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Lieutenant Gen. Scott Pleus, 7th Air Force commander, swears in three officers assigned to the 18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2, during a U.S. Space Force enlistment and commissioning ceremony on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 14, 2020. These officers will be the first official members of the USSF officer ranks on the Korean peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jenson)

## Semper Supra: Osan Transitions 4 Space Force Operators

**By Senior Airman Denise Jenson  
1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- On Sept. 14, four Airmen from Team Osan's 18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2, became the U.S. Space Force's newest space operators during a transition ceremony on base.

As the first to join in the ranks of the new service on the Korean Peninsula, these operators will set the foundation for the newest branch of the military. By making their own unique and special

mark in the developing history, these former Airmen took the oath to become Space Operators.

"As every member of our combined and joint team can attest, increasing our presence and superiority within space will enhance our capability to assist our allies, challenge the position of our adversaries, and provide stability to the region," said Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, 7th Air Force commander. "This effort would not be possible without these Airmen here today, ready to swear into the Space Force."

The Osan Airmen, all serving in organic

space specialties, were called to volunteer for transition to the U.S. Space Force with 2,410 other personnel across all branches of the military, shifting their mindset into operating and winning in the space domain.

"The ability for us to stand up an entirely different service based on just the protection and defense of the space domain is huge for the warfighter, the civilian community around the world, as well as space professionals," said Capt. Jacob Myers, 18th IS chief of space plans.

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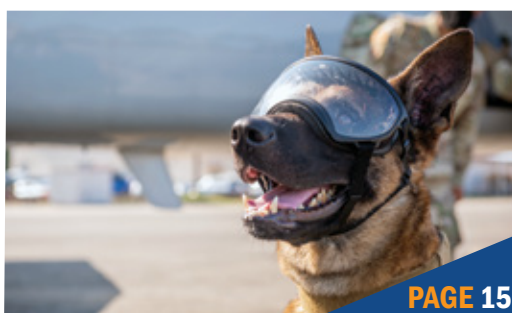


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# 19 Airpower leaders virtually discuss COVID-19, severe weather mitigation



**Gen. Ken Wilsbach, Pacific Air Forces commander, greets various Pacific air chiefs during a virtual teleconference at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Sept. 9, 2020. The two topics of the virtual discussion included COVID-19 lessons learned and mitigating the impacts of severe weather. A total of 19 air forces throughout the Indo-Pacific participated, including France and Canada. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff. Sgt. Mikaley Kline)**

## By Master Sgt. Theanne Herrmann, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- The Pacific Air Forces commander hosted a video teleconference with leaders from 19 air forces throughout the Indo-Pacific to discuss COVID-19 lessons learned and mitigating the impacts of severe weather, Sept. 9, 2020.

"I am humbled to join this esteemed group of airpower leaders and continue the collaborative efforts already underway to serve our collective interests to safeguard a free and open Indo-Pacific," said Gen. Ken Wilsbach in his opening remarks.

The teleconference was Wilsbach's first combined meeting with his air chief counterparts, continuing the commitment to increased collaboration and open communication set by his predecessor Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff.

"In my discussions with Gen. Brown, he highlighted the air chief's ongoing dialogue as one of the key accomplishments from the 2019 Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium," said Wilsbach. "I strongly believe

consistent dialogue will advance our collective interests and help us anticipate future challenges."

During the discussion, representatives from the Republic of Singapore, Thailand, and Australia shared lessons learned from their experiences with the challenges of operating in a COVID-19 environment.

"Just last year, 68 million passengers came through our airport and our high population density and our open economy make us very vulnerable to COVID-19 transmission," said Maj. Gen. Kelvin Khong, Republic of Singapore Chief of Air Force. "One of the reasons we have managed to keep the fatality rate low is because we have managed to keep our health care systems from being overwhelmed. This allows us to closely monitor the COVID-19 cases and step up the level of care for patients."

Following his COVID-19 presentation, Khong answered questions posed by his fellow air chiefs.

"Pacific Air Forces has learned the value of these virtual forums of being able to plan and execute engagements despite the inability to meet in-person," said Wilsbach. "We would

like to continue virtual events even after COVID-19 as they produce the opportunity for meaningful dialogue."

After discussing COVID-19 lessons learned, many of the air chiefs expressed how they mitigate the impacts of severe weather to air operations.

"Severe weather affects our collective operations, aircraft safety and storage plans, and overall readiness," said Wilsbach. "Sharing lessons learned will allow us to be more resilient and able to support humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts post-severe weather events."

Representing allied and partner air forces from across the Pacific theater, the air chiefs focused on enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting collaboration, increasing communication, and developing cooperative responses to contingencies and disasters like those caused by severe weather or COVID-19.

"Today our conversation spans the globe from Mongolia to France, which is a testament to the importance placed on this group and the challenges that we seek to address together," said Wilsbach. "I am looking forward to our next teleconference in December."



An honor guardsman rolls the American Flag after a 9/11 memorial service on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. The ceremony was in honor of the lives lost during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, marking the 19th anniversary. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High)

## *The Wolf Pack remembers 9/11*

By Staff Sgt. Kristin High  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Airmen from the 8th Fighter Wing gathered for a ceremony here, Sept. 11, 2020, to remember a series of events that forever changed the nation's history.

Nineteen years ago, the U.S. shook, when multiple terrorist attacks occurred on U.S. soil, Sept. 11, 2001. Nineteen al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four passenger airliners. Flights 11 and 175 crashed into the North and South towers of the World Trade Center. Within two hours, both buildings collapsed. The third plane, Flight 77, crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane, Flight 93, flew toward Washington, D.C., but crashed into a Pennsylvania field, after passengers fought to regain control of the plane.

"For those who were old enough, they remember where they were and the incredible details about that day," said Col. Chris "Wolf" Hammond, during his opening remarks. "For those like me, who were already in the service, that day changed who our enemy was and characterized our Service from that point on. We have been at war ever since.



More than 100 Wolf Pack first responders marched together after a 9/11 ceremony on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. They gathered to commemorate the 110-story climb fire fighters made in the World Trade Center where 343 firefighters lost their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High) ▲

“For those who joined after, it was a call to arms,” he said. “With 19 years passed, Airmen and Soldiers are entering our services who were born after the events of 9/11. But I guarantee you it factored into their decision to join.”

Colonel Jennifer “Falcon” Phelps, 8th Mission Support Group commander and keynote speaker at the ceremony, left participants with two points.

“Remember and be ready,” Phelps said. “Every single person here has a responsibility to be ready. The first responders who showed up at roll call, guard mount or shift change early on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, had absolutely no idea what that day would bring. They had no idea. But they had to be ready, and they were.

“Remember why you serve,” she said. “Remember the first responders who are still suffering today from the after effects of being in the rubble of the World Trade Center. Remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.”

The attacks took the lives of 2,977 people, from 93 nations, and injured more than 6,000 people. It is the single deadliest incident for first responders in the U.S., with more than 400 lives lost from New York City alone.

Hammond spoke about the victims and the selfless sacrifice of first responders, along with the support of allied countries. He also mentioned the years that followed the attacks.

