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Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, speaks during an Operation Hailstone Commemoration Event at Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, Feb. 18, 2019. The ceremony honored the sacrifices of U.S. service members during Operation Hailstone, a World War II battle between U.S. and Japanese forces. (Courtesy Photo)

COMPACAF honors 75th Anniversary of WWII battle; visits Micronesian islands

**By 1st Lt. Monica Urias
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, visited the island of Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau and Kwajalein Atoll of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Feb. 16-20, 2019.

Brown hosted Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech of the U.S. Department of Interior as

well as officials from the Department of Defense, Department of State and National Security Council for the duration of the trip. The group traveled to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Operation Hailstone and to meet with government and U.S. Embassy leadership at each location.

"Gathering for this 75th Anniversary gives us an opportunity to commemorate how values and principles became aligned across the Indo-Pacific region following WWII," Brown said. "Today, the Federated States of Micronesia are a key partner

with the U.S. as we seek to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific."

Operation Hailstone commemorates a massive U.S. military strike on Japanese naval forces in Truk following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1944. The strike played an important part in changing the tide during World War II.

"This event provided the opportunity to recall the sacrifices of our military members and Chuuk civilians that, today, provides the foundation for our freedoms," said Brown.

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51 FW Chaplain Corps hosts resiliency luncheon



U.S. Air Force retired Maj. Gen. Dondi Costin, prior Air Force Chief of Chaplains, speaks to attendees at a resiliency luncheon held by the 51st Fighter Wing Chaplain Corps at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 21, 2019. Costin now serves as the third president of Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)

**By Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --The 51st Fighter Wing Chaplain Corps hosted a resiliency luncheon at the Officer's Club at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 21.

Attendees were treated to a free lunch as they listened to guest speaker Dr. Dondi Costin, a retired U.S. Air Force chaplain, as he spoke about the event's theme: "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

Now the third president of Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina, Costin once served as the Air Force Chief of Chaplains, providing advice on matters pertaining to the religious and moral welfare of Airmen and their families.

"My number one message to you is that resiliency should never go away," said Costin, "because resiliency is nothing more than maturity. Resiliency is nothing more than you as a human being, being able to understand that life will bring you challenges. Do you have what it takes to withstand those challenges, to move through



U.S. Air Force Chaplain Capt. Joseph Idomele, 51st Fighter Wing chaplain, introduces the guest speaker for the Chaplain Corps resiliency luncheon held at the Officer's Club on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 21, 2019. The event's guest speaker was retired Air Force Chief of Chaplains, Maj. Gen. Dondi Costin. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)

that so that you can fight another day? That's all resiliency is."

Costin spoke about the necessity of faith and relationships for not only service members, but their families and those around them as well.

"As Airmen, resiliency is part of who we are," said Chaplain

Capt. Joseph Idomele, 51st FW chaplain. "(Costin) shared from the scriptures, saying that if we focus our mind on God and think positively, we can overcome anything. He emphasized that 90 percent of the negative thoughts and fears that we have are things that we have no control over."

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303rd IS innovates internship program

By Capt. Sergei McNulty
303rd Intelligence Squadron

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Founded November 22, 1950, the 303rd Intelligence Squadron, located at Osan Air Base, is one of the most historic units in the U.S. Air Force. The 303rd IS, commonly known as Skivvy Nine, has been on the Korean Peninsula providing timely cryptologic support since the Korean War. The squadron has a rich history and prides itself on years of honorable service defending both U.S. and Korean families on peninsula. To safeguard this long-standing success, the squadron instituted an innovative new program aimed at deliberately developing Airmen while securing success for generations to come.

Commenced in September 2018, the Skivvy Nine Internship Program (SNIP) is an ongoing career development initiative that cultivates young intelligence analysts. The SNIP stands as a high-yield, low-risk answer to the question, "How are we deliberately developing our Airmen?" The program sends analysts to various offices throughout the 694th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group in order to increase an Airman's cross-functional knowledge, expand mission capabilities, and cultivate problem-solving skills.

SNIP is a unique opportunity for Airmen to change their daily battle rhythm and better understand the scope of group operations by working with other offices around the ISR Group. Chosen interns spend two weeks studying various

mission sets that they are not normally exposed to during their standard day-to-day operations. Towards the end of each internship, host offices focus Airmen efforts to execute a capstone event that highlights their newly acquired skills while participating in the program. Two recent internships highlight the success of the program so far.

Senior Airman David Ruiz, a Korean linguist and first term Airman, had minimal exposure to intelligence operations off the operations floor. His flight leadership selected him for a Korean Tactics and Adversary Studies Elements internship in order to develop his skills prior to heading to the Special Operation Forces Tactics Adversarial Studies Element for his follow-on assignment. Ruiz's capstone event culminated with a brief to his group commander, Col. Lester N. Oberg III. Even though this was the only second briefing Ruiz ever delivered, Oberg remarked, "This could have been your hundredth brief...it looks like you've been doing this for years!" Prior to his permanent change of station, Ruiz shared the knowledge and resources he learned from his internship and instructed his peers on how to improve daily operations.

Senior Airman Andrew Democker is also a Korean linguist and first term Airman. His flight selected him for an internship in the ISR Group's weapons and tactics office in order to prepare him for his PCS to Nellis AFB. The weapons and tactics office did an outstanding job educating Democker on U-2 capabilities, limitations, and tactics. At the end of his two-week internship,

Senior Airman Andrew Democker, a Korean linguist assigned to the 303rd Intelligence Squadron, shares innovative ideas with his peers as part of the Skivvy Nine Internship Program at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2019. The program sends analysts to various offices throughout the 694th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group in order to increase an Airmen's cross-functional knowledge, expand mission capabilities, and cultivate problem-solving skills. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ilyana A. Escalona)

Democker delivered an in-depth weapons school style debrief to his squadron commander and peers.

SNIP is the 303rd Intelligence Squadron's innovative way of honing the common focus shared throughout the Intelligence Community: analysis. Future iterations of the program will expand beyond the 694th ISR Group and leverage the close relationships found on Osan AB by sending Airmen to the 51st Fighter Wing Operational Support Squadron and the 607th Air Operations Center. Broadening analysts' understanding of intelligence practices throughout the Intelligence Community not only develops and highlights critical thinking and analytic techniques used throughout their careers, but also enables the next generation of leaders to fuse best practices into their day-to-day operations. The deliberate development of today's Airmen is imperative to ensuring the success of tomorrow's operations. This rings ever more true for those intelligence professionals stationed at Osan AB who work every day to keep the morning calm.

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Kunsan Airman first U.S. active duty grandson to return Japanese battle flag



U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. William Armstrong, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron deployment and distribution flight superintendent, (left), hands a Japanese flag to Michio Miki (middle) and Hideo Ito, Masashi Ito's nephews, during a flag return ceremony in Takasaki, Japan, Feb. 14, 2019. Armstrong's grandfather acquired Miki and Ito's uncle's flag during World War II. (Courtesy photo, Obon Society)

By Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The values of family, heritage and honor are central to the Air Force, and highly valued in many cultures.

For Senior Master Sgt. William Lowell Armstrong, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron deployment and distribution flight superintendent, traveling to Japan to personally return a Japanese battle flag handed down through his family was the ultimate expression of these three things.

Armstrong traveled from Kunsan Air Base, where he is currently stationed, to the Gunma Gokoku Shrine, a place honoring the deceased from war, in Takasaki, Japan, for a ceremony on Feb. 14 to return a Japanese flag taken during World War II. His grandfather, Cpl. Lowell Armstrong, gained possession

of the flag while serving in Japan during the war.

"I am truly grateful that my grandfather kept the flag safe and in great condition all those years and my family decided to return it to its rightful owners, as we know how much it means to the family," said Armstrong. "My grandfather would be happy that this flag is being returned to its home."

