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Members of U.S. Forces Korea attempt to catch trout during a Korean cultural program tour in Yang Pyeong, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. The Ministry of National Defense funds and offers this program to USFK members five times a year to increase cultural awareness and strengthen community ties with service members and local residents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan)

USFK members receive Korean cultural experience

By Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Coming to a new country can be intimidating. Everything is unfamiliar, and you want to find ways to immerse yourself within the culture.

Here in the Republic of Korea, the Ministry of National Defense (MND) provides the opportunity for service members from the

U.S. Forces Korea to go on a three-day cultural awareness trip. This program happens five times a year to strengthen community ties and give members a better view of Korean culture.

“We hope this program is helpful for [participants] to understand and experience Korean culture,” said Lee Kyun, Ministry of Defense program director. “Every year we plan these trips to better relationships between Americans and Koreans.”

Approximately 50 members attended the program in May and experienced the mountainous area of Peyong Chang, the iconic boarder of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), the exceptional training program of the Korean Combat Training Center (KCTC), and the agricultural hillsides of Yanggu and Yang Pyeong.

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Sustaining the Pack: AFOSI Det 613 receives infrastructure upgrades



Col. Dave Patterson, Air Force Office of Special Investigations 6th Field Investigations Region vice commander (left), Col. John Bosone, 8th Fighter Wing commander (center), and Special Agent Dustin Paulus, AFOSI Detachment 613 commander (right), conduct a ribbon cutting during a ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 23, 2019. The renovation included upgrades to the interview rooms, storage areas and the creation of a designated waiting area. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mackenzie Mendez)

By Staff Sgt. Mackenzie Mendez
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- After nine months of utilizing various facilities around Kunsan Air Base to accomplish their mission, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 613 is finally finding their way back to their fully renovated workspace.

The \$811 thousand project began nearly 18 months ago with the main goal of creating a more efficient and effective space to accomplish mission requirements while maintaining the safety and security of agents and their Korean partners.

"Our liaison program with the Korean National Police is imperative to our success as a detachment," said Special Agent Dustin Paulus, AFOSI Detachment 613 commander. "The upgraded administrative areas enhance communication and provide our agents with the space they need in order to focus on relationships with base and local law enforcement agencies."

To reveal the newest upgrades, the detachment held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their newly renovated building at Kunsan, May 23. Col. Dave Patterson, AFOSI 6th Field Investigations Region vice commander, attended the ceremony to recognize the tremendous support the detachment has received from both the 8th Fighter Wing and Korean National Police partners.

"The infrastructure they've been able to achieve through the new designs and upgrades is huge for our mission and this detachment," said Patterson. "The way offices are set up can greatly help or hinder the success of an organization. It sounds like a small thing, but it can be extremely impactful."

The renovation included upgrades to the interview

rooms, storage areas and the creation of a designated waiting area. A kitchen, two locker rooms and a new heating and cooling system were also installed. Additionally, three distinct office spaces were created and designed around the unit's three specific mission sets.

"Our three main mission sets of counter intelligence, criminal and fraud investigations each require unique skills and knowledge," said Paulus. "The new dedicated work spaces are now set up and equipped to allow for efficient day-to-day training and operations on these specific mission sets while also fostering an environment where agents can receive and apply instantaneous feedback to become better investigators."

The AFOSI has been the Air Force's major investigative service since Aug. 1, 1948. The agency reports to the Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Its primary responsibilities are to identify, exploit and neutralize criminal, terrorist and intelligence threats to the Air Force, Department of Defense and U.S. Government.



Members from the 8th Security Forces Squadron pose for a photo before a National Police Week memorial ruck at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2019. National Police Week honors those who serve and have served in law enforcement, as well as memorializes those who've made the ultimate sacrifice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters)



National Police Week honored at Kunsan

By Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- National Police Week concluded at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2019. Members from the 8th Security Forces Squadron participated and competed in multiple activities May 13 through 17, showcasing some of Kunsan's finest in action.

National Police Week honors those who serve and have served in law enforcement, as well as memorializes those who've made the ultimate sacrifice.

"Being in a remote location away from family and friends, we don't have civilian police departments to partner with to celebrate and remember the fallen," said Lt. Col. Eric Horst, 8th SFS commander. "Our unique situation here makes the ceremony all that more important."

Wolf Pack 8th SFS members participated in various events such as law enforcement capabilities displays, memorial rucks, and sports tournaments to commemorate the week and build camaraderie.

Kunsan's K-9 team also competed in their first Police Week Memorial K-9 Competition, hosting members from the 51st SFS, 903rd Military Working Dog Detachment, and 503rd MWD Detachment. The competition aimed to give handlers a wider perspective on their job, putting them in uncomfortable situations in which to learn and strengthening the dogs' tactical obedience and patrol training.

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Austin Beams, 8th Security Forces Squadron combat arms instructor, shows a Korean civilian an M2A1 machine gun during a law enforcement capabilities display at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2019. Whether active military duty, local law enforcement or a military working dog, National Police Week is a chance to honor and recognize those who risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of others. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters)



Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, received the traditional gift of a horse from the Mongolian Air Force Command during a visit to the Chingisiin Huree camp south of Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar, May 14. Brown had the honor of naming the horse, to remain in country to exemplify the enduring relationship between the two nations and two air forces. In tribute to his home state of Texas and the state from which he now serves, Hawaii, the general named the young horse, "Lone Star Koa." Koa is Hawaiian for warrior. (photo courtesy US Embassy)

COMPACAF visit to Mongolia affirms growing partnership

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia -- Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) commander, met with senior leaders from Mongolia and the United States here May 14, to seek opportunities to enhance cooperation and partnership with the Mongolian Air Force Command (MAFC).

"It is a real honor for me to be here to gain a greater understanding of our two air forces and identify ways we can make progress together," Brown said. "We have many shared interests and values and we look forward to greater cooperation to ensure peace and stability in the region and around the world."

Though Mongolia has a history of military aviation capability, the MAFC only recently reestablished in January 2017, making Brown's visit not only his first time in country, but also the first for a PACAF commander since the MAFC's establishment.

Developing an air force has been one of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's long-term priorities for greater engagement with Mongolia, and part of the command's overall goal to assist the Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) in pursuing defense reform priorities.

As such, the visit builds upon a number of frequent engagements between the two nations, to include Defense Minister Enkhbold Nyamaa's visit with Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan in April in Washington D.C., and the inaugural Airman-to-Airman Talks hosted at PACAF Headquarters at Joint Base Pearl-



Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, Brig. Gen. Enkhbayar Ochir, commander of Mongolian Air Force Command (MAFC), and their staffs pose for a group photo at the Chingisiin Huree camp south of Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar, May 14. In addition to evaluating the recent success of the Airman-to-Airman Talks in Hawaii in March, discussions during the visit included opportunities to enhance training, exercises and subject matter expert exchanges. (photo courtesy US Embassy)

Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, in March.

