

# Crimson Sky

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Fritzie Saz, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment journeyman, poses for a photo in the IPE warehouse at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2021. Saz, a Filipino-American, plays a vital role issuing protective gear to service members, fulfilling a regional requirement to ensure all Airmen have the means to protect themselves in case of an emergency. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Nicole Molignano)



## A Journey to Finding Diversity

By Airman 1st Class Nicole Molignano  
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Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea -- Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders contributions have been influential throughout the history of the United States and the men and women who have served, and are serving, have helped shape our military into what it is today. The Department of Defense celebrates these contributions and service by declaring May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

For Senior Airman Fritzie Saz, a Filipino-American, she proudly contributes that storied legacy

between her family's heritage and the U.S. military.

Saz was born in San Fernando, a coastal municipality in the province of Cebu, Philippines, to parents who hoped to one day move to the United States. At just nine years old, Saz traveled to Idaho alongside her mother Mayla Saz, where they would start a new life in the States. Adjusting to a new country and learning a new language is already difficult on its own, and for Saz the struggles didn't end there.

Saz explained that the area she grew up in was not very diverse. Jerome High School, ID was populated with predominately Caucasian Americans, leaving her feeling isolated amongst

her peers. She mentions that there were only a handful of Asian-Americans that she recalls even seeing within her school.

"School was rough on me," said Saz; "I was looked at differently and I became an easy target for jokes. I knew I didn't want to stay in this town after high school, I needed a drastic change that didn't involve a conventional mindset."

It wasn't until her junior year in high school that the idea of joining the military first crossed her mind. Her aunt, U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Rhea Pettaway, was the main contributing factor that originally opened Saz's eyes to the military.

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# 67 Mustang's Selected for Master Sergeant

Col. John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander, far left, and Chief Master Sgt. Justin Apticar, 51st FW command chief, far right, pose for a photo with 51st FW master sergeant selects during a release party at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ▼



# 51st SFS heats up morale at police week cookout

A gathering of Airmen enjoy the food and refreshments provided by 51st Security Forces during the Police Week Morale Cookout at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. The morale building event served as the conclusion to 51st SFS's observation of National Police Week, a week set aside to honor police officers and remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange) ▼



# Osan hosts first local Spark Tank competition

Lt. Col. Heath Horton, 51st Logistic Readiness Squadron commander, accepts the Osan Spark Tank winner's certificate from Col. John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander, on behalf of Tech. Sgt. Michael Perry, 51st Logistics and Readiness Squadron's NCO in charge of the individual protective equipment squadron, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. Perry's proposal of a Radio Frequency Identification system will help the IPE section track their inventory. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange) ▲

A panel of judges and audiences listen to fellow Airmen present base improvement proposals during the first Spark Tank competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. The winner is awarded funding for their concept and is responsible for the implementation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange) ▼

By Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Spark Tank is an Air Force wide innovation initiative developed to give Airmen of every level a platform to launch new ideas that increase readiness, reduce costs, return time back to Airmen and enhance the lethality of the force.

Four Osan Airmen submitted workplace improvement concepts before a panel of judges to compete for their project to be funded May 20, 2021.

The Spark Tank campaign collects ideas from Airmen across the base with the goal of funding promising solutions. All projects were then presented to Col. John Gonzales, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and a panel of judges for approval.

The judge panel asked contestants a series of questions, judging each idea on a rubric of feasibility, potential impact, plan for execution and return on investment to determine which one would receive sponsorship through Spark Tank.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Perry, 51st Logistics and Readiness Squadron's NCO in charge of the individual protective equipment section, answers the judges' questions about his Spark Tank proposal at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. Perry proposed a radio frequency identification system to streamline equipment inventory tracking within the IPE section. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▶



Tech. Sgt. Michael Perry, 51st Logistics and Readiness Squadron's NCO in charge of the individual protective equipment section, won the competition and was awarded funding for his proposition of a Radio Frequency Identification system to assist the IPE section with their inventorying efforts.

The other presentations were the following:

Maj. Dominique Gougis, 51st Medical Group mental health flight commander, and her idea for a virtual scribe application to assist mental health professionals with documentation and annotation of their consultation sessions.

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Kibe, 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit support section chief, and Tech. Sgt. Raul Capuchin, 36thAMU support section chief, jointly proposed quick deployment trailers for 51st Maintenance Group's active combat exercise deployments.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Hutchinson, 25th Fighter Squadron NCO in charge of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance integration, suggested a digital Android Tactical Assault Kit flight assistant to consolidate data pilots are expect to fly with and prevent data spillage.

Presentations that did not win the Spark Tank competition will pursue alternate avenues for funding.