During the ceremony, Armstrong put on white gloves, unfolded the flag-- called a Good Luck Flag-- and presented it to Michio Miki and Hideo Ito, the nephews of Masashi Ito, a Japanese soldier and the original owner of the flag. A Good Luck Flag is a Japanese flag signed by loved ones. They have historically been presented to service members prior to entry into the military or before a deployment.

"It was a great surprise to have it returned like this out of millions of those that died," Miki said. "I am thankful for the thoughtfulness of



U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. William Armstrong, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron deployment and distribution flight superintendent, (holding photo), Michio Miki (holding flag, left) and Hideo Ito (holding flag, right), Masashi Ito's nephews, pose for a photo during a flag return ceremony in Takasaki, Japan, Feb. 14, 2019. Armstrong's grandfather acquired Miki's and Ito's uncle's flag during World War II. (Courtesy photo, Obon Society)

Mr. Armstrong's grandson to return it like this."

Before the ceremony, Armstrong had never seen the flag, and he didn't even know of its existence until about two and a half years ago.

"Unfortunately, [my grandfather] never talked about his time in the service or the Pacific theater to anyone in the family," said Armstrong. "We aren't sure how he came into possession of the flag."

Armstrong learned about the flag when his uncle, who obtained the flag after Lowell Armstrong passed away, reached out the Obon Society trying to return the flag. The Obon Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to returning Good Luck Flags to the family members of the original owner.

According to the Obon Society, Armstrong is the first active-duty grandson to participate in one of the flag repatriation ceremonies.

"It's an honor to represent my family at the event," said Armstrong. "My father, uncle and aunt regret they are unable to attend, however, I am honored to represent my family in this return ceremony. I was named after my grandfather and I am proud to carry his namesake. He was one of the kindest hardworking men anyone would ever meet. He would do anything for anyone."



Photos of Masashi Ito (left) and Cpl. Lowell Armstrong (right) sit on display with a Japanese war flag during a flag return ceremony in Takasaki, Japan, Feb. 14, 2019. Armstrong acquired the flag during World War II. U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. William Armstrong, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron deployment and distribution flight superintendent and Cpl. Armstrong's grandson, traveled to Japan and returned the flag to Ito's nephews, Michio Miki and Hideo Ito. (Courtesy photo, Obon Society)



Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, greets Ambassador Karen Stewart, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, at Bucholz Army Airfield, Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Feb. 20, 2019. Gen. Brown traveled to the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Operation Hailstone and to reaffirm the U.S. presence and continued support to the region. (Courtesy Photo) ◀



President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, presents a gift to Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, during a visit to the Republic of Palau, Feb. 19, 2019. Gen. Brown traveled to the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Operation Hailstone, a World War II battle between U.S. and Japanese forces. (Courtesy Photo) ▲

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After the ceremony, Brown traveled to meet with Tommy Remengesau Jr., the president of Palau. They discussed mutual issues and welcomed future partnership opportunities such as Pacific Partnership 2020.

"Together, with a network of compatible and interoperable allies and partners, we can face complex challenges and an increasingly competitive security environment," said Brown.

Later in the trip, Brown met with RMI President Hilda Heine to voice appreciation for recent engagements and reaffirm the U.S. presence and continued support to the region. The group also met with U.S. Army Soldiers at Bucholz Army Airfield on Kwajalein Atoll and received a tour of Ebeye power plant.

This trip is one of several commemorations planned by the Department of Defense throughout 2020 to honor the 75th Anniversary of WWII.



Cobra Gold 19: USAF executes full-spectrum readiness exercise, advancing Indo-Pacific partnerships

By Senior Airman Savannah Waters, 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KORAT, Thailand -- U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 8th Fighter Wing, based out of Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, participated in the 38th iteration of Exercise Cobra Gold 2019 with the Royal Thai Air Force's Wing 1, at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base from Feb. 12 to 23.

Hosted by the U.S. Armed Forces and Royal Thai Armed Forces, Cobra Gold 19 is comprised of multi-national, bi-lateral combined task force events designed to maintain readiness and increase combined-joint-force capabilities in planning

and executing operations. Twenty-nine nations participated in varying capacities, making Cobra Gold one of the largest international exercises this year.

Approximately 200 Airmen from the 8th FW improved flying and maintenance operations with 12 USAF F-16 Fighting Falcons on Korat's flight line. These operations strengthened the U.S.-Thai partnership through combined training in the sky.

"The flying missions at Cobra Gold 19 ranged from air-to-air maneuvering to large-force-employment scenarios," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Oliver "Panton Lead" Lause, 35th Fighter Squadron

A Royal Thai Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon taxis before take off for flying operations with the U.S. Air Force during Exercise Cobra Gold 2019 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, Feb. 15, 2019. Cobra Gold is the largest Theater Security Cooperation exercise in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and is an integral part of the U.S. commitment to strengthen engagement in the region. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Valencia McNeal, U.S. Army-Pacific)

commander. "We planned, briefed and debriefed with our RTAF partners on each of these sorties, with the bulk of execution being counter-air and close-air-support missions."

Large-force-employment scenarios consist of counter-air missions that aim to defend targets by maintaining air superiority. The complexity and tactics involved in these scenarios provided a premier opportunity for the USAF and RTAF to successfully communicate in the air while enhancing the lethality and survivability of pilots, said Lause.

While executing U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives and U.S. Pacific Air Forces priorities, maintainers from the 8th Maintenance Group safely deployed, operated and redeployed the Wolf Pack's F-16 Fighting Falcons loaded with full-scale-heavy-weight munitions, while improving readiness and interoperability with RTAF partners.

"Without U.S. aircraft

maintenance support, the maintainers here learned to operate in conditions that are similar to a bare base," said Capt. Su Johnson, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Officer in Charge. "Weapons, avionics, and other maintenance specialists assisted crew chiefs in launching aircraft by aiding as a 'B man,' and egress technicians supplemented crash and recovery teams to build F-16 tires."

Cross utilization of maintainers of different AFSCs and roles is a true embodiment of maintainers making the mission happen, Johnson said, and without the Wolf Pack maintainers' pride and aggressive attitude to succeed, Exercise Cobra Gold would not have been as successful.

Cobra Gold 19 continues to represent a longstanding friendship between the USAF and RTAF, providing a venue for advancing interoperability, and maintaining readiness.

"Interoperability is critical to maintaining confidence in the

strength of our partnership, and in the capabilities we each bring to the relationship," Lause said. "We're enhancing that interoperability with the execution and discussion of our missions each day, building confidence in our ability to conduct full-spectrum coalition operations."

The support the 8th FW received from the RTAF and local community was nothing short of outstanding, Lause said, and the Wolf Pack is looking forward to the opportunity to return to Exercise Cobra Gold in the future.

"While improving readiness, our Airmen should be impressed by the performance and commitment of our partners to security and stability," Lause said. "No one will leave an event like this doubting why allies and partners are our asymmetric advantage, and we're humbled to share this terrain and the skies above once again."



A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon takes off prior to Exercise Cobra Gold 2019 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, Feb. 11, 2019. Cobra Gold is the largest Theater Security Cooperation exercise in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and is an integral part of the U.S. commitment to strengthen engagement in the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters)

8th FW leaders conduct housing review

**By Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- At the direction of the Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson and Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein installation leaders worldwide are conducting a 100 percent review of the safety and health of military family housing before March 1.

Wilson and Goldfein made the decision after Senate Armed Services Committee and media reports claimed that the military's privatized housing conditions "are not acceptable."

Leadership from the 8th Fighter Wing performed their reviews on Feb. 25 and 26 by walking through dormitories and housing for Airmen of all ranks.

"I believe this inspection is important to ensure the quality of life for the Airmen and to maintain their wellness," said 1st Lt. Ryan Neimes, 8th Comptroller Squadron financial operations flight commander. "We want to make sure that we are healthy and able to perform our best duties for the Air Force."

Upon completion of the inspections, the base will share the findings with Air Force senior leaders to ensure the health and safety of Airmen and their families.



