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Maj. Houston "Meat" Pye, 8th Fighter Wing chief of safety and 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, taxis out of a hangar at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 31, 2020. Pye served a short, one-year tour at the Wolf Pack and gave an interesting perspective as both an experienced pilot and the chief of safety, to include occupational safety, weapons safety and flight safety. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby)

## Former safety chief talks teamwork, reflects on tour with Wolf Pack

By Tech. Sgt. Will Bracy  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** While most Wolf Pack pilots are assigned directly to one of the wing's two fighter squadrons, some pilots are called upon to fill various leadership roles across the wing.

Such was the case for Maj. Houston "Meat" Pye, an F-16 pilot and the former 8th Fighter Wing chief of safety. Pye's year with the Wolf Pack

was his first year in the Air Force spent mostly outside the walls of a fighter squadron.

"I've had an awesome opportunity to learn a little bit more about all of the missions and functions that other units bring to the fight," Pye said. "In a fighter squadron, we get so focused on our day-to-day job that we often forget there are thousands of people working all over the base to make sure we can get airborne every day and come back safely."

Although a pilot might find themselves 'assigned' outside the fighter squadrons, he

or she is still 'attached' to a fighter squadron and continues flying regularly. According to Pye, it was sometimes difficult to find the right balance between the demands of flying and the responsibilities he had as the chief of safety.

"I can tell you the hardest part about being attached to the squadron for me, was balancing my time at both locations," he said. "Both the fighter squadrons and the safety shop needed me to be on my A game and prepared to execute the mission when I walked through the door."

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# Energy Cup challenges Team Osan



**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Thomas Gilpin, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron (left), and Tech. Sgt. Samuel Brown, 51st Force Support Squadron, both facilities managers within their units, pose with the Energy Cup Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 9, 2020. The Energy Cup is an annual competition that challenges units on their energy conservation efforts a nine-month period. Three units tied for 2020 fiscal year 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Betty Chevalier)**

**By David Moysey, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Resource Efficiency Office**

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- To commemorate Energy Action month, the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron is challenging Team Osan to find the best energy conservation solutions during the 5th Annual Energy Cup competition.

Facility managers across base are encouraging their building occupants to effectively reduce energy consumption, hoping to shatter last year's mark – saving approximately \$172,000.

“The competition is a great way to increase awareness in conserving energy and water on the base,” said David Moysey, 51st CES resource efficiency manager. “This competition is fair for all-sized facilities, because each facility’s current energy consumption is compared to the same facility’s consumption during the same time period in the previous fiscal year.”

Last year’s competition was

close, resulting in three facilities sharing bragging rights as the overall winners. Although the COVID-19 global pandemic greatly attributed to energy reduction measures, the winner’s best practices indicate they were more than capable of making their historic conservation efforts.

The 51st CES Structures shop reduced total energy consumption by 30 percent. Their main tactic was ensuring lights weren’t being misused during off-duty hours. Also, a light sensor installation project from 2014 attributed to their consumption goal.

The 51st CES fire station reduced their heating fuel consumption by 50 percent. This was accomplished by closing fire truck bay doors throughout the winter season.

The 51st Force Support Squadron

“**The competition is a great way to increase awareness in conserving energy and water on the base.**”  
— David Moysey, 51st CES resource efficiency manager.

Pacific House Dining Facility reduced electricity by 13 percent and heating fuel by 23 percent. This dining facility managed to outmatch other dining facilities in terms of energy consumption per square foot. Besides efficiently controlling the lighting in the dining rooms with lighting sensors and light-dimming capabilities, this facility also eliminated some cooking equipment and now constantly run only one fryer instead of two.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Rylee James, right, a 354th Maintenance Squadron (MXS) Aircrew Egress F-35A Lightning II cadre member, and Staff Sgt. Victor Benitez, a 354th MXS Aircrew Egress journeyman, work on the new arctic survival seat kit for the F-35A on Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Sept. 28, 2020. Egress Airmen are responsible for maintaining the ejection systems and ensuring the safety of pilots if they have to eject. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Beaux Hebert)



# First arctic survival kits installed in Eielson F-35As

By Senior Airman Beaux Hebert  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska -- Airmen from the 354th Fighter Wing developed a new arctic survival kit for the F-35A Lightning II, in November of 2019. Now, 11 months later, the first kits are being installed in Eielson's F-35A fleet.

Eielson's F-35As are the first of the Air Force's fleet to be stationed in an arctic climate, which drove the need for a new survival kit. After months of research, development and testing, the design was sent to the 354th Operations Group commander for approval. In April the kit was given the "green light" and aircrew flight equipment Airmen got busy building them for the approaching winter.

"Due to the smaller size of the seat we are limited on how many items we can pack in here," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ross Dugger, a 354th Operations Support Squadron AFE craftsman. "Over the years, we've worked with [survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialists] to develop this kit and decided



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ross Dugger, a 354th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment craftsman, lays out the contents of the new arctic survival seat kit for the F-35A Lightning II on Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Sept. 25, 2020. Some of the contents include a knife for gathering food, a poncho to stay dry and flares to signal rescue teams. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Beaux Hebert)



what is the most essential equipment needed to survive.”

Airmen from AFE are responsible for packing the kit to fit a specific size in the F-35A before it is ready to go into the jet. The kit consists of survival tools and equipment to help pilots in case of an emergency ejection to include a knife for gathering food, a poncho to stay dry, and flares to signal rescue teams.

“It’s been a learning curve, with the seats being so new they are not as easy to pack,” Dugger said. “With time we will become more efficient and continue to ensure our pilots’ safety.”

After the kit has been packed and fitted to the seat, Airmen assigned to the 354th Maintenance Squadron Aircrew Egress Flight bring the kit to the jet and carefully swap the summer kit with the arctic kit. While doing this, Egress also inspects the seat for discrepancies to ensure the pilot will be safe if they eject.

“We are starting from the ground up, setting up systems and learning as we go,” said Staff Sgt. Victor Benitez, a 354th MXS Aircrew Egress specialist. “There’s a lot of components and sometimes it can take a long time to put just one bolt in, but it has to be done so that everything works 100 percent of the time.”

The new arctic seat kits will be installed on all of Eielson’s F-35A fleet and could potentially be used by some partner nations who have F-35s in similar climates.

“Hopefully they never have to use these items but I take a lot of pride in my work, which could potentially save a pilot’s life,” Dugger said.



