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Mani, retired 8th Security Forces Squadron retired military working dog, waits for his flight home at Incheon International Airport, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2020. (Courtesy photo by Staff Sgt. Akeem Smith)



Farewell, RMWD Mani: *Thank you for your service*

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Defenders of the 8th Security Forces Squadron hosted a retirement ceremony Sept. 17, to honor Mani, a beloved military working dog.

Mani began his career in 2011 here at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, where he accumulated more than 1,500 hours of law enforcement patrols.

His last active-duty partner, Staff Sgt. Zachary Kunkler, 8th SFS MWD handler, reminisced on his times with Mani.

“During this past year, every morning I would come into work and start my routine with his one raspy bark,” Kunkler said. “[He was] always eager to get away from his younger colleagues for some peace and quiet. He would trot to the exit of the runs and patiently sit, waiting for me to open the door.

“When we got outside, he would make his way to this specific spot and make sure it

was marked while trying to catch his breath,” Kunkler said. “Mani was always the first one to go to bed, and the last one to wake up. I couldn’t imagine this year without the old man. He knew every day was going to be a good day. If anyone was feeling down, he’d sprawl across your lap and make sure you had a friend.”

Mani will retire to Charleston, South Carolina, where his former handler Staff Sgt. Jake Mikell, 628th SFS, will look after him.

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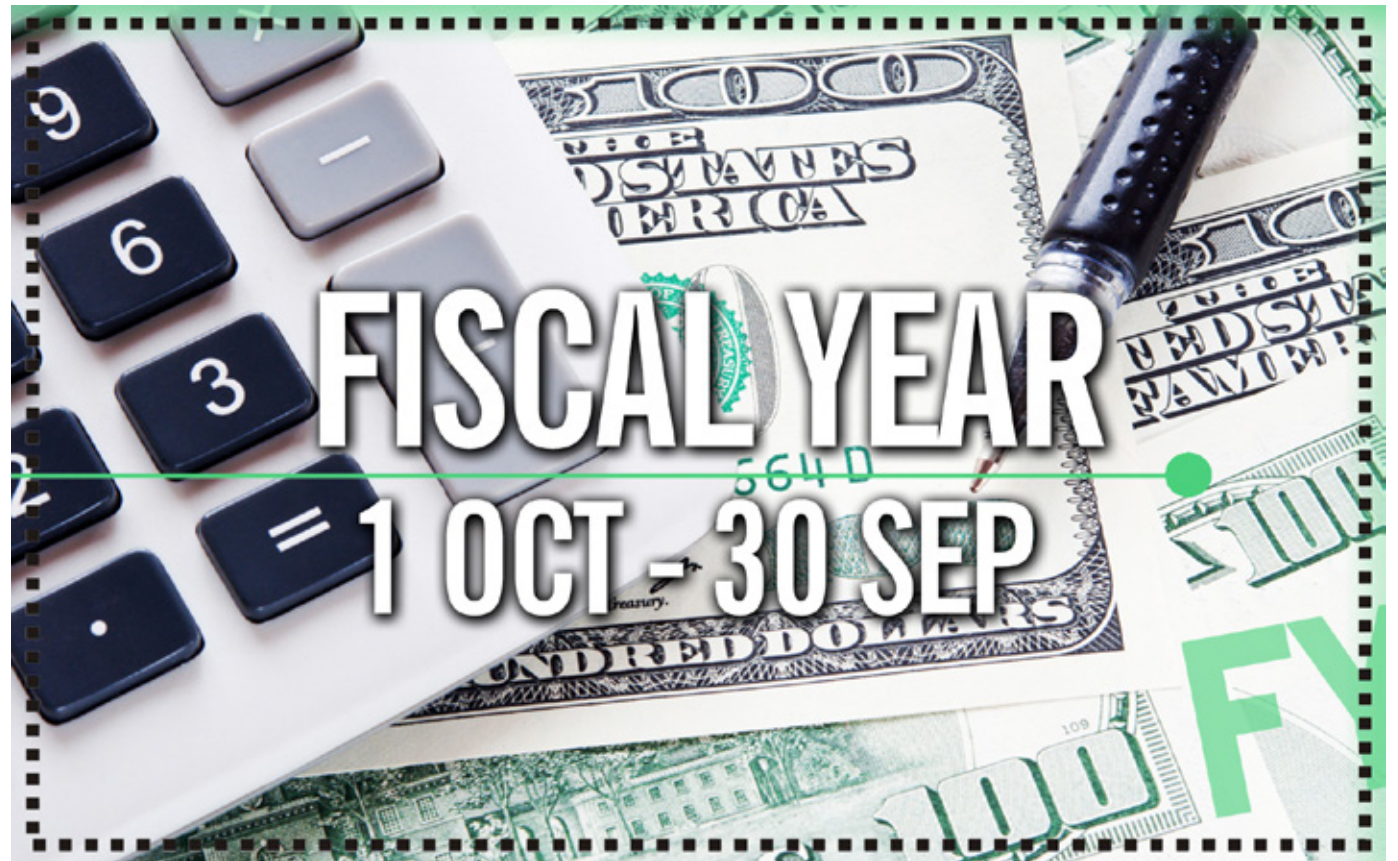
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Team Osan finance experts 'ace' historic fiscal year closeout



Members of the 51st comptroller and contracting squadrons, along with resource advisors across Osan Air Base, worked toward procuring last minute purchases before the end-of-year close out for fiscal year 2020. (U.S. Air Force graphic by Naoko Shimoji)

By 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The stressful fall semester final exam period usually approaches in early December, but for one special group of financial experts, their biggest test of the year came sooner — Sept. 30th, during the 2020 end-of-year fiscal closeout.

Responsible for analyzing Department of Defense budgetary tasks at Osan Air Base, these accounting specialists didn't anxiously cram, but rather proactively intensified their focus and work hours beginning 60 days prior.

Doing this, the 51st Comptroller Squadron's budget analysis flight (FMA) effectively achieved their goal of properly utilizing funding requirements. Needless to say, these aces passed their annual accounting test, successfully keeping Osan financially ready to "Fight Tonight."

"The budget analysis flight plays a major, behind-the-scenes role in keeping Osan mission capable and successful," said Master Sgt. Kenneth D. Leavell, 51st CPTS financial analysis flight chief. "If it takes money to procure it, then it comes across our desks for analysis and certification – including everything from the (installation's) building and road construction repairs, down to the fuel for the jets

and vehicles."

Maintaining these assets with a watchful financial eye, the FMA worked with base leaders year-round on budgeting plans. Commanders created requirements to execute the mission. Within their budgets they prioritized requirements, purchases needed, and created unfunded requirements which are prioritized by group commanders and approved by the Wing Commander for execution.

The FMA executed their budgetary tactics and game planned for when their grades mattered the most in September by implementing their spending plan and execution plan the March prior.

"Executing our priorities early made it easier for us on 30 September during the end-of-year closeout," Leavell said. "There were many occasions when we had to extend our work schedule for daily telecoms and video teleconferencing's. Our biggest items were getting contracts awarded and last minute purchases made for respective organizations."

Although their proactive plans forecasted success with minimal issues, the global COVID-19 pandemic disrupted their operations, like many businesses worldwide. The aftermath made the FMA adapt their accounting priorities based on the Wing's

increased needs for laptop usage for teleworking. While these expenses restructured many of their customer's budgetary outlooks, the FMA was happy to fulfill their client's biggest request.

"The pandemic forced many individuals to initially work from home without the full laptop capabilities to effectively continue the mission," Leavell said. "Being able to purchase more laptops to help out across the wing was impressive and satisfying."

For Leavell, the FMA's biggest reward was knowing their collective efforts played a critical role in funding everything on base and overcoming the year's unique challenges.