A U.S. Air Force Airman walks to his dorm at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 26, 2019. The 8th Fighter Wing conducted a 100 percent review of the on-base housing to ensure proper health and wellness standards. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards)



U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Ryan Neimes, 8th Comptroller Squadron financial operations flight commander, takes notes while Senior Airman Allisha Quinn, 8th CPTS permanent change of station section specialist, talks about her dorm at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 26, 2019. Neimes visited with all CPTS non-commissioned officers and junior airmen to check the quality of the rooms and to see if his personnel had any issues. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards)



U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Ryan Neimes and Master Sgt. Jawanica Woodard, 8th CPTS financial operations flight chief, inspect the ceiling in a dorm room. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards)



US. Air Force Airmen board a Japan Air Self-Defense Force C-130H Hercules from the 401st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Japan, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Feb 25, 2019. The Airmen took part in COPE North which was an annual multilateral U.S. Pacific Air Forces-sponsored field training exercise focused on combat air forces large-force employment and mobility air forces humanitarian assistance and disaster relief training to enhance interoperability among U.S., Australian and Japanese forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Xavier Navarro) ▲



Maj. Michael Hoerber, USAF Band of the Pacific commander and conductor, arrives on stage during the Japan-U.S. Joint Concert Feb. 24, 2019, at the Hamura Learning Center in Hamura, Tokyo, Japan. This year marks the 11th annual Japan-U.S. Joint Concert event organized by the North Kanto Defense Bureau Ministry of Defense and acts as an avenue in strengthening the partnerships and alliances between Yokota Air Base and the local communities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Donald Hudson) ▲

A U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to RAF Lakenheath, U.K., climbs out of an engine of an F-15E Strike Eagle at Albacete Air Base, Spain, Feb. 18, 2019. Routine courses such as the NATO Tactical Leadership Programme 19-1 flying course, ensured the U.S. Air Force and its allies remained capable and ready to meet future security challenges as a unified force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Fox Echols III) ▲



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The Russian Roolettes, an aerial demonstration team, flies the skies at the 2019 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (AVALON 19) in Geelong, Victoria, Australia, March 1, 2019. The Roolettes fly two aircraft, the Nanchang CJ6A and Yak 52. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa)

Avalon 2019 comes to an end

By Staff Sgt. Sergio Gamboa
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

GEELONG, Australia -- The Southern Hemisphere's biggest event, the 2019 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (AVALON 19), concluded at Geelong, Victoria, Australia, March 3, 2019.

Approximately 130 U.S. military personnel and aircraft participated in AVALON 19 to strengthen military-to-military ties with Australian allies while enhancing relationships with partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

"Building relationships is critical, and coming to these airshows helps us form partnerships, meet counterparts, get more familiar with each other's aircraft and increases our interoperability," said Col. Matthew Nicholson, AVALON 19 U.S. Air Force mission commander. "The world and the Pacific are a big place. If we end up in a major crisis it's unlikely we will be able to do it ourselves. Having an ally like Australia be a part of the coalition makes it a lot easier."

The show featured leading companies and organizations, aerial acts and aircraft static displays from all over the world including F-22 Raptors assigned to the 3rd



Visitors tour the inside of a C-17 Globemaster III at the 2019 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (AVALON 19) in Geelong, Victoria, Australia, March 1, 2019. AVALON 19 is the largest, most comprehensive event of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, attracting aviation and aerospace professions, key defense personnel, aviation enthusiasts and the general public alike. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa)

A U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, taxis down the flightline during the 2019 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (AVALON 2019) at Geelong, Victoria, Australia, March 1, 2019. The F-22 is designed to project air dominance rapidly and at great distances to defeat threats attempting to deny adversaries' access to our nation's Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa) ►

Wing at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 15th Wing from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; a B-52 Stratofortress and RQ-4 Global Hawk assigned to the 36th Wing from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; an MQ-9 Reaper assigned to the 432nd Wing at Creech Air Force Base, Nev.; KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 336th Wing at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; and the P-8A Poseidon accompanied by Sailors from Patrol Squadron 47, deployed to Okinawa, Japan.

"This has definitely been the best year of the show I've experienced so far," said Carrie Gunn, a volunteer at Avalon 2019.

An estimated 200,000 visitors attended the week-long event and had the opportunity to watch the various acts, aircraft displays and interact with military members from around the world.

"Everything we have received from all our Airmen has been great," said Nicholson. "All the feedback I've gotten from visitors, foreign military members and the people running the airshow has been nothing short of awesome."

"I want to personally thank all the Airmen for working hard from gate opening to closing," he added. "Everybody looked sharp and did an absolute great job."



A U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to March Air Force Base, California, is showcased as a static display for the 2019 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (AVALON 19) at Geelong, Victoria, Australia, Feb. 27, 2019. The Stratotanker provides the core aerial refueling capability for the U.S. Air Force and has excelled in this role for more than 60 years. This unique asset enhances the Air Force's capability to accomplish its primary mission of global reach. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa) ◀

Commanders, senior raters to select IDE attendees

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Beginning with the 2019 Developmental Education Designation Board, wing commanders and some senior raters will be able to select one Line of the Air Force officer per academic year to attend Intermediate Developmental Education in residence.

Wing commanders and senior raters will also continue to nominate up to 30 percent of their eligible LAF officers to compete for the service's remaining in-residence slots at the DEDB.

"Our processes for managing talent must be agile and responsive to the Air Force and our Airmen's needs," said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "The commanders who work with and know their Airmen best will be empowered to identify the Airmen who deserve this development opportunity. They will identify the right Airmen to lead the force into the future."

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Materiel Command center, combatant command and major command commander will be able to select one eligible LAF officer to "definitely attend" IDE in residence each academic year. In addition to these commanders, leaders of Air Staff directorates, senior materiel leaders and senior raters above the wing level with at least 20 eligible LAF candidates will also be able to select one officer.

Airmen who were identified as "school selects" by previous LAF promotion boards to the rank of major, still require a nomination from their senior rater to compete at the DEDB, but are guaranteed the opportunity to attend IDE in residence.

The Air Force separated school selection from the promotion process for LAF officers in 2017.

"The decision to separate school selection stemmed from inputs from the field and discussions with wing commanders about how we continue to improve joint warfighting excellence," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. "This is about lethality. Winning in combat starts with great leadership."

Commanders and senior raters are directed to consider multiple factors including job performance, experience and education and innovative leadership when selecting the high-performing Airmen from their unit that will attend IDE in residence.

All of the Airmen nominated, whether chosen as a definitely attend Airman or nominated to meet the DEDB, will meet the Air Force's Central Professional Military Education Board to be ranked in order of merit, then matched to schools during the Schools Match Board.

These changes will only impact LAF officers competing to attend IDE. Functional managers for Air Force Medical Services, Line of the Air Force-Judge Advocate and Chaplain Corps officers will continue to conduct their own selection processes and present their candidate lists for approval.

For more information on Air Force development programs, visit myPers, the Air Force Personnel Center website, at <https://myPers.af.mil>.



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• BULLETIN •

Go Girls Go

Go Girls Go has arrived at Osan Air Base! Go Girls Go is a running-based, positive youth development program for Osan Elementary School girls in 3rd to 5th grades (and a few homeschoolers!) that focuses on building healthy self-image, confidence, and strength of character through a creative running curriculum. The program links girls with adult coaches, running buddies, and mentors who work alongside them to strengthen all pillars of resiliency through physical activity. Goals of the program are to instill girls' confidence in who they are, develop strength of character, respond to others and themselves with care and compassion, create positive connections with peers and adults, and make a meaningful contribution to community. The program will end with a capstone 5k race on 18 May 19 to celebrate the girls, their differences and strengths, and their physical achievements.

