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The 731st Air Mobility Squadron's new air freight terminal



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ryan Murray, 731st Air Mobility Squadron commander, participates in a traditional Korean "Gosa" offering during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 26, 2020. A "Gosa" ritual includes offering food and money to the spirits to bring good luck and avoid misfortune. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Betty R. Chevalier)

731st Air Mobility Squadron reveals new air freight terminal

By Staff Sgt. Betty R. Chevalier
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Team Osan's 731st Air Mobility Squadron officially opened a new air freight terminal, during a ribbon cutting ceremony here Oct. 26, 2020.

The \$34 million state-of-the-art air freight terminal, broke ground in November 2017 as part of a two-phase project to optimize the readiness for the Pacific theater serving as the main

logistical hub for the Korean peninsula.

"This new air freight terminal is bringing the 731st Air Mobility Squadron into the modern era; expanding our capability in handling all inbound and outbound Department of Defense and joint-service air cargo for the Korean peninsula," said Lt. Col. Ryan Murray, 731st AMS commander.

With the first phase of the project complete, nearly doubling their cargo yard space, the 731st AMS will be able to more efficiently maneuver cargo. They have tripled their usable warehouse space, which will enable their ability to handle

more cargo than before and remain a key contributor to the delivery of persistent joint air and space power.

"We take all the cargo for the entirety of Korea here," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Brodeur, 731st AMS special handling supervisor. "This warehouse gives us the space so we can handle a big influx of cargo compared to the last warehouse, and better equipment to get the jobs done faster. It's very beneficial in terms of the 'Fight Tonight' attitude we have here."

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Always Ready!



Captain Dan Cartin, 35th Fighter Squadron pilot, and Senior Airman Lucretia Jenkins, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, shake hands as they prepare to taxi the aircraft on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 26, 2020. Prior to take-off, both pilots and crew chiefs inspect the aircraft thoroughly to ensure safety during flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kristin S. High)

Daybreak ready



Airmen assigned to the 8th Maintenance Group search for debris on the flightline at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 28, 2020. Airmen conduct foreign object debris walks, or FOD walks, to search for debris that could damage aircraft and hinder mission readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby)

8th FW stays mission-ready



Two 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chiefs exchange the "Crush 'Em" sign with an 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 26, 2020. The 80th AMU inspected and refueled F-16s during a routine training event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jonathan Gonzales, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman (left), Senior Airman Eugene Dairyko, 51st CES structural journeyman (center), and Senior Airman William Gilson, 51st CES structural journeyman (right) cut out stringers to complete stairs for a dollhouse project during Silver Flag expeditionary training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 2, 2020. For the first time ever at Osan, Silver Flag's 554th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (REDHORSE) mobile training team challenged Airmen and Sailors across the globe. The participants collectively maximized their ability to set up a bare base, and employ reliable sustained and recovery operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jensen)

Silver Flag promotes multiservice interoperability

**By Senior Airman Branden Rae
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- For the first time ever, Silver Flag's training team recently mobilized to Osan Air Base to challenge Airmen and Sailors from across the globe during expeditionary training.

Participants from the U.S. Navy, Kunsan AB and Osan's 51st Logistics Readiness and Civil Engineer Squadrons collectively maximized their ability to set up a bare base, and employ reliable sustained and recovery operations.

"Silver Flag is a standardized (total force civil engineer) curriculum designed to promote learning in a joint environment," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Branden DeLong, 51st CES operations flight commander. "The event allowed us to work closely with our allies and improve our collective security while (promoting) our common interests as civil engineers."

Normally hosted at Ramstein AB, Germany, and Andersen and Tyndall Air Force Bases, Osan's "Fight Tonight" mantra and the installation's status as the most forward



Tech. Sgt. Jerry Santiago, 554th Red Horse Silver Flag instructor, goes through different parts of the classroom lesson September 2, 2020 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Silver Flag is a course that everyone in the Civil Engineering Squadron must complete every 36 months. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan)

U.S. airbase made it the ideal location for mobilizing the readiness event.

The historical event united multiservice strategic missions to establish a solid, common ground for participants to build upon – directly impacting the success of future joint training opportunities.

“Despite the (differences) between the Air Force and Navy’s acronyms and terminologies, we overcame these difficulties because the construction community shares a common language,” said U.S. Navy Ensign Fritz Nayoan, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three detail Chinhae officer in charge and liaison officers. “The (Silver Flag) 554th RED HORSE (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers) cadres did an excellent job of uniting us without disturbing the flow of instruction.”

For nearly a month, members optimized their readiness by applying the instruction presented in the classroom, through actions such as rapidly repairing airfields, servicing airfield lighting systems and performing bomb disposal operations.

Although the strenuous training constantly tested everyone, the Mongrels stood out – certifying approximately 100 members on a 100 percent qualification rate mandated by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center and higher headquarters.

Airman Dustin Hastwell, 51st Civil Engineering Squadron electrical systems, demonstrates what he has learned during the Silver Flag class September 2, 2020 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Silver Flag is a course that everyone in the Civil Engineering Squadron must complete every 36 months. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ►

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Cassidy Babb, 554th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers (RED HORSE) structural contingency instructor (center) provides feedback to Senior Airman William Gilson, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron structural journeyman (left) and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Gonzales, 51st CES structural craftsman (right) during Silver Flag expeditionary training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, September 2, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jensen) ▼



Tech. Sgt. Jerry Santiago, 554th Red Horse Silver Flag instructor, teaches a class September 1, 2020 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Silver Flag is a course that everyone in the Civil Engineering Squadron must complete every 36 months. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ▲



Senior Airman William Gilson, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron structural journeyman (left), Staff Sgt. Jonathan Gonzales, 51st CES structural craftsman (center), and Senior Airman Eugene Dairyko, 51st CES structural journeyman (right), construct a dollhouse project during Silver Flag expeditionary training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 2, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Denise Jensen) ▲

**8th MDG
conducts
mass casualty
training**



8th Fighter Wing Medical Group personnel assess a patient during a mock patient during a routine mock, mass casualty training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic Of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. Medical personnel used the Kunsan Fitness Center as an alternative medical treatment facility where they trained in triage and treatment of approximately eight patients at the Kunsan Fitness Center track. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▲