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Kibe and Tech. Sgt. Raul Capuchin, 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit support section chiefs, propose their Spark Tank idea at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. Kibe and Capuchin proposed the addition of quick deployment trailers for the 51st Maintenance Group's active combat exercise deployments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▶



Maj. Dominique Gougis, 51st Medical Group mental health flight commander, presents her Spark Tank proposal to judges at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. Gougis's project would ease the amount of follow-up paperwork that mental health professionals have by using a virtual scribe application. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▲

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Hutchinson, 25th Fighter Squadron NCO in charge of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance integration, proposes his Spark Tank idea at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. Hutchinson proposed the addition of a digital Android Tactical Assault Kit flight to consolidate the data that pilots are expect to fly with. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▼



# 621st ACS Change of Command



Col. Christopher Russel, 607th Air Operations Center commander, left, presents the ceremonial guidon to Lt. Col. Megan Luka during the 621st Air Control Squadron change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2021. From this moment forward, Luka will command the 621st ACS as they continue to provide focused and lethal tactical battle management (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▶



Col. Christopher Russel, 607th Air Operations Center commander, left, receives the ceremonial guidon from Lt. Col. Jonathan Kinard, 621st Air Control Squadron commander, during the 621st ACS change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2021. This act marks the official end of Kinard's tenure as commander of the 621st ACS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▲

Col. Christopher Russel, 607th Air Operations Center commander, speaks at the 621st Air Control Squadron change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2021. As the presiding officer, Russel facilitated the transition of 621st ACS command by receiving the ceremonial guidon from the outgoing officer and presenting it to the incoming officer. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▼



The Osan honor guard posts the colors during the 621st Air Control Squadron change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2021. The change of command ceremony is deeply rooted in military tradition that dates back to the reign of King Frederick of Prussia and has persisted into modern day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorraine) ▲

Lt. Col. Megan Luka receives her first salute as the new commander of the 621st Air Control Squadron during the 621st ACS change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2021. The 621st ACS is the only permanently forward-deployed air control squadron in the world responsible for providing air control services for combat air operations. ▶





Members of the 51st Security Forces Squadron attend the Police Week Memorial Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 10, 2021. The memorial ceremony was dedicated to all the law enforcement individuals and canine working dogs who lost their lives over the past year. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange)

# Osan defenders honor past during Police Week

By Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- In 1961, President John F. Kennedy created Peace Officers Memorial Day and dedicated May 15 to commemorate the police officers who keep our nation safe and pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Sixty years later, that single day has become a full week of celebration during the second week of May known as Police Week, and the 51st Security Forces Squadron ensures it remains remembered here.

“For us, Police Week is very important to ensure the heritage of honor and sacrifice that was passed on from previous generations is not forgotten and carried forward in how we conduct ourselves,” said Master Sgt. Nicanor Blausten, 51st SFS section chief.

This year’s event started with a formal memorial service in honor of all defenders and military working dogs that have passed away in the previous year, both civilian and military. The event concluded with a defender gun salute where one round was fired for those who were lost.

“We want to ensure the fallen are still honored and memorialized,” said Blausten.



Senior Airman Case Smith, 51st Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, performs basic obedience training procedures with MWD Max during Police Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 11, 2021. The demonstration showcased the trust and obedience between handler and dog. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange) ▲

Police Week continued with various demonstrations to show off 51st SFS capabilities and dedication to their profession and the legacy surrounding it. One event involved a display of military working dog skills.

“As a handler, Police Week shows what we really do as cops,” said Senior Airman Casi Smith, 51st SFS MWD handler. “It lets us show people what our dogs are capable of, in a more positive light, since most people only get to see them in action when something bad is happening.”

On top of demonstrations and memorial services, Police Week was also intended as a time of celebration for Security Forces Airmen to increase morale around the office. All of the events were open to the public so the entire base could celebrate.

“We invited our host nationals to a barbecue to give them a taste of our nation’s culture,” said Blausten. “We want this ceremony to bring together the law enforcement profession with the community we protect.”

As the week closed out, 51st SFS Airmen took a moment to reflect on the hardships their profession has faced due to the political climate over the past year. The negative press surrounding law enforcement as a whole made this year’s Police Week celebrations particularly difficult.

Blausten said, “This particular event was very challenging compared to previous years due to the current climate around law enforcement both worldwide and in the states.”

Despite these hardships and hits to morale, 51st SFS pushed forward and gave Police Week their all, ready to make this year a positive and memorable event. Whether it was during the squadron’s events or their festivities, Osan’s defenders were committed to celebrating their profession.

“I’ll never forget participating in the Police Week demonstration with my working dog Max,” said Smith. “I’m his first handler ever and it was very humbling to see how far he’s progressed since when I first met him.”

Police Week is first and foremost about remembrance and legacy. As it comes to a close on the very day that started the celebration sixty years ago, law enforcement Airmen are reminded to take a moment to remember the past and carry it into the future with them.

“As younger Airmen continue to join our career field, memories of old conflicts and the lives lost in them become fainter and more disconnected from the individuals now serving,” said Blausten. “I hope by taking the time this week to pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of our career field, incoming defenders will be able to connect to the proud legacy they’re now a part of.”

