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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency conducts a ceremony for POW/MIA Recognition Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 15, 2017. POW/MIA Recognition Day, first established in 1979 through a proclamation from President Jimmy Carter, is an observance to honor and recognize the sacrifices of those Americans who have been prisoners of war and to remind the Nation of those who are still missing in action. Today, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is conducting worldwide operations to provide the fullest possible accounting for those classified as still missing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Bruch / Released)

DPAA Accounts for 183 Missing Service Members in Fiscal Year 2017

By Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) accounted for 183 formerly missing persons from past conflicts. Also, the agency individually identified the remains of 18 additional personnel, who were previously accounted for as part of group burials, reaching another milestone of 201 total identifications for the fiscal year.

"These numbers are an unprecedented achievement in the accounting mission's history. With more than 600 military and civilian personnel stationed and operating around the world, DPAA is staunchly committed to researching, investigating, recovering, and identifying U.S. personnel who

made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. It's through this staunch commitment that we endeavor to bring solace to those who still wait for the fullest possible accounting of their loved ones," said DPAA Director Kelly McKeague.

A breakdown by conflict of those whose remains were identified shows that 143 were from World War II, 42 from the Korean War, and 16 from the Vietnam War. Geographically, 172 were from the Asia-Pacific region, and 29 were repatriated from the European-Mediterranean region.

In FY 2016, DPAA made 164 identifications. McKeague attributed the substantial increase in FY 2017 to talented and dedicated subject matter experts; advanced scientific methods; and a vigorous operations pace for field activities and disinterments.

"We are also extremely grateful to each of the countries in which we operate, the combatant commands, military Service Casualty Offices, as well as to the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory; the teams from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries; and our partnerships with non-governmental organizations. Their collaboration with, and support to, DPAA have been outstanding," said McKeague.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for U.S. personnel still missing and unaccounted-for while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil, or find us on Facebook or Twitter at @DODPAA.



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U.S. Air Force Airmen First Class Tyler Keiser marshals an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July. 27, 2017. The F-16 went through final checks before flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman. Coleville Mcfee)

By SrA Coleville Mcfee

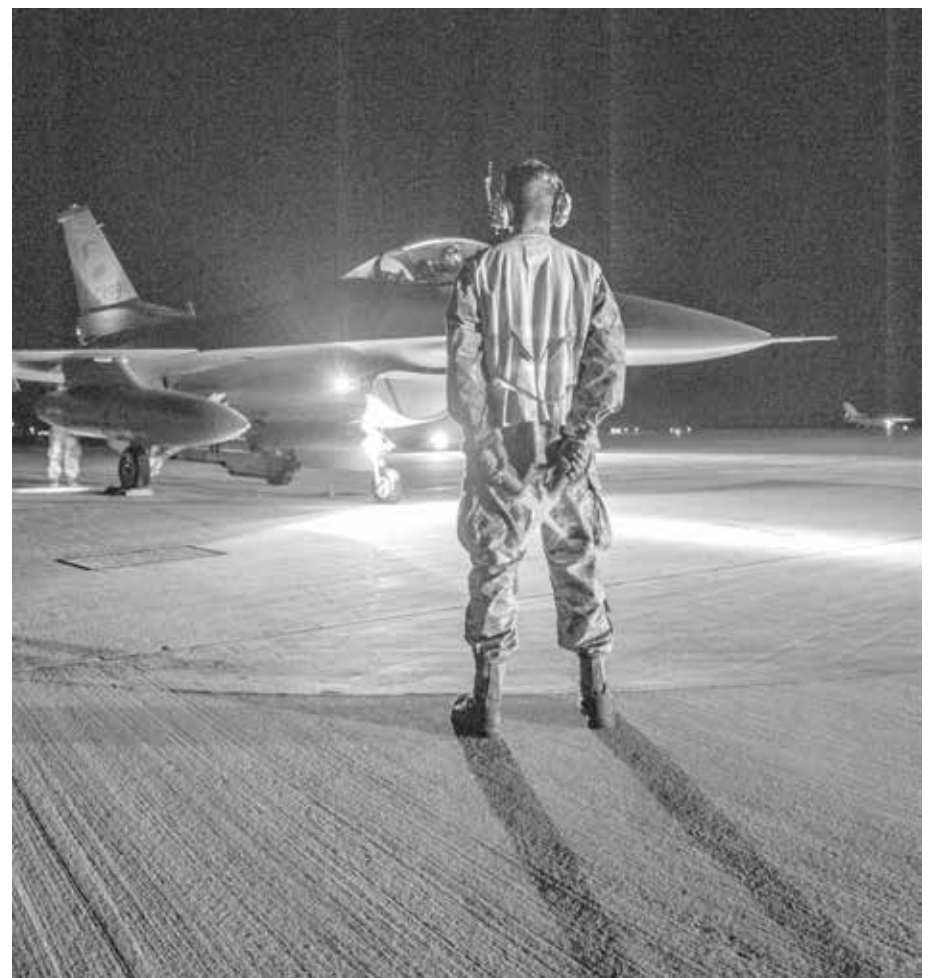
KUNSAN AIR BASE -- Airman 1st Class Tyler Keiser is a Tactical Aircraft Maintainer with the Wolf Pack and like many Airmen, he has a strong family tie with the military. Tyler is the son of a combat medic and it was this strong tie to service, to his family and country which prompted him to follow in their footsteps and join the Air Force.

Before the military, his life consisted of working odd jobs like lumberjack, trail worker and building houses. But, Tyler, the fourth consecutive person in his family to join the military, felt destined to do something greater.

Tyler's great-grandfather served with the Union Army as an infantryman and his grandfather went on to serve with the famous Big Red One. If you're keeping track, he's had family in every war dating back to the Civil War and on top of that he also has relatives in every branch of the military. Values like duty, honor and service were something Tyler was raised on and holds dear.

Tyler's calling was clear-uphold his family's proud heritage and join another family with the military.

Tyler's only question was, which branch best fit. After exploring his options, he felt the Air Force to be the most selective, with the highest standards for its military members. It was the respect, dedication and



commitment he saw that strongly appealed to Tyler.

The diverse community of the military only gets smaller and more close-knit when broken into each career field. It becomes something that most call family. Getting a sense of who your fellow Airmen are in

your field is an important part of Tyler's time in the Air Force. Now, as a fourth-generation service member, his "family" has extended beyond blood. These men and women aren't just Tyler's coworkers. They are connected. They are his friends. They are his family.

Pacific Thunder 18-1 kicks off



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By Staff Sgt. Rusty Frank, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office

OSAN AIR BASE -- One of the largest joint Combat Search and Rescue exercises in the Pacific region, Exercise Pacific Thunder 18-1, kicked into full swing on Oct. 23, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

This year Pacific Thunder is the largest it has ever been with more than 20 U.S. squadrons and nine ROK wings involved giving the 25th Fighter Squadron and the 33d and 31st Rescue Squadrons' opportunities to train in simulated combat search and rescue missions all while working alongside their Korean counterparts.

