kayaking, family boat and other water activities can be experienced here. In particular, the waterway found at the Central Park are waters connecting from the sea, therefore passengers taking the boats can feel as if they are sailing on seawaters, while being in a city.

The pathway along East Boathouse that meets Convensia-daero (road) is where Sergeant Major Seo Dae-young (played by Jin Goo) and First Lieutenant Yoon Myeong-joo (played by Kim Ji-won) had their kiss scene. On the opposite side of the road, you may find a stupendous building known as the Oakwood Premier Incheon Hotel in which Haesung Hospital, where Doctor Kang Mo-yeon (played by Song Hye-kyo) is located within. In addition, the café where Captain Yoo Si-jin (played by Song Joong-ki) and Doctor Kang sadly bided their fist goodbye can be found in close proximity to the Central Park.

▶ **Café nearby Central Park**



- **Address:** 196, Techno park-ro, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon
- **Directions:** Central Park Station (Incheon1 Line) and Exit 4.
- **G Tower Address:** 175 Art center-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

- **G Tower Operating hours:** [Promotion Hall, 33F] Weekdays 10:00-20:00, Weekends 10:00-18:00 / [Sky Park, 29F] Weekdays 10:00-19:00, Closed on weekends
* Mandatory reservations required for group visitors.
- **East Boathouse Address:** 160 Convensia-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon

Recommended Tourist Sites

NC Cube Canal Walk



▲ NC Cube Canal Walk

Walk for about 3 minutes from G Tower to arrive at NC Cube Canal Walk, a European-style shopping mall with various unique spaces and delicious restaurants. Following the artificial waterway in the center, stretch of restaurants and shops can be found on both sides of the promenades, along with terrace seats for those who enjoy the open and peaceful ambiance.

The mall is divided into four segments by seasons – spring, summer, fall and winter. Each segment has its own distinctive theme such as fashion, lifestyle, sports and more. In addition, information map or store directory are put in place for visitors to check the store locations for a smooth and enjoyable shopping experience.

● **Address:** 149, Art center-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon ● **Directions:** Central Park Station (Incheon1 Line) and Exit 4. Walk for about 650m. ● **Operating hours:** 10:30-22:00

Wolmido Island



▲ (Above Left) Culture Street at Wolmido Island / (Right) Shooting gallery as seen in the 'Descendants of the Sun' drama

Wolmido Island is a place where one can learn about Korea's modern history and culture. After opening of the port (during late nineteenth century) adjacent to the coast of Incheon, modern civilization was introduced and an abundant of historical architecture and cultural heritages can be found here. Besides, an increasing number of restaurants specializing in raw fishes, as well as cafes can be seen along the coast.

For those who like to have an overview of the cityscape, the observatory deck at Wolmi Traditional Park offers a refreshing breathtaking view of the port and city. On top of that, you may also find and experience the same shooting gallery where Captain Yoo Si-jin and Sergeant Major Seo Dae-young had played in the drama here!

● **Address:** Areas of Wolmimunhwa-ro, Jung-gu, Incheon ● **Directions:** Incheon Station (Seoul Subway Line 1) and Exit 1. Take Bus No. 2 and get off at Wolmido Island Bus Stop.

Sinpo International Market



▲ (Left) Famous dakgangjeong at Sinpo International Market / (Right) Fried fish cake fritters at the snack corner

● **Address:** 11-5, Uhyeon-ro 49beon-gil, Jung-gu, Incheon
 ● **Directions:** Dongincheon Station (Seoul Subway Line 1), Exit 1 and walk towards the Dongincheon underground shopping center → Go out from Exit 7 of the Dongincheon underground shopping center and walk for about 500m to arrive at Sinpo International Market.

Sinpo International Market in Incheon is a traditional market introduced after the opening of the port. In the past, the area held many stores trading goods imported from China, but most Chinese businesses are now restaurants and daily necessities.

This traditional market is especially famous for the sweet and spicy marinated dakgangjeong (sweet and sour chicken), attracting visitors from all over the nation to have a taste of this delicious street food. As there is always a huge crowd at the stores selling dakgangjeong, it is best advised to opt for the take-out option instead.

* This column was last updated in May 2016 and therefore information may differ from what is presented here. We advise you to check the official websites before visiting.