**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ross Dugger, a 354th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment craftsman, zips up the new arctic survival seat kit for the F-35A Lightning II on Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Sept. 25, 2020. All of the items have to be packed tightly and efficiently to save space and fit in the cockpit. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Beaux Hebert) ▲**

**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Victor Benitez, a 354th Maintenance Squadron (MXS) Aircrew Egress journeyman, and Tech. Sgt. Rylee James, a 354th MXS Aircrew Egress F-35A Lightning II cadre member, install the new arctic survival seat kit for the F-35A on Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Sept. 28, 2020. Airmen from the 354th Fighter Wing developed a new arctic survival kit for F-35A pilots which is being installed into Eielson’s fleet. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Beaux Hebert) ▼**





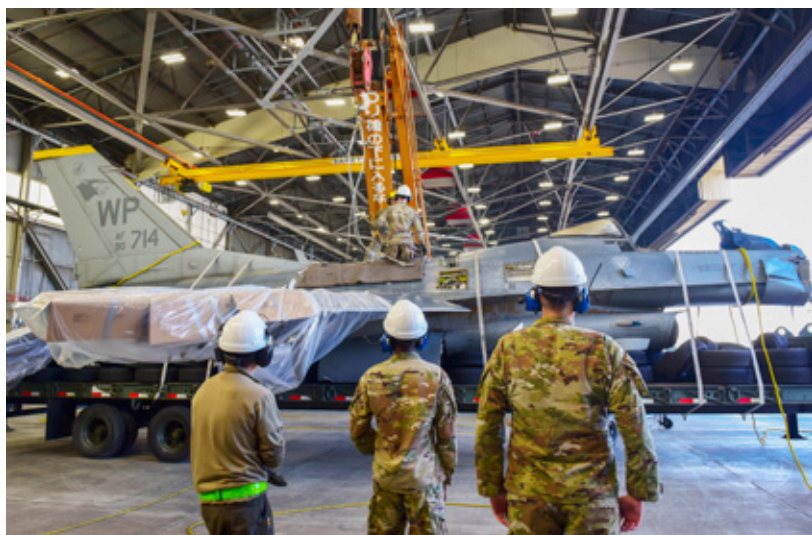
The 8th Maintenance Squadron's Crashed, Damaged, or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team lifts a jet with a 50-ton crane at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 19, 2020. The CDDAR team moved the damaged F-16 Fighting Falcon from a truck trailer onto maintenance stands so Air Mobility Units can recover serviceable components, inspect them and put them back into the supply system for use in other aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair)



# CDDAR team moves damaged F-16



The 8th Maintenance Squadron Crashed, Damaged, or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team move a stand under a damaged asset at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 19, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▲ ▼



The 8th Maintenance Squadron Crashed, Damaged, or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team secures the damaged asset to a 50-ton crane. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▲

The 8th Maintenance Squadron's Crashed, Damaged, or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team lift a nine-ton asset up with a 50-ton crane. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ◀





The effect of a munition being dropped from an F-16 Fighting Falcon is simulated by the 35th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight during Range Day at Draughon Range outside Misawa Air base, Oct. 9, 2020. The effect is created using small amounts of explosives and a mixture of diesel and gasoline; the 35th CES Fire Department was on standby. (U.S. Air Force photo by Branden Yamada)

# Range day showcases Wild Weasel mission

**By Staff Sgt. Grace Nichols,  
35th Fighter Wing Public  
Affairs**

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan --** Members of Team Misawa attended the annual Range Day event hosted by the 35th Operations Group at Draughon Range near Misawa Air Base, Japan, Oct. 9, 2020.

Range Day is a bilateral demonstration featuring both ground and air operations between U.S. and Koku-Jieitai (Japan Air Self-Defense Force) partners.

The Draughon Range personnel work with U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, and frequently host other military services, branches and airframes to include JASDF aircraft. They facilitate training exercises by providing targets and a place to fire munitions. Range Day showcased these capabilities through 13th Fighter Squadron pilots practicing to attack ground targets from low altitudes using aircraft-mounted automatic weapons, alongside JASDF

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A Japan Air Self-Defense Force 200 millimeter anti-aircraft cannon Vulcan Air Defense System, left, and a type 81 short range surface-to-air missile, right, are displayed during Range Day at Draughon Range outside Misawa Air base, Japan, Oct. 9, 2020. Pilots from the 13th and 14th Fighter Squadrons practiced low-altitude attacks on ground targets using aircraft-mounted automatic weapons, while JASDF members displayed their anti-aircraft capabilities using informational exhibits. (U.S. Air Force photo by Branden Yamada)



**Maj. Houston “Meat” Pye, 8th Fighter Wing chief of safety and 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, dons his pilot helmet before flight at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 31, 2020. Pye served a short, one-year tour at the Wolf Pack and gave an interesting perspective as both an experienced pilot and the chief of safety, to include occupational safety, weapons safety and flight safety. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ►**

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“I was fortunate enough to have great teammates in both the two fighter squadrons and in the safety shop, who I fully trusted to get the job done when I couldn’t be there,” he said. “Having Airmen I could trust on both sides, allowed me to take care of whichever team had the most pressing need.”

Pye said his greatest challenge as the chief of safety was his first day on the job – the same day the wing lost an F-16 due to failed landing gear.

“To see the entire base come together as a team, to not only take care of our Airman, but to make sure we could investigate the incident and hopefully prevent it from happening again, was humbling,” he said. “Everyone from the comptroller squadron, logistics readiness squadron, both maintenance squadrons and civil engineering was incredibly helpful in getting us what we needed.”

When asked to sum up what he learned from his year at the 8th FW, Pye offered parting wisdom for all young officers across the Wolf Pack.

“For the pilots, as you continue to build your skills as a fighter pilot, don’t forget to foster your skills as an officer and a leader,” he said. “Don’t be afraid to reach outside of the fighter squadron to make connections.

“One of the best things I did here was get to know the great leaders we have on base, away from the flightline,” he said. “Fostering those relationships has helped me grow personally and professionally. Not only that, it has made me a better fighter pilot.