"Pacific Thunder originally started in 2009 as a one week exercise between the 25th Fighter Squadron and the 33rd Rescue Squadron and has since grown into a PACAF level exercise," said Capt. Travis Vayda, 25th Fighter Squadron Pacific Thunder 18-1 coordinator.

Although the annual exercise now has a vast range of units participating, it is still centered on the 25th FS and 33rd RQS.

Combat Search and Rescue is one of the most important mission sets we have in the A-10 community because we are really the only fixed wing asset in the Air Force who trains to the CSAR mission," said Vayda. "We are the close muscle, so essentially we are the body guards of the person on the ground and the helicopters that are rescuing them. Obviously in a CSAR, you don't want to have another type of shoot down or anything happen."

During the exercise, the 33rd RQS is able to directly work with A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots from the 25th FS, a conjoined training that both units typically have to simulate.

"The realism of the exercise gives us an opportunity to really see how the 25th FS operates," said Capt. Dirk Strykowski, 33rd RQS HH-60 Pave Hawk flight lead. "Back in Kadena, we pretend as best we can to know what these guys are going to sound like on the radio, what calls they're going to make and what kind of information they are going to provide, but being able to come up here and refresh what that's actually going to be like is probably the biggest take away from the exercise."

To make the exercise even more realistic, pararescuemen and SERE (survival, evasion, resistance and escape) personnel from the 31st RQS are not only participating in rescue missions, but also role playing as isolated personnel.

"The intent of this exercise is to train like you fight, and we are trying to replicate that as best we can," said Strykowski. "We have a lot of support from our pararescue and SERE. They're out there on the ground now pretending to be downed pilots. So every step of the way, we are making it as realistic as it can get."

Through combined CSAR training, Exercise Pacific Thunder enhances the combat effectiveness between U.S. and Republic of Korea air forces. Exercises like Pacific Thunder ensure the region remains ready to "Fight Tonight".

Members of the 33rd Rescue Squadron and 31st Rescue Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, prepare for a combat search and rescue mission during Exercise Pacific Thunder 18-1 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2017. This year's exercise is the largest Pacific Thunder hosted at Osan with more than 20 U.S. squadrons and nine ROK wings participating. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)





A U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning II, from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, taxis for take-off at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Oct. 13, 2017. The F-35A is being deployed under U.S. Pacific Command's theater security package (TSP) program, which has been in operation since 2004. This long-planned deployment is designed to demonstrate the continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman)

U.S. Air Force's F-35A Lightning II scheduled for first operational deployment to Indo-Asia-Pacific

By Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Approximately 300 Airmen and 12 F-35A Lightning IIs from Hill Air Force Base, Utah's 34th Fighter Squadron are set to deploy to Kadena Air Base, Japan for a six month rotation. The aircraft and supporting personnel are scheduled to arrive at Kadena in early November.

This marks U.S. Pacific Command's first operational tasking for the F-35A and builds upon the U.S. Air Force fifth-generation stealth fighter's successful debut in the Indo-Asia-Pacific at the Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition (ADEX) earlier this month.

"The F-35A gives the joint warfighter unprecedented global precision attack capability against current and emerging threats while complementing our air superiority fleet," said Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander. "The airframe is ideally suited to meet our command's obligations, and we look forward to integrating it into our training and operations."

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While a first in-theater for the F-35A, the U.S. Marine Corps F-35B variant has been stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan since January, 2017.

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Members of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) participate in the full honors service for Army Air Forces 1st. Lt. Francis Pitonyak at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., Sept. 22, 2017. Pitonyak, a member of the 36th Fighter Group, 8th Fighter Squadron during WWII, went missing in October 1943 during deteriorating weather conditions and lost visibility near Port Moresby, Territory of Papua. His remains were identified by a DPAA recovery team in July 2016 from dental remains recovered from a crash site in Papua New Guinea. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser / Arlington National Cemetery / released) (Photo by Elizabeth Fraser)

Marines from the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. (8th and I); "The President's Own" United States Marine Band; and the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Caisson Platoon participate in the full honors funeral of U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Walter G. Critchley in Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., Oct. 18, 2017. In November 1943, Critchley was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands, in an attempt to secure the island. A battle lasted several days in which approximately 1,000 Marines and Sailors were killed and more than 2,000 wounded. Critchley died on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943. Initially, after the fighting on Tarawa, U.S. Service Members were buried in a number of battlefield cemeteries on the island. In 1946 and 1947, the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company conducted remains recovery operations on Betio Island (but Critchley's remains were not recovered). On Feb. 10, 1949, a military review board declared Critchley's remains non-recoverable. In June 2015, a nongovernmental organization, History Flight, Inc., notified the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) that they had discovered a burial site on Betio Island and recovered the remains of what they believed were 35 U.S. Marines who fought during the original battle. The remains were then turned over to DPAA in July 2015 and through laboratory analysis and circumstantial evidence, Critchley's remains were identified. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser / Arlington National Cemetery / released) (Photo by Elizabeth Fraser)



U.S. Air Force B-1s conduct flyover during Seoul ADEX

By Pacific Air Forces, Public Affairs

SEOUL -- JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, HI -- Two U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers conducted a flyover during the 2017 Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition (Seoul ADEX 17) at Seoul Airport, Republic of Korea, Oct. 21, 2017 (Korea Standard Time).

The B-1B flyover is part of the U.S. presence at Seoul ADEX, the largest, most comprehensive event of its kind in Northeast Asia. Approximately 200 U.S. personnel and a cross-section of U.S. military aircraft are represented at the event.

"The U.S. is honored to participate in this year's Seoul ADEX," said Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander. "Our steadfast relationship with the Republic of Korea, deeply rooted in our common principles and shared values, stems from working together every day across the full spectrum of operations and will continue to prosper as we further integrate our efforts through positive events such as this."

Supporting Seoul ADEX 17 provides the U.S. with an opportunity to deepen ties with its ROK partners and enhance regional security through expanded military-to-military cooperation.

The two Lancers took off from Andersen Air Force Base and flew north where they integrated with two Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-2s south of Korea before conducting the flyover with two Republic of Korea Air Force F-15K fighters and then continuing west.

The sequenced flights with Japan and the ROK are a demonstration of the strength of the bilateral alliances between U.S. partners and allies.

The bombers were operating as part of the U.S. Pacific Command's continuous bomber presence missions, which have been routinely employed since March 2004 and are in accordance with international law.



