

Crimson Sky

FARP Exercise Demonstrates 2CAB Readiness and Operational Reach



A U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopter takes off from Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2017. The 4-2 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, distribution platoon participated in a joint Forward Arming and Refueling Point at Kunsan which allowed the 2CAB to extend its reach beyond what was originally possible for them. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Michael Hunsaker)

By Senior Airman Michael Hunsaker
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE -- Soldiers with the U.S. Army E Forward Support Company, 4-2 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade conducted Forward Arming and Refueling Point training in support of over-water, joint and multinational training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea on Aug. 7, 2017 demonstrating the readiness, integration, and capabilities of the forces on the Korean Peninsula.

The Soldiers who participated in the training honed their ability to operate in tandem with other nations and services, arming and providing fuel for the AH-64 Apache Longbow helicopters allowing them to conduct day and night iterations of over-water, live-fire operations in conjunction with the Republic of Korea Navy sea craft, U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs and a U.S. Air Force E-8 Joint

Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft. The training served to test the logistical capacity of the 4-2 ARB supporting a dispersible mission set unique to the Korean Peninsula.

The logistical flexibility allows the attack battalion to operate not only across the theater, but as part of a full-range integration of forces designed to interdiction and attack enemy forces whether in air, land, or sea.

According to Maj. Laura Fryar, the battalion operations officer, "Being able to forward arm and refuel extends our operational reach beyond what is possible out of Camp Humphreys."

Conducting the FARP at Kunsan ensured the 4-2 ARB Soldiers could conduct hot reload and refueling of the Apaches, and provide the reach to areas which would otherwise be inaccessible to the 2CAB.

An additional benefit to training at Kunsan for the distribution platoon Soldiers is the capacity of the airfield, which allows them to scale up their

refuel and reload operations to a six-point FARP, rather than the two- or four- point stations they most commonly operate.

"Once this training is complete, we'll know that our capabilities will have increased by being able to get six birds armed and refueled versus four at a time," said 2nd Lt. Derek Wang, the distribution platoon leader. "If you can get two more birds in the air that's a lot more firepower."

The Apache carries a lethal array of armament. Its combat load includes Hellfire missiles and aerial rockets as well as an M230 Chain Gun automatic canon. Two more Aircraft means a much greater capability to defend the peninsula and bring firepower to bear during wartime operations.

Typically the Apache mission is to conduct air-to-ground attack against enemy targets, however due to unique requirements on the Korea Peninsula, the 4-2 "Death Dealer" pilots also train a unique over-water mission to eliminate potentially hostile sea craft.

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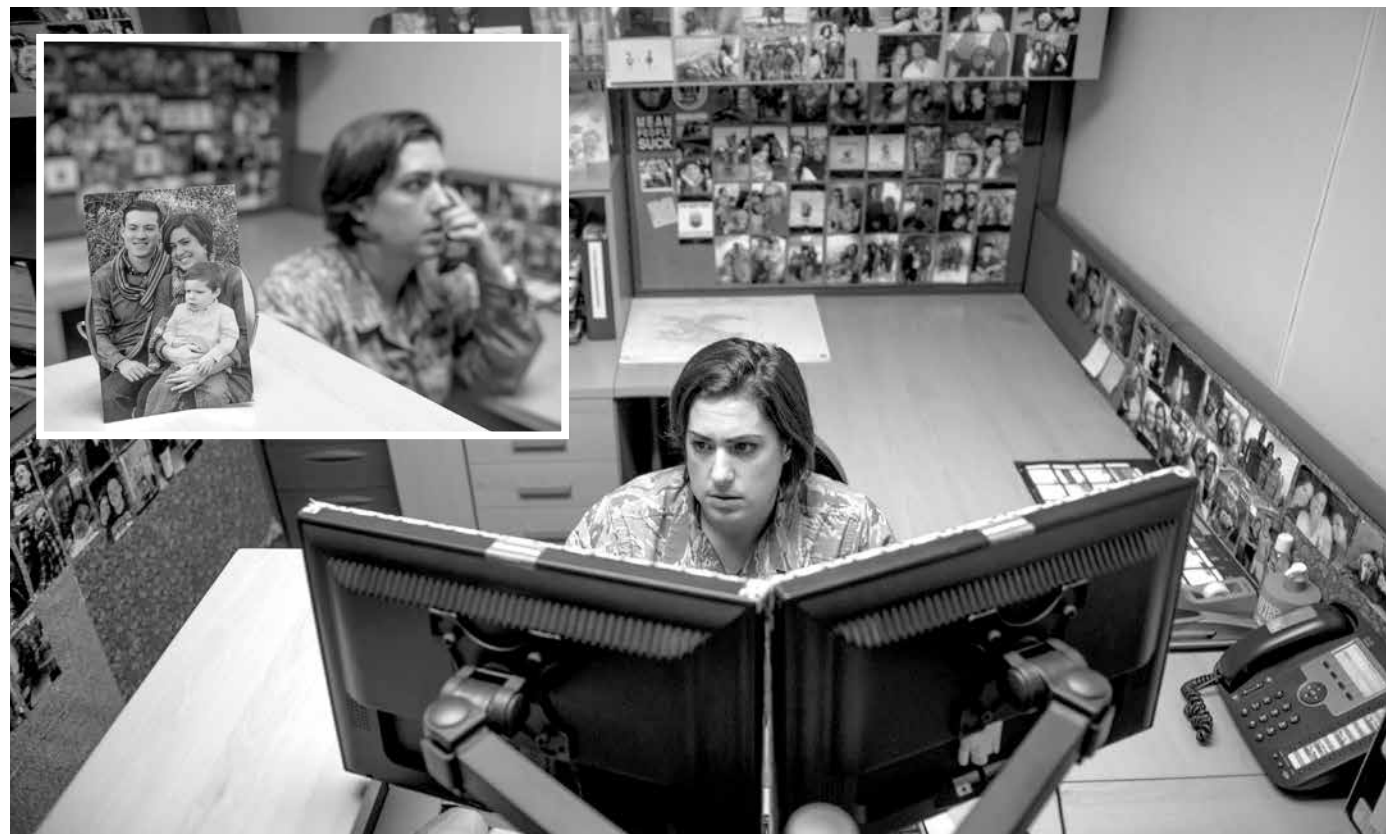
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Voices of the Pack: Staff Sgt. Kara Tierney

Staff Sgt. Kara Tierney voice is one that shows how being embarrassed to work in retail and have so much education and nothing to show for it. Coming from a deep rooted family in the military, Kara joined to excel and one day join the ranks of officers to lead, listen and be an ear to those who feel they don't get their voices heard. Being in Kunsan as a personnellist is a challenging task just as any job in the Air Force is. Most families may not understand what we go through here and being away from her son and family is tough and we all know and feel the burden of being alone, but the motivation to keep the mission going with the support of her friends and coworkers are what keeps Kara ready. Getting a chance to meet Airmen around Kunsan is one of the benefits of being in public affairs since we always share what's going on. Focusing on the Airmen and their voice is how we learn, grow and recognize Airmen.

2017 USFK Men's Softball Champions

Top Row (Left to Right) SrA Tyler Skurka, SSgt James Beaulieu, SSgt Richard Olney, TSgt Matthew Copley, A1C Joel Shaffer, MSgt Matthew Foote, SSgt Nicholas Ott, MSgt Jesse Crose Bottom Row (Left to Right) SSgt Matthew Byous, SSgt Jose Bastardo, SrA Darren Walters, SSG William Yongue, SSgt Derek Sizemore, TSgt Kyle Salyer, SFC Vince Grady, SSgt Scott Huckins Not Pictured: SMSgt Ronely Rivera-Ortiz, MSgt Daryl Allen, MSgt David Ohl, SSgt Justin Gates, SrA Hayden George, SSgt Aaron Lehman, SSgt Chris Perry, SSgt Ramon Santiago, SSgt Alex Tamsen

By MSgt. Matthew J. Foote

KUNSAN AIR BASE -- The Kunsan Wolfpack Men's Varsity Softball Team competed in the 2017 USFK Post Level Men's Softball Championship at U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys, Korea, Aug. 5-6, 2017.