“It was really important of me to come here after the Airman-to-Airman Talks to solidify the topics we discussed and highlight our commitment to the long-term relationship,” Brown said. “Frequent engagement at various levels is important to building the relationship and enhancing capabilities in areas of shared interest throughout the region.”

Throughout the two-day visit, Brown met with key defense and military leadership, to include Minister Nyamaa, MAF Chief of General Staff Maj. Gen. Ganbat Ayush, MAFC Commander Brig. Gen. Enkhbayar Ochir, as well as U.S. Ambassador Michael Klecheski and members of the U.S. Embassy.

In addition to evaluating the success of the Airman-to-Airman Talks, discussions during the visit included opportunities to enhance training, exercises and subject matter expert exchanges.

In Mongolian tradition and showcasing the importance of horses to their culture, Brown had the honor of receiving a horse to be named by him, and to remain in country to exemplify the enduring relationship. In tribute to his home state of Texas and the state from which he now serves, Hawaii, the general named the young horse, “Lone Star Koa.” Koa is Hawaiian for warrior.

In addition to the long-standing relationship of supporting missions in Afghanistan and the United Nations peacekeeping operations, other examples of the bilateral relationship include the strong bonds between the Alaska Air National Guard through the State Partnership Program as well as participation and observation in a number of multilateral events and exercises throughout the region.

“There is plenty of opportunity between the things we have worked on together in the past, the things we are doing today, and our commitment to increased engagement in the future,” Brown said.

Additionally, in 2018 the first Mongolian cadet entered the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the first MAFC officer completed U.S. pilot training.

In late July, early August, Mongolia will cohost a Pacific Angel humanitarian event, part of a three-part series of humanitarian assistance and civil military assistance events held annually around the Indo-Pacific region.

Brown also provided an invitation for the MAFC to attend the Indo-Pacific Safety Air Force Exchange in August in Hawaii. He is scheduled to host MAFC leadership, alongside many other partner nations, at the next Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium at PACAF in December.

Next month, the MAF and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command will co-host the annual Khaan Quest multilateral peacekeeping exercise in Mongolia, considered the cornerstone of the defense cooperation between the two nations. More than 1,700 military members are expected to take part in various exercises between June 14-28, to include an appearance from INDOPACOM leadership.

Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, and his staff, visit with members of the Mongolian Air Force Command during a tour of Unit 303 at the Chinggis Khaan International Airport May 14. In his first visit to the country, Brown met with senior leaders from Mongolia and the United States to seek opportunities to enhance cooperation and partnership with the Mongolian Air Force Command. (photo courtesy US Embassy) ►



Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, and Brig. Gen. Enkhbayar Ochir, commander of Mongolian Air Force Command (MAFC), pose for a photo inside the Ministry of Defense in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, May 14. In his first visit to the country, Brown met with senior leaders from Mongolia and the United States to seek opportunities to enhance cooperation and partnership with the Mongolian Air Force Command. (photo courtesy US Embassy) ▲



Brig Gen D. Batbayar, Mongolian Air Force Command (MAFC) chief of operations, provides Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, a tour of Unit 303 at the Chinggis Khaan International Airport May 14. In his first visit to the country, Brown met with senior leaders from Mongolia and the United States to seek opportunities to enhance cooperation and partnership with the Mongolian Air Force Command. (photo courtesy US Embassy) ▲





U.S. Air Force Airmen march while carrying the service flags of the military branches during an Armed Forces Day Parade at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 18, 2019. Armed Forces Day is celebrated to honor members serving in the five U.S. military branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ◀

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Piper, middle, leads a flight of Airmen during an Armed Forces Day Parade at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 18, 2019. Armed Forces Day is celebrated to honor members serving in the five U.S. military branches: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Piper is assigned to the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron as a noncommissioned officer in-charge of squadron readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ▼

2019 Armed Forces Day Parade Osan AB



Members of Osan Air Base ride their mopeds during an Armed Forces Day Parade at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 18, 2019. Armed Forces Day is celebrated to honor members serving in the five U.S. military branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ▲



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Edward Uhrick walks down the street during an Armed Forces Day Parade at Osan Air base, Republic of Korea, May 18, 2019. Armed Forces Day is celebrated to honor members serving in the five U.S. military branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Uhrick is assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron as an explosive ordnance disposal team member. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ▲

An 8th Army Band member plays a drum during an Armed Forces Day Parade at Osan Air Base, May 18, 2019. Armed Forces Day is celebrated to honor members serving in the five U.S. military branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ◀

Members of U.S. Forces Korea enter the Eulji Observation Deck during a Korean cultural program tour at the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Yanggu, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2019. The Ministry of National Defense funds and offers this program to USFK members five times a year to increase cultural awareness and strengthen community ties with service members and local residents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ►

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“We were able to work, learn and interact with our Korean counterparts, which implemented what our mission here is, and that is to work together with the Korean Military to keep South Korea at peace,” said Staff Sgt. Hallie Hewitt, 607th Air Support Operations Group command support staff noncommissioned officer in charge.

For the three days, members spent morning, noon and night learning Korean phrases, traditions and viewed Korean life outside of the city area.

“We were able to go to the countryside, away from the base and Seoul, and see the beauty Korea had to offer,” Hewitt said.

This program has been offered to USFK members by the MND for decades, which they have inevitably continued to educate those on Korean culture.

Lee said, he believes the partnership between Americans and Koreans is important to both parties in the mission to maintain the peninsulas safety.



A U.S. soldier looks for ripened strawberries to pick during a Korean cultural program tour in Yanggu, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2019. The Ministry of National Defense funds and offers this program to U.S. Forces Korea members five times a year to increase cultural awareness and strengthen community ties with service members and local residents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ▲

U.S. Forces Korea members pound rice to make tteok, or rice cakes, during a Korean cultural program tour in Yang Pyeong, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. Tteok is a traditional dessert and delicacy made by pounding glutinous rice and coating it with bean powder. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ramon A. Adelan) ◀





Jake Brigham, a Korean Baseball Organization (KBO) player, gives baseball tips to Team Osan and Republic of Korea Air Force kids at Osan Air Base, ROK, May 20, 2019. American players from the KBO visited the base to host a baseball camp for youth baseball players here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa)

Military kids get pro tips

By Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- More than 150 team Osan and Republic of Korea Air Force children participated in a baseball camp at Osan Air Base, ROK, May 20, 2019.

The camp was hosted by five American Korea Baseball Organization players and the 51st Force Support Squadron community programs planning office (CPPO) to teach participants proper baseball techniques.

"We wanted to have the kids come out, meet and greet players, and get the chance to learn new skills and abilities," said Senior Airman Armond Glover, an Airman assigned to the 51st FSS CPPO.

The players also thought it would be a great idea to come out, work with military children and have a good time, said Eric Jokisch, a pitcher with the KBO Kiwoom Heroes.

The camp had three stations; pitching, catching and batting. At each stop, participants spent time working on their skills with different players.