Two U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers assigned to the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, fly alongside a Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) F-2s over the vicinity of the East China Sea, Oct. 21, 2017. Following the flight with Koku Jieitai the Lancers continued on to participate in a flyover for the 2017 Seoul Aerospace & Defense Exhibition (Seoul ADEX 17) at Seoul Airport, Republic of Korea. (photo courtesy of Koku Jieitai [Japan Air Self-Defense Force])



A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers assigned to the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, flies over a crowd during the 2017 Seoul Aerospace & Defense Exhibition (Seoul ADEX 17) at Seoul Airport, Republic of Korea Oct. 21, 2017. The B-1B Lancer, supported a U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) continuous bomber presence (CBP) joint bilateral mission with the Koku Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) and Republic of Korea Air Force. U.S. PACOM has been conducting routine CBP missions since March 2004. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Echols)

Kunsan hosts 7th AF vice commander



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Lansing Pilch, Seventh Air Force vice commander, shakes the hands of Defenders from the 8th Security Forces Squadron following an air base defense demonstration at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2017. Throughout the visit, Pilch met with base leadership and Airmen from across the base to better understand the current status and capabilities of the Wolf Pack. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Brittany Curry)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brandon Snider, 8th Medical Operations Squadron ambulance services technician, briefs Brig. Gen. Lansing Pilch, Seventh Air Force vice commander, on the capacity to treat patients and maintain the medical readiness of the Wolf Pack at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2017. Pilch's visit to Kunsan gave him a greater understanding of the current state of the Wolf Pack and its ability to act as a force multiplier for the Korean Peninsula and region. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Brittany Curry)

Osan Airmen pull woman from crashed vehicle during Seoul ADEX 2017



U.S. Air Force Capt. Michael Day, Ground Boss at Seoul ADEX, and Maj. Jeremiah Guild, Deputy Air Boss at Seoul ADEX, stand in front of an RQ-4 Global Hawk at Seoul Airport, Republic of Korea, Oct. 20, 2017. They had just finished receiving and securing the first ever U.S. remotely piloted aircraft in Korean airspace when they stumbled across a vehicle accident and pulled the driver to safety. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Fox Echols III)

**By Staff Sgt. Alex Echols
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs**

SEOUL -- While working late into the night at Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition 2017, two U.S. Airmen spotted a crashed car on a dark, deserted Seoul street.

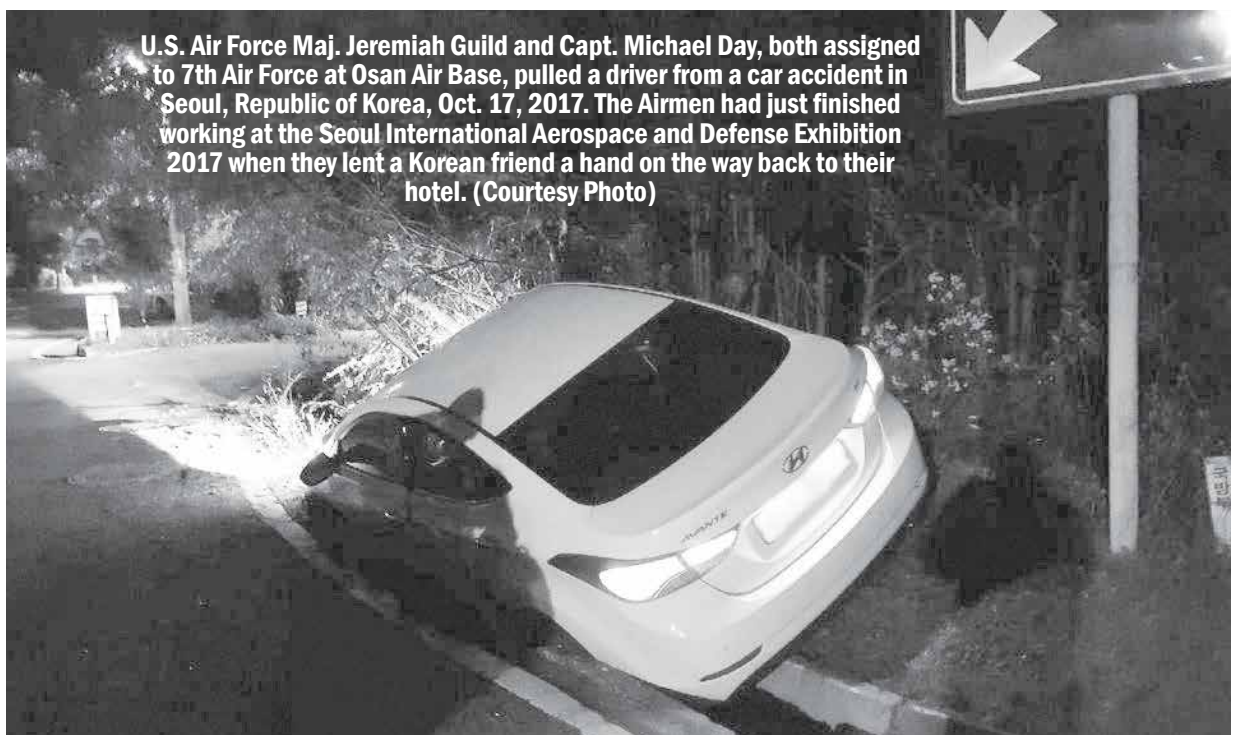
Major Jeremiah Guild, Deputy Air Boss Seoul ADEX 17, and Capt. Michael Day, Ground Boss, both assigned to 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, had just finished receiving and securing the first-ever U.S. remotely piloted aircraft in Korean airspace, the RQ-4 Global Hawk, Oct. 17, around 1:30 a.m., when they stopped to check out the wrecked vehicle.

"We had just finished working for the day and were driving on this dark, back road when we saw the crash," said Day. "Our first thought was, 'Oh there was an accident earlier, and they haven't towed the vehicle yet.'"

"Then, we slowed down and could see a Korean woman banging on the glass frantically trying to get out of her car," Day continued.

Her car had sunken so deep into the drainage ditch on the side of the road that the side doors would not budge, Day and his wingman explained.

Guild and Day immediately jumped into action, forcing open the rear passenger's side door and



U.S. Air Force Maj. Jeremiah Guild and Capt. Michael Day, both assigned to 7th Air Force at Osan Air Base, pulled a driver from a car accident in Seoul, Republic of Korea, Oct. 17, 2017. The Airmen had just finished working at the Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition 2017 when they lent a Korean friend a hand on the way back to their hotel. (Courtesy Photo)

climbing in to pull the woman out of the wreck.

"The car was at such an extreme angle I had to climb down to get to her," said Day. "So, I pulled her out and we took her across the street to safety."

The Airmen felt they could not just leave her on a dark stretch of road, but, not being able to speak Korean, they could not communicate with her, so they phoned a friend.