This end-of-season tournament included the top seven teams assigned to various instillations and were comprised of Airmen, Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Retirees, Civilians, and Dependents. Teams competed all year in a round-robin style of play to earn their seeding in this tournament.

The Wolfpack's biggest rival Osan Air Base, earned the top seed while Kunsan AB earned the second seed. Kunsan

entered the tournament red-hot, going 10-1 over the past two tournaments, and two straight victories over Osan.

The Wolfpack never looked back, as they completed their season with a bang by bringing home the Gold! The Wolfpack went undefeated in the tournament with wins against Area-1, Osan, and Yongsan in the Championship game. In the three games the team combined for 31 total runs on 57 hits and a combined team batting average of .533, with only 16 runs against.

Coach Matthew Copley stated, "Behind great defense and timely hitting was a team full of positive attitudes, and these attitudes allowed our team to gel; ultimately forming a championship bond!"

8th Fighter Wing conducts training day



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing, practice identifying unexploded ordnance during a wing training day at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2017. The event, hosted by the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness and Emergency Management Flight, taught Airmen vital skills in the event of an emergency situation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colville McFee)



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing, practice donning protective Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during a wing training day at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2017. The day focused on Ability To Survive and Operate training, self-defense and Self Aid Buddy Care. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colville McFee)

By Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE -- The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness and Emergency Management Flight hosted a wing training day that focused on Ability to Survive and Operate training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2017.

During the training, Airmen rotated through six different stations each focusing on a different skill. The round-robin style event gave Airmen a chance to freshen up on their preexisting knowledge of self-aid buddy care, weapons handling, vital asset decontamination, unexploded ordnance identification and reporting, and donning mission-oriented protective posture gear.

"Most Airmen coming to Kunsan didn't have to deal with these items as often as we do here," said Master Sgt. Misty Cardwell, 8th CES REM superintendent. "We're here today to help those Airmen familiarize with their gear."

A SALUTE or Size, Activity,

Location, Uniform, Time, Equipment reporting procedure station was also part of the training which taught Airmen to sharpen their ability to describe a scene in detail to law enforcement and pass along key information that could help respond to suspicious people or activities in an area.

"Since Kunsan is at a medium threat level, it's important that we incorporate these types of training so that if something were to happen every Airmen assigned here would have the skills and the confidence to get the mission done," said Cardwell.

Cardwell went on to say that these training events will continue to be held throughout the year to ensure everyone rotating in will have the same knowledge and skills of all Airmen assigned to Kunsan.

Regardless of duty title or career field, it is the responsibility of everyone to be ready to defend the base, accept follow on forces and take the fight North.

Wolf Pack, demonstrate capabilities to “Wolf 48”



U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Jerry “JD” Harris, Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. and Lt. Gen. Brad Shwedo, Chief, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., speak with Airmen assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 14, 2017. The 8th SFS showcased their role in the first priority of the Wolf Pack’s mission, “Defend the Base.” The visit facilitated discussion between tactical-level Airmen and strategic-level planners to better enable advocacy for the Wolf Pack within Headquarters Air Forces at the Pentagon. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colville McFee)



Lt. Gen. Jerry “JD” Harris, Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. and Lt. Gen. Brad Shwedo, Chief, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., look on as an 8th Security Forces Military Working Dog handler’s canine partner takes down a target at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 14, 2017. The 8th SFS showcased their role in the first priority of the Wolf Pack’s mission, “Defend the Base.” The visit facilitated discussion between tactical-level Airmen and strategic-level planners to better enable advocacy for the Wolf Pack within Headquarters Air Forces at the Pentagon. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colville McFee)

8th Fighter Wing participates in Red Flag-Alaska



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, prepare F-16 Fighting Falcons for take-off during Red Flag-Alaska at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Aug. 1, 2017. RF-A is a training exercise that provides joint offensive counter-air, interdiction, close air support and large force employment training in a simulated combat environment. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Joshua Rosales)



(Left) A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, uses hand signals to communicate during Red Flag-Alaska at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Aug. 2, 2017. RF-A provides an optimal training environment in the Indo-Asia Pacific region and focuses on improving ground, space and cyberspace combat readiness and interoperability of U.S. and international forces.

(Right) Three U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, prepare to take-off from the runway during Red Flag-Alaska at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Aug. 2, 2017. RF-A is a training exercise that provides joint offensive counter-air, interdiction, close air support and large force employment training in a simulated combat environment.

OSAN FAMILY REUNION

Father and daughter Airman 1st Class Rocio Rey-Nunez, 51st Communications Squadron cyber transport technician, and Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Clemente, 2nd Infantry Division NCOIC of the CBRN Battalion are stationed at Osan Air Base together. Being stationed together has given them opportunities to help each other grow professionally and in their relationship as a family. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)



By Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE -- For many military members stationed in Korea, being close to family is impossible.

For Airman 1st Class Rocio Rey-Nunez, 51st Communications Squadron cyber transport technician, coming to Korea was different because she found out that she would be stationed with her father, Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Clemente, 2nd Infantry Division NCOIC of the CBRN Battalion.

"When I first found out I was getting stationed in Korea, I wasn't very excited, but then I realized my dad was here, and I was going to be stationed with him for a good seven months," said Rey-Nunez. "We first met here in the Turumi Lodge lobby my first weekend. We hugged, and he asked me if I got shorter."

Clemente joined the Army about 19 years ago, a few years after Rocio was born and has since been overseas multiple times.

"It was exciting for me because I get to be with

her at her first duty station, and I know how tough it is to be overseas. In the states, it's easier to talk with mom and dad, but overseas it's a lot harder to do," said Clemente.

Being stationed together has given them both opportunities to grow professionally and in their relationship as a family.

"We saw each other just about every weekend," said Rey-Nunez. "I tell him just about everything and he gives me a lot of advice. He encourages me to do the right thing and always keeps me in check."

"It's hard to maintain a balance because you still have to have the mentality to be an NCO, but a dad at the same time," said Clemente. "This has opened up more opportunities for me to explore Korea. I don't really like to go out. She likes to explore and go out and see other cities, so it gave me more reason to go see more of Korea."

Even before deciding to join, Clemente was supportive of the options Rey-Nunez had chosen.

"It's not something I really thought about when

I was younger," said Rey-Nunez. "I just had the plan to go to college and live my life. I realized that school wasn't for me right now though, and I decided to try the military. Growing up, my dad always told me if I joined the military to join the Air Force, so this was a logical step for me. He even gave me pamphlets."

Despite walking a path now that she never expected, Rey-Nunez has embraced the opportunity to serve.

"Even though it's not something I had considered earlier, I am very proud to be serving in the military with my dad," said Rey-Nunez. "Growing up, I always thought what my dad did was pretty important, and now that I'm a part of that, I feel pretty proud of myself and feel like he respects me even more."

Rey-Nunez hasn't been in very long, but Clemente is excited to see what the future holds for her.

"I'm incredibly proud of her," said Clemente. "Since I'm in the military, I'm glad she is able to continue the tradition."