"The kids were really into it," said Airman 1st Class Jamil Stallings, an Airman assigned to the 51st FSS CPPO. "They learned tips that they probably don't get every day, and it was great to



Jerry Sands, left, and Jake Brigham, Korean Baseball Organization (KBO) players, give baseball tips to Team Osan and Republic of Korea Air Force kids at Osan Air Base, ROK, May 20, 2019. American players from the KBO visited the base to host a baseball camp for youth baseball players here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa)

see them all smiling and having a fun time.”

After the stations were over, the children spend one-on-one time meeting players, getting signed memorabilia and taking photos with them.

“I had a great time,” said Sidney, a participant in the camp.

This once in a life-time chance presented to the young participants is one they might not forget, said Jokisch.

“That’s where we all started, at a young age,” he said. “I never had an opportunity to work with professional athletes at their age, and to have the opportunity to talk or hang out with one is something I would have loved.

“We always try to give back when we can,” Jokisch added. “Overall, it’s been a really good experience for us [KBO players] and the kids too.”

Eric Jokisch, a Korean Baseball Organization (KBO) player signs a kid’s glove at Osan Air Base, ROK, May 20, 2019. American players from the KBO visited the base to host a baseball camp for youth baseball players here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa) ►



Kunsan upgrades, improves education center

The 8th Fighter Wing leadership toured the newly renovated education center at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2019. All professional military education testing has been centralized to one location by creating a second testing room, expanding testing capabilities by 33 percent. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters) ►

**By Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --The 8th Fighter Wing leadership held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to reveal two renovated testing rooms at the Kunsan Education Center on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22.

The education center underwent renovations to provide a better, more comfortable and less distracting testing environment for Airmen. The project helped centralize all professional military education testing to one location by creating a second testing room, expanding testing capabilities by 33 percent.

“It is because of these renovations the Airmen



at Kunsan can continue to better themselves and further develop both their technical proficiencies and their leadership skills,” said Maj. Bailey “Herc” Mark, 8th Force Support Squadron commander.

Weighted Airman Promotion System and career development course testing was previously limited to one room at Kunsan, which was insufficiently soundproofed. Additionally, the limitations of one room prevented Airmen from taking more than one kind of test at a time.

“Airmen must be able to progress when they are ready, whether through the ranks or through skill-level categories,” Mark said. “Airmen shouldn’t be distracted by noise when they are trying to concentrate, or have to wait for testing center availability in order to better themselves.

The upgraded and improved education center is now able to provide that for our Airmen.”

In a coinciding initiative, the building will be updated with fiber optic cabling for faster communication. This will allow for electronic testing for users.

These projects were funded by the Republic of Korea government through the Logistics Cost Share Program. This program is used by all of U.S. Forces Korea entities to fund facility projects, purchase equipment, supplies, war reserve material maintenance or to utilize transportation services.

With the new renovations, the education center can continue to conduct over 5,000 tests annually and serve the Wolf Pack through education.



Airmen, local law enforcement representatives and family members prepare for the rigorous 3-mile “Three Bear” ruck march, May 13, 2019, at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis, Texas, in support of National Police Week. National Police Week honors those who have sworn to protect and defend and pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sarayuth Pinthong) ▲

A KC-46 Pegasus assigned to McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., performs a flyover during a Heritage to Horizons concert at the Air Force Memorial, Arlington, Va., May 15, 2019. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Rusty Frank) ◀

An alligator blocks potential air traffic on the runway at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., May 9, 2019. The alligator was escorted off of the flightline by members of the 6th Air Mobility Wing Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) program. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kory McLellan) ▼



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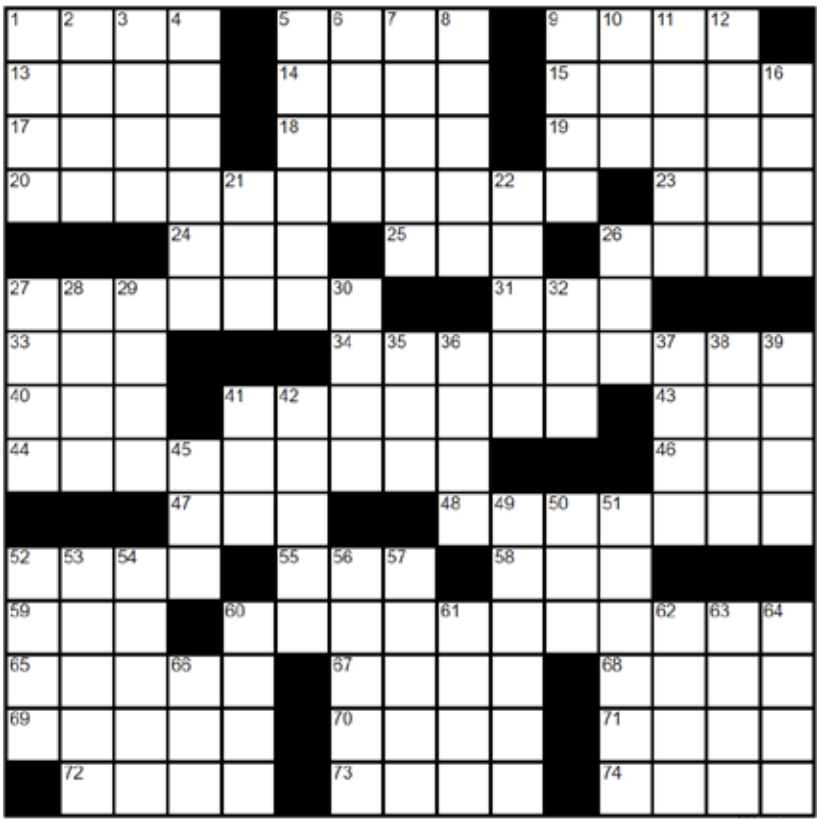
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

- 1 Hocked a loogie
- 5 Pub projectile
- 9 Baldwin or Guinness
- 13 Millennial's carpe diem
- 14 Radio conversation word
- 15 Chunks of flammable rock
- 17 Newbie
- 18 Qatar capital
- 19 Star Wars: ____ One
- 20 President Moon's house
- 23 Myung-bak or Bruce
- 24 Mineral deposit
- 25 Fresh Prince of ____-Air
- 26 Cubicle furniture
- 27 Buddha's name
- 31 Seoul Metro transfer station on lines 4 and 7
- 33 Hospital workers
- 34 Another name for 20 across

- 40 DoJ law enforcement organization
- 41 Bluegrass brothers band
- 43 Goes with 55 across
- 44 Relations between two countries
- 46 Convenience store Mart brand
- 47 Korean TV channel
- 48 Osan Air Base site
- 52 Goes with Verde or Grande
- 55 Goes with 43 across
- 58 Grassy land
- 59 CTRL+____+DEL
- 60 Confounding
- 65 One who fathers a cow
- 67 United ____ Emirates
- 68 Altair spacecraft
- 69 City near Pusan
- 70 Nevada city
- 71 Backed ____ a corner
- 72 Help a weightlifter
- 73 June 6, 1944
- 74 Corporate tech leaders

