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Maj. Chris Ng, 51st Medical Operations Squadron general surgeon, left, and Capt. Louis Bloom, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot, pose for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 28, 2020. Both hailing from Randolph, Massachusetts, the Randolph High School graduates continued their friendship while attending the United States Air Force Academy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan)

Hometown friends and heroes take to the sky

By Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan
51 FW/PA

Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea -- It's not every day that you get to pilot an F-16 fighter jet while one of your best friends fills the back seat. Let alone, a friend whose medical expertise, saved your Air Force flying career.

For Capt. Louis Bloom, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot and Maj. Christopher Ng, 51st Medical Operations Squadron general surgeon, their tour at Osan Air Base marks an

unexpected milestone in both their friendship and career.

Both hailing from Randolph, Massachusetts, the Randolph High School graduates took on similar paths to serve their country and initiated their Air Force careers by attending the United States Air Force Academy.

The hometown friends successfully graduated from USAFA and continued onto their specified career training. Ng was on his way to technical training school to become a general surgeon and Bloom to Undergraduate

Pilot Training.

It wasn't long before the Air Force landed them both at Osan Air Base where they reconnected after several years. In the hopes of gratifying their reunion and hard work, Bloom requested for approval of a familiarization flight with Ng on board the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Unfortunately for the hometown friends, a motorcycle accident put a halt to the approved FAM flight.

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Wolf 60 Addresses Wolf Pack at All-Call



Col. Christopher Hammond, 8th Fighter Wing commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Woods, 8th FW command chief, right, pose for a photo with Tech. Sgt. Sarah Hubert, 8th FW chaplain's assistant, during an all-call at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 14, 2020. Hubert was acknowledged by Hammond due to her crisis communication skills and situational awareness that positively impacted the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner) ▲

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Col. Chris Hammond held his first all-call as the 8th Fighter Wing commander at Kunsan Air Base, from Aug. 3 to Aug. 14.

In order to meet safely with the entire Wolf Pack, Hammond hosted 12 separate all-calls over the course of two weeks to discuss the wing's mission and heritage.

Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Woods, 8th FW command chief, joined Hammond to address quality-of-life efforts, as well as diversity and inclusion initiatives. His main focus was resilience and taking care of Airmen – regardless of rank.

“Resilience is one of my biggest concerns at the Wolf Pack,” Woods said. “Somebody in here right now is struggling with life. What I challenge you all to do is

to find that Airman, and don't be prejudice because of the rank. Don't think that that person is not one of your senior leaders, because it might be.”

Hammond, who's responsible for more than 2,700 active duty personnel, closed out the all-call by sharing his expectations.

“What we expect is an environment here at the Wolf Pack that fosters respect and dignity,” Hammond said. “My contract to your families back home is that we set an environment here that allows you to be the best Airman and best individual you can be. If there's anything or anybody that detracts from that, then you need to let us know. We will identify it and take care of it.”



Col. Christopher Hammond, 8th Fighter Wing commander, speaks at his first all-call at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 14, 2020. The all-call was held from Aug. 3 to Aug. 14 to maintain social distancing and ensure mission readiness across the entire wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner) ▲

Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Woods, 8th FW command chief, speaks at an all-call at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 14, 2020. The all-call was held from Aug. 3 to Aug. 14 to maintain social distancing and ensure mission readiness across the entire wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner) ▼





Staff Sgt. Bryan French, 8th Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment flight journeyman, drives past an F-16 Fighting Falcon while delivering AGE equipment at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 4, 2020. AGE flight is comprised of five sections: Servicing, Pick-up and Delivery section (SPUDS), Inspections, Maintenance Repair, Production Support and War Reserve Material. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby)

Mission-ready flight keeps legacy alive

By Senior Airman Mya Crosby
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
-- Dozens of machinery align in multiple rows near a hangar. Some are as big as the Hydraulic Test Stand, sitting up to nearly five feet tall. Some are as small as an axle jack, which can fit on a table, but lift a 30,000-pound aircraft.

Mission-ready Airmen and their equipment are ready 24/7, supplying aircraft with air pressure, electrical power and much more.

This maintenance space is home to the 8th Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment flight and nearly 550 pieces of equipment. The Airmen's legacy being readily available runs deep into history.

"AGE troops were called AGE Rangers because of our time in Vietnam," said Senior Master Sgt. Griselda Criddell, 8th MXS AGE flight superintendent. "Not because we held perimeter defense, but for basic survival as AGE Rangers would get shot at trying to service equipment and



Senior Airman Nicholas Rapacon, 8th Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment flight journeyman, troubleshoots a Self-Generating Nitrogen Servicing Cart electrical system at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 4, 2020. The SGNSC is a 3,000-pound, field support equipment designed to eliminate nitrogen resupply requirements specifically for the F-16 Fighting Falcon. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby)

support aircraft out on the line.

“The story goes that when the AGE troops would pull up to service the equipment, a wingman would jump out to hitch while the other covered him with his rifle,” Criddell said. “The security police, upon either seeing this or seeing the AGE guys on their way for servicing, would note the weapons they held and were rumored to have said, ‘There go the AGE Rangers!’ sort of as a joke, but there began Danger Is No Stranger To An AGE Ranger. DINSTAAR!”

To keep the tradition alive, the AGE flight splits into five smaller groups, maximizing their efforts to keep the jets launching from the runway.

“There’s no air power without ground power,” said Staff Sgt. Brian French, AGE journeyman. “For us in the Service Pickup and Delivery section, we deliver the equipment to get the aircraft in the air, while the inspections section actually makes sure the equipment comes in on a monthly basis.”

According to French, the War Ready Material section maintains WRM equipment that is utilized in case of a real-world situation. Regardless of war or peacetime, the Airmen oftentimes switch sections, expanding their maintenance knowledge, while gaining a better understanding on the overall AGE mission.

“I’m currently in the maintenance section – troubleshooting and putting parts together to make sure the equipment works,” said Senior Airman Andrew Schaefer, 8th MXS AGE journeyman. “I was in inspections, checking fluids and doing things like making sure that the grease seals are good on the equipment. I think switching between sections gives a lot of perspective while giving a change up to what you’re doing and gives you a broader scale of what you can accomplish.”

Lastly, with an overarching mission, the support section Airmen maintain numerous safety-related programs, such as facility manager and Hazard Communication. This section not only has AGE Airmen, but logistics readiness troops, leading them to be the mastermind behind inventory. They keep track of all tools and pieces of equipment the rest of the AGE flight requires to execute their mission – acting as the backbone of the entire flight.

According to Criddell, the flight’s latest success was sustaining 90 percent averages with equipment in-commission rates and quality assurance rates with 60 percent low-manning levels amid the COVID-19 outbreak. The small, but mighty flight strives to stay highly effective to the Air Force mission while keeping their legacy alive.

“In AGE, we do it all,” said Senior Airman David Hendricks, 8th MXS AGE journeyman. “We do hydraulics. We do inspections. We also do pneumatics, electrical, and diesel engines. We’re the jacks-of-all-trades, masters of it all.”

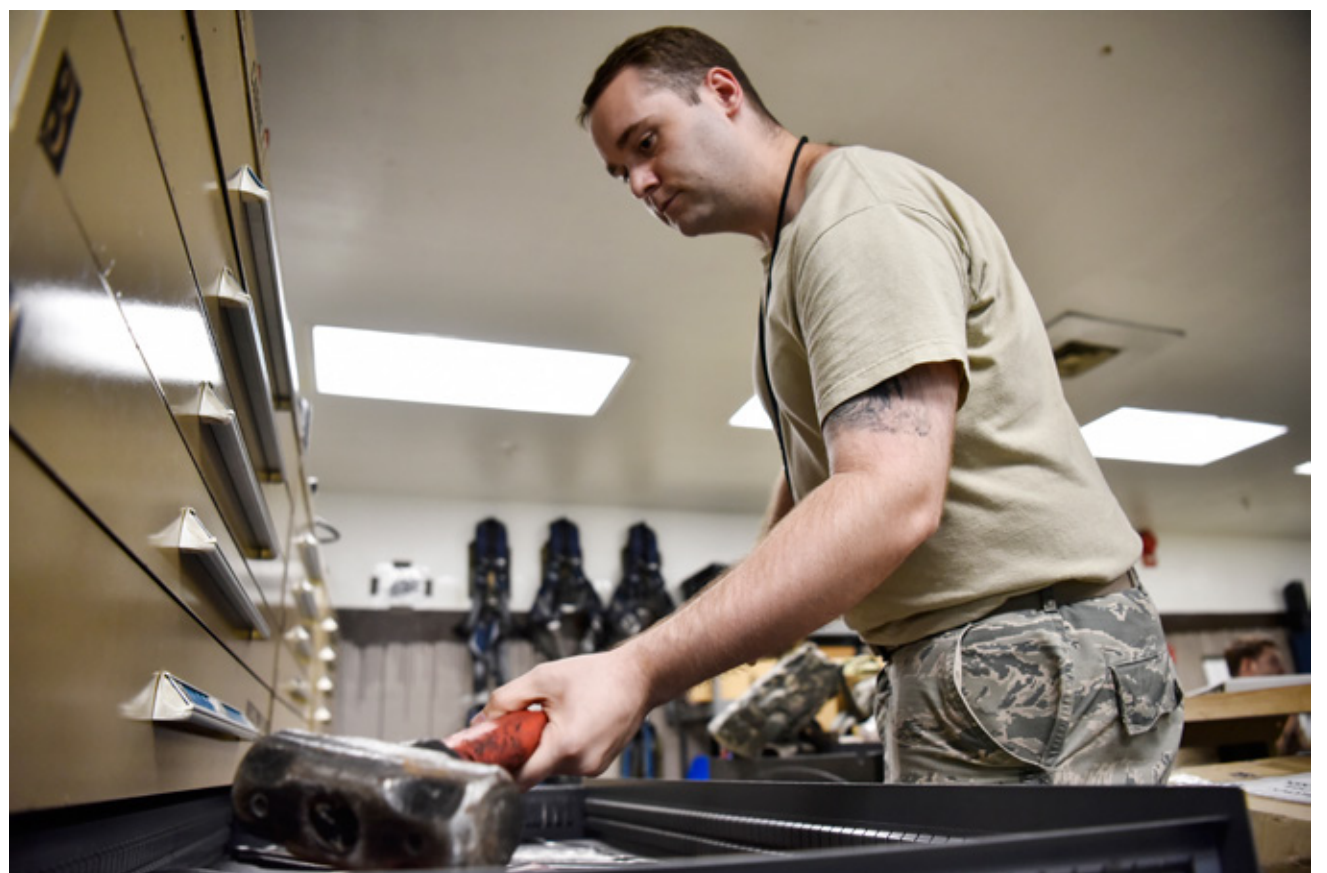


Staff Sgt. German Rubio-Arroyo and Senior Airman Cory Coleman, 8th Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment craftsmen, operate MJ-1 bomb lift trucks at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 4, 2020. The AGE Flight is comprised of five sections: Servicing, Pick-up and Delivery section (SPUDS), Inspections, Maintenance Repair, Production Support and War Reserve Material. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲



8th Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment flight Airmen, discuss operations in their hangar at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 4, 2020. The AGE flight provides approximately 25,000 equipment dispatches, 3,600 maintenance actions and 2,200 phase inspections annually. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ◀

Staff Sgt. Kevin Spencer, 8th Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment flight craftsman, inspects a tool at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 4, 2020. The Production Support section within the AGE flight ensures every piece of equipment and tool is accounted for, while also maintaining safety-related programs for the flight such as facility manager and Hazard Communication. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▼



ADL's safeguard inbound quarantine Airmen

By Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan
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Senior Airman Quintarus Jackson, 51 Operations Support Squadron weathermen, performs as an Airman Dorm Leader augmentee for quarantine dorms on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 20, 2020. Jackson helps inbound personal get their essential needs such as meals and anything they order. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan)

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Relocating to a new military installation in another country can be a stressful task, especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic. With so many uncertainties involving the pandemic's impacts of changing living standards, a special group of professionals provide initial solutions and comfort for Osan Air Base's inbound personnel upon arrival in the Republic of Korea.

Working around the clock, Osan's Airman Dorm Leaders strive to give new members the warmest welcome and essential needs during their two-week quarantine phase.

For U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Toni Bellamy, an ADL serving as Osan's COVID-19 Command Center housing representative being the first line of defense for inbound personnel is a challenging, but fulfilling experience.

"Knowing that we help keep the base safe by housing nearly 500 quarantine personnel at a given time and giving them their essential needs is a huge reward," said Bellamy. "We work alongside the base first sergeants, Red Cross and the United Services Organizations to help supply personnel with toiletries and meals to make the quarantine residents stay more comfortable."

To administer a smooth process, the ADL's proactively communicate with commanders, chiefs, first sergeants and supervisors to take care of inbound individuals. They are dedicated to ensuring six dorms and vacancies in the base hotel are readily available for occupancy.

"We take care of all residents from in-processing, meals, trash, grocery delivery and other orders to outprocess from quarantine," added Bellamy. "I assign all inbound members to a living space and once assigned, the list of projected arrivals is passed to the ADL's to ensure rooms are ready for incoming members."

Free Wi-Fi is equipped in the quarantine dorms as well as the hotel to help with their needs during the 14-day period. Quarantine personnel are authorized and encouraged to bring in any items that may make their stay more comfortable such as blankets, televisions and computers. They're also allotted daily recreational time outside to get fresh air and exercise.



The United Service Organizations prepares and delivers hot meals to the quarantine dorms on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 20, 2020. Food is delivered to the occupants of the quarantine dorms daily as well as other things that they may want or need. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Bugenig)

"It was nice knowing I had a team of ADL's dedicated to help smooth the transition process into the quarantine dorms," said Staff Sgt. Tiffany Wallace, 51 Medical Operations Squadron orthopedic surgical technician. "For me, being able to adjust comfortably and FaceTime my family was a huge bonus."

New inbound members are also given resources on how to acquire additional necessities from the Base Exchange and Commissary. They can also contact their leadership for additional needs.

"The biggest way to help our quarantine personnel is to stay in contact with them daily, asking them about how their stay is, from room

maintenance to meals," Bellamy said. "Another way to help is offering to bring your member a hot meal or forms of entertainment."

Whether it's preparing dorm rooms 48 hours prior for an inbound arrival or maintaining open communication with all leadership and anyone that may have concerns about COVID-19, the ADL team is committed to their focal role: expressing the importance of a combined effort.

"The biggest positive of this job is seeing how the whole base is coming together," said Bellamy. "The augmentees are from all units around the base. We couldn't do it without all the organizations stepping up to provide us with bodies and supplies."



US demonstrates air-power in Indo-Pacific region with simultaneous bomber missions

A U.S. Air Force 67th Fighter Squadron F-15C Eagle assigned to Kadena Air Base, Japan participates in a large-scale joint and bilateral integration training exercise Aug. 18, 2020. Four B-1B Lancers, two B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers, and four F-15C Eagles conducted Bomber Task Force missions simultaneously within the Indo-Pacific region over the course of 24 hours. Pacific Air Forces routinely conducts BTF operations to show the United States' commitment to allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Peter Reft) ▲

By Staff Sgts. Hailey Haux and Mikaley Kline
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Demonstrating airpower, bomber and fighter aircrew assigned and deployed to Pacific Air Forces launched four B-1 Lancers, two B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers, and four F-15C Eagles and conducted Bomber Task Force missions simultaneously with joint and allied partners within the Indo-Pacific region over the course of 24 hours, August 17.

Pacific Air Forces routinely conducts BTF operations to show the United States' commitment to allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility.

"Our unique strength as an Air Force is our ability to generate integrated actions with our joint teammates and allies and partners to challenge competitors in a time and place of our choosing," said Gen. Ken Wilsbach, Pacific Air Forces commander. "These simultaneous airpower missions demonstrated our capacity and readiness to deliver a wide range of proactive, scalable options to quickly deploy our forces to support our mission of ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific theater."

The first display of airpower came when two B-1s from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas took off from Dyess and flew to the Sea of Japan. Once there, they integrated with the Koku Jieitai, or Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), and further strengthened relationships by training together.

"The Koku-Jieitai has participated in bilateral



U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Japan Air Self Defense Force aircraft conduct a large-scale joint and bilateral integration training exercise Aug. 18, 2020. Four B-1B Lancers, two B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers, and four F-15C Eagles conducted Bomber Task Force missions simultaneously within the Indo-Pacific region over the course of 24 hours. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Peter Reft) ▲

trainings on continuous basis, and I have no doubt that our efforts result in strengthening the Alliance and partnership between Japan and the U.S.," said JASDF Lt. Gen. Shunji Izutsu, Air Defense Command commander. "Training in a complex situation like this large force employment improves not only tactical skills, but also interoperability and mutual trust."

While the two BONES were in route to the Sea of Japan another set of two B-1s took off from

Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

In addition to the two sets of bomber missions, four F-15C Eagles from Kadena Air Base, Japan, also made their way to the Sea of Japan to integrate with the four B-1s, the U.S. Navy's USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group, F-35 Lightning IIs assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, and F-15J aircraft from the JASDF to conduct large force exercise training.

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“I was certain I was in a bad spot the moment I observed my wound,” Bloom said. “I had no idea how extensive my injury was or what would be required to fix it. I told Chris I had been in an accident and probably needed surgery. He said he’d meet me in the ER and sure enough, he was there waiting for me when I arrived.”

As Bloom was rushed through the emergency room doors, Ng tended to Bloom who suffered a serious knee injury. Leading the charge for Bloom’s surgical procedure and rehabilitation process, Ng’s expertise was instrumental to Bloom’s full and speedy recovery.

“The thoughts of my career began setting in,” Bloom said “I was sure my flying career would be on hold for months, if not forever.”

While Bloom patiently waited with an uncertain future, Ng was there from start to finish. Bloom credit’s Ng’s persistence for speeding up the recovery process. Because Bloom healed faster than expected, they were finally able to pull G’s, an increased gravitational pull, in a Fighting Falcon.

“Chris led the entire medical team from start to finish and made sure I knew exactly what I could expect from the procedure,” Bloom said. “After sharing my story with family and friends in the medical field, I am certain he and the rest of the 51st Medical Group helped me return to flying well ahead of the expected timeline.”

Taxiing the flightline, the two reminisced about their fondest high school, USAFA and Osan memories while passing the F-16 hangars. Finally, the two brace to launch thousands of feet in the air at over 400 miles per hour. While taking in the majestic view, Ng asks Bloom if he can pull a ‘G.’

Rolling the jet sideways and plugging the afterburner in, Bloom shared the rare experience with Ng of a high-G turn. After leveling out, Ng asks, “Can we do that again?!”

“The whole reason I entered the medical field was to be able to help people,” said Ng. “Being in a position to aid Louis when he sustained his injury gave me renewed purpose. Friendships like these are what forge camaraderie and encourage understanding among our troops, no matter the vast differences between our specialized fields.”

According to Bloom, it was a gratifying to honor the long awaited celebration and to solidify their friendship.

“It was very rewarding to take Chris for a familiarization flight in the jet,” said Bloom. “I felt like it was an unbeatable way to say thanks for encouraging me to pursue a journey in the Air Force and also for patching me up after my accident. Lifelong bonds like this are a huge part of what makes serving in the Air Force so special. You can’t make the mission happen without the people.”

After descending to land and departing the aircraft, Bloom was all smiles, glad to pay it forward to a loyal frie

“It puts a smile on my face any time the 36th Fighter Squadron can share the thrill of fighter aviation with a member of Team Osan,” said Bloom. “This instance is exceptionally rewarding to me because of the positive impact Chris has made on my life.”



Maj. Chris Ng, 51st Medical Operations Squadron general surgeon, left, and Capt. Louis Bloom, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot, center, pose in front of an F-16 during the United States Air Force Academy orientation, April, 2008. Both hailing from Randolph, Massachusetts, the Randolph High School graduates continued their friendship while attending the United States Air Force Academy. Rekindling at Osan Air Base, their familiarization flight plans were initially derailed due to Bloom’s motorcycle accident. Ng’s medical expertise was instrumental to Bloom’s full and speedy recovery during the surgical and rehabilitation process, ultimately resulting in finally flying together. (Courtesy photo) ◀



Capt. Louis Bloom, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot, left, and Maj. Chris Ng, 51st Medical Operations Squadron general surgeon, taxi out to the runway at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 28, 2020. Both hailing from Randolph, Massachusetts, the Randolph High School graduates continued their friendship while attending the United States Air Force Academy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan)





Daryn Moore, a member of Scouts BSA Troop 54, and his father, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Clayton Moore, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron communications systems operator and Troop 54 assistant scoutmaster, pose for a photo at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Aug. 11, 2020. Daryn built a pavilion with help from Clayton, other Scouts and members of the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron to protect the memory box and cross at the Yukla 27 crash site from rain and snow.