An 8th Medical Group Airman calms a patient experiencing shock during a mass casualty training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic Of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ◀

8th Medical Group personnel provide care during a mass casualty training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic Of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ▼



An 8th Medical Group Airman tightens a belt around a patient during a routine training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic Of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. Medical personnel used the Kunsan Fitness Center as an alternative medical treatment facility where they trained to triage and treat patients. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Blair) ◀



Beating holiday blues

By Senior Airman Jessica Blair, 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
Courtesy photos by 8th Force Support Squadron

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The holiday season is generally a joyous time of year to spend with loved ones and revel in much-needed rest and relaxation. But for military service members in remote locations, this time of year can bring feelings of loneliness, stress and isolation. The Wolf Pack Integrated Resilience and Prevention program strives to build a resilient Airman, structure and community. In preparation for the holidays, the Violence Prevention Program and Suicide Prevention Program will be offering several resilience events and courses related to personal development, health and fitness, emotional resilience for stress management and grateful & mindfulness techniques.

“Resilience is the quality that allows some people to be knocked down by the adversities of life and bounce back finding a path that leads to a stronger position,” said Sheila Bacon, 8th Fighter Wing, Violence Prevention Program manager and Suicide Prevention Program manager. “The phrase ‘Tis the season to be jolly’ can either be absolutely true during the holidays, or the complete opposite.”

The holidays can be an emotional and stressful time. According to Bacon, this anxiety can come from many reasons such as family conflicts, financial worries, or even deployments.

While some of these factors may be beyond our control there are several ways to help fight the stress of the season by focusing on our resilience skills, stated Bacon. We can learn to be more mindful and in turn, more grateful. To sustain resiliency starting with mindfulness can go a long way.

“Mindfulness means giving attention and awareness to the present moment. Humans spend a lot of time reliving the past and ruminating about the future,” said Bacon. “When we are mindful, we focus on the present experience so to practice this, take some time to be still and reflect on the holiday season for what it is. It’s amazing how this simple action can help reduce stress and increase resiliency.”

To get moving and combat feelings of isolation, consider attending a fitness class at the base gym or getting involved with intramural sports opportunities. The Wolf Pack’s Outdoor Recreation or Information, Tickets and Travel also offer many options to explore Korea.

The 8th Force Support Squadron has a wide range of events and facilities. According to Staff Sgt. Nathan Farley, 8th Force Support Squadron community services flight, Airmen can visit a number of facilities to help keep you connected and get you out of your room.

“We have multiple facilities, from the Community Activities Center, Bowling Center, Outdoor Recreation & Art’s n Crafts, and the Loring Club [in addition to] the Community Partnership Program Office (CPPO),” said Staff Sgt. Nathan Farley, 8th Force Support Squadron community services flight CPPO.

They also host numerous events throughout the year at specific locations or base-wide events such as Freedom Fest or Oktober Fest to bring the Pack together.

“We understand how it feels being remote and isolated because we are here with you,” said Farley “It’s our job to take care of the Airmen so we offer them a multitude of activities that scale multiple interests whether it be attending CAC Bingo or hanging out at the Wolf Pack Friday events, no matter your interest we want to make sure the Wolf Pack Airmen understand we are here for them during the Holiday season and beyond!”

Overall, the Wolf Pack encourages everyone to use the resources provided. There are a number of ways to stay resilient and focus on our emotional and physical health, while being there for one another in the process.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, Seventh Air Force commander, along with base and project leaders prepare to cut a ribbon during a ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 26, 2020. The ceremony was the official opening of the 731st Air Mobility Squadron's new state-of-the-art air freight terminal, a project which was in the works since 2013. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Betty R. Chevalier) ▶

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The terminal includes upgraded freight storage spaces with a security cage, larger refrigerators and freezers, climate-controlled facilities, and covered outside storage.

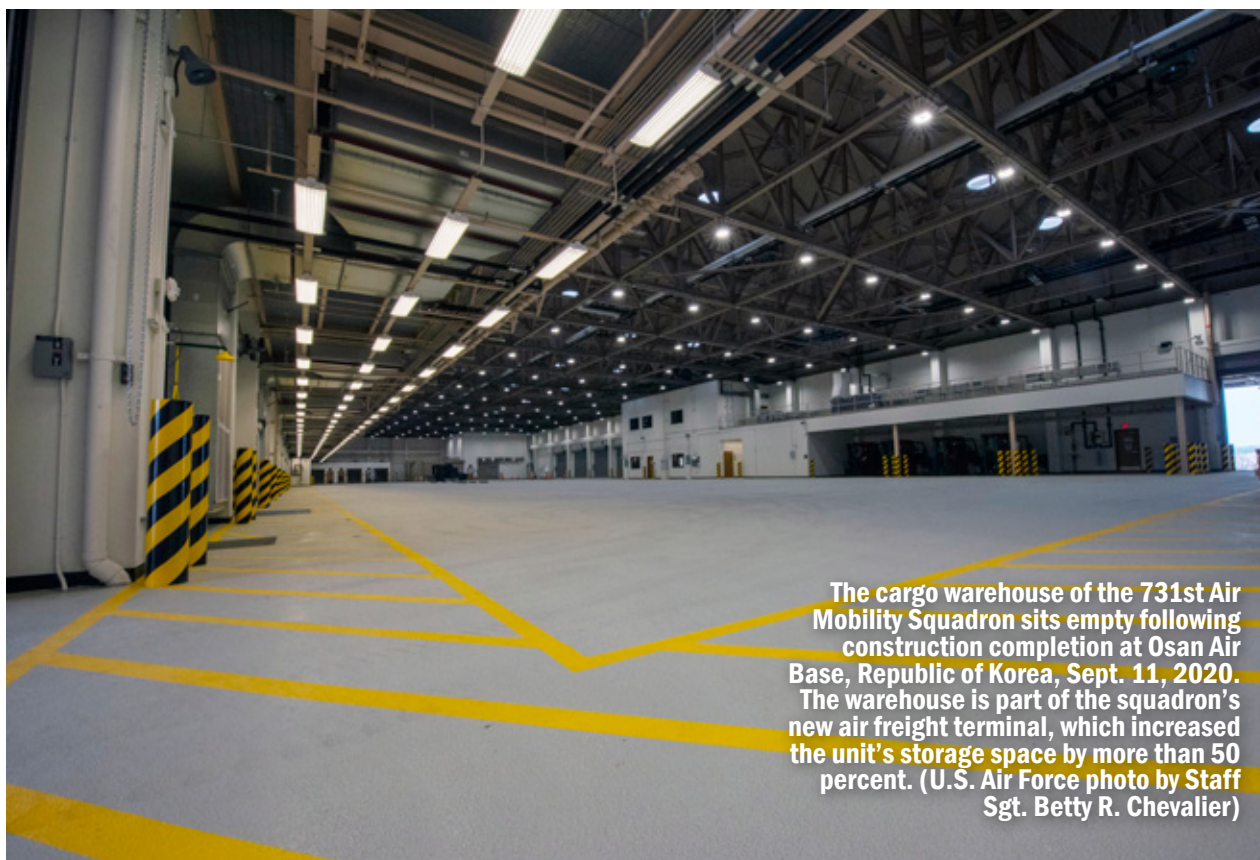
"This is the result of a collaborative effort of the close relationship we share with the 51st Fighter Wing, 7th Air Force, United States Forces Korea, the Combined Forces Command and our Republic of Korea military and civilian partners which has led to an enduring peace and strengthening our efforts," said Murray.

