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The Republic of Korea air force Black Eagles perform an aerial maneuver during Air Power Day 2016 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 24, 2016. The Black Eagles is an aircraft acrobatics team that performs across the Pacific during air shows and memorials. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

Good friends, good neighbors:

By Tech. Sgt. Rasheen Douglas
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Osan Air Base hosted approximately 80,000 visitors during Air Power Day 2016, Sept. 24 and 25, highlighting the alliance between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea while using the opportunity to get to know one another better as good friends and good neighbors.

There were 22 Pacific Air Forces and ROK air force aircraft on display while multiple aerial acts took to the sky. The main act was the Republic of Korea air force premiere demonstration team, the Black Eagles, who illustrated their combat flying capabilities in eight T-50B training aircraft.

"It's been amazing seeing the team come together to put this air show together," said Maj. Jonathan Garner, Air Power Day director. "We've been working on this air show since December 2015 with a lot of detailed planning working with our host nation and

partners."

Other aerial demonstrations included a C-17 Globemaster III, F-16 Flying Falcon, a KT-1 Woongbi, a TA-50 Golden Eagle, and a combat search and rescue demonstration.

Service members and Korean families were entertained by performers such as the ROKAF Band, the 8th Army Band, a martial arts demo, a Korean drumming group, and a special concert from headliner Sublime with Rome.

"It was all hands on deck for Air Power Day this weekend, and a truly incredible event was created that allowed our Korean neighbors and friends from around the globe to witness the mission and partnership of the U.S. and Republic of Korea," said Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander. "I hope everyone had a fantastic time enjoying the largest air show ever at Osan."

Between the busy schedule of events, numerous food booths lining the flight line, and fantastic entertainment, this year's air show gave a great opportunity to build relationships between the U.S. and the ROK.

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Kunsan DFAC closes its doors for renovations

By Senior Airman Colville McFee
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- O'Malley's Dining Facility is scheduled to close for renovations from Sept. 26 to Nov. 6, 2016.

The closure will allow for multiple areas of the DFAC to be revamped.

The entire serving line is going to be replaced. Additionally, civil engineers are scheduled to renovate the bathrooms, dining areas, floors, walls and the kitchen and locker room floors.

"This is important, so we can better take care of our airmen" said Master Sgt. Peter Maselli, 8th Force Support Squadron food service section chief. "We have a really old facility that needs to be updated, and it will ultimately improve the quality of life for our airmen."

To help support airmen with the closure, Maselli said midnight meals will be moved from O'Malley's Dining Facility to the Delta Pad Dining Facility, located near the flightline, from Sunday through Thursday 11 p.m.-1 a.m. He noted anyone getting the midnight meal will have to pay cash, since all base personnel are set to receive basic allowance for subsistence.

"As a result of the main DFAC being closed, all airmen will be entitled to BAS or BAS II to offset the expenses during the renovation period," said Staff Sgt. Justin Prince, 8th Comptroller Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of special actions program.

Airmen living in dorms 1401, 1406, 1418 and 1431 will be receiving BAS II because those buildings do not have kitchen facilities; they will receive \$736.58 monthly while O'Malley's Dining Facility is closed. All other airmen in dorms will receive standard BAS of \$368.29 because they do have kitchen facilities.

Also, for those airmen receiving BAS II, they will be entitled to full-rate Cost of Living Allowance COLA during the closure.

Prince said pay changes will take place automatically and base personnel can expect to see these adjustments as well as any back pay reflected in their Oct. 15 paycheck.

Rates for COLA can be obtained at <http://www.defense-travel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm>.

For DFAC out-processing requirements, e-mail the dining facility at 8FSS.DFAC@US.AF.MIL.

For finance questions, contact Staff Sgt. Justin Prince at JUSTIN.PRINCE.2@US.AF.MIL.