Team Osan working to improve processes

By Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE -- Team Osan held a Continuous Process Improvement event the last week of July at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The event was in succession of a recent green belt academics training and was facilitated by newly certified green belt practitioners.

The green belt program allows personnel to identify problems and reduce waste within a work center through an eight step practical problem solving method.

"Green belts focus on lean problems within squadrons, so reducing waste in processes that they have," said Master Sgt. Gregory Morris, PACAF CPI manager. "One of the things we wanted to take a look at is the actual mission here at Osan, and give back the Airmen their time from the different processes they work on. Their focus should be on Defending, Executing and Sustaining the wartime mission."

During the event, four issues among Team Osan were recognized and broken down. This included missed appointments through the 51st Munitions Squadron, Security Forces Enlisted Progress Report process, dorm vacancies in the 51st Force Support Squadron, and the 51st Maintenance Squadron's

Government Purchase Card processes.

People who just did the green belt training stepped up to take on these four events," said Morris. "So now these new green belts are taking the new skillset they have and applying it to solve problems that are within the individual squadrons."

Immediately applying their new skills allows green belt practitioners to see the effects they can have on their squadrons and allows them to find issues beyond surface level.

"This really helps you see the bigger picture," said Staff Sgt. Eric Hines, 51st SFS member. "Working in security forces, you may not always see certain aspects of not only our career field, but the Air Force as a whole. So coming to this you see more of the reasoning and why it's not so easy to just put a band aide on it and why it's important to find the root cause and solutions. You don't see those things just on the surface, but when you get involved with things like CPI you can start peeling back those layers and see the real problem."

The program is just one of many set in place to help the Air Force and its members to focus on the mission and encourage a culture of innovation.

Airmen of all ranks and civilian employees can volunteer to become green belt certified.

For more information please contact Senior Master Sgt. Eric Champagne.

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Green belt practitioners and a group of subject matter experts gather to find ways to reduce waste within the 51st Security Forces Squadron enlisted performance report process, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 25, 2017. The green belt program allows personnel to identify problems and reduce waste within a work center through an eight step practical problem solving method. The program is just one of many set in place to help the Air Force and its members to focus on the mission and encourage a culture of innovation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)

The force behind the machines: 8th CES EOD receives maintenance, operational training



Kimberly Tipton, Remotec instructor, replaces the pin of a connector on an Air Force Medium Sized Robot at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 10, 2017. While only weighing 223 pounds, the AFMSR can lift objects up to 125 pounds. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)

By Senior Airman Michael Hunsaker
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE -- "The machine is only as smart as its operator," said U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Travis Finborg, 8th Civil Engineering Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal logistics section chief.

This week, 15 Airmen assigned to the explosive ordnance disposal flight from both Osan Air Base and Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea took the opportunity to train with an instructor from Remotec who taught practical courses on rebuilding and repairing inoperable Air Force medium-sized robots at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7-11, 2017.

Remotec, a branch of Northrop Grumman, supplies and maintains AFMSRs and other robots for the Air Force, as well as other services and civil agencies.

Throughout the week, 8th CES EOD members hosted specialist Kimberly Tipton from Clint, Tenn. to teach the advanced course, which provided Airmen with vital maintenance techniques, as well as useful tips and tricks to use when operating the machines.

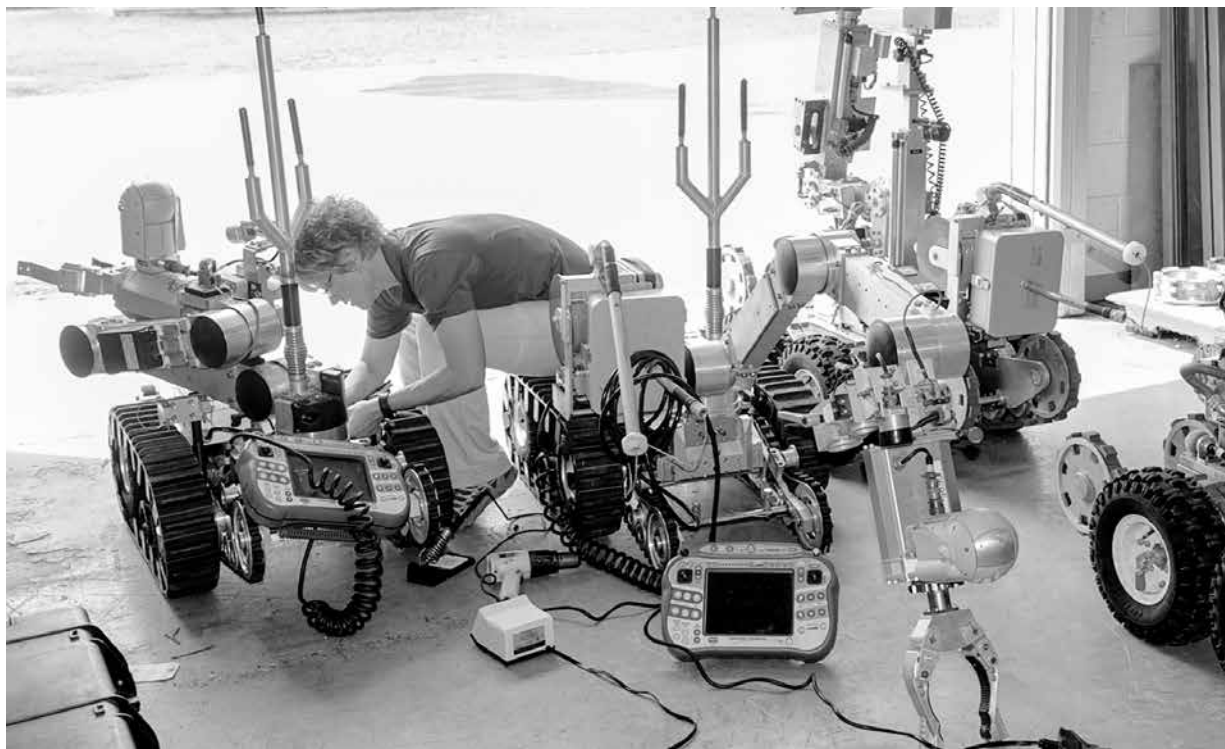
The human side to robotics

"Although we still call them robots, they have no artificial intelligence," said Finborg.

The AFMSRs are used as a tool by EOD for a multitude of situations to include detonating improvised explosive devices, examining suspicious packages and clearing unexploded ordnance.

"It's always beneficial for us to come on site, especially for the number of robots that are here and specific to the military, the turnover rate at a short tour location," said Kimberly Tipton, Remotec instructor.

Due to normal wear and tear over time, most of the robots at Kunsan have broken down at one point or another. To remain cost effective, the 8th CES EOD opted to host the Remotec instructor rather than sending their 15 Airmen off peninsula.



Kimberly Tipton, Remotec instructor, troubleshoots an Air Force Medium Sized Robot at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 10, 2017. Tipton was sent here to teach a week-long class training Explosive Ordnance Disposal Airmen how to perform general repairs on the robots that they use for missions.

"The most satisfying part is getting it up and going, identifying the problem then fixing it," said Finborg. "I'm thrilled, we got the robots working that weren't and that drastically increases our mission capabilities."

The training impact

The outcome of the training boosts 8th CES EODs robots more than six-hundred percent overall.

"Without the robots we're mission incapable and that's serious for everyone," said Finborg. "Now because of all the work we accomplished throughout the week we have enough safety buffer to do our mission and be able to do minor repairs without worry."

The AFMSRs are comprised of various parts that must be assembled in a specific order.

Finborg compared the meticulous process to that of work on a vehicle.