Bringing this terminal to fruition took the combined efforts of Air Mobility Command, Republic of Korea, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron. While the 731st AMS falls under AMC, the 51st CES oversaw the entire project and ultimately accepted the facility from the contractor on behalf of the U.S. Air Force.

The second phase of this construction project is currently underway with a new air freight material handling equipment maintenance facility projected to be completed next year.

While the increase in storage and warehouse space benefits all of U.S. Forces Korea, the squadron will personally benefit due to the consolidation of personnel to a central location.

The 731st AMS, a tenant unit at Osan AB, is responsible for the operation of the Patriot Express as well as managing all air freight cargo for U.S. Forces Korea while supporting the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Transportation Command, Combined Forces Command and United Nations Command.



The cargo warehouse of the 731st Air Mobility Squadron sits empty following construction completion at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2020. The warehouse is part of the squadron's new air freight terminal, which increased the unit's storage space by more than 50 percent. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Betty R. Chevalier)



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ryan Murray, 731st Air Mobility Squadron commander, speaks during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 26, 2020. The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official opening of the squadron's new state-of-the-art air freight terminal. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Betty R. Chevalier) ▼



Members from across the installation gather for a ribbon-cutting ceremony observing the 731st Air Mobility Squadron's new air freight terminal, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 26, 2020. The \$34 million project enhances the squadron's ability to support the readiness of U.S. Forces on the Korean Peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Betty R. Chevalier) ▲

Wolf Pack refuels, trains over Korea



Master Sgt. Nathan Lipscomb, 8th Fighter Wing public affairs superintendent, rides in the backseat of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a routine proficiency flight at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2020. The 8th FW performs counter-air, strategic attack, interdiction and close air support missions. The squadron trains and operates day or night, in all weather conditions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nathan Lipscomb) ▲

A U.S. Air Force KC-46A Pegasus from the 931st Air Refueling Wing refuels U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 80th Fighter Squadron as they fly over the Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2020. The KC-46A is the first phase of recapitalizing the U.S. Air Force's aging tanker fleet. With greater refueling, cargo and aeromedical evacuation capabilities compared to the KC-135, the KC-46A will provide next-generation aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and partner-nation receivers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nathan Lipscomb) ▲



U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 8th Fighter Wing receive fuel from a U.S. Air Force KC-46A Pegasus from the 931st Air Refueling Wing as they fly over the Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2020. The KC-46A Pegasus represents the beginning of a new era in aerial refueling, providing vital capability to the U.S. Air Force and joint partners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nathan Lipscomb) ▲



Airmen from the 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit perform preflight checks on an F-16 Fighting Falcon. The F-16 is a highly-maneuverable, multi-role fighter aircraft that has proven itself in both air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nathan Lipscomb) ▲

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 80th Fighter Squadron receives fuel from a U.S. Air Force KC-46A Pegasus from the 931st Air Refueling Wing as they fly over the Republic of Korea, Oct. 23, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nathan Lipscomb) ◀



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Did you know?

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. When you fry foods, you increase the risk of a cooking fire.



Recipe for Preventing Turkey Fryer Fires

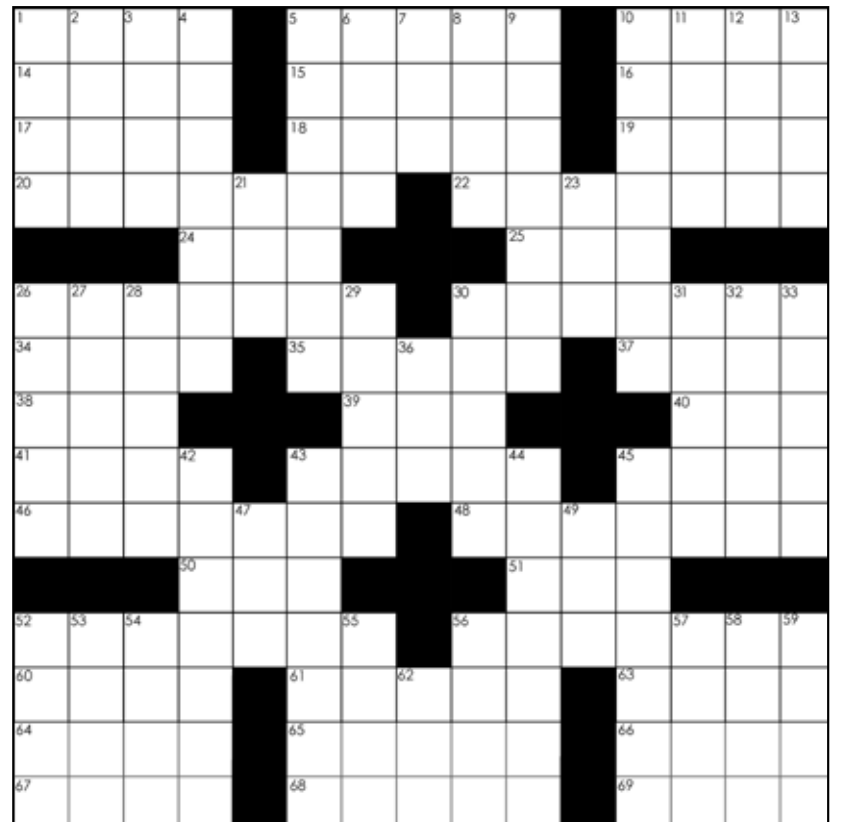
Frying food is the greatest risk of cooking fires. Consider the dangers or risks before using a turkey fryer.