"I was sleeping and got a call around 1:45 a.m.," said Capt. Jacob Berry, 25th Fighter Squadron flight surgeon and ADEX DoD personnel and U.S. civilian doctor. "It was Major Guild asking me to talk to a lady that they had just pulled from her crashed vehicle. She seemed too calm to be just in

an accident, so I advised them to call EMS just to be sure she was all right."

Korean Emergency Management Services arrived, Berry explained the situation to them over the phone in Korean, and they took over from there.

"We're here at the ADEX to show our commitment to our South Korean allies," said Guild. "I brought my family with me to Korea, and the South Korean people have been very gracious, kind and amazing hosts to us. I know they wouldn't hesitate to stop if I was on the side of the road and needed help—so of course I would stop for our friends here."

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Exercise Pacific Thunder 18-1 kicked off Oct. 23rd and is slated to last until Nov. 7th. Pilots from the 25th Fighter Squadron use this exercise to practice one of their primary missions: supporting and defending helicopter crews that rescue downed pilots and other personnel in need of help. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)



Members of the 33rd Rescue Squadron and 31st Rescue Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, prepare for a combat search and rescue mission during Exercise Pacific Thunder 18-1 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2017. Exercise Pacific Thunder runs from Oct. 23rd until Nov. 7th, and gives both U.S. and Republic of Korea air forces opportunities to train in simulated combat search and rescue missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)



U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Sean Collins, 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, straps on his helmet before taxiing during Beverly Pack 18-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 10, 2017. The week-long exercise developed scenarios in support of U.S. Forces Korea wartime plans to test the base's capacity to deter and defeat North Korean aggression. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)

Beverly Pack 18-1: maintaining muscle memory

By Capt. Christopher Mesnard
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE -- The Korean Peninsula and the U.S. bases which help make up its combined defense posture feature prominently in worldwide headlines, given current tensions.

For U.S. air power on the Peninsula, the recent news focused on military postures and readiness to strike at a moment's notice hits on a posture that is not new for the Airmen who validate the U.S. Pacific Air Forces motto: Fight Tonight.

For those in the military, it is an old muscle memory.

"Exercising the Wolf Pack as realistically as possible develops us into the mission-ready warfighters the Air Component Commander and Combined Forces Commander need and expect," said Col. David Shoemaker, 8th Fighter Wing commander. "The whole 'you train how you fight' mentality is arguably more important here than anywhere else in the world, because our Airmen may be expected to go from zero to one hundred in a matter of minutes. We can't afford to allow our skills to atrophy—we must always be ready. There's just too much at stake to expect otherwise."

The most recent operational exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Beverly Pack 18-1, took place from Oct. 10-14, 2017 and tested the instillation's

service members and their capacity to operate under combat scenarios relevant to the Korean Peninsula and PACAF writ large. Additionally, they verified their equipment and weapons systems could operate at various levels of stress and degradation.

As an Air Force Major Command, PACAF rests in one of the most diverse and expansive areas of the world, covering 52 percent of the globe. With the largest area of responsibility of any other major command, it depends on the readiness of its operational wings and their ability to prove themselves in real scenarios, ensuring the command lives up to its motto.

"We make sure we exercise, not just in the number of exercises we do, but having very high-end exercises that allow us to really wring out our Airmen and make sure we're giving them the toughest threats to fight and train against," said Gen. Terrance J. O'Shaughnessy, Commander, Pacific Air Forces, in a recent interview.

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Wolf Pack "Fights Tonight"

During Beverly Pack 18-1, the Wolf Pack proved its ability to "Fight Tonight", by launching combat sorties on a continuous basis in support of an air tasking order developed for the exercise.

It's these sorties, flown by U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, frequently referred to as Vipers, which enable the wing to live up to its localized mission to "Take the Fight North."

Though the media environment recently adjusted its focus to the combat readiness of U.S. forces on the Peninsula, units like the Wolf Pack maintain a posture that dates back to the cessation of hostilities in the Korean War and is aligned with President Donald Trump and Secretary of Defense, James Mattis's vision for the Peninsula.

"President Trump's guidance to both Secretary Tillerson and me has been very clearly that we would pursue the diplomatic effort [with North Korea], to include the various initiatives with China, and to ensure that we pushed on sanctions, economic sanctions designed to keep this in the diplomatic framework for moving forward," Mattis stated in a recent Senate Armed Services Committee hearing.

He then acknowledged, "it is a dynamic balance, as we try to go forward with a solution but at the same time ensure that we have military options."

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Two U.S. Air Force Airmen perform post attack reconnaissance team sweeps of their designated area during Beverly Pack 18-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic, Oct. 12, 2017. PAR teams must search the immediate area of their responsibility for any casualties, unexploded ordnance or other threats to their personnel and facilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)

As such, the current atmosphere is one in which the military, to include Kunsan, maintains its combat readiness in case it is ever called upon.

Enabling the Fight

Many factors play into the successful generation of combat aircraft, and those don't end at the flight line.

The "Defend the Base" and "Accept Follow-on Forces" missions of the Wolf Pack rely on the service members operating outside of flight operations to ensure the integrity of the base from opposing forces and to amplify the effectiveness of the installation to project power.

To verify the capabilities of these aspects of the Wolf Pack's mission, base personnel were tested through various scenarios ranging from

perimeter attacks to mass casualties, air attacks to unexploded ordnance and chemical warfare to relocation operations.

While confirming one's mission effectiveness in Mission Oriented Protective Posture level four, or MOPP 4, isn't the most interesting time, it is a vital part to Airmen and Soldiers on base defending against attacks and enabling forces in support of Combined Forces Command wartime needs.

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and degradation.

As the final moments of the exercise wound down, a definitive atmosphere among the Airmen and Soldiers on base was palpable.

"I can tell you, in my third Kunsan tour with dozens of full-scale exercises under my belt, the energy in this exercise was superb," said Shoemaker. "The Wolf Pack's leader-Airmen found comprehensive, cross-functional, wing-wide solutions to difficult scenarios under physically challenging conditions. Most importantly, Airmen weren't focused on when the exercise would end, when they could get back to their day-to-day roles. They were out there planning and executing to the final exercise inject. That's what I expect from professionals who know and care about their wartime mission in the Air Force's tightest-knit, most combat-focused fighter wing."



