



Santa's on his way: 66th Operation Christmas Drop launches at Andersen AFB

By Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher Quail

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam -- The 66th iteration of Operation Christmas Drop took to the sky Dec. 11, 2017 as military leaders ceremoniously pushed the first pallet of donated toys, food, supplies and educational materials into a C-130J Super Hercules at Andersen Air Force Base.

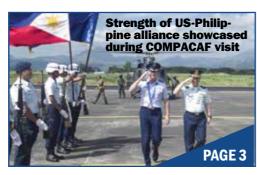
The ceremony marked the continuation of the longest running Department of Defense humanitarian and disaster relief training mission, which delivers donated supplies to remote Pacific islands via low-cost, low-altitude airdrops from C-130 aircraft.

The mission is supported by U.S. Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard, which are joined by Japanese Air Self-Defense Force and Royal Australian Air Force aircrews, offering teams of the participating nations a unique airdrop training opportunity.

"We are truly humbled with the relationship Andersen (AFB) shares with the men and women of Yokota Air Base, our Andersen (AFB)-based air mobility command unit, the 734th Air Mobility Squadron and our international partners," said Col. Scott Hurrelbrink, 36th Wing vice commander. "While the training missions are conducted by maintenance and operations, it's important to emphasize that this is truly a joint endeavor that includes raising awareness and collecting donations from the local community right here on Guam."

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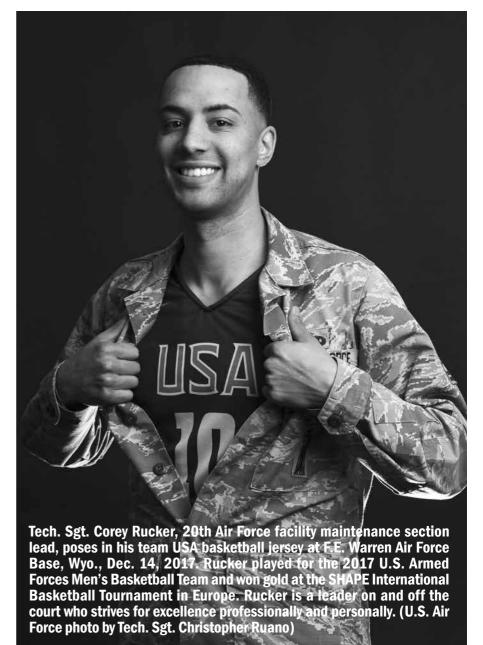
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F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. (AFNS) -- The Airman's Creed is a promise to the U.S. and a rallying cry for Airmen to remain the world's greatest Air Force. The words, "My mission is to fly, fight and win," hold true for 20th Air Force's Tech. Sgt. Corey Rucker, a world champion who embodies the creed both professionally and personally.

Rucker recently returned to Cheyenne, Wyoming from Belgium, after winning the 2017 SHAPE International Basketball Tournament playing for the U.S. Armed Forces Men's Basketball Team. Team USA beat Canada, Great Britain, Latvia and Lithuania before dominating France in the championship game, 91-64, Dec. 2, 2017.

"Playing for the United States felt incredible," said Rucker. "Getting to wear, 'USA,' on my chest while abroad gave me a huge sense of pride and feeling of accomplishment. Also, three of the five starting players were Airmen, so we felt like we represented our service very well."

The U.S. team consisted of 12 service members from all branches of the military, to include active duty, Guard and Reserve. Rucker said the experience allowed him to make new friendships and strengthen his leadership skills.



Airman wins on and off the court

By 1st Lt. Veronica Perez, 20th Air Force Public Affairs

highest enlisted member on the team, I was leaned on to lead. Whether it was just making sure that we were on time for practice, or making an adjustment in the game, I had plenty of opportunities to hone my leadership skills," he said. "Additionally, dealing with members from five different military branches, while navigating in a foreign country, was a leadership experience that I gained a lot from."

Team USA head coach Army Capt. Carl Little, St. Augustine's University Army ROTC military assistant professor, science commented on how Rucker positively impacted the team and pushed them to overcome challenges on the court.

"As a veteran, Corey provided instrumental leadership in critical on-court situations," said Little. "When the team needed a push, he was one of the first to step up and bring the team together to fight through adversity."

Rucker, a native of Dayton, Ohio, also played for the Air Force's team in 2014, winning the entire

"As one of the older players and Armed Forces tournament for the holds himself accountable to an eighth year in a row. He has been an athlete all his life and uses basketball as an outlet to help him maintain a good work-life balance.

"It's a great workout, while also serving as a stress reliever when I need it," he said. "With all of the changes and challenges the military throws at you, family and basketball have always been staples in my life."

He plans to stay in the Air Force for as long as he can, following the footsteps of his father who retired as a master sergeant after serving in security forces and computer operations.

As the facility maintenance section lead for 20th Air Force, he uses his almost nine years of intercontential ballistic missile maintenanceexperiencetoenhance the maintenance operations of all three ICBM missile wings. Chief Master Sgt. Jason Hager, 20th Air Force Logistics chief, said Rucker is integral to A4 operations and is a great mentor to the other noncommissioned officers in the section.

"Corey is quiet, humble and

incredibly high standard," Hager said. "He is a servant leader who is always willing to help anyone out without a complaint."

Rucker is set to attend Officer Training School next year to become an acquisitions officer and further contribute to the Air Force's mission to fly, fight and win. According to Hager, Rucker is well prepared for the acquisitions career field because he has worked with ICBM modernization programs during design reviews, developmental testing and deployment and he understands how to best equip the warfighter for mission success.

Rucker attributes accomplishments his relationship with his parents, his wife's unwavering support and front line supervisors and mentors who have guided him throughout

"I've always had a strong work ethic and an enormous sense of pride in my reputation," he added. "In every position I find myself in, I strive to be excellent."



Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Delfin Lorenzana, Republic of Philippines Secretary of National Defense, discuss opportunities to enhance interoperability and capacity with the Philippine Air Force and the Armed Forces of the Philippines at the Department of National Defense General, Camp Aguinaldo, Manila, Philippines Dec. 11. O'Shaughnessy and Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, met with key defense and military leadership throughout the four-day visit. . (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner)

Strength of US-Philippine alliance showcased during COMPACAF visit

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

MANILA, Philippines -- "The strategic complexity facing the Indo-Asia-Pacific region is unprecedented, which is why it is so vital our alliance remains strong and resilient in the face of rapid change," said Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces Commander, during his visit here Dec. 10-13.

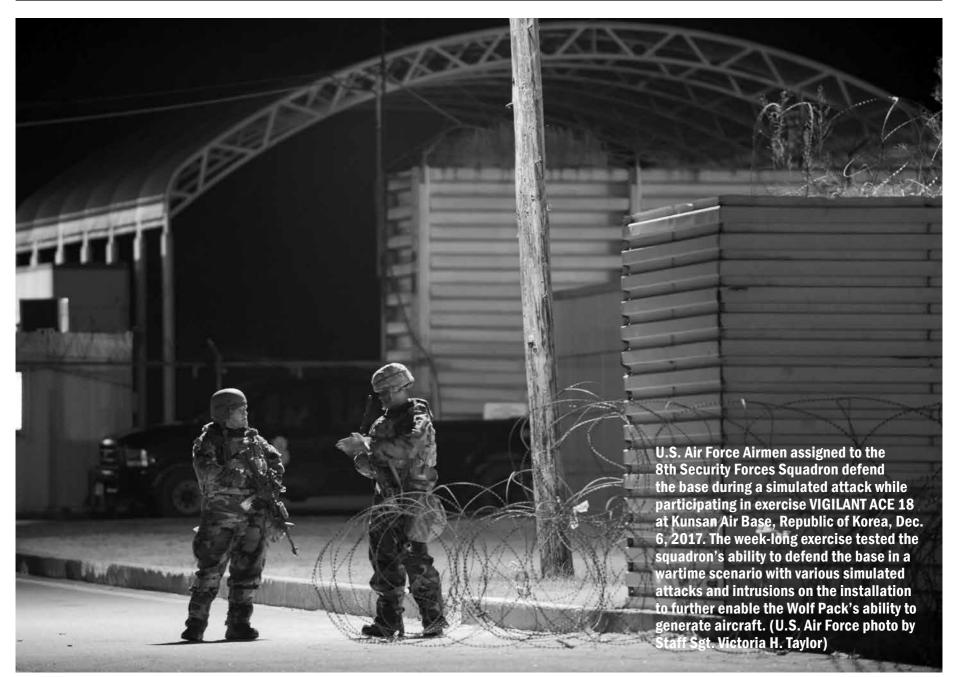
O'Shaughnessy, along with Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, visited the country to demonstrate the United States' shared commitment to peace and security in the region, as well as seek opportunities to enhance interoperability and capacity with the Philippine Air Force and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"Enhanced engagement between our forces benefits the entire region, and is grounded in personal relationships established during visits such as these," Johnson said. "We're so much stronger together."