"This was definitely a team effort to get the books closed for the end-of-year," said Leavell. "It took constant communication within the budget office itself and also with the resource advisors. Communication between the contracting office and the budget office is extremely important in terms of getting contracts awarded."

"We're also in constant communication with our Major Command requesting funding, returning funding and balancing accurately," added Leavell. "So, communication is the key to the success. Every member's role was critical to the success of closeout."



Staff Sgt. Joshua Walker, 51st Munitions Squadron shipping/receiving element crew chief, helps direct cargo transport alongside 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron personnel prior to a retrograde in support of operation “ammo transfer,” Aug. 25, 2020, in Pyeongtaek-si, Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Nash)

Ammo Airmen supply the force

By Staff Sgt. Greg Nash
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Saying goodbye to your favorite toys is always hard to do. But sometimes, decluttering your overflowing “toy chest” of excess ammunition and giving them to partners in need across the globe is rewarding.

Recently, the 51st Munitions Squadron conducted their own “toy” giveaway involving a \$13 million ammo transfer to Jinhae Port, Jinhae-gu, Republic of Korea, for international maritime shipping.

Formally known as a retrograde or call-forward op, the 51st MUNS shipping/receiving crew accounted for, inspected and prepared serviceable assets alongside the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron on their 200-mile journey to the Korean Peninsula’s southern coast.

“Our (retrograde) movements are a way to get assets, like small arms, to other organizations that can better use or dispose of them,” said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Bryan Lockhart, 51st MUNS shipping/receiving shop chief. “This reduces demilitarization and disposal costs, as well as creating much



A 607th Material Maintenance Squadron transportation specialist lifts a shipping container containing Osan Air Base’s 51st Muniton Squadron assets after a retrograde in support of operation “ammo transfer,” Aug. 25, 2020, at Jinhae Port, Jinhae-gu, Republic of Korea. The 51st MUNS and 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron transported excess serviceable assets, valued at \$13 million, to Jinhae Port, Jinhae-gu, Republic of Korea, for international maritime shipping. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Nash)

Staff Sgt. Michael Coyne, 51st Munitions Squadron shipping/receiving element crew chief, right, removes debris from cargo prior to a retrograde in support of operation “ammo transfer,” Aug. 25, 2020, in Pyeongtaek-si, Republic of Korea. ►

needed storage space for Osan.”

Lockhart credits the 51st MUNS new shipping/receiving element as the driving force behind overflow reductions, making retrogrades more effective.

“We’ve created the new shipping/receiving element to work these transports, along with air and land transport,” Lockhart said. “There are only a few other bases with these elements which are typically at depot locations. With our creation, we’ve been able to eliminate backlogged shipments and conquer these massive munitions movements with minimal manning.”

According to Lockhart, past retrograde movements would employ 20 or more Airmen from multiple elements to execute missions on a short deadline. Now, shipping/receiving can accomplish these operations with eight Airmen fully dedicated to planning and conducting asset shipments, saving the Department of Defense money with cost effective bulk movements.

However, this new process hasn’t come to fruition without obstacles.

“The biggest challenge we had was the coordination and planning phases,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Walker, 51st MUNS shipping/receiving crew chief. “It’s imperative that we have 100 percent accuracy and are scheduled to meet our deadlines. Our assets are part of a much larger shipment and we cannot afford to miss deadlines because freightliners will depart with or without our assets.”

Advancing past South Korea’s city and landscapes, the 51st MUNS and 51st LRS maneuvered past high cranes and massive ships at Jinhae Port. Caravanning their line-haul, they successfully delivered their assets to the 607th Material Maintenance Squadron’s water port transportation team.

Commuting back, looking at the rear-view mirror’s reflecting images of their transported assets, Walker feels gratified for the five months’ worth of work coming to the finish line.

“Completing this (retrograde) was one of the hardest tasks we’ve done as the 51st MUNS,” said Walker. “With everyone involved, our reward is knowing that everything made it without any issues. We have gained a massive amount of knowledge from this and have successfully stood-up a specialized element to handle the upcoming shipments in the future. We are going to continue this process and pass down what we have learned to our replacements that will eventually take over.”

Airmen from the 51st Munitions Squadron shipping/receiving element remove debris from cargo prior to a retrograde in support of operation “ammo transfer,” Aug. 25, 2020, in Pyeongtaek-si, Republic of Korea. ►





Staff Sgt. Benjamin Hawk, 8th Operations Support Squadron tower watch supervisor, writes down aircraft tow information from the Maintenance Operations Center. Air traffic controllers coordinate with many flight line agencies to ensure runways are clear before an aircraft takes off. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner)

Tower controllers ensure safety of flight

**By Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea--The art of juggling requires tons of coordination, training and consistent precision. Jugglers must be confident with every move, because one mistake can lead to failure.

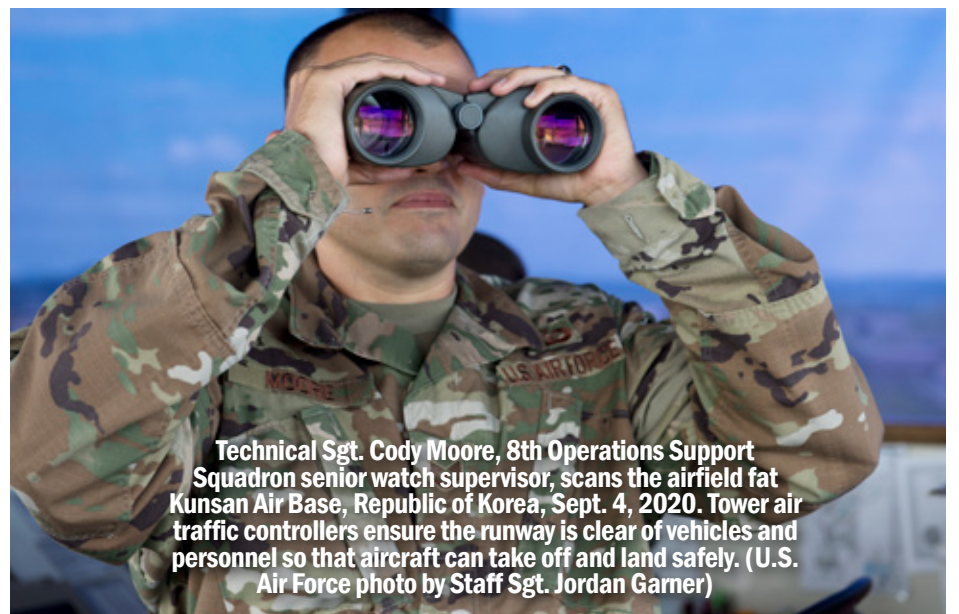
Air traffic controllers are the jugglers of the airfield, coordinating with the flight line and consistently training to ensure a safe and expeditious flow of air traffic and travel.

"To be an air traffic controller, you have to make decisions as fast as possible," said Staff Sgt. Gregory Ellsworth, 8th Operations Support Squadron tower watch supervisor. "If you said one word wrong, you can be taken out of the career field. They just

need to make sure everything you were trained on, everything you do is correct at all times to ensure safety overall."

Commonly known as the "eyes in the sky," tower controllers coordinate with many agencies on the flight line. Whether it's airfield management, weather, or base operations, tower personnel are responsible for knowing what goes on for flight operations to run smoothly.

"The importance of communicating with the agencies is so everyone has the same information, at the same time, as soon as possible, so we can get the job done," said Staff Sgt. Gregory Ellsworth, 8th Operations Support Squadron tower watch supervisor. "No one's going to be on the airfield



Technical Sgt. Cody Moore, 8th Operations Support Squadron senior watch supervisor, scans the airfield at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 4, 2020. Tower air traffic controllers ensure the runway is clear of vehicles and personnel so that aircraft can take off and land safely. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner)

without us knowing."