Boy Scout builds pavilion over Yukla 27 crash site

By Airman 1st Class Samuel Colvin
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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- Thanks to a local Boy Scout, a pavilion now shelters the memory box and cross at the Yukla 27 crash site on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

The area was once a large scar of burned land, left when a U.S. Air Force E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft, call sign "Yukla 27," struck a flock of Canada geese shortly after takeoff and crashed 3,500 yards northeast of Elmendorf Airfield on the tragic morning of Sept. 22, 1995, killing everyone on board. The crash site is now a secluded, solemn clearing in the regrown birch forest marked by a cross, memory box, and the newly constructed pavilion.

"The main reason for the pavilion is to protect the contents of the memory box from further damage from snow and rain, otherwise the parts of the plane inside it that are more fragile will deteriorate," said Daryn Moore, a member of Scouts BSA Troop 54 in Palmer.

When the memory box was initially placed, the lid was secured and watertight. The lid was later unfastened to allow members of the AWACS community,



Daryn Moore, a member of Scouts BSA 54, lifts wood beams at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Aug. 6, 2020. Moore built a pavilion with help from other Scouts and members of the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron to protect the memory box and cross at the Yukla 27 crash site from rain and snow.



Royal Canadian Air Force Sgt. Leandre Gingras (left), 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron flight engineer, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Jones (center), 962nd AACS airborne surveillance technician, and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Boris Russian, 962nd AACS deputy commander, adjust a wood beam at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Aug. 8, 2020. Daryn Moore, a member of Scouts BSA Troop 54, built a pavilion with help from other Scouts and members of the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron to protect the memory box and cross at the Yukla 27 crash site from rain and snow. ▼



The daughter of U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Pamela Boyarski, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron commander, paints a wood beam at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Aug. 8, 2020. Daryn Moore, a member of Scouts BSA Troop 54, built a pavilion with help from other Scouts and members of the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron to protect the memory box and cross at the Yukla 27 crash site from rain and snow. The pavilion is Moore's Eagle Scout Service Project, a project that benefits the community as a requirement to gain the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting. ▲



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including families and friends of the 24 lost crew members, to add personal mementos, remnants from the aircraft, challenge coins and other memorabilia on top of a sealed time capsule nestled inside the box.

"I got the idea for the project in September last year," Moore said. "It was something that was needed by the Yukla 27 group. I stepped up and said, 'Hey, I can do that.'"

After proposing the project to an official from his troop's district and coordinating with the head of the Yukla 27 Friends and Family group, Moore said he received approval to begin. He raised \$3,000 in funds to purchase materials, measured and cut wood beams with help from his father and troop members, then delivered the materials to the crash site.

Daryn built the pavilion at the site with his father, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Clayton Moore, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron communications systems operator, other Scouts and Canadian and U.S. Airmen with the 962nd AACS Aug. 8, 2020. The finished structure is 10 feet by 16 feet and stands 11 feet high, sheltering

the cross and memory box from the Alaska weather.

The pavilion is Daryn's Eagle Scout Service Project, a project that benefits the community as a requirement to gain the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting.

"I also have to do my Eagle Board of Review," Daryn said. "If my project isn't good enough or isn't done correctly, they'll turn me down and say, 'No, you're not getting your Eagle.' But I plan on doing everything correctly."

Daryn joined Scouts BSA in 2011 and has helped with community-service projects including building a wheelchair ramp at a veteran's home, assembling a workout area and playground for the public, and constructing a woodshed for a church camp, Clayton said, who is also the assistant scoutmaster of Daryn's troop.

"Helping Daryn through this project has helped me bring him closer to the AWACS community that I've been a part of for the past 15 years, and the Air Force as a whole," Clayton said. "AWACS is a small community but a big community at the same time. There are only

three U.S. bases for AWACS so we're a small community in that sense, but there are a lot of us and a lot of alumni."

Daryn noted that this year is especially important for the AWACS community, marking 25 years since the Canadian and U.S. Airmen on board Yukla 27 perished in the crash.

"We're really thankful Daryn did this," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Eric Huberty, 962nd AACS computer display maintenance technician and Yukla 27 memorial coordinator. "The pavilion is definitely going to have a lasting impact and preserve the time capsule, the cross and other memorabilia."

This year's Yukla 27 memorial service and the pavilion dedication ceremony are planned for Sept. 22, 2020. In past years, families of those lost in the crash were invited to attend. This year, the service and ceremony might not be open to the public to mitigate the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus. For more information on the Yukla 27 memorial service and pavilion dedication ceremony, please call 552-0198.



U.S. Navy Carrier Air Wing five F/A-18 Super Hornets, Marine Corps Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 F-35 Lightning IIs, all assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, and a U.S. Air Force 37th Bomb Squadron B-1B Lancer assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., conduct a large-scale joint and bilateral integration training exercise Aug. 18, 2020. Four B-1B Lancers, two B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers, and four F-15C Eagles conducted Bomber Task Force missions simultaneously within the Indo-Pacific region over the course of 24 hours. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Peter Reft)

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"High end, integrated training with our Air Force peers enhances our capability to respond to any contingency, and meet any challenge," said U.S. Navy Rear Adm. George Wikoff, Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group commander. "U.S. joint integration demonstrates our unwavering commitment to regional defense agreements with our allies and partners."

Upon completion of integration and training, the fighters returned to Kadena while the two B-1s returned to their home station in South Dakota and the other two returned to Dyess.

"U.S. strategic bomber forces project strength and deter regional threats to our free and open Indo-Pacific. Integrating Marine tactical aircraft allows us to demonstrate the advantages created by our own unique capabilities and support these important assets," said Lt. Gen. Steven Rudder, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. "Our joint aviation team is unmatched in its ability to command and control the missions required in this complex and dynamic global environment. We are committed to our allies and partners across the region."

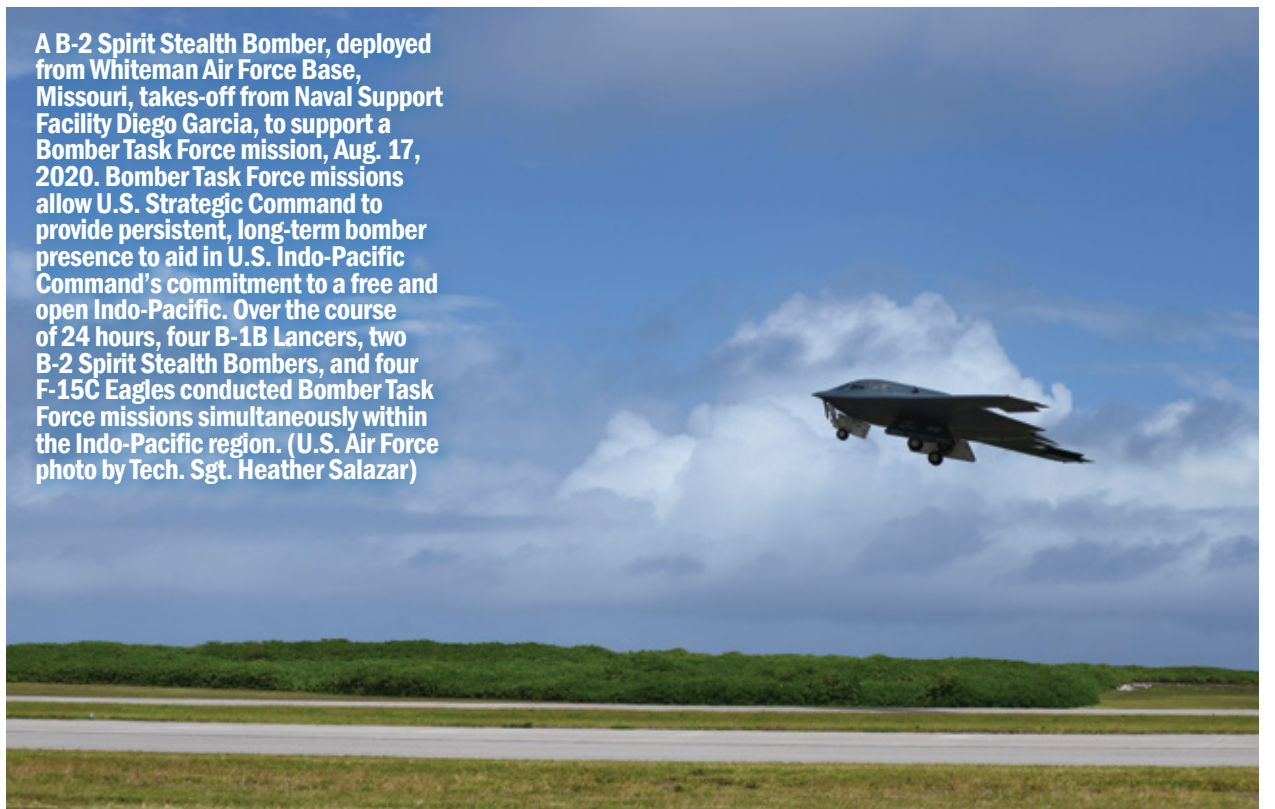
Finally, while integration and training were happening in the Sea of Japan, two B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri currently deployed to Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia delivered their own unique capabilities in the theater.

In the Indian Ocean, the Spirits conducted joint interoperability tactics training before returning to Diego Garcia.

These missions show the ability of U.S. Air Force Global Strike Command to deliver lethal, ready, long-range strike options to Geographic Combatant Commanders anytime, anywhere.

"I'm proud of how we as a military and our allies and partners worked together to demonstrate our resolve for a free and open Indo-Pacific," said Wilsbach.