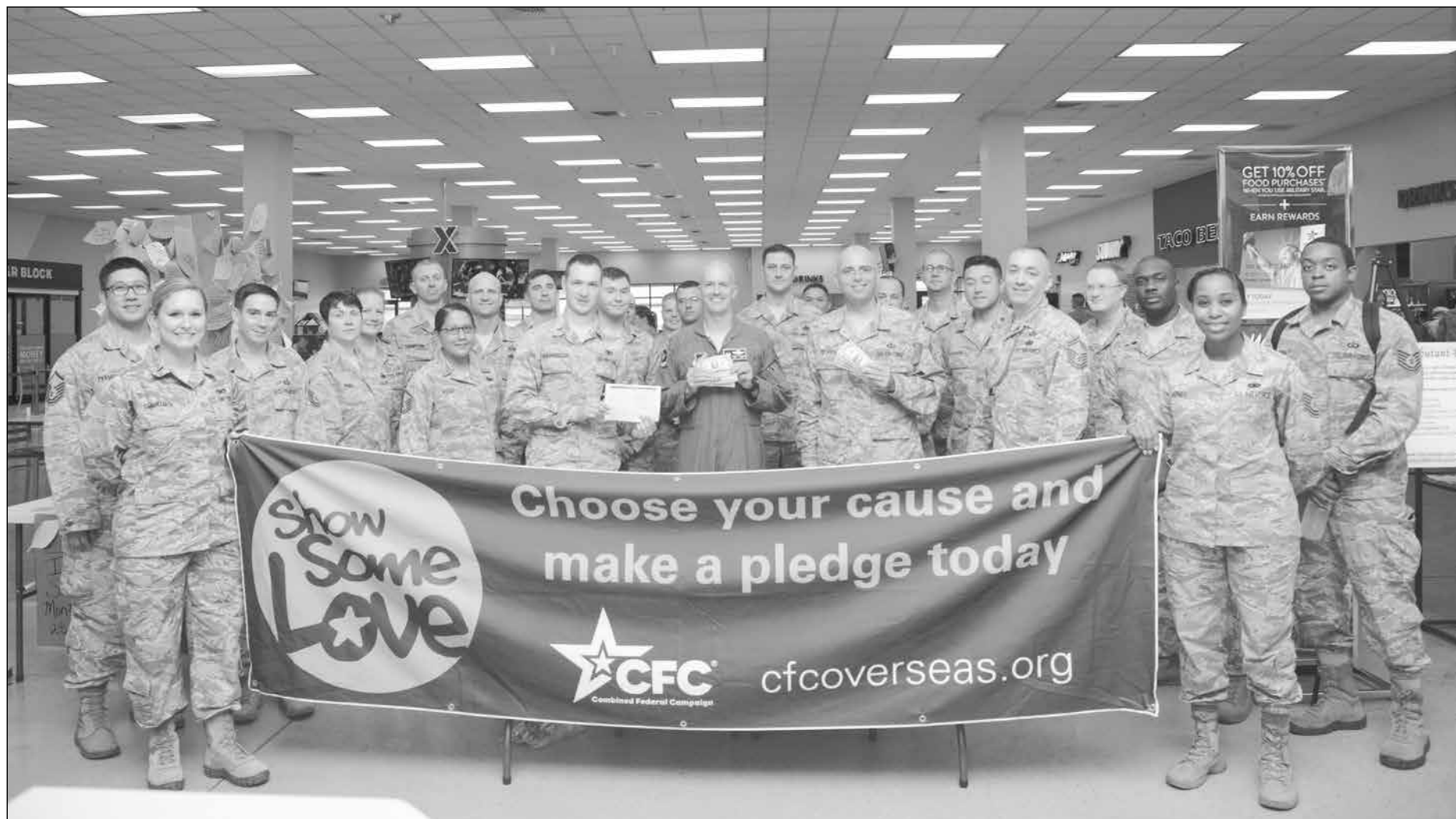
Military members visit O'Malley's Dining Facility at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 22, 2016. O'Malley's Dining Facility is scheduled to close for renovations from Sept. 26 to Nov. 6, 2016, which will allow multiple areas of the DFAC to be revamped, including serving lines, dining areas, floors and more. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colville McFee/Released)

Combined Federal Campaign 2016 kicks off at Osan

By Senior Airman Dillian Bamman
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Campaign 2016 kickoff at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 3, 2016. The CFC is the world's largest annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 200 CFC campaigns throughout the United States and overseas raising millions of dollars each year. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Leadership and volunteers from the 51st Fighter Wing pose for a group photo during the Combined Federal



Leadership and volunteers from the 51st Fighter Wing pose for a group photo during the Combined Federal Campaign 2016 kickoff at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 3, 2016. The CFC is the world's largest annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 200 CFC campaigns throughout the United States and overseas raising millions of dollars each year. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)



(Above Left) U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Hansen, speaks with volunteer donation representatives during the Combined Federal Campaign 2016 kickoff at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Over a period of nine weeks, members of Team Osan have the chance to contribute to various charities even from an overseas location. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

(Above Right) Pamphlets of charitable donation information rest on display during the Combined Federal Campaign 2016 kickoff at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 3, 2016. Over a period of nine weeks, members of Team Osan have the chance to contribute to various charities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)

“Mustang” command chief receives Bronze Star



U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Alexander Del Valle, 51st FW command chief, pose for a photo after Del Valle received a Bronze Star Medal Sept. 27, 2016, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Del Valle received the BSM for his accomplishments serving as the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing command chief at Forward Operating Base Oqab, Kabul, Afghanistan, from February 2015 to January 2016. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kyong Hwan Song)

By Senior Airman Dillian Bamman
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --The 51st Fighter Wing's very own command chief was awarded his second Bronze Star Medal Sept. 27, 2016, for actions taken during a deployment to Afghanistan.