"These are modular by design so that if the arm was broken you could send it off to the company to be replaced and in the meantime swap it out with another one," said Finborg. "We use that method often and have a robot we nicknamed 'Frankenstein' because it is made up of parts from other inoperable robots."

Although the robots are not used every day, they are essential in performing EOD's crucial mission.

"The biggest take-away from this week is that it gave our Airmen confidence," said Finborg. "They now know that if they are faced with a situation where they need to repair one of these machines, they know what they are capable of and can get the job done."

Air Force welcomes new undersecretary



Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson swears into office undersecretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Arlington County, Va., Aug. 11, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photos by Scott M. Ash)

By Senior Airman Rusty Frank

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- In 1977, Matthew Donovan left for Air Force Basic Military Training.

Four decades later on Aug. 11, 2017, at the Pentagon, he ceremoniously recited the oath of office to be the undersecretary of the Air Force.

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson presided over the ceremony and welcomed Donovan back into the Air Force formation.

"He understands the mission of Air Force [and] he also understands what it's really all about," Wilson said. "Matt will be a great leader for all of us...helping to make the country safe through dominant air and space power."

As USecAF, Donovan oversees the Air Force's annual budget of more than \$130 billion and is responsible for the affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of approximately 660,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen and their families, world-wide. Donovan also directs strategy and policy development, risk management, weapons acquisition, technology investments and human resource management across a global enterprise. Additionally, he is responsible for implementing decisions of the president, Congress and fulfilling combatant commanders' current and future operational requirements.

"I'm honored and humbled to be given this opportunity," Donovan said. "It's a dream come true."

After five years as an enlistee, Donovan received his commission in the Air Force in 1982, through the Air Force Officer Training School. During his 31 years on active duty, he was a command pilot with more than 2,900 flying hours in the

F-15C Eagle and F-5E Tiger, and served in combat during Operation Southern Watch.

Prior to becoming the USecAF, Donovan served as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee professional staff where he was advisor to the chairman of the committee.

Even with these accomplishments, he was honored to take his newest oath of office.

"I have either administered or recited that oath many, many times over the course of my career, and the gravity and impact of the words still don't ever fail to inspire me," Donovan said. "When

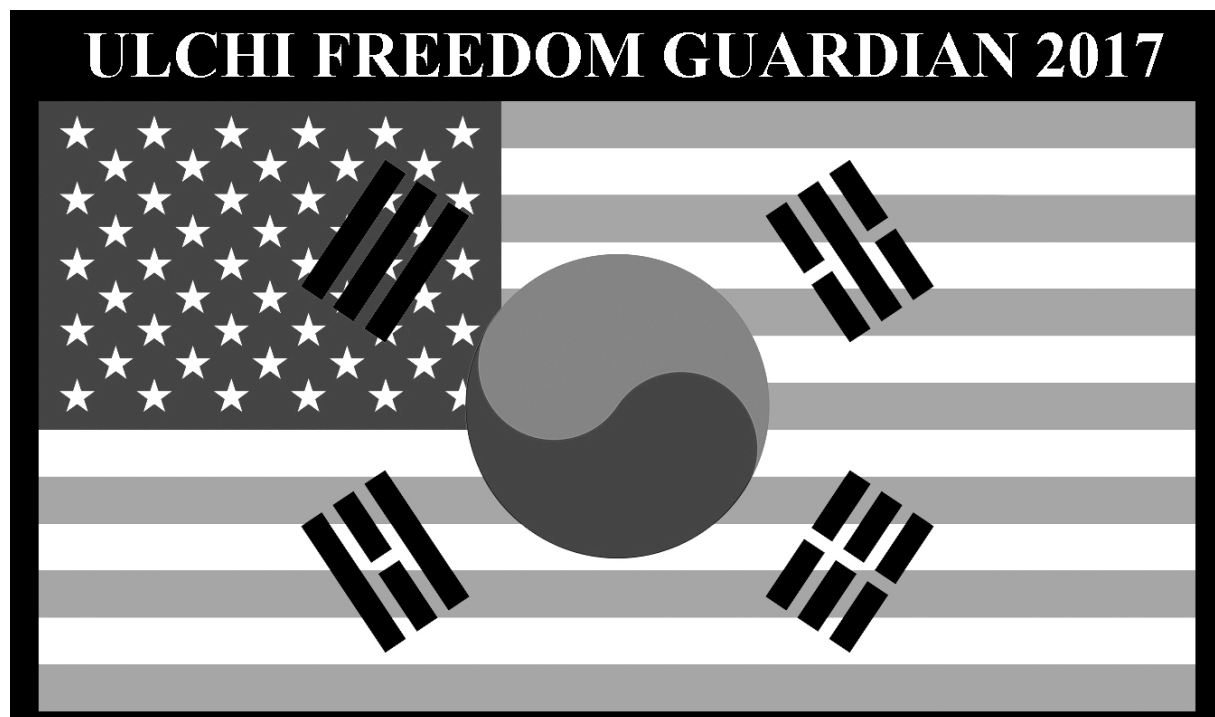
you think about the hundreds of thousands of officer, enlisted and civilian Airmen who are at this very moment—all around the world—either deterring our enemies or fighting and winning our nation's wars, it's all about them. I couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of this. I look forward to helping Secretary Wilson and (Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein) meet their goals, and to ensuring we sustain the world's greatest air, space and cyberspace force."

Donovan was confirmed as the USecAF Aug. 1, 2017, and administratively sworn in Aug. 3, 2017.



Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson congratulates undersecretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan during his swearing-in ceremony at the Pentagon in Arlington County, Va., Aug. 11, 2017.

Ulchi Freedom Guardian kicks off



By Senior Airman Jacob Skovo

OSAN AIR BASE -- The Republic of Korea and the United States Combined Forces Command kicked off the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise on August 21, 2017, throughout the southern Korean Peninsula.

UFG is designed to enhance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability in the peninsula. Exercise participants conduct rigorous computerized simulations designed to test their ability to defend the peninsula.

With more than 3000 airmen coming from installations outside of Korea approximately 17,500 U.S. service members in total are contributing to the exercise.

In addition, 9 United Nations states are scheduled to participate in UFG to include Australia, Colombia, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, Philippines, United Kingdom and New Zealand.

Overseeing UFG are representatives from the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission. They will review exercise practices to ensure compliance with the Armistice Agreement for the Restoration of the South Korean State.

Joining forces to enhance the interoperability and cohesion of ROK and U.S. forces reaffirms the nation's commitment to maintaining peace and highlights the longstanding partnership between nations.

CMSAF Wright gets 'up close and personal' view of OSI

By Wayne Amann

*Air Force Office of Special Investigations
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QUANTICO, Va. (AFNS) -- Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright received an indoctrination to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations during a guided tour of its headquarters Aug. 14, 2017.

The orientation fortified the impression the Air Force's top enlisted leader has maintained all along.

"I've always believed Air Force OSI is an extremely professional counterintelligence and criminal investigations organization," Wright said. "All of my dealings with them have been amazing. All the information and situational awareness I'm provided has been fantastic. To get to see it up close and personal is a treat."

Wright was immersed with briefings covering OSI's criminal investigations, fraud, counterintelligence, cyber, special projects and anti-terrorism specialty team missions.

Those mission sets showed how OSI will advance the new Air Force priorities recently endorsed by Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein and Wright.

"OSI will play an integral role, particularly in restoring our readiness," Wright explained. "I think the Airmen in OSI and the things they do for us from a counterintelligence standpoint ensure the Air Force will always be ready to go. A lot of the work they do most Airmen and Americans don't see. The amount of counterintelligence and advance-type work they do that allows us to set the conditions to be successful in a lot of these countries is just masterful."