“We are grateful to those who gave their lives in pursuit of a world free from violent ideology and terrorism,” he said. “It is because of their efforts that a similar tragedy has not occurred on US soil since.

Following the ceremony, Wolf Pack first responders gathered to march and perform a stair climb, to honor the lives lost on 9/11. Upon completion, the service members rang a fireman’s bell, which was originally used to commemorate a fallen firefighter.

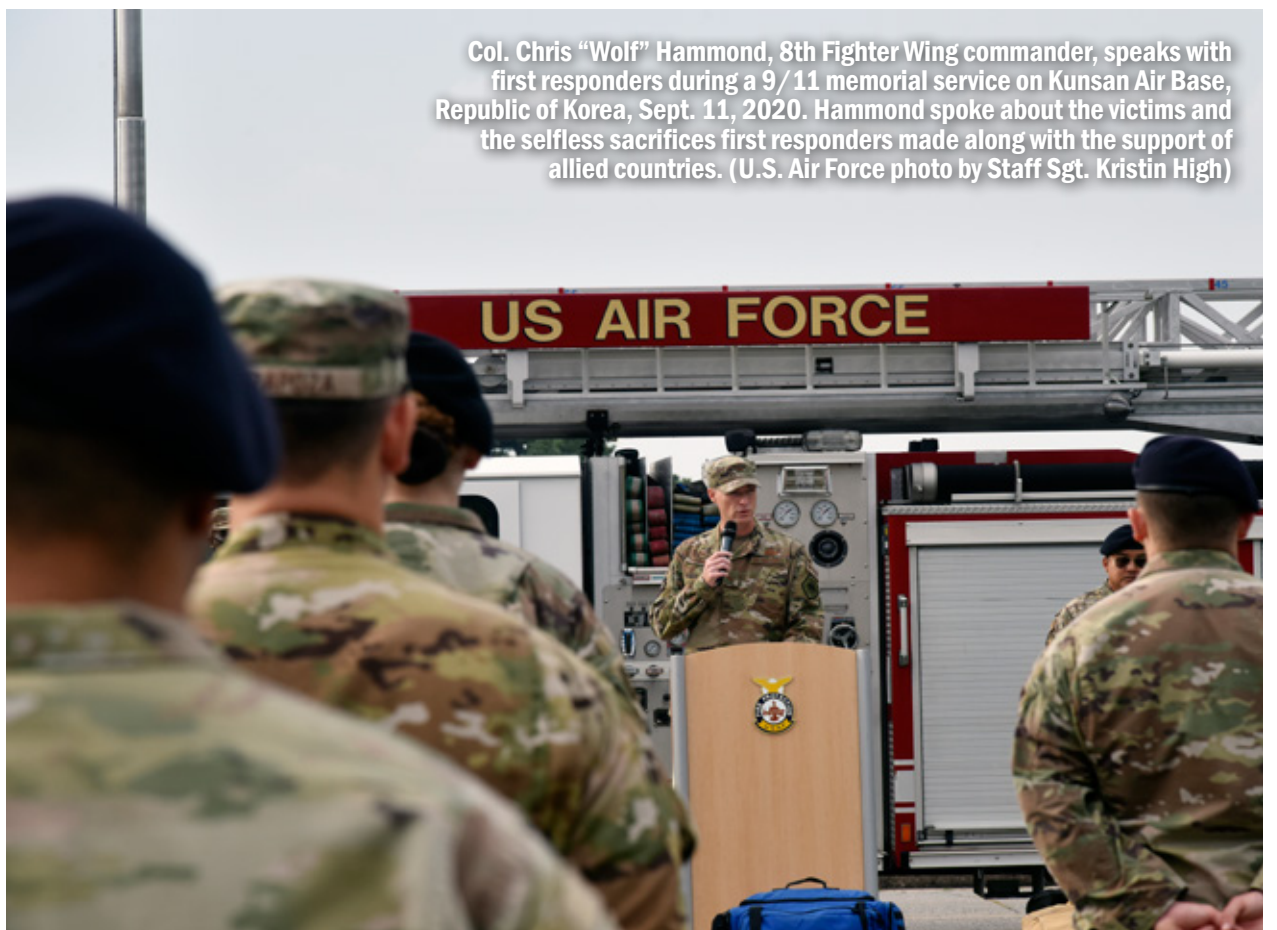
“There’s a lot going on in the world today,” Phelps said. “Your tasks are clear. Know your job, trust the people to your left and right, and move toward chaos, move toward that emergency, when other people have to run away.”



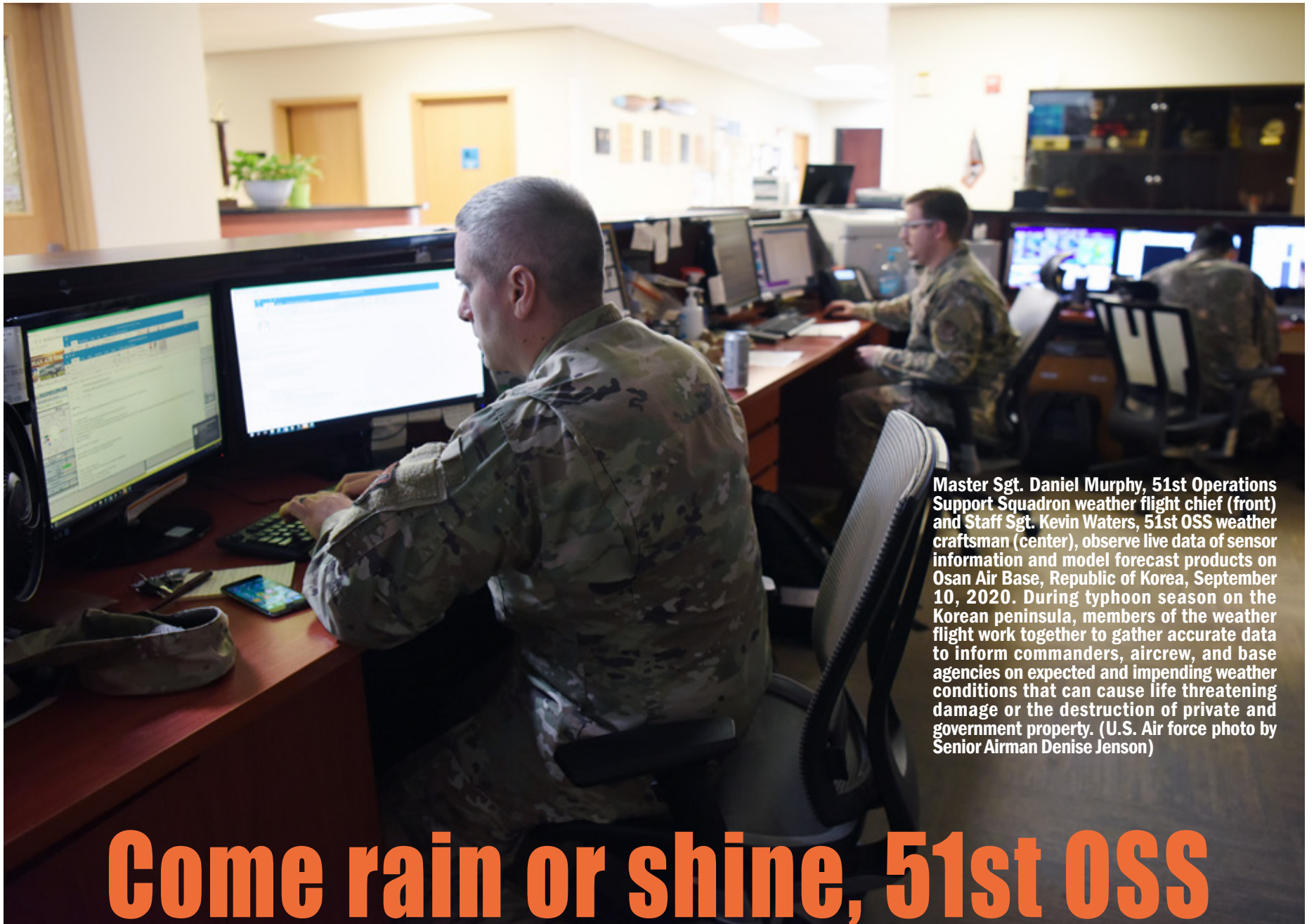
First responder Honor Guard members prepare to post colors during a 9/11 memorial service on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. Following the memorial service, more than 100 Wolf Pack first responders gathered to march and then perform a tradition of climbing flights of stairs in support of those who lost their lives that day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High)