Tech. Sgt. Riley Olson, 51st Security Forces Squadron shift manager, tees off as his teammate watches during the Police Week Golf Tournament at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. Teams of up to four participants competed across 18 holes to determine a winner. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange) ►



Military working dog Max runs towards a set target during Police Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 11, 2021. The demonstration showcased the trust and obedience between handler and dog. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange)



Tech. Sgt. Joe Perkins, 51st Security Forces Squadron contingency operations section chief, makes his way to the finishing point of the Police Week ruck march at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2021. The five-mile march was followed by memorial pushups for each Military Police Airman that has given their life overseas since 9/11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Lorange)



# Wolf Pack celebrates Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage committee members pose for a photo during the AAPI Heritage Month bash party at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. The bash party was the final event to close out AAPI month which included AAPI cuisine, cultural performances, and guest speakers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Suzie Plotnikov) ▲

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month bash party attendees watch a performance by the band "Stick Power" at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Suzie Plotnikov) ◀

Kunsan Airmen watch the performances during the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month bash party at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Suzie Plotnikov) ▼



Master Sgt. Kimberly Torres, 8th Fighter Wing inspector general wings inspection coordinator, performs the hula during the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month bash party at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 20, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Suzie Plotnikov)



Col. Marilyn Thomas, 8th Medical Group commander, and Maj. Chris Harrison, 80th Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations and chief of standards and evaluations, celebrate after a flight together at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. Thomas and Harrison are Tuskegee University alumni and both served a short tour at Kunsan AB together. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ▶



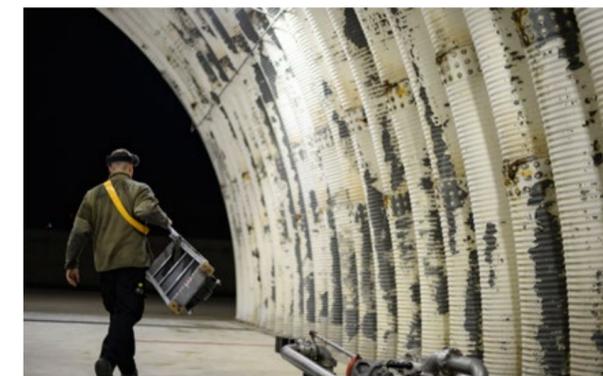
## Tuskegee Alumni take flight together

## Wolf Pack leaves for Red Flag 21-2



Senior Airman Caitlyn Reid, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, and 1st Lt. Christian Funk, 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, prepare an F-16 Fighting Falcon for flight at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2021. The 80th FS and 80th AMU flew to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, to participate in Red Flag Alaska 21-2. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ◀

First Lt. Christian Funk, 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, strikes the 80th FS 'crush 'em' pose before flight at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ▼



Airman 1st Class Riley Leadingham, 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew member moves an F-16 Fighting Falcon cockpit boarding ladder at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ▲



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Pettaway, a drill sergeant stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO was the first member of Saz's family to join the armed forces. "I remember her calling and telling me about all of the opportunities I would have in the military. That I could travel and it would be a great way to get out of Idaho." said Saz "It didn't much convincing, I knew I wanted a change."

After graduating high school in 2017, Saz packed her bags and shipped off for Basic Military Training in the Air Force in July of 2018. "Joining the military opened my eyes to something I hadn't experienced before." Saz explained "BMT was my first real encounter of diversity. The girls in my flight were different in every aspect, yet we were still all looked at as 'trainees' and not by our differences." Saz would continue to persevere with that newly learned outlook that demonstrated inclusion amongst her peers.

Now, a member of the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron at Osan Air Base, Saz continues to learn the importance of what it's like to work together as a team. She currently works as a journeyman in Individual Protection Equipment. IPE is a component of the LRS squadron and is responsible for storing and providing tactical equipment, gas masks, weapons, and deployment bags. The IPE flight

plays a pivotal role when it comes to distributing the necessary gear to fulfill Osan AB's motto "Fight Tonight."

Saz explained that inventory conducted by IPE is a very detailed process that requires every airman to do their part.

"IPE is just a small part of LRS, there are many flights that all depend on each other to get the job done," said Saz. "Just like LRS I think of diversity in the same way. One flight or one person cannot accomplish the mission alone, we need each other and we have to rely on everyone."

Looking back at her experience since being in the Air Force, she has now gained the sense of belonging she once lacked in high school. Instead of feeling like an outsider in her old community, she now feels like a contributing member that helps diversify the Air Force.

"We may all come from different places, but we all wear the same uniform." Saz said "I think being unique is what helps make the Air Force so strong."

Today there are more than 300,000 living Asian-American and Pacific Islander American veterans. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month stands as a reminder of the strength and diversity the Air Force has acquired and will continue to foster through its accepting force.