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Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, pay their respects to the Japanese soldiers lost during World War II on Corregidor Island, Philippines, during a historic tour of the island, Dec. 10. The ruins left on the island serve as a military memorial to American, Filipino and Japanese military members who served or lost their lives in battle. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner)



Wolf Pack completes Pen-wide VIGILANT ACE 18

By Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE -- The 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, completed its participation in the regularly-scheduled, joint-force training exercise, VIGILANT ACE 18, on Dec. 8, 2017, with members from Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

VIGILANT ACE was a week-long training exercise featuring U.S. personnel working alongside members of the ROK Air Force at eight U.S. and ROK military installations.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Thomas Bergeson, 7th Air Force commander and Joint Forces Air Component Commander, lands at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea during exercise VIGILANT ACE 18, Dec. 7, 2017. As the JFACC, Bergeson conducted a battlefield circulation during the exercise to discuss progress with Airmen and highlight key performers at Kunsan. The Wolf Pack supported the regularly scheduled week-long exercise, which featured over 230 U.S. and Republic of Korea Air Force aircraft flying and training alongside each other. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

This year, the Wolf Pack, with its contingent of F-16C Fighting Falcons, worked alongside six F-35A Lightning IIs from the 34th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, which is currently forward deployed to Kadena AB, Japan from Hill AFB, along with other



U.S. Air Force 8th Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron Defenders and Republic of Korea Special Operations Forces 35th Battalion, 7th Brigade, coordinate base security efforts from a command post at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 6, 2017. The U.S. and ROK service members orchestrate mobile foot patrols, defensive fighting positions and integrated defense tactics with combined forces defending critical assets and personnel on Kunsan. The combination of both forces provides not only internal but external base defense for Kunsan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)

U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine aircraft.

This marked the first time fifth-generation fighter aircraft participated in the training exercise on the Korean Peninsula.

"Like all of our readiness exercises, we really honed our ability to develop comprehensive, cross-functional, wing-wide solutions to difficult scenarios, as a wing," said Col. David Shoemaker, 8th FW commander. "What's unique about VIGILANT ACE, is that we are not only looking at how we do this a Kunsan, but also with our Korean partners and other U.S. units in the region. It's through this train how you fight mentality that we test our readiness, identify strengths and weakness, and continually evolve our combat forces."

As with previous years, VIGILANT ACE 18 emphasized the need for integrated combat training with ROKAF and U.S. Air Force Airmen. Additionally, like each readiness exercise, the scenarios evolved to incorporate the latest tactics, techniques, procedures and the latest technology; thus this year's involvement of the twin-tailed Lightning IIs.

"This is a great opportunity for some of our

younger pilots to fly with our more experienced guys, as well as join in with the Wolf Pack and the rest of the air assets out here participating in VIGILANT ACE," said Lt Col Dave DeAngelis, 466th FS commander. "Having the F-35 here on peninsula during this exercise, which is intended to test the combined air picture, validates our ability to jump into the fight at a moment's notice and support forces in the region."

A U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron acts as a member of an opposing force to simulate a base attack during exercise VIGILANT ACE 18 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 6, 2017. The weeklong exercise tested the squadron's ability to defend the base in a wartime scenario. Various simulated attacks on the installation enhanced the skills and training of Wolf Pack Airmen and their ability to respond to threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)

Although the U.S. and ROK Air Forces come together for training multiple times a year, this exercise brought a different type of atmosphere.

"This was my third exercise as the Emergency Operations Center Manager," said Capt.

Alexander Graboski, 8th Readiness and Emergency Management Flight commander. "Compared to previous exercises, this one was very unique since we got to see all the flying operations from across the Peninsula come together and work towards a common goal of defending the peninsula."

Launching and ensuring the ability to launch aircraft wasn't the only training accomplished this past week. As exercise and rea challenges presented themselves during VIGLANT ACE, the base leadership worked through various scenarios to ensure relevant and safe training.

"It's important we train in these types of settings, because it gives us a chance to step back and approach a potential wartime scenario in a controlled environment," said Shoemaker. "The mental rehearsal of options is just as important, if not more so, than how we actually end up responding in these exercises."

VIGLANT ACE is one of many regularly planned exercises units on the Korean Peninsula conduct to maintain commitments between the U.S. and ROK, and more importantly, to provide a credible fighting force if ever called upon.





<left> A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon and four F-35A Lightning IIs assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Hill Air Force Base, Utah, taxi toward the end of the runway during exercise VIGILANT ACE 18, Dec. 3, 2017, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Airmen from the 34th EFS deployed to Kadena Air Base, Japan in October, and sent Airmen and aircraft to participate in the week-long, annual VIGILANT ACE exercise in support of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the U.S. and Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby Hardin)



Tech. Sgt. Gary Patterson and Staff Sgt. Jason Anderson, 36th Airlift Squadron loadmasters, scan for a drop zone from a C-130J Super Hercules aircraft during Operation Christmas Drop, Dec. 8, 2017, over Guam. Over the course of 12 days, crews will airdrop donated food, supplies, educational materials and tools to 56 islands throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger)

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The tradition began during the Christmas season in 1952 when a B-29 Superfortress aircrew saw islanders waving at them from the island of Kapingamarangi, 3,500 miles southwest of Hawaii. In the spirit of Christmas, the aircrew dropped a bundle of supplies attached to a parachute to the islanders below, giving the operation its name. Since its beginning, Christmas Drop has impacted more than 20,000 islanders annually, covering 1.8 million square nautical miles and more than 50 Micronesian islands.

"The role of military forces during any humanitarian assistance event is to rapidly respond with support to help mitigate human suffering and prevent further loss of life and property damage," Master Sgt. Sean Gray, 36th Contingency Response Group first sergeant and project manager for the Operation Christmas Drop push ceremony. "This is what Operation Christmas Drop push ceremony prepares us for."

For the first time, aviators assigned to the 374th Airlift Wing will fly the C-130J-model during Operation Christmas Drop. Utilizing new technology, the redesigned airframe eliminates the positions of navigator and the flight engineer, resulting in a smaller aircrew able to accomplish the same mission. This allows for lower operation and support costs over the earlier C-130 models.

Demonstrating and executing low-cost, low-altitude drops alongside regional allies is just one example of the Air Force actively pursuing and participating in interoperability partner training to increase



U.S. Air Force Capt. Cerre Dolby, a pilot assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan, flies a C-130J Super Hercules aircraft during an Operation Christmas Drop 2017 training flight near the island of Rota, Dec. 8, 2017. Over the course of 12 days, crews will airdrop donated food, supplies, educational materials, and tools to 56 islanders throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger

operational capabilities while ensuring stability in the Indo-Asia Pacific region.

"The 374th Airlift Wing, and more specifically, the 36th Airlift Squadron, has transitioned to the newer C-130J Super Hercules over the last year, and we are proud to bring this aircraft and its improved capabilities to Operation Christmas Drop," said Col. Sergio Vega Jr., 374th AW vice

commander. "This year we will be able to fly farther, faster and with more cargo allowing us increased flexibility as we complete our mission and training objectives."

Between sorties, more than 65,000 pounds of food, supplies, educational materials and toys will be dropped during the operation. The OCD committee raised more than \$53,000 and

received more than \$20,000 in donated supplies for this year's efforts to date.