A U.S. Air Force F-16C Fighting Falcon sits on the runway prior to take off during Exercise Beverly Pack 18-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 11, 2017. The exercise tested the Wolf Pack's capabilities to carry out the wing missions of defend the base, accept follow-on forces and take the fight north through various injects mimicking wartime scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

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<Above> U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron participate in an exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 12, 2017. The exercise tested Defenders' abilities react to attacks from opposing forces and the capabilities of the squadron to defend the base in a wartime scenario. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Marcus Knight, 8th Air Maintenance Squadron weapons load crew member, guides a GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munition during a reload in a hardened aircraft shelter at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 10, 2017. The reload, a part of Exercise Beverly Pack 18-1, ensures Airmen remain proficient in their ability to generate weapons for combat ready aircraft in a wartime scenario. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

<Bottom Right> U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Skylar Rolfe, 8th Security Forces Squadron Defender, participates in Exercise Beverly Pack 18-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 12, 2017. The scenario tested the Defenders' knowledge and reflexes to neutralize and apprehend an enemy played by Airmen on an opposing force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)





Fire Prevention Week at Osan

Firefighters from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron participate in a fire rescue demonstration as part of Fire Prevention Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 14, 2017. This year's theme for fire prevention week was "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out!" and was set to reinforce that everyone should have an escape plan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)

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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

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-HOPE.

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
Gospel Service
 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501
Contemporary Service
 Sunday 5 p.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Catholic Services
Sunday Catholic Mass
 Sunday, 9:45 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-HOPE

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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., Pre-K to 6th Grade
 Chapel
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

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

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

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Protestant Services
Traditional Service
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 9 a.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
K-16 Chapel
Nondenominational Service
 Sunday, 11 a.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Gospel Service
 Sunday, 1 p.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Pentecostal
 Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
Latter Day Saints (LDS)
 Sunday, 4 p.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Seventh-Day Adventist
 Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
KATUSA
 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Memorial Chapel , Bldg 1597

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

Visit us on SharePoint:
<http://www.army.mil/yongsan>

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

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

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



SPIRITUAL CHARGE

Anger Management

There are many situations in life in which people are tempted to respond in anger. Many people are honest enough to admit that they have tried everything to manage their anger. But they still can't seem to handle their anger effectively.

One of the negative ways that people deal with anger is by internalization—they clam up. They suppress their anger. They hold it in and do a slow burn. And in doing so, they become bitter and resentful. Another way that people deal with anger is by ventilation—they blow up. When they get angry, they just explode. They express their anger in a negative way.

Both clamming up and blowing up are ineffective ways of dealing with anger. When you clam up, you hold anger in and all you do is end up hurting yourself. Internalization releases the energies of anger in your body. And, it results in physical issues such as muscle tension, ulcers, or other such miseries. When you blow up, you pour out your anger and you wind up not only hurting others, but hurting yourself as well.

Someone once said, "Anger is an acid that does more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than the one on whom it is poured." Even psychologists recognize this. In her book, *Anger: The Misunderstood Emotion*, author Carol Tavris wrote, "The psychological rationale for ventilating anger does not stand up against experimental scrutiny. The weight of the



Ch, Maj Jason Kim
 Deputy Wing Chaplain, 8 FW Chaplain Corps

evidence indicates precisely the opposite—that expressing anger makes you angrier, solidifies an angry spirit, and establishes a hostile habit." So clamming up and blowing up are not the answer. Then how should you deal with anger?

First, if you see that there is an angry disagreement

coming, back off. Don't look for a fight. Don't be so defensive about your point of view. Be willing to give. Learn to ignore petty differences. Proverbs 19:11 states, "A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense." Remember, it takes two to quarrel.

Second, do not hang around people who have a short fuse. We become like those we spend time with. If you hang around negative people, you find yourself becoming negative. If you associate closely with an angry person, what happens? You learn their angry ways. So refrain from close association with anger-prone people.

Third, it isn't your leg muscles that are the strongest in your body—it's the muscles in your mouth. Washington Irving made this statement: "The only edged tool that gets sharper with use is the tongue." So keep a close check on your tongue.

Lastly, there is no substitute for honesty spoken in love. So tell the truth. But do it with a loving motive and in a loving manner. Check your motivation before you respond. Don't attack the person—funnel your energy into solving the problem. The Greek philosopher Aristotle said, "A man who is angry on the right grounds, against the right persons, in the right manner, at the right moment, for the right length of time is to be praised." So cultivate honesty in communication and don't let anger build up so that you can control this powerful force in your life.

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Members of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department prepare to extinguish a car fire during a demonstration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 11, 2017. The demonstration simulated the response of the fire department to a car fire. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tinese Jackson)

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

OSAN AIR BASE -- Team Osan's 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Emergency Services Flight held various events around base Oct. 8-14, as part of Fire Prevention Week to boost fire prevention awareness and enforce fire safety.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme was, "Every second counts: plan two ways out!"

"[Fire Prevention Week offers a] chance for us to bring the message directly to the public," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Hungpyo M. Rucci, 51st CES fire section chief. "Osan FES prepared all year for this event and interacting community in a non-emergency situation works great for us."

Some of the events held this year were school/youth center visits with Sparky the firehouse dog, response demonstrations and a fire station open house.

"Open house is always the best," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Daniel Garcia, 51st CES fire inspector. "We get to open our doors and let the community come to us and see what we are all about. It gives us a chance to answer any and all question and curiosities the community we serve has [about fire safety]."

Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health observance and falls on the week of October 9th in commemoration of The Chicago and Peshtigo fires, both happening on October 9th 1871. The Chicago fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The Peshtigo Fire burned down 16 towns, killing 1,152



A member of the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department uses a hydraulic rescue tool to separate the roof of a car from the body of a car during a demonstration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 11, 2017. The demonstration simulated the response of the fire department to a victim trapped in a vehicle after an accident. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tinese Jackson)



U.S. Air Force Col. William Betts, 51st Fighter Wing commander, signs the proclamation announcing the start of Fire Prevention Week on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 05, 2017. Osan Fire Prevention Week starts on Oct. 8th and ends Oct. 14th. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tinese Jackson)

people and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

“Through prevention and education, we strive to make safety conscious children and adults, so things like The Chicago Fire or Peshtigo Fire don’t happen ever again,” said Garcia. “In the Air Force Fire Service, our most important job is to prevent fires from even happening in the first place, and we get to do that year-round through community education all over base, not just during Fire Prevention Week.”

For more information visit:
www.firepreventionweek.org, or [/www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org).



An Emergency Medical Services helicopter demonstrates a water drop as part of Fire Prevention Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 14, 2017. This year’s theme for fire prevention week was “Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out!” and was set to reinforce that everyone should have an escape plan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gwendalyn Smith)



Reserve Citizen Airman key in Florida veterans court



Joseph Stickle, left, and former 13th Circuit Veterans Treatment Court judge, Judge Greg Holder, at Stickle's graduation from the program. Stickle, a Navy veteran, was arrested for heroin possession but graduated without criminal charges thanks to the unique veteran-focused court. (Courtesy photo)

**By Senior Master Sgt. Timm Huffman,
Headquarters Individual Reservist Readiness
and Integration Organization**

TAMPA, Fla. (AFNS) -- Joseph Stickle thanked the arresting officer when he was picked up for heroin possession in his hometown of Tampa, Florida, earlier this year.