Wright then underscored why all Airmen should understand how important OSI is to their Air Force.

"If there's one theme I want every Airman to know is that Air Force OSI plays a huge role in helping keep all of us safe on many fronts,"

he said. "They keep us honest with all their criminal dealings, their role of investigating sexual assaults and in the area of fraud, they save money."

Wright also noted the legacy of the OSI Hall of Heroes which honors 16 fallen members.

"It would have been one thing to walk down the Hall of Heroes and read some of the plaques," he said. "But (Hall of Heroes guide Staff Sgt. Aaron) Coleman really explained to me what happened to each of those heroes. I was also extremely pleased to see two (of the enshrined) security forces members and Master Sgt. (Tara) Brown, an administrative member, are recognized as heroes alongside

the agents. That was pretty powerful."

Wright's visit also included a tour of the OSI Enlisted Heritage Hall, a luncheon and an all call.

Wright shared his leadership philosophy, thoughts on leadership development and his goal to get the Air Force "in balance" between the mission and its people. He then fielded a variety of questions.

Prior to his departure, Wright said, "I thank the men and women of Air Force OSI for what they do every day, including support personnel, who help take care of the agents, and folks who mean so much to our Air Force and the nation. I appreciate it and look forward to working with the agency on a regular basis."



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright addresses an Air Force Office of Special Investigations member during an all call Aug. 14, 2017, at AFOSI Headquarters, Quantico, Va. (U.S. Air Force photo/Michael Hastings)

ATOC works around the clock to keep cargo and personnel moving



Senior Airman David Tiradeau, a 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron ramp coordinator, performs cargo inspections at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Aug. 15, 2017. The ramp coordinator monitors all aerial port ground handling operations to include maintaining constant communication with information control. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Hehnlly)

By Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Hehnlly
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) -- Maintaining the inbound and outbound movement of cargo and personnel in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve requires careful coordination between a multitude of entities. In order for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing to effectively complete its mission and deliver decisive airpower against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, it needs a nerve center to track aerial port operations: an air terminal operations center.

ATOC is the focal point for aerial port mission execution. According to Air Mobility Command Instruction 24-101, it is the central point through which all information relating to airlift traffic flow and aerial port operations is received, processed and dispatched to each functional area as well as to the chain of command.

"The mission for ATOC is to oversee the aerial port and all the functions within the aerial port," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Burlingame, an ATOC duty officer assigned to the 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. "The aerial port's responsibility is moving cargo and passengers and ATOC's position within the aerial port is to oversee all the day-to-day ops."

ATOC acts as the middleman between higher command mission planners and the execution of the missions by 386th AEW aerial port personnel. ATOC coordinates all cargo and personnel movements through the 386th AEW aerial port. They are the command and control of all the air terminal work sections involved with the upload and download of aircraft.

The ATOC's information control function gathers, processes and disseminates all information pertaining to air terminal operations. They ensure each terminal work center is given the necessary information to effectively accomplish their mission and they closely monitor the work centers to ensure established timelines are being met in order to

prevent aircraft delays.

Information control works closely with ramp control, another ATOC function. There is always a ramp coordinator on the flightline acting as the eyes and ears for information control. Ramp coordinators monitor all the aerial port ground handling operations and maintain constant communication with information control.

"My primary role as a ramp controller is to monitor and disseminate information from the flightline to all the entities involved in getting the cargo processed and the passengers onto the aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Dominique Erickson, a 386th ELRS ramp controller. "We work with the sections such as ramp, cargo (and) special handling. Essentially we are the information control liaison, which is in charge of the flightline information and organizing the outbound and

inbound processing of cargo and passengers."

In order to oversee all the around-the-clock functions within the aerial port, personnel assigned to ATOC must have experience in multiple aerial port work centers as well as extensive knowledge of all directives, policies and procedures related to passenger and cargo handling.

"As aerial porters, sometimes we think we are just pushing cargo, but when we really stop and think about what we are doing, we are putting life-saving equipment and bodies in place to do a job," said Burlingame. "So our job matters significantly. You may not see every element of that but we move a lot of important pieces and people in to do a job. We get to send the parts, the pieces, the equipment and the medicines to the warfighter. We are doing a serious job to bring food and supplies to the people who need it."



Senior Airman David Tiradeau, a 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron ramp coordinator, relays information to the air terminal operations center at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Aug. 15, 2017. The ramp coordinator monitors all aerial port ground handling operations to include maintaining constant communication with information control.

“Fight and Save:” French exchange pilot reaches multinational dream



Commandant Micka, a French exchange pilot and assistant director of operations for the 41st Rescue Squadron, stands in front of an HH-60G Pavehawk, Aug. 2, 2017, at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Prior to his arrival at the 41st RQS, Micka transitioned from flying the French air force's EC-725 Caracal helicopter to learn the HH-60. Since his childhood, Micka aspired to serve and fly for the French and U.S. military as a rescue pilot. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Greg Nash)

By Airman 1st Class Erin McClellan
22nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFNS) -- Allured by the distant chopping of helicopter blades, a young French boy diverts his attention from his television screen to watch native pilots rescue stranded hikers in Southeast France.

Glancing back at his favorite show, he notices an American pilot navigating a similar airframe, causing him to wonder what it would be like to fly a ‘chopper.’

Through sheer determination, Commandant Micka propelled himself to serve and fly for both nations. As part of the 67th Helicopter Squadron “Pyrenees”, Cazaux Air Base, France, he was proud to ‘Fight and Save,’ fulfilling the French air force helicopter community’s mantra. Now, he’s a part of Moody Air Force Base’s 41st Rescue Squadron to contribute to their motto.

“So That Others May Live,’ is a (motto) I want to honor during my tenure here and I’m proud to represent my country as the only current French exchange pilot in the (U.S.) Air Force,” said Micka. “I was very excited to join the 41st RQS because of the mission similarities with my unit back home and also the United States’ and France’s rescue history together.

“I’ve seen the HH-60G Pavehawk throughout my deployments and the ability to now fly one is special,” Micka added, who is the 41 RQS assistant director of operations and an HH-60 pilot. “It resembles and maneuvers a lot like my old airframe, the (French air force’s) EC-275 Caracal.”

According to Micka, in addition to the aircraft likeliness, he relished the two nation’s lengthy experience and capabilities in performing in hostile environments and highlighted the 100th birthday of the nation’s being brothers in arms during World War I.

“I’ve always appreciated how the Americans aided France and also helped change the tide

of the war,” said Micka. “Understanding the historic close relationship and similar mantras between these nations is very dear to me.”

Knowing his dedication of this symbolic relationship and his eagerness to learn to be a better pilot and wingman, one 41 RQS member speaks on how the unit has embraced Micka.

“(Micka) has proven and continues to prove he is an excellent ambassador for our French rotary wing partners,” said Lt. Col. Chris Richardson, the 41 RQS commander. “He consistently, much like his predecessors before him, brings outstanding insight, credibility and experience to our squadron. His interactions with the (combat search and rescue) community, more specifically, the 41 RQS, are instrumental in building a bigger, more holistic approach to how we conduct and execute our mission.

“For as long as this partnership has been around, this squadron and our community continues to reap the benefits of experiencing how each respective partner and individual unit integrate into and provide capability to the joint fight,” Richardson added. “This exchange program allows (U.S. Air Force) members to work with our French partners, while also allowing us to incorporate (Micka’s) expertise into our own programs.”

Throughout his career, Micka said he’s gratified to have flown over 2,000 flight hours, completed 650 missions in hostile territory and participated in 13 deployments, but nothing yet compares to his first save.