First responders walk between stairwells after a 9/11 ceremony on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. They gathered to commemorate the 110-story climb fire fighters made in the World Trade Center where 343 firefighters lost their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High) ▲



Col. Chris “Wolf” Hammond, 8th Fighter Wing commander, speaks with first responders during a 9/11 memorial service on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. Hammond spoke about the victims and the selfless sacrifices first responders made along with the support of allied countries. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High)



Master Sgt. Daniel Murphy, 51st Operations Support Squadron weather flight chief (front) and Staff Sgt. Kevin Waters, 51st OSS weather craftsman (center), observe live data of sensor information and model forecast products on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, September 10, 2020. During typhoon season on the Korean peninsula, members of the weather flight work together to gather accurate data to inform commanders, aircrew, and base agencies on expected and impending weather conditions that can cause life threatening damage or the destruction of private and government property. (U.S. Air force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jensen)

## Come rain or shine, 51st OSS weather flight stays ready

**By Senior Airman Denise Jensen, 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- To combat Mother Nature's downpour from Typhoon's Bavi and Maysak, the 51st Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight used their specialized meteorology skills to weather the storm and safeguard Team Osan.

As both high wind and heavy rain furies approached the Korean Peninsula, these warriors ramped up their operations to assure safety and continued mission success.

"(Weather) affects day to day life for not only people, but equipment and assets too," said Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Graham, 51st OSS noncommissioned officer in charge of mission weather operations. "We inform commanders, aircrew, and base agencies on expected and impending weather conditions that can cause life threatening damage or the destruction of private and government property."

For 1st Lt. Sarah Rodriguez, 51st OSS weather flight commander, this intensive process to relay the most accurate information with mission planners is critical.

"The biggest advantage we have is a team dedicated to recognizing model bias, terrain effects, and microscale meteorological effects that a weather model's resolution is simply too low to pick up on," said Rodriguez. "Our forecasters take into account those effects that computers miss in order to provide a more accurate forecast than what you are able to get on your phone."

Getting the most up-to-date and accurate information on inbound storms takes more than just looking at a single screen and calling it good. It takes a "perfect storm" of teamwork, communication and science.

"We all put our heads together and make sure we have as much information as possible," Rodriguez said. "We have conference calls with other military weather entities on [the Korean peninsula] to discuss storm tracks, intensity, and expected impacts several times

a day. By doing this, we are able to leverage each other's experience and make sure we are all on the same page."

Rodriguez also mentioned the forecasters are in near-constant coordination with each other. The airfield fighter squadron forecasters must be on the same page about weather observations and conditions because a mismatch can delay or even cancel sorties.

Graham noted that the new computer modeling outputs the forecasters use have come a long way since he started in this career field several years back, and while they aren't perfect, it's their jobs as forecasters to take live data from other surface weather observations, Meteorological Satellite imagery, weather RADAR, and an encyclopedias worth of various empirical rules and guidelines to make the best educated guess they can.

"But even then, when every one of those items are pointing in one direction a single shift of one variable can drastically alter the system," Graham continued.

"It is the chaos theory or butterfly effect happening all the time. Which then, Weather forecasting is a blend of science meeting abstraction art."

While the science of meteorology can almost never be truly exact, the Airmen at the weather flight work diligently to ensure they gather the most accurate assessment of the incoming storms, keeping the safety of the base populace and its mission essential equipment at the forefront of their mind.

"For me, its ensuring people have all the information to stay safe with as much notice as possible," Graham said. "Next would be keeping the iron in the sky, and providing my customers actionable weather information to enhance their combat effectiveness."

When the time comes and the typhoon passes, the Airmen and families of Osan wake only to find a few downed tree limbs left in its wake. With the expertise and insight from the 51st OSS, people's lives and the mission continue on.

# Seventh Air Force commander, command chief visit Wolf Pack



8th Maintenance Group Airmen pose for a photo with Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, Seventh Air Force commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, 7th AF command chief, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2020. Maintainers showcased Kunsan's ground power by executing an integrated combat turn, or ITC, on an F-16. An ITC is an expeditious, quick-turn of re-arming aircraft so the mission can resume as quickly as possible. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲

Col. Christopher Hammond, 8th Fighter Wing commander, escorts Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, Seventh Air Force commander, during a visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2020. Seventh AF is the oldest Numbered Air Force, or NAF, and commands Kunsan AB and Osan AB, both in the ROK. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ◀



Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, Seventh Air Force command chief, and Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, 7th AF commander, speak to Senior Airman David Summers, 8th Communications Squadron, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2020. Seventh AF leadership visited the 8th CS to discuss innovation, advancing contingency plans and congratulate hard-working Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▶



**Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, Seventh Air Force command chief, speaks with 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2020. Hudson regularly interacts with five collocated operating bases and 19 geographically-separated operating locations to ensure combat readiness of the 7th AF. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner) ◀**

**First Lt. Jonathan Rose, 8th Medical Support Squadron clinical laboratory services chief, describes COVID-19 testing procedures to Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, Seventh Air Force command chief, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2020. Hudson is the senior enlisted advisor to the 7th AF commander for the morale, welfare, training, and mission readiness of more than 9,500 personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner) ▼**



**Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, Seventh Air Force command chief, greets Maj. Timothy Doster, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2020. Hudson met with 8th Fighter Wing Airmen to learn about the Wolf Pack's training and operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner) ▲**

**Senior Airman Aaron Flores, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons team member, and Senior Airman Thomious Pickett, 8th AMXS crew chief, wait for Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, Seventh Air Force commander, to exit an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2020. Pleus served as the 8th Fighter Wing commander at Kunsan AB, from May 2011 to May 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▶**





Airman 1st Class William Lemon, 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief, tells his story of events that took place during 9/11 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. This remembrance ceremony pays tribute to the brave men and women, including the 343 firefighters, 23 police officers, 37 port authority officers and eight medical personnel, who sacrificed their lives that day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Branden Rae)

## Osan Airmen honor 9/11 responders

By Senior Airman Branden Rae  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department hosted Patriot Day to commemorate emergency responders who sacrificed their lives during the 9/11 attacks.