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Alexander P. Del Valle received the BSM for his accomplishments serving as the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing command chief at Forward Operating Base Oqab, Kabul, from February 2015 to January 2016.

The BSM is a decoration awarded to U.S. service members for heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement or meritorious service in a combat zone such as Afghanistan.

"[This BSM] symbolizes to me that the commander [of the 438th AEW] appreciates and recognizes the work I did to advance the mission," said Del Valle. "I hold it in high regard in the sense the commander thought highly enough of the mission accomplishment that I did to nominate me for a decoration."

Even though Del Valle was the recipient, the BSM serves as a reflection to him of his team at the 438th AEW.

"I can assure you that if I fall, the mission will still continue... but without the team, I could achieve absolutely nothing," said Del Valle. "I'd like to believe they followed me, not because of the stripes on my sleeves, but because they believed in what I was giving to them. They willingly followed me so we could accomplish our tactical mission."

Serving as the sole air advisor to the Command Sergeant Major of the Afghan air force during his tenure at Kabul, Del Valle gained valuable life lessons that continue to contribute to his role here at Osan.

"It gave me new perspective into what the life is like over there," said Del Valle. "To capture the experiences I've had opposed to my time at Mountain Home [AFB, Idaho] or leaving Eielson [AFB, Alaska], this one is much more significant. It says I did something different in a more difficult environment."

As Del Valle's time at the 438th AEW came to a close, U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st FW commander, offered him the responsibility and role to be the Mustang's command chief.

"As I looked more into the job as the command chief of the most forwardly-deployed location in the Air Force, I wasn't exactly sure of what to expect," Del Valle. "I have been able to translate what I've learned in Kabul into being here, where there is an exceedingly realistic threat. It's important to remember where you are, especially with the all the great things Korea has to offer with its cultural experiences."

Hansen knew of Del Valle's strong leadership abilities as they served alongside each other at Eielson in the past, and Del Valle's Bronze Star translates that faith entirely.

"Chief Del Valle has some of the strongest leadership skills I've seen," said Hansen. "I've been lucky enough to work with him for two assignments now, and I can attest to his work-ethic and ability to lead Airmen by example. He certainly deserves this recognition, and we are all thankful to have him on the Mustang team."

51st Fighter Wing hosts Facebook Town Hall to answer Osan questions

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and members of wing leadership answered questions to topics about United States Forces Korea policy, wing events and quality of life during the Facebook town hall Sept. 27, 2016.

Question #1: Where can we find the official guidance on the “no more than 30 days off the peninsula policy?”

Answer: It can be found in USFK regulation 600-8-10. It is tied to the necessity to maintain persistent readiness on the peninsula.

Question #2: When can Airmen in Dorm 712 get new washers and dryers? Currently half of the washers and dryers have been out of order for over 5 months.

Answer: It is never the intent to leave appliances for our Airmen unserviceable. We will look into it and ensure the current appliances are repaired or replaced as required.

Question #3: Is there any chance you can put a time limit on the parking spots in the BX? People park there for work and never leave.

Answer: Great idea! We can absolutely look into solutions to putting up signs and enforcing this idea.

Question #4: Will the 1:00 a.m. curfew ever be lifted?

Answer: The 1:00 a.m. curfew is a USFK and 7th AF policy that is not likely to be lifted in the near future.

Question #5: Can we have a combat dining in before it gets too cold?

Answer: We are always open to great ideas to build great camaraderie and resiliency across Osan. Please go through your unit leadership to coordinate specifics on implementing your idea.

Question #6: The Interactive Customer Evaluation comment system at Osan AB seems to be underutilized, however, requests for information or com-

ments submitted through the ICE comment system have not been responsive.

Answer: Thank you for highlighting this! ICE is a very effective means to gather feedback for services across base. Our FSS was actually rated #1 in the Air Force for FY15 for customer satisfaction and number of responses to submissions. We recommend those filling out our ICE forms provide good contact information to receive feedback.