"A lot of people come together to support such an amazing venture with either their donations or their personal time to ensure that this event is successful," Gray said. "This is truly an amazing event that showcases the meaning of the holiday season."



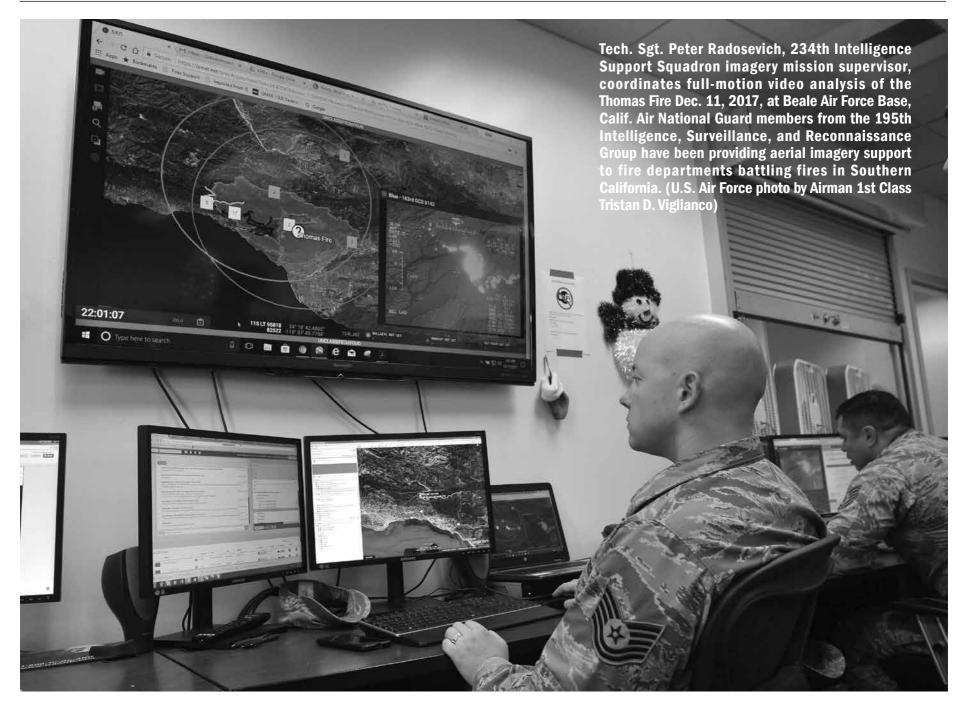
Military and civilian leaders push a box onto a C-130J Super Hercules during the 2017 Operation Christmas Drop Push Ceremony Dec. 11, 2017, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. This year marks 66 years of Operation Christmas Drop which provides joint airlift training opportunities for both peace and wartime efforts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Christopher Quail)

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CHRISTMAS DAY: 25 Dec 2017, Monday, is a legal holiday for both Korean National (KN) and U.S. civilian employees. Those KN and U.S. civilian employees scheduled to work on 25 Dec 2017, Monday, will be paid holiday premium pay. All others will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay. For KN civilian employees, if a holiday falls on their non-work day, no substitute observance day will be granted.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: 1 Jan 2018, Monday, is a legal holiday for U.S. civilian employees; 1 and 2 Jan 2018, Monday and Tuesday, are official holidays for KN employees. Both U.S. and KN civilian employees who are regularly scheduled to work on their observed holiday will be paid holiday premium pay. All others will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay. If a holiday falls on KN employee's non-work day, no substitute day will be granted.

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ANG provides aerial imagery support for Southern California fires

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

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) -- Air National Guard members from the 195th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group at Beale Air Force Base are providing aerial imagery support to fire departments battling fires in Southern California.

The 163rd Air Attack Wing is providing video of the Thomas Fire to the 195th ISRG by utilizing an MQ-9 Reaper.

"We are using full-motion video from the MQ-9 to map the fire lines and look at fire expansion and progression," said Maj. Nicholas Edwards, 222nd Intelligence Support Squadron director of incident awareness and assessment. "We have a liaison in place with all of the fire

Air National Guard members from the 195th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group analyze full-motion video of the Thomas Fire and relay their findings to fire crews on the ground Dec. 11, 2017, at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The team is using imagery from the MQ-9 Reaper to map the fire lines and look at fire expansion and progression. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tristan D. Viglianco)



chiefs so we can provide them with up to date information."

The imagery they are analyzing allows fire crews to be more efficient in combating and staying ahead of the fire.

"Having an asset in the air providing persistent observation is key to fulfilling the incident commanders needs and crucial in identifying emerging active fire behavior," said Master Sgt. Jason Tyler, 234th Intelligence Squadron chief of incident awareness and assessment. "It allows fire departments to get ahead of it and take appropriate actions such as evacuating areas which the fire may effect."

The analysts at Beale AFB are able to watch the video from the MQ-9 thanks to a team deployed to the affected region.

"Right now, we have a communication team down there who set up antennas and are relaying the signal back to us," Edwards said. "The signal travels from the aircraft to the ground station and they send it to us via satellite dish."

In addition to the observation and ground support, the analysts are also performing damage assessment.

"We help out with damage assessment by getting the number of destroyed structures out quickly using satellite imagery and comparing it to imagery from the sensored aircraft," Tyler said. "Getting the numbers allows affected counties to get aid they need whether it's from a federal source or state agencies."

According to the California department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Thomas Fire has destroyed more than 950 structures and burned approximately 242,000 acres.

"We have been working this fire since last Tuesday (Dec. 5, 2017) and have been working 24-hour operations since then," Edwards said. "We want to do everything we can. This is why we join the Guard to help out our community and our state."

Advisor serves as career guidebook

By Staff Sgt. Heather Heiney 403rd Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFNS)

-- Hikers who climb a mountain without a guidebook could probably still reach the summit, but they might run into obstacles they could have avoided, or miss things like shortcuts and unique landmarks. Career assistance advisors are like a guidebook. They can help Airmen avoid obstacles, find the shortest path to where they want to be in their careers and discover enriching stops along the way.

As the career assistance advisor for Keesler Air Force Base, Senior Master Sgt. Tiffany Patterson is charged with leading professional development efforts for the base. This includes one-on-one career counselling and providing a wealth of resources to help people reach their goals. She also facilitates all professional development courses, other than Airman Leadership School and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, offered at Keesler AFB.

"I can help shape, mold and advise the entire base, and that's not just looking at my Airmen, but we're talking about NCOs, senior NCOs, officers and civilians. Oftentimes, people don't even know a career advisor exists," Patterson said. "I'm trying to help people to understand that there are resources out there like myself that can help enhance their career."

Earlier this year, Patterson led a revitalization of the Keesler Professional Development Center to make it more inviting and incorporate the technology needed to provide top notch education to the base populous.

"I want this to be a place that people go for all things professional development," she said. "I want people to know there's someone there that really cares about their future."

Patterson led a NCO professional enhancement seminar Dec. 4-8, 2017 that covered topics and issues typically faced by NCOs.

"We're trying to make sure we hit the Air Force institutional competencies in an informative but exciting way because it helps them to be better supervisors and better leaders as a whole," Patterson said. "I think NCOPE is important because it helps to make the lives of those NCOs easier as they're supervising, leading and charged with executing a mission."

"Professional development is important because that's how we develop our Airmen into leaders," said Staff Sgt. Debbie Fair, Professional Development Center NCO in charge. "It's



Senior Master Sgt. Tiffanny Patterson, Keesler Air Force Base career assistance advisor, poses for a photo at the Professional Development Center on Keesler AFB, Miss. Patterson is charged with facilitating professional development opportunities for reserve, active duty and civilian members of the base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Heiney)

investing in our future."

Patterson emphasized that people make time for the things that are important to them. She suggested if someone wants to engage in professional development, but feels like they just don't have time, they should first speak to their supervisors and then think about whether they could start with just one hour a month.

"Often times we're so focused on getting the mission done that we don't realize that if we don't invest in ourselves, then there's no way that we can really fully give all that we have to that mission," she said.