Tower controllers are certified every time they are reassigned to a new base or deployed. The controllers are constantly learning new information that comes out regarding air spaces, runways and taxiways of each base they are assigned to.

"Whenever you get to a new base, no matter your rank, you're going to be watched by somebody that's already certified at that base, and you start on-the-job training all over again," Ellsworth said.

Training is the most crucial aspect of becoming a proficient air traffic controller. When air traffic controllers aren't on the main floor, orchestrating the runway, they are training to ensure maximum performance.

"We have weekly training at least," Ellsworth said. "We have mandatory monthly training that comes down from headquarters that we also have to complete. It's about a two-month training period before you actually start the job."

Just like a juggler's performance depends on precise training, the execution of the flight line mission depends on an air traffic controller's efficiency in getting aircraft in and out of the air.

"With our job, we have lives in our hands 24/7, seven days a week," said Senior Airman Arthur Shields, 8th OSS tower air traffic controller. "It's one of those jobs where we can't make mistakes. The whole point of the mission is that we always want to make sure that people get home safely."



Ceremony participants look at commemorative bricks of a POW/MIA memorial during a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2020. Each brick has the name, unit and date the servicemember was declared POW/MIA during the Korean War, and serves as a reminder to passersby that they will never be forgotten. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jensen)

Unforgotten Heroes: Osan honors POW/MIA Day

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Team Osan commemorated our nation's prisoners of war and those missing in action during a POW/MIA Memorial ceremony on base, Sept. 16, 2020.

Indebted to these heroes' protection of our freedoms and way of life, participants laid engraved bricks in their honor.

"Each year, on the third Friday in September, our nation commemorates National POW/MIA Recognition Day," said Kelly McKeague, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Director. "In doing so, we pay particular tribute to those courageous service members and federal civilians who were imprisoned after they answered the call to duty. In facing inconceivable hardships and extreme suffering, they persevered with inordinate faith and resilience to return home with honor."

Congress first officially recognized POW/MIA Recognition Day in 1979, but the family members of those



Colonel John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander, provides remarks during a POW/MIA Recognition ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2020. The POW/MIA Recognition Day serves as a symbol of the nation's concern and commitment to resolving the fates of prisoners, missing, or those unaccounted for following World War II and the conflicts that followed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jensen)

POW/MIAs were honoring their sacrifice years before.

“The day also raises awareness of the tens of thousands of heroes who answered the call to duty, and tragically have yet to return home,” McKeague added. “From World War II through Operation Iraqi Freedom, they number over 81,000. They made the supreme sacrifice for their nation, but their families are burdened with both the grief of their loss and the inherent uncertainty.”

Currently, there are 81,000 Americans unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars, and recent conflicts, with 75 percent of those gone missing (41,000) somewhere in the Pacific and assumed lost at sea.

“507 American remains from the Korean War have been identified and accounted for since 1982,” said Col. John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander. “In June of this year, six American remains from the Korean War were repatriated at Osan. These continued efforts to find our fellow Americans further solidify our commitment to bringing them home.”



Colonel John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander, salutes a commemorative brick during a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 16, 2020. The brick was dedicated to 1st Lt. Jacob Harrison, a pilot with the 25th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, who was declared missing in action after his aircraft was shot down over the Pacific Ocean during the Korean War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jensen)

‘Mustang 2’ debuts F-16 flight

Col. Henry R. Jeffress III, 51st Fighter Wing vice commander, performs a preflight inspection prior to his debut F-16 Fighting Falcon launch as “Mustang 2” Sept. 2, 2020, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ▼



Col. Henry R. Jeffress III, 51st Fighter Wing vice commander, advances the runway for his debut F-16 Fighting Falcon “Mustang 2” flight Sept. 2, 2020, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Emporia, Va., native joins Osan after being the director of U.S. Strategic Command’s Joint Electromagnetic Preparedness for Advanced Combat (JEPAC) Directorate. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Henry R. Jeffress III, 51st Fighter Wing vice commander, debuts his first F-16 Fighting Falcon flight as ‘Mustang 2,’ at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 2, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ►





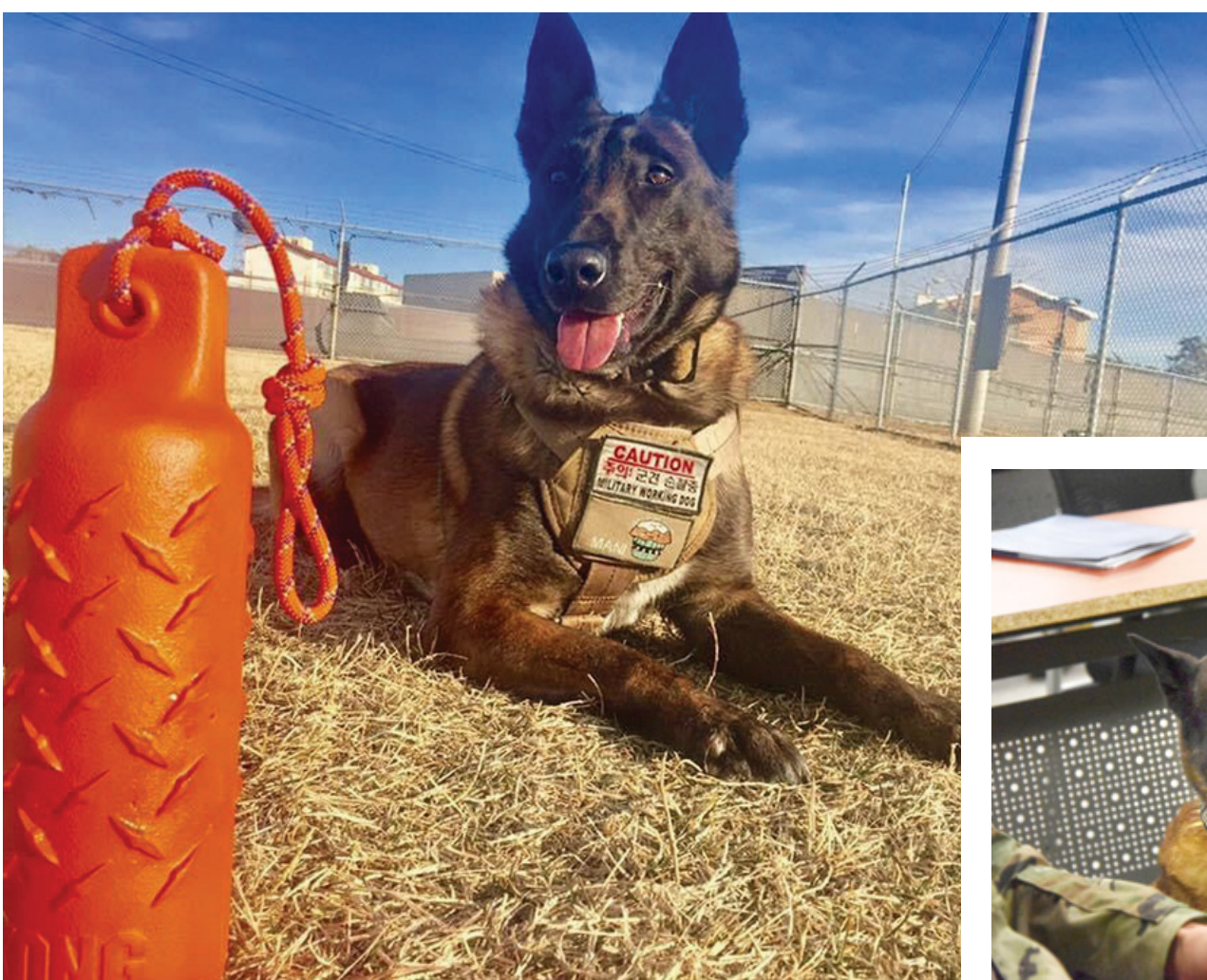
Mani, retired 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, smiles during his retirement ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 17, 2020. Mani accumulated more than 1,500 hours of law enforcement patrols during his nine years of service. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High) ▲

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“Ever since I left Korea, I knew I wanted to adopt Mani,” Mikell said. “Korea is very unique in the sense that we are allowed to bring our dogs back to our dorm rooms as much as we want. Mani spent practically every night in my room and got me through some hard times while I was in Korea toward the end of my time there.”