If you would like to volunteer or donate to this program, please contact the Program Director, Jessica Roper at jessica.roper@us.af.mil/DSN 784-16982 or the Volunteer Coordinator, MSgt Sarah Hardison at sarah.hardison@us.af.mil/DSN 784-0677.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

Osan City's English Program for Middle School Students

As part of the Good Neighbor Program, 7 AF Public Affairs has been supporting the conversational English program organized by the Osan City Mayor for middle school children in Osan city. The program is in need of American volunteers who will assist and teach conversational English to the students for the 2019 first semester.

The program occurs every Thursday from 14 March to 18 July 2018 (TBD).

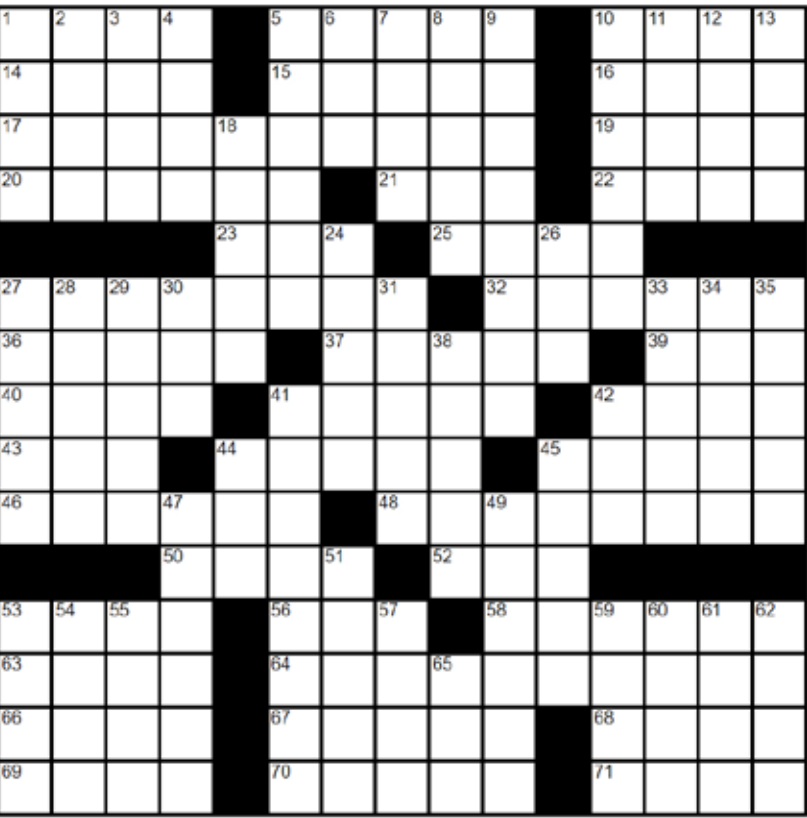
Transportation is provided; two mini buses depart from Checkertails at 1540 and return to Checkertails at approximately 1800 each Thursday.

The program's goal is to improve Korean children's English language skills by allowing them to spend time with our service members in their Korean school classrooms. Spouses are welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in this "Adopt-A-School English Tutoring Program", please contact 7 AF/PA Ms. Yom, Kyong Suk via email kyong_suk.yom.kr@us.af.mil or yom.kr@us.af.mil <mailto:kyong_suk.yom.kr@us.af.mil> or DSN 784-4724, cell phone 010-4736-7979.



The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



- ACROSS

 - 1 Exterior part of house
 - 5 Gambler's city
 - 10 ____ Eagle exercise
 - 14 Workplace safety org.
 - 15 Flexible and fast-acting
 - 16 Killer whale
 - 17 Springtime defense drill
 - 19 Stink
 - 20 Artists' workplaces
 - 21 Smart computers
 - 22 Write a computer program
 - 23 Dulles, to a pilot
 - 25 Part of neck
 - 27 Armored glove
 - 32 Japanese hot sauce
 - 36 Skateboard trick
 - 37 Hyundai's rolling stock builder
 - 39 ____-Manuel Miranda
 - 40 The alphabet
- 41 Retched
 - 42 Assistant
 - 43 Exclamation of stupidity
 - 44 FPS' Duke
 - 45 Nakdong or Imjin
 - 46 Lightning thrower
 - 48 Reception, Staging, Onward ____, and Integration
 - 50 Women's gym
 - 52 Type of center
 - 53 Actress Teri
 - 56 Security company
 - 58 ROK military soccer team location
 - 63 Star bear
 - 64 Former name for 17 across
 - 66 Korean pop artist ____ Bunny
 - 67 Actress Kemper
 - 68 Catlike shoe
 - 69 Walking style
 - 70 Sticker
 - 71 Korean steelmaker

- DOWN

 - 1 Pilot's steering wheel
 - 2 Not in port
 - 3 Matthew or Darby
 - 4 Truth or ____
 - 5 Monarch's loyal follower
 - 6 Sense of self-worth
 - 7 Monstrous lizard
 - 8 One of the Chipmunks
 - 9 Rocked back and forth
 - 10 Armed ____
 - 11 Black and white cookie
 - 12 Got a perfect score
 - 13 Freshwater body
 - 18 Privileged few
 - 24 Jeter or Dooley
 - 26 Cooking oil brand
 - 27 Incites
 - 28 Collection of songs
 - 29 ____-Freedom Guardian
 - 30 Korean spy agency
- 31 Native pole
 - 33 Not dead
 - 34 Former VP Joe
 - 35 Inactive
 - 38 Indonesian island
 - 41 Cut in half
 - 42 Ready, ____, fire
 - 44 Not old
 - 45 Summary
 - 47 Despot
 - 49 Ship
 - 51 "Skyfall" singer
 - 53 Goes with -ho
 - 54 Region
 - 55 Other former name of 17 across
 - 57 Powdery stone
 - 59 Bites at
 - 60 Fearesome dungeon monster
 - 61 Iwo ____
 - 62 Nevada neighbor
 - 65 Possibly POW

Answers to Previous Crossword	24 YOU	56 ARIRANG	6 AHOY	36 AND
	25 NRA	60 BLEU	7 LET	42 TISSUES
	26 KAESONG	61 SINEW	8 LAOS	43 MINISUB
	30 BAKLAVA	63 AWOL	9 ADRENAL	44 CHORWON
	34 OUST	64 BLUE	10 JAYWALK	45 BARRAGE
	35 GRAIL	65 UTERO	11 ALOE	47 ROH
	37 KWAI	66 GENE	12 WERE	49 EPI
	38 RNC	67 ASPS	13 AXED	52 ABBA
	39 ENG	68 BATON	21 TOO	53 ILLS
	40 ADS	69 EDEN	23 ARK	54 REUP
	41 ETAT		26 KOREA	55 PITA
	43 MEDOC		27 AUNTS	56 AERO
	45 BIEL		28 ESCAP	57 AWED
	46 ASPIRIN		29 GREEN	58 NONE
	48 THEATRE		30 BIGOT	59 GLEN
	50 SON		31 AWAIT	
	51 OPR		32 VADER	
	52 AIRSHIP		33 AISLE	

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President Donald Trump recognizes U.S. Army paratroopers from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, during a speech at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 28, 2019. More than 100 Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Coast Guardsmen listened to the President speak after returning to the country from a summit in Hanoi, Vietnam. ◀

Air Force One taxis to be refueled on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 28, 2019. The plane, carrying the President of the United States, landed on JBER to refuel after returning from a two-day summit in Hanoi, Vietnam. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Caitlin Russell)



Staff Sgt. Paul Ogletree, F-35 Demonstration Team dedicated crew chief, prepares to close the canopy on an F-35A Lightning II at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Feb. 26, 2019. The F-35 Demonstration Team prepared to perform their final certification flight during the Heritage Flight Training and Certification Course. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jensen Stidham) ◀

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" perform the flyover for the Daytona 500, Feb. 17, 2019, at Daytona International Speedway, Fla. Since 1953, the Thunderbirds team has served as America's premier air demonstration squadron, entrusted with the vital mission to recruit, retain and inspire past, present and future Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Cory W. Bush) ▶



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- 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

- WHAT'S HAPPENING -
FREE REMEMBRANCE LUNCH: The USO will be hosting a FREE remembrance lunch on the go in honor of Black History Month beginning 1130 Feb. 21. The menu will consist of: Cajun turkey, chicken, chicken breasts, beans and rice, rice, collard and turnip greens, candied yams, cornbread, dinner rolls, tea and various pies. Please come out and celebrate!