“My first save was of a wounded Afghan child when I was a young co-pilot in this unit,” said Micka. “It was such an adrenaline rush and special moment for me. You don’t realize the impacts of everything you’re accomplishing on a mission because you’re so in the moment. When you land and think about all the training you did to save someone’s life, it’s the best feeling in the world.”

Another great feeling for Micka is the ability

to become a more proficient pilot during deployments. According to him, one aspect of accomplishing this doesn’t always involve maneuvering the controls in the cockpit.

“There’s nothing like being (entrenched) in an international coalition environment to achieve one goal,” said Micka. “The opportunity to build relationships, share tactics and familiarize myself with the 30 nations I’ve deployed alongside with has been great.”

Micka credits this exposure of different nation’s aircraft and pilots for helping him prepare for his biggest challenge thus far.

“Overcoming the language barrier and improving my minimal English skills has been one of the hardest tests for me since my arrival (at Moody AFB),” said Micka. “Over time, I’ve sufficiently progressed through the process by getting accustomed to hearing different accents in flight and in the simulator, reading emails and talking with my comrades.”

As the 41 RQS ADO, Micka recently finished his HH-60 qualification training. In the near future, he hopes to accomplish his main desire as part of the exchange program.

“One of the biggest purposes of the program is to deploy to save lives and brag about your combat experience,” said Micka. “It’s been my favorite part of the job since I’ve started. I’m doing the same mission I love, just in a different unit.”

Micka added that the program is so much more than one pilot getting to experience another country’s tactics and training. According to him, it’s also about being able share what he’s learned.

“I hope to take my experiences back home to better help the 67th Helicopter Squadron,” said Micka. “My next goal is be their squadron commander and overall serve in the Air Force for as long as possible. Being open-minded and embracing challenges never mind helped me succeed. It hasn’t been an easy process, but it’s all definitely been worth it.”

Kunsan

Illmagwon Orphanage
Join Airmen from across the base in a wing chapel-sponsored event as they travel down to the Illmagwon Orphanage in Gunsan City every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for an evening of playing games and learning more about the local culture. For more information, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

Single Airmen Game Night
Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Sonlight Inn. Everyone's welcome, special invite for all Single Airmen!
For more information contact, Senior Airman Jenfil Morillo-Burgos.

Kunsan Photo Club
Interested in sharing your photography experience with others and exploring Korea along the way? Have a camera, but want to learn how to use it more completely? Then join the Kunsan Photo Club as they delve into the finer qualities of photography where the key concept is: "It's not the camera that makes a great photo, but the photographer." If interested in joining, the group can be found on Facebook, just search for "Kunsan Photo Club."

Wolf Pack Lodge
Lodging Space A Policy
Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? You can book lodging rooms on a space available basis up to 120 days in advance for a maximum of 30 days depending on availability. You can also book reservations for the holiday season (November and December) up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of 15 days. (Depending on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday!
Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844 FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

Children's English class
Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the Children's English class weekly, for children 2-15 years of age. We will break you up into groups to read, talk, or play board games with the children. Civilian attire is preferred however, UOD is allowed.
Classes are held from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Sonlight Inn.
For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Justin Worthen.

Sunday Sonlight dinner
Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

Sponsor training
Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

ROKAF English Class
Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the ROKAF English class every Saturday, at the Sonlight Inn. You will be talking to ROKAF Airmen (enlisted) for approximately one hour. This event is open to all ranks! Civilian attire is preferred, however, UOD is allowed.
For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Charles Nelson.

Ping Pong tournament
Free to all. Prizes for first and second places. Prizes include Wolf Pack Won. To sign up, dates or for more information, call the CAC at 782-5213 or 4679.

Osan

Airman and Family Readiness Center programs

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

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

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

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 Tuesday at the Chapel Annex. For more information, send an e-mail to: nicholas.smith.21@us.af.mil or ric.rebulanan.1@us.af.mil

***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](tel:784-0119).

Volunteers for USFK Civilian Employees Appreciation Week
Each year, the USFK Commander takes time to recognize civilian employees for their accomplishments, contributions, and dedication to the USFK mission. This year, General Brooks has designated 11-15 September as USFK Civilian Employees Appreciation Week. We are currently seeking volunteers (US/LN Civilians, Active Duty Military, and Spouses/Family members) to assist in the planning and execution of this wonderful event. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a committee member, please contact Ms. Kim, Min Kyo, min_kyo.kim.kr@us.af.mil or Ms. Precious Clermont, precious.clermont@us.af.mil at [784-4434/8177](tel:784-44348177).

Open Continuous Vacancy Announcement for Pacific West Educational Aide positions
Applicants who previously applied under the Open Continuous Vacancies will need to update their application and required documents under the new announcement numbers if they wish to be considered for the SY 17/18
PLEASE re-iterate to these interested applicants to have a complete resume attached. This includes but not limited to total employment period, i.e., starting and ending dates (month and year) and number of hours per week for each work experience, paid and unpaid. A description of duties and accomplishments for each experience, including volunteer. If a current or former Federal employee, highest Federal civilian grade held, job series, and dates of employment.
Here is the direct link to the 2017 school support positions.
Job Title: Educational Aide (GS-1702-04)
Job Announcement Number: 17-042-KO-LG-1981388
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/473464800>

Emergency Services	911	Commander's Hotline	782-5224
Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	After-hours medical advice	782-4333
Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	782-5444	IG Complaints FWA Reporting:	782-4850 (duty hours) 782-4942 (anytime)
Base Locator: (after duty hours)	782-4743	Chaplain (After duty hours)	782-6000
Law Enforcement desk	782-4944	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	782-7272
Emergency Leave / Red Cross		782-4601 (on base) 1-800-733-2761 (anytime)	

Emergency Services (Fire, Medical, Security Police)	911	Commander's Hotline	784-4811
Off Base/Cell Emergency	031-661-9111	Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	784-5757
Emergency Room:	784-2500	IG Complaints FWA Reporting:	784-1144
Base Locator: (after duty hours)	784-4597	Emergency Leave	784-7000
Force Protection Information Hotline:	115	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	784-7272
Chaplain (After duty hours)	784-7000	Security Forces Control Center	784-5515

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services
Liturgical Communion Service

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Gospel Service

Sunday, 1 p.m.

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Contemporary Service

Sunday 5 p.m.

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Catholic Services

Sunday Catholic Mass

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Daily Mass and Reconciliation

Please call the Chapel

Other Worship Opportunities

LDS Service

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

Point of Contact:

Kunsan Chapel, 782-4300

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<https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC>

OSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

Gospel Service

Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

Chapel Sanctuary

Community Service

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.,

Chapel Sanctuary

Protestant Ministries

Awana Children's Ministry

Wednesday, 5 p.m., Grades 7-12

Wednesday, 6 p.m., Grades 4-6

Osan Middle School

Men of the Chapel

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Chapel Annex

Singles & Unaccompanied

Thursday, 7 p.m., Mustang Center

Friday, 7 p.m., Hospitality House

Saturday, 6 p.m., Hospitality House

Women of the Chapel

Monday, 6:30 p.m./ Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Chapel Annex

Youth of the Chapel

Monday, 6 p.m., Chapel Annex

Catholic Mass

Daily Mass

Tuesday – Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Chapel

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4 p.m. (or by appointment), Chapel

Vigil Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., Chapel

Sunday Mass

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Catholic Ministries

Catholic RE

Sunday, 10 a.m., Chapel Annex

Korean Prayer Group

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Blessed Sacrament

Bible Study

Tuesday, 6 p.m., Chapel Annex Rm 4

Women of the Chapel

Meet Monthy, Please call 784-5000

Other Faith Groups

Earth-Based (Contact the Chapel)

Jewish (Contact the Chapel)

Muslim (Contact the Chapel)

Buddhist (Contact the Chapel)

LDS Sunday, 1 p.m., Contact the Chapel

Point of Contact:

Osan Chapel, 784-5000

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<https://osan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/51FW/51FW-HC/default.aspx>

Visit us on Facebook (OSAN AB CHAPEL)

<https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

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Protestant Services

Traditional Service

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

Contemporary Service

Sunday, 9 a.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

K-16 Chapel

Nondenominational Service

Sunday, 11 a.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Gospel Service

Sunday, 1 p.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Pentecostal

Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Latter Day Saints (LDS)

Sunday, 4 p.m.