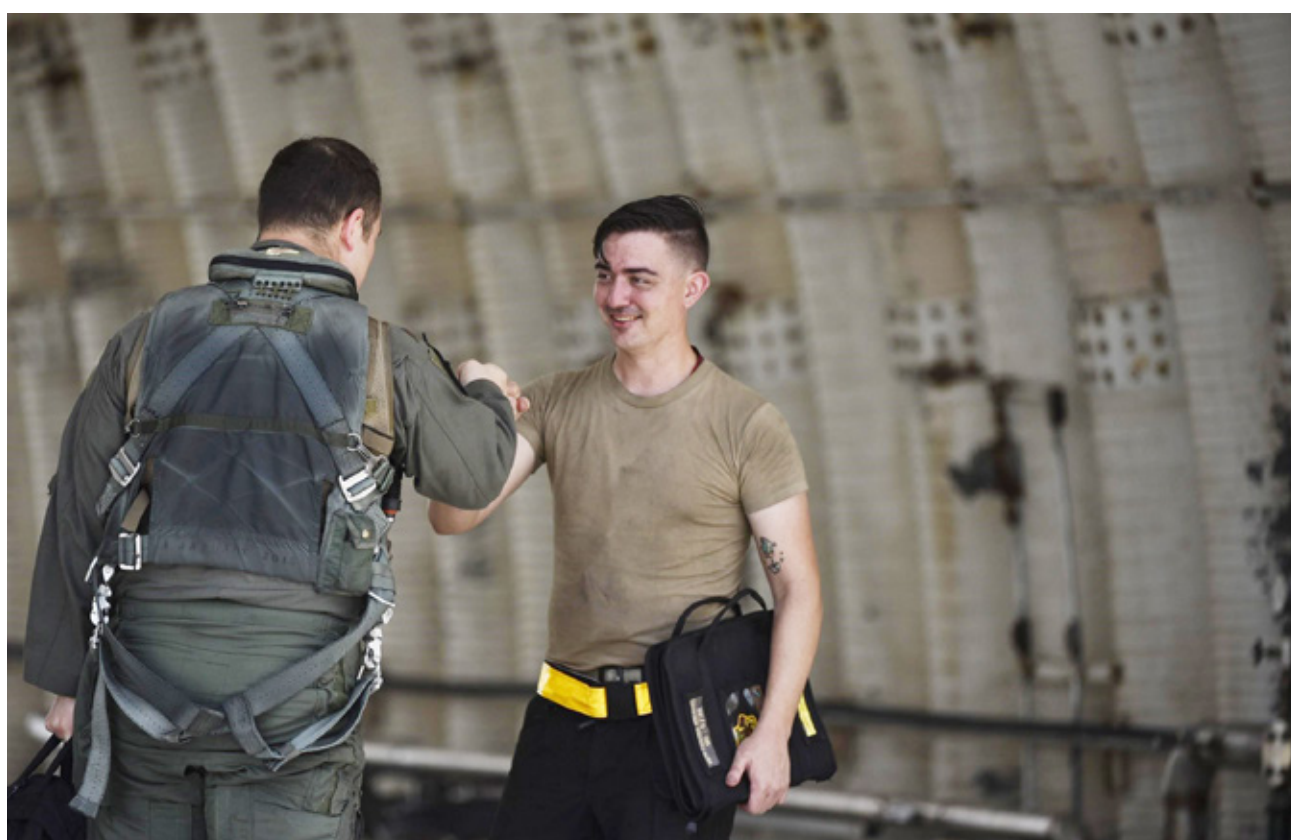
“For the lieutenants and captains not in the fighter squadrons, try to get out and meet a few of the pilots,” he said. “All of us love talking about flying and enjoy showing others what we do. The better we understand each other, the more ready we are to win. If we can each walk a day in another’s shoes, our whole team will be stronger.”

Pye now flies with the 309th Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

**Maj. Houston “Meat” Pye, 8th Fighter Wing chief of safety and 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, greets Senior Airman Christopher Ryan-Shulls, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, before his flight at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 31, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ►**



**Maj. Houston “Meat” Pye adjusts his vest before flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby)**

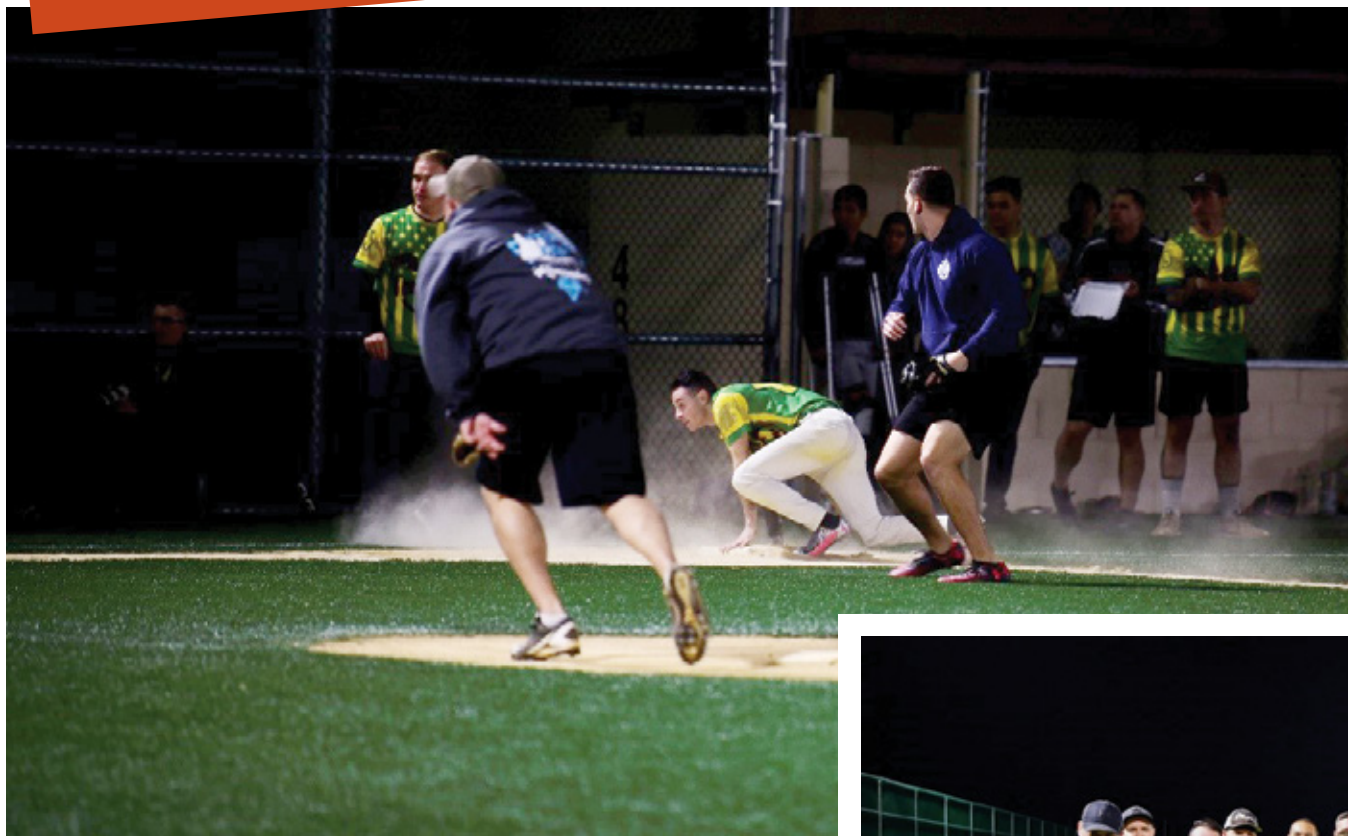




The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron "Red Devils" pose for a group photo after the intramural softball championship game at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 5, 2020. The Red Devils took home the first place trophy with a winning score of 21-20 against the 8th Maintenance Squadron "Dragons". (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ►



# Intramural Softball Championship Game



An 8th Maintenance Squadron "Dragons" team member slides into third base during the intramural softball championship game against the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron "Red Devils" at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 5, 2020. The Red Devils won the championship with a score of 21-20. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ◀

The 8th Maintenance Squadron "Dragons" pose for a group photo after the intramural softball championship game at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 5, 2020. Their opponent, the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron "Red Devils," took home the first place trophy with a winning score of 21-20. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▼