- Courtesy of the Seventh Air Force Diversity & Inclusion Council -



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Fritzie Saz, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment journeyman, hauls an equipment palette in a LRS warehouse at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2021. Before any Airman can accomplish their assignment at Osan, they must first receive the necessary gear from the IPE warehouse. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Nicole Molignano) ▲



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Fritzie Saz as a child poses for a photo with her mother Mayla. Saz is a native to San Fernando, a coastal municipality in the province of Cebu, Philippines. Saz moved to the United States alongside her mother at the age of nine years old. (Courtesy photo by Senior Airman Fritzie Saz) ▲



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Rhea Pettaway poses for a photo at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Pettaway is Senior Airman Fritzie Saz's aunt, and was the main inspiration for her to join the U.S. military. (Courtesy photo by Senior Airman Fritzie Saz) ◀



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Fritzie Saz as an Airman graduates from Basic Military Training alongside her mother Mayla Saz at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Sep. 2018. As a Filipino-American Saz continues to grow the legacy of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the U.S. Air Force. (Courtesy photo by Senior Airman Fritzie Saz)



## SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Summertime should be a time of fun and making happy memories. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills. According to the United States Fire Administration, almost 3,800 Americans are injured by gas or charcoal grill fires annually. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following safety instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

### Barbecue Safety

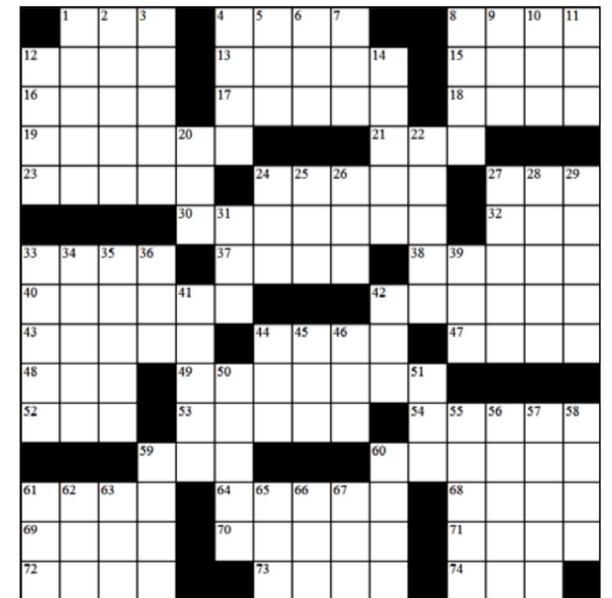
- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- If the flame goes out on a propane grill, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

Open fires are not permitted unless approved by the Fire Emergency Services Flight. Barbecue grills will not be used within 15 feet of a building or 50 feet from an aircraft or flammable storage. DO NOT dispose hot coals in garbage chute or trash cans.

Any questions, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835/4710.

## The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



- ACROSS
- 1 5 ml
  - 4 Hotsprings city
  - 8 Workplace safety agency
  - 12 Iranian king
  - 13 Opposite of south
  - 15 \_\_\_\_ Triangle, Cheorwon
  - 16 Goes with -dynamic and -space
  - 17 \_\_\_\_ Freedom Guardian
  - 18 \_\_\_\_ dong
  - 19 United \_\_\_\_
  - 21 Sergeant or corporal
  - 23 Andong's folk village
  - 24 Korea's contested islets
  - 27 \_\_\_\_ deferens
  - 30 Christmas demon
  - 32 Company suffix
  - 33 Moby Dick's enemy
  - 37 Mambo No.5 singer Lou
  - 38 It takes two to \_\_\_\_
  - 40 \_\_\_\_ Sweat drink
  - 42 A reindeer
  - 43 Disney dog
  - 44 Hawaiian island
  - 47 Bathroom flooring
  - 48 Keyboard key
  - 49 Maulana Karenga's holiday
  - 52 Soap ingredient
  - 53 \_\_\_\_ Gras
  - 54 \_\_\_\_ Navidad
  - 59 Caught in the \_\_\_\_
  - 60 Anybody
  - 61 Internet connection
  - 64 Senior
  - 68 Jurassic Park setting \_\_\_\_ Nublar
  - 69 Dec. 25
  - 70 Five golden \_\_\_\_
  - 71 Massachusetts Congressman Richard
  - 72 Exxon's other name
  - 73 Wizard
  - 74 CSI injury
- DOWN
- 2 \_\_\_\_ Chi fraternity
  - 3 Image
  - 4 Fundament
  - 5 Very unlucky
  - 6 Curve
  - 7 To the \_\_\_\_ degree
  - 8 Seoul Metro Line 4 terminus
  - 9 \_\_\_\_ Lanka
  - 10 What you call a spouse or judge
  - 11 Life of Pi director Lee
  - 12 Scouting badge location
  - 14 Indian faith
  - 20 \_\_\_\_ a mouse!
  - 22 Goes with Robert or Rica
  - 24 Actor Daniel \_\_\_\_ Kim
  - 25 Surprised exclamation in text
  - 26 ROK Armed Forces foe
  - 27 Leonardo da \_\_\_\_
  - 28 Treetop ornament
  - 29 Win a point
  - 31 Batter's performance
  - 33 Dismay
  - 34 Goes with Buddy or Golithly
  - 35 Extreme
  - 36 Baseball equipment
  - 39 Goes with fire or army
  - 41 USMC ally
  - 42 DoD service
  - 44 Tarnish
  - 45 Shock \_\_\_\_ awe
  - 46 Israeli submachine gun
  - 50 Uijeongbu's defunct Camp Falling \_\_\_\_
  - 51 Soldier's TV station
  - 55 Looking at
  - 56 Opposite of wins
  - 57 Spouse's parent
  - 58 Zest
  - 59 As well
  - 60 Buttock
  - 61 Lumberjack tool
  - 62 Twitter messages
  - 63 UK special forces
  - 65 Korea's Vice Foreign Minister \_\_\_\_
  - 66 Genetic material
  - 67 The chicken or the \_\_\_\_