In honor of those who lost their lives that day, Team Osan paid tribute by participating in a memorial ceremony and stair climb at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea Sept. 11, 2020.

For one Airman, and first responder, the day hit closer to home as he faced the tragic events that ensued on 9/11 in New York City. Airman 1st Class William Lemon, 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief, recalled the events that led him to join the Air Force.

"I turned just in time to see as tower two collapsed and the World Trade Center was no more," said Lemon. "After seeing tower two collapse the first thing that went through my mind was, how many fellow firefighters did we just lose?"

"This is one of the reasons I'm here today, as a fellow Airman, to be able



Team Osan salutes during the presentation of the colors at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron's Fire Department rendered honors in a custom known as "striking the four fives." The practice includes ringing a bell five times, repeated four times with a slight pause between each series. This signifies a firefighter has died in the line of duty, or an important official or personage died. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Branden Rae)



to serve and tell you my story about that tragic day," added Lemon.

After the ceremony ended, guests and first responders were encouraged to participate in a stair climb, commemorating the 110 stories emergency responders ascended during the WTC's Twin Tower rescue efforts.

All around the Air Force, men and women honor those who lost their lives during this event and express how Americans have overcome adversity through persistent resilience amidst hard times.

"Our Nation was attacked on 11 September 2001, by terrorists who endeavored to sow fear and despair into American hearts and minds," Barbara Barrett, Secretary of the Air Force. "These efforts failed because our country is defined by its resiliency and the ability to persevere through the darkest of times, overcoming adversity. Unified by a collective strength, we are a Nation of hope. We honor and pay tribute to the first responders and survivors as well as family members and loved ones impacted by this national tragedy."

**Team Osan participates in a stair climb at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron's Fire Department hosted Patriot Day in honor of the sacrifices made by emergency responders during the attacks that occurred during 9/11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ▶**

**U.S. Air Force Col. John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander, puts on firegear to participate in the stair climb event at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. The day marked the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack that claimed the lives of approximately 3,000 people and injured thousands more. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ▼**



Honor Guard stands ready to present colors at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. Ceremonies throughout the Air Force and around the world took place to commemorate the 19th anniversary of the attacks on 9/11, where 2,977 people lost their life. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Branden Rae)



A ceremonial bell and firefighter gear displays at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. Patriot Day commemorates the men and women who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Flight 93 and in battles against Al-Qaeda which followed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Branden Rae) ▼





Airmen from the 18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2, wait to be sworn in to the U.S. Space Force during an enlistment and commissioning ceremony on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 14, 2020. These group of Airmen will be the first official members of the USSF on the Korean peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jenson)

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Although their tenure as Airmen officially ends, these space operators are still prepared to deter, defend, and defeat all threats that face the U.S. and its allies.

The establishment of the U.S. Space Force presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create the structures and processes that prepare the military for unique challenges and opportunities of space capabilities, and to better integrate space-based functions into the joint, coalition, and interagency partnerships.

“It is this synchronized, joint, multi-domain effort that makes the U.S. military matchless,” Pleus said. “When components from the air, space, land, and sea work together, victory can be assured and nowhere is that more apparent than in the Korean and Pacific theaters.”



Lieutenant Gen. Scott Pleus, 7th Air Force commander, swears in a master sergeant assigned to the 18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2, during a U.S. Space Force transition ceremony on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 14, 2020. The ceremony offers a traditional military recognition of commitment to join the ranks of the U.S. Space Force as Space Operators. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jenson) ▲



Lieutenant Gen. Scott Pleus, 7th Air Force commander, signs enlistment paperwork for four members of the 18th Intelligence Squadron, Detachment 2, during a U.S. Space Force transition ceremony on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 14, 2020. Airmen serving in organic space specialties were called to volunteer for transition into the USSF to begin shifting their mindset into operating and winning in the space domain. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jenson) ◀



## USO Global Program "Operation Birthday Cake"

USO Humphreys surprised Col. Breanne Howe with her birthday cake came from her family in the United States on Wednesday, 9 September 2020.

*"Happy Birthday, Bre!"*

*We hope that you have a wonderful day!"*

Col. Howe is J2 of Special Operations Command Korea, and her parents made a request to the USO.

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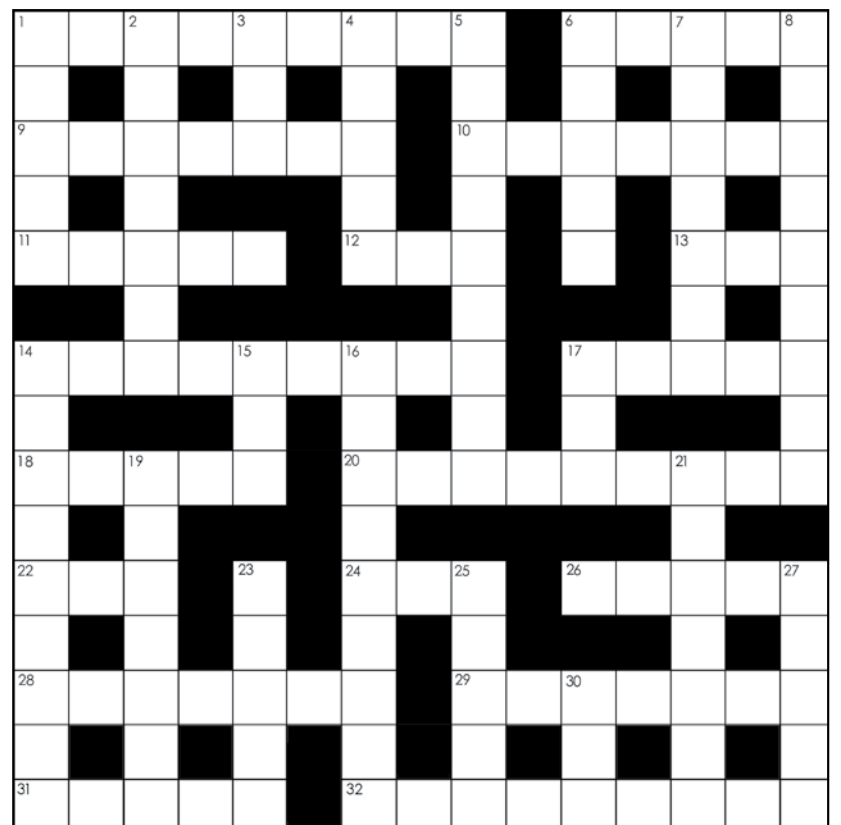
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## The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