- ✓ Turkey fryers can easily tip over, spilling hot cooking oil over a large area.
- ✓ Without thermostat controls, deep fryers can overheat oil to the point of starting a fire.
- ✓ An overfilled cooking pot will cause cooking oil to spill when the turkey is put in, and a partially frozen turkey will cause cooking oil to splatter when put in the pot.
- ✓ The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot.

For more information, please call Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834 or 4835.

The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

- 1 Affleck and Carson
- 5 Former Cincinnati NFL team
- 10 Western Corridor city
- 14 Syria neighbor
- 15 Jeju-dwelling K-pop idol
- 16 Goes with land and green
- 17 Japanese tribe
- 18 Fables writer
- 19 Aged 13-19
- 20 What the Ramones want to be
- 22 Lunges
- 24 Lowe or Corddry
- 25 Korean TV station
- 26 Seoul's foreign quarter
- 30 Not broadcast
- 34 Goes with land or war
- 35 Dull times
- 37 Psychic radiance
- 38 KT competitor

- 39 Basic computer operating system
- 40 Central Seoul mountain
- 41 Opposite of nays
- 43 Team race event
- 45 Bart's sister
- 46 Lumps on body
- 48 Announcements
- 50 Backpack or purse
- 51 ___-smoking area
- 52 Rejection
- 56 Volcanic rock
- 60 Scent
- 61 Long cars
- 63 "Dancing Queen" group
- 64 Not a noun or adjective
- 65 Madonna's musical role
- 66 Nerd
- 67 Opposite of begins
- 68 Passenger car
- 69 Bronte's Jane

DOWN

- 1 Preference
- 2 One of the Great Lakes
- 3 Type of flash memory
- 4 A number multiplied by itself
- 5 Korean megacorporation
- 6 Watched
- 7 ___ Angeles
- 8 Elderly Korean pop genre
- 9 Steals gas
- 10 Common flower
- 11 Not Sts or Rds
- 12 ___ kune do
- 13 Funerary jars
- 21 Pull a car
- 23 Former radio and TV maker
- 26 KINTEX location
- 27 Japan's capital
- 28 Traveled like electricity
- 29 Naked paintings

- 30 Korean industrial city
- 31 Writing in an ancient Scandinavian style
- 32 Delete
- 33 Daewoo's microvan
- 36 Riot Games battle arena
- 42 Areas outside major cities
- 43 Entertains with stories
- 44 Disappearing USFK garrison
- 45 NCSOFT game
- 47 ___ Vegas
- 49 Heavy weight
- 52 Bush adviser Karl
- 53 Biblical garden
- 54 Henry's car company
- 55 Kakao Talk competitor
- 56 Very small amount
- 57 Follow a command
- 58 Ridesharing company
- 59 Japanese liquor

Answers to Previous Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 RAP
- 4 ATM
- 7 SKI
- 10 BRB
- 13 EPA
- 14 KIA
- 15 HID
- 16 RIO
- 17 MCCAINS
- 19 AMERICA
- 21 INN
- 22 SIP
- 24 AIG
- 25 RAFT

- 27 PIPED
- 29 MATA
- 32 EMI
- 33 CAVALRY
- 35 NON
- 36 CYCLONE
- 38 YIELDED
- 40 ALA
- 41 FAA
- 42 SPINACH
- 46 STROKES
- 50 OFT
- 51 SHIITES
- 53 ODD
- 54 SCAB
- 56 EDGAR
- 57 ARMS
- 58 LIU
- 60 END
- 61 ICE

- 62 SHINSOO
- 65 INSTALL
- 69 AMA
- 70 EAU
- 71 URN
- 72 NET
- 73 WON
- 74 DRS
- 75 MAT
- 76 SEE

- 8 KIM
- 9 IDEA
- 10 BRIGAND
- 11 RIC
- 12 BOA
- 18 ANT
- 20 RIM
- 23 IPA
- 25 REC
- 26 AMY
- 27 PANACHE
- 28 DRIFTER
- 30 TOE
- 31 AND
- 33 COLAS
- 34 YEARS
- 37 LAN
- 39 LAO
- 42 SOS
- 43 PFC

- 44 ITALIAN
- 45 HIDEOUT
- 46 STADIUM
- 47 KOREANS
- 48 EDM
- 49 SDS
- 52 IGN
- 55 BIN
- 57 ACT
- 59 USES
- 61 ISNT
- 62 SAW
- 63 HMO
- 64 OAR
- 66 NRA
- 67 LEE
- 68 LTE

DOWN

- 1 REM
- 2 APC
- 3 PACIFIC
- 4 AKIN
- 5 TIN
- 6 MASSIVE
- 7 SHAPELY



Senior Airman Theresa Braak, 436th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and Military Working Dog, Sam, negotiate a window obstacle Oct. 8, 2020, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The window is one of nine obstacles in the obedience yard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Mauricio Campino) ▲

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon flies over the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Oct. 14, 2020. The F-16 is a compact, multirole fighter aircraft that has proven itself in both air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Duncan C. Bevan) ►