Patterson also said if professional development opportunities were around when she was a young Airman, she didn't know about them. However, while she didn't attend any professional development courses until she was a technical sergeant, she was always able to look toward the Airmen and leaders around her for guidance.

"As an Airman I was blessed with some really, really great leaders," she said. "They taught me the value of doing what's right even when you don't feel like it. That was a concept I was not

used to hearing. Typically, most people say you should do what's right even when nobody is watching. Although that is a true statement, the flip side to being a great leader is to be a person of character and credibility. This involves not compromising your integrity by doing what's right, even when you do not feel like it."

Now, as a leader herself, Patterson is guiding the Airmen who follow her.

One lesson Patterson likes to teach her students is the "jar of life" lesson. While the original author of the metaphor is unknown, variations have been shared by countless people for decades.

In this metaphor, a large glass jar represents life. A teacher stands in front of his students and fills the jar with large stones. The jar isn't full. He pours small pebbles between the cracks of the large stones up to the brim. The jar isn't full. He fills yet more crevices with sand. The jar is full, but in some versions he adds water for emphasis. Now, imagine if the teacher had filled the jar in reverse order – sand, then pebbles, then big rocks. The sand and pebbles could easily fill enough of the jar that some of the big rocks get stuck outside the glass.

"When you add the things that are most important to your life first and then fill the remaining crevices with things in life that are critical to your happiness and well-being, you'll find that your life is enhanced and extremely full," Patterson said.

In her own life, Patterson said it can be extremely challenging to find balance between her two biggest rocks -- family and work.

"I won't lie to you and say that there aren't times when the balance is not so equal," she said. "But what I've learned in order to give my life balance is to focus on quality versus quantity. During those times when I notice the seesaw between work and life is unbalanced, and work is taking the brunt of the weight, I make sure that the time I spend with my family is quality time because my quantity time is spent at work."

Patterson also said because she works often with NCOs and soon-to-be-senior NCOs, she tries to remind them the number one job of a leader is to develop future leaders.

"You have to train and develop your replacements because before you know it, your uniform is going to have an expiration date. You have to ask yourself, 'how well did I equip those who will come after me, and what lasting legacy do I want to leave tomorrow's leaders," she said.



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The U.S.-Philippine alliance dates back more than 60 years, making a trip to historic Corregidor Island a symbolic way to start the general's first official visit as COMPACAF. Located at the entrance of Manila Bay, Corregidor played an important role in World War II during the invasion and liberation of the Philippines. Heavily bombarded in the latter part of the war, the ruins left on the island serve as a military memorial to American, Filipino and Japanese military members who served or lost their lives in battle.

"To see first hand our shared history, to honor those who came before and shed blood together puts into perspective the things we need to do in the future to ensure a strong shared alliance," O'Shaughnessy said.

O'Shaughnessy and Johnson met with key defense and military leadership throughout the four-day visit, to include Secretary of National Defense Delfin Lorenzana, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Leonardo Guerrero, the new PAF Commanding General Lt Gen Galileo Gerard Kintanar, Command Sergeant Major Chief Master Sergeant Nelson Mercado, as well as members of the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

Additionally, the group visited four air bases - Villamor, Clark, Basa and Mactan - providing the unique opportunity to engage with PAF Airmen at all levels.

Basa and Mactan are among the initial list of five Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA)



<top> Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, is greeted by a formation of Philippine Air Force Airmen during a visit to Basa Air Base, Philippines, Dec. 12. O'Shaughnessy and Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, were briefed on current Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement proposals and saw four project sites, validating the progress made since the location was selected in March of 2016. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner)

<above> Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, and General Rey Leonardo Guerrero, Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff, talk during an office call at General Head Quarters, Camp Aguinaldo, Manila, Philippines, Dec. 11. O'Shaughnessy, along with Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, visited the country to demonstrate the United States' shared commitment to peace and security in the region, as well as seek opportunities to enhance interoperability and capacity with the Philippine Air Force and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner)



Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Lt. General Galileo Gerard Kintanar, Philippine Air Force commanding general, review a formation of Philippine Air Force airmen, during a wreath laying ceremony at the Philippine Air Force Headquarters, Manila, Philippines, Dec. 11. O'Shaughnessy, along with Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, visited the country to demonstrate the United States' shared commitment to peace and security in the region, as well as seek opportunities to enhance interoperability and capacity with the Philippine Air Force and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner)

locations. The mutually beneficial agreement is intended to enhance humanitarian assistance response as well as build capacity for the AFP through interoperability, capability development and modernization activities.

At Basa, O'Shaughnessy was briefed on current EDCA proposals and saw four project sites, validating the progress made since the location was selected in March of 2016.

In addition to EDCA, discussions during the visit included opportunities to enhance training, exercises and subject matter expert exchanges, counter terrorism lessons learned, and the importance of upholding the rules-based international order in the South China Sea.

"This visit offered us the opportunity to move beyond just discussions but to get after concrete actions and engagements that will enhance our capabilities in ways that are mutually beneficial to both our Airmen, our air forces and our nations," O'Shaughnessy said. "The history of our alliance is robust... while the future includes many challenges, we remain committed to facing them together."



Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Lt. Gen. Galileo Gerard Kintanar, Philippine Air Force commanding general, learn a traditional Filipino dance during a dinner hosted by the PAF, Manila, Philippines Dec. 11. O'Shaughnessy, along with Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Johnson, PACAF command chief, visited the country to demonstrate the United States' shared commitment to peace and security in the region, as well as seek opportunities to enhance interoperability and capacity with the Philippine Air Force and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner)

Combined Federal Campaign Overseas:



epartment of Defense (DoD) employees worldwide can support their favorite charities from October 2017 to January 2018 by participating in the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign Overseas (CFC-0). The mission of the **Combined Federal Campaign is to promote and support** philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign with 36 CFC zones located everywhere federal employees work. Last year, military and civilian employees contributed more than \$167 million to almost 20,000 local, national and international charities. Once again this year, DoD employees worldwide have the opportunity to give to their favorite charitable cause during the CFC giving season from Oct. 2, 2017 to Jan. 12, 2018.

Our Help is Needed:

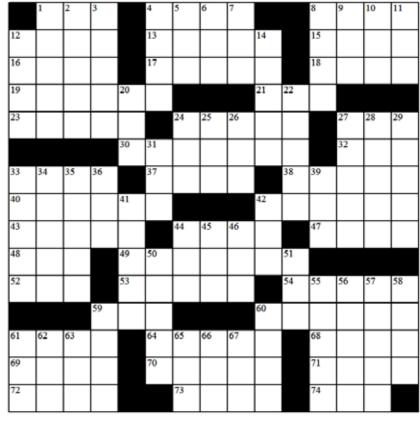
- During the next four years, it is expected that 250,000 service members will transition into civilian communities, annually.
 - One in ten homeless adults is a veteran.
- Since 2001, more than two million American military children have had a parent deploy at least once.
- Deployed veterans are 41 percent more likely to commit suicide when compared to the general U.S. population.

We have 80+ Key Workers throughout the Unit in 51 FW and they would be able to help you fill out the either paper copy or online pledge form. If you do not know your Key Worker in your unit, please contact your Community Area Project Officer (CAPO) TSgt David Chun (david.chun@us.af. mil) or TSgt enjamin Wiseman (benjamin.wiseman.3@us.af. mil) and they will be more than happy to assist.

What is your cause? **Show Some Love!**

The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



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Brig. Gen. Douglas Cox, 36th Wing commander, cuts the ribbon marking the opening of the newly established Pacific Regional Training Center at Northwest Field near Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Dec. 7, 2017. U.S. and partner nation service members will regularly use the training area to strengthen civil engineering skills needed during humanitarian and disaster relief. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Richard P. Ebensberger)

Ribbon-cutting celebrates opening of Pacific Regional Training Center

By Airman 1st Class Gerald R. Willis 36th Wing Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFNS)

-- The largest troop-built construction project in the Pacific since the Vietnam conflict came to a close recently, with the completion of the Pacific Regional Training Center at Andersen Air Force Base.

On Dec. 7, 2017 the 554th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer Squadron held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the conclusion of more than 70 construction projects, valued at \$251 million, making up the new PRTC on Northwest Field. Airmen throughout Pacific Air Forces will use the facilities to prepare for real-world contingency and deployment missions.