"He saved my life," said Stickle, Navy veteran with a 35-year history of drug and alcohol abuse.

The arrest cost him his marriage and kids but led him to Senior Master Sgt. James Salgado and the 13th Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court, which helped him keep his job of 19 years at the Department of Veterans Affairs, rebuild his life and avoid a felony conviction.

Salgado, an Air Force Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentee at U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, is one of the senior mentors and the operations director for the Tampa-area Veterans Treatment Court, both volunteer positions; he served as Stickle's mentor while the vet went through the rehabilitation program.

A Veterans Treatment Court is a non-adversarial, problem-solving court dedicated to helping veterans who were honorably discharged or separated and, thru commission of a misdemeanor or felony offense, became involved with the criminal justice system. VTCs are often affiliated with the local VA and bring together specially trained judges, case workers and volunteer mentors to rehabilitate veterans and reintegrate them with their communities.

Instead of a jail sentence, veterans are placed into a recovery program. In many cases, if they graduate, they are free to go and leave the program with charges dropped. The 13th Circuit Court's VTC was established in 2013, one of nearly 500 in the nation, and has served as a model for other courts nationwide.

"It's an incredibly unique courtroom and process that brings all sorts of specialties to bear on veteran rehabilitation," said Michael J. Scionti, 13th Judicial Circuit VTC judge, also an Army Reserve judge advocate.

According to the Justice For Vets website, a national non-profit that works to promote the VTC model, veterans suffering from service-related mental health issues, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, often fall into patterns of substance abuse or criminal activity after leaving the support network they had in the service. Nearly half of veterans suffering from PTSD and TBI never seek treatment and there are currently over 180,000 incarcerated veterans.

Prior to gaining access to the rehabilitative services available through the VTC, veterans must appear before the judge, who does discovery and confirms they are eligible based on their service record and the type of crime committed. Once they are enrolled in the program, which ranges from 6 to 18 months depending on the crime, the veteran is connected with a mentor, like Salgado, who keeps them accountable and helps them connect the dots on the numerous resources available

through the VA and community organizations. The Tampa VTC even provides access to chaplains and therapy dogs.

"It's a complete, end-to-end solution," said Salgado, who related the story of one veteran who was able to successfully stand in front of the judge only after a local organization provided him with a therapy dog that helped him cope with his PTSD.

Scionti said the VTC model keeps veterans from serving jail time for issues that stem from their time in the service. Instead of delivering punishment, the program helps address the root issues, such as PTSD and military sexual trauma, which brought the veteran into contact with the law in the first place. The judge added that the court is made up of a whole cadre of volunteers and professionals who are there to help veterans rehabilitate and reintegrate into society.

As the third largest city in Florida and home to two of the heavy lifters in the global war against terrorism - U.S. Central Command and USSOCOM - Tampa has a large veteran population. Retired Army Col. Darryl Reyes, who has been involved with the local VTC from its beginning, said they have witnessed and handled countless cases of post 9-11 combat veterans who committed criminal acts that were service related to such VA diagnosed disorders as PTSD, TBI, substance abuse and military sexual trauma.

"If there were ever a venue where a VTC was needed, I would say that Tampa is that place," he said.



Senior Master Sgt. James Salgado, standing center, and retired Army Col. D.J. Reyes, seated center, with their team of Veterans Treatment Court mentors. Salgado and Reyes are lead mentors for the Tampa-area 13th Circuit Veteran Treatment Court, which has a bi-weekly docket of nearly 100 veterans. (Courtesy Photo)

The 13th Circuit Veterans Treatment Court has one of the largest dockets in the country and enjoys an 80 percent success rate, said Reyes, who was responsible for building the mentor program when the VTC was launched in 2013. He added that the VTC program currently saves the county tax payers almost \$6 million annually. The court is currently tracking approximately 200 veterans and maintains a bi-weekly docket of more than 80, a number that continues to grow as word spreads about the program's success.

"It's the only court where expanding the docket is a good thing," said Scionti.

Salgado said his drive to help other veterans stems from his father, a World War II combat veteran who came back with PTSD and struggled with drug and alcohol dependencies for many years.

"I always had it in me to help veterans," said Salgado, who has mentored veterans from his father's generation to the present one.

As a senior mentor in the Tampa VTC, Salgado supports the five to ten veterans, like Stickle, who are assigned to him at any given time; he also manages the other volunteer mentors. His team of mentors keep the veterans accountable and connect them with community services, including transportation. They were giving out bus passes but found the veterans burned through them at an unsustainable pace. Salgado had a solution - bicycles.

The Reserve Airman, who has ridden bikes his whole life, began collecting donations of used bicycles, mostly 26" men's mountain bikes, tuning them up and then donating them to the VTC veterans who needed transportation. Not only were the bikes a more affordable, long-term

solution to transportation, they also provide the veterans with an avenue to fitness, another important aspect of the treatment process. Salgado said that most of the buses in Tampa have bike racks, anyway, so the rider can easily combine modes of transportation.

Additionally, Salgado is also the program operations director for the VTC, a role he estimates takes him about 30 hours a week to fulfill. He maintains all of the administrative functions, including processing the weekly docket and assigning mentors. He is also in court with the veterans every two weeks.

Reyes, who recruited the individual mentor augmentee into the program, said Salgado's senior rank, leadership, operational experiences and people skills not only made him the ideal veteran mentor but also facilitated his quick rise in the VTC ranks to his current position.

"He has earned the praise and the respect, not only from the Judge, judicial support staff and supporting organizations, but also from his fellow mentors and the veteran defendants in the program," said Reyes.

When he's not helping rehabilitate veterans, Salgado is on duty with USSOCOM, where he is assigned as an Air Force Reserve Individual Mentor Augmentee and also serves on active-duty orders as a foreign disclosure officer in the intelligence directorate. He is responsible for brokering information with partner nations and works closely with other military organizations, as well as government agencies in Washington, D.C., Salgado is the only Airman with letter-granting authority for disclosure approvals.

Individual mentor augmentees are part of Air Force Reserve Command's Individual Reserve

program, which also includes the participating individual ready reserve. Augmentees are assigned to active-component organizations and government agencies all around the world, augmenting their full-time counterparts and providing a way for an organization to plus-up on manpower when the need arises.

Salgado said his chain of command at MacDill AFB is very supportive of his work with the VTC and he often recruits new mentors, something the VTC is always looking for, from the senior non-commissioned officer corps on base. Salgado added that the reward is well worth the investment for anyone giving their time to support the court.

"We make (the veterans) work, this is not an easy road," said Salgado. "But, when you see them graduate, that's the bread and butter for mentors - you've given them their lives back."