South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702

Seventh-Day Adventist

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

KATUSA

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

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



Point of Contact:

USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011

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SPIRITUAL CHARGE

What Choice Will You Make?

Not many people know this, and please don't tell my mom – but during my freshman year of college, I almost got kicked out! Apparently they're serious when they tell you to go to class, and read books – who knew?! The Dean of Students called me into his office, and told me he would let me stay in college under one condition: "You have to read this book, and give me a report of what you read," he said. Then he gave me a copy of "Living Above the Level of Mediocrity," by Charles Swindoll. At that moment, I was willing to do whatever the Dean asked me to do to stay in college, even if it included reading *another* book.

But this book was different. God used the words of the author to speak to me, and it helped to change the entire trajectory of my life. The author, a Minister and former Marine, explains that every day, we have a choice. We have a choice in how we approach our day, and how we will choose to live. We have a choice in what goals we will set for our life, and if we have the discipline to achieve them.

We all know that in life, there are so many things that are out of our control. We can't control our past, or our failures, or how people treat us. We can't always control our future, or even our present circumstances, but there is one thing...one choice we have control over each day, and it is perhaps the greatest choice we've been given – our *attitude*. Swindoll says,



Chaplain, Major R. John Boyer
Deputy Wing Chaplain, 51st Fighter Wing

"10% of life is what happens to us, and 90% how we react to it." This means our greatest success each day is not found in our present situation, or what condition we find ourselves in, but rather the kind of attitude we embrace along

the journey. Faced with a situation of anger, resentment or even hatred? Choose love. Faced with bitterness, cynicism or jealousy? Choose joy. Faced with animosity, hostility or offense? Choose peace. Each of us goes through trials and difficulties in life, and so the next time you find yourself in a situation beyond your control – take a breath, and remind yourself, "I am in control of my attitude."

Maintaining a positive attitude is one strategy that enables some people to endure the most difficult circumstances life has to offer. Maintaining and practicing your faith is another strategy. Are you facing a problem or situation that feels overwhelming? Are you going through a trouble or tribulation that feels inescapable? You're not alone. Maybe it's time to talk with a Chaplain or Chaplain Assistant. We can help you in your pursuit of building a positive attitude, and maintaining a healthy, active life of faith. We're not perfect, as you can see about me almost getting kicked out of college, but we can help walk along this road of life with you.

We care about your spiritual fitness, and we can help encourage you when life gets you down. We have a heavenly Calling to care about you, and we're here for you...24-7. By the way, if I get a call from my mom about this article, I'm going to deny the whole thing ever happened.

New equipment gives Airmen time to breathe

By Airman 1st Class Tristan D. Viglianco
9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) -- After a pilot completes their Initial Aerospace Physiology Training they occasionally go through a refresher course to maintain their flying status. In order to complete the course aircrew work with the 9th Physiological Support Squadron for a variety of reasons, including a hypoxia demonstration.

"After someone completes the academics portion of their training they have to do a hypoxia demonstration," said Master Sgt. Jennifer Flecker, the 9th PSPTS support flight chief. "Hypoxia is a state of oxygen deficiency. When a person goes up in attitude and breathes less oxygen they become susceptible to cognition errors, situational awareness errors, loss of coordination, and visual impairment."

Hypoxia poses a serious threat to pilots and up until recently, exposing pilots to the conditions which cause it required 9th PSPTS Airmen to spend a lot of time and manpower completing hypoxia demonstrations. However, with the acquisition of the Reduced Oxygen Breathing Device it now only takes two individuals versus the six Airmen it used to take.

"It saves us a lot of manpower and time," said Airman 1st Class Mariah Rosenberg, a 9th PSPTS aerospace physiologist technician. "A hyperbaric chamber flight takes us about an hour and a half to do the entire thing and with the ROBD it takes us about 30 minutes."

According to Rosenberg, pilots prefer using the ROBD instead of the hyperbaric chamber because they aren't required to wear the full pressure suit and are able to spend more time on the mission as opposed to training.

In addition to the time saved, demonstrating hypoxia with the ROBD is safer for aircrew going



9th Physiological Support Squadron personnel monitor a pilot's vitals and cognitive abilities as he flies a simulated mission using the Reduced Oxygen Breathing Device at Beale Air Force Base, California, July 21, 2017. The ROBD allows for a more efficient and safer way for pilots to train in simulated environments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Justin Parsons)

through the training.

"The ROBD demonstrates hypoxia without exposing aircrew to altitude threats," said Flecker. "It takes oxygen, nitrogen, and compressed air and mixes them up to different percentage levels a person would be exposed to at various altitudes."

Since students aren't exposed to high altitudes they aren't restricted from flying like they used to be after training.

"The ROBD is freeing up our pilots because they

aren't restricted from flying," said Flecker. "They can actually fly a mission the same day."

All the time being saved by aircrew and 9th PSPTS Airmen goes a long way in allowing them to focus on other aspects of the mission. The aircrew can get back to flying sorties and providing high-altitude intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance and the Airmen can focus on ensuring the equipment they need to do so is working properly.

Annual Consent for Automatic Prescription Refills Begins September 1

By TRICARE Staff
TRICARE

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) -- Beginning Sept. 1, 2017, Express Scripts will need annual consent from patients who want to receive automatic refills of their maintenance medications enrolled in TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery. This means that just before one of your prescriptions runs out of refills, Express Scripts will reach out to you to know if you would like your doctor to be contacted to renew the prescription and if you'd like to continue in the Automatic Refill program. If not, Express Scripts will not refill your prescription.

"This new process gives beneficiaries more control over their medications and keeps the convenience of automatic refills," said Amy Aldighere, the DOD

Program Management Express Scripts senior director -. "It also makes it easier to opt out of the Auto Refill program and helps to prevent beneficiaries from receiving medications that they no longer need or shouldn't receive."

What to Expect

When the last refill of a medication enrolled in the Automatic Refill program ships, Express Scripts will reach out to you by telephone and/or email (depending on the preference you indicated) and ask the following:

- Would you like Express Scripts to reach out to your doctor for a new prescription?
- Do you want to keep your medication enrolled in the Auto Refill program?

How to Respond

Express Scripts will not re-enroll your medication unless they

hear from you. You have several ways to respond:

- Online at Express-Scripts.com/TRICARE
- Via the automated phone call from Express Scripts
- By calling an Express Scripts patient care advocate (PCA) at 1-877-363-1303

If Express Scripts does not receive your consent within 10

days of reaching out to you, they will remove your medication from the Auto Refill program. However, re-enrolling is simple. You can re-enroll your medication at any time online, or through a PCA.

For more information or if you have questions, go to the Express Scripts website. You can also call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303 to speak with a PCA.





Iceman born abroad

Tech. Sgt. Ivan Alandzak, a 354th Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuels system maintenance technician, poses for a photo Aug. 16, 2017, at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Alandzak was born in Bosnia and escaped the Bosnian War with his family when he was 5 years old. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Cassie Whitman)

By Senior Airman Cassie Whitman
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFNS) -- (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.)