A B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber, deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, takes-off from Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia, to support a Bomber Task Force mission, Aug. 17, 2020. Bomber Task Force missions allow U.S. Strategic Command to provide persistent, long-term bomber presence to aid in U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. Over the course of 24 hours, four B-1B Lancers, two B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers, and four F-15C Eagles conducted Bomber Task Force missions simultaneously within the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Salazar)



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Robert Witkowski and Staff Sgt. Mark Farrar, 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron crew chiefs, deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, prepare a B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber for take-off at Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia, to support a Bomber Task Force mission, Aug. 17, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Salazar) ▲

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Adults

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- No military experience necessary



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Date: Tuesday, 8 Sep

Time: 1900 - 2030

Location: Building 251 (old middle school behind the Osan Commissary)





More Information

Facebook: @osancivilairpatrol

Website: www.osan.cap.gov

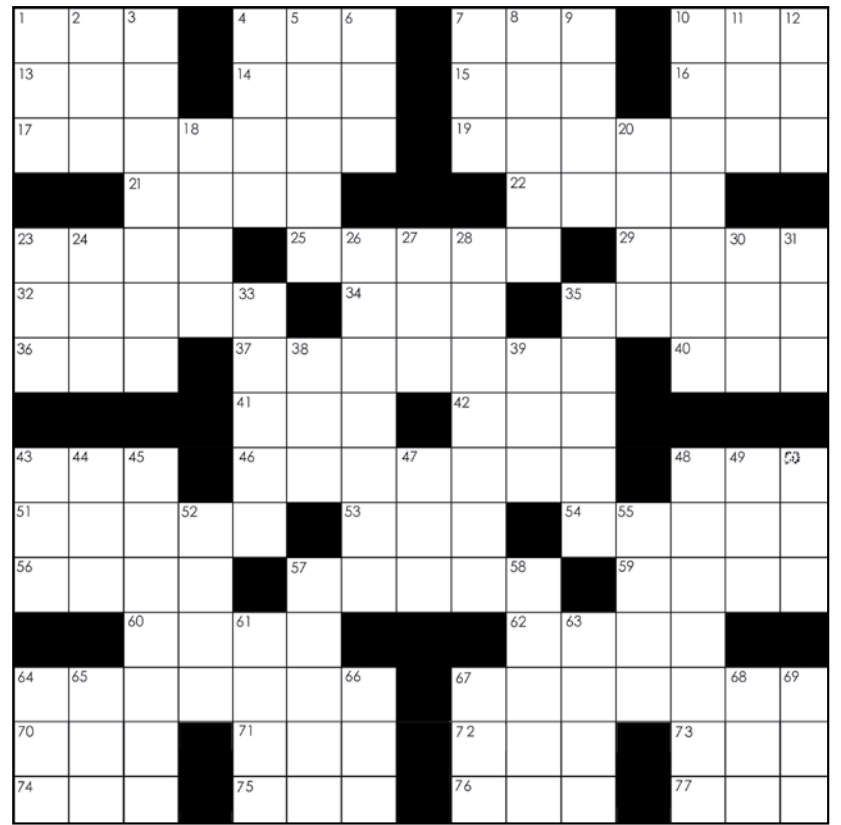
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

- 1 Color
- 4 Jamaican genre
- 7 K-pop group
- 10 Sew
- 13 Navy prefix
- 14 Haul
- 15 Explosive material
- 16 The night before
- 17 Korean martial art
- 19 Navy's highest rank
- 21 Seoul Metro Line 4 terminus
- 22 Norway city
- 23 Grey tea
- 25 Korea's biggest city
- 29 Location
- 32 Headline
- 34 You ___ do it!
- 35 Korean film "My ___ Girl"
- 36 Mp3s predecessor
- 37 Comedian's style
- 40 One of the Stooges

- 41 Korean rock band Say ___ Me
- 42 US airspace authority
- 43 Internet-era right
- 46 Racing driver Bill or Chase
- 48 Korean studies group
- 51 Southeastern Korean city
- 53 Hockey legend Bobby
- 54 VCR button
- 56 Cheorwon's ___ Triangle
- 57 Opposite of friend
- 59 Opposite of pretty
- 60 Yard, in the US
- 62 Bart's teacher
- 64 Endurance
- 67 Macarthur or Michael
- 70 "I ___ Rhythm"
- 71 Catholic sister
- 72 Utilize
- 73 Frozen water
- 74 Foot digit
- 75 Home project
- 76 "Ain't nuthin' ___ a g thang"
- 77 Consumed

DOWN

- 1 "Speak up!"
- 2 Mexico neighbor
- 3 Competitive video games
- 4 Slipped
- 5 Congratulations
- 6 Before
- 7 ___ ___ glance
- 8 Korean floor heating system
- 9 Bank machines
- 10 Fearlessness
- 11 Space walk
- 12 Blanc or Gibson
- 18 Goes with switch or chain
- 20 She Wolf of the SS
- 23 And so on
- 24 Care package
- 26 Command or rear
- 27 Grain
- 28 Soldier's outfit
- 30 Chinese general known for chicken
- 31 Goes with black or pink

- 33 Ruhr city
- 35 Fermented fish
- 38 ___ -de-sac
- 39 Feline
- 43 The feds
- 44 Opposite of theirs
- 45 Segregate
- 47 Anger
- 48 Ceremonial outfit
- 49 Knee joint
- 50 Filthy home
- 52 Korea University neighborhood
- 55 Psychiatrist Carl
- 57 Deep boredom
- 58 Southwestern Korean city
- 61 Breeze
- 63 Musical duo
- 64 NCO rank
- 65 Also
- 66 "___ port in a storm"
- 67 Alternative to movie subtitle
- 68 Play makebelieve
- 69 View

<p>Answers to Previous Crossword</p> <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 ALPS</p> <p>5 ANDI</p> <p>9 SPURS</p> <p>14 MORE</p> <p>15 MOOS</p> <p>16 ARLEN</p> <p>17 ITEM</p> <p>18 PROPAGANDA</p> <p>20 STEIN</p> <p>22 ARSE</p> <p>23 WASP</p> <p>24 HEM</p> <p>25 CID</p>	<p>27 OWN</p> <p>29 POOH</p> <p>31 SUNK</p> <p>33 OSI</p> <p>36 GUTS</p> <p>38 OPEN</p> <p>40 SOCKS</p> <p>42 INIT</p> <p>43 PORTA</p> <p>45 KCAL</p> <p>46 RIVER</p> <p>48 LION</p> <p>49 LUGE</p> <p>50 LTE</p> <p>51 UDON</p> <p>53 TRAP</p> <p>55 AGE</p> <p>56 BSE</p> <p>57 APP</p>	<p>60 CAPS</p> <p>63 LULL</p> <p>66 METRO</p> <p>68 CLASSIFIED</p> <p>71 DIOR</p> <p>72 TOWER</p> <p>73 OMEN</p> <p>74 GOUT</p> <p>75 VENTI</p> <p>76 SODA</p> <p>77 ENDS</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 AMISH</p> <p>2 LOTTE</p> <p>3 PREEMPTIVE</p> <p>4 SEMI</p> <p>5 AMP</p>	<p>6 NORAD</p> <p>7 DOOR</p> <p>8 ISPS</p> <p>9 SAG</p> <p>10 PRAWN</p> <p>11 ULNA</p> <p>12 REDS</p> <p>13 SNAP</p> <p>19 AEON</p> <p>21 NCO</p> <p>26 IHOP</p> <p>28 WKS</p> <p>30 OSTE</p> <p>31 SERIN</p> <p>32 UNTO</p> <p>33 OCCUPATION</p> <p>34 SKAG</p> <p>35 ISLE</p> <p>36 GIRL</p>	<p>37 UNIT</p> <p>39 POLO</p> <p>41 OKLA</p> <p>44 ANTS</p> <p>47 RUG</p> <p>52 DELI</p> <p>54 REM</p> <p>55 ASSET</p> <p>56 BLEED</p> <p>58 PROUD</p> <p>59 PORTS</p> <p>60 CCTV</p> <p>61 ALOE</p> <p>62 PAWN</p> <p>64 UFOS</p> <p>65 LIMO</p> <p>67 EDGE</p> <p>69 SRI</p> <p>70 DNA</p>
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Airmen support a Transport Isolation System operation at Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, July 17, 2020. Airmen rapidly deployed the bio-containment capability on a C-17 Globemaster III for the first time in the Indo-Pacific theater in support of a COVID-19 aeromedical evacuation mission. The TIS is an infectious disease containment unit designed to minimize contamination risk to aircrew and medical attendants while allowing in-flight medical care to patients. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Nelson) ▲

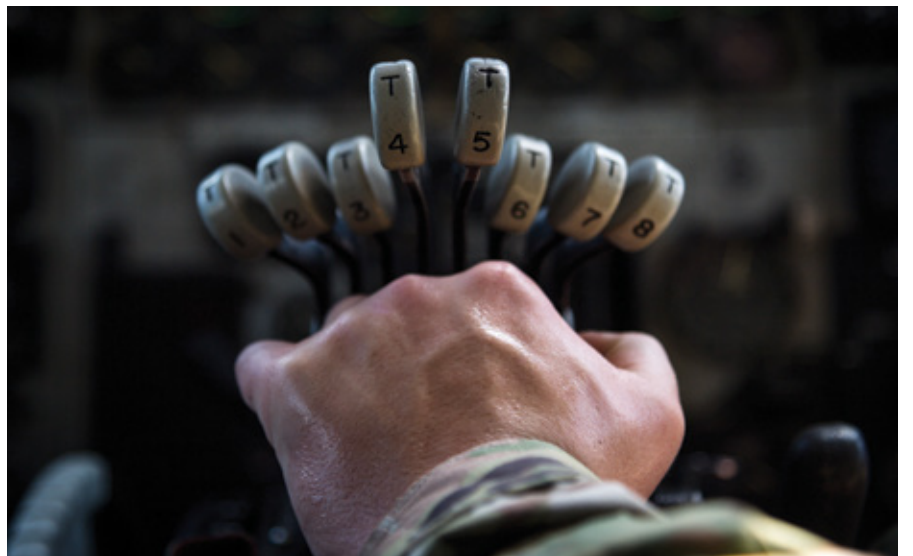
U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II and Israeli air force F-35I Lightning II aircraft approach a U.S. Air Force KC-10 Extender to refuel during exercise Enduring Lightning II over southern Israel Aug. 2, 2020. While forging a resolute partnership, the allies train to maintain a ready posture to deter against regional aggressors. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Patrick O'Reilly) ►



Senior Airman Kaid Hackler, 96th Aircraft Maintenance Unit aerospace propulsion journeyman, starts the engines on a B-52H Stratofortress during an engine run at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., July 23, 2020. Hackler recently received his engine run certification, which he said was a big personal achievement. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Lillian Miller) ▼



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass and her husband, Rahn Bass, walk arm in arm as they leave the CMSAF transfer of responsibility ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Aug. 14, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Andy Morataya) ▲



Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett administers the oath of office to incoming Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. during the CSAF change of responsibility ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Aug. 6, 2020. Brown is the 22nd Chief of Staff of the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Clark) ▼



F-15E Strike Eagles sit on the runway at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Aug. 4, 2020. The aircraft evacuated from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., in preparation for Hurricane Isaias. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Clayton Lenhardt) ▲



Airmen assigned to the Combat Team Member Course climb a ladder during training at Lake Theodore Roosevelt in Roosevelt, Ariz., Aug. 5, 2020. The training included hoisting and rappelling into a simulated contested area in a variety of settings including day and night, as well as on water and land. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jacob T. Stephens) ◀

A U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II approaches the refueling boom of a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, during air refueling over the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, July 29, 2020. The F-35A is a fifth-generation fighter, combining advanced stealth with fighter speed and agility that provides U.S. Air Forces Central Command lethal war-winning airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Larry E. Reid Jr.) ▼

Senior Airman Brian Schreiner, 119th Security Forces Squadron, fires an M240 machine gun at firing-range targets at Camp Ripley Training Center, Minn., Aug. 3, 2020. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Chief Master Sgt. David H. Lipp) ▼



Soldier escapes death in World War II, inspires generations



Army Staff Sgt. Henry Erwin (Air Force photo) ▲

By Katie Lange, Defense.gov

WASHINGTON -- Few people would be able to survive what Army Master Sgt. Henry Erwin lived through after a midair accident over Japan during World War II. The 23-year-old suffered horrific burns down to his bones after a smoke bomb burst in his airplane. The efforts he put forth to save the rest of his crew from death earned him the Medal of Honor in an unprecedentedly quick fashion.

Erwin was born on May 8, 1921, in Adamsville, Alabama, and was the eldest child in a large family. His father, a coal miner, died when he was 10, so Erwin took a part-time job to help the family financially. He eventually dropped out of high school to work for the Civilian Conservation Corps before getting a job at a steel mill.

About six months after the U.S. entered World War II, Erwin joined the Army Reserve. He initially tried pilot training, but switched to radio and mechanic technical training. He completed that in April 1944, got married the following December, then was sent to the Pacific in February 1945 to be a radio operator with the 52nd Bomb Squadron, 29th Bomb Group in the 20th Air Force.

Erwin and his crew — who called him "Red" due to his auburn hair color — flew B-29 Superfortress strikes against Japan. For those missions, he earned two Air Medals and a promotion to staff sergeant.

An Impossible Task

On April 12, 1945, Erwin's B-29, called the "City of Los Angeles," was the lead bomber in a group attack on a chemical plant in Koriyama, about 125 miles north of Tokyo. Aside from operating the radio, Erwin was also in charge of launching phosphorescent smoke bombs to help assemble the bombers before they proceeded to their target.

Erwin was positioned behind the forward gun turret toward the front of the plane. Once he got the order to light the bombs, he dropped them down a chute that launched them out of the aircraft before they exploded.

But something went wrong with one of them. It didn't leave the chute, instead bouncing back into the aircraft, striking a kneeling Erwin in the face. The intensely burning bomb obliterated his nose and completely blinded

him. To make matters worse, smoke quickly filled the front part of the plane, obscuring the pilot's vision.

Despite his wounds, Erwin knew the plane and crew would not survive if he didn't get the bomb outside. So, despite the fact that he was physically on fire and his skin was burning off, he picked up the incendiary at his feet and, feeling his way instinctively through the plane, crawled toward the cockpit.

His path was blocked by the navigator's table, which he had to unlock and raise to get around. To do that, he had to clench the burning bomb against his body. Erwin then struggled through the narrow passage and stumbled forward into the pilot's den. He groped around until he found a window and threw the bomb out.

Completely on fire, Erwin collapsed between the pilots. He had journeyed only 13 feet, but later he said it "seemed like miles when you are burning."

A Gruesome Scene, A Rush for Honor

The plane had been on autopilot during the crisis, but to keep it from stalling out, the pilot had to drop altitude. When the smoke finally cleared, he realized they were only 300 feet from hitting water. The pilot managed to pull the plane out of its dive, abort the mission and head for Iwo Jima, the closest place for medical aid.

During that time, the crew sprayed Erwin with a fire extinguisher to put the flames out, and they gave him morphine for the pain. Somehow, Erwin stayed conscious during the flight and even asked about the crew's safety.

Once at Iwo Jima, doctors labored for hours to remove the white phosphorus that had embedded in his eyes. Since it combusts when it's exposed to oxygen, each fleck that was removed burst into flames — small bits of torture for the already struggling airman.

No one thought Erwin would survive, but his entire crew knew he deserved the Medal of Honor for his actions. So, while he was getting treatment the night of their botched mission, the officers in his unit were preparing a Medal of Honor citation. The next morning, they presented it to Maj. Gen. Curtis



Flight crew of B-29 City of Los Angeles and Red at his Medal of Honor presentation. (Courtesy photo) (History Office) ▲

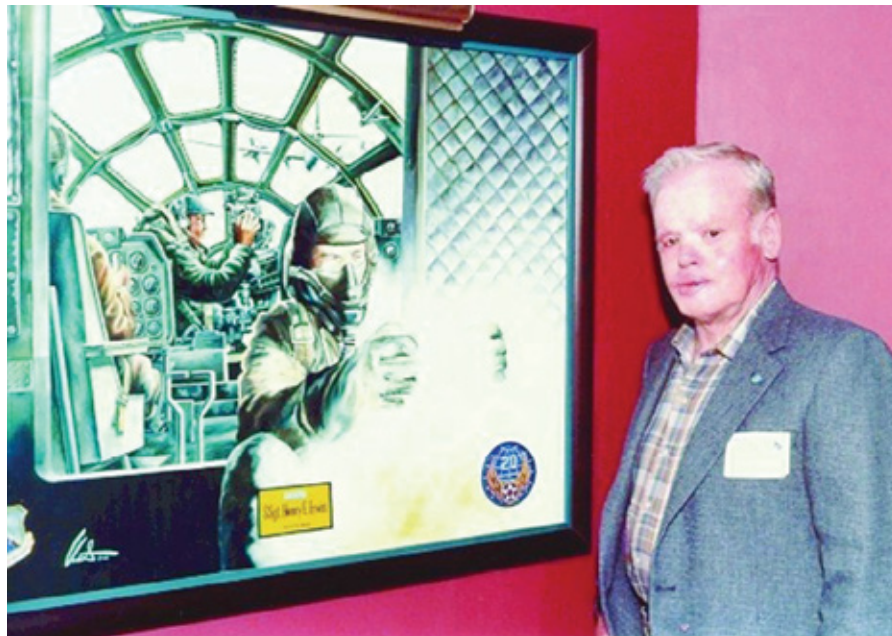


The crew of the B-29 bomber called "The City of Los Angeles." Army Staff Sgt. Henry Erwin is second from the right in the front row. Erwin received the Medal of Honor in 1945 after saving his crew by throwing a burning smoke bomb out of the window of the plane. (Alabama Department of Archives and History) ◀



Red Erwin stands with a painting depicting his act of heroism in the B-29 bomber, City of Los Angeles, on that fateful day. (Courtesy photo) ►

Medal of Honor recipient Army Master Sgt. Henry Erwin speaks into a microphone during a radio broadcast from Northington Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Erwin saved the crew of his B-29 bomber during a raid on Japan in World War II by throwing a burning phosphorescent smoke bomb out of a window of the plane. (Alabama Department of Archives and History) ◀



LeMay, commander of the 21st Bomber Command, so he could sign it. LeMay managed to get it approved in an unprecedented amount of time. They were all hoping to give it to Erwin before he died.

Three days after the incident, a still-living Erwin was flown to a Navy hospital on Guam. For days afterward, doctors performed blood transfusions, did surgery and gave him antibiotics to fight infection.

On April 19, 1945 — one week after the incident — officials pinned the Medal of Honor on a heavily bandaged Erwin as he lay in a hospital bed. The medal itself was from a display case at U.S. Army Headquarters in Honolulu. It was the only available one in the entire Pacific Theater.

A Long, Painful Recovery

LeMay was able to have Erwin's Marine brother, who was also stationed in the Pacific, flown to be by his bedside. The two hadn't seen each other in three years.

"He stayed with me for 24 hours," Erwin said in an Air Force Magazine interview. "I couldn't see him, but I knew he was there, and that was a great comfort."

Erwin said he dropped down to 87 pounds because he couldn't eat anything. When he was flown back to the United States about 30 days later, he said, he was still smoldering from the phosphorus, which doctors were still scraping out of his eyes.

Over the next 30 months, he went through 43 operations to restructure his

face. He had already lost an eye, an ear, his nose and several fingers. But his sight in one eye was eventually restored, and he regained the use of his left arm.

Erwin was promoted to master sergeant in October 1945 and was honorably discharged at Valley Forge General Hospital in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 8, 1947.

An Inspiration to the Next Generation

Once he returned to civilian life, Erwin spent 37 years working with burn patients and as a benefits counselor for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Birmingham, Alabama. He and his wife, Betty, had four children, including Henry Erwin Jr., who went on to be an Alabama state senator.

"He embodied all the ideals of the Medal of Honor. He wore them like a well-pressed suit," Senator Erwin said of his father in an interview. "He was honest, thrifty and patriotic ... and treated everyone with courtesy and respect."

According to a 2014 Joint Base San Antonio article, Erwin spent his life inspiring airmen by emphasizing how many of them would have done exactly what he did if they were in the same position.

In 1997, the Air Force created the Henry E. Erwin Outstanding Enlisted Aircrew Member of the Year award, which is presented to three deserving airmen every year. It's only the second Air Force award named in honor of an enlisted person.

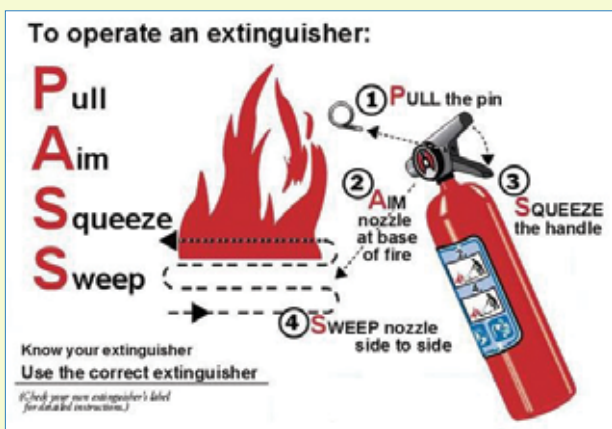
Erwin died Jan. 16, 2002, at the age of 80.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY

Section 1

Do you know how to use a fire extinguisher? Let's look at this picture.