An 8th Civil Engineer Squadron "Red Devils" team member stands in the softball field during an intramural softball championship game at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 5, 2020. The Red Devils defeated the 8th Maintenance Squadron "Dragons", 21-20. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ◀





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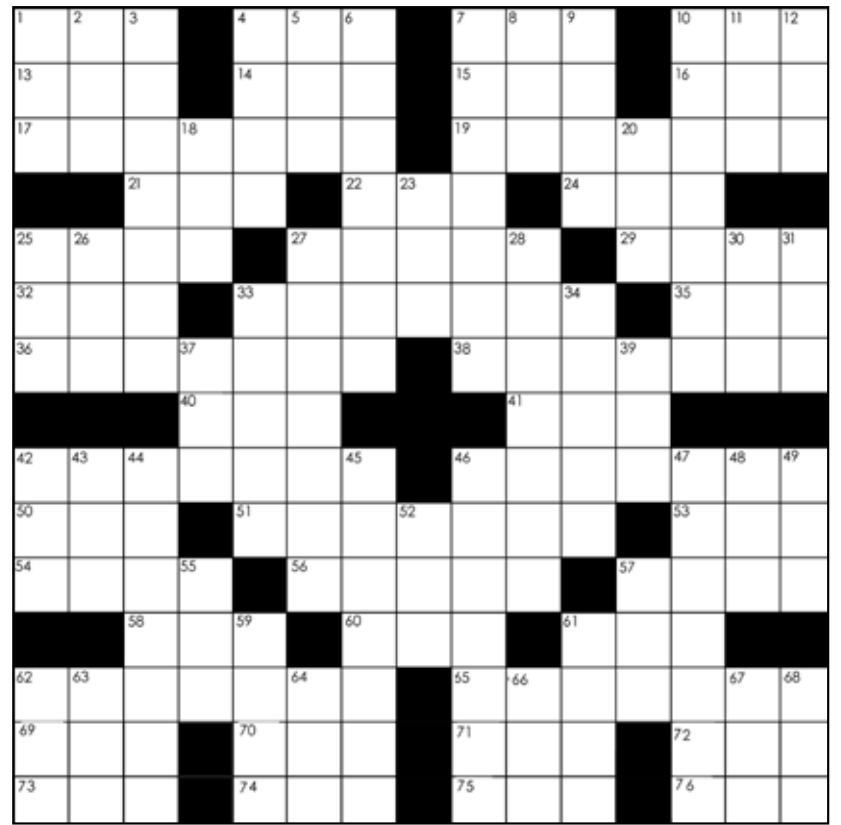
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By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

- 1 Hip-hop
- 4 Bank machine
- 7 Snowboard alternative
- 10 Internet abbreviation
- 13 Scott Pruitt's former agency
- 14 Korean car company
- 15 Concealed
- 16 Brazilian Olympic host
- 17 John and Cindy
- 19 United States of \_\_\_\_
- 21 Hotel
- 22 Drink a small amount
- 24 2008 financial crisis bank
- 25 Huck's boat
- 27 Played the bagpipes
- 29 Spy Hari
- 32 Sex Pistols former record label
- 33 Horseback soldiers
- 35 Precedes smoking and profit
- 36 Similar to typhoon
- 38 Let the other car go first

- 40 Pie \_\_\_\_\_ mode
- 41 US airspace authority
- 42 Popeye's food
- 46 "The Modern Age" band
- 50 Frequently
- 51 Not the Sunnis
- 53 Unusual
- 54 Blistered-over wound
- 56 Rice Burroughs or J. Hoover
- 57 The right to bear \_\_\_\_
- 58 Actress Lucy
- 60 Opposite of begin
- 61 Water below freezing
- 62 Texas Rangers' Choo
- 64 Add software
- 69 "I \_\_\_\_\_ Singer"
- 70 \_\_\_\_ de toilette
- 71 Ashes jar
- 72 World wide web
- 73 Korean currency
- 74 Medical practitioners
- 75 Wrestling surface
- 76 View

DOWN

- 1 "Man on the Moon" band
- 2 troop mover
- 3 Not Atlantic
- 4 Similar to
- 5 Foil metal
- 6 Large-scale
- 7 Curvaceous
- 8 Jong-un or Kardashian
- 9 Thought
- 10 Bandit
- 11 Wrestler Flair
- 12 Feathery scarf
- 18 Goes with army or Adam
- 20 Edge
- 23 Hoppy beer
- 25 Remote control button
- 26 Winehouse or Poehler
- 27 Pizzazz
- 28 Hobo
- 30 Foot digit
- 31 "The King \_\_\_\_ I"
- 33 Coke and Pepsi

- 34 Longer than months, shorter than decades
- 37 Computer network
- 39 Mekong inhabitants
- 42 Distress signal
- 43 Junior rank
- 44 "The \_\_\_\_ Job"
- 45 Spider hole
- 46 Arena
- 47 Kim Jong-un and Moon Jae-in
- 48 Rave music
- 49 DSLR memory cards
- 52 Entertainment site
- 55 Osama \_\_\_\_ Laden
- 57 Perform on stage
- 59 Utilities
- 61 Failure \_\_\_\_ an option
- 62 Spotted
- 63 Healthcare provider
- 64 Paddle
- 66 Second Amendment lobby group
- 67 Goes with Myung-bak or Bruce
- 68 5G predecessor

Answers to Previous Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 ARMS
- 5 SPATS
- 10 ALMA
- 14 LEAP
- 15 ALLOT
- 16 BOER
- 17 ANNA
- 18 PIETA
- 19 ERRS
- 20 STARK
- 22 EXECUTIVE
- 24 KAMD
- 26 KRS

- 27 AMELIA
- 30 PASS
- 32 CDS
- 35 LEVI
- 36 NCOS
- 38 ABOUT
- 40 IRAN
- 41 SOLAR
- 43 UBER
- 44 BINGO
- 46 REPO
- 47 LOLA
- 48 ITS
- 49 ARES
- 51 BALLSY
- 53 ORE
- 54 HERD
- 55 ARMISTICE
- 60 MOTEL

- 64 MAUL
- 65 ATOMS
- 67 ZULU
- 68 PILE
- 69 KENAN
- 70 ETON
- 71 SLED
- 72 EMEND
- 73 RUNE

DOWN

- 1 ALAS
- 2 RENT
- 3 MANA
- 4 SPARKLING
- 5 SAP
- 6 PLIED
- 7 ALEX

- 8 TOTE
- 9 STACKS
- 10 ABETS
- 11 LORI
- 12 MERV
- 13 ARSE
- 21 KAI
- 23 URSA
- 25 MANS
- 27 ALIBI
- 28 MERIT
- 29 EVANS
- 30 POLES
- 31 ASAP
- 32 COBOL
- 33 DUELS
- 34 STRAY
- 37 CORE
- 39 BULLDOZER