Driving in the dead of night, 5-year-old Ivan Alandzak remembers seeing soldiers laying in ditches, random check points and tanks everywhere.

His dad would go away at night to hide so the soldiers wouldn't capture him and threaten his family. People were being forced out of their houses, and Alandzak knew something was wrong, but didn't really know why.

Alandzak, now a technical sergeant with the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, escaped his home in Bosnia with his family to cross the border into Germany during the Bosnian War. They had family there and knew they would be safe.

"Once we got to Germany, my parents began the process to get our Visas," Alandzak said, a water and fuels system maintenance technician. "I was 14 when we finally moved to the U.S."

Because Bosnian was his first language, and he lived in Germany for 10 years, Alandzak had to learn English as his third language when he entered the U.S.

"It was challenging," he said. "I felt like I had to start over; I was in a new country, a new school system, everything was new."

Despite watching events unfold in Bosnia, Alandzak was still attracted to the military. He

said he has fond memories of soldiers talking with him and playing with him when he was younger, and it's something that stuck with him.

"I also love planes," Alandzak said. "Everything from the way they sound to the thunderous feeling you get when they take off is amazing. I picked my job because the recruiter said I'd get



Tech. Sgt. Ivan Alandzak, a 354th Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuels system maintenance technician, prepares to take a cover off an alarm check valve Aug. 16, 2017, at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Despite the impacts of the war, Alandzak's fond memories of Bosnian soldiers talking with him and playing with him when he was younger motivated his decision to join the Air Force.

to be around planes; he didn't lie."

As soon as Alandzak graduated high school, he joined the Air Force. The Air Force provided his family with the opportunity to travel all over the world.

"No other career would give me the opportunity to be stationed in Germany and have my son be born there," Alandzak said. "I was born in Europe and lived there, so it's awesome that my son was born there."

Alandzak had a different journey to enter the Air Force than those who are already citizens.

"Because I didn't have my citizenship yet, I had no security clearance," Alandzak said. "This prevented me from fully completing my mission at my first duty station. But when I finally had that piece of paper in my hand, I was so happy."

Since arriving at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Alandzak has proven himself to be a valuable member of the (Icemen) team.

"His biggest contribution has been instilling good order and discipline in his Airmen and staying on top of all of their issues whether that be duty related or personal," said Sylvin Carter, the 354th CES alarm shop foreman. "This ensures when Airmen are on a job site, they can concentrate on the task at-hand instead of worrying about other issues."

Not many people can say they would join the military after living through, and escaping a war. Alandzak has shown his dedication to his new country from the moment he arrived.

"Nothing I have here can be taken away from me," Alandzak said. "I don't have to worry that someone will come force me from my house or take away what's mine; I have a sense of security in all aspects of my life."

Stealth Guardian demonstrates rescue, 5th generation integration

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**Editor's note: Full names have been left out for operational security purposes.*

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) -- Two wings, one mission: to execute a local squadron-planned exercise between the 23d Wing and the 325th Fighter Wing during Exercise Stealth Guardian August 7-11, 2017.

During months of planning between Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida and Moody AFB, Georgia., Exercise Stealth Guardian was conceived and executed by Airmen from both wings to explore Air Force capabilities in modern rescue scenarios to integrate rescue and 5th generation assets in a deployed or contingency environment.

The exercise tested the capabilities of Rapid Raptor which is the Air Force's ability to employ agile combat capabilities of 5th generation platforms like the F-22 Raptor to a combat or contingency environment at a moment's notice.

"Stealth Guardian started after a rapid rescue and Rapid Raptor exercise we conducted at Langley AFB this past May. Leadership from the different wings, specifically the leaders at Tyndall AFB wanted to integrate with rescue as well," Maj. Tom, Exercise Stealth Guardian planner and 347th Operations Support Squadron, assistant director of operations. "They saw an opportunity to integrate Rapid Raptor with rescue because of the capabilities of the HC-130Js."

Tom also added that the ability to integrate with Air Force rescue assets allows for better crossflow communication and it improves the ability of Raptor operators to affect



Maintainers from the 41st Helicopter Maintenance Unit discuss procedures for launching an HH-60G Pave Hawk, Aug. 8, 2017, at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. Maintenance teams from the 23d Wing and the 325th Fighter Wing are supporting Stealth Guardian, a five-day exercise which is designed to simulate real-world scenarios for both aircrews and maintainers. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Ryan Callaghan)

their own recovery and be the on-scene commander.

"From a survivor's perspective, I know that I am going to be much better prepared as a survivor on the ground understanding how the process works," said Maj. Ryan, 95th Fighter squadron F-22 Raptor pilot.

Since the exercise was planned at squadron level, each unit was able to tailor not only how the exercise was going to be accomplished but also what would be learned and gained from it.

"We were able to tailor the exercise to meet the specific learning objectives of all the

players," said Tom. "By controlling all the aspects of the exercise we never had to sacrifice learning objectives, flights or mission planning time that can sometimes occur at other larger exercises."

In addition to being able to tailor learning objectives, Stealth Guardian allowed for 4th generation platforms to better integrate with 5th generation.

"I think integrating and speaking between older technology like 4th generation and 5th generation assets is crucial," said Tom. "Anytime you can figure out how to make those assets effect their own recovery or how to effect the recovery of any coalition personnel is going to be crucial."

For the 23d Wing there were several successes that occurred during Stealth Guardian. According to Tom, the 347th Rescue Group was able to successfully integrate into the Rapid Raptor capabilities as well as prove that they could stand up a personnel recovery task force with a minimal footprint.

Additionally, during the exercise F-22 Raptors were able to demonstrate the capabilities of Rapid Raptor by operating out of Moody AFB.

"Refining Rapid Raptor increases the Air Force's flexibility to provide a strategic and tactical response at a moment's notice," said Ryan.

The Rapid Raptor capabilities were also enhanced by an HC-130J Combat King II from the 71st Rescue Squadron. For the first time an HC-130J was successfully able to execute a forward area refueling point with

an F-22. The execution of this FARP further enhanced the ability of Rapid Raptor to be successful.

"We identified a lot of differences between the HC-130J and the MC-130 (which was used in a previous exercise) when it comes to the equipment and the way Air Combat Command assets do things compared to Air Force Special Operations Command," said Ryan. "It's a big deal because it's different than anything we have ever done before. It has helped us refine our tactics, techniques and procedures and identify creative solutions to help handle those friction points."

Exercising the Rapid Raptor concept with the HC-130J resulted in Airmen finding a creative solution to an issue with loading needed equipment onto the aircraft. By identifying the issue now Airmen at Tyndall are working to develop a piece of equipment that will allow the Rapid Raptor mobility piece to work on any C-130J variant.

"Solving those types of problems is significant for us because it allows us to lean the process. So next time regardless of if it is a HC-130J or a C-130J we can make it happen," said Ryan.

Overall the exercise was very successful according to Tom and he envisions that similar exercises in the future will only make things better.

"There are certainly lessons learned that can be applied to future exercises or even for those guys going down range when it comes to mission planning across the board," said Tom.



A weapons Airman from the 325th Fighter Wing looks toward a loadmaster from the 71st Rescue Squadron while loading equipment onto an HC-130J Combat King II, Aug. 9, 2017, at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. During Stealth Guardian, the 71st RQS worked alongside Airmen from the 325th Fighter Wing to provide airborne mission control and aerial refueling capabilities as well as forward area refueling and rearming points for the F-22 Raptor.

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