“I was there from May 2016 to May 2017, and my flight always loved having him around,” Mikell said. “He took his job very serious.”

Mani’s last patrol was during the 8th Fighter Wing’s recent 9/11 memorial





Staff Sgt. Zachary Kunkler, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, says goodbye to retired MWD Mani/R265 at Incheon International Airport, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2020. Mani accumulated more than 1,500 hours of law enforcement patrols during his nine years of service. (Courtesy photo by Staff Sgt. Akeem Smith) ◀



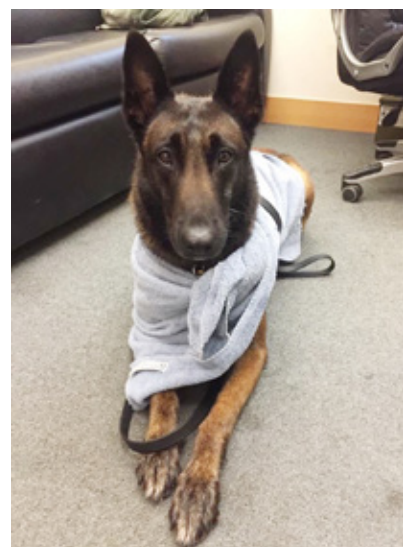
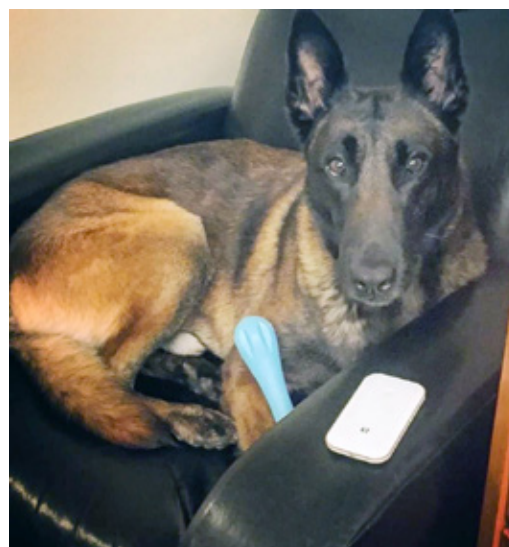
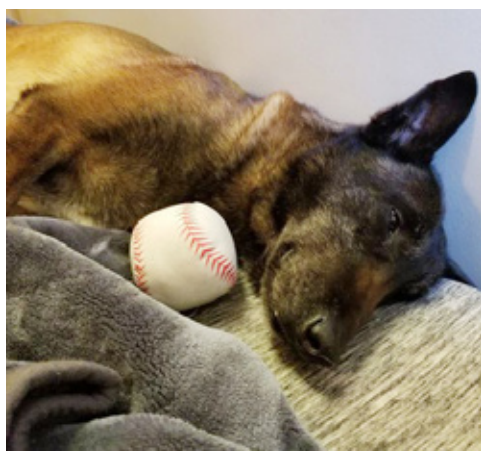
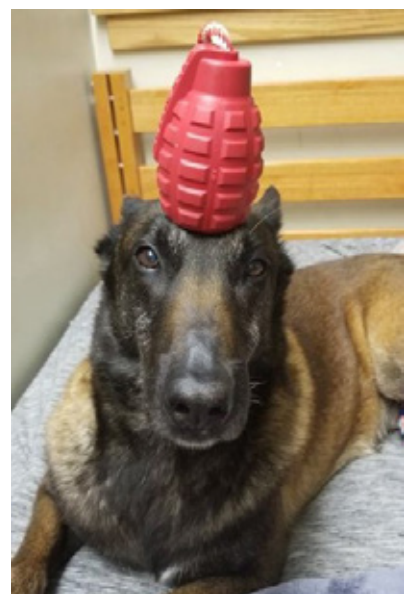
ceremony. He spent a lot of the time laying down, but when it was time to move, Mani was ready, like always.

As attendees said their goodbyes to Mani at the end of the ceremony, they had the opportunity to both pet and give dog treats to Mani.

He received his final salute from the squadron and, after 9 long years, Mani was on his way to his forever home. It was clear that the 8th SFS and MWD section will miss him dearly.

"I'm gonna miss the old pup," Kunkler said. "But the couch life was a long time coming and he deserves it after his time serving in the world's greatest Air Force."

Farewell, Mani. Thank you for your service.





Wolf Pack closes out POW/MIA week

Staff Sgt. Joshua Wallace, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron ground transportation craftsman, carries the POW/MIA flag during a run at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 17, 2020. Throughout the week, service members from Kunsan hosted a POW/MIA ruck march, a 24-hour vigil run and a closing ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲

8th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technicians, walk the final lap of a POW/MIA run at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 17, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ►



Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Woods, 8th Fighter Wing command chief, and Col. Christopher Hammond, 8th FW commander, join 8th FW Airmen for a toast during a closing ceremony for POW/MIA week. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner) ▲

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Grewell, 8th Security Forces Squadron, speaks to Airmen prior to a POW/MIA run at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 17, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ►



2020 Fire Prevention Week: "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen"

Did you know cooking is the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

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This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" works to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen.

Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

Before you serve a meal, it is essential to serve up fire safety in the kitchen. There is nothing like spending time in the kitchen cooking a delicious meal for family and friends or an appetizing treat for yourself. But do you know the important steps to take long before anyone takes the first bite?

The following is the guidelines for cooking safety.

1. Keep kids safe from burns and scalds. Have a kid-free zone of at least 3 feet around hot things in the kitchen.
2. Keep your cooking area clutter-free. Move anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the stove top.
3. Focus on the food! Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.
4. Be smart when cooking. Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
5. Clubbing and cooking don't mix. After a night out, order in.
6. Put a lid on it. To extinguish a small grease fire, keep a pot lid nearby when cooking.