Pull the pin.
Aim the nozzle to the base of fire.
Squeeze the handle.
Sweep the nozzle side to side.



Section 2

Fires can be very dangerous and you should always be certain that you will not endanger yourself or others when attempting to put out a fire.

When you try to extinguish a fire, you have to think about these things.

1. **KNOW** what is burning. If you don't know what's burning, you won't know what kind of extinguisher to use.
2. **HAVE** adequate or appropriate equipment.
3. If you are uncomfortable with the situation for any reason:

It is best not to try fighting the fire. Let the fire department do their job.

4. Is the fire spreading rapidly beyond the point where it started? The time to use an extinguisher is at the beginning stages of the fire.
5. If the fire is already spreading quickly, it is best simply to evacuate the building.
6. As you evacuate a building, close doors and windows behind you as you leave. This will help to slow the spread of smoke and fire.

Remember when you try fighting the fire. Always position yourself with an exit or means of escape at your back before you attempt to use an extinguisher to put out a fire. If the extinguisher malfunctions, or something unexpected happens, you need to be able to get out quickly. You don't want to become trapped.

Section 3

Right to know toxic information.

When you were fighting the fire, you might inhale toxic gas. When synthetic materials such as the nylon in carpeting or foam padding in a sofa burn, they can produce hydrogen cyanide, and ammonia in addition to carbon monoxide. These gases can be fatal in very small amounts.

If you have any question, feel free to call fire prevention office, contact number is 784-4835.

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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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FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -

Every Sunday, volunteers from a spe-

cific 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

AIRMEN HELPING AIRMEN, QUARANTINE DORM DONATIONS:

Moving off base and not sure what to do with your 110v electronics? Do you have extra household items just collecting dust and cluttering up your living space? The 51 FW Safety Office is collecting donations of household items to better equip the "Quarantine Campus" dorms. We are accepting donations of TVs, video games, dvd/blu ray players, fans, coffee makers, dishes, silverware, etc., and a few grocery items...anything that would help make a 14-day quarantine inside an empty dorm room more tolerable. Please drop off any donated items in the labelled donation bins, placed throughout Osan Air Base housing and dormitories. Donation bins will be located in most dormitory dayrooms and in the lobbies of military family housing towers.

TUTORING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

We have a tutoring opportunity for grade school to young adults, on base, for all subjects, especially the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). In order to be a volunteer, applicants would have to complete a coach/volunteer application and background check. Interested participants can get additional information at our "Osan AB Tutoring" Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/osantutors/> We meet every Wednesday & Thursday from 1630-1830 at the Base USO.

51 FSS/FSDE MILTA BRIEFINGS:

The Education Center offers the Military Tuition Assistance (MilTA) Briefing every Tuesday at 0800 and Thursday at 1500 in Bldg. 788, Rm 26. The briefings are held twice a week to aid in capturing shift workers. This briefing is required for first time users of Tuition Assistance and for members who received an AFVEC notification that follow up counseling is required. No sign up needed. If you have any questions concerning MilTA, please contact the Osan Education Center at 784-4220.

OSAN BASE HONOR GUARD "TO HONOR WITH DIGNITY":

Are you highly motivated, dedicated to excellence, and want to be among the sharpest? If the answer is yes, the Osan Honor Guard Team welcomes you! Join us for practice every Tues & Thurs at 1600!

{DEV}OSAN:

{dev}Osan is a group of innovative people passionate about programming, 3D printing, and problem solving through technology. Over the past couple of years, they've had a significant positive impact on the base, and they're always looking for new people to join. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact TSgt Will Duncan at william.duncan.4@us.af.mil or 784-0929.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION:

Creating a new Private Organization (Asian Pacific Islander Council). Open to all including spouses, civilians, and different branch. If you are inter-

ested in creating and being a part of the group, please email SSgt Sumang Dildanges: dildanges.sumang@us.af.mil

OSAN SPARK:

Osan Spark is an installation wide council committed to helping every Airman take their innovative ideas from conception to reality. Our mission and vision is rooted in the ability of each Airman to accomplish this very goal. Our intent is to provide you with an avenue to identify problem sets and a way to foster creative ideas to solve these problems. We meet every Wednesday @ 1530!

LACROSSE SUMMER LEAGUE IN KOREA:

The Korean Lacrosse Association's annual Summer League will be starting August 9th! My name is Clint, and I am currently on Men's National Lacrosse Team. My team (CLU Tigers) needs players, and we would love to have you on the field (all experiences welcome!). League will be held on 8/9, 16, 23, 29 at Suwon. Rides/gears will be provided! Please contact me if this interests you in any way!

AIR FORCE VIRTUAL EDUCATION CENTER:

The new Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) is currently working intermittently Air Force wide. Please be patient & keep trying to access it. When accessing AFVEC or trying to get MilTA approval in AFVEC from your supervisor, use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge. Please contact the Education Center at 784-4220 or 51fss.fsde@us.af.mil for further questions/concerns. Thank you!

ROLLER DERBY:

Want to learn how to skate? Or learn how to play roller derby? Message us for more info on our page at <https://m.facebook.com/OHDerbyKorea/?ref=bookmarks!>

AFCEA HOSTED GUEST SPEAKER: 3D AFSC TRANSFORMATION:

AFCEA is hosting guest speaker CMSgt Stephanie Chrisman for her discussion on the 3D to 1D AFSC transformation! Come by for a better understanding on the future of comm career fields in the Air Force. Also, network with the many communications career fields scattered across Osan Air Base over hors d'oeuvres & open bar sponsored by some of AFCEA's industry partners.

OSAN ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT:

What: Osan AB Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
When: August - September
Registration: \$20 per team (minimum 7 players), deadline for sign-up 13 Aug 2020
POCs: SSgt Katreal Boone (katreal.boone@us.af.mil); SSgt Brandon Rowland (brandon.rowland.1@us.af.mil)

AMMO 100% INVENTORY:

A 100% Inventory will be conducted starting on the 12th of September through the 18th of September. During this time AMMO support will be limited. Please ensure all Issue, Turn-in, and Expenditure requests are submitted NLT 2 weeks prior to ensure they are processed in a timely manner.

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

Emergency Services	911		
Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	Nurse Advice Line	1-800-723-8255
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

ACTIVE VS. PASSIVE WAITING



By Chaplain,
Lt. Col. Scott Nupson

I don't know about you but I hate waiting. Without a doubt, we do not like to wait especially considering our "I want it now" culture. In today's world, we have grown accustomed to immediate gratification. However, waiting is not necessarily bad for us and our actions or reactions to waiting says something about us. Let me give you several examples of waiting from my life: I could not wait for the day I married my bride, Ellen, and for the day our children would be born. I am currently on a remote

tour and I long for the day I can go home to be with my family. Ten years ago, I waited anxiously to hear from doctors to see if I would lose my eye due to cancer and if the cancer had metastasized to other parts of my body. Then, there are ordinary times of waiting that drive me absolutely crazy like waiting at a stop light when no other cars are coming. Today, we are all waiting for a vaccine or cure for COVID-19 so we can get our lives back to normal. And so, we wait.

I believe there are two types of waiting; passive and active. Waiting passively (i.e. reacting) is waiting with little effort other than to worry and fret. It is a fruitless exercise where one "throws in the towel" and gives in to despair and frustration. Oftentimes, it is fueled by negative comments or reactions from other people or by what we see on social media. It is allowing bitterness, anger, doubt, and resentment to take charge as life passes us by, while we wallow in fear, self-pity and defeat. An unmotivated, "I don't care," purposeless life results. It negatively affects areas like relationships with those we love as our cynicism turns into bitterness

and "I don't deserve this!" becomes the mantra of the soul.

In stark contrast, active waiting (action) is a constructive process. It is a conscious effort to change negative beliefs and feelings into positive and productive thinking and actions. It takes the focus off of one's "feelings" and turns bitterness, fear, self-pity, despair, and defeat into accomplishment and a thankful heart. Active waiting turns a "woe is me" attitude into an "I can do this" affirmation. Some principles that drive active waiting are: being accountable to others, engaging in strategic planning, creating goals, having focus in times of despair, being determined, maintaining realistic and reasonable expectations, facing our fears, trusting in others, having hope, growing in spiritual health and practicing one's faith. Ultimately, active waiting is taking action.

These principles are rooted in the "rules" of sowing and reaping. When one "sows" active waiting, they "reap" the benefits; when one "sows" passive waiting, they "reap" the consequences. We certainly cannot change the trials and difficulties we face or their outcomes, but we can discover the

benefits of active waiting. Some of these benefits include: improved relationships, developing solution-oriented thinking and actions, being content, increasing inner-strength and satisfaction, building character, having hope, and most importantly, achieving spiritual growth.

Anyone can become physically weary or emotionally and spiritually exhausted when we are in the midst of life's battles. When we then try to function based on our own strength and limited resources, we oftentimes fail (passive waiting). Clearly, we need something bigger than ourselves to help us in times of trouble. For me, it occurs when I focus on my faith. I gain hope and strength when I meditate on the words of Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous." I am also uplifted by the words found in Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint."

So, as you endure the various times of "waiting" in your life, make sure you are actively waiting. You will be glad you did.

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 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

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

Catholic Mass

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.

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

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

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Protestant Services

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

Catholic Mass

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

General Service

Episcopal Service
Sunday, 11 a.m.
Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
Jewish
Friday, 7 p.m.
South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702



Point of Contact:
USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011
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Air Force Cartoonists – Glenn Troelstrup

By Dr. Cord Scott, UMGC-Korea

In the business of war, having a sense of humor is critical. At any time, a situation may turn dangerous or even deadly, and so people develop a sense of humor to laugh at the things that might have killed them. This serves as a coping mechanism as well. As a way to “share the experience”, military personnel have often relied on illustrations to various military publications to tell those anecdotes.

While there are famous cartoonists who have served in the armed forces and have drawn for publication like Stars and Stripes, most did not attain fame. Perhaps the most famous cartoonist of military themes is Bill Mauldin, whose cartoons on the life of infantrymen in Europe was common. Mauldin did not have many cartoons with the Air Corps as a focal point, however.