Question #7: Is the construction happening across from the Main Gate going to have an effect on that gate’s daily operations?

Answer: Unfortunately, because this is off-base construction, we have minimal insight into those effects. There are no anticipated or scheduled closures/changes, but should it effect the gate’s daily operations, we will be sure to keep you updated!

Question #8: Why is the utility reconciliation for AF civilians mandatory while active duty Airmen and other federal civilians across USFK bases are paid at a flat rate?

Answer: Living Quarters Allowance reconciliation at Osan is driven by PACAF policy.

Question #9: When will the diesel pump be fixed?

Answer: We have been actively working to fix the diesel pump, and hope to find the fix for it soon.

Question #10: Is it possible to set an age-restriction on those who walk pets in the tower to ensure pets are cleaned up after?

Answer: There are current age-restrictions in place on what age children can be left unsupervised. The FSS website www.51fss.com has the age-matrix for your reference under the Youth Center page. The lease everyone signs to live in the tower specifies the necessity to clean up after your pets, and we will work with tower supervision to reemphasize this policy. Any help from residents to enforce this policy would be appreciated.

To answer additional questions, access the 51st FW’s official Facebook page and post an inquiry.

A timeless task

By Airman 1st Class Taylor Workman
9th Intelligence Squadron

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) -- In the dark confines of a deployable van, a Defense Department unit here provides the production, exploitation and dissemination of U-2 aerial film. To some, the operation could be considered a relic of the Cold War, but to the Airmen of the 9th Intelligence Squadron’s Optical Bar Camera Flight, it is the heart and soul of the Air Force’s high-altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission.

Utilizing the Optical Bar Camera, the U-2 has delivered film with high-quality resolution during peacetime and war operations for more than 60 years.

“We still process wet film because there is not a digital medium in ISR that can beat it, let alone match it,” said Staff Sgt. Tinesse Jackson, the 9th IS OBC mission manager. “The image quality and the amount of imagery we can capture in one mission cannot be done in a digital format.”

OBC imagery flexes its ISR muscles across more than 30 missions per year, but one in particular has a special place in Jackson’s heart.

In 2014, OBC imagery was specifically requested because it was the only sensor that could capture the entire area of Mount Sinjar, Iraq, in the timeline required. Trapped on the mountain were 50,000 Yazidi refugees who’d fled their homes after the Sinjar massacre, an attack by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant that ended in the slaughter of 5,000 villagers.

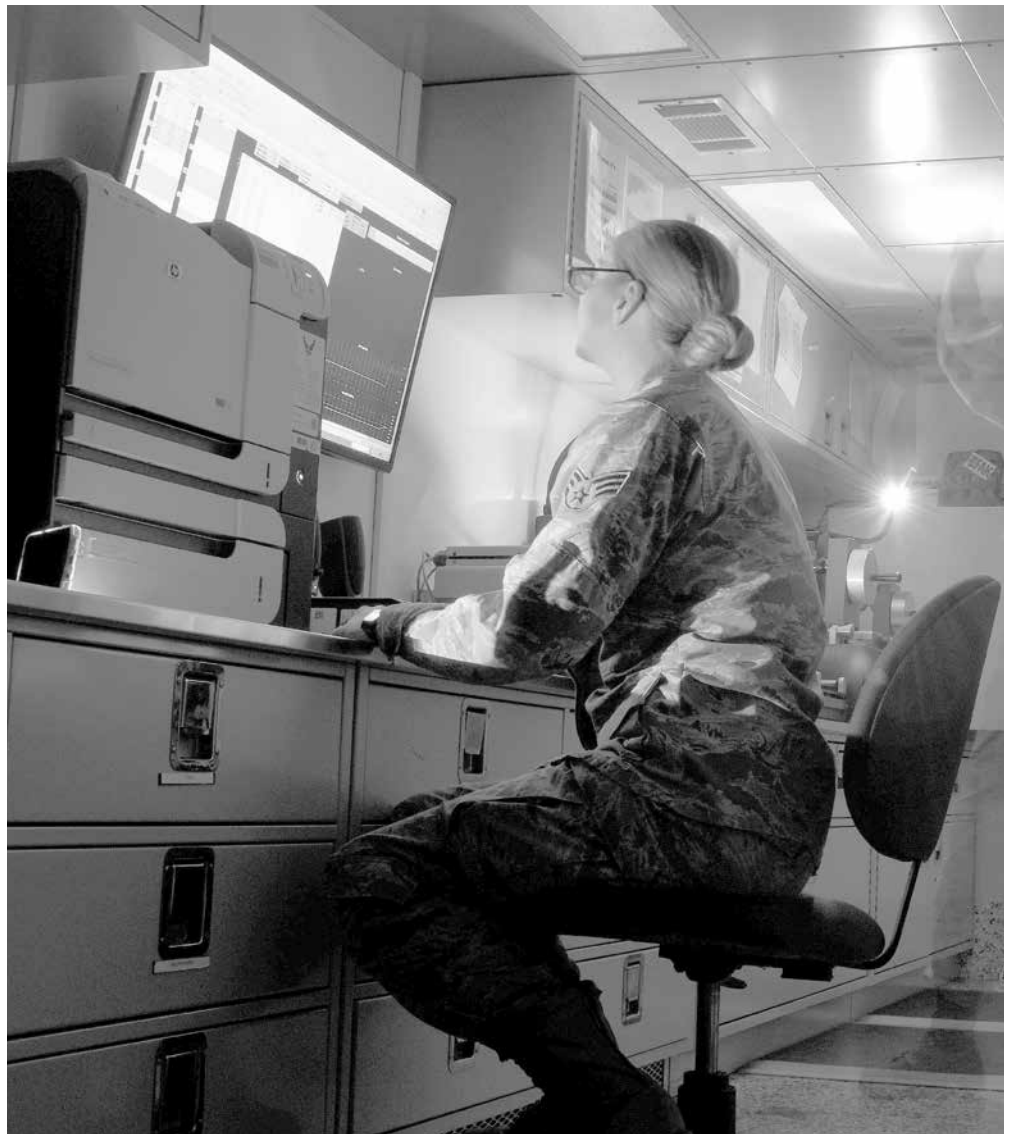
“Our mission was used to find the refugees and aid in the distribution of food, water and other survival necessities until help could arrive,” Jackson said.