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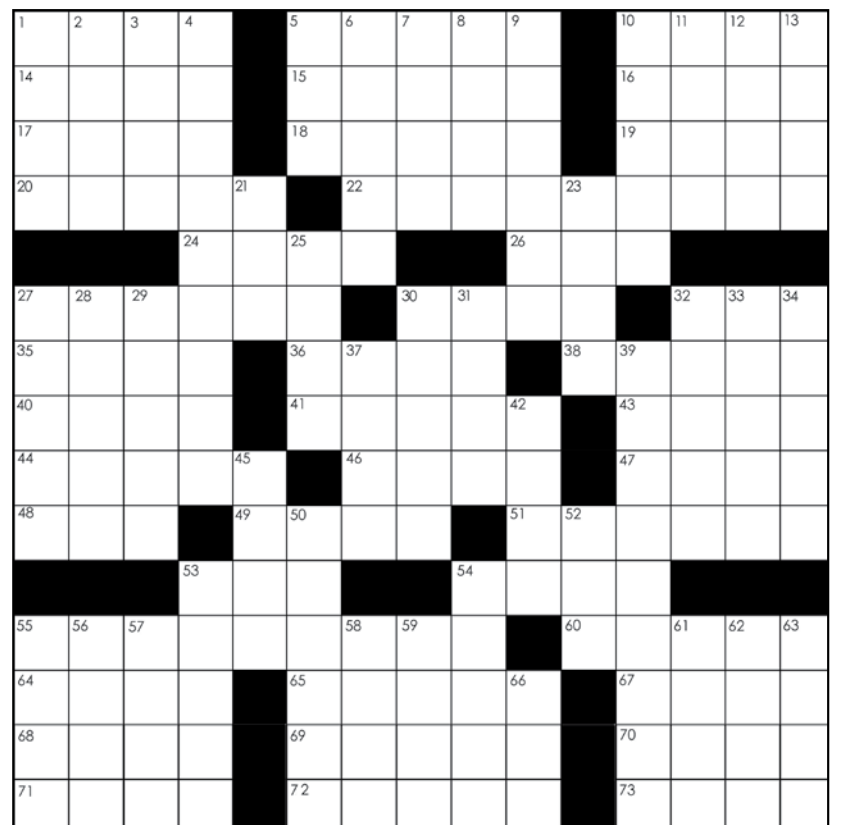
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

- 1 Call to ____
- 5 Tiffs
- 10 ____ mater
- 14 Goes with frog or year
- 15 Divvy up
- 16 Afrikaans speaker
- 17 Goes with Kournikova or Kendrick
- 18 Kim Ki-duk 2012 film
- 19 Slips up
- 20 Iron Man or Game of Thrones surname
- 22 Fits with legislative and judicial
- 24 Korean defense system
- 26 Rapper One
- 27 Aviator Earhart
- 30 Opposite of fail
- 32 Mp3s predecessor
- 35 Jeans maker
- 36 Sgts
- 38 Man ____ town
- 40 Tehran country
- 41 Type of renewable energy
- 43 Taxi alternative
- 44 Gambling for elderly
- 46 Emilio Estevez film "____ Man"
- 47 Kinks song
- 48 "____ a small world"
- 49 Greek god of war
- 51 Having nerves of steel
- 53 Vein of metal
- 54 Group of animals
- 55 1953 Korean War agreement
- 60 Cheap place to spend the night
- 64 Phantom Menace bad guy
- 65 Particles of matter
- 67 Last letter of phonetic alphabet
- 68 Heap
- 69 Comedian Thompson
- 70 English college
- 71 Toboggan
- 72 Edit for print
- 73 Viking symbol

DOWN

- 1 "____ poor Yorick"
- 2 Monthly payment
- 3 Magical power
- 4 "Korea ____"
- 5 Tree fluid
- 6 Folded with a needlenose tool
- 7 Jeopardy host Trebek
- 8 Type of bag
- 9 Heaps
- 10 Aids
- 11 Petty or Loughlin
- 12 Griffin or Mosely
- 13 Buttocks
- 21 Cobra ____
- 23 Major or minor constellation
- 25 Operates
- 27 Cover story
- 28 Type of badge
- 29 Captain America actor Chris
- 30 ____ apart
- 31 Immediately
- 32 Programming language
- 33 Shootouts
- 34 "____ Cat Strut"
- 37 Apple center
- 39 Redeveloper's vehicle
- 42 Monk's outfit
- 45 Paddles
- 50 Drive out the enemy
- 52 Give a gun to
- 53 Greased up
- 54 Prince Adam's secret identity
- 55 Objects found on stage
- 56 Train track
- 57 Load-bearing animal
- 58 Object
- 59 Front of a rocket
- 61 Ballerina's dress
- 62 Tesla owner Musk
- 63 "Clair de ____"
- 66 Audio file format

Answers to Previous Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 AUTOMATIC
- 6 ICBMS
- 9 CHUSEOK
- 10 MRPIZZA
- 11 MEDAL
- 12 NBA
- 13 ORG
- 14 BARENAKED
- 17 AWAIT
- 18 NAVAL
- 20 KOREANWAR
- 22 INC
- 24 OUT

26 STEAM

- 28 OKINAWA
- 29 BALDWIN
- 31 NEEDS
- 32 KATHMANDU

DOWN

- 1 ASCOM
- 2 THUNDER
- 3 MRE
- 4 TAKEN
- 5 COMMANDER
- 6 INPUT
- 7 BAZOOKA

8 SLAUGHTER

- 14 BANKIMMOON
- 15 NLL
- 16 KAKAOTALK
- 17 AHA
- 19 VACCINE
- 21 WAEGWAN
- 23 BEARS
- 25 TIBET
- 27 MANDU
- 30 LAM



The U.S. Air Force Academy band recognizes graduates, cadets and officers who've passed away in the last year during a ceremony on the terrazzo, Sept. 25, 2020, at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joshua Armstrong)

A U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker, F-15C Eagles, F-15E Strike Eagles, and Royal Saudi Air Force F-15SAs fly over Saudi Arabia while participating in a large formation exercise, Sept. 10, 2020. U.S. Air Forces Central continues to build and strengthen regional partners by training alongside one another, integrating capabilities and increasing interoperability to project agile combat employment from established and austere locations throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Duncan C. Bevan) ▶



Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett receives a brief on the FalconSAT program during a visit to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 23, 2020. FalconSAT is the Academy's small satellite engineering program. Satellites are designed, built, tested and operated by Academy cadets. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joshua Armstrong) ▼



Airmen assigned to the 74th Aerial Port Squadron hook equipment to a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during a rigging practice mission at Joint Base San Antonio-Chapman Annex, Sept. 9 2020. Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment and Airmen from the 74th APS conduct this type of training for the C/2-149th AV to maintain external sling-load missions used for downrange operations and local emergency situations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tyler McQuiston) ▶





More than 200 U.S. Air Force members, government employees and contractors assigned to the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, pose for a group photo at Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia, Aug. 31, 2020. The 393rd EBS deployed with three B-2 Spirits as part of a Bomber Task Force, which tests the readiness of Airmen and equipment, as well as their collective ability to operate at forward locations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Salazar) ◀

A composite expands under light at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Aug. 31, 2020. Scientists at AFRL and Hanyang University, South Korea, through a joint collaborative sponsorship between the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the National Research Foundation of Korea, are developing smart structural composites that are robust and photothermally responsive, enabling next-generation composite materials that are repairable with the application of light sources. The polymers can act as robotic grippers or actuators that can be used in many real-world applications and withstand loads 24,000 times their mass. (U.S. Air Force photo by Amber Hubbard) ▼

Maj. Gen. Thad Bibb, Eighteenth Air Force commander, uses a virtual reality system during his tour of the new Bedrock facility at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Sept. 23, 2020. The Bedrock facility provides a collaborative environment in which Airmen can explore their creativity and generate intelligent failures that will ultimately lead to success and better answers to future challenges. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Christopher Quail) ▼



A B-1B Lancer assigned to the 345th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron sits on the ramp at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, before taking part in a sortie in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Sept. 18, 2020. The 345th EBS is a Total Force Integration unit comprised of Reserve Airmen of the 489th Bomb Group and active-duty Airmen from the 7th Bomb Wing stationed at Dyess AFB, Texas. The unit operates in the same arrangement at home station, enabling it to respond quickly to the short-notice call for the emergent BTF. The missions highlight the adaptability and flexibility of the U.S. Air Force in responding to potential adversaries anywhere around the globe. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ted Daigle) ▶



Kunsan

- KUNSAN PHOTO CLUB -

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

- WOLF PACK LODGE -

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

lodging rooms on a space available basis up to 120 days in advance for a maximum of 30 days depending on availability. You can also book reservations for the holiday season (November and December) up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of 15 days. (Depending on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday!

Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844
FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -

Every Sunday, volunteers from a 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

OSAN BASE HONOR GUARD "TO HONOR WITH DIGNITY":

Are you or someone you know highly motivated, dedicated to excellence, and want to be among the sharpest? If the answer is yes, the Osan Honor Guard Team welcomes you. For more information contact Program Manager SSgt Akin Hyde at 784-1091 or via email akin.hyde@us.af.mil. Practice is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1600, bldg 937, rm 212.

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 commis-

sioning 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/>

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

TEAM OSAN WOMEN'S HISTORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

2020 WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM



OPEN TO ALL TEAM OSAN

Buisness Casual for all attendees
Register by 13 October
Contact: Capt Tia Hewuse, 784-1820

16 OCTOBER
7:30AM - 2PM
O'CLUB

PANEL DISCUSSIONS
GUEST SPEAKERS
NETWORKING

earlier than Feb 21. this is a great opportunity to get involved with a Wing level event!

NEW MILTA APPROACH FOR FY2021:

The Department of the Air Force officials announced a \$3,750 military tuition assistance cap per fiscal year versus previous military tuition assistance limits of \$4,500 beginning Oct. 1. Please read here: <https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2365105/departement-of-the-air-force-releases-new-military-tuition-assistance-approach-f/>

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



United States Army Garrison Humphreys Commander Col. Michael Tremblay signs the Fire Prevention Proclamation to officially commence the annual National Fire Prevention Week at Humphreys Fire Station 1, Sept. 29, as Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Lemon looks on. (Photo Credit: Pfc. Nickson Schenk, Visual Information Photographer)

Humphreys launches Fire Prevention Week

By Maria GallegosCarter

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea -- United States Army Garrison Humphreys Commander Col. Michael Tremblay and Humphreys Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Lemon officially kicked off the National Fire Prevention Week, at Humphreys Fire Station 1, Sept. 29.

This year's theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," as cooking is the leading cause of house fires nationwide.

"Thank you so much for all that you do every single day," Tremblay said. "You make our job really easy when it comes to emergency services, and specifically fire prevention and fire safety. Chief, to you and your whole team, you guys are phenomenal. Thank you."

According to the USAG Humphrey Fire Inspector Supervisor Yi, Sang-chol, unattended cooking and illegal smoking are the two most common fire hazards here at Humphreys.

From January 1 through August 31, Humphreys had 83 unattended cooking incidents, 38 cases of smoke detector tampering, and 26 false alarms due to E-cigarette use in the barracks.

"We get a lot of calls for unattended cooking and smoke caused by E-cigarettes," Yi said. "Smoking, including E-cigarettes, is strictly



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prohibited in all U.S. Army buildings. People must go 50 feet beyond public entrances or residences to smoke, but many do not.”

Fires in the kitchen can be prevented if you “Stand by your Pan.” The Directorate of Emergency Services’ slogan helps remind the community to never leave their cooking unattended.

“People tend to forget what’s on the stove, especially if they have other distractions,” Yi said. “Watching TV, taking a shower, or being medicated while cooking can distract you from cooking, which can lead to home fires and injuries. Please be mindful to protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors by being

responsible when you cook.”

In recognition of the NFPW, October 5-8, DES has several events scheduled around the installation to help educate the community on proper fire safety. They will also have food, games, giveaways, and interactive activities for everyone.

A few of these events will be held at Humphreys West Elementary School (Oct. 5-6) and Humphreys Central Elementary School (Oct. 7-8), from 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., to directly discuss the importance of fire prevention with students.

“It is important for us [fire inspectors] to educate young kids on fire hazards and

prevention,” Yi said. “Showing them some common fire hazards and how to safely avoid them can possibly prevent deadly or serious outcomes in the future.”

On Oct. 8, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., DES will continue to educate the community on fire prevention at Humphreys Downtown Plaza.

“We invite everyone to come join us,” Yi said. “Just having awareness of what can cause a fire and knowing how to use a fire extinguisher can save a life, or lives.”

USAG Humphreys has four fire stations with 24/7 emergency dispatch, and two bilingual dispatchers who can translate 119 calls. They can also be reached at 911.

House hunting during quarantine



USAG Humphreys Housing Division Yi, So-yong, assists Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bong Seok Kim, Eighth Army Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion Counterintelligence, and his family with their new housing lease Sept. 25. During the 14 days quarantine, Kim started his in-processing process virtually using the 19th HRC QR code. (Photo by Maria Gallegos)

By Maria Gallegos & Desiree Carter

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea -- The United States Army Garrison Humphreys Housing Office, in coordination with 19th Human Resources Company, developed a new process for incoming personnel to begin their house hunting while in the 14-day mandatory quarantine here.

Upon arrival, personnel are provided a QR code that allows them to conduct virtual in-processing. Using their electronic devices, they are able to access the site where they will find the housing welcome video, an information sheet and a fillable application.

All incoming personnel can submit their housing application, with a copy of their orders, to the Housing Office via email. Within 48 hours, the Housing Office will notify each individual and advise them of their housing option and availability, whether on or off post.

“The stress of moving abroad is hard enough,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Bong Seok Kim, recently assigned to Eighth Army Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion Counterintelligence. “It was a real help getting things started during my time in quarantine, especially the house hunting search to get my family into a home as quickly as possible.”

For those selected to reside on post, housing provides general information about living in the Army Family Housing quarters. Those authorized to reside off post receive a list of registered realtors, with contact information. This allows incoming personnel to select and work with a realtor while still on quarantine.

“Housing is critical to a service member’s experience in a new assignment,” said Marcia Flowers, the Housing Office chief. “It is very important to me that they have a positive

experience here, even with the complications of quarantine.”

Not all of the housing assignment process can be done online. Within two working days of release from quarantine, all command-sponsored and unaccompanied service members (E-7 and above) must attend a housing assignment briefing. Briefings are conducted every duty day, at 2 p.m., except the second Thursday of each month.

This system was launched in March. Since then, it has helped thousands of incoming personnel and their families jump start the housing process.

“I am thrilled that this service has been so well received,” Flowers said. “We are here to serve, and we will continue to evaluate our systems to better serve our customers during this difficult time.”

Spiritual Charge

Your life's Lighthouse: How Your Purpose Guides Your Life



**By Chaplain,
SSgt. Daneasha Jenkins**

So, what's the big deal about finding your purpose anyway? When someone mentions having a purpose in life, they usually talk about something that brings meaning to their lives. Your purpose is like your roadmap for your life. The author Caroline Myss described it as your "Souls Contract." Finding your purpose

isn't as daunting of a task as it seems; ultimately, with most things, it takes time to discover your purpose here on this earth. I didn't quite find mine until about two years ago. Coming into the Air Force wasn't my first choice. I wanted to join the Peace Corps because I had always wanted to help others. My journey towards helping others led me to eventually joining the Air Force and then cross-training into a career field that cares for airmen more than anyone thinks possible. During my Air Force career, I did indeed find out the answer to one of life's biggest questions: What is my purpose in this life?

For many, that question has gone unanswered, or instead, it is silenced by our ego-mind. We make the common mistake of letting our ego lead our decisions in life; we think that the purpose in life is some grand scheme, like being the next Steve Jobs, Oprah, or Beyonce, instead of finding out what feeds our soul.