Capt. David Cotter, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron U-2 Dragon Lady pilot, sits in the cockpit at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., Oct. 14, 2020. Not pictured, in the back seat, sits Dr. Will Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. During the base visit, Dr. Roper emphasized the need for rapid, enterprise-wide deployment of digital engineering, open architecture and agile software development as the Air Force accelerates critical modernization efforts. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Dakota C. LeGrand) ▲

A Tactical Air Control Party, or TACP, specialist low crawls through mud as part of an obstacle course during the 2020 Lightning Challenge at Fort Hood, Texas, Oct. 26, 2020. The Lightning Challenge is a service-wide competition where teams of two TACP specialists compete against each other to be named the best in the Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. JT May III) ►



F 15E Strike Eagle aircrew assigned to the 492nd Fighter Squadron reunite with their families at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, Oct. 16, 2020. The 492nd FS returned from a six-month deployment in support of U.S. Air Force Central Command. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessi Monte) ▼



A ir Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. speaks with San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg about economic and military development in the city during a meeting at the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., Oct. 22, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich) ▲

A KC-46A Pegasus assigned to the 916th Air Refueling Wing sits on the flightline at the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pa., Oct. 21, 2020. The KC-46A was brought to Pittsburgh to allow members of the 911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron to familiarize themselves with the aircraft to prepare for real-world missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joshua J. Seybert)



Staff Sgt. Dillon Livingston and Senior Airman Jade Strofaci, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters, participate in a live-fire training scenario, Oct. 27, 2020, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The training scenario was part of a Samurai Readiness Inspection designed to enhance base readiness through training and practicing skill sets. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Juan Torres) ▼



Joint terminal attack controllers climb a hill on the Nevada Test and Training Range, Nev. Oct. 8, 2020. The NTR provides warfighters a flexible, realistic and multi-dimensional battlespace to conduct testing, tactics, development and advanced training in support of U.S. national interests. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dwane R. Young) ▲

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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.

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SEASONAL HVAC TRANSITION: Why is it so HOT in my building? The 51st Civil Engineering Squadron continues to make the seasonal transition from air conditioning to heat. Unlike many single family homes, transitioning an entire building requires an entire boiler system process change, and once the switch to heat occurs, it does not phase back until the winter season ends. All buildings, to include Military Family Housing, will be transitioned to heat by 15 Nov 2020.

NON-COMBATANT EVACUATION (NEO) EXERCISE: From 30 Nov – 2 December United States Forces Korea (USFK) is running a NEO exercise. Osan units will have chalk times to process through the line and the specifics will be disseminated through NEO wardens. It is requested that family members participate to ensure maximum preparedness in the event of an actual evacuation order. Messaging or posting to social media about NEO exercises is prohibited. Our Primary NEO evacuation point is Osan Middle-High Gym, however this exercise will be occurring at the Alternate Location of the Osan Air Base Enlisted Club.

ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE (AAFES): Since Black Friday shopping crowds are not authorized during a global pandemic, AAFES has been running a 12 weeks savings program leading up to the holidays. Shoppers will find 'Black Friday' prices in-store and on ShopMyExchange.com for electronics, jewelry and more.

For more information on the AAFES holiday shopping initiative, go to the Osan Exchange FB link at: <https://www.facebook.com/145542278810431/videos/948303292359293>

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.

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/>

***NEW PHASE* MAIN GATE CONSTRUCTION:** The parking lot at the main gate will be completely shut down for the next phase of construction (2 Nov - 1 Dec). Only taxis/emergency/delivery vehicles will be authorized to travel through the available access way. The taxi lane will be adjusted to a new temporary location just north of the current location, so pedestrians should exercise caution while walking to the cab line.

OSAN AB RESTRICTED AREA BADGE MASS RE-ISSUE: The Osan AB mass Restricted Area Badge re-issue will start 1 Nov 2020 and end 1 Mar 2021. Please make contact with your Unit Security Manager for details. (Members with a

DEROS 31 Dec 20 and earlier, will not be issued a new badge)

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN-OVERSEAS KICK OFF: The 2020 Combined Federal Campaign is just around the corner. 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. Please contact your UNIT KEYWORKERS for more information on making your contribution now.

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 Air Base Honor Guard Team welcomes you! For more information please contact Program Manager SSgt Akin Hyde at 784-1091 or via email akin.hyde@us.af.mil.

SAPR VVA COURSE: The next 40 hr course to become a credentialed VVA will be held from 14-18 December. Contact the SAPR office ASAP if interested for the application. DEROS must be Sep 2021 or later. Rank must be SrA or higher. Completed applications must be received NLT 16 Nov.

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

Dyess Airmen arrive in Indo-Pacific for Bomber Task Force, integrate with Koku-Jieitai, U.S. Navy

By Staff Sgt. David Owsianka
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam -- Approximately 200 Airmen and four B-1B Lancer aircraft with the 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron (EBS) from Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, arrived at Andersen AFB, Guam, to conduct Bomber Task Force missions in support of Pacific Air Forces' training efforts with allies, partners and joint forces, Oct. 20, 2020.

BTF missions enable Airmen to continuously conduct operations throughout the world at a moment's notice to help maintain global stability and security while enabling units to become familiar with operations in different regions.

"Every bomber task force is important because they accomplish both tactical and strategic objectives," said Lt. Col. Ryan Stallworth, 9th EBS commander. "As we conduct training operations, we are able to increase our bomber force lethality, readiness and experience across the force. It also demonstrates the department of defense's ability to operate in an agile fashion to the world."

Before arriving, the bombers integrated with 16 F-15s and 2 F-2s from the Japanese Self-Defense Force (JASDF) in the vicinity of the Sea of Japan.

"The training proved to be a very good opportunity to improve tactical skills as well as to show our commitment to the robust Japan-U.S. alliance and the region," said JASDF Lt. Col. Kobayashi Yoshiyuki, Commander, 305th Fighter Squadron. "Through continued bilateral trainings between the Koku-Jieitai and the U.S. Air Force, we are tough and strong, and always ready. We will continue working together with ally and partners to achieve a Free and Open Indo-Pacific."