- 42 ROBE
- 45 OARS
- 50 RETAKE
- 52 ARM
- 53 OILED
- 54 HEMAN
- 55 AMPS
- 56 RAIL
- 57 MULE
- 58 ITEM
- 59 CONE
- 61 TUTU
- 62 ELON
- 63 LUNE
- 66 SND





**A**ir Force football debuted their 2020 edition of the Air Power Legacy Series uniforms honoring the Tuskegee Airmen Oct. 3, 2020, at the Navy vs. Air Force football game in Falcon Stadium at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Air Force defeated Navy 40-7 in their season opener extending their current winning streak to nine straight games, the longest in the nation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Trevor Cokley) ▲

**A** Special Operations Command Africa Airman is lifted up to a helicopter during a medical evacuation training exercise at Camp Simba, Manda Bay, Kenya, Oct. 2, 2020. Airmen practiced utilizing the hoist in the helicopter and quick patient responding tactics. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Joshua Turner) ◀

**A**irman Jayton Murphy, 502nd Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller apprentice, monitors his workstation in support of hurricane evacuation operations during hurricane Delta Oct. 7, 2020, at Joint Base San Antonio-Kelly Field, Texas. Eleven C-130s assigned to the 403rd Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., were moved to JBSA-Kelly Field. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sarayuth Pinthong) ▼



**A**ir Force cadets march during noon meal formation Oct. 9, 2020, on the Academy's Terrazzo at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Air Force Academy provides young men and women with opportunities to transform into the leaders of tomorrow's Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Trevor Cokley) ◀



**A**irman 1st Class Bryan Garcia Garcia, 355th Medical Group optometry technician, poses for a photo at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Oct. 8, 2020. The 355th MDG is responsible for keeping more than 11,000 Total Force Airmen fit-to-fight, as well as supporting the local retiree population. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob T. Stephens) ▼



**A** U-2 Dragon Lady equipped with a U-2 Federal Lab-developed open software architecture orchestrated by Kubernetes prepares to land Sept. 22, 2020, at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The Sept. 22 flight represents the first time Kubernetes has flown on an operational major weapon system in the Department of Defense. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Luis A. Ruiz-Vazquez) ▲



**S**ecretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett, left, accepts a gift from Romanian Defense Minister Nicolae-Ionel Ciuca after a meeting at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., Oct. 8, 2020. The group discussed regional security and partnership between the U.S. Air Force and the Romanian military. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich) ▲



**F**irefighters assigned to the 20th Civil Engineer Squadron climb a ladder on a fire engine at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., Oct. 5, 2020. Base leadership participated in a tour and demonstrations of the fire department's preparedness to respond to emergencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jacob Gutierrez) ▲



**U**.S. Air Force Maj. Cody Wilton, A-10 Demonstration Team pilot and commander, performs a demonstration over the flight line at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., Sept. 18, 2020. NAS Oceana hosted a virtual airshow broadcasted through Live Air Show TV Sept. 19. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristine Legate) ◀



## Kunsan

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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

**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/>

### 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 vol-



unteers 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!

### FY20 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:

This year's campaign will run from 12 Oct 2020 – 15 Jan 2021. The campaign inspires federal employees to engage, support, and make a difference through their charitable contributions as an extension of their valuable service. Contact unit Key workers for more info and make your donation today! Let's Show Some LOVE Osan! Give online at <https://cfcoverseas.givecf.org/>

### GOLF TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY

**AFCEA OSAN MUSTANG CHAPTER:** AFCEA Mustang Chapter is hosting an Teams of 2/18-Hole Scramble, 30 Oct 2020. RSVP NLT 23 Oct@1200. Prizes for 1st place, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin & Raffles. Prices: Lakes at Osan Members - \$15, Non-Member \$25, Civilian/Base Employees - \$30, Non-SOFA Personnel - \$45. Further information on AFCEA Mustang Chapter Facebook Page!

**51 CES HAUNTED HOUSE (WEEK 2):** Come visit 51 CES Annual Haunted House and get spooked out! The first hour is a lights-on relaxed walk through for kids, then the real scaring begins! Entry is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Hope to scare you soon!

### 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



# Recruiting's Det. 1 celebrates 2 years of mentoring youth, addressing rated diversity

By Master Sgt. Chance Babin  
Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- The mission of Air Force Recruiting Service's Detachment 1 is to inform, influence and inspire the nation's youth and their influencers. Its goal is to get in front of every demographic group in America and show them someone in a flight suit who looks like them that they can look up to.

And that's exactly what they are doing.

AFRS Det. 1 is currently reaching out to thousands of young people – mentoring, educating and giving them opportunities to hopefully one day fly in the Air Force. Det. 1, which was stood up in October 2018, is celebrating two years of helping address rated diversity in the Air Force, and it has experienced monumental growth in this short period of time.

"I was part of the team that initially conceptualized Det. 1 about six months before it came to fruition," said Lt. Col. Lindsay Andrew, former Det. 1 director of operations for nearly two years and current director of staff for the 306th Operations Support Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy. "The initial concept was to create a direct-reporting support squadron to centralize recruiting efforts for the Total Force to harness technology, innovation and aviation to transform traditional recruiting by augmenting 'on the bag' recruiters. Our major initial challenges revolved around manpower and funding. We took on this task with only two personnel and casual lieutenants and lacked support necessary to execute funds to maximize impact."

When it came to selecting the first commander of Det. 1, things progressed quickly and somewhat unexpectedly for Lt. Col. Kenyatta Ruffin. He came in with the experience, having founded the Legacy Flight Academy in 2012 and being a Tuskegee Airmen in 2007 as a part of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing in Iraq.

LFA is a non-profit organization that combines quality character development programs and aviation experiences that inspire youth to achieve their goals in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, careers while becoming strong citizens and contributors to society.

"I first began discussing recruiting transformation with a small group of other officers in late 2017, early 2018 – I had no intention or idea to think that I'd end up leading it," Ruffin said, the first Det. 1 commander and current 71st Operations Support Squadron commander, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. "The conversations were truly revolutionary and very conceptual at first, so as the idea became more tangible, the suggestion for me to lead it emerged. Ultimately, the Air Education and Training Command and AFRS commanders and leaders at Headquarters Air Force determined that I should move from the Pentagon to JB SA to lead this organization. It still didn't have a name."



**Praise Wright, speaks with Maj. Kenneth Thomas, a navigator with the 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. during an Air Force Recruiting Service Detachment 1 Aim High event, Nov. 19, 2019, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Det. 1 is celebrating two years of addressing rated diversity in the Air Force. Since its inception in October 2018, Det. 1 has conducted 165 events with more than 355,000 attendees, directly mentoring more than 39,000 youth. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Chance Babin)**

Ruffin was given less than three weeks from notification to be in place at JB San Antonio-Randolph. He said it was a small miracle to move his family on this hyper timeline. Though his team was initially small, once he arrived he did have a budget to work with.