Once the film arrived at Beale Air Force Base, products were generated and sent to combatant commanders within 12 hours.

The imagery aided efforts to provide relief to the refugees and was shared with U.S. allies, leading to the liberation of those trapped on the mountain.

Because the film is used in many humanitarian efforts like this one, it’s crucial the process is executed flawlessly.

“We inspect every inch of the film and the copies for damage, to include exposure issues, scratches and anything that would degrade the quality of the images,” Jackson said. “Our number one priority is to send a product that has high quality imagery and will stand the test of time.”



Senior Airman Dana Cable and Senior Airman Shana Wojcik, both are 9th Intelligence Squadron quality assurance specialists, analyze and record film density tests Sept. 14, 2016, at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. Quality assurance manages all Optical Bar Camera film products by ensuring machines are functioning without error and the chemistry is developing the film properly. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Taylor A. Workman)

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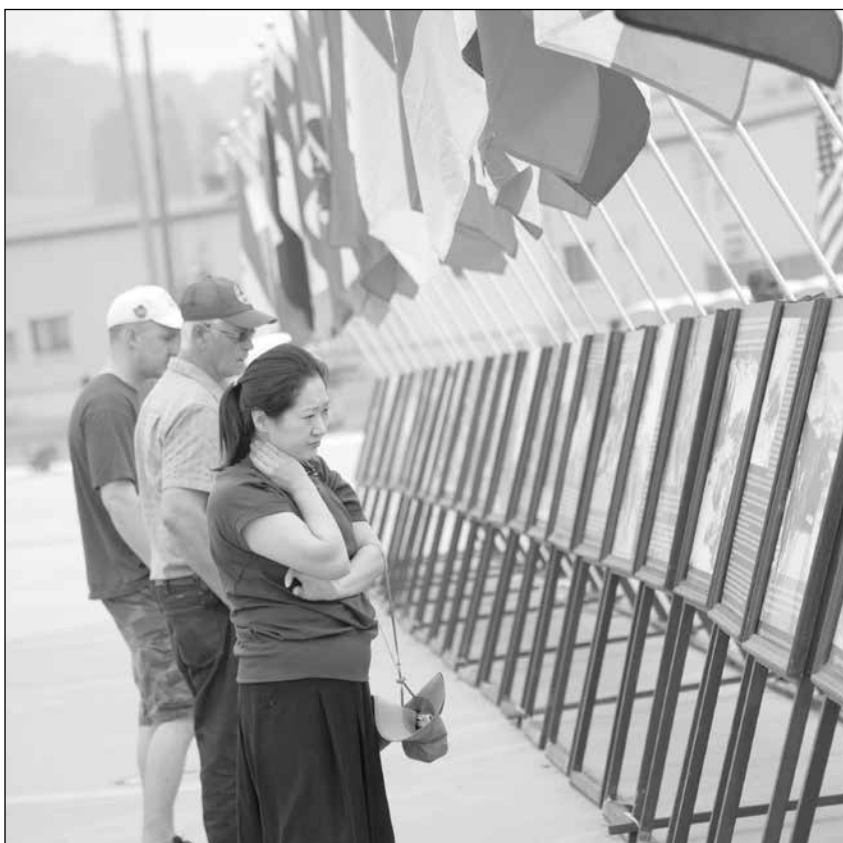
(Above) An A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 25th Fighter Squadron shoots a flare during Air Power Day 2016 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2016. The A-10 was showing off its capabilities to perform combat search and rescue missions during air show.