The bombers also integrated with the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6) in the western Pacific Ocean.

"Our ultimate strength in the Indo-Pacific is joint force lethality—our ability to train and operate as one layered, capable, and credible combat team," said Capt. Luke Frost, USS America's commanding officer. "The Air Force plays hard. Integrated air defense and sea control operations leveraging top-shelf capabilities of both the Navy and Air Force, like this, allow us to continually field a joint force ready to fight and win."

The US Air Force has modified its force employment model to enable strategic bombers to operate forward in the Indo-Pacific region from a broader array of worldwide locations with greater operational resilience to align with the National Defense Strategy's objectives of strategic predictability and operational unpredictability.

"Every one of these operations is an opportunity for us to gain critical experience and become efficient in the deployment and execution processes," Stallworth said. "The U.S. Air Force is willing to and capable of operating out of different strategic locations. Our dynamic force employment construct helps us focus on being operationally unpredictable while still being



Two B-1B Lancer aircraft prepare to land during a Bomber Task Force deployment at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Oct. 21, 2020. Airmen with the 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron will conduct missions during the deployment that will showcase Air Force Global Strike Command's abilities to deliver lethal, ready, long-range strike options to geographic combatant commanders anytime, anywhere. ▲



Two B-1B Lancer aircraft sit on a runway during a Bomber Task Force deployment at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Oct. 21, 2020.

strategically predictable."

Having the B-1B Lancer aircraft at Andersen AFB enables U.S. Air Force personnel the ability to conduct training missions alongside their fellow Airmen within the Indo-Pacific and potentially work with their counterparts from allied and partner nations within the region.

"Training alongside our allies is important because it improves our combined military capabilities and the likelihood of success to accomplish military objectives," Stallworth said. "Reinforcing our connectivity and building personal relationships with our allies is critical to seamlessly executing combined objectives in the future."

The BTF also helps the Airmen focus on the full spectrum readiness of military operations,

whether it's combat missions, humanitarian assistance or disaster relief.

"This deployment has everything to do with developing the integral elements of agile combat employment," said Capt. David Teubl, 9th EBS project officer. "Whether that's working with new entities to provide our capabilities and discuss requirements needed to complete tasks or simply changing how we complete our missions to become more agile."

Airmen and B-1B Lancers from Dyess AFB last deployed to Guam in May in support of BTF operations. Read the story here: <https://www.pacaf.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2215661/us-air-force-b-1s-jasdf-fighters-complete-several-training-missions-in-one-month/>

Spiritual Charge

When Trouble comes your way



By Chaplain, Eugene Y. Ansah

I emigrated here from Ghana, West Africa with my newly married wife about 21 years ago. I had plans of completing university and to make a better life for my family. When I was a young boy around the age of 14, I had a dream of becoming a chaplain in the military. Most of my friends who lived on base

with me enlisted in the Ghana Army, however, I ended up in the United States, joined the Marines as enlisted and later became an officer.

For most of us, there is always a first time for doing things. I remember how excited I felt the first time I rode my bike without the training wheels. I also remember the very first time I stood at home plate, swung the bat, made solid contact and sprinted to first base! Those of us who are parents can easily recall the very first time we saw our children as little babies.

The first time I flew on a plane was when I immigrated to the US with my young wife. I was excited and at the same time apprehensive. But my first flight was not without trouble. Six hours over the Atlantic, the plane developed engine problems. Rather than risk a complete engine failure, the pilot returned to Ghana international airport. It was a bit of an

inconvenience but in the end, the pilot chose a course of action that resulted in less trouble and more safety for all.

The troubles of life seem to come in 5 varieties: Mental, Physical, Spiritual, Social and Financial

For some, these troubles comes in multiple forms, some in succession and for others all of the 5 varieties at the same time. I have learned over the years that troubles do not fix themselves; one has to make a conscious effort to fix them. As such you have to have the right tool to manage each trouble. On my first flight, a man sitting in front of me heard the sounds of the engine, turned around and with a worried voice and troubled look said, "this is a good time to start praying." The man, and I were in the same troubling situation so I took him at his word and began to pray and didn't stop until the wheels touched down on Ghanaian soil.

Now I'm not suggesting that you pray for 6 hours for all your troubles to go away. What I am suggesting is you use the right tool for the right trouble or problem. I was powerless to do anything while on that plane. My life was in God's hands and I was trusting in him to get us to safety. Perhaps you have been stricken with divorce, a sick child, financial issues, a bad attitude, huge amounts of stress at work or some other trouble. I say to you what the man said to me a long time ago, "this is a good time to start praying." James 1:2 says "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds." It is difficult to see God working when all you see are the troubles staring you in the face. Be encouraged for God is right there walking beside you. In my case God was sitting next to me and my wife on that first plane ride. The following day our plane left the shores of Ghana and we landed in New York safely.

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



Five fighter pilots from various squadrons wear a modified version of the Advanced Technology Anti-Gravity Suit. The modified ATAGS, which is the latest advancement in female aircrew fitment, was flight tested at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. October 26-30, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Savannah Bray)

Female fighter pilots test modified ATAGS “G-suit”

By 1st Lt. Savannah Bray, 53rd Wing

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) -- Five female fighter pilots tested a modified version of the Advanced Technology Anti-Gravity Suit Oct. 26-30.

ATAGS is a proven design and a critical life support item that protects aircrew members from the effects of high-G forces during maneuvers in fighter aircraft, but the ATAGS design, which has been in use since 2001, was developed primarily for standard men’s body types. Pilots who are shorter or have smaller or hard-to-fit body types often struggle to properly adjust the G-suit to fit well due to a limited range of adjustability in the standard sizes.

Directly tasked by the secretary of the Air Force, engineers and subject matter experts at Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and AFWERX set out to address priority shortfalls in female specific aircrew equipment and gear, to include ATAGS. Instead of creating a new product altogether, experts determined modifications could be made to the current ATAGS design to better fit women and various body types.

The two major modifications to the ATAGS include wider lacing panels in the waist, thigh and calf, which allows the suit to be easily

adjusted for different body proportions, and the option for a “darted” or tailored, custom waist that does not reduce performance of the waist bladder that inflates during high-G maneuvers.

“In the past, some pilots with a shorter torso have had issues with ATAGS that were too large riding up and causing bruising on the rib cages, while pilots who are hard-to-fit may have had one size that fits through the legs, but need a smaller size in the waist,” said Charles Cruze, an AFLCMC Human Systems Division engineer. “Now, the waist can be darted up to 3.75 inches, allowing for a more custom and accurate fit, preventing both of those issues.”

To properly and safely test the ATAGS, the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron executed nearly 20 sorties in F-16 D-model aircraft. During these test sorties, pilots conducted low- and high-G basic fighter maneuvers and specific profiles to allow for accurate evaluation of the modified ATAGS. F-16 D-models were used so that in each sortie, a pilot wearing standard ATAGS was in the aircraft to ensure safety should an issue with the modified ATAGS arise.

“For the purpose of this test, five pilots and one aircrew member tested the modified ATAGS, and evaluated it based on comfort and

performance when compared to the normal ATAGS typically worn,” said Sharon Rogers, 46th Test Squadron lead test engineer. “Pilots were asked to evaluate based on not only the ATAGS during high-G maneuvers, but also during regular activities like sitting, standing, walking and climbing into and out of the aircraft.”

“As more women strap into fast jets to get the mission done, I think the Air Force is heading in the right direction,” said Capt. Brittany Trimble, an F-16 Fighting Falcon instructor pilot, when asked about her experience testing the modified ATAGS.

The pilots and aircrew who tested the ATAGS noticed significant improvements in comfort and functionality in the modified ATAGS.

“I definitely noticed improvement with the new updates and the darted waist in particular,” Trimble said. “I honestly didn’t expect to notice much of a difference because I’d never noticed significant issues with the ATAGS sizes before, but I was pleasantly surprised that these upgrades increased the ATAGS functionality significantly under G.”

The modified ATAGS testing is also a showcase example of developmental and operational test experts coming together to provide solutions for the warfighter.

First Lt. Elizabeth Pennell, T-38 pilot, steps into an F-16D Fighting Falcon while testing a modified version of the Advanced Technology Anti-Gravity Suit. The modified ATAGS, which is the latest advancement in female aircrew fitment, was flight tested at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. October 26-30, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Savannah Bray).



Prior to flight testing, AFLCMC conducted developmental endurance testing which simulated 14 years of use on identically designed modified ATAGS. Once those versions were successfully endurance tested with no issue, flight testing began at Eglin Air Force Base with the 46th Test Squadron, 96th Test Wing providing the engineering and test planning expertise and the 85th Test and Evaluation

Squadron, 53rd Wing, executing the flight tests.

Following the flight testing, the 46th Test Squadron will provide a test report, explained Rogers. Under the current acquisition strategy, the modified ATAGS could be in the hands of fighter pilots and aircrew who need it within 12-24 months.

For Maj. Shanon Jamison, an F-16 pilot, testing the modified ATAGS was a great opportunity

not only to help ensure pilots have gear that fits, works, and prevents G-induced loss of consciousness, or G-LOC, but also to connect with other female fighter pilots.

“It is great to see the Air Force bring female pilots together to test these new improvements, and it also gave us a chance to share our career experiences with one another,” Jamison said. “There are things we have experienced in our career that many of our colleagues cannot understand, from as simple as worrying about getting your hair caught in a harness to as complex as how to return to flying while juggling breastfeeding your infant. The chance to come together for an important test, while also receiving continued mentorship and leadership from the female cadre of fighter pilots, was both useful and fulfilling.”

Fortunately for Airmen across the Air Force, ATAGS is not the only gear getting modified or adapted for women. More information on female fitment efforts, like the security forces Airmen at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, who received a new body armor system designed for women, can be found here: <https://www.afcmc.af.mil/Units/FemaleFitment/>.

“These tests are important because they will ultimately increase the lethality of those who no longer have their mask slip down during a sortie, their G-suit crunch under their waist, or the extra fabric of a too big anti-exposure suit get in the way of their movements in the jet,” Trimble said. “These don’t seem like big issues, but everything counts in the air, and having gear that fits and works as intended should be the standard. I’m excited the Air Force is working to identify and fix these issues, especially in innovative ways like provide AFE new modification options.”

Wolf Pack pride through Heritage



Staff Sgt. Michael Duong, 8th Communications Squadron cyber transport technician, holds a photo of a T-33 Shooting Star in 1961 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 20, 2020. The photo was shared by Ret. Master Sgt. Bill Blakely, who previously served at Kunsan for a one-year tour from 1960 to 1961, while assigned to an air police squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲

Maj. Emily Grabowski, 8th Fighter Wing chief of Public Affairs, holds a photo taken of servicemembers in formation in 1961 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 20, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ◀

Cooling temperatures followed by the changing leaves from the vibrant greens of summer to a rich palette of red, orange, and yellow signal the arrival of autumn. Although numerous areas across Korea offer brilliant displays of fall foliage, the mountains are still considered a quintessential destination.

This year, the leaves are expected to change color around mid-October at Seoraksan Mountain and spread south across the central and southern parts of Korea. Fall foliage generally reaches its peak two weeks from the time the leaves begin to change, meaning this year's peak foliage is expected to reach the central region around late October, and the southern region in early November. This is when you can hit the road with friends, family, or loved ones to revel in the splendor of the changing seasons.



Korea's BEST 5 Fall Foliage Sites



▼ Naejangsan Mountain in Jeongeup-si, Jeollabuk-do

Naejangsan National Park boasts a high volume of visitors in late October, as to be expected from a top foliage destination. The most remarkable feature of this mountain during autumn is the tunnel of multicolored maple trees that begins at the ticket office. The maple trees that make up this tunnel stretch for approximately 800 meters planted at 5-meter intervals, making photos taken here appear perfectly composed.

- Transportation: Seoul → Jeongeup
 - Central City Terminal → Jeongeup Intercity Bus Terminal
 - KTX Seoul Station (Gyeongbu Line) → KTX Jeongeup Station (Honam Line)
 - KTX Mugunghwa-ITX-Saemaeul Yongsan Station (Gyeongbu Line) → KTX Jeongeup Station (Honam Line)
 - SRT Susoo Station → SRT Jeongeup Station
- Nearby attractions: Naejangsa Temple, Geumseongyegok Valley



▲ Seoraksan Mountain in Inje-gun, Gangwon-do

When it comes to autumn destinations, the first mountain that comes to mind for most is Seoraksan Mountain. A feast for the eyes throughout the year, rich colors make Seoraksan a main attraction in autumn. The most popular route to see the view of the East Sea, Sokcho and Daecheongbong Peak is the Ulsanbawi Rock Course, whereas the best places to enjoy the leaves are at Cheonbuldong Valley, Osaek Mineral Spring, Osaek Jueongol, and Baekdam Valley.

- Transportation: Seoul → Sokcho
 - Seoul Express Bus Terminal (Gyeongbu/Yeongdong Line) → Sokcho Express Bus Terminal
 - Dong Seoul Bus Terminal → Sokcho Express Bus Terminal
- Nearby attractions: Seorak Waterpia, Naksan Beach, Daepohang Port

▶ *Jirisan Mountain in Gurye-gun, Jeollanam-do*

Jirisan Mountain is loved among Koreans for its beautiful charm. During peak foliage season in late October, the slopes blaze with brilliant colors. The areas around Ssanggyesa Temple, Piagol Valley, and Baemsagol Valley in particular are outstanding at this time. Jirisan extends across three provinces (Jeollanam-do, Jeollabuk-do, Gyeongsangnam-do), and many visitors choose to go on overnight hiking trips to fully appreciate the mountain. For those looking for a good hiking course, Hwaeom Valley Trail is the representative trail of Jeollanam-do.

- Transportation:
Seoul → Gurye: Seoul Nambu Terminal → Gurye Bus Terminal
- Nearby attractions: Ssanggyesa Temple, Hwaeomsa Temple, Cheoneunsa Temple, Gurye Sansuyu Village

Korea's BEST 5 Fall Foliage Sites



▼ *Odaesan Mountain in Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do*

Odaesan Mountain's vibrant fall foliage puts it on the map as an autumn destination. A popular vacation site year round, it is especially attractive during peak foliage season around mid-October, when many visitors go to see the change in leaves. Seonjae-gil Course that starts at Woljeongsa Temple is a popular trail with mostly flat walking paths and beautiful fall foliage along the stream.

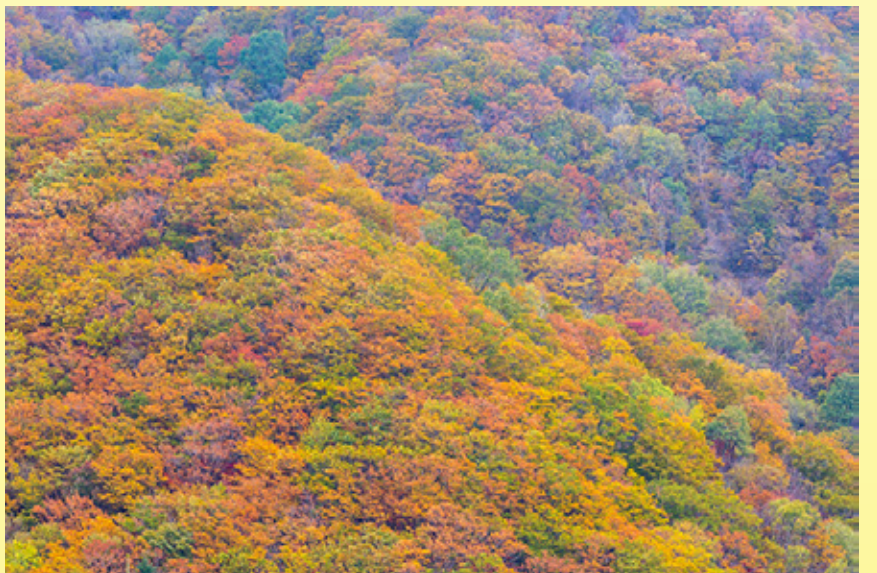
- Transportation: Seoul → Pyeongchang
 - KTX Seoul Station (Gyeongbu Line) → KTX Jinbu Station (Gangneung Line)
 - KTX Cheongnyangni Station (Gyeongbu Line) → KTX Jinbu Station (Gangneung Line)
 - Dong Seoul Bus Terminal → Jinbu Intercity Bus Terminal
- Nearby attractions:
Sangwonsa Temple, Woljeongsa Temple, Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm, Alpensia Resort, Yongpyong Resort



▲ *Juwangsan Mountain in Cheongsong-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do*

Juwangsan National Park is characterized by rocky peaks, deep valleys and elegant waterfalls. Among the many hiking trails, Juwanggyegok Valley Course is one of the easier courses that offers a beautiful fall foliage view, and takes about two hours to complete. At dawn, the scenery of thick fog blanketing Jusanji Reservoir near Juwangsan Mountain, combined with the reflection of trees in the water, attracts visitors, especially photographers, to the mountain every year.

- Transportation:
Seoul → Cheongsong:
Dong Seoul Bus Terminal → Juwangsan Intercity Bus Terminal
- Nearby attractions:
Jusanji Reservoir, Cheongsong Folk Museum, Songso Historic House



Medical personnel advance proficiency, strategic capabilities with training

An Airman from the 8th Medical Group assesses simulated victims during a training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. The medical personnel arrived on scene and assessed victims in an expeditious manner before transporting them to an alternative medical center for further treatment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▼



An Airman from the 8th Medical Group assesses simulated victims during a training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▼



Airmen from the 8th Medical Group in-process a simulated victim before treatment during a medical evacuation training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲



A simulated victim applies pressure to a wound while awaiting medical evacuation during a training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▼



An Airman from the 8th Medical Group uses a land mobile radio to communicate during a medical evacuation training event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 27, 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mya M. Crosby) ▲