By the time of the Korean War, however, publication of Stars and Stripes was consistent in Asia, and cartoonists of all branches submitted their wares to help brighten the day. One cartoonist who focused on Air Force themes was Glenn Troelstrup, who illustrated cartoons while stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

As Korea was a focus, Troelstrup drew two distinct series that told the stories of the fighting. The first was “EUSAK ‘n’ Jon”, which focused on the role of the infantrymen in Korea. These cartoons often told of the horrible conditions in which the soldiers lived. One noted the cold and mud of Korea and the occasional lack of situational awareness (“come on in and I will look for him” – in a tent WAY too small for one person let alone to hide another). A second noted the humor of needing to go to the bathroom while a battle rages (“But Sarge I GOTTA!”).

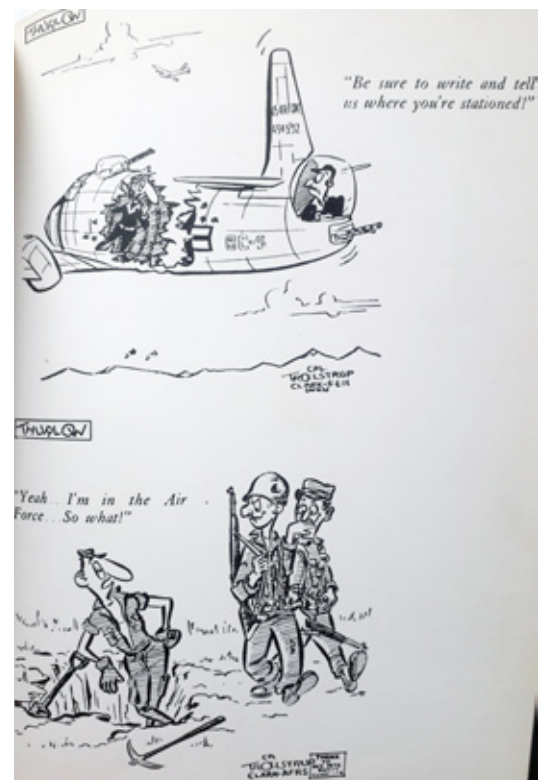
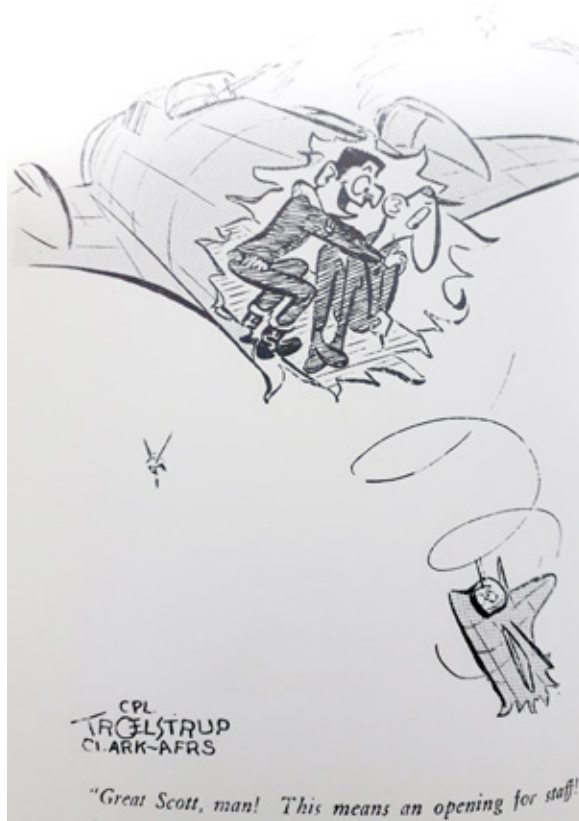
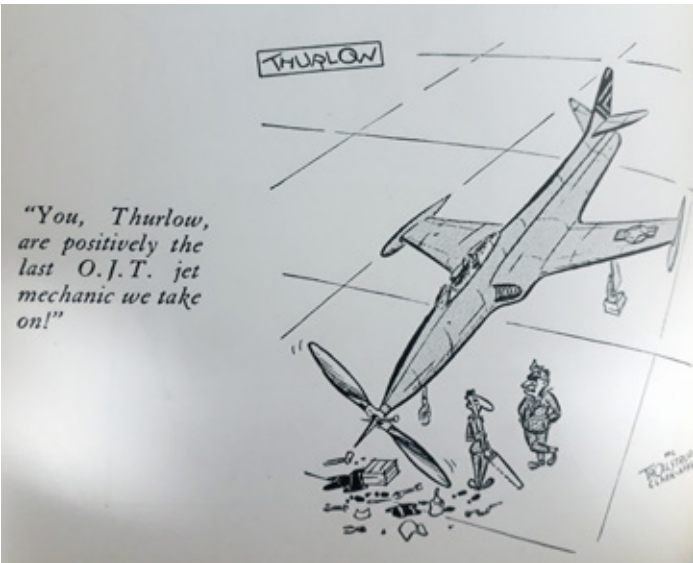
Troelstrup’s other character series “Thurlow” was more extensive in publication and tone. These cartoons centered on a hapless airman named Thurlow who was either slacking off from work, thrust into dangerous situations, or generally behaving in a disrespectful manner towards officers. Thurlow was a character based on a tried and true concept: the draftee who was rather hapless. He is the person NOT to emulate if one wants to get ahead.

Some of the more famous cartoons from this series centered on his observations of the situation. In one panel, Thurlow served as a rear gunner on a bomber (presumably a B-24) and either commented blithely on the dive to evade an enemy fighter “I got him skipper. You can pull

out now.” Advancement through danger included strips that noted “Great Scott man! This means an opening for staff!” or “be sure to write and tell us where you’re stationed.”

Thurlow was also able to scam the system, be it through goldbricking (“Yeah I’m in the Air Force... So what!”) making light of the bad situation (“promoted from PFC to Airman 3rd), or trying to put a propeller on a jet. One observation on the state of the war was evident in how it was referred (“Frankly mac this ‘police action’ business is going too damn far”). Finally, there is the cartoon that exemplified what any enlisted man felt: officers were out to get him. There is the one cartoon where a colonel wants to promote Thurlow so he could be demoted later on.

Troelstrup went on to have a long career in journalism, serving in a variety of roles as a correspondent for several news outlets including US News and World Report, Asahi News, and NBC news. His service in the Air Force was significant enough that it is etched on his tombstone (“Proud Soldier. Report Truth”). While his cartoons may not be as directly relatable to those in today’s Air Force, the cartoons serve as a vignette of the fighting in Korea, as well as a time capsule of what service members found humorous in times of strife.



US delivers humanitarian aid to Beirut

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Battles, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar (AFNS) -- In a joint endeavor to assist the Lebanese Armed Forces and the people of Lebanon after a deadly explosion in Beirut, U.S. Airmen and Soldiers stationed in Qatar worked to load the first U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III with humanitarian aid, Aug. 6.

Personnel from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Air Mobility Command's 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron and 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron on Al Udeid Air Base, and the Area Support Group-Qatar from Camp As Sayliyah worked to palletize food, water and medical supplies delivered to Beirut later that day.

"Support of this magnitude at such speed wouldn't be possible without the joint effort of all members of Al Udeid Air Base, our U.S. Army counterparts at Camp As Sayliyah and our gracious Qatari partners," said Brig. Gen. Daniel Tulley, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "In the wake of tragedy, it truly takes a combined effort to make the mission happen. We do this every day in Qatar, and that's exactly what we are doing in support of the Lebanese Armed Forces."

Soldiers from the ASG-Qatar at Camp As Sayliyah packed and loaded 11 pallets of humanitarian aid, which contained more than 28,800 military field rations, known as MRE or meals ready to eat, 11,520 bottles of water and two pallets of medical supplies and transported them to Al Udeid Air Base with support of a local Qatari transport company.

"In short notice, ASG-Qatar assembled Soldiers and limited contract support to quickly palletize 11 pallets to be flight-worthy; consisting of water, MREs and medical supplies," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Elizabeth Pura, ASG-Qatar director of logistics. "(I'm) truly grateful to the Soldiers and civilians who stepped up to support the mission. I appreciate our Air Force personnel support from AUAB, it's nice to see a combined effort from all."

Upon their arrival to Al Udeid, the pallets were received by Airmen from the 8th EAMS, and processed for loading onto a C-17 bound for Beirut.

"At a moment's notice, our mobility Airmen and the global air mobility support system stand ready to take action in tough situations like the explosion in Beirut," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Nicholas Lee, 8th EAMS commander. "The 8th EAMS is proud to be able to answer the call to support the Lebanese Armed Forces and help those in need of supplies with rapid global mobility."



U.S. Air Force Airmen load humanitarian aid supplies onto a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Aug. 6, 2020, bound for Beirut. U.S. Central Command is coordinating with the Lebanese Armed Forces and U.S. Embassy-Beirut to transport critical supplies as quickly as possible to support the needs of the Lebanese people after the deadly port explosion Aug. 4. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Justin Parsons) ▲



U.S. Air Force Airmen load humanitarian aid supplies onto a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Aug. 6, 2020, bound for Beirut. U.S. Central Command is coordinating with the Lebanese Armed Forces and U.S. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Fejerang) ▲

U.S. Air Force Airmen prepare to load humanitarian aid supplies onto a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Aug. 6, 2020, bound for Beirut. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Fejerang) ◀

Scott AFB personnel responds to flash floods

By Senior Airman Miranda Simpson
375th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. (AFNS) -- Members of Scott Air Force Base rallied together to respond to the Aug. 12 flash floods that closed on- and off-base roads, the C-21 hangar and on- and off-base housing areas.

The storm, which settled over the base for about two hours, produced approximately 5.5 inches of rain, causing power outages for several work centers, and snarling traffic for hours, which also caused many to just shelter in place until the water receded.

Some of the 13,000 workforce at Scott AFB remember the 2013 flash flooding that also wreaked havoc around the base—enough to close the runway for a short time so employees could evacuate the base through the flightline. This led to a partnership between the base and local communities to address stormwater management that affected everyone, which paved the way for grants to improve drainage and clear debris along Silver Creek, on the base and along the watershed areas.

“My first thought was thank goodness we made all those improvements to our drainage system over the last few years, or this would have been a lot worse,” said John Ahern, 375th Mission Support Group deputy and Emergency Operations Center lead for the response effort. “But, even with all those improvements, it’s tough to fight a stalled weather pattern that continues to just dump on you. When there’s nowhere for the water to go ... we just have to do the best we can to mitigate the damage and deal with it afterward.”