DOWN

- 1 In lock step
- 2 Winnie the ____
- 3 ____ vera
- 4 In addition
- 5 Bumper car
- 6 Swear
- 7 Hospital for alcoholics
- 8 Ministry of ____, Industry and Energy
- 9 4,047 square meters
- 10 Latrine
- 11 "The ____ has landed"
- 12 Hints
- 16 Hide and ____
- 21 LaPierre's org.
- 22 Sigourney Weaver movie
- 26 Pair
- 27 Grasp
- 28 Opposite of pro
- 29 1980s NFL competitor
- 30 Shortened word
- 32 Opposite of he

- 35 Mauna ____
- 36 Web addresses
- 37 Military formation
- 38 Epic story
- 39 Actress Rachel Wood
- 41 Nonprescription drug
- 42 "My spider ____ is tingling"
- 45 K-pop girl group
- 49 2003 Park Chan-wook film
- 50 Born as
- 51 Common Korean food ingredient
- 52 Actors of a play
- 53 Alter-identity
- 54 Throat problem
- 56 Prize
- 57 Exhausted
- 60 Extremely dry champagne
- 61 Del Rey or Turner
- 62 "____ it Romantic"
- 63 Collective security bloc
- 64 DNA-edited food
- 66 Psyche part

Answers to Previous Crossword

ACROSS

1 ALPHA
6 AMC
9 SASHA
14 FIDOS
15 XAI
16 CRUEL
17 BLACKBELT
19 UMBRA
20 USO
21 ENTOMBS
23 HERS
26 NSA
29 YURI
30 ANO
31 SSIREUM
33 SHE

36 MCU
37 OATES
38 SAM
39 MIN
40 SIR
41 PUT
44 IWO
45 END
46 EARNS
48 OAT
49 ROH
50 HAPKIDO
52 NIE
53 OBEY
55 STO
56 CSIS
57 COULEES
60 COL
62 ASSAD
63 TAEKKYEON
69 THEME
70 APP

71 ADDLE
72 EASED
73 RCA
74 YEMEN

DOWN

1 AFB
2 LIL
3 PDA
4 HOCUS
5 ASKS
6 AXE
7 MAL
8 CITE
9 SCUTUM
10 ARMOR
11 SUBMISSIONS
12 HERB
13 ALAS
18 BONSAI
22 NYU

23 HAMMER
24 ENCINO
25 ROUNDHOUSES
27 SITREP
28 ARE
31 SOS
32 ESPRIT
34 HAWAII
35 EMOTES
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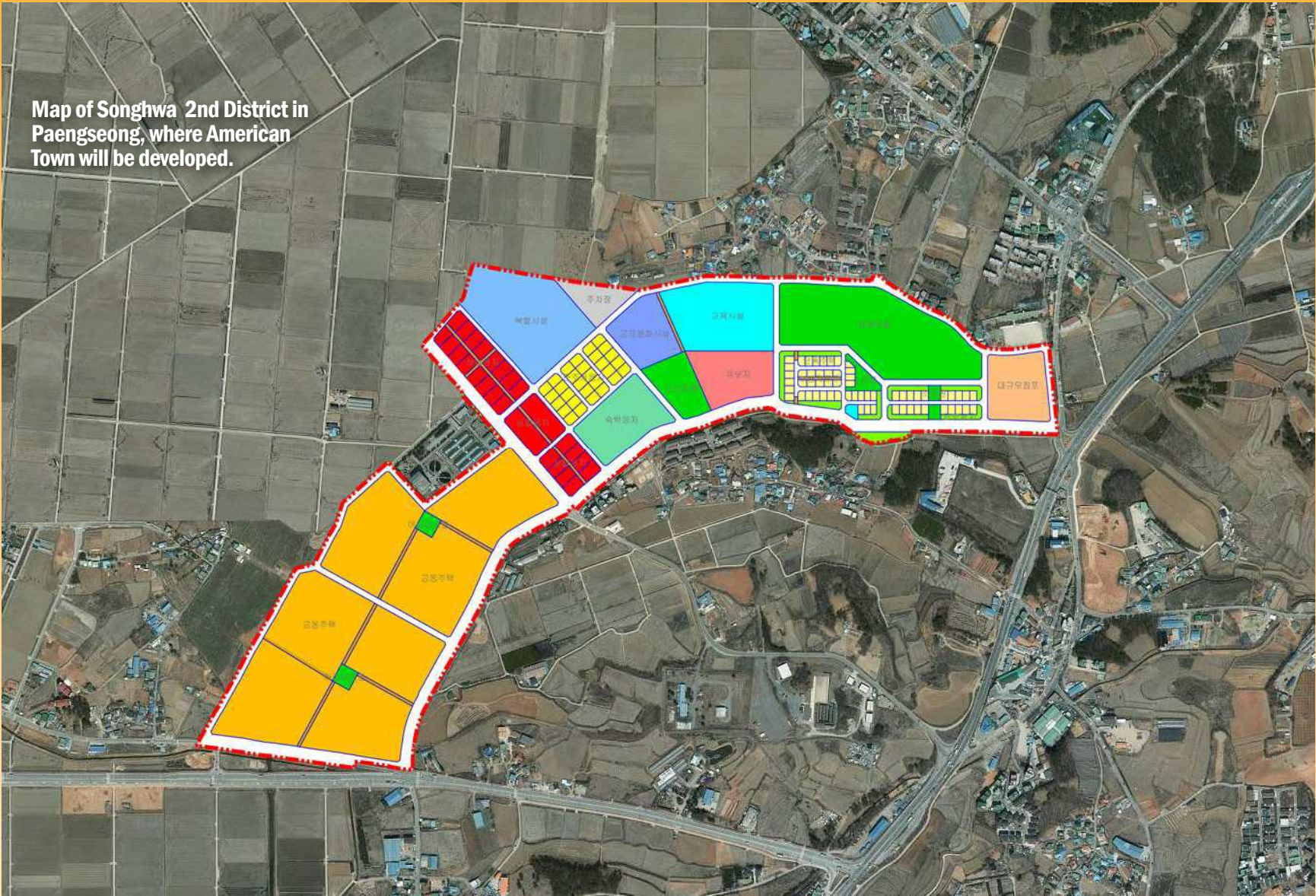
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‘American Town’ coming to Pyeongtaek City



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The Pyeongtaek Development Business Association is embarking on a major development of an ‘American Town’ on the outskirts of U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys in the region of Songhwa-ri, Paengseong-eup.

The project is aimed at a huge-scale themes city three times the size of Answon Starfield, which will be completed in 2020.

‘American Town’ will be equipped with U.S. spec housing, international schools, shopping centers, golf clubs and more for U.S. Forces Korea and their family members. This will be the first time constructing an



Jeonghoon Kim (left), union representative of the development business association, with Hyang-Bae Kim, president of Paengseong merchant association.

American theme city in South Korea.

“Unlike China town in Incheon this project will make Pyeongtaek city the first one developed in corporation with USFK,” said Jeonghoon Kim, union representative of the development business association.