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2ND KOREA-US FRIENDSHIP TRADITIONAL GAME COMPETITION: Airmen and family members are invited to the 2nd Korea-US Friendship Traditional Game Competition Feb. 23. All expenses will be covered for participants, including transportation and lunch. The event is first come/first serve for the first 30 people. Recommended attire is athletic clothing suitable for indoor sports activities. The bus will depart from the main gate at 0900 for the

Shinhan gymnasium in Pyeongtaek. The return bus will drop participants off at the gym at 1500. To RSVP or for more information, contact Mr. Kim, Dae Hwan at DSN 784-0852.

7th AIR FORCE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET: The 7th Air Force Annual Awards Banquet will be held Feb. 22, at 1800 at the Osan Enlisted Club Ballroom. Ticket sales and detailed information will be available soon. For any questions or concerns, please contact SMSgt Steven Moore at steven.moore.15@us.af.mil or Capt William Fundis at william.fundis@us.af.mil.

INDOOR TRACK CLOSURE: Due to renovations in the basketball gyms, the indoor track at the fitness center will be CLOSED Feb. 23 – Mar. 3 from 0800-1700.

OSAN TAX CENTER: There are several options to access tax assistance this season. Military OneSource MilTax is an excellent resource for filing taxes and is free for all active duty members, available here: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-resource-center>. Additionally, there are two in-person tax assistance centers in the local area: The Osan Air Base Tax Center, located in the Education Center, Bldg # 789, is supported solely by IRS-trained volunteers and available to active duty members ranks O-1, O-2 and E-1 to E-4 with simple returns. It will open every Tuesday and Thursday beginning Feb. 19. Please call the 51st Fighter Wing Legal Office at 784-4131 to schedule a tax appointment. USAG Humphreys is offering a full service tax center. The number to their tax center is 753-8747.

They are open to all ranks and can assist with foreign income. The following will be required at your appointment:

- W-2s
- Social Security Cards for dependents
- Investment/Banking interest forms
- Student Loan Interest forms
- Health care documentation
- Child Care tax returns
- Bank Account Information (Account Number and Routing Number)

- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES -
OSAN CITY'S ENGLISH PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: As part of the Good Neighbor Program, 7th AF Public Affairs has been supporting the conversational English program organized by the Osan City Mayor for middle school children in Osan city. The program is in need of volunteers who will assist and teach conversational English to the students for the 2019 first semester. The program occurs every Thursday from March 7 to July 18. Transportation is provided from Checkertails at 1540 and will return 1800 each Thursday. If you are interested in this "Adopt-A-School English Tutoring Program", please contact 7 AF/PA Ms. Yom, Kyong Suk via email kyong_suk.yom.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4724, cell phone 010-4736-7979.

VOLUNTEER FOR PLUR: If you are interested in volunteering to serve the hungry and homeless around Seoul, please come to Seoul Station (Line 1 Exit 2) on Sunday evenings at 1910. We package and distribute meals for approximately two hours – all you need to bring are comfortable shoes and a 10,000 won donation to fund the following week's

food. For more information contact Glen Pfeiffer on Kakao (PfBomb) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1432791873704382/>

- RECURRING -
RESERVE ADVISOR OPPORTUNITY: Are you an inactive Reservist looking to actively serve again? Are you an inactive IMA spouse of someone currently stationed at Osan? Osan AB has a full-time Reserve Advisor on staff to assist you with getting you back on track toward your goal. For more information contact Col. Dave Anderson at david.anderson.86@us.af.mil, or DSN: 315-784-4539.

HISTORIAN FACEBOOK PAGE: Are you curious about your assignment here in Korea or USAF Aviation? Like the Historian, 51st Fighter Wing Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/Historian51FW/>, to see daily posts of historical facts and images, relevant to (in order): the 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, Korea, US Air Force, all US Armed Forces and personnel plus aviation history.

- PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSISTANCE -
FLYER DISTRIBUTION ON FACEBOOK: If you are running an event and need your flyer posted on the 51st Fighter Wing Facebook page please remember the following: The base cannot promote fundraisers or private organizations. Submit them to the 51 FW/PA org box as a JPG or PNG file; NOT PDFs or PowerPoint files. Ensure the flyer is pleasing to the eye, the Public Affairs office reserves the right to kick back flyers that are missing information or are not fit for posting.


Kunsan's emergency phone numbers			
Emergency Services	911		
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 (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
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SPIRITUAL CHARGE

What To Do With a Challenge?



By Chaplain, Captain Jennifer Ray

If you could possess a superpower, what would you choose that superpower to be? Would you choose to fly? Would you choose to read the minds of others? Would you opt to be invisible? Well, what if you had the capacity to turn every life obstacle and challenge that came your way into an energy or force that made

you increasingly more powerful with each challenge? I am certain that you possess the superpower to turn challenges into chances to improve your destiny. This power is activated when you choose to embrace life's woes and view them as opportunities to become better. Life offers each of us the opportunity to experience highs and lows, ups and downs, peaks and valleys. To live is to know joy and pain but in order to thrive, one must purposefully embrace all of life's experiences as opportunities for: growth, acquiring wisdom and becoming better. It is up to the individual to decide whom he or she will be and how to respond during times of unexpected challenges. One must choose if one will be tossed to and fro as the winds and storms of life rage or remain anchored and steadfast, ready to draw greatness from each life encounter. Are you grateful for opportunities to grow even when those opportunities sometimes

come dressed as trouble or pain? Feeling gratitude for life's challenges may seem like a foreign concept because it's a normal human reaction to feel anger, anguish, anxiety, fear, worry, etc. Gratitude is not necessarily a word we immediately associate with challenge. However, we can choose to face life's obstacles with gratitude when we see those encounters as teaching moments. Remaining teachable anchors us so that no matter what happens, we remain grounded and gain wisdom. Things happen that catch us by surprise and may be very painful to endure. However, making the perpetual, conscious decision to anchor ourselves in the posture of a "student" will afford us the opportunity to turn those painful and surprising moments into stepping stones that build our character, making us better and stronger. I came across a flyer a few days ago that caught my attention. It read: "Anything that annoys you,

perhaps comes to teach you patience. Anyone who has abandoned you, perhaps taught you how to stand on your own two feet. Anything that angers you, perhaps comes to teach you forgiveness and compassion. Anything that has power over you, perhaps comes to teach you how to take your power back. Anything you hate, perhaps comes to teach you unconditional love. Anything you fear, perhaps comes to teach you courage and how to overcome fear. Anything you can't control, perhaps comes to teach you how to let go." I hope you consider these words the next time you find yourself facing a difficult situation. I will conclude with two questions for you to ponder. First, what challenges have you been facing lately? Second, and perhaps more importantly, what are you learning from them?