"This site will ultimately be the platform to provide essential civil engineer training for thousands of Airmen every year," said Master Sgt. Raymond Worley, 554th RHS lead planner for the center. "Instructors from both Commando Warrior and the REDHORSE's Silver Flag flight can now provide training to nearly 3,000 security forces, civil engineer, force support and partner-nation personnel

year-round."

After the original construction of Northwest Field during World War II, the PRTC revitalized use of the grounds instead of developing new areas and will enable service members to stay "Prepared to Prevail" throughout future conflicts or contingencies in the region.

The new facilities were built by REDHORSE Airmen. Wearing distinctive red ball caps, these Airmen are trained and equipped to complete heavy construction and airfield repair missions in expeditionary environments.

"Over the past nine years, the troop-built project, led by the 554th RHS, brought together numerous sister units throughout the Air Force, Navy and partner nations to assist and gain valuable training experience while completing construction projects," Worley said. "Troop-built projects save the Air Force time and money and allows service members to meet similar goals as they would in a contingency environment."

The historic airfield also serves as a training ground for Silver Flag, a recurring exercise enabling Airmen from across PACAF to practice vital airfield damage assessment, airfield marking, crater repair and expeditionary

airfield lighting systems installation techniques.

In addition to expeditionary engineers, the 736th Security Forces Squadron's Commando Warrior flight calls the PRTC home and trains PACAF security forces Airmen on U.S. Central Command and regional tactical requirements in support of contingency missions and home station security.

The PRTC now offers units space for operations, offices, training classrooms and warehouse storage for vital equipment in support of contingency and humanitarian operations around the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. U.S. and partner nation service members will regularly use the training area to increase readiness and interoperability of Pacific partner forces for effective crisis response in the region.

"As a rapidly deployable unit, staying up to date on all training is a major key to our mission," said Airman 1st Class Antony Williams Jr., 554th RHS structural engineer. "I'm excited to work hands on in the new facilities. New sites such as the Heavy Repair Training facility, will help us prepare to complete any mission in a deployed environment."

Holiday Greetings from Oriental Press

t is my profound honor and pleasure to print and distribute the December 22, 2017 edition of the *Crimson Sky* newspaper to the U.S. military and civilian members of the 7th Air Force.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve all of you. Thank you for the great service you provide to ensure peace and prosperity here in the Republic of Korea.

Next year will see the HQs, United States Forces Korea move to Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek City. With the majority of USFK personnel and family members stationed in Pyeongtaek City at both Camp Humphreys and Osan Air Base, significant changes will take place over the next two years until the remaining units relocate to Camp Humphreys.

No doubt Osan Air Base will experience increased visitations from the military personnel and family members stationed at the other USFK installations in Korea as they transition from their current locations into Pyeongtaek City.

We believe that Crimson Sky is critical in educating and enlightening all USFK personnel, especially the Air Force population regarding the activities and events taking place within Osan and Kunsan Air Bases as well as the other installations where Air Force personnel are stationed.

Oriental Press has been a part of the Air Force community since 1987 when we began printing and distributing the *Mig Alley Flyer* newspaper, predecessor to *Crimson Sky*.

And, having seen numerous changes in the Air Force base structures and surrounding communities we take pride in our contribution of distributing *Crimson Sky* at high traffic areas for access by all who work, live or play within the air bases in Korea as well as other U.S. installations throughout the peninsula.

I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and congratulations to Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Bergeson, Commanding General, 7th Air Force and Lt. Col. Michal Kloeffler-Howard, Public Affairs Officer, 7th Air Force, for their tireless effort to make this publication what it is today. And, with trusting Oriental Press to ensure a copy of this publication gets into the hands of all who desire one.

And, finally, our heartfelt appreciation to all those who read *Crimson Sky* and purchase the products or services offered to you in the advertisements that appear in this publication. Without your patronage, this **FREE** publication would not exist.

Have a safe and happy holiday time from our family to yours!

Sincerely,

Charles Chong Chief Executive Officer Oriental Press

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kunsan

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

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.

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.

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

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers						
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)				

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

CRIMSON SKY

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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

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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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

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

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

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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
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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
Visit us on SharePoint:
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SPIRITUAL CHARGE

Forgiveness

Torgiveness is challenging for us. Situations that require forgiveness are ones where the pain inflicted is personal, unfair, and deep. When we are hurt, we are likely to find some hatred in our heart. Hatred is never a good thing. In his book, None of These Diseases, Dr. S. I. McMillen writes, "Medical science recognizes that emotions such as fear, sorrow, envy, resentment and hatred are responsible for the majority of our sicknesses. Estimates vary from 60 to 100 percent." We must be careful that we don't try to get rid of it by covering it up. When we find that hate in our heart, that's simply a sign we're going to need to forgive. How do you do that?

First, when a person harms you, that gives you the right to seek revenge and to retaliation. But when you forgive someone, you surrender your right to get even. Few would dispute our right to get even. The rule of the world is "do unto others as they've done unto you." But when we choose to forgive, we choose to lay aside our right to seek our revenge. In the moment of making that decision, we are deliberately choosing for ourselves the path of forgiveness.

Second, do not dwell on the incident. When you forgive a person, it isn't easy to forget the incident. But you will have to stand by that commitment time and again when the pain resurfaces or when the bitterness wells up. This is especially true if the person you're forgiving is



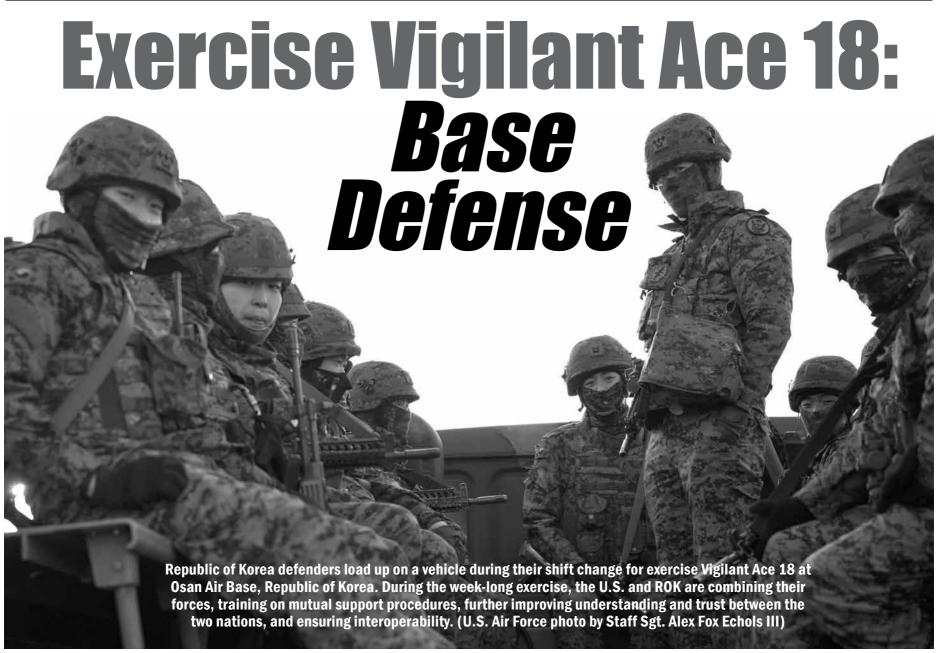
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Deputy Wing Chaplain, 8th Fighter Wing