“The place will become a paradigm as the sole and exclusive theme city for foreigners as well. The goal of this project is aimed at developing a smart yet safe city leading an internationalization while have symbiotic relationship with nature at the same time,” said Kim. “This will also give a hope to residents of Paengseong who have suffered from disasters such as noise and air pollution due to its area being in a flight zone.

Kim stressed that once this development project is complete, it will play a pivotal role in linking the downtown area giving residents a modern residential complex, park, sports facility and more making ‘American Town’ a leading city of commerce, culture, education and business sector in Pyeongtaek.



Night scene of Pyeongtaek



International Schools

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Golf Courses



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- 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."

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Lodging Space A Policy
Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? You can book

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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 -
GOLF TOURNAMENT: The 5 RS is holding a golf tournament at The Lakes of Osan 7 June. Check in time will be at 7 a.m., with a Tee Time of 8 a.m. This will be a team of 4, 18 Hole Scramble. For more information or if you would like to play, please contact MSgt Kevin Lair or SSgt Joseph Graff. Players need to submit Name, Rank, and Status of each team player to POC's.
KOREAN IMMERSION PROGRAM: Osan Service members and their families have the opportunity to participate in two day Korean Immersion Program sponsored by local governmental agencies. The goal of the program is to give members of Osan military community a better understanding of the local culture while strengthening ties with our Korean partners. The program combines a variety of classroom, field trip and cooking class. Transportation, lunch, entrance fee are all free (paid by ROK government) A bus leaves outside of main gate at 0820 You may enroll in one or both days: 20/21 May, 3/4 June, 17/18 June, 24/25 June
Day 1: Experience calligraphy and Korean traditional dress
Day 2: Cooking class & City tour via public transportation
*You will be given a transport card and a 10,000 won coupon to use in the Pyeongtaek International Central Market. This program is first come, first serve. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend, as are children over the age of 12. To sign up, simply email your name, duty status, and desired tour date to chet.garretson@us.af.mil
OSAN AIR BASE HALF MARATHON:

The Osan Top 3 will be hosting a half marathon/10K/5K 8 June from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Start location will be the Osan Middle High School football field. All participants must have base access. For more information, contact MSgt Bennie Prescott at DSN 784-4503 or bennie.prescott@us.af.mil.
TAX CENTER STILL OPEN: The Osan Tax Center will remain open until 14 June 2019. Military personnel stationed overseas receive an automatic extension to file until this date. If you need an appointment, or have any questions concerning your taxes, please call the Legal Office at DSN 784-4131.
EO OFFICE CLOSURE: The Equal Opportunity office will be closed from 10-14 June for their biennial EO Worldwide Training Workshop. For questions or concerns during the closure, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Williams at jocelyn.williams.1@us.af.mil, Duty Cell 010-2065-9583, or MSgt Shalicia Wright at shalicia.wright@us.af.mil.

- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES -
VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE COURSE: The Osan SAPR office is currently accepting applications for Initial Victim Advocate Training (IVAT) for members with a DEROS of Feb 2020 or later. The course is scheduled for 17-21 June 2019. This 40-hour course is required for members seeking to become certified volunteer victim advocates. Eligibility requirements: Enlisted: E-4 and above, 21+ years of age Officer: O-2 and above. If interested please email our org box at 51FWCVK@us.af.mil for the application documents. You can also call us at DSN 784-2832 or stop by

our office located in Bldg. 937 Rm 114.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The Songtan-Pyeongtaek International Exchange Foundation has an opening for a volunteer Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for an English talk cafe. Please contact the American Red Cross at Osan@RedCross.org to sign up.
AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: To sign up, email Osan@RedCross.org
- The American Red Cross holds orientation every Tuesday in the Red Cross office bldg 924- next to Checkertails.
- The American Red Cross is looking for Marketing Team members! Anyone with photography, writing, editing or live radio talk experience or interests!
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 at 7:10 p.m. For more information contact Glen Pfeiffer on Kakao (PFBomb) or visit www.facebook.com
HILL 180 SINGERS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! Osan's famous ROK and US National Anthem singers are looking for additional volunteers. If you like singing, can carry a tune, and aren't afraid of large audiences, we want you! And if you can't sing, but would still like to support, we are looking for a group manager, public affairs/social media manager, and more! For more information, contact Capt Rebecca Krause at rebecca.krause.3@us.af.mil or Capt Eric Badger at eric.m.badger@us.af.mil

- RECURRING -
7 AF OPSEC NEWSLETTER: The 7 AF Operation Security Program Management

Team produces a monthly newsletter found on our 7 AF OPSEC Sharepoint. The latest on policy memorandums, Critical Information Lists (CIL), and other important resources can also be found here. This month's newsletter features an article on the discovered What-sAppTM vulnerability. To contact the 7 AF OPSEC Program Managers, please email "7AF.OPSEC1@us.af.mil".
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA: BSA Troop 86 meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the old elementary school behind the Osan Thrift Shop. Through Scouting, you can go places, test yourself, and have one-of-a-kind adventures you can't get anywhere else. The troop is active and routinely participates in hiking, camping and other events across the Republic of Korea. With Troop 86, scouts will also have the opportunity to attend events in Mongolia, Thailand, the Philippines, China and Japan. New and transferring scouts are always welcome. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering please stop by or contact Earl Thomas at 010-6649-5525.
TUTORING: Free tutoring for all grades and subjects Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1630 to 1830. Wednesday tutoring is located at the Jirisan Tower (Bldg 1014) 1st floor Activity Room (on the right after entering from the main entrance). Thursday tutoring is located in the Tech Room at the Osan Youth Center. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a tutor, contact Capt Tan Pham at tan.pham.3@us.af.mil or DSN 784-0767 and check out the Osan AB Tutoring FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Osan-AB-Tutoring-450058569101338/>

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
Chaplain (After duty hours)	784-7000	Security Forces Control Center	784-5515

SPIRITUAL CHARGE

The Importance of Resilience



By Religious Affairs Airman
SSgt. Kolton Rottinghaus

Think you're a prisoner of your troubles? Think again. You don't need to go through life as an emotional cripple. It is possible to bounce back from adversity and go on to live a healthy, fulfilling life.

Resilience may be an art, the ultimate art of living, but it is has

recently been subjected to the scrutiny of science. This much is known so far. At the heart of resilience is a belief in oneself, but also a belief in something larger than oneself. Resilient people do not let adversity define them. They find resilience by moving towards a goal beyond themselves, surpassing pain and grief by perceiving bad times as a momentary state of concern.

Experts sometimes argue about how much of resilience is genetic. People do differ with their innate ability to handle life's stressors. But resilience can also be cultivated. It's possible to strengthen your inner-self, your belief in yourself and define yourself as capable. It's possible to reinforce your psyche. It's possible to develop a sense of mastery. And it's definitely necessary to go back and reinterpret past events to find the strengths you have probably had within all along.