### ACROSS

- 1 Not manual transmission
- 6 Nuclear missiles
- 9 Korean Thanksgiving
- 10 Korean pizza place
- 11 Badge
- 12 LeBron's organization
- 13 Alternative to .com
- 14 Canadian rock band Ladies
- 17 Anticipate
- 18 Belly button
- 20 1950-53 incident
- 22 Corporation suffix
- 24 Opposite of in
- 26 Mist
- 28 Kadena Air Base location
- 29 Alec, Stephen, Billy, Daniel
- 31 Requires
- 32 Nepal capital

### DOWN

- 1 Camp Market's \_\_\_ City
- 2 Max \_\_\_ drill
- 3 Field ration
- 4 Liam Neeson film
- 5 \_\_\_ in chief
- 6 Opposite of output
- 7 Rocket launcher
- 8 "Like lambs to the \_\_\_"
- 14 Former UN secretary general
- 15 DPRK-ROK maritime boundary
- 16 Korean chat app
- 17 Exclamation of discovery
- 19 Stopper of epidemics
- 21 Camp Carroll location
- 23 Doosan baseball team
- 25 Mount Everest location
- 27 Korean dumpling
- 30 On the run

Answers to Previous Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 TRAINING
- 5 ROMANI
- 8 USA
- 9 AURORA
- 10 DAIQUIRI
- 11 TAHITI
- 13 NORTHERN
- 14 KOREANPENINSULA
- 18 OBITUARY
- 21 HANBOK
- 23 SERGEANT
- 24 ROTINI
- 25 KIM
- 26 RIVERA
- 27 SATANIST

### DOWN

- 1 TYRANT
- 2 IMMOBILE
- 3 INVASION
- 4 GUIDANCESYSTEMS
- 5 RAPIER
- 6 MCHUGH
- 7 INSIGNIA
- 12 ADO
- 14 KPOPSTAR
- 15 INHERENT
- 16 SANCTION
- 17 LEO
- 19 TOGGLE
- 20 ALASKA
- 22 KNIGHT



**A**irmen of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing pose for a group photo during sunrise after their shift at an undisclosed location, Aug. 15, 2020. The Airmen work around-the-clock to ensure the wing can deliver combat power wherever needed. (Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Jonathan Young)

**F**our F-35A Lightning IIs, assigned to the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, fly in formation over Denali National Park, Alaska, Aug. 17, 2020. The 388th FW participated in exercise Red Flag-Alaska 20-3 during which fourth and fifth-generation fighter aircraft trained side-by-side in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex, the Defense Department's largest instrumented training range. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jerilyn Quintanilla) ►



**C**ol. Derrick Weyand, center, 820th Base Defense Group commander, speaks to Airmen assigned to the 822nd Base Defense Squadron during a redeployment brief, Sept. 6, 2020, at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The 822nd BDS worked together with the Kenyan Defense Force for joint training and base-security patrols to further their interoperability and keep the area secure. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Erick Requadt) ▼



**A** Falcon 9 SAOCOM-1B rocket launches from Space Launch Complex-40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., Aug. 30, 2020. After ignition, the Falcon 9 flew in a polar orbit from Cape Canaveral, flying south along the eastern coast of Florida, on its way to orbit. (U.S. Space Force photo by Joshua Conti) ►





**N**ova, a 15-week-old full white-phase Gyrfalcon, is the latest addition to the Falconry team and new mascot of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Her name was decided by a vote amongst the entire cadet wing. They chose Nova because it means a star showing a sudden increase in brightness, representing the new era of Space Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joshua Armstrong) ◀

**A**MQ-9 Reaper, assigned to the 556th Test and Evaluation Squadron, armed with an AIM-9X missile sits on the flightline, Sept. 3, 2020, at Creech Air Force Base, Nev. The MQ-9 successfully employed a live air-to-air test of an AIM-9X Block 2 missile against a target BQM-167 drone simulating a cruise missile. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Haley Stevens) ▼

**S**enior Airman Zachariah Abdul-Aziz, 341st Missile Security Operations Squadron tactical response force assaulter, views his descent for a rappel down an entrance to a launch facility, Aug. 21, 2020, near Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. Security Forces at Malmstrom AFB regularly test new routes that provide faster and more efficient ways to navigate a launch facility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Daniel Brosam) ▼



**T**ech. Sgt. Cory Irvin, 27th Security Forces Squadron Deployed Aircraft Ground Response Element program manager, paints his face to act as an opposing force during a hostage rescue exercise at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., Sept. 1, 2020. The exercise involved an integration of helicopter operations, overland movements, mounted movements and military working dog teams on the ground. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicole Reed) ▼



**T**ech. Sgt. John Rodriguez, 321st Contingency Response Squadron security team, provides security with a Ghost Robotics Vision 60 prototype at a simulated austere base during the Advanced Battle Management System exercise on Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Sept. 1, 2020. The ABMS is an interconnected battle network – the digital architecture or foundation – which collects, processes and shares data relevant to warfighters in order to make better decisions faster. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Cory D. Payne) ▲

## Kunsan

**- KUNSAN PHOTO CLUB -**

Interested in sharing your photography experience with others and exploring Korea along the way? Have a camera, but want to learn how to use it more completely? Then join the Kunsan Photo Club as they delve into the finer qualities of photography where the key concept is: "It's not the camera that makes a great photo, but the photographer." If interested in joining, the group can be found on Facebook, just search for "Kunsan Photo Club."

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

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Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844  
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**- 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

**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 interested 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!

**ROLLER DERBY:** Do you like to skate? 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!>

**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!

**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 AB CGOC QUARTERLY COMMISSIONING PANELIST BRIEFING:**

- Interested in applying to a commissioning program?
- Curious about the different commissioning opportunities?
- Want to hear from officers that commissioned via the different routes? Then this is the Briefing for You!

\*Mask must be worn at this event.\*

**STREET REJUVENATION PROJECT - GOOD VIBES ONLY:** PIEF is hosting 'Street Rejuvenation Project', which will be street performances of various genres (busking) in SED every Friday and Saturday from 31 Jul - 7 Nov, 2020. Please see the link for updates! <https://www.facebook.com/goodvibesonly.2020/>

**OSAN EDUCATION CENTER CLOSURE:** The Osan Education Center will be closed on 23 Sep from 0730-1630 due to building remodel.

**HEAT TRANSITION:** In an effort to save energy and prepare for the winter CE will begin turning off air conditioning starting 28 September. Heat start-up begins 12 October and finishes 30 October. CE Customer Service will send an email out to Facility Managers with a map and transition dates. Please consult with your Facility Manager if you would like to know the week your HVAC systems are transitioning.

**2020 51 FW ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET:** The 2020 51 FW Annual Awards Banquet Committee is looking for volunteers to assist multiple sub-committees with fundraising, organizing, and logistics planning for the event. We request all volunteers have a DEROS no earlier than Feb 21. This is a great opportunity to get involved with a Wing level event!