(Above Right) Republic of Korea air force Black Eagles fly in formation during Air Power Day 2016 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2016. Air Power Day was a two-day event that highlighted the partnership between the Republic of Korea and the U.S. military.



(Right) A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon from Misawa Air Base, Japan, lands after performing at Air Power Day 2016 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2016. Air Power Day gives the U.S. and the ROKAF the chance to illustrate their capabilities and alliance to a global audience. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)



(Above Right) Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander, punches through pieces of board after the Republic of Korea Martial Arts Demonstration Team performed their orchestrated movements during Air Power Day 2016 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2016. Members of Team Osan and the surrounding community participated in events for the air show such as static displays, aircraft takeoffs and aerial demonstrations.



(Above Left) Crowds looks at the Korean War memorial photos exhibit at Air Power Day 2016 on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept 25, 2016. Air Power Day had a variety of static displays including aircrafts, weapons load, and booths featuring units throughout Osan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

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AAFES Director visits Osan AB

By Tech. Sgt. Rasheen Douglas
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE , Republic of Korea -- Army & Air Force Exchange Service Director/CEO Tom Shull is committed to ensuring Airmen and families at Osan Air Base have what they need to stay fit and mission-ready.

Shull and Exchange Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate toured facilities at Osan and met with associates to understand how the Exchange can best meet the ends of the community.

During his visit, Shull discussed how the Exchange can help Airmen and families at Osan maintain healthy lifestyles.

"The Exchange team appreciates how much Airmen and their families sacrifice," Shull said. "Their sacrifices inspire the Exchange team to work even harder to meet their needs."

Part of meeting the community's needs is ensuring Airmen have choices to keep them healthy. The Osan Exchange recently revamped its BE FIT section, giving it the look and feel of a big-box athletic store.

"Name brands that shoppers know and trust, such as Under Armour, Nike and Adidas are prominently featured in the BE FIT area," Shull said. "It's a one-stop shop for products that contribute to Airmen's health and resiliency."

The commitment to readiness doesn't stop at the store. For shoppers who want to grab a meal, Osan's restaurants, such as Popeyes, Burger

King, Charley's and Subway, and the Express bring a host of healthy options to the table.

"For those who are looking for a quick grab-and-go bite, the Express is stocked with good-for-you choices such as fresh sandwiches, fruit and salads," Shull said.

When shopping and dining at the Exchange, Shull said, Airmen do more than save sales tax. Money from every purchase goes back to improving quality of life at Osan.

"For every dollar earned, historically 67 cents comes back to the military community to support quality-of-life programs," he said. "In 2015, sales at the Yokota Exchange generated more than \$532,000 on behalf of these programs. Every time shoppers buy from the Exchange, they are making life better for their entire military community."

The Osan Exchange is committed to treating Airmen, their dependents and retirees like family.

"Since 1895, the Exchange has provided a lifeline to America's service members and their families," Shull said, noting that across the organization, roughly 88 percent of Exchange associates have a connection to the military. "The Exchange truly is family serving family."

Shull is the first civilian to lead the 121-year-old organization, which employs 35,500 civilian associates worldwide. In addition, 35 active-duty service members are assigned to the Exchange.

For more information about the Exchange and Exchange programs, visit shopmyexchange.com.



Army & Air Force Exchange Service Director/CEO Tom Shull (far left) and Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate visited the Osan AB Exchange facilities on Sept. 19 to see first-hand how the organization supports Airmen and families. at Osan. (Courtesy Photo)

51st CES firefighters prepare for the heat

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

Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Darnell Walls, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of training, instructs firefighters during a training scenario at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2016. The scenario was a biannual structural firefighting training designed to train in building fires. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)



(Above) A U.S. Air Force firefighter from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron holds a hose and nozzle during structural firefighting training at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2016. The 51st CES fire prevention team practiced tactics and techniques for structural fires during the training scenario.