Some evidence shows that it's not really until adulthood that people begin to surmount the difficulties of childhood and rebuild their lives. One problem is there are aspects of our culture that glorify frailty, which promote or reinforce victimhood by having you dwell on your life traumas. In reality, you have a considerable capacity for strength although you might not be fully aware of it. Sometimes it's easier to be a victim, talking about how other people wronged you which removes the obligation to change. And sympathy can feel sweet; talk of resilience can make some feel that no one really appreciates exactly how much they have suffered.

Resiliency can be defined as the capacity to rise above adversity or even outright violence. It is the means by which children of troubled families are not paralyzed by hardship but rebound from it, learn to protect themselves

and emerge as strong adults who are able to lead gratifying lives. Resilient people don't walk between life's hurdles; they have scars to show for their experiences. They struggle but keep functioning anyway. Resilience is not the ability to escape unharmed. It is not about magic.

I urge all who struggle with the concept of resilience to think along these three lines: "I have, I am and I can." The more you realize you have support with friends, family and co-workers, the easier rebuilding becomes. The quicker you notice you are a person who has faith, who is proud of yourself and who cares about others...the more meaningful your life becomes. Finally, the more you say "I can", the resulting internal strength will tell you that you can solve any problem, you can enjoy healthy relationships and you can get through the hard times and enjoy the good times.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE	OSAN AIR BASE	USAG-YONGSAN	
<p><i>Protestant Services</i></p> <p>Gospel Service Sunday, 11:30 a.m. Main Chapel, Bldg. 501</p> <p>Contemporary Service Sunday 5 p.m. Main Chapel, Bldg. 501</p> <p><i>Catholic Services</i></p> <p>Sunday Catholic Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Main Chapel, Bldg. 501</p> <p>Daily Mass and Reconciliation Please call the Chapel</p> <p><i>Other Worship Opportunities</i></p> <p>LDS Service Sunday, 1:00 p.m. SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510</p> <p>Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE</p> <p>Visit us on SharePoint: https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC</p>	<p><i>Protestant Services</i></p> <p>-Community Service @ 1030 -Gospel Service @ 1230 Regular Occuring 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</p> <p><i>Apostolic Pentecostal</i> Apostolic Connection Church Bible Study: Osan Chapel Sanctuary, Mondays 7PM-8PM</p>	<p><i>Catholic Mass</i></p> <p>Weekend Masses Saturday Mass (Sunday obligation), 5 p.m. Saturday, Also Confessions, 4 p.m. Sunday Mass, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday -Thursday Mass, 11:30 a.m. Friday Mass, 5 p.m.</p> <p><i>Catholic Ministries</i> 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</p> <p>Knights of Columbus & Baptism classes Meet monthly, Pls call 784-5000</p> <p><i>Other Faith Groups</i> 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</p> <p>Point of Contact: Osan Chapel, 784-5000</p> <p>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</p>	<p><i>Protestant Services</i></p> <p>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</p> <p><i>Catholic Mass</i></p> <p>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</p> <p><i>General Service</i></p> <p>Episcopal Service Sunday, 11 a.m. Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel</p> <p>Jewish Friday, 7 p.m. South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702</p> <p>Point of Contact: USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011 Visit us on SharePoint: http://www.army.mil/yongsan</p>





U.S. Army Specialist Jessica Hinton, 903rd Military Working Dog Detachment MWD handler, patrols with MWD Corado during the Police Week Memorial K-9 Competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. Whether active military duty, local law enforcement or a military working dog, National Police Week is a chance to honor and recognize those who risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of others. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters)

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“Police week is more than just displaying a thin blue line, it’s coming together as one force; paying our respect to those before us and those who may come after us,” said Staff Sgt. Monica Rodriguez, 8th SFS MWD trainer. “We give our endless thanks and appreciation to them.”

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“Police Week is a very important time for the Security Forces members of the Wolf Pack,” Horst said. “Our time here at Kunsan is short, and we hope we’ve made this a Police Week to remember for all involved.”



A member from the Republic of Korea Air Force's 38th Fighter Group inspects a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle during a law enforcement capabilities display at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2019. National Police Week honors those who serve and have served in law enforcement, as well as memorializes those who've made the ultimate sacrifice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters)



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Damian Afanador Agueda (left), Airman 1st Class Amelia Williams (middle), and Airman 1st Class Wesley Ogolla (right), 8th Security Forces Squadron response force members, carry the U.S. flag during the National Police Week opening ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2019. Whether active military duty, local law enforcement or a military working dog, National Police Week is a chance to honor and recognize those who risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of others. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters)

The Turkish monument

By Cord A. Scott, Ph.D
Collegiate Traveling Faculty,
History, Government and Film
UMUC-Asia (Korea)

Perhaps the most vexing of any of the UN monuments near Osan is the one for the Turkish soldiers and their commitment to the war effort in Korea. This particular monument is impressive, and sits in an area where the view is commanding. However getting to that spot is a journey in itself. But as with all of the major markers in the greater Osan region, it sits in a relatively important spot.

The Turks, as part the UN – as well as hoping to join NATO, sided with the Republic of Korean government and voted to send troops soon after fighting commenced. The Turks sent a brigade of 4500 men to the Korean Peninsula on October 17, 1950 where they first trained in Daegu.

Their first combat action was on November 28, 1950 when they were part of a mixed division, which was hit by Chinese troops in a counter attack. The Turks held out as long as they could but due to several factors, a lack of common language at times being one, led to 1000 casualties and 200 POWs during the encounter.

By early 1951 the Turks had restructured and reformatted their training and fighting skills to the extent that they were a more effective fighting unit. Commanded by Gen. Tashin Yazici, the Turks were often commended for their stalwart fighting skills and tenacity, even if they were not always outfitted with modern equipment. The Turks for an initial time often used the

older, World War II British Battle dress, with long trench coats, flat helmets and older Lee Enfield rifles. Over time, the Turks adapted more American equipment and weaponry.

The monument has some challenging features however. First is its location. It is in the middle of a cloverleaf for an on-ramp of the Yeongdong Expressway (Expy 50, exit 14 the Neverland Resort exit). This was an experience as the author had to ask for directions and was finally offered assistance by the gentleman at the park office next to the area. There is a large suspension bridge near the road, and the monument is “relatively” simple to get to: get in the left lane, grab a ticket, then head toward the Wonju (left side) of Expressway 50. As one follows the road to the right (stay in the right lane) it will pop up QUITE soon. There is a place to park and see the monument.

As for the monument, it is entirely in Turkish so that too may be of difficulty. However the monument has a great view and it is well done. It recognizes the commanders of the Turkish Brigade, and shows three Turkish soldiers (now kitted in American equipment) on display. As with many of the UN displays there are two commonalities. First, the monuments South of Seoul – the ones within an hour’s drive of Osan, are all located next to expressways (The French, Turkish, and Greek monuments are all on EXPY 50; the South African monument is next to The Gyeongbu Expy #1). Second, the monuments are all within general operating areas of either the respective countries first, or most significant battle during the war. In all, it was worth the trip as a way to pay tribute to those who also served.