Your purpose can be as simple as just showing up as your authentic self the way you were divinely created. When we do things that are out of obligation or ego-driven pursuits that don't get us closer to what truly serves us, it's like feeding our soul empty calories. Things that satisfy the ego but not the soul, so we continue to feed the ego, and the soul goes hungry. You think that if you buy this thing, when the kids are out of the house, if you get that promotion, or once you start making enough money, then you can start living your real soul's purpose. Right? Wrong! When we continue to do these things that push us so far left until we are so out of alignment with our soul's purpose, we start to feel completely lost because we have gone so far off course that we don't even know where we are anymore.

The truth is that nobody is promised enough time to do the things they truly want to do. We often don't know when our time is

done here, so we must make our time on earth truly count. Finding out what our values are in our life is a significant first step; this opens the door to your self-awareness.

The next step would involve your passion; if you were given just 48 hours to do what you wanted without those limiting beliefs, what would you do? The third step involves our outer purpose. Who do I want to help? How do I want to help, and what is the world's greatest need? The first two steps contribute to our inner purpose while the last questions capture the outer purpose. As humans, we know that we don't live in a bubble; we share this world with other people, our external world. To dig a little bit into how our purpose works, we must look at how we can blend both the inner and outer worlds. Finding your purpose is a lifelong journey, and the world has plenty of people walking around aimlessly, so it's time to step up and find your path to walk in this world.

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

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

OSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services

Community Service
Sundays @ 10:00 – Main Chapel

Gospel Service
Sundays @ 11:45 – Main Chapel

Catholic Services

Tuesday-Thursday-
Mass, 11:30 @ Main Chapel

Saturday (Sunday Obligation)
Main Chapel
Confession @ 4:00
(Contact Ch Barna to schedule an appointment)
Mass @ 5:00 – Main Chapel

Sunday
Mass @ 8:15 – Main Chapel

Catholic Religious Education
Sunday- 9:45-10:45

For more information about other faith group services, please contact Osan chapel at

DSN 784-5000

Find us on the web @
<https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

HUMPHREYS

Protestant Services

- Sundays -
9:00 a.m. Liturgical Service - PVC
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Agape (Contemporary) - 4CMC
11:00 a.m. Common Ground (Traditional) - FRDC
10:00 a.m. Burning Bush (Gospel) - WRC
10:30 a.m. Church of Christ - PVC
11:00 a.m. Spanish Service - PVC
1:00 p.m. Apostolic Pentecostal Lighthouse Service - WRC
- Wednesdays -
6:00 p.m. KATUSA Service - PVC

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)

- Sundays -
2:00 /3:15 p.m. Sacrament Meeting - FRDC
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday School - FRDC
3:30-4:30 Unaccompanied/Single SMs Meal - FRDC
POC: CH Brizzee 010-8921-1736; tyler.f.brizzee.mil@mail.mil

Catholic

Saturday, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Adoration - FRDC
Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation/Confession - FRDC
Saturday, 4:40 p.m. Rosary/Benediction - FRDC
Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass - FRDC
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Mass - FRDC
M-F, 5:30 p.m. Mass - FRDC

Jewish

2nd & 4th Friday, 5:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service - 4CMC
POC: CH(Cpt) Daniel Kamzam daniel.j.kamzam.mil@mail.mil

Islamic

Friday, 12:00-13:00 p.m. Jumah Service - PVC
Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Islamic/Arabic Classes - PVC
POC: Sfc. Kamel 010-8449-3024; mohammed.a.kamel.mil@mail.mil

Seventh Day Adventist

POC: Maj. Delavega 010-3917-6478; david.r.delavega.mil@mail.mil

Pagan

POC: Cpt. Emory Erickson emory.j.erickson.mil@mail.mil

8th MDG hosts re-designation ceremony



Presiding officer, Col. Marilyn "Hawk" Thomas, 8th Medical Group commander (left), retired the old guidon as Lt. Col. Claudia "Bones" Eid, former 8th Medical Operations Squadron commander, unveiled a new guidon during a re-designation ceremony on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2020. The 8th MDOS, activated Sept. 30, 1994, was renamed the 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, or 8th OMRS, in an effort to align with an Air Force initiative based off of a concept established at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High)

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- The 8th Medical Group re-designated two squadrons on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2020.

During the ceremony, presiding officer, Col. Marilyn "Hawk" Thomas, 8th MDG commander, retired the old guidons as Lt. Col. Andrea "Mash" Moore, former 8th Medical Support Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Claudia "Bones" Eid, former 8th Medical Operations Squadron commander, unveiled the new guidons.

The 8th MDOS, activated Sept. 30, 1994, changed to the 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, or 8th OMRS. The 8th MDSS, activated Aug. 1, 1994, changed to the 8th Healthcare Operations Squadron, or 8th HCOS.

"In summer 2017, Air Combat Command commissioned an initiative to improve combat readiness and lethality, revitalizing squadrons at the 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho," Thomas said. "The 366th Medical Squadron, as part of this pilot, reorganized from three squadrons into two squadrons."

Through the process of change, the concept at Mountain Home AFB became the

model across the board.

This became an Air Force-wide initiative in February 2019, when the Secretary of the Air Force directed the Air Force Surgeon General to realign medical efforts to focus on readiness.

"These changes are building an integrated healthcare system, restoring readiness and building the Air Force we need," said Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg.

The HCOS will provide medical care, immunizations and ambulance services. The OMRS will focus on active duty medical readiness. Prior to this separation, both squadrons handled the conglomerate.

Although there are no major changes to healthcare, there is one difference at Kunsan AB.

"Unlike HCOs across the Air Force, we will not be providing care to any [dependents] and retirees, as we do not have any impaneled here in the Wolf Pack," said Moore, commander of the newly-designated 8th HCOS. "You can expect that the Med Hawks continue to provide trusted, highly-reliable care to make sure we're taking care of the Wolf Pack."



Presiding officer, Col. Marilyn "Hawk" Thomas, 8th Medical Group commander, changes the squadron patch on Lt. Col. Andrea "MASH" Moore, former 8th Medical Support Squadron commander, during a re-designation ceremony on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2020. The 8th MDSS, activated Aug. 1, 1994, changed to the 8th Healthcare Operations Squadron, in an effort to align with an Air Force initiative based on a concept established at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin High)

Mission continues, maintenance remains steady

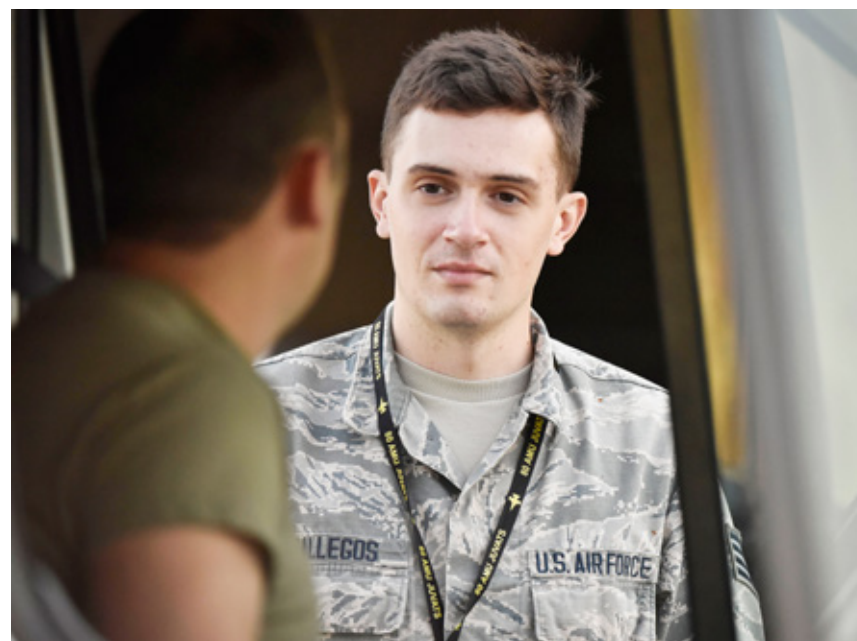


Staff Sgt. Charles Arnell, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit load crew member, sits in the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a pre-flight inspection at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 20, 2020. The 8th Maintenance Group frequently tests mission effectiveness, based on how fast they can successfully arm and launch an F-16. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲

Staff Sgt. Edward Gallegos, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics specialist, speaks to a production superintendent at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 20, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ►



Senior Airman Austin Zicht, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, secures a liquid oxygen converter at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 20, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲



REDHORSE lends a helping hand



Master Sgt. David Carreon, assigned to the 554th RED HORSE, or Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers, operates a dynamic cone penetrometer at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 4, 2020. RED HORSE is self-sufficient, with rapid response capabilities, to conduct independent operations in remote, high-threat environments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲



Airman 1st Class Wyatt Brewington, assigned to the 554th RED HORSE, or Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers, reads scans from the Trimble business center at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 9, 2020. RED HORSE provides heavy repair capability and construction support to recover airfield runways. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Garner)

TRACING THE BAEKJE KINGDOM IN GONGJU & BUYEO



Buyeo and Gongju are austere, modest towns, where one can feel the dignity of the Baekje Kingdom (18 BC – AD 660). Once capital cities of the Baekje Kingdom, the area is filled with attractions bearing the history of the kingdom and places manifesting a genuine harmony between man and nature. In appreciation of these aspects, the cities of Buyeo and Gongju were recognized as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. Read on to discover more about what these historical cities have to offer!



◀ Songsan-ri Tombs and Royal Tomb of King Muryeong

Gongju was the capital city of Baekje for 63 years. In 1971, there was a breakthrough in the discovery of the Royal Tomb of King Muryeong, the only royal tomb from the Three Kingdoms Period whose occupant has been identified. The bodies of King Muryeong (r. 462-523) and his queen had been interred here together and over 2,900 pieces of artifacts have been excavated, including the King and Queen's crown ornaments and other accessories.

The relics and artifacts removed from the Royal Tomb of King Muryeong are on display in exhibition halls at Songsan-ri Ancient Tombs and Gongju National Museum. The excavated tombs themselves are now closed for preservation, but recreations of the interior of Tomb No. 6 and the Royal Tomb of King Muryeong have been built for visitors to enter. The two ancient tombs are the only brick tombs of Baekje, indicating the kingdom's exchange with China. The arrangements of the bricks and the diverse patterns engraved on them are emblematic of Baekje's brilliant culture.

Unfortunately, the exhibition hall at Songsan-ri Ancient Tombs is currently closed until late summer 2019. However, visitors can still walk around Songsan-ri Ancient Tombs and see the many relics and artifacts on display at Gongju National Museum.

- Address: 37-2, Wangreung-ro, Gongju-si, Chungcheongnam-do

▶ Neungsan-ri Ancient Tombs and Buyeo Naseong Fortress

A total of seven ancient tombs from the Baekje era make up the Ancient Tombs in Neungsan-ri, Buyeo. The identities of the grave occupants are still unknown but they are presumed to be part of the royal family. One tomb in particular, Junghachong, has an arched ceiling just like that of the royal tomb of King Muryeong, differentiating it from the remaining tombs that have ceilings in the shape of squares or hexagons.

Next to the tombs, visitors can see what remains of Buyeo Naseong, the outer fortress wall protecting the ancient capital city. The wall is made up of a flat stone exterior, with a gentle sloping hill on the city side to allow those inside the fortress to more easily fight off outside attacks. The location of the wall provides insight into how large the capital city was during the Baekje period in Buyeo.

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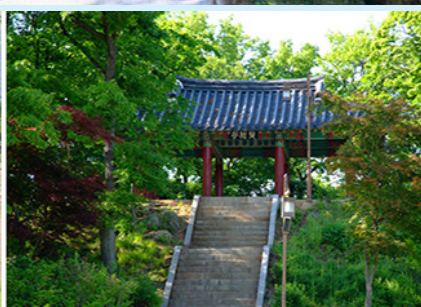


► Gilt-bronze Incense Burner & Five-story Stone Pagoda

The Great Gilt-bronze Incense Burner of Baekje (National Treasure No. 287) and the Five-story Stone Pagoda of Jeongnimsaji Temple Site (National Treasure No. 9) are considered the most representative Baekje era relics in Buyeo. Created over 1,500 years ago, these artifacts show a graceful dignity that is unique to Baekje and the elaborate skills of Baekje craftsmen.

The Great Gilt-bronze Incense Burner of Baekje is kept in the Buyeo National Museum. The support is symbolically carved in the form of a blossoming lotus flower and the lid in the form of Samsinsan (Three Gods Mountains). The Five-story Stone Pagoda of Jeongnimsaji Temple Site is preserved on the grounds of Jeongnimsaji Museum. The stone pagoda was part of Jeongnimsa Temple, a central temple of the Baekje era that was built around the time the capital was transferred from Gongju to Buyeo. Although only faint traces of Jeongnimsa Temple remain, the Five-story Stone Pagoda has stood firm throughout the last 1,400 years.

- Address: 5, Geumseong-ro, Buyeo-gun, Chungcheongnam-do



◀ Gwanbuk-ri Relics and Busosanseong Fortress

The Gwanbuk-ri Relics and Busosanseong Fortress are all that remain of what was once the Baekje Kingdom's last capital city, then called Sabigung Palace and Sabiseong Fortress. The relics site provides important details into the layout of the palace, with many small artifacts showing building and well placements. The most popular attraction at Busosanseong Fortress is Baekhwajeong Pavilion perched on the cliffs of Nakhwaam Rock. The approximately 1.3 kilometer-long forest path up to Baekhwajeong Pavilion makes for a nice walk. The path is especially beautiful in the spring and fall for its verdure and crimson foliage respectively. From Baekhwajeong Pavilion, visitors can enjoy a fine view of the Geumgang River below and its surrounding landscape.

Located approximately 200 meters below the pavilion is Goransa Temple. This small temple is famous for its spring water, said to make who drinks the water become three years younger. At the entrance to the temple is a dock for the ferry and hwangpo sailboats, offering the best views of Nakhwaam Rock. There are no set departure times for these boats as they set out when they have seven passengers.

- Address: 15, Buso-ro, Buyeo-gun, Chungcheongnam-do

◀ Gongsanseong Fortress

Gongsanseong Fortress was the site of the protective fortress and royal palace built at the time when Gongju was designated as the capital of Baekje. In addition to its great historical significance, the fortress offers a pleasant walk along its ramparts. The most scenic spots of the fortress are the section stretching from Geumseoru Pavilion to Manharu Pavilion and its lotus pond, and the section leading from Jinnammun Gate to Ssangsujeong Pavilion and the presumed palace site.

By hiking up the ramparts from Geumseoru Pavilion, one gets a commanding view of the Geumgang River flowing around the fortress and the newer part of Gongju across the river. In the opposite section near the Jinnammun Gate, you can enjoy looking down upon the old part of town.

At Gongsanseong Fortress, a guard changing ceremony takes place every weekend and public holiday, every hour on the hour between 11:00 and 17:00. Visitors to the fortress can also enjoy a variety of hands-on experience programs such as practicing archery, and making their own bows.

- Address: 280, Ungjin-ro, Gongju-si, Chungcheongnam-do



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80th AMU conducts flight inspections



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Staff Sgt. Abigail Backman, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit engines mechanic, inspects the exhaust of an F-16 Fighting Falcon on the flight line at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 20, 2020. Aircraft intakes and exhausts are checked for foreign object debris and damage, both before and after flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kristin S. High) ▲ ▼