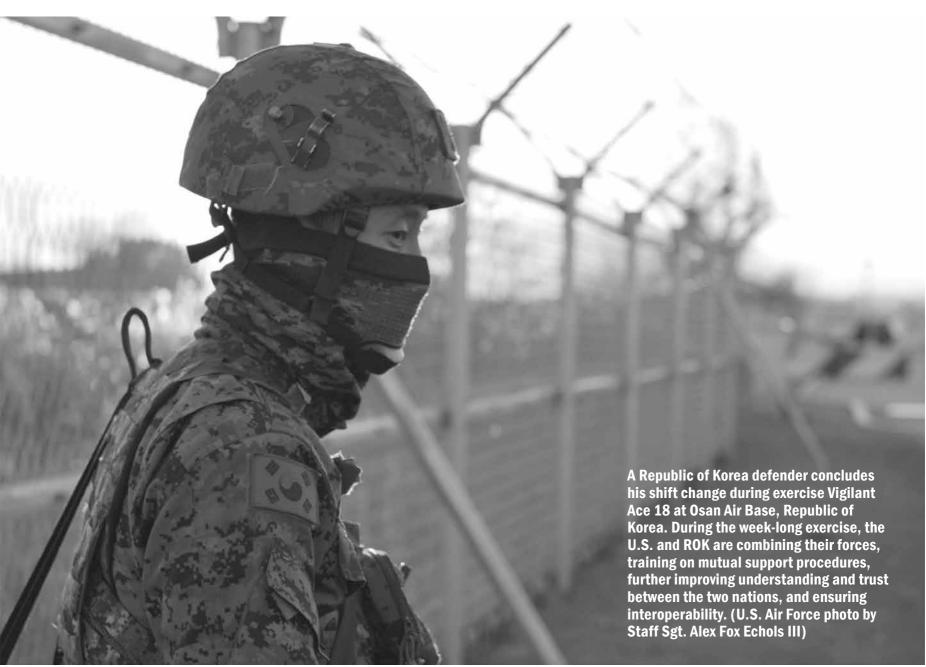
a neighbor or co-worker or someone who you'll see on a regular basis. Sometimes seeing that person is going to cause those old feelings to rise. We don't forget immediately. The key is that each time it comes into our minds, we again affirm our commitment to forgive. We don't

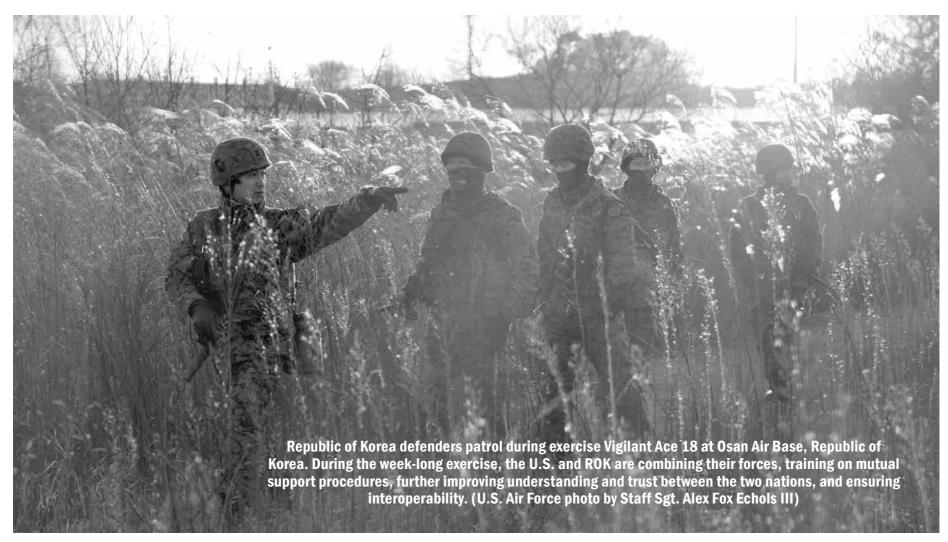
dwell on the pain or the injury, but we again put forward our choice to forgive. We can refuse to let an injury control us, and we can decide to not allow the pain to deaden our souls. Those are choices within our control.

Lastly, as we begin the process of forgiving, we want to come to a place of healing and reconciliation. We hope to restore that broken relationship. I wish I could say that always happens when you commit to forgiving, but the honest truth is that sometimes there is reconciliation and sometimes there isn't. Sometimes the person who has hurt us will not admit that they have done wrong. There is no reconciliation there. Sometimes we offer forgiveness and that person laughs in our face. There is no reconciliation there. You need to remember that you are only responsible for the condition of your own heart.

We commit to the journey of forgiveness hoping for the best, but ultimately knowing that the only person we can control is ourselves. We choose the path of forgiveness anyway, even when reconciliation doesn't happen, because forgiveness is not just about the other person's heart. It's also about our heart and the anger and bitterness that we want to rid ourselves of. Forgiveness is risky, but it is the only road to freedom. The other road always leads to self-destruction. Forgiveness begins the healing process.









<left> A Republic of Korea defender stands next to a vehicle during their shift change for exercise Vigilant Ace 18 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. During the week-long exercise, the U.S. and ROK are combining their forces, training on mutual support procedures, further improving understanding and trust between the two nations, and ensuring interoperability. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Fox Echols III)

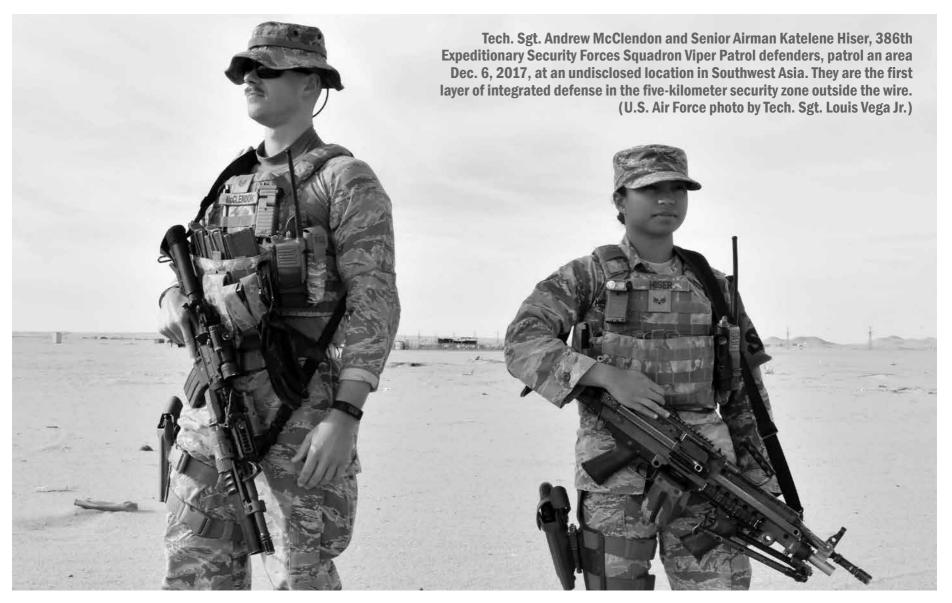
<bottom> U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. William McDonald, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron material control craftsman and 51st Security Forces Squadron augmentee, mans a defensive fighting position during exercise Vigilant Ace 18 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. As they would during a real-world situation, the 51st SFS augmentees are bolstering Osan's defense forces manning DFPs and aiding in patrols during VA18. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Fox Echols III)





Viper Patrol first layer of defense downrange

By Tech. Sgt. Louis Vega Jr., 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs



SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) -- Sounds of radio traffic fill the air, "Viper four this is Viper one, meet me at hilltop 140," as patrols cautiously maneuver four-wheel drive vehicles through rough desert terrain at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia.

Defenders of the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron stand ready to protect lives and secure the installation in a deployed environment by going outside the wire each day as part of Viper Patrol.

"They are the first layer of integrated defense," said Maj. Aaron Williams, 386th ESFS commander. "They assess if anything out of the ordinary is going on in the base security zone and they are very effective at what they do."

The base security zone is a five-kilometer area stretching outward from the perimeter of the installation. This area outside the wire can pose a threat either by indirect fire or threats to coalition aircraft as they approach or take off.

Part of the Viper Patrol duties include, engaging locals within the security zone to build a rapport and establish a positive

narrative on the mission. Periodically, social key leader engagements are organized in local camps to discuss and assess unusual activities in area. Typically, defenders are invited to eat or have tea.

"This gives us an opportunity to let them know we are not just here for us," Williams said. "We are here to help everyone involved."

Occasionally, a "2K" incursion occurs. Typically, this is when locals unintentionally wander into an area within two kilometers of the installation and Viper Patrol defenders immediately step into action and make contact. This is more prevalent during the fall season when locals are encouraged by their government to camp outdoors.