Navy veteran Stickle said he started using drugs at the age of 13 but put that on hold when he entered the service in 1986. Then, during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he witnessed a ferry boat accident in which 21 sailors died. This took an emotional toll that led him back to his old habits. He left the Navy in 1992 and things went downhill from there.

The former drug addict described himself as being at rock bottom when he walked into his first VTC hearing. But, through the support of his mentor and the resources made available to him, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and the VA, he has started living a life he didn't know was possible. He credits Salgado's mentoring and friendship as key pieces of his success.

"Without VTC, I'd be a dead man," said Stickle. "By offering me something I could follow, it made all the difference in the world."

Alaskan leaders visit Eielson to discuss the F-35A

By Airman 1st Class Eric M. Fisher, 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



U.S. Air Force and Alaskan community leaders speak with one another at the F-35 Community Showcase Oct. 17, 2017, at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. The F-35A Lightning II arrived at Eielson last week to complete cold weather testing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Isaac Johnson)

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska -- Fifty-four F-35A Lightning II multi-role fighter aircraft are slated to arrive at Eielson beginning in Spring of 2020, with the final F-35 being delivered in 2022.

The addition of two F-35 fighter squadrons to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska will help deter possible adversaries in the Indo-Asia Pacific Region.

Pointing to the F-22 Raptor, F-35 Lightning II, and KC-135 Stratotanker, Lt. Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach, the 11th Air Force and Alaskan Command commander, stated that with these assets in Alaska, the Air Force has the means and capability to reach anywhere in the northern hemisphere within nine hours.

"If anybody is thinking about having a conflict with us they have to put that in their calculations," he said.

Placing the F-35As at Eielson strengthens national security, but it also benefits the local community. The basing of the F-35A at Eielson is expected to bring approximately 3,500 people to the Fairbanks Northstar Borough.

"The Air Force and our community partners have worked closely up to this point and will continue to work together to ensure that both the base and the community are prepared to receive the F-35 aircraft and associated personnel," said Col. Todd Robbins, the 354th Fighter Wing Vice Commander.

Along with increased personnel, the community can expect to see an increase in the number of jobs available on and around Eielson.

"The community and the Air Force have always worked together socially, educationally, really there isn't much the Air Force doesn't do with the community," said Congressman Don Young. "If there is a project going on they are usually involved and Alaskans love them for that. I've been in communities where resident complained about the sound of aircraft, but here we look at it like an air show in our backyards."

Through the strategic positioning of two F-35A squadrons, Eielson and Pacific Air Forces will be more capable of defending U.S. and Allied territory and respond to military contingencies throughout the region, while also providing economic growth to interior Alaska and its residents.

U.S. Air Force – JASDF participate in Bilateral Exchange

By Airman 1st Class Juan Torres, 374th Airlift Wing



U.S. Air Force and Japan Air Self-Defense Force Airmen practice pre-mission briefs during a U.S. Air Force-JASDF Squadron Level Exchange, Oct. 6, 2017, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The purpose of the event was to exchange practices between U.S. Air Force and JASDF intelligence officers for briefing air crews, and to foster better integration during potential multinational real-world events and exercises. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Juan Torres)

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -- Improving interoperability between the U.S. Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), or Koku-Jieitai, becomes increasingly important to accomplish the bilateral mission.

Three members from the 374th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Flight and six JASDF Intelligence officers participated in a U.S. Air Force-JASDF Squadron Level Exchange on Oct. 5 and 6, 2017, at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

The primary purpose of this event was to exchange practices between U.S. Air Force and JASDF intelligence officers for briefing air crews, and to foster better integration during potential multinational real-world events and exercises like Red Flag and Cope North.

The event was divided into two parts. The first part featured bilateral briefings and discussions regarding intelligence support to airlift wing operations. The second part of the event consisted of two mission planning scenarios that were designed to help the JASDF prepare for their upcoming participation in Cope North '18, a multilateral field training exercise focusing on air combat tactics and large force employment in an effort to enhance interoperability among the U.S. and its partners.

"Both of the scenarios featured challenging mission planning conditions in order to simulate real-world obstacles to providing the air superiority necessary for freedom of action during a crisis or contingency," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Justin Simmons, 374 OSS senior intelligence officer.

During the exchange, JASDF personnel briefed U.S. Air Force members of a simulated personnel recovery operation and built simulated pre-mission briefs by extracting relevant information from simulated events and applicable air operation directives.

"This kind of familiarization builds more understanding of the common roles, missions and functions, acting as a venue to share best practices, and enabling better support to multinational operations and exercise," said Simmons.

A similar event was done in May, with the 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan, further increasing interoperability between the U.S. Air Force and the Koku-Jieitai.

"These exchanges have not only helped both sides prepare for multilateral exercises such as Red Flag and Cope North but they have paved the way for increased interoperability between our two services," Simmons said.

Incheon Airport Shuttle Bus Schedule



Destination ————— Departure Time

Osan to Incheon **06:00 / 11:30 / 15:30**

- Bus will stop at Turumi Lodge 30 minutes before departure.
- Bus will arrive at ITT 15 minutes prior to departure

Incheon to Osan **09:00 / 18:30 / 22:30**

- Departures from USO Counter (Gate1)
- Bus may stop at Turumi Lodge, ITT, Hallasan Tower and Mustang Club (If this is one of your stops)

* During non-business hours, you may purchase bus tickets from the bus drivers. **Cash Only.**

Ticket Price

- Leisure Travel : \$15
- Official Travel(TDY/PCS): \$35
- NOTE: Official traveler rates are completely reimbursable to member
- If there are no delayed arrivals, bus will depart at 22:30

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For more information,
call ITT at 784-4254



2017 Fire Prevention Week: “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out”

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835/4710.



Energy Action Month and Osan’s Energy Actions

By Mr. David G. Moysey

October has been designated Energy Action Month in an effort to meet the Air Force’s vision of “making energy a consideration in all we do.” Achieving this vision will require a culture change by personnel across all DoD facilities, and we can start right here at Osan.

Osan Air Base spends approximately \$6M on heating fuel and \$12M on electricity annually to sustain our installation and to support our mission. We would like to take this opportunity to help place focus on some low-cost or no-cost initiatives that can greatly reduce our energy consumption. Each of us is a part of a greater whole and when efforts are added up, they can support a massive reduction in our energy expenditures. Below are some suggestions you can take that would have a significant effect in reducing energy consumption.

1. Turn off the TV, computer, fans and other electrical stuff when you leave the room. Also, turn off or enable sleep settings on all office equipment when it’s not needed at night, or on the weekends/holidays.
2. Turn off lights when not in use or when natural daylight is sufficient. This can reduce lighting expenses by 10 to 40 percent. Maximize daylighting...it’s free!
3. Don’t leave the refrigerator door open.