(Right) A U.S. Air Force firefighter from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron opens a window after putting out a fire during structural firefighting training at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2016. Mongrel firefighters used Humphreys' fire training area to maintain currency on their biannual training requirements.



A U.S. Air Force firefighter from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron waits to enter a structural fire scenario at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2016. The 51st CES firefighters practiced tactics and techniques for structural fires. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)

Break the cycle of bullying



October is National Bullying Prevention Month.

By J.D. Levite

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

ALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) -- Bullying is not just a part of life that stops in the schoolyard; it can have consequences that stretch into adulthood and impact people for the rest of their lives.

According to the National Center for Education, 1 in 4 children will experience bullying in their lives, and it comes in many forms: social, verbal, physical and even cyberbullying. But just because it exists and has remained for a long time doesn't mean it has to stay that way forever.

"We can prevent bullying," said Maj. Joshua Duncan, a pediatrician and the chief resident for General Preventive Medicine Residency with the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. "We can change these behaviors, and we can prevent some of the consequences we see."

Some of those consequences include an impact on healthy behavior for children who bully and children who get bullied. For both, there can be psychological effects.

"A lot of people who have experienced bullying will develop mental health disorders like anxiety or depression," Duncan said. "Being bullied also puts them at risk for suicide as well as developing psychoses."

He added that children who are bullied while involved in sports or other physical activities can be at a greater risk for developing obesity.

"This can be a form of social bullying where they're the last person picked on the team or nobody wants to include them," he said. "That causes them to withdraw. They tend to avoid those kinds of experiences. They tend to avoid physical activity because they've been bullied."

Duncan also said children who bully can develop many of the same mental health issues, and they are more prone to engage in certain activities like substance abuse or exhibit criminal behavior as they age. They also can continue abusive relationships later on in life.

Duncan said, for this reason, it's important for adults, including parents and teachers and other authority figures, to learn to recognize the signs associated with bullying. He also said children tend not to report bullying because they want to be independent and don't want to be judged by their peers.

Some of the signs for children who are being bullied include unexplained injuries, psychosomatic symptoms like stomach aches or headaches, difficulty sleeping, and bed-wetting episodes. These children can be withdrawn and refuse to participate in social activities or sports. Some of them may

even run away or attempt to injure themselves.

"These signs aren't always specific to bullying," Duncan said. "But in cases where any of those symptoms are present that should raise a flag for not just parents but also primary care providers and teachers, too."

There are three things Duncan recommends for countering bullying: ignore, stand up and get help.

The first step stems from the fact that bullying is often one person trying to create or take advantage of a real or perceived power imbalance. Often ignoring a bully's advances removes the power he's trying to wield.

"That doesn't always work," Duncan said. "In that case, I would encourage children to stand up both figuratively and literally. Standing up tall and looking the bully in the eye levels the playing field of the power imbalance." He said he encourages parents to rehearse firm statements with their children so they have something definitive to say.

The last step is getting help, and that means finding other people to be on your team.

"One of the best ways to prevent bullying is by roping in bystanders. By encouraging your children to build strong relationships with other kids, they're going to have friends who are going to stand up for them. It's going to equalize that power imbalance," he said.

For Airmen whose children might be getting bullied or doing the bullying, there are several things they can do to break that cycle. The first and most important step is to recognize the signs of bullying mentioned above. After that, parents can take action by engaging with the school. Most schools have anti-bullying policies with staff that are trained on how to intervene.

"Your child has a right to attend school in a safe environment that's also supportive," Duncan said. "That's really what most schools want for your child. So, I'd engage with the schools early on when you know your child is being bullied."

He added parents can also talk to their pediatrician.

"Pediatricians have specific training on how to address this, and they have some tools they can provide you," he said. "Additionally, because we know there can be health consequences of bullying, they can also further evaluate these children who are being bullied or bullying other children to see if any treatment is indicated."

There are several resources available on bullying. The first place to start is with the school and local governments because both should have anti-bullying policies in place that are worth knowing. BullyPolice.org is a watchdog group that lists state policies on combatting and preventing bullying.

Osan remembers POW/MIA during Remembrance Day

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. David Plouff, 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group superintendent, and Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter

Wing commander, place a brick bearing the name of a POW/MIA service member during a POW/MIA memorial closing ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2016. The event honors missing service members and the U.S. government's continued responsibility to locate POW/MIA. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)



Patrick Higgins, Veterans of Foreign War Department of the Pacific, delivers remarks to a crowd during a POW/MIA memorial closing ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2016. The event honors missing service members and the U.S. government's continued responsibility to locate POW/MIA service members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. David Plouff, 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group superintendent, and Col. Andrew Hansen, 51st Fighter Wing commander, place a brick bearing the name of a POW/MIA service member during a POW/MIA memorial closing ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2016. The event honors missing service members and the U.S. government's continued responsibility to locate POW/MIA.