Many of the locals and their livestock reside within the five-kilometer security zone but cannot encroach upon the two-kilometer demarcation barrier without resistance.

"For me, going to the camps and interacting with the locals is the best part of the job," said Master Sgt. Tyrel Askren, Viper Patrol noncommissioned officer in charge. "It gives us an opportunity to learn their customs and practice what we've learned at the next camp."

Askren is a reservist from the 931st Security Forces Squadron at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, and a civilian police officer on a federal Native American reservation. This is his third deployment in his 17-year career. He expressed the importance of this duty and said it's important for defenders to carry themselves as ambassadors and be willing to communicate with locals.

Williams emphasized how effective the Viper Patrol was to the fight and how proud he was of his defenders.

"I have a squadron of extremely professional defenders," concluded Williams. "We draw on experiences of total force integration from civilian law enforcement and active duty and different bases. Our noncommissioned officers and senior NCOs do a phenomenal job of taking those pieces and putting it together creating the 386th ESFS and conducting air base defense on a day-to-day basis."

Malmstrom AFB unit earns top DoD maintenance award

By DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The 341st Maintenance Group, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana is the recipient of the 2017 Defense Department's Phoenix Award for Maintenance Excellence, according to DoD officials.

The department announced the Phoenix Award winner at this year's Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards ceremony, Dec. 5, 2017. The Phoenix Award is presented annually to designate the single best maintenance unit out of six Secretary of Defense Field-Level Maintenance Award winners.

In fiscal year 2016, the 341st MXG led three major modernization efforts at their facilities, including a \$6 million upgrade to the Re-entry System/Re-entry Vehicle maintenance facility, a \$14.6 million upgrade to the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile maintenance facility and a \$20 million upgrade to their training facilities.

The group's efforts propelled them to the top of many of Air Force Global Strike Command's combat metrics, including best launch control center fully mission capable rate, best scheduling effectiveness rate, best minimum essential equipment levels rate and best transporter erector service rate. The group also reduced its overdue preventive maintenance inspections to the lowest level in command.

The professionalism and commitment to excellence demonstrated by the men and women of the 341st MXG unquestionably demonstrates the unit's worthiness in being recognized as this year's best field-level maintenance unit in DoD, officials said.

A launch facility operated at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., is shown April 13, 2017. The 341st Maintenance Group at Malmstrom AFB was recently named the recipient of the 2017 Defense Department's Phoenix Award for Maintenance Excellence. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Delia Marchick)



Cyber operations Airmen 'Hack the Air Force'



By Trevor Tiernan, 24th Air Force Public Affairs

NEW YORK (AFNS) -- Within 30 seconds of receiving the order to "start hacking," researchers at the Hack the Air Force 2.0 event discovered two vulnerabilities—exactly the result the organizers were hoping for.

The researchers were cyber security specialists invited to the Dec. 9, 2017 event in New York to identify security gaps in Air Force websites.

Hack the Air Force 2.0 is a continuation of the Hack the Air Force event held in June 2017. Initiated by the Defense Digital Service, the event is a by-invitation opportunity for computer experts outside the Air Force to assist in strengthening the service's defensive cyber posture, by discovering and reporting vulnerabilities in Air Force websites.

DDS contracted HackerOne, an internationally respected vulnerability disclosure and bug bounty company, to host and coordinate the event. Twenty Fourth Air Force sent a team of Airmen from the 90th, 315th, 352nd and 390th Cyber Operations Squadrons to work alongside their industry counterparts discovering bugs and weaknesses.

"This was a first to showcase our offensive capabilities in an official capacity alongside private and commercial sectors and international said Maj. Gen. Christopher partners," Weggeman, 24th AF commander. "Not only does this program strengthen those partnerships, it allows the Air Force to both teach and learn from the best and brightest outside of the [Department of Defense]."

Even though HackerOne invited some of the world's elite hackers to the event, they were surprised to find the Air Force sites were not that easy to crack.

"They were impressed," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Joshua, 24th AF deputy chief of staff. "As a vulnerability was identified, shortly thereafter, hackers would be attempting to highlight the vulnerability to another team of hackers ... but the vulnerability had already been patched. They'd be trying to grab screen shots to prepare a post-day brief, but they couldn't because the systems were already healthy."

The non-Air Force researchers were able to receive cash rewards of up to \$50,000 for each vulnerability they identified under a practice commonly used in private sector known as "Bug Bounties." Under bounty programs, companies pay so-called "white hat" hackers a reward for pointing out holes in their security.

"Hack the Air Force allowed us to look outward and leverage the range of talent in our country and partner nations to secure our defenses," said Peter Kim, Air Force chief information security officer. "We're greatly expanding on the tremendous success of the first challenge by targeting approximately 300 public facing Air Force websites. The cost-benefit of this

partnership in invaluable."

For Maj. Barrett Darnell, 315th COS, the highlight of the day was the interaction between different groups participating.

"What stood out was seeing private sector, independent bounty hunters and the government all come together to find these vulnerabilities," he said. "I was amazed at the creativity [of the researchers] with some of these issues that were found. So the best part was seeing all these resources come together to solve security problems."

In a rapidly and perpetually evolving domain such as cyber, interacting with industry partners is essential for the Air Force to stay on top of its game.

"Our cyber warriors are in the fight every day," said Weggeman. "Our Airmen operate within Air Force networks and employ offensive and defensive capabilities 24/7 in a highly contested environment where the adversary constantly changes tactics and techniques, creating complex vulnerabilities. Participating in the HackerOne hosted 'hackathon' allowed our cyber warriors to showcase their immense talent and skills while also learning and strengthening relationships with our partners in industry and other nations."

At the close of the event, after 12 hours of hacking, participants had identified multiple vulnerabilities, protected 300 Air Force websites and forged immeasurable new partnerships.



Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP)



TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS:

Recruitment

Transportation

Transfer

Harboring and/or receipt of persons

By means of

- Threat
- Force
- Coercion
- Abduction
- Fraud
- Deception
- Abuse
- Exploitation

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Do not have their

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- Abusive physical contact (beating/sexual abuse)
- Living at work location
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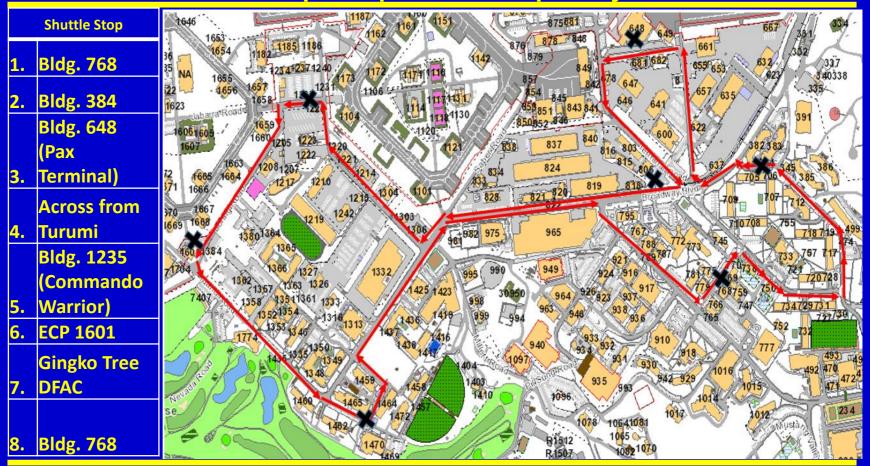


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JB Charleston supports Weapons School capstone event

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal Joint Base Charleston Public Affairs

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. (AFNS) -- The 437th Airlift Wing launched 17 C-17 Globemaster IIIs in support of the largest U.S. Air Force Weapons School Integration Phase Joint Forcible Entry event in its history, Dec. 9, 2017.

The U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, trains tactical experts and leaders to control and exploit air, space and cyberspace on behalf of the joint force. Aircrew members from Joint Base Charleston participated in the JFE, allowing for the chance to integrate with more than 100 dissimilar aircraft.