- Answers to Previous Crossword
- ACROSS
- 1 JET
  - 4 SGT
  - 7 DMZ
  - 10 BGO
  - 13 ODA
  - 14 LAW
  - 15 RIO
  - 16 AYE
  - 17 EULJIRO
  - 18 SLOSHED
  - 21 KAMD
  - 22 KNIPR
  - 23 JJIM
  - 25 ESSAY
  - 29 CAMP
  - 32 SENSE
  - 34 PEP
  - 35 CAIRO
  - 36 AIG
  - 37 TROOPER
  - 40 NIS
  - 41 HUT
  - 42 LOU
  - 43 ATM
  - 46 ANTOINE
  - 48 MIA
  - 51 CHAIN
  - 53 EVE
  - 54 LYING
  - 56 TEST
  - 57 TRADE
  - 59 ESSE
  - 60 SETH
  - 62 NILS
  - 64 CRIMSON
  - 67 ENGLISH
  - 70 REV
  - 71 ASH
  - 72 DUO
  - 73 LITE
  - 74 TOE
  - 75 REL
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  - 26 SPOTTER
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  - 39 EON
  - 43 ACT
  - 44 THE
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  - 47 OVA
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  - 58 ENNUI
  - 61 TSAR
  - 63 IGOR
  - 64 CRT
  - 65 RED
  - 66 NHL
  - 67 EDM
  - 68 STX
  - 69 HERO



**A**irmen assigned to the 88th Test and Evaluation Squadron, pose for a photo in full Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear flight gear during a developmental test at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 21, 2021. The Airmen participated in on-going testing of the new Uniform Integrated Protective Ensemble Air two-piece system. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dwane R. Young) ▲

**A**cting Secretary of the Air Force John P. Roth operates an unmanned ground vehicle at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., May 10, 2021. Tyndall AFB's robotic 'dogs' represent a significant technological advancement to the Air Force and are the first of their kind in the Department of Defense to be added to the installation as an extra layer of force protection. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tiffany Price) ►



**T**he United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" perform an aerial maneuver at the 2021 Barksdale Air Force Base Defenders of Liberty Air Show at Barksdale AFB, La., May 7, 2021. The weekend air show included civilian aircraft performances. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob B. Wrightsman) ▲

**R**etired Lt. Col. Vorry Moon of the Tuskegee Airman "Hooks" Jones Chapter, salutes during the playing of the national anthem during a Tuskegee Airman wreath-laying ceremony in the Honor Garden at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., May 7, 2021. The annual tribute recognizes how the actions of the Tuskegee Airman changed the Air Force, the military, and the world. (U.S. Air Force photo by Trevor Cokley) ▼



**P**ararescue Airmen perform static line and military free-fall jumps from a Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron-234 KC-130J over Djibouti, May 17, 2021. The airborne personnel maintain jump proficiency to support personnel recovery and combat search and rescue, and to rapidly deploy to austere locations within the area of responsibility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Daniel Asselta)



Kunsan

**- KUNSAN PHOTO CLUB -**

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

**- WOLF PACK LODGE -**

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

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

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

**- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -**  
Every Sunday, volunteers from a spe-

cific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-HOPE.

**- SPONSOR TRAINING -**

Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

**- ROKAF ENGLISH CLASS -**

Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the ROKAF English class every Saturday, at the Sonlight Inn. You will be talking to ROKAF Airmen (enlisted) for approximately one hour. This event is open to all ranks! Civilian attire is preferred, however, UOD is allowed. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Charles Nelson.

**- PING PONG TOURNAMENT -**  
Free to all. Prizes for first and second places. Prizes include Wolf Pack Won. To sign up, dates or for more information, call the CAC at 782-5213 or 4679.

Osan

**AFCEA HOSTED GUEST SPEAKER: 3D AFSC TRANSFORMATION:** AFCEA is hosting guest speaker CMSgt Stephanie Christman 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.

**STRESS MANAGEMENT CLASS:** Does your head hurt? Are your muscles tense? Irritated around others? Could be signs of stress. Come to the Stress Management Class held every Wednesday from 0900-1000 in the Dental Conference Room. Open to Active Duty/adult dependents/civilians/contractors. For more information or to register, call 784.2148...registration is encouraged but not required.

**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](mailto:akin.hyde@us.af.mil).

**OSAN ANTHEM SINGERS:** Osan An-

them Singers are looking for volunteers who would like to sing the Korean and U.S. national anthems during various official/unofficial events throughout the base. You must be able to sing in a group in four-part harmony. Any member with a musical background and singing talent can audition for the group. Please contact MSgt Knollenberg at [minji.knollenberg@us.af.mil](mailto:minji.knollenberg@us.af.mil) if you are interested.