"The initial challenges were never-ending and everything you could imagine with standing up a new organization that no one really understood," Ruffin said. "To begin, I had one million dollars and one other assigned officer and we were supposed to change the world. There are a ton of things we accomplished in less than a year – it was a true whirlwind. I don't have the exact numbers, but I think we did something like 60 actual engagements that first full year, literally all around the world and reaching tens of thousands."

Ruffin recalls some of the highlights and milestones during his command, including establishing the motto "Inform, Engage, Inspire," creating the Aviation Recruiting Team, heavy involvement in the Captain Marvel movie and the successful marketing campaign that led to the largest number of female applicants ever at the Air Force Academy.

Det. 1 also had events with the Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., and conducted the second annual Aviation-Character-Education Solo Flight Program, which included returning Air Force flight training to Tuskegee, Alabama, for the first time since the end of World War II.

When Ruffin left Det. 1, the unit had an identity, but there was still plenty of growth to come. Lt.

Col. Cathyrine Armandie followed Ruffin, being a female fighter pilot, she knew firsthand the lack of diversity within the pilot ranks.

"Det. 1 was very much in the experimental phase when I arrived," said Armandie, the second Det. 1 commander and current chief of rated diversity at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command A3/6. "Lt. Col. Ruffin and Lt. Col. Andrew explored a wide gamut of programs and events to see what innovative programs could be launched. They explored partnerships with nonprofits and large-scale business organizations. They worked with Junior ROTC and the Civil Air Patrol to explore different flight opportunities. They also tested various technologies to determine what best attracted audiences and piqued the interest of youth and influencers."

Her goal for the detachment was to determine which of these programs would be scalable and sustainable to most effectively reach desired audiences. She also focused on forging partnerships with affinity groups and building the foundation for a strategic communication plan to include the launch of Inspire AF social media streams.

"The first significant milestone was the AETC Women's Fly-In which developed a template for Aim High Outreach events. Five major commands and 110 enlisted and rated aircrew attended from around the globe," Armandie said. "This was a pivotal event for many of our attendees who never experienced something like this."

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## Spiritual Charge

### “The One With Benefits” The Blessings of Friendship

**By Chaplain,  
Maj. Mike Carey**

It is another casualty to COVID-19 and 2020 in general. The much-anticipated reunion of the 90s TV show Friends is postponed indefinitely. Depending on your age, it may have taken you ten years to watch the series, or you may have binge watched it over 14 days of quarantine. But it’s been a favorite since the first episode. A goofy sit-com about some unlikely twenty-somethings trying to figure out life, love, and work where the binding theme of it all was the friendships between them. Friendship really is a powerful storyline. In fact, friendship is a part of God’s plan for your life, and the Bible mentions several benefits of friends.

The Friends theme song

began with a verse about how tough life can be. But the chorus that probably all of us know, even if we’ve only seen the show once, rang out with the anthem “I’ll be there for you, (when the rain starts to pour), I’ll be there for you, (like I’ve been there before), I’ll be there for you, (‘cause you’re there for me too).”

One of the benefits of friendship is that friends help each other. In Proverbs we hear, “Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family.” Proverbs 18:24 The idea is that when you need a helping hand, a real friend is there; you can rely on them. I saw a bumper sticker on a truck once that read, “Yes this is my truck & No I will not help you move.” As funny as that is, the thing about friendship is that inconvenience doesn’t

affect it. It may not be an ideal way to spend a Saturday, but if your friend needs help moving, it’s what you do. It shows you’re a friend, kind of like family, which is what that Proverb was getting at. If someone really isn’t a friend, then any inconvenience is enough to excuse ourselves and bow out, and not lend a hand. There’s a cost to friendship, but a friend will gladly pay it.

Friends are also meant to strengthen us emotionally. Again in Proverbs we are reminded that “Friends love through all kinds of weather.” Proverbs 17:17a In other words, a “fair-weather friend,” someone who is only there “when the seas are calm,” is not really a friend at all. There are a lot of challenges in military life that are much more significant than needing

help with moving; high ops tempo at work, deployments, and long separations from family are only a few. In many ways, you know who your friends are by who stands with you and helps shoulder the stress of whatever storm you’re facing. As the theme song reminded us, friends are who we count on “when the rain starts to pour.” Their friendship anchors us emotionally, and it gives us strength to weather the storm.

All of us are trying to figure out life, love and work. Despite what our social media apps may tempt us with, we don’t need a certain number of friends - we need friends we can be certain of. God is working in our lives to bring joy and blessing through the friends who are there for us, and who we are there for too.

## 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

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<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





# The expanded UN First Battle Museum - Sema

By Cord Scott, UMG

This year is a significant one for a variety of reasons. First, in the era of COVID, we cannot seem to go anywhere “fun” such as Seoul directly. However, there is a wide variety of locations to visit to learn more of why the US military is in Korea. One of the immediate locations is the UN First Battle Museum near Sema station. For those who have never been there, it is a short four stops to the north from Songtan on the number 1 train line. Once one leaves Sema station, it is a short trip up to the top of the hill to the museum. If one is driving, it is on highway 1.

Regardless of how one gets there, this museum is significant to the history of the Korean war, as it was where the first UN units, in this case Task Force Smith from the 24th Infantry Division fought against elements of the North Korean army including tanks. The battle was a holding action and portended dark days until September, when the landings at Incheon reversed the course of the war for the moment.

This museum is on the area and the

monument put in to commemorate the actions of Task Force Smith. This museum has expanded to incorporate the actions and the terrain. For example, while the first building has a brief overview of the events that led to the US action, there is also a 3-d model of the terrain with a film overview to show the movement. The next room shows some of the weapons used by both sides. The third room shows individual plates of those who fought in the battle.

The museum has expanded to the newly built Smith Hall, which has additional exhibits. One is a simulated C-54 aircraft ride for the troops from Japan to Korea, and another is the train ride up towards the front from Daejeon. Another room makes best use of lighting and silhouettes to show the battle and the tracer rounds of the machine guns. These effects are ones to give at least a stylized view of the battle. The final room includes personal recollections, various propaganda material from the era, and a summation of the cost of both the battle, and the entire Korean War.

Once outside, one can walk through the new reflecting pond and further memorials to the fallen troops. One item of note is the new location of the Task Force Smith monument, which was originally located across the street from where it resides now. This monument is at the base of the ridge where Lt. Col Smith set up one of his batteries of cannons on that fateful day.

As one walks up the new walkway up the side of the hill towards the observation platform and the large Korean flagpole. As one stands on the platform there is a full-scale statue of Lt. Col Smith looking intently towards the north through binoculars. From this vantage point one can see the Suwon base and its runway.

In all the two buildings are a good representation of the first shots fired by UN forces in the chaotic summer of 1950. As we go forward with the 70th anniversary commemorations of the Korean War, we need to make sure that these locations are preserved, and remembered.