MWDs of the Korean Peninsula compete



Ooyvey, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, bites Staff Sgt. Aaron Tipace, 8th SFS MWD handler, during the Police Week Memorial K-9 Competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. The competition aimed to give handlers a wider perspective on their job by subjecting them to uncomfortable situations to learn and strengthen the dogs' tactical obedience and patrol skills. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters) ◀

Staff Sgt. Ricardo Roque, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, carries Kazy, 8th SFS MWD, during the Police Week Memorial K-9 Competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. National Police Week honors those who serve and have served in law enforcement, as well as memorializes those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters) ▼



Military working dogs and handlers from the 8th Security Forces Squadron, 51st SFS, 903rd Military Working Dog Detachment and 503rd MWD Detachment listen to the national anthem during the Police Week Memorial K-9 Competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. National Police Week honors those who serve and have served in law enforcement, as well as memorializes those who've made the ultimate sacrifice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters) ▼



Siro, 903rd Military Working Dog Detachment MWD, watches his handler, U.S. Army Specialist Nathan Donwen, 903rd MWD Detachment handler, crawl during the Police Week Memorial K-9 Competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. The competition aimed to give handlers a wider perspective on their job by, subjecting them putting them in to uncomfortable situations in which to learn and strengthening the dogs' tactical obedience and patrol skills.(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters) ▲



Diego, 51st Security Forces Squadron military working dog, lifts a paw to his handler, Senior Airman Adam Gagnon, 51st SFS MWD handler, during the Police Week Memorial K-9 Competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. National Police Week honors those who serve and have served in law enforcement, as well as memorializes those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Savannah L. Waters) ◀

8 FW SJA wins Outstanding Young Military Lawyer Award for Air Force



By Senior Airman Stefan Alvarez
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Maj. Christopher Stein, 8th Fighter Wing staff judge advocate, poses for a photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2019. Stein was awarded the Outstanding Young Military Lawyer Award for his exceptional leadership, service to the community, and development of subordinates. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua P. Arends)

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The American Bar Association, along with the Judge Advocate Association, recognizes a young judge advocate from each branch every year. This time, the Wolf Pack's very own staff judge advocate is the one in the spotlight.

Maj. Christopher Stein, 8th Fighter Wing staff judge advocate, received the 2018 - 2019 Outstanding Young Military Lawyer Award for the Air Force. His exemplary leadership, impact to the local community, remarkable development of subordinates, and vast nature of his previous assignments contributed to him standing out amongst the competition.

"I have served at the fighter wing in Misawa, previously here at Kunsan as the deputy SJA, and the senior defense council for all of Europe", said Stein. "Being open to take deployments and remote assignments leads to more unique and diverse opportunities. I believe the more interesting your career is, the more of an impact you are able to make in the Air Force."

Stein also has experience outside of the Air Force. He was amongst a handful of staff judge advocates selected to participate in the Army JAG School in Charlottesville, VA.

"I attended the Army JAG School and obtained an advanced legal degree in international

operational law," Stein said. "That degree is why I came to Kunsan a second time."

Stein credits his team here at Kunsan to making his second tour a great experience and helping him positively impact the 8th Fighter Wing. According to Stein, it is their dedication and positive attitudes that have made their work environment thrive.

"Serving in a one-year remote assignment away from family and friends can be challenging. I am very proud of my team for maintaining high motivation and morale," said Stein. "They have done a good job of sticking together and making it a great year for JA."

51st OG change of command



U.S. Air Force Col. William Betts, 51st Fighter Wing commander, left, passes the ceremonial guidon to Col. David Rayman, 51st Operations Group commander, during a change-of-command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2019. The 51st OG mission is to provide survivable, reliable, precision airpower in both air-to-ground and air-to-air missions to support joint and combined forces on the Korean Peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa)

25th FS change of command



U.S. Air Force Col. Daniel Walls, 51st Operations Group commander, left, passes the ceremonial guidon to Lt. Col. Joshua Arrowood, 25th Fighter Squadron commander, during a change-of-command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2019. The 25th FS mission is to plan and execute military operations, to include close air support, forward air control airborne, and combat search and rescue. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa)

24 Solar Terms (Part 9)

By KyongHui “Jennie” Pae

9. Mang-Jong: Grain in Ear

A good time to sow

Indicating the ripening of crops and the beginning of a busy farming season. Around June 6th of the solar calendar when the Sun’s ecliptic reaches 75 degrees. In agricultural history, we used to do rice planting and barley cutting. The saying goes, harvest barley before the MangJong. After this period, the ripe barely often falls in the wind, so the barley harvest must be completed by thins time. With more barley farming in the south, and when rice crop overlaps with barley, the busier it is for the multi-cropped fields. Making Mangjong the most demanding time of the year, as the traditional Korean saying goes, “I wet my feet”, which is similar to the American saying: “I work my fingers to the bone.”

Reference: Korean Folk Culture Research



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Pyeongtaek Hiking Club

By Ron Roman

Looking for a great getaway from the usual military grind or just your mundane day-to-day routine? Then head on over to join up with the Pyeongtaek Hiking Club on weekends. The international Club meets every other weekend in the parking lot of the Songtan International Community Center at 9 am (opposite the old Osan AB Morin Gate, now closed to POV traffic and open only to trains), usually on Saturdays. Hikes are relatively easy, essentially free, and open to any adult reasonably physically fit. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Any furry friends? Fine, just bring a leash. The Club tries to return by 4-6 pm after stopping at a convenience store to freshen up or a restaurant if members decide on a full luncheon.

The Club has just begun its fourth year this past March and is looking to expand its hiking base. Hikes are scheduled from mid-March to mid-July, then from early September to mid-December. No vehicle, no problem. Members carpool. Just limit yourself to one other hiker if you don't have your own transportation. But expect to pay a meager \$3 or ₩3,000 to pitch in for gas if you need to bum a ride with somebody else to the day's destination. The Club tries to get out into the countryside at least 30 minutes to a one-hour drive away from Osan AB Main Gate to keep hike routes different and exciting. Members try not to repeat the same routes. Unlike USFK recreational tours, secluded, getaway paths are chosen; other hikers aren't usually seen. It's a great opportunity to get away from the crowds.