**MUNITIONS 100 PERCENT INVENTORY:** Ammo will be conducting a 100 percent wall-to-wall inventory of our stockpile. During this time, manning will be strained, so please be sure that all custody issues, expenditures and turn-ins are submitted at least a week prior to the start of this inventory.

**SLEEP OPTIMIZATION CLASS:** Feeling run down? Need more ZZZzzz's in your life? Come to the Sleep Optimization Class held every Tuesday from 0900-1000 in the Mental Health Clinic. Open to Active Duty/adult dependents/civilians/contractors. For more information or to register, call 784.2148...registration is encouraged but not required.

**HEALTHY THINKING CLASS:** Want to be the best version of You? It all starts in your head! Come to the Healthy Thinking Class held every Wednesday from 1000-1100 in the Dental Conference Room. Open to Active Duty/adult

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**GRAPHICS DESIGNER NEEDED:** The Osan AB Chapel is looking for a volunteer with Graphics Design skills and experience to create stunning graphics for FB, Worship Services, and other advertising. If you are interested please email [osanpcc@gmail.com](mailto:osanpcc@gmail.com)

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Do you have an idea on how to better accomplish your mission? Have you ever said "is there is a better way to do this?" Well, Osan Spark is here to serve as your idea catalyst! Leadership from top to bottom on Team Osan is providing all Airman an outlet for their voice to be heard and a unique opportunity to shape the very future of Osan Air Base! Submit your ideas at the link below!  
<https://osan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/osanorgs/spark/SitePages/Osan%20Spark.aspx>

**YOUTH SOCCER COACHES NEEDED:** We are wanting volunteer soccer coaches for our youth sports program. Please go to <https://51fss.com/youth-sports/> to fill out the forms and send them to the email on the page. Thank you for supporting our youth.

**51 MDG VACCINATIONS BY APPOINTMENT:** 51 MDG is currently administering COVAX in the Immunization Clinic at the 51 MDG by appointment. Call 784-DOCS (appointment line) or use TRICARE online to make your reservation: Tues 0700-1000 - 50 slots Wed 1500-1600 - 20 slots Thurs 0700-1000 - 50 slots

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



**Kelli Seybolt, deputy undersecretary of the Air Force for international affairs, presents the Air Force International Affairs Excellence Award to Robyn Disselkoe-Russell during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., April 29, 2021. Disselkoe-Russell won the 2019 senior civilian category for her work as the deputy chief of international affairs, Directorate of Strategy Plans and Programs, Pacific Air Forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich) ◀**

# PACAF civilian enhances allies, partnerships in Indo-Pacific region, wins Air Force-level award

By Staff Sgt. Hailey Haux, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (AFNS) --** Building partnerships, improving interoperability, and embracing U.S. allies within the Indo-Pacific region is a top priority for the Total Force and one particular civilian plays a big role in making that happen. Meet Robyn Leigh Disselkoe Russell, deputy chief of international affairs, Directorate of Strategy Plans, Programs and Requirements at Pacific Air Forces and winner of the Headquarters Air Force International Affairs Excellence Award for 2019. Her job includes overseeing security cooperation operations, activities and investments with multilateral and bilateral engagements for all U.S. partner nations in the Indo-Pacific region.

During her tenure, she has managed senior officer visit requirements, International Military Personnel Exchange Program, Professional Military Education Program, and Foreign Liaison Officer Programs, among many others. In 2019, she led efforts for the commander, Pacific Air Forces-hosted Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2019, the premier air chief event in the Indo-Pacific, which was the largest in PACAF history and included 19 air chiefs from around the region including then-Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein. Goldfein said that "PACS 19 was the benchmark for air chief key leader engagements and was not just an event but an experience."

Additionally, Disselkoe Russell's leadership was integral to the successful PACAF legislative proposal to add air domain awareness operations as a primary justification for Section 333 "Train and Equip" funding resulting in its inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act 2021. Finally, she led efforts to strengthen PACAF

proposals for security cooperation funding resulting in over \$100 million in training and equipment for key allies and partners in the region.

When asked how international partnerships advances U.S. strategic initiatives in the Indo-Pacific, Disselkoe Russell explained, "The United States is inextricably tied to the Indo-Pacific region. This is the fastest-growing economic and demographic region in the world with more than half of the world's population and four out of five of the top U.S. trade import and export partners."

Her leadership and planning efforts proved integral to advancing ally and partner ties across the Indo-Pacific region, and this made her stand out amongst her peers to be recognized as the U.S. Air Force's top senior civilian for international affairs. She was recently able to receive the International Affairs Excellence award during a small ceremony at the Pentagon.

"The fact that my nomination was chosen for the award, among so many other competitive applicants, underscores the criticality of the Indo-Pacific region to our current national defense priorities," Disselkoe Russell said. "What used to be known as the 'sleepy Pacific' has now become the United States' number one region for strategic competition in our generation."

The award recognizes individuals for outstanding and innovative contributions that had the greatest impact in international affairs and were most effective in building, sustaining, expanding, and guiding international relationships.