**COMMUNITY BANK CLOSURE:** All Banking Centers will be Closed on Sept 30 (Wed) & Oct 1, 2020 (Thu) for Chusok Day.

**OSAN EDUCATION CENTER CLOSURE:** The Osan Education Center will be closed 30 Sep - 2 Oct.

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



U.S. Army Capt. James Gaffney, Public Health Activity - Japan, Veterinary Treatment Facility OIC, briefs members of the 374th Security Forces Squadron and 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron during a C-12J Huron, K-9 evacuation training scenario, Aug. 20, 2020, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Airmen assigned to the 374th SFS and 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron practiced K-9 evacuation procedures and best practices. (Photo Credit: Staff Sgt. Juan Torres)

## Soldiers, Airmen train to evacuate injured military working dogs

By Staff Sgt. Juan Torres

**Yokota Air Base, Japan** -- Airmen assigned to the 459th Airlift Squadron, 374th Security Forces Squadron and 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, worked together with Soldiers assigned to the Public Health Activity-Japan, Veterinary Treatment Facility, to participate in a C-12J, K-9 air evacuation training, August 20.

The training focused on K-9 evacuation procedures on a 459th AS C-12J Huron and provided 374th SFS military working dog handlers and AE crews with hands-on medical response scenarios focusing on patient parameters, en route requirements and basic care and treatment of common military working dog injuries.

By further developing this capability, the Airmen and Soldiers are able to respond more efficiently as they transport MWDs to better-equipped facilities within the area of responsibility.

"Ensuring the MWD are fit to fight is as high a priority as the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen they support," said Capt. Nicholas Strobel, 459th AS C-12J instructor pilot. "This means that if one is injured or requires higher medical care than is available at their current location, the 18th AES will ensure they are transported safely and



Staff Sgt. Ashleigh Green, 374th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, boards a C-12J Huron aircraft during a C-12J, K-9 evacuation training, Aug. 20, 2020, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Airmen from the 374th SFS and 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron trained on K-9 evacuation procedures and best practices. (Photo Credit: Staff Sgt. Juan Torres)

**Maj. Kacey Ezell, 459th Airlift Squadron UH-1N chief pilot, briefs 374th Security Forces Squadron Airmen prior to a UH-1N familiarization and C-12 K-9 evacuation training scenario, August 20, 2020, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. During the training, 374th SFS military working dog handlers familiarized themselves with 459th AS mobility assets. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Juan Torres) (Photo Credit: Staff Sgt. Juan Torres) ►**

comfortably to those facilities.”

“This capability remains a rare but important task for the canine and veterinary support team,” said U.S. Army Capt. James Gaffney, PHA-J, VTF OIC. “Smaller Veterinary Treatment Facilities are not set up with personnel and equipment for prolonged or complicated medical cases. Conducting an exercise to rehearse the steps and develop a common operational picture between the human and veterinary medical teams is important to streamline future movement of animals”

Understanding these operational barriers, what equipment is available on-board the aircraft, what challenges they can potentially face and how to best respond when moving these animals was a key objective in this exercise.

“The physical exercise of transporting the military working dog for a real-world flight helped us understand the configuration of the aircraft and modalities available to us and what veterinary-specific equipment we will have to supply,” added Gaffney.

Having the right equipment and preparation ensures the teams are better prepared for any potential real-world aeromedical evacuations in the AOR.

“While Team Yokota has been lucky to not require this type of event in the past, we know we are better prepared for the future and can share our lessons learned with other MWD kennels and PHA-J VTFs as well,” said Gaffney.



**Staff Sgt. Ashleigh Green, 374th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, calms Roswell, 374th SFS military working dog, during a C-12J Huron, K-9 evacuation training scenario, Aug. 20, 2020, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. This training provided the teams an opportunity to strengthen sister service ties during a joint training scenario. (Photo Credit: Staff Sgt. Juan Torres) ▲**



**Staff Sgt. Ashleigh Green, 374th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, participates in a C-12J Huron, K-9 evacuation training scenario, Aug. 20, 2020, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Airmen assigned to the 374th SFS and 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron practiced K-9 evacuation procedures and best practices. (Photo Credit: Staff Sgt. Juan Torres) ▲**

**An Airman assigned to the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron participates in a C-12J Huron, K-9 Air Evacuation training scenario, Aug. 20, 2020, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. Airmen from the 374th Security Forces Squadron and 18th AES trained on K-9 evacuation procedures and best practices. (Photo Credit: Staff Sgt. Juan Torres) ►**





## Spiritual Charge

### Do Your Best Not to Worry



By Chaplain,  
Captain Christopher Crutchfield

**H**ave you ever found yourself wide awake at night, consumed with worry about your life situation? I know that this has happened to me several times throughout my life and probably will continue. The truth of the matter is that over the course of our lives, at some point

in time, we all worry about certain situations, circumstances and even things that are beyond our control. For example, we worry about our loved ones back home, a particular relationship problem, finances, or certain stressors from work. The stress and the problems can add up leaving us feeling overwhelmed and unsure of what to do. According to Google, researchers discovered that the average person will spend two hours and 28 minutes worrying every day about their problems which equates to 900 hours a year!

Since the beginning of time, humans have worried and stressed over their problems. I think you would agree that all of us would like less problems and more peace. The question becomes what do you do when you are overcome with feeling anxious? For some, the solution might be to pick up their phones and begin to scroll through their various social media

accounts. Others might choose to try to distract themselves by pacing around their room, going to the gym, or even out for a run. All of these activities are healthy ways for us to help deal with our anxieties and may temporarily alleviate our feelings of stress.

A more reliable solution to handling our worries can be found through practicing a particular spiritual discipline such as prayer, meditation or reflection. Many find peace and comfort through reading religious and spiritually oriented books that nourish the soul and spirit. The Bible for example, has been a constant source of peace for those that read its pages. For example, the author of 1 Peter boldly asserts, "Cast all your anxieties on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). In this passage, the author paints a vivid illustration of gathering up all your cares, worries and problems into one large net and throwing

them onto the back of the creator of the universe! If there's anyone who can shoulder the heavy load of your problems, it's God himself. Perhaps today you're facing some problems that appear to be so large, they are impossible for you to handle. Be encouraged! There is someone out there who can help shoulder the load. The great news is that you can always trust that God has your best interest in mind. One of the keys to worrying less is to acknowledge God's deep affection for you, as well as to know that God always fulfills his promise to never leave us alone. It is the fulfillment of God's promise to always be there for us. He is someone we can depend on; someone we can cast all anxieties onto. Not only does God afford us the opportunity to let go of all of concerns but we can be assured that God will provide the means for our needs to be met. So, do your best not to worry so much!