The first notifications about the severity of the issue came about 11 a.m. when officials advised people on base to avoid the express, gas station, golf course road and base housing, effectively restricting travel due to safety concerns. Base leadership activated the emergency operations center and unit control centers to lead and coordinate the response to the flood waters.

As water began to fill streets and overflow drainage ditches and retention ponds, Maj. Allen Lewis, 375th Civil Engineer Squadron operations flight commander, and his team, along with the 375th Security Forces Squadron, advised the installation commander to stop movement on the base. The gates were then closed to inbound traffic to prevent drivers from being trapped once inside. However, the rising waters were creating additional problems for Lewis and his team.

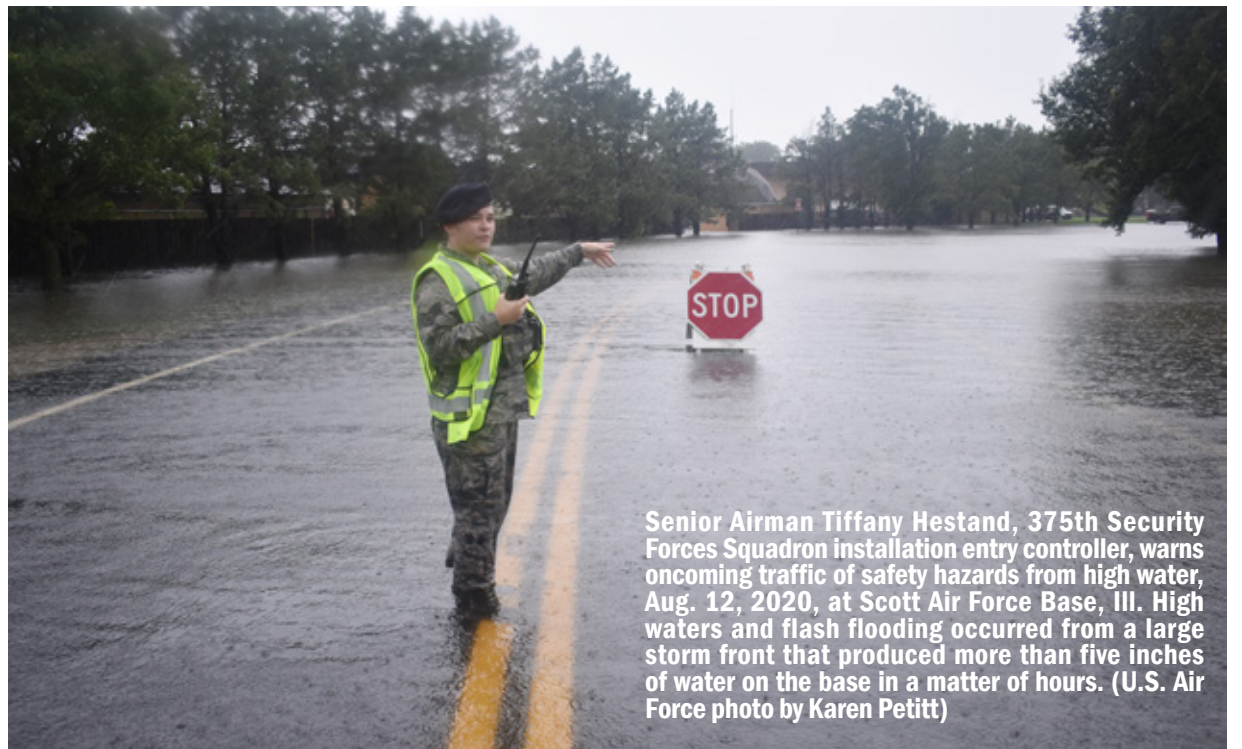
“There were too many impassable roads,” Lewis said. “The mitigation efforts that we had, cones and barricades, were already washed away. (With that,) we weren’t even able to effectively identify roads that were closed.”

As the situation worsened, the 375th CES deployed more than 50 people to work mitigation efforts as the base continued to flood. Airmen from the 375th SFS were sent out to direct traffic and keep people off impassable roads.

“It was the worst flooding I had seen in my time here,” said Airman 1st Class Agustine Diaz, 375th SFS guardsmen. “We saw cars sinking. When we were doing our inspections to see what other areas were bad, we saw cars stuck by the



A towing truck prepares to move a C-21 from the hangar, Aug. 12, 2020, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. A large storm cell centered over the base causing flash flooding in portions of the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Miranda Simpson) ▲



Senior Airman Tiffany Hestand, 375th Security Forces Squadron installation entry controller, warns oncoming traffic of safety hazards from high water, Aug. 12, 2020, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. High waters and flash flooding occurred from a large storm front that produced more than five inches of water on the base in a matter of hours. (U.S. Air Force photo by Karen Pettitt)

126th Air Refueling Wing, so we had to reroute traffic there as well.”

According to Lewis, some of the worst areas accumulated almost 4 feet of water. Airmen attempting to move from the 126th Air Refueling Wing side of the base found themselves cut off near the 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron’s buildings and ended up stuck in traffic.

As more cars began to sink and stall, Airmen with larger vehicles came together to help their fellow Airmen to safety.

“For the cars that I could get to, I would pull up and either have them jump in or guide them out,” said Senior Airman Christian Mahoney, 375th Cyber Operations Center cyber operations controller. “All three of the people I was helping froze up, so just keeping them calm and getting them out safely was my top priority.”

By 3 p.m., water levels began to lower and the sun came out. By 5 p.m., all the roads on base were deemed passable.

The following day, base personnel continued to assess damage while jumping in to clean up. More than 40 facilities were impacted by the flood, prompting some personnel to move to different office spaces to continue the mission. Hangar 3, home to the 458th Airlift Squadron’s C-21 fleet, flooded, with water coming up to the bottoms of the aircraft. The flightline is not damaged and operations continue.

Col. Scot Heathman, 375th Air Mobility Wing commander, said he was proud of the way the base responded and the teamwork the Airmen demonstrated.

“Team Scott (AFB) really came together to respond to this storm, and I’m proud of how our Airmen jumped into action,” Heathman said. “We’ve taken some punches, but I’m happy to say that only one minor injury was reported, and operations didn’t miss a beat. I would like to thank our Airmen, mission partners, and contractors for coming together and facing this event head on.”

Eat Your Way Through the Summer Heat



Summer in Korea is in full force, bringing with it muggy weather and bouts of heavy rain. As temperatures rise, people try to escape the heat by spending time in air-conditioned buildings or heading to the beach or waterparks. Another way to keep your cool is through the foods you eat! Many Koreans fight fire with fire by eating hot foods full of nutrients but if that's a bit too extreme, there are also many cool dishes to feast on. If you want to spend this summer eating like a Korean, keep reading!

Energy-boosting hot foods



◀ Samgyetang

The hottest days in Korea are from early July to mid-August. This period is called sambok deowi, or “the heat of sambok.” Sambok refers to the hottest days in Korea according to the lunar calendar and is further broken down into: chobok, the beginning period; jungbok, the middle; and malbok, the tail end of the summertime heat. One of the best foods to eat during this time is samgyetang (ginseng chicken soup), packed with nutritious ingredients and known for its restorative properties. The dish is prepared by taking a young chicken and stuffing it with rice, jujube, garlic, ginger, ginseng, and other herbs. The ingredients are then boiled together and served up in a delicious broth.

▶ Haemultang (haemul ttukbaegi)

Another filling dish to enjoy in summer is haemultang (spicy seafood stew) or haemul ttukbaegi (seafood stew in a hot pot). This traditional Korean stew is filled with an abundance of seafood, including squid, crab, shrimp, clam, and abalone, in a spicy broth. The dish has a low fat content, making it perfect for filling up on energy! Order it with a side of grilled abalone or muneo sukhoe (blanched octopus) for a complete meal.



◀ Galbitang

Galbitang, short rib soup, is a great dish to order when you're feeling drained. The rich broth and hearty meat will have you feeling rejuvenated in no time. The beef and vegetables are boiled for four to five hours for a deep tasting broth. While most soups and stews in Korea are spicy, galbitang's beef broth is seasoned with sesame oil and soy sauce for a taste loved by all. You can eat the meat right off the bone, or cut it off with scissors and then dip it in the provided soy sauce.

Eat Your Way Through the Summer Heat



Cool noodle dishes



◀ Naengmyeon

Naengmyeon, a buckwheat noodle dish, first appeared as a seasonal dish that was eaten only during the winter months in North Korea. The most famous types of the dish are Pyeongyang naengmyeon and Hamheung naengmyeon. The biggest difference between the two is the way in which they are served; Pyeongyang naengmyeon is served in a chilled broth, while Hamheung naengmyeon comes topped with spicy red chili sauce. Naengmyeon dishes are usually garnished with sliced beef, a boiled egg, cucumbers, and pears.

▶ Naeng kongguksu

A recommended dish for those who may have lost their appetite due to the heat is naeng kongguksu, noodles in cold soybean soup. Full of protein, this savory dish is particularly invigorating on hot, humid days. It is made by soaking cooked soybeans in cold water and then grinding them up with a millstone. It comes served cold, and is often topped with slices of cucumber, boiled egg, and tomato. For taste, you can add some sugar or salt.



◀ Chogyeguksu

Chogyeguksu is a chilled noodle dish made from cooled chicken broth mixed with vinegar and mustard before adding noodles and thinly shredded chicken topping. The name comes from the Korean words for vinegar and the Pyeongan regional dialect for mustard ("cho" and "gye" respectively). This dish was once a special winter treat enjoyed in the Hamgyeong-do and Pyeongan-do of North Korea. Nowadays, the dish is a popular summertime treat enjoyed by people all across the nation. Made of lean chicken, medicinal herbs, noodles, and fresh vegetables, chogyeguksu boasts a simple, yet strong flavor and a distinctive smell.



Dessert time



In Korea, one of the most popular summer desserts is none other than bingsu. Bingsu is a dessert made of shaved ice usually topped with red beans, fruits, rice cake pieces, sweetened milk, ice cream, and fruit syrup. While the original pat bingsu (shaved ice with sweetened red beans) is still enjoyed, a wide array of bingsu like fruit bingsu, green tea bingsu, coffee bingsu, and injeolmi bingsu rose to popularity in recent years. In summer, Korea becomes heaven for bingsu lovers as most cafés, bakeries and fast food restaurants sell bingsu. Even major convenience stores have started selling their own take on bingsu!