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, 1:00 p.m.
SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

Point of Contact:
Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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OSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services
-Community Service @ 1030
-Gospel Service @ 1230
Regular Occurring Ministries:
PYOC: (Middle School & High School Students)
- Mondays—1830-2000 @ Chapel Spiritual Fitness Center.
PCOC: (AWANA)
- Wednesdays @ Chapel. Age 3 to 6th grade meet 1800 -1930 & grades 7th-12th meet 1700-1800 .
PMOC: (Men)
- Tuesdays - 1830 @ Chapel Annex.
PSOC: (Singles & Unaccompanied)
"Osan Hospitality House"
- Bible Studies:
*Saturdays - 1900 @ Hospitality House. Dinner is provided.
Sundays - 1700 @ Community Center, Classroom #3.
Game Night:
*Fridays - 1900 @ Hospitality House. Dinner is provided.
*Van pickup: Fridays: Chapel @ 1730, Mustang CTR @ 1735.
Saturdays: Chapel @ 1830, Mustang CTR @ 1835.
PWOC: (Women) "PWOC Osan AB"
- Mondays 1800-2000, Tuesdays 0845-1100 @ Chapel Annex (Child Watchcare provided) & Sunday 1600-1730 @ Posco Apartments .
MOPS: Join us for OSAN MOPS!
- Meet twice a month on Wednesday @ the Chapel Annex
Contact: osanmops@gmail.com

Apostolic Pentecostal
Apostolic Connection Church
Bible Study: Osan Chapel Sanctuary,
Mondays 7PM-8PM

Catholic Mass
Weekend Masses
Saturday Mass (Sunday obligation), 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday -Thursday Mass, 11:30 a.m.
Friday Mass, 5 p.m.

Catholic Ministries
Catholic Religious Education
Sunday, 10-11 a.m., Chapel annex
Korean Prayer group
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.,
Blessed Sacra Chapel
Faith Formation class/bible study
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel annex
Catholic Men of the Chapel (CMOC)
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Chapel annex
Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)
Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Chapel annex hall
Catholic Family social meal (Free)
Friday, 6-7:30 p.m., Chapel annex hall
Catholic Family social meal (Free)
Saturday, 6-7:30 p.m., Chapel annex hall

Knights of Columbus & Baptism classes
Meet monthly, Pls call 784-5000

Other Faith Groups
Earth-Based (Contact the Chapel)
Jewish (Contact the Chapel)
Muslim (Contact the Chapel)
Buddhist (Contact the Chapel)
LDS Sunday, 1 p.m., Contact the Chapel

Point of Contact:
Osan Chapel, 784-5000
Visit us on SharePoint:
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Protestant Services
Traditional Service
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
Contemporary Service
Sunday, 9 a.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
K-16 Chapel
Nondenominational Service
Sunday, 11 a.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Gospel Service
Sunday, 1 p.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Pentecostal
Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
Latter Day Saints (LDS)
Sunday, 4 p.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
Seventh-Day Adventist
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
KATUSA
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Memorial Chapel , Bldg 1597

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

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

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



Point of Contact:
USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011
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Managing the battlefield, JTACs captialize on A-10 Capabilities



U.S. Air Force joint terminal attack controllers assigned to the 604th Air Support Operations Squadron and 607th Air Support Operations Group make an assessment prior to calling in an A-10 Thunderbolt II strafing run during close air support training at the Pilsung Range in Gangwan Province, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2019. The training included opportunities for JTACs to call in multiple airstrikes on a target while utilizing the A-10 Thunderbolt II's bomb and strafing capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton) ◀

Two joint terminal attack controllers assigned to the 604th Air Support Operations Squadron and 607th Air Support Operations Group prepare for close air support training at the Pilsung Range Gangwan Province, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2019. In preparation for the training, JTACs used set tactics, techniques and procedures needed for detailed integration of fire and aircraft into flying operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton) ▼



Two UH-60 Blackhawks land at Pilsung Range for joint terminal attack controller training with Airmen from the 604th Air Support Operations Squadron and 607th Air Support Operations Group in Gangwan Province, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2019. Lt. Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach, 7th Air Force Commander, Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, 7th AF command chief, and more than 14 JTACs from the 607th Air Operations Center landed at the range to participate in close air support (CAS) training with UH-60s and the A-10 Thunderbolt II. CAS is defined as air action such as strikes by fixed or rotary-winged aircraft against hostile targets that are in close proximity to friendly forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton) ▲

Two U.S. Air Force joint terminal attack controllers utilize a laser designator designed to designate a target during training at Pilsung Range in Gangwan Province, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2019. Laser designators are used to provide targeting designator for laser-guided bombs, missiles or precision and artillery munitions and was used to improve the A-10 Thunderbolt II's ability to accurately strike its target. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton) ►

Seventh Air Force Mustangs on Iwo Jima

By James D’Angina, 7 AF Historian

In early March 1945, as the fight for Iwo Jima raged on, the Seventh Air Force deployed two Fighter Groups to the embattled island. Their primary mission was to provide very long range (VLR) escort to 21st Bomber Command’s Boeing B-29 Super Fortresses hitting mainland Japan. The 15th and 21st Fighter Groups, equipped with North American P-51D Mustangs, started landing on the island soon after the former Japanese airfields were secured by the U.S. Marine Corps. The conditions on the island were some of the worst that Airmen would have to face during the war. The ground echelon of the 15 FG landed on Feb. 25 to help prepare the first airfield for the arrival of the Mustangs. They came ashore alongside Marines of the 3rd Marine Division, living in foxholes on the beaches for more than a week before they could move inland to the first secured airfield.

Mustangs from the 15 FG landed on Airfield One (South Field) on March 6, the day the airfield was declared operational. The P-51Ds were in action on March 8 at the Marines’ request. A four-ship of Mustangs were used for close air support to destroy stubborn enemy defensive positions as the Marines continued the fight north. These close air support missions were followed by strike missions against the Bonin Islands north of Iwo Jima. Shortly after it was secured Mustangs from the 21 FG started landing on Airfield Two (Central Field) on March 22. With two full Fighter Groups on island, the Seventh Air Force had enough Mustangs to begin flying escort missions for the Super Fortresses. The Japanese, however had other plans.

In the early morning of March 26, 300 Japanese soldiers emerged from their tunnels to attack the Central Field in what is considered the last organized attack on Iwo Jima. Their timing could not have been better, as Marines were in the process of moving out of the area as Soldiers from the 147th Infantry Regiment were moved in to handle mop-up operations on the island. The raid caught the Airmen by surprise, killing 14 and wounding 50, as the Japanese attacked their bivouac area. Both the 21st Fighter Group Commander and the 531st Fighter Squadron commander were seriously wounded. Airmen on Central Field fought off the attack using whatever weapons they had on hand (mostly service pistols), and at times hand-to-hand combat ensued. One pilot, Lt John F. Galbraith, shot nine Japanese soldiers using an M1 Carbine he bought from a Marine as a souvenir. Marines came back to secure the area, nearly all 300 Japanese troops were eventually killed during the attack. It was four days later the 21st Fighter Group flew its first mission from Iwo Jima’s Central Field.

The Tokyo Club

The first VLR escort mission was flown on Apr. 7, 1945. Mustangs from the two groups (six squadrons) took off from Iwo Jima to escort more than 100 B-29 Super fortresses on their way to attack the Nakajima Engine factory in Tokyo. While protecting the bomber stream’s flanks, the Mustangs were met by both Japanese Army



Seventh Air Force Mustangs from the 15th Fighter Group head out on their first VLR mission from Iwo Jima, 7 April 1945. During the mission Seventh Air Force pilots destroyed 21 enemy aircraft while escorting B-29 Super Fortresses to their target, the Nakajima Engine Factory in Tokyo. The 15FG and 21 FG would earn the Distinguished Unit Citation for the mission. (National Archives)

and Naval fighters. The P-51 pilots had a good accounting for themselves on their first mission, claiming 21 enemy aircraft destroyed for the loss of one P-51 over the target area, and a second Mustang lost due to lack of fuel on its return trip. The pilot who ran out of fuel bailed out and was picked up by a U.S. Navy destroyer. Another P-51 was damaged but managed to make it back to Iwo Jima. On Apr. 12, a second escort mission was flown to Tokyo; this time the groups destroyed 15 enemy fighters losing four P-51s to all causes. The 506th Fighter Group (20 AF) joined the Seventh Air Force Mustangs in late April. The Mustangs’ missions changed to include not only bomber

escort but also strikes, and fighter sweeps of Japanese airfields. With most missions covering more than 1,500 miles round trip, the pilots had to be mindful of their fuel consumption. Any slight mechanical problem could become a major issue as the missions were over vast expanses of water. Any pilot who flew a sortie from Iwo Jima over mainland Japan and back became a member of the Tokyo Club. This was no simple task; the pilots endured grueling seven-to eight-hour flights (in a cramped single engine, single seat fighter), with their minds fixated on conserving fuel, all the while facing Japanese fighters

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Seventh Air Force P-51D Mustangs assigned to the 46th Fighter Squadron, 21st Fighter Group parked on Airfield Two (Central Field) with Airfield One (South Field) and Mount Suribachi in the background. On 26 March 1945, 300 Japanese soldiers came out of their tunnels and attacked Central Field killing 14 and wounding 50 in the last throws of the Battle of Iwo Jima. (National Archives)

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defending their homeland, enemy anti-aircraft fire, and one of their most formidable enemies Mother Nature herself.