"A JFE is one of the most complex mission sets we, the Mobility Air Forces, participate in," said Capt. Tom Sallenger, 15th Airlift Squadron, 437th Operations Group commander's action group. "The ultimate goal of a JFE is to support the Army and establish a lodgment in someone else's air space. Our purpose for the JFE is to deliver the Army to an objective area to establish a U.S. presence. As part of the joint overall picture, we require support from the Combat Air Forces to get us into contested air space."

Mobility Air Forces aircraft, launching from 12 bases, participated in the capstone event, with an objective to deliver 120 Army paratroopers to a target area.

"We flew in with 37 C-17s and 21 C-13o Hercules, pressed into contested air space, and fought our way in," said Maj. J.R. Wendler, 16th Airlift Squadron and 437th Operations Group director of staff. "It

requires a lot of integration with other assets, F-16s (Fighting Falcon), and F-15s (Eagle) for example, to clear the lane for the MAF to get to the objective area, air drop and put in our joint partners, in this case the Army, to start building up combat power."

The scale of the event provided a realistic training experience. Sallenger said the size and realism of the JFE is necessary to prepare aircrew members for real world operations.

"The reason why we are providing so much support as Air Mobility Command and as the MAF is because we're preparing for the future which requires readiness," said Sallenger. "In planning a contingency operation, we need to have real-life experiences and some of those experiences can only be obtained in a scenario as in-depth as the JFE."

Although the MAF completed the phase effectively, support elements ensured success. Sallenger said the accomplishment of events like these start at the ground level.

"It really goes way deeper and involves support agencies across Joint Base Charleston, including our maintainers," said Sallenger. "They worked 12-hour shifts and generated the aircraft to make sure we met our minimum force to deliver the Army. Without them, none of this would be possible. They put in the sweat to make this happen and it's really where the rubber meets the road."

Master Sgt. David Sutter, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron gold production pro

the Air Force's ability to execute rapid, decisive responses to crises worldwide. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal)

Squadron aerospace maintenance journeymen, perform ground maintenance on a C-17 Globemaster III in preparation for a Joint Forcible Entry training event in support of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School Integration phase Dec. 8, 2017. Thirty-seven C-17 Globemaster IIIs, 21 C-130 Hercules and 120 Army paratroopers participated in the mobility portion of the WSINT phase during a simulated mass JFE event over a contested target Dec. 9, on a range near Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The event demonstrates

superintendent, said that the 437th AMXS executes their mission the same whether an event is training or real world.

"It takes a lot of manpower and a lot of people being dedicated, especially in weather like this, cold and rainy, to being out there for hours on end," said Sutter. "It's intimidating at first because it is a huge project and very visible. However, these are the same steps and same processes we go through for a real world event. So, if we need to clear off this flightline and get all these aircraft out of here, it's the same steps. It's important for us to do it and do it right."

Every six months, the Weapons School graduates approximately 100 Weapons Officers and enlisted specialists who are tactical system experts, weapons instructors and leaders of Airmen. JB Charleston, as part of the MAF, demonstrated an ability to integrate with the CAF and joint partners during the JFE event and helped build a realistic experience for the future Weapons Officers involved.

"Over the past several decades the Weapons School has evolved from being Air Force fighter pilot centric to involving the MAF, which involves airlift and tanker support. Now it's starting to branch into a more joint Weapons School environment which involves the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and all the assets they bring to the fight," said Sallenger. "The lessons we learn from participating in a JFE allow us to work as a total force and achieve combined objectives."

New Year's Sunrise Festivals in Korea



Seongsan Sunrise Festival

Welcoming the first day of the New Year, Seongsan Sunrise Festival features a natural festival aiming to spread the natural values of Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, a UNESCO World Nature Heritage Site, to see the old year out and the new year in, and to share the traditional culture and artistic themed-tourism among visitors. Peaceful Jeju Island invites tourists to this festival held in Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, featuring an impressive scene that hasn't changed since the sunrise that was recorded in the Palman Daejanggyeong for the Goryeo Dynasty. Visitors can make wishes for the coming year and enjoy the fascinating sunrise at Jeju's tourism spot.

- · Period: December 30, 2017-January 1, 2018
- Location: Area of Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do (284-12, Ilchul-ro, Seongsan-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do)
- Homepage: festival.jeju.go.kr (Korean only)

Ganjeolgot Sunrise Festival

Ganjeolgot Cape in Ulsan offers visitors impressive views of the sunrise and is part of the New Year's Sunrise Festival every December. The festival starts at sunset on the 31st. A wide range of performances fill the evening and last through the night. At first light, people can be seen quietly standing with their hands clasped together, making a wish on the newly born year.

- Period: December 31, 2017-January 1, 2018
- Location: Area of Ganjeolgot Cape Park, Ulsan (Daesong-ri, Seosaeng-myeon, Ulju-gun, Ulsan)
- · Admission/Participation Fees: Free
- Duration of Performance: Varies by program
- Age Limit: Open to visitors of all ages
- Transportation:

From Ülsan Intercity Express Bus Terminal, take Bus No. 715 to Ganjeolgot Cape Bus Stop. Walk approx. 12 min.

Homepage: ganjeolgot.ulju.ulsan.kr







Homigot Sunrise Festival

Homigot Cape and its beach area, where the Homigot Sunrise Plaza is located, is definitely one of the most popular places for watching the New Year's sunrise due to its brilliant yellow and golden sunrise scenery. People can see a variety of performances and fireworks in the sky when the New Year's Day approaches.

- Period: December 31, 2017-January 1, 2018
- Location: Homigot Sunrise Plaza, Pohang-si, Gyeongsanbuk-do (Daebori, Homigot-myeon, Nam-gu, Pohang-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do)
- Age Limit: Open to visitors of all ages



Jeongdongjin Sunrise Festival

Jeongdongjin gets its name from the word jeongdong, which means due east in Korean, as it is exactly due east from Seoul's Gwanghwamun Gate. Its train station is known to be the world's nearest train station to the ocean. Watching the first sunrise of the year from Jeongdongjin will be a unique experience to begin the upcoming year.

- Period: December 31, 2017-January 1, 2018
- Location: Area of Sandglass Park at Jeongdongjin Beach, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do (San2-ri, Jeongdongjin-ri, Gangdong-myeon, Gangneung-si,

Gangwon-do)

- Admission/Participation Fees: Free
- Age Limit: Open to visitors of all ages
 Transportation: Take a train from Cheongnyangni (Seoul)
 Station to Jeongdongjin (Gangneung) Station.
- Homepage: www.gntour.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Gyeongpo Sunrise Festival

This New Year from December 31 to January 1, Gangneung City will hold its annual Sunrise Festival. As well as visiting the area's attractions such as Gyeongpodae town, visitors will be able to welcome the New Year by watching a beautiful sunrise. The Sunrise Festival will include countdown to the New Year, fireworks, and various enjoyable cultural events.

- Period: December 31, 2017-January 1, 2018
- Location: Area of Gyeongpo Beach, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do (San1-1, Anhyeon-dong, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do)
- · Admission/Participation Fees: Free
- Age Limit: Open to visitors of all ages
- Transportation:From Gangneung Bus Terminal/Gangneung Station, take bus No. 202 to Gyeongpodae.
- Homepage: www.gntour.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)









Yeosu Hyangiram Sunrise Festival

Hyangiram Sunrise Festival is an annual overnight festival that begins on New Year's Eve. It takes place at the historic Hyangiram Hermitage, which was built in year 644. As the New Year's Day dawns, visitors can witness the sun rise above the horizon from Hyangiram, which literally means "a hermitage facing the sun."

- Period: December 31, 2017-January 1, 2018
- Location: Homigot Sunrise Plaza, Pohang-si, Gyeongsanbuk-do (Daebo-ri, Homigot-myeon, Nam-gu, Pohang-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do)
- Programs: New Year's celebrations featuring a fire show, folk street music, wish lighting and many more.
- Age Limit: Open to visitors of all ages
- Transportation: Across from Yeosu Intercity Bus Terminal, take local bus No. 111 or No. 113 to Hyangiram Hermitage.
- Homepage: www.ystour.kr (Korean, English, Chinese, Japanese, French)