## 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.  
SunLight Inn, Bldg. 510

**Point of Contact:**  
Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

**Visit us on SharePoint:**  
<https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC>

### OSAN AIR BASE

*Protestant Services*

**-Community Service @ 1030**  
**-Gospel Service @ 1230**  
**Regular Occurring Ministries:**  
**PYOC: (Middle School & High School Students)**  
**- Mondays—1830-2000 @ Chapel Spiritual Fitness Center.**  
**PCOC: (AWANA)**  
**- Wednesdays @ Chapel. Age 3 to 6th grade meet 1800 -1930 & grades 7th-12th meet 1700-1800 .**

**PMOC: (Men)**  
**- Tuesdays - 1830 @ Chapel Annex.**  
**PSOC: (Singles & Unaccompanied)**  
**"Osan Hospitality House"**  
**- Bible Studies:**

**\*Saturdays - 1900 @ Hospitality House. Dinner is provided.**  
**Sundays - 1700 @ Community Center, Classroom #3.**  
**- Game Night:**

**\*Fridays - 1900 @ Hospitality House. Dinner is provided.**  
**\*Van pickup: Fridays: Chapel @ 1730, Mustang CTR @ 1735.**  
**Saturdays: Chapel @ 1830, Mustang CTR @ 1835.**

**PWOC: (Women) "PWOC Osan AB"**  
**- Mondays 1800-2000, Tuesdays 0845-1100 @ Chapel Annex (Child Watchcare provided) & Sunday 1600-1730 @ Posco Apartments .**

**MOPS: Join us for OSAN MOPS!**  
**- Meet twice a month on Wednesday @ the Chapel Annex**  
**Contact: osanmops@gmail.com**

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

*Catholic Mass*

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday Mass (Sunday obligation), 5 p.m.**  
**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

**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>

### USAG-YONGSAN

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

# Searching for the missing

By Staff Sgt. Nicholas Crisp  
36th Wing Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam -- She dug through tons of dirt, mud, clay and scorpions in her search for two missing pilots. From May 25 through June 13, 2019, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dotey Lynn, commander's support staff for the 36th Wing Comptroller Squadron and a group of multi-branched volunteers were going to Laos to excavate an F-4 aircraft crash site from the Vietnam War.

"When the email came in that the Defense Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Accounting Agency were looking for volunteers to search for missing POW's and MIA's from the Vietnam War I didn't think twice about it," said Lynn. "I knew this would be a life changing experience for everyone involved."

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Before leaving for the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lynn's team of volunteers met at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DAAA) headquarters in Hawaii for processing and training. They learned how to build sifting stations out of nearby bamboo, wet stations for when the inevitable rains came, and basic medical care. Their dig site was in the remote Savannakhét province, in the Vilabouli District, found near Ban Kok Mak Village, almost an hour away from their living quarters.

"The first day of work we loaded up in the back of a truck and drove 40 minutes to our site where we would be digging every day," said Lynn. "On the way there, you would see families out on hillsides searching for vegetables, and rice as well as families taking their baths in the lakes."

There were two teams that would dig at sites right next to each other. The teams were composed of 30 Americans, 200 Lao workers, and 2 translators. The Lao workers were locals who slept on site and were paid five dollars per day per family.

Americans and Lao workers dig at Vietnam War Era f-4 crash in search of two missing in action pilots, Savannakhét Province, Laos, July 15 2019.

"At first it seemed almost impossible to converse with the Lao workers because we couldn't

understand them, and they couldn't understand us," said Lynn. "We all made close relationships with the locals, broke down barriers, and even developed our own form of communication with each other. It makes me realize how important host nation relationships are."

The first day's work consisted of clearing trees and bushes, as well as digging a huge hole which would be their bathroom while working. The U.S. team members would dig for six hours in one hour shifts. Every shovel of dirt was placed into buckets, passed down a bucket line formed by the sometimes 50 or more Lao workers. The buckets would go to screening stations where one American and one Lao worker would sift through all the dirt, rocks, and insects searching for life support equipment.

Life support equipment (LSE) includes survival items carried by the aircrew members, helmets and flight suits. LSE directly correlates and helps in confirming the identity of missing service members.

"Everyone, every day would be so excited when someone would find pieces of metal from the aircraft or a piece of equipment that crewmember might have been wearing," said Lynn.

Excitement was tempered, however. Daily discoveries of bones would turn out to belong to animals, rain would wash away the dig site and there were so many unexploded ordnances (UXO) it would halt the dig for hours every day. One UXO discovered weighed 500 pounds and took on site explosive ordnance disposal technicians 24 hours to clear the site.

Americans and Lao workers dig at Vietnam War Era F-4 crash in search of two missing in action pilots, Savannakhét Province, Laos, July 15 2019.

"The most exciting thing my team found was a large piece of what we assume to be an aircrew members helmet," said Lynn. "The team next to us found a dog tag and eight teeth. This was huge in bringing home the remains to their family and ensuring it was the person DPAA had researched."

Human remains are transferred to DPAA's headquarters to go through the identification process. Once confirmed, the remains are given a proper burial, with honors, with their family.



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When the teams arrived back in the Lao capital, all service members wore their dress uniforms and contributed to the repatriation ceremony, loading the casket with remnants within, and flag on top, onto the C-17 Globemaster III. There was a moment of silence for the service member's who were finally returning home after 56 years.

"Once completed the teams returned to Hawaii. The last day the archeologists took us on a tour of the DPAA building," said Lynn "It was like nothing I have ever seen. They had so many human remains that they were researching from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Cold War."

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Clear cases line the entry hall, displaying recovered equipment as it was found and next to it, recreations of how the equipment would have looked in its prime. In the back of the facility, 75 chrome tabletops supported skeletons in various states of completion. These skeletons were recently returned to the U.S. from Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

"I would volunteer every time DPAA went out, if I were able, said Lynn. "If you ever have the opportunity, I encourage you to take it. DPAA is always looking for volunteers and you may also have the chance to bring a service member back home to their families."

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**Americans and Lao workers dig at Vietnam War Era F-4 crash in search of two missing in action pilots, Savannakhet Province, Laos, July 15 2019. There are over 81,000 service members still missing from past conflicts. DPAA's mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting of missing personnel to their families and the nation, a mission that is heavily dependent on augmentees. (courtesy photo) ▲**

# I felt Powerless to #BeThere to “Protect my Ohana”

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**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii** -- I will never forget the devastating shock. I had no idea she wanted to die— she was smart, beautiful, and quite hilarious. She had expressed excitement about her spring break trip to California to see the Broadway play, Hamilton. Our family was struggling, but what could have made her feel like this?

You will be surprised by who and how many people are touched by the issue of suicide. My young adult child who I admire, love, and respect sent me a message on February 21 stating, “I’m okay but I can’t talk for the next few days... Phone broke.” I attempted to clarify but no response.

I never expected what happened next. I received a text message around 9 p.m. on February 23 from my daughter’s college roommate. She asked if I spoke with my daughter because nobody saw or heard from her in three days. I immediately picked up the phone and called her roommate. She explained, “Officer McKenna is here at our apartment to take a missing person’s report.”

I remained calmed and spoke with the officer to ask what I could do to assist with locating my daughter. He requested information

about her phone so they could ping it. He relayed if she was found he could only share she was okay and could not reveal her location.

I thanked him and telephoned my husband to inform him of the situation. He proceeded to contact our phone provider and gather necessary information while I called those close to me to pray. Again, I called my daughter’s roommate to gather more information. She explained my daughter left a suicide note and the rent for the next 6 months.

I knew she was having a hard time because she told me she felt depressed and things were not going well. Each day I called, sent an encouraging message and instructed her to make an appointment with her school counseling services. She eventually responded via text that she had an appointment and she would be fine.

Now, I wondered where I went wrong. I am the Suicide Prevention Program Manager who teaches Air Force military, civilian, and family members daily about suicide prevention. How could I miss the signs of suicide? I felt so afraid, helpless, and powerless as I waited to hear from the officer after we provided him the information. I felt like I could not breathe as I tried to block out the thought that I would never see her again. An hour felt like 20 hours as I prayed

and pleaded with God. I called the nice officer every thirty minutes for an update. He explained they contacted the local hospitals, jails, etc. but no luck.