# Must-have Items Exclusive to JEJU ISLAND



*A trip wouldn't be complete without getting a taste of the local cuisine and buying souvenirs. Jeju takes it a step further by offering exclusive items found only on the island! From new twists on popular foods using local produce to merchandise featuring characters of Jeju, you'll want to buy them all!*



## ▼ Starbucks products

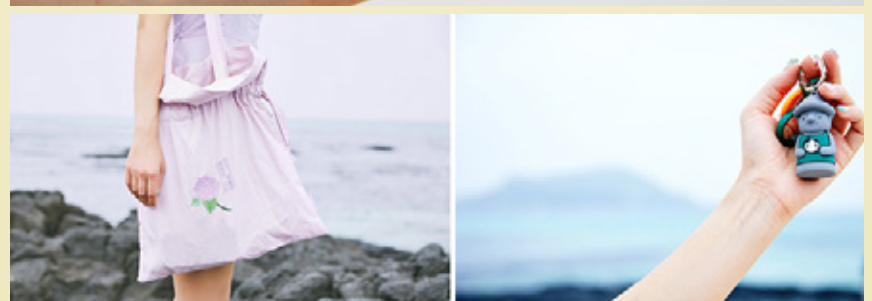
While waiting for your hallabong tea order at Starbucks, browse through the merchandise. Starbucks in Jeju offer a range of unique products only available here. The most popular item is the Jeju statue key chain, featuring a dolhareubang (grandfather stone statue) dressed as a Starbucks barista with a hallabong accessory. The Jeju hydrangea ecobag is available in summer, when hydrangeas burst into bloom across the island. Other items include the Jeju tour mug, Jeju sea glass, Jeju magnet set, and the Jeju hydrangea bearista key chain.

- Jeju exclusive Starbucks merchandise
  - Sales locations: Around 20 Starbucks cafés throughout Jeju Island
  - \* Product availability may vary by location
  - Prices: Jeju tour mug 17,000 won / Jeju glass 18,000 won / Jeju statue key chain 15,000 won / Jeju hydrangea bearista key chain 17,000 won / Jeju magnet set 22,000 won / Jeju hydrangea ecobag 23,000 won
  - Operating hours: 07:30-22:30, open all year round

## ▲ Unique foods

Koreans' love of fried chicken is high, with new flavors seeming to come out every week. For totally Jeju style chicken, you have to visit Jejusluv Dak for their Daenggyul Chicken, a fun play-on-words sounding like "thank you" but meaning "sweet tangerines." This Jeju-exclusive features crispy fried chicken coated in a sweet and tangy tangerine flavored sauce. As tasty as the chicken is, leave room for dessert! When visiting Jeju, you have to try ice cream topped with hallabong or peanuts, two local produce items Jeju is famous for. If you're on the go, order the Jeju Hallabong Black Tea Blended from any Starbucks in Jeju.

- Hallabong & Udo peanut ice creams
  - Addresses
  - Prince Udo Story: 252, Udohae-an-gil, Jeju-si
  - Jimmy's: 1132, Udohae-an-gil, Jeju-si
- Tangerine & hallabong drinks
  - Sales locations: Starbucks cafés throughout Jeju Island
- Jejusluv Dak (Tangerine chicken)
  - Addresses
  - Jungmun Branch: 14-2, Cheonjeyeon-ro 178beon-gil, Seogwipo-si
  - Jeju Nohyeong Branch: 85, Sudeok 9-gil, Jeju-si





▶ **Local products**

Hallasan Soju, only available in Jeju, is a must-have for people who like to try local alcohols. It also comes in a miniature size bottle, roughly 1/4 the size of a normal bottle. The small size makes it easy to try, or give as gifts to friends and family. The soju is made using water collected in volcanic rocks for a clear taste. Both full-sized bottles and the miniatures can be found at convenience stores throughout Jeju Island, with miniatures sold in sets of six bottles.



Kakao Friends have also traveled to Jeju! Pick up some of the “Friends in Jeju” edition products to celebrate with them. The Kakao Friends flagship shops in Seoul are popular among tourists, but they tend to offer the same products at all three locations. For unique Kakao Friends products, you’ll have to visit the Jeju flagship store or one of its branches at the JDC Duty Free or The Shilla Duty Free shops in Jeju International Airport. Here, you can find the Kakao friends dressed up as Jeju icons, like tangerines, dolhareubang, and haenyeo (female divers). Popular items like the tangerine Ryan, haenyeo Ryan, and dolhareubang Ryan often sell out, so it’s recommended to reserve these items online in advance.

Other popular must-have Jeju products include gift sets using Jeju tangerines. Everything from chocolates to chips and tarts is available. The products are available at traditional markets in downtown Jeju and gift shops at the airport, for easy last-minute purchases.



- Kakao Friends Jeju – Jeju Airport JDC Duty Free Branch
- \* Kakao Friends Store – Jeju Branch currently closed  
Address: 2F, 2, Gonghang-ro, Jeju-si
- The Shilla Duty Free - Jeju Branch  
Address: 4F, 69, Noyeon-ro, Jeju-si
- Hallasan miniature soju bottles:  
- Sales locations: Markets, supermarkets, & convenience stores



◀ **Bread tour**

Local snacks are a necessary part of all trips. Some places like Cheonan and Gyeongju have snack foods that are famous throughout the country. For other places like Jeju, rather than a specific snack, there are foods famous among locals, with many people heading to these locations for a local food trip!

In addition to the already well-known foods like tangerines and Jeju black pork, Jeju locals will line up outside some bakeries for their one-of-a-kind breads. At Audrant Bakery near Hamdeok Beach, the garlic baguette, called manong baguette in the Jeju dialect, is often sold out in the early afternoon. The chewy bread gets coated in a garlic sauce made from locally produced garlic for a full flavor. The baguettes are about 1.5 times the size of a regular baguette, putting them somewhere between a snack and a meal.

The next Jeju exclusive breads to try are mugwort bread and barley bread. Just one bite is enough to have you reaching for more. While Gyeongju is currently famous for barley bread, Jeju has long been famous for barley bread. The buns were traditionally served during ancestral memorial rites and during parties. These days, they are popular at any time among locals, and have even featured in Korean TV programs about cooking and travel, such as “Wednesday Food Talk,” and “Battle Trip.”

- Audrant Bakery (Garlic baguette)  
Address: 552-3, Johamhaean-ro, Jeju-si
- Sinchon Deokindang (Mugwort bread, barley bread)  
Address: 36, Sinbuk-ro, Jeju-si



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displaying their anti-aircraft capabilities using informational exhibits.

"I'm honored to have partaken in Range Day today representing many of our friends," said JASDF Staff Sgt. Kento Shinoda, Third Base Air Defense Squadron, 3rd Air Wing. "This event reminded me that our daily training and mission accomplishments come because of the appreciation of our families, rewarding us for our service."

Although the crowd was smaller than previous years, the guests included Misawa Air Base service members and their families and JASDF air defense operators.

"Range Day allows not only families an opportunity to see operations, but it also gives the individuals who work on base an opportunity to see how what they do ties into the overall mission," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Jasmine Bogard, Range Day organizer and 35th Operations Support Squadron assistant director of operations.