Every time you open the door, up to one-third of the cold air can escape.

4. Replace a burnt-out light bulb with a new compact fluorescent bulb. Fluorescent bulbs use 75 percent less energy, and they last 10 times longer. Let your facility manager know and they can acquire the correct wattage and sizes as necessary.

5. Make sure all air vents are clear of paper, filing cabinets and other office supplies. Blocked air vents means your Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system has to work harder to circulate cold or warm air in the office. As much as 25% more energy is required to distribute air if your vents are blocked.

6. Close the curtains during hot summer days and open them during the cool winter days. This will minimize your facility’s HVAC usage and maximize the free heating power of the sun.

The base has been able to reduce its facility energy costs by \$2.9M over the past two years due to increased facility manager oversight and by all base patrons taking a greater role in energy conservation. Our energy reduction is an even more notable achievement when you take into account the

installations overall gross square footage increase 2% over the past three years. Thank you for all your efforts, but understand we can always do more!

In Oct 2015, the Energy Management Office began the Energy Cup, an annual energy competition between facilities. In FY16, thirty-two facilities managed to reduce their energy consumption by 13% from the previous fiscal year, for a total savings of \$307,000. During the FY17 Energy Cup, thirty-two different facilities further reduced their energy consumption by 11% for a total energy savings of \$229,700.

This year, Energy Action Month will be kicked off by the Energy Cup once again. The 9-month energy savings competition will run from 1 Oct 2017 through 30 Jun 2018. There will be divisional winners in four categories: 51 FSS, Dorms, 51 MSG, and all other tenant units. Facility energy consumption will be compared to a baseline set in the previous fiscal year. Winners will be announced and recognized by the 51st FW Commander.

Remember, even the smallest conservation measures can make a huge difference when it comes to energy savings. Thanks to each and every one of you for all you do when it comes to energy conservations and lastly, don’t forget to report situations where energy is wasted to the Osan AB Energy Management Office at 784-9176!

Seoul ADEX 17 concludes, partnerships thrive



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SEOUL AIR BASE -- The Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition 2017 wrapped up here, Oct. 22.

More than 150 personnel and over 10 different aircraft from the U.S. military were in attendance, showcasing their capabilities and strengthening the ironclad alliance with the Republic of Korea.

"The team that came together out here was fantastic," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jason Lowe, Seoul ADEX 17 air boss. "From maintenance to transportation, and security forces to aircrew, we needed every single body out here, and we all came together to make it happen."

The U.S. Air Force was in full force at

the ADEX and showcased the raw power of the F-22 Raptor and the B-1B Lancer along with the agility and maneuverability of the C-17 Globemaster III through aerial demonstrations.

The U.S. joint force also brought in static displays from around the globe including the first ever remotely piloted aircraft flown through Korean airspace, the RQ-4 Global Hawk, as well as two F-35 Lightning IIs, an E-3 Sentry, a C-130 Hercules and a U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon.

The large U.S. presence at the ADEX signifies its commitment to stability on the Korean Peninsula and in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

"The U.S. is a very important country to Korea in all aspects," said Mr. Suk-chul Jang, Seoul ADEX 17 head of co-organizing office. "Demonstrating that Korea and the

US share a system of cutting-edge weapons at Seoul ADEX represents a strong relationship between us."

The week-long airshow featured more than 400 exhibitors from 33 countries along with many demonstrations and displays showcasing present and future state-of-the-art aerospace and defense technology.

"The Republic of Korea Air Force is poised and ready to answer the call of its nation, and the United States stands steadfast beside you," said U.S. Air Force Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander. "Thanks to the hard work, leadership, and professional dedication of ROKAF Airmen and their leaders and the support of all the industry partners, we stand ready to confront any challenge! Katchi kapshida - we go, together!"



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Korea's **BEST 5** Fall Foliage Sites



Cooling temperatures and leaves changing from the vibrant greens of summer to a rich palette of red, orange, and yellow signal the arrival of autumn. Although numerous areas across Korea offer brilliant displays of fall foliage, the mountains are still considered the quintessential destination.

This year, the leaves are expected to change color around late September at

Seoraksan Mountain and spread southwards across the central and southern parts of Korea. Fall foliage generally reaches its peak two weeks from the time the leaves begin to change, meaning this year's peak foliage is expected to hit the central region around mid-October, and the southern region in late October. This is when you can hit the road to revel in the splendor of the changing of the seasons.

Seoraksan Mountain (Inje, Gangwon-do)

When it comes to autumn destinations, the first mountain that comes to mind for most is Seoraksan Mountain. A feast for the eyes throughout the year, rich colors make Seoraksan a main attraction in autumn. There are plenty of hiking trails along the mountainside; when planning your hiking route, take into account that the best places to view leaves are Cheonbuldong Valley, Osaek Mineral Spring, Osaek Jueongol and Baekdam Valley.



Odaesan Mountain

(Pyeongchang, Gangwon-do)

Odaesan Mountain's vibrant fall foliage puts it on the map as an autumn destination. A popular vacation site year round, the mountain bustles with campers and guests at natural recreation forest lodges, especially during peak foliage season around mid-October. During busier times, the northern region, away from Woljeongsa Temple, often offers more convenient access to Odaesan Mountain. In particular, there is a city bus stop near Sangwonsa Temple, making it easy for travelers without their own vehicles.



Jirisan Mountain

(Gurye, Jeollanam-do)

Jirisan Mountain is beloved among Koreans, often considered a feminine mountain due to its lovely charm. During peak foliage season in late October, the slopes blaze with brilliant colors. The areas around Ssanggyesa Temple, Piagol Valley, and Baemsagol Valley in particular are beautiful at this time. Jirisan extends across three provinces (Jeollanam-do, Jeollabuk-do, Gyeongsangnam-do), and many visitors choose to go on overnight hiking trips to fully appreciate the mountain.

Naejangsan Mountain

(Jeongeup, Jeollabuk-do)

Naejangsan National Park boasts a high volume of visitors in late October, as to be expected from a top foliage destination. The most remarkable feature of this mountain during autumn is the tunnel of multicolored maple trees that begins at the ticket office. The many maple trees that make up this tunnel were planted at 5m intervals, making photos taken here appear perfectly composed.



Juwangsan Mountain

(Cheongsong, Gyeongsangbuk-do)

Juwangsan National Park is characterized by rocky peaks, deep valleys and elegant waterfalls. Among the many hiking trails, Juwang Valley Course is one of the easier courses that offers a beautiful fall foliage view, and takes about four hours to complete. At dawn, the thick fog blanketing Jusanji Pond near Juwangsan Mountain, combined with the reflection of trees in the water, continues to attract visitors, especially photographers, to the mountain every year.