Our phone provider sent my daughter’s incoming and outgoing call log for the days requested. She did not answer any incoming calls for the past three days and she only had two outgoing calls.....Both to 911. I was puzzled but my faith and hope were growing stronger.

Finally, I received a call from Officer McKenna. He stated, my daughter was safe and would soon call me. He explained how happy he was for me and my family. I was no closer to knowing her whereabouts but I gave God a heartfelt praise and called those close to me to share the good news!

I later learned my daughter was on a bridge and was going to jump to her death. But for whatever reason she changed her mind and called the local hospital and 911 to come and get her. Turns out she completed a safety plan with the therapist which included these actions. I truly believe the safety plan was essential in a time when it was difficult for her to think clearly.

I always encouraged my children to ask for help but, I realize that I was not practicing what I preach. During this season of my life I was dealing with family medical

problems, financial obligations, marital problems, college recruitment challenges with my son, and now my daughter in the hospital for wanting to end her life. Of course, I was very busy and committed to my work as I was hosting a DoD team to pilot a Suicide Prevention Program called Resources Exist Asking Can Help.

After hosting the R.E.A.C.H Team, I took leave to #BeThere for my daughter but never once gave my leaders a chance to support me and my family. We recently suffered a loss in the unit and I did not want to take their time away from the mission. To be transparent, I was not connected enough with my leaders to be open and honest about my challenges.

There are a few things I hope others will take from me sharing my story: First, using supportive services and completing a safety plan with your provider can save a life. All of our jobs are important but never forget to #BeThere for your family. I did not feel included or connected with my leaders. If we are going to Protect Our Ohana then we all must make every effort to #ConnectToProtect. Check in with neighbors, co-workers, and loved ones, educate yourself on the resources, follow-up with those who are struggling to make sure the support is working, and attend personal and life skills webinars.



8th Fighter Wing leadership observes 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen conduct line reattachment at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sep. 9, 2020. The 8th CES heavy equipment and pavement shop assisted the 8th CES electrical systems shop in response to the damage caused by Typhoon Maysak. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲

Staff Sgt. Bobby Breland, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment and pavement craftsman, assists in reattaching a line during typhoon recovery operations at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 3, 2020. Electrical systems Airmen have knowledge on principles of electricity and electronics, including computation and measurement of common properties, such as resistance, inductance, capacitance, voltage and current. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ◀

# RED DEVILS TO THE RESCUE



Staff Sgt. Bobby Breland, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment and pavement craftsman, removes a branch from a tree during typhoon recovery operations at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 3, 2020. The heavy equipment and pavement shop assisted the 8th CES electrical systems shop in response to the damage caused by Typhoon Maysak. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ◀



Tech. Sgt. Chaz Lineberger and Senior Airman Cody McCormick 8th Civil Engineer Squadron electrical systems technicians, prepare a line for reattachment in response to Typhoon Maysak at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 3, 2020. The heavy equipment and pavement shop assisted the 8th CES electrical systems shop in response to the damage caused by Typhoon Maysak. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲



Staff Sgt. Mark Sylvester, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron electrical systems technician, communicates to another CES Airman during typhoon recovery operations at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 3, 2020. Electrical systems Airmen have knowledge on principles of electricity and electronics, including computation and measurement of common properties, such as resistance, inductance, capacitance, voltage and current. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ◀

**C**huseok, Korean Thanksgiving Day, is one of the biggest and most important holidays in Korea. Family members from near and far come together to share food and stories and to give thanks to their ancestors. In 2020, Chuseok Day falls on October 1. As the day before and the day after are also part of the holiday, this year's holiday period is from September 30 to October 2.

Many Koreans visit their hometowns to spend quality time with their family. The holiday also provides a good opportunity to experience traditional culture throughout Korea. Let's take a closer look at the traditional Korean holiday of Chuseok.



# Traditional Korean Holiday of Bountiful Harvest, Chuseok



Charyesang (memorial service table) foods

## The Meaning of Chuseok (Hangawi)

Chuseok is one of Korea's three major holidays, along with Seollal (Lunar New Year's Day) and Dano (the 5th day of the 5th lunar month). Chuseok is also referred to as hangawi. Han means "big" and gawi means "the ides of the 8th lunar month or autumn." According to the lunar calendar, the harvest moon, the largest full moon of the year, appears on the 15th day of the eighth month.



## Traditions and Customs of Chuseok

- **Charye (ancestor memorial services) and Seongmyo (visit to family graves)**

In the morning of the day of Chuseok, family members gather at their homes to hold memorial services called charye in honor of their ancestors. Formal charye services are held twice a year: during Seollal (Lunar New Year's Day) and Chuseok. During Chuseok's charye, freshly harvested rice, alcohol and songpyeon (half-moon rice cakes) are prepared as an offering to the family's ancestors. After the service, family members sit down together at the table to enjoy delicious food.

Another traditional custom of Chuseok is seongmyo, or visit to the ancestral graves. Seongmyo is an old tradition that is still carried out to show respect and appreciation for family ancestors. During seongmyo, family members remove weeds that have grown around the graves and pay respect to the deceased with a simple memorial service.





### ● Traditional Folk Games

As Chuseok is a celebration of harvest and abundance, the holiday period is made joyful with various entertainment and folk games such as samulnori (traditional percussion quartet), talchum (mask dance), ganggangsullae (Korean circle dance), and ssireum (traditional Korean wrestling). Ganggangsullae is performed during Jeongwol Daeboreum (celebration of 15th day of the first lunar calendar) and Chuseok. In this dance, women dressed in hanbok (traditional Korean clothing) join hands in a large circle and sing together on the night of the first full moon and on Chuseok. There are several stories about its origin. One of the most well-known stories says that the dance dates back to the Joseon dynasty (1392-1910) when the Korean army used to dress the young women of the village in military uniforms and had them circle the mountains to give off the appearance that the Korean military was greater in number than it actually was from the enemy side. The Korean army enjoyed many victories thanks to this scare tactic. Ssireum, another significant traditional entertainment, is a one-on-one wrestling match that requires strength and skills held on a circular sand pit.



### Chuseok Foods

A variety of foods are prepared during Chuseok to celebrate the bountiful harvest of the year, and one of the most significant foods that represent Chuseok is songpyeon. Songpyeon is prepared with rice powder that is kneaded into a size that is a little smaller than a golf ball, and then filled with sesame seeds, beans, red beans, chestnuts, or other nutritious ingredients. During the steaming process, the rice cakes are layered with pine needles to add the delightful scent of pine. It is an old tradition for the entire family to make songpyeon together on the eve of Chuseok. An old Korean anecdote says that the person who makes beautifully shaped songpyeon will meet a good spouse or give birth to a beautiful baby.

Other significant Chuseok foods include traditional liquor and jeon (Korean pancakes). Jeon are made by slicing fish, meat and vegetables and then lightly frying them in a batter of flour and eggs. They make a perfect pair with traditional Korean liquor.