However, the flying units were not the only focus. The fire department, aircrew flight equipment team, explosive ordnance disposal team, security forces and other units also displayed their equipment to the public, allowing them an up-close look at all domain capabilities to integrate with U.S. partners.

"Overall, Range Day showcased the comradery between Misawa units and presented deeper insight to family members of how Airmen maintain the highest level of mission readiness," Bogard said.

**A Japan Air Self-Defense Force Third Base Air Defense Squadron, 3rd Air Wing personnel checks equipment during Range Day at Draughon Range outside Misawa Air Base, Japan, Oct. 9, 2020. Pilots from the 13th and 14th Fighter Squadrons practiced low-altitude attacks on ground targets using aircraft-mounted automatic weapons, while JASDF members displayed their anti-aircraft capabilities using informational exhibits. (U.S. Air Force photo by Branden Yamada) ►**



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"We achieved our main goals of youth outreach, orientation fights, and professional development and mentorship. We simultaneously launched our new social media platforms during the three-day event. This is really the turning point where Det. 1 became an identifiable and significant organization, not only within AFRS but at the Air Force level."

Andrew's time with Det. 1 overlapped each of the commanders and she was there to witness the growth of the organization.

"Det. 1 evolved the most during the first year of operation from our initial mission set," Andrew said. "We took on a more narrowly-focused mission revolving around increasing diversity in the rated career fields with a youth and pre-accession focus. Our major initiatives were to establish relationships with strategic partners and aviation organizations with youth partnerships and establish a team beyond Det. 1 to participate in outreach events."

Once Det. 1 became established and had a known mission, the goal became to expand its reach.

"During our second year, we focused a lot more on establishing a social media presence, formalizing partnerships and contracts and growing our aviation outreach team from approximately 100 members to 350 members. We focused on professionally developing and training the Aviation Inspiration Mentors, or AIM, to be professional Air Force ambassadors and mentors," Andrew said. "As I ended my time as director of operations and transitioned to the third commander, our outreach went virtual due to COVID(-19) with the establishment of the Pathway to Wings program as well as the Virtual Aim High Flight Academy."

The third and current Det. 1 commander, Lt. Col. Annie Driscoll, an experienced HH-60 helicopter pilot who worked in combat search and rescue, is now tasked with an even more progressive order to assure rated diversity is at the forefront. She is thankful for the groundwork that has been laid to help her team meet this challenge.

"Our Air Force senior leaders have valued diversity for a long time," Driscoll said. "I'm grateful that two years ago they recognized the need to put resources toward this critical deficiency. At the time I was at Air Force Personnel Center working on the rated assignments floor. I

know how critical-rated manning is and how many competing priorities there are out there. The fact that the chief of staff of the Air Force has pushed rated assets to tackle this critical imperative shows that it's truly in our leadership's top concerns. It took a full two years to build the framework of Det. 1, but when the rest of the nation really got serious about having critical conversations, we were and are postured to have them."

Even before the current social justice issues in our country, Det. 1 and AFRS had already made rated diversity improvement a priority. But recent events made Det. 1's mission even more important.

"The tragic death of George Floyd has served as an accelerant to drive rated diversity improvement and diversity and inclusion," Driscoll said. "I personally love to see the Air Force talking about diversity and in some areas the lack thereof, in every circle imaginable. This of course means that Det. 1 is busier than ever before, but I am hopeful that the Air Force is headed toward meaningful change. I can only hope that our nation and society will be quick to follow."

Maj. Gen. Jeannie Levitt, the former commander of AFRS, was leading the service and instrumental in the creation of Det. 1. Maj. Gen. Ed Thomas, the current AFRS commander, is equally dedicated to the mission of improving rated diversity.

"Even before I took command I knew with certainty that improving diversity would be among my top priorities," Thomas said. "Our key lever in that pursuit is simply improving our ability to attract more diverse, top quality recruits—especially in our flying force—and Det. 1 is 100% committed to doing that all day, every day. It's time to make significant progress and we must seize the moment and ensure we are getting the best Airmen from all parts of America."

From Driscoll's standpoint, while there's a new leader, the message has remained the same.

"He's been amazing to be honest," Driscoll said. "There hasn't been a beat missed between Maj. Gen. Leavitt's vision and his. Without a doubt, improving diversity in our Air Force and creating deliberate change to improve rated diversity is among his highest priorities. Diversity and inclusion is a topic that is incorporated into every AFRS division staff and flows from there to every echelon of recruiting service. AFRS deems RDI as a no-fail, time-critical mission."

Det. 1 has its first full Aim High Flight Academy, three, three-week aviation/mentorship-based camps, scheduled for the summer of 2021. More new programs are on the horizon.

"We have our very own podcast that we're on the brink of releasing," Driscoll said. "The podcast will highlight and share the diverse stories of Airmen, exemplifying that each person has their own unique pathway to wings. We are also expanding our Aviation Inspiration Mentorship team. We are looking to grow it up to 1,000 members and broaden their mission with localized youth engagement. We hope to see every flying wing with an active group of AIM members working with their local communities, inspiring youth, and sharing their experiences with those who are not familiar."

In just two short years, Det. 1 has made a big impact reaching a diverse audience. In total, Det. 1 has conducted 165 events with more than 355,000 attendees, directly mentoring more than 39,000 youth. On social media, Det. 1 has nearly 8,500 followers, with 3.2 million impressions, and had more than 390,000 engagements. With only 30 Det. 1 posts on Air Force Recruiting Service sites, they have garnered 2.43 million in reach, 210,000 video views, 863,000 social impressions, and nearly 32,000 in total engagements.

Driscoll has some lofty goals and a vision for what she expects to see during her tenure as Det. 1 commander.

"By the summer of 2022, I expect to see us as a fully manned, well-oiled machine," she said. "I want to see both the demand for Rated Diversity Improvement initiatives and the demand to come to AFRS Det. 1 so high that the detachment grows to a squadron. I want to see AIMs operating at every flying wing as the primary conduit between the local community and the operators on the base. I want to see nine to 12 Aim High Flight Academy camps a year rather than three. I want the AIM team to be a commonly known acronym that is cherished among squadron leadership and Air Force senior leaders. I want every child to know they too can have their own unique pathway to wings. In two years from now, I don't want AFRS Det. 1 to be the RDI house ... I want it to be a whole neighborhood."

Each of the previous commanders remain committed to Det. 1 and plan on participating in future events.





8th Civil Engineer Squadron team members and 8th Maintenance Munitions team members converse before a basketball game during Sports Day 2020 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 16, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▲

Service members from the 8th Fighter Wing, play tug-of-war during Sports Day 2020 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 16, 2020. Sports Day is an annual morale event that brings Airmen of all ranks and backgrounds together through a wide variety of sports. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▼



# SPORTS DAY 2020



The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron service members pose for a photo after winning a tug-of-war competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▲



Service members celebrate the winning team at the tug-of-war competition during Sports Day 2020 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 16, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▼