Black Friday

The weather between Iwo Jima and Honshu (the main Island of Japan) would take more lives in a single mission than any other cause facing the P-51 pilots. On June 1, 1945, three Mustang groups (148 Mustangs were dispatched) were tasked to provide bomber escort for a bombing mission against Osaka. Over halfway to the target, the fighters confronted a weather front that climbed above thirty thousand feet. The Super Fortress crews decided to punch through the massive front at 11,000 feet and climb above it, with little understanding of how their escorts would handle it. "Oranges being Sour" was the code used when weather was impassible. That day the message wasn't sent out. 27 Mustangs were lost in the ensuing weather; less than 30 Mustangs made it over the target area to provide cover for the B-29s. Of the 27 pilots who went missing that day, only one pilot was rescued after spending a week in a raft. The day would become known as Black Friday for the Airmen of the Seventh Air Force. Weather would continue to be a formidable enemy as six Iwo Jima-based Mustangs were lost to weather on Apr. 22, 1945. Of the 50 odd VLR missions flown from Iwo Jima, a fifth of the scheduled missions were aborted due to weather.

Scoreboards

The Seventh Air Force had three pilots earn the title of ace while flying from Iwo Jima. The first pilot to claim five aerial victories was Major James B. Tapp of the 78th Fighter Squadron. Tapp destroyed four enemy aircraft during the first VLR escort mission on Apr. 7. Maj. Tapp would earn the nation's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for his actions that day as he came to the aid of a crippled B-29 being attacked by enemy fighters. On Apr. 12, Tapp would register his fifth kill, destroying a Kawasaki Ki-61 Hein (code named Tony). However, during the engagement, his wingman's P-51 ingested .50 caliber casings from Tapp's guns. The wingman was forced to bail out and his parachute failed to open upon exiting his aircraft. Tapp would go on to claim three more victories, ending the war with a total of eight confirmed kills. Major Harry C. Crim, who became the squadron commander of the 531st Fighter Squadron after the former commander Major John S. Hudson was wounded during the attack on the Central Field, scored six aerial victories. Major Robert W. Moore, who flew with both the 78th and 45th Fighter Squadrons while stationed on Iwo was the top scorer with 11 aerial victories, 12 total, as Moore had been credited with a single kill earlier in his career. From Iwo Jima he scored his first two victories on 7 April, destroying a pair of Mitsubishi A6M3 Hamps. His next target was a Nakajima Ki-43 Oscar destroyed on 22



The Ranking ace of the Seventh Air Force Major Robert W. Moore stands next to his P-51D Mustang named Stinger VII, assigned to the 45th Fighter Squadron, August 1945. (National Archives)

April. Moore would have one of his best outings on 28 May, shooting down two Japanese Navy Mitsubishi J2M Jacks, and a single Kawanishi N1K2-J George. While operating from Iwo Jima Seventh Air Force pilots would claim a total of 182 enemy aircraft in air to air combat.

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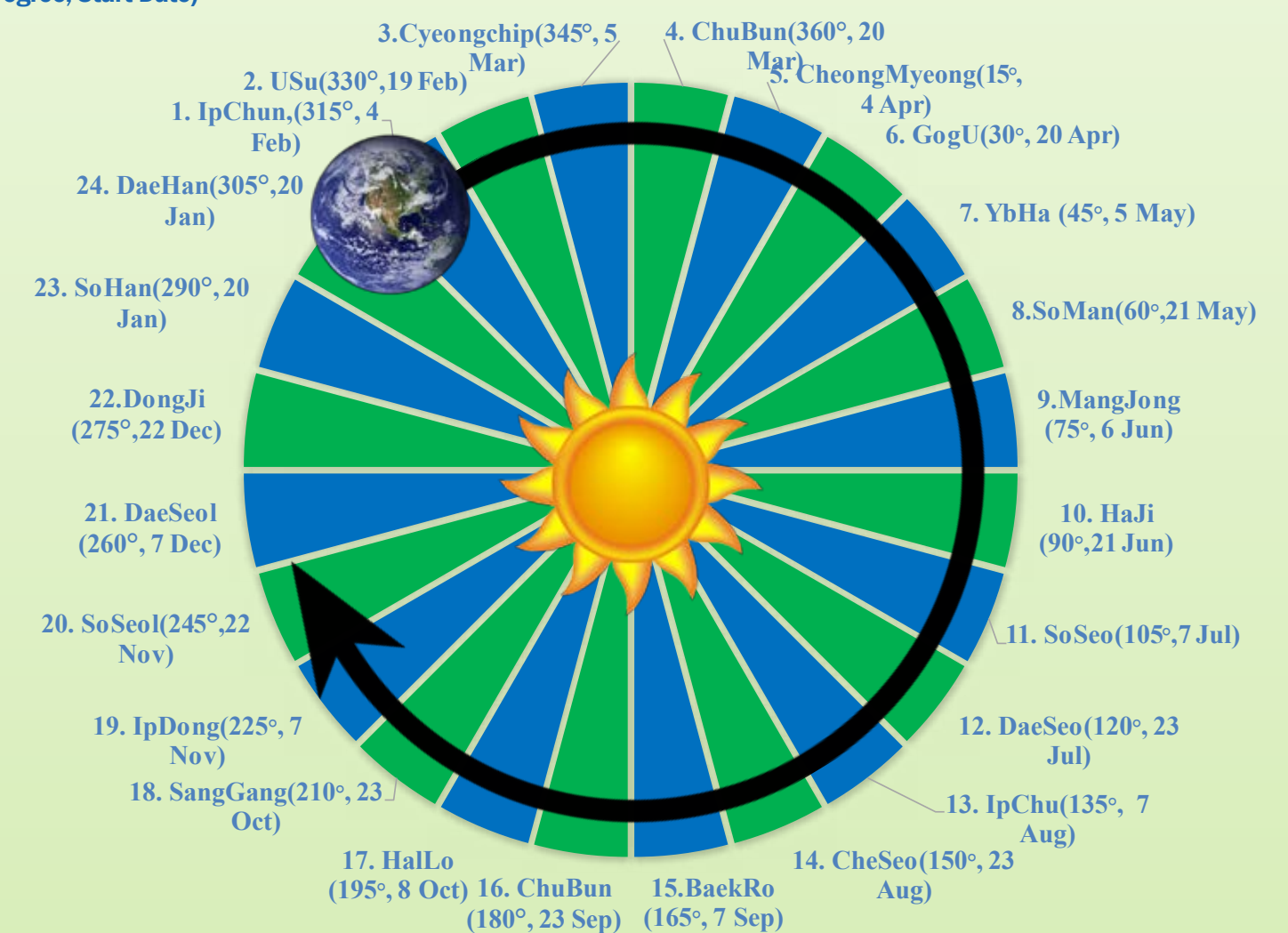
The start of Usu indicates there will be an increase of rainfall from there on. Snow will begin to melt and it will start to rain, indicating the cold winter has left and spring has arrived. During Usu, the sun's ecliptic reaches 330 degrees.