(Above Left) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joel, 6th Intelligence Squadron, carries a flag during a POW/MIA 24 hour remembrance run at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 15, 2016. The flag stayed in motion for 24 hours to pay respect and honor those service members are that are still missing.

(Above Right) U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Colin Jeffers, 51st Force Support Squadron services journeyman, inverts an empty glass during the opening ceremony of a POW/MIA memorial service at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 15, 2016. The event honors missing service members and the U.S. government's continued responsibility to locate prisoners of war.



51st Fighter Wing Honor Guard members carry the hats of different branches of the U.S. military to a POW/MIA table during a POW/MIA memorial closing ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2016. The table represents the U.S. government's everlasting concern and responsibility for the still-missing service members.

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U.S. Army members of the 8th Army Band perform during Air Power Day 2016 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2016. The 8th Army Band performs across the peninsula to provide morale and community integration with military members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dillian Bamman)



(Above) A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon from Misawa Air Base, Japan, lands after performing at Air Power Day 2016 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2016. Air Power Day gives the U.S. and the ROKAF the chance to illustrate their capabilities and alliance to a global audience. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Steffen)



Staff Sgt. Christopher Hatch, the 9th Intelligence Squadron aerial film processing section lead, pours fixer solution into a mixer Sept. 14, 2016, at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. Using the fixer and various other chemicals, film processors develop the wet-film imagery captured by the Optical Bar Camera. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Taylor A. Workman)

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When each roll of OBC film is received by 9th IS aerial imagery production specialists, it's roughly 10,500 feet long, weighs about 100 pounds, inside of a light-sealed container. Airmen working in a dark, debris-free environment develop the film, or original negative, using a Versamat 1140 film processor. The machine develops the exposed image and removes any pieces left unexposed by the camera.

Once the film is processed, Airmen swiftly cut it into manageable sections and prep it for printing. The printing process is comprised of annotating any imperfections on the film caused by the camera or Versamat, then duplicating the negative to produce a positive image.

Duplication is vital to the OBC mission because the positive image is the only version of the film that intelligence analysts can exploit.

From start to finish, the complete process takes approximately 12 hours before delivery to OBC geospatial analysts for exploitation.

"We are responsible for creating imagery products for combatant commanders downrange," said Senior Airman Rodney, a 9th IS OBC geospatial analyst. "We locate any activity on the imagery and research the target to provide a complete analysis package."

Even in an age of seemingly unlimited digital platforms, Capt. Sean Bruderer, the OBC flight commander, said film still superior.

"OBC film provides unparalleled broad-area mapping at a fraction of the cost and with better resolution," Bruderer said. "It is invaluable imagery, for mapping and reference, to coalition and national partners worldwide in an ongoing fight against adversaries."

New office looks to shape future force

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) -- The Air Force of the future is taking greater focus as the new Air Force Strategic Development Planning and Execution Office is actively pursuing its mission and the experimentation campaigns that it has been chartered to execute.

The office will be responsible for supporting Air Force development planning efforts and conducting experimentation efforts that will result in planning choices for senior Air Force level resource decisions.

Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski, the Air Force Materiel Command commander, drove the initiative to stand up the new office within Air Force Research Laboratory due to its flexibilities and multi-domain perspectives of air, space and cyber. The Air Force vision she said, was for a strategic development planning effort to "marry up" operational warfighters and doctrine experts from all Air Force domains with the acquisition and technology communities.

As a cross-cutting organization within AFRL, the office is postured to reach across disciplines to foster the necessary close relationship between operational, science and technology, acquisition, and requirement communities, according to Jack Blackhurst, the director of the Strategic Development Planning and Execution office. Their focus will be to reinvigorate development planning and execution at the Air Force enterprise level in order to build in agility and formulate truly innovative strategic choices.

"The Air Force is aggressively pursuing a path toward strategic agility in our capability development activities," Blackhurst said. "We are transforming into an agile enterprise to maintain and increase our edge in the emerging environment and leverage the full innovative potential in all our Airmen."

The office will use live exercises, experiments, wargaming, modeling and simulation, and virtual/hardware proto-typing to understand and synthesize future warfighting needs and reconcile those with available and potential capabilities, concepts and emerging technologies.