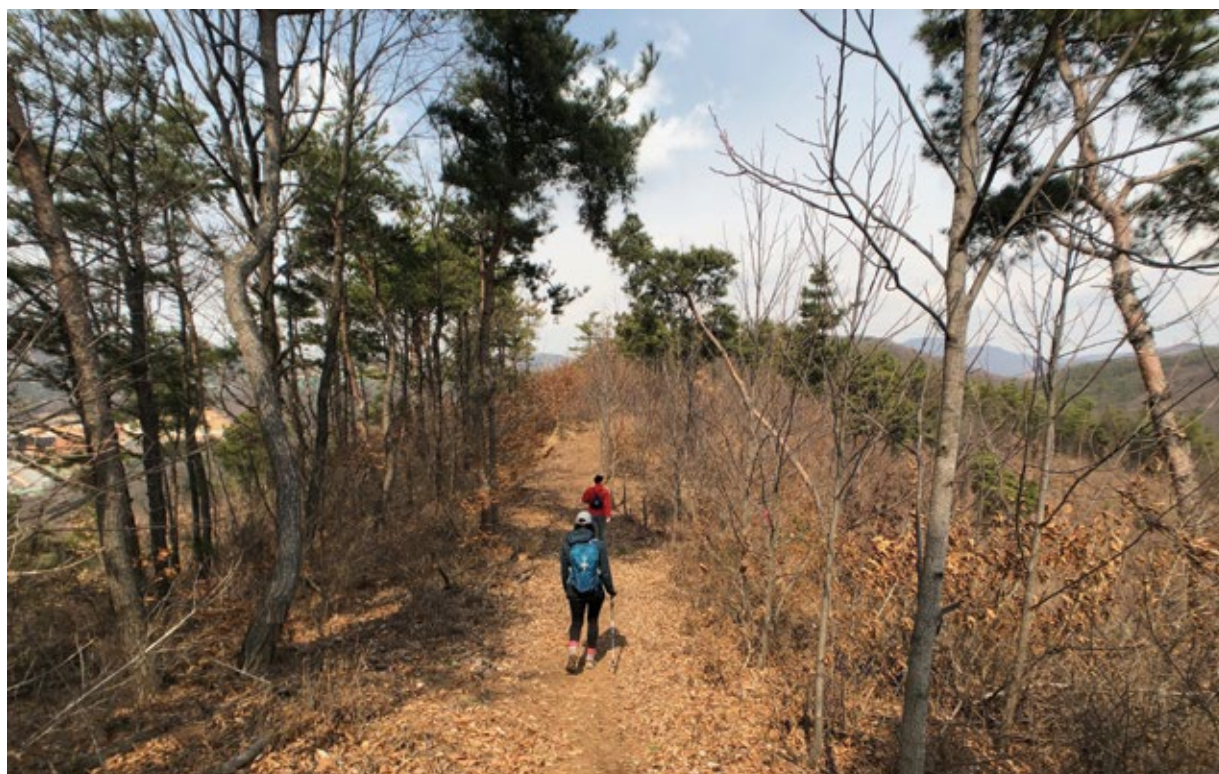
Hikers are mainly Korean and American; however, other nationalities from virtually every continent have joined in on the fun. Just bring a good pair of hiking boots and a durable walking stick. Don't forget to bring plenty of water along with Korean won for snacks or a luncheon.

Long-time Club member Yeon Shin says, "Hiking makes me healthier both in mind and spirit." She took charge of her first Club hike to Sa-bong (Mountain) when leading other members on a three-and-a-half hour trek. Afterward everybody headed out to chow down on bibimpap (a Korean mixed rice and vegetable dish with hot red pepper paste) at a nearby eatery before heading home.

LTC William Tudor, a Camp Humphreys soldier who routinely hikes with the Club, led a hike in April of 2019 and says, "Hiking supports the Army's Performance Triad initiative allowing me to maintain optimal fitness in an enjoyable way. By eating healthy and hiking regularly, I shed over 20 pounds of excess weight in just over 90 days."

This summer at least two overnight hike, swim, and campout trips are planned

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8 LRS Master Sergeant receives top DLA award

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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Defense Logistics Agency awarded Master Sgt. Renaldo Renee, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron maintenance support section chief, as one of the 10 Outstanding DLA Personnel of the Year.

Renee received the award as a technical sergeant for his work from Oct. 1, 2017, to Aug. 31, 2018, as a joint contingency acquisition support officer for the DLA in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Renee had already begun his one year short tour at Kunsan when the call for nominees went out.

The award highlighted Renee for his “Superb leadership and expertise [which] were instrumental in meeting warfighting requirements for planning, training and real world operations throughout the United States and its territories.” It also commended Renee’s support of disaster relief operations throughout various combatant commands.

While at DLA, Renee went on a short-notice temporary duty to San Antonio to support

hurricane relief operations.

“We needed to be able to get living quarters for all the personnel who would be coming in to assist with hurricane support,” he said. “We were working 14 hours a day and it was really fast paced, but we were able to get people in without costing the government too much money.”

Renee’s other accomplishments include a 5-month deployment to Kuwait and supporting Exercise Key Resolve in the Republic of Korea.

“I really enjoyed the traveling and the joint environment that DLA provides,” said Renee. “It was a pretty great chance to see how the Army, Navy and Marines do business together.”

Currently, Renee supervises several Airmen with the 8th LRS maintenance support section.

“It’s good to back in supply, especially after being away for eight years,” he said. “I’m really happy to be doing this part of my job again.”

Congratulations Master Sgt. Renee on your win and keep up the great work.



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for northern Chungcheongbuk-do (Province), weather cooperating, around Memorial Day and later around Labor Day. The Club is also a great avenue for Korean speakers to improve their English language skills and for non-Koreans to learn some Korean themselves.

Ron (Roman), Club founder, asks that members and would-be members contact him by Friday 6 pm the day before the hike to indicate if they are hiking or not and if they need transportation. Ordinarily, members are contacted via cell-phone text on Thursday morning before the hike weekend. Members need to respond by cell phone text whether they expect to hike or not. If they repeatedly fail to do so, they will be dropped from the Club roster. Rain or air pollution levels (PM 2.5/75 or higher according to air quality indicator app Air Visual) postpone Saturday hikes to Sunday; any hike scheduled for Sunday encountering the same conditions would be canceled. Hikers are encouraged to wear face masks if pollution levels are borderline. Decision to postpone or cancel hikes is made at 8 am of the same day.

Anyone who would like to lead a hike is welcome to do so. Don’t miss out on the next excursion in search of some of Korea’s great panoramic mountain views. Phone him at 010-2690-5593 now.

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Police Week: honoring the fallen

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron perform a human wheel barrel during the 2019 Defenders' Challenge at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2019. In honor of police week, the 51st SFS held various events to pay tribute to law enforcement members who have fallen in the line of duty. Teams of four endured seven courses testing their physical, mental and social fitness during the challenge. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa) ►

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron perform four-man push-ups during the 2019 Defenders' Challenge at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2019. In honor of police week, the 51st SFS held various events to pay tribute to law enforcement members who have fallen in the line of duty. Teams of four endured seven courses testing their physical, mental and social fitness during the challenge. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa) ▼



A U.S. Air Force first sergeant hangs from a pull-up bar during the 2019 Defenders' Challenge at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2019. In honor of police week, the 51st SFS held various events to pay tribute to law enforcement members who have fallen in the line of duty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa) ▲

U.S. Air Force first sergeants from Team Osan carry ammunition boxes during the 2019 Defenders' Challenge at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2019. The first sergeants team competed in the challenge to pay tribute to law enforcement members who have fallen in the line of duty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa) ◀