February 19 marks the first day of rainwater's entry into the solar calendar. As the old saying goes, "the cold weather of USu is called the spring cold," as the cold weather softens after the rain and Gyeongchip, and the spring season begins. In ancient times, people divided the 15 days into three 5 day segments. On the first five days, otters are seen catching fish. Over the next five days, geese fly north, and on the last five days, plants begin to sprout.



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Enjoy Cultural Arts in Seoul!

(part 2)

Here is the second part of an all-in-one guide to the representative cultural art centers in Seoul! If you have spare time in your schedule or just need a break from touring around the city, consider visiting an art museum. Arts will not only present you with memories, but will nourish your soul!



Beautiful architecture and art meet: Seoul Museum of Art ▲

The main building of Seoul Museum of Art, which was once used for the Supreme Court, is highly recognized for its splendid modern image after undergoing renovation. Featured exhibitions are not limited to traditional arts, but include a wide range of media including architecture, films, music, fashion, handicraft, and even works that do not belong to any specific genre. The museum also features non-Western artwork, such as those from Africa and Latin America.

Seoul Museum of Art also offers a special program, Museum Night, on the second and last Wednesday of each month. Starting from 19:00, the program showcases artworks in connection with music and films for an immersive experience. The museum also has an outdoor exhibition area, perfect for leisurely strolls. If you are visiting Deoksugung Palace, consider adding Seoul Museum of Art to your schedule as they are located right next to each other.

Address: 61, Deoksugung-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul

Contemporary artwork at Hangaram Art Museum in Seoul Arts Center ►

Located inside Seoul Arts Center, Hangaram Art Museum features various plastic arts. It consists of six exhibition halls and an art shop. Most featured exhibitions are based on modern art, making it easier for beginners to approach the world of art. Often visited by people watching performances at Seoul Arts Center, Hangaram Art Museum is convenient to explore due to its open-style exhibition halls.

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National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art ▲

With the slogan "Art museum in everyday life," the National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MMCA) in Seoul is loved by locals for its display of artwork in addition to being an aesthetic resting spot. The biggest characteristic of this attraction is its consistent admission fee. In contrast to other art museums where prices differ depending on special exhibitions, MMCA offers a combination ticket with access to all exhibitions and video displays. MMCA is recommended to be added into your itinerary since it is located at the entrance to Samcheongdong-gil Road, near Gyeongbokgung Palace and Changdeokgung Palace.

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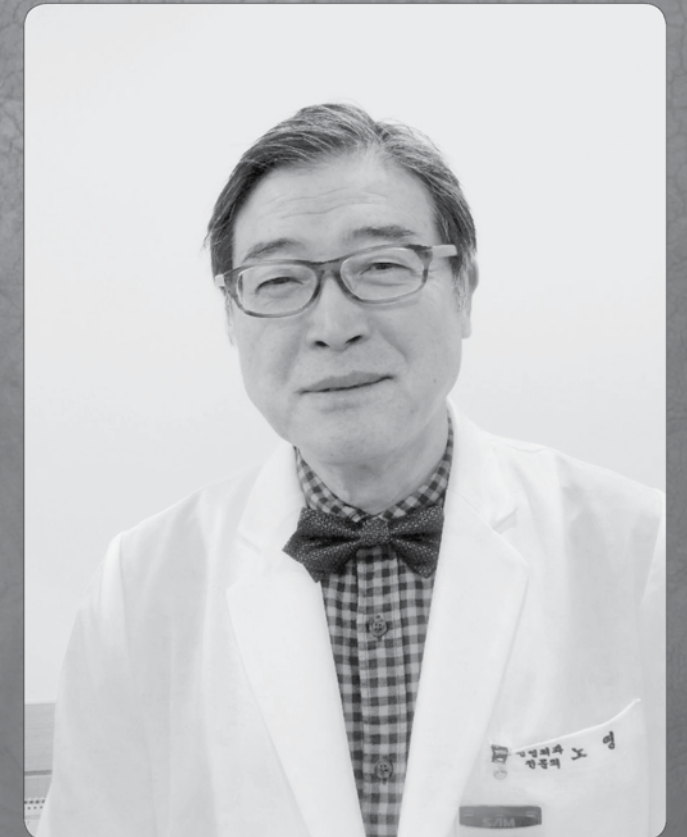
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Cobra Gold 19: Pilot's best friend

By Senior Airman Savannah Waters
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KORAT, Thailand -- On a flight line shrouded in a constant haze and tortured by Thailand's relentless sun, the sounds of jet engines and jungle birds fill the ears of U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis Davis, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief; a best friend to any 35th Fighter Squadron pilot who puts their trust in crew chiefs like Davis every time they fly.

While executing U.S. Indo-Pacific Command objectives and U.S. Pacific Air Forces priorities at Korat Royal Thai Air Force base, Davis and 114 other maintainers from the 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, safely deployed, are operating and will redeploy 12 Wolf Pack F-16 Fighting Falcons loaded with full-scale-heavy-weight-munitions supporting of Exercise Cobra Gold 2019. Cobra Gold is a Thai-U.S. co-sponsored exercise that promotes regional partnerships to advance security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region and is one of the longest-running international exercises.

Sgt. Davis and other maintainers quickly adapted to operating in a hot and humid environment alongside their Royal Thai Air Force partners, and as the sun shines, they're reminded of the winter conditions of home-station.

"I like my job, but there are people who don't necessarily enjoy it due to extreme cold or hot weather conditions," said Davis. "Especially when we are busy and breaks are hard to come by, but the mission comes first."

Davis advises fellow crew chiefs in maintaining, servicing and inspecting the F-16 Fighting Falcon. His inspector role ensures 8th AMXS Airmen are equipped with the proper tools and skill sets to get the job done as safely and efficiently as possible, while keeping those who fly the jets reassured that they're sitting in a well taken care of and lethal jet.

"As a crew chief, you need to keep your head on a swivel, and make sure to pay attention to what you're doing," Davis said. "You have someone else's life in your hands, and mistakes can quickly escalate into a life or death situation. We can always replace parts here and there, but we can't replace a person."

Consistency is very important, Davis said, and a mistake on a crew chief's part creates the potential for loss, whether it's a 35 million dollar aircraft or a precious life.

With no U.S. aircraft maintenance support, Davis and other 8th AMXS maintainers learned to operate in conditions that are similar to a bare base during Cobra Gold 19. Weapons, avionics, and other maintenance specialists assisted crew chiefs in launching aircraft by aiding as a "B man," and egress technicians supplemented crash and recovery teams to build F-16 tires.

Regular maintenance, inspections, refueling, launch and recovery is a lot of work, said Davis, but combining hands-on efforts across the 8th MXG enabled smoother transitions throughout the exercise.

"Cross utilization of maintainers of different AFSCs and roles is a true embodiment of maintainers making the mission happen," said. Capt. Su Johnson, 35th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Officer in Charge. Without (the) Wolf Pack maintainers' pride and aggressive attitude to succeed, Exercise Cobra Gold would not have been successful."

Davis has averaged about 50 work hours a week, overseeing maintenance operations and inspections so pilots are able to conduct their training without delay or complications.

"I'm thankful for the many opportunities this career has given me the last 10 years," Davis said. "It makes you really appreciate the job, even on the tougher days."

During deployments and exercises such as Cobra Gold, you really get to see the bigger picture, and how your work contributes to and impacts the mission."

Davis plans to enjoy the time he has left in Thailand and in Korea, before starting his next chapter at Misawa Air Base, Japan.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis Davis, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, gives the 35th Fighter Squadron's "Push It Up!" sign during Exercise Cobra Gold 2019 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, Feb. 19, 2019. Cobra Gold participants conduct multinational force, combined task force events that are vital to maintaining the readiness and interoperability of security forces across the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters) ▲





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