"I believe her selection for this award was not only due to her exceptional leadership and performance on a daily basis but also her

willingness to look for new innovative solutions," said Col. Daniel Munter, International Affairs Division chief, Headquarters PACAF. "Her dedication and advanced planning to make PACS 19 the largest and most well-executed air chief event in PACAF history, to pursue air domain awareness operations legislative proposal, and to pursue training and equipment resourcing for our partners were all examples of innovative solutions to best assist our allies and partners throughout the region and will have lasting impacts well into the future."

With PACAF being the "tip of the spear" as Disselkoe Russell called it, it is "responsible for engaging and equipping U.S. partner air forces to ensure they are ready to go toe-to-toe with adversaries, who are attempting to dismantle international rules and norms that underscore continued peace and prosperity in the region."

PACAF's area of responsibility is home to 60% of the world's population, in 36 nations spread across 53% of the Earth's surface and 16 time zones, with more than 1,000 languages spoken. The U.S. has partners and allies all across the region who partake in numerous exercises, events, missions and humanitarian relief efforts that support a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

"Maintaining our military advantage in the Indo-Pacific hinges on continuing to expand our existing network of regional allies and partners," Disselkoe Russell said. "These coalition partnerships, in particular, our ability to effectively interoperate as a coalition force, represents our greatest asymmetric advantage against regional adversaries. The inroads we've made in the last two years are incumbent upon continued, national-level commitment and attention to the Indo-Pacific region."

Spiritual Charge

What's Your Spiritual Compass Heading?



By Ch. James Bond  
51 FW Osan

Most of us know about the Air Force's pillars of resiliency. There's the mental, physical, and social pillars and we're pretty familiar with these three and how each of them can be a BIG support to our families.

Mental health is very important. If we're going to get things done at work, we need to be mentally

strong, stay on track and not get distracted by dozens of emails and text messages that we receive each day. We have to train ourselves to be mentally resilient. We also need to be physically fit. This can be done by eating a balanced diet, regular exercise and a good amount of sleep. If we are feeling really sick; we should seek medical help. It's a no brainer. We also need to develop a balanced social life. We should learn to make friends, seek out close personal relationships and stay connected with our immediate family members. We need to be a part of community. But we also have the Spiritual pillar and I would say many overlook this important element of their lives.

When people hear the word spiritual or the phrase, spiritual resilience, they immediately think of organized religion; going to church, singing songs, going to weddings, funerals and baptisms, those sorts of things.

However, spirituality is much more than going to church on Sunday. The spiritual aspect of each person is rather complex

because spirituality relates to a person's sense of self, their sense of purpose and their beliefs and values. I would say that the spiritual aspect of our lives gives each of us an internal compass heading.

Since the beginning, humans have relied upon the spiritual aspect of life to help them make sense of the world. For example, the entire culture of ancient Egypt and the building of the pyramids was centered on the spiritual world and a belief in the afterlife. Questions like: what's the purpose of my life? What gives my life the most meaning? What happens at death? These are questions that can only be answered by tapping into your spiritual compass heading.

The spiritual part of a person is unseen and it's the driving force behind what we say, do and believe. We are all spiritual beings and the spiritual aspect of our life helps us makes sense of ourselves and ultimately what we believe about the true meaning and purpose of our existence. I would say that the spiritual

aspect of a person lies at the core of who we are as humans. We filter our experiences through these beliefs.

In some ways, the spiritual part of your life helps to keep you grounded and on track; it's our internal compass that guides us in the right direction. All of us go through life looking for answers to the BIGGEST questions. Sadly, many never really discover the answers. Stress and the problems of life can make us feel lost, with little to no direction and when people feel lost; they tend to feel that their life has no meaning. Without a spiritual and moral compass heading, many end up making bad decisions.

Today, I would encourage you think about your spiritual compass heading and ask yourself the following questions: What gives my life the most meaning? What am I supposed to be doing? What do I believe? If you don't have the answers, start exploring all the options open to you. You have the freedom to choose another path and see where it leads you!

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

Due to the upcoming demolition and construction of the Osan Chapel facilities, the offices and worship services have been relocated as follows:

Chapel Offices:

The main chapel offices are located on the second floor of building 745 (formerly the Wing Safety building).

Chapel Worship Services:

Protestant service times/location:

Protestant Services are now being held at the base theater across from the Exchange:

- o Community Service @ 0900
- o Gospel Service @ 1100

Catholic service times/location:

Catholic Sunday Masses are now being held at the Mustang Center (multi-purpose room) across from the gym:

- o Confession @ 0830
- o First Mass @ 0900
- o Confession @ 1030
- o Second Mass @ 1100

Catholic Daily Masses will be held in building 769

(former AFRC bldg):

- o Tuesday – Thursday @ 1130

For the most current updates and announcements, please visit our "Osan AB Chapel" Facebook page.

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@mail.mil

Islamic

Friday, 12:00-13:00 p.m. Jumrah Service - PVC

Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Islamic/Arabic Classes - PVC

POC: Sfc. Kamel 010-8449-3024; mohammed.a.kamel@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



A B-2 Spirit flies overhead during the Speed of Sound Airshow at Rosecrans Memorial Airport in St. Joseph, Mo., May 2, 2021. The air show was hosted by the 139th Airlift Wing and city of St. Joseph to thank the community for their continued support. Approximately 30,000 people attended the weekend performances including the B-2 and the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Patrick Evenson)



Cadet Zoe Iwu competes in the women's 200-meter race during the Twilight Open at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Cadet Outdoor Track and Field Complex in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 7, 2021. The Twilight Open is the last track and field event of the season and a final tune-up before the conference championships. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joshua Armstrong) ▲



Chief Master Sgt. Stan Franklin receives the traditional tacking-on of chief stripes from his children, Oliver and Olivia, during a promotion ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, May 15, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordyn Fetter) ▲



The A U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II, two Dassault Rafales and a Royal Air Force Eurofighter Typhoon fly in formation over France, May 19, 2021. The flight was a part of exercise Atlantic Trident 21, a joint, multinational exercise involving service members from the U.S., France and the U.K. Atlantic Trident is aimed at enhancing fourth and fifth-generation integration, combat readiness and fighting capabilities, through conducting complex air operations in a contested multinational joint force environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander Cook) ►



8th Fighter Wing Airmen render a salute during the 2021 Police Week opening ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby)

# Police Week at the Wolf Pack

By Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The faces of fallen Defenders stare back at the crowd in silence.

The audience is still. Some are staring off in remembrance. Others put their heads down in deep thought.

"Only 2.7 percent of the U.S. population are comprised of law enforcement officers, and only 0.4 percent of the population are in the armed forces," said Tech. Sgt. Sylvia Cortez-Lomas, 8th Security Forces Squadron defender.

The 8th Security Forces Squadron hosted Police Week at the Wolf Pack, May 12-14. The Defenders hosted this celebratory week with the mentality to "honor the fallen and celebrate the living," Cortez-Lomas said.

"National Police week is truly an important event of the year to not only appreciate what our men and women of law enforcement do, but also reflect and appreciate all the sacrifices that so many have made," said Col. Chris "Wolf" Hammond, 8th Fighter Wing commander.

"It's important that we acknowledge our base defense, who often work in austere and contested environments, and as well to pay tribute to the 16 Defenders who have paid the ultimate price in defense of our nation and for our freedom. We honor and remember them today."



Col. Chris Hammond, 8th Fighter Wing commander, gives a speech during the 2021 Police Week opening ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2021. The 8th Security Forces Squadron hosted Police Week with the mentality to honor the fallen and celebrate the living. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ▲

An 8th Medical Group Airman directs 8th Security Forces Squadron Defenders during the 2021 Police Week defender's challenge at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ►



The occasion caused reflection on why becoming not only a service member, but a defender, was so important.

"As a child I would watch my father leave the house in his uniform, and I was always in awe of his bravery," said Tech. Sgt. Chadir Shivers, 8th Security Forces Squadron defender. "He would never tell me about this day, even when it was bad. He would come home and ask about mine. He is the reason I serve now. When I think of Police Week, I think of retired Lt. Lloyd George Shivers III, my father."

For more than personal reasons, the Defenders have a purpose of endlessly watching over their brothers and sisters in arms.

"Defenders serve at bases all around the globe, standing watch over their communities, day and night," said Tech. Sgt. Sylvia Cortez-Lomas, 8th Security Forces Squadron defender.

"We stand on guard -- no matter who you are, we will protect you and your family, and keep you safe -- on convoys, on the flightline, we will stand our posts and do our duties because you are our brothers and sisters.

"Our best days are the days when nothing happens...and on those quiet days...you're welcome."

Below are the names of the Defenders who gave their lives to defend their brothers and sisters in arms, and the nation:

- Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Jacobson
- Staff Sgt. Brian McElroy
- Tech. Sgt. Jason Norton
- Airman 1st Class Jerome Ware, Jr.
- Airman 1st Class Leebernard Chavis
- Staff Sgt. John Self
- Airman 1st Class Jason Nathan
- Staff Sgt. Travis Griffin
- 1st Lt. Joseph Helton
- Senior Airman Nicholas Alden
- Staff Sgt. Todd "T.J." Lobraico
- Senior Airman Nathan Sartain
- Airman 1st Class Kcey Ruiz
- Tech. Sgt. Joseph Lemm
- Staff Sgt. Louis Bonasca
- Senior Airman Jason Khai Phan



8th Fighter Wing Airmen perform a fire-team push-up during the 2021 Police Week defender's challenge at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ▲



Sixteen Security Forces Airmen are displayed during the 2021 Police Week opening ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ▲

An 8th Security Forces Squadron defender walks past a formation during the 2021 Police Week opening ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mya M. Crosby) ◀

# Serenity Surrounding Seoul



Being cooped up inside can take its toll on one's emotions, but a simple change of scenery can do wonders. With the weather warming up, now is the perfect time to get out and enjoy nature. Gather your family, friends, or loved ones, and make plans to visit one of these relaxing attractions, easily accessible within one to two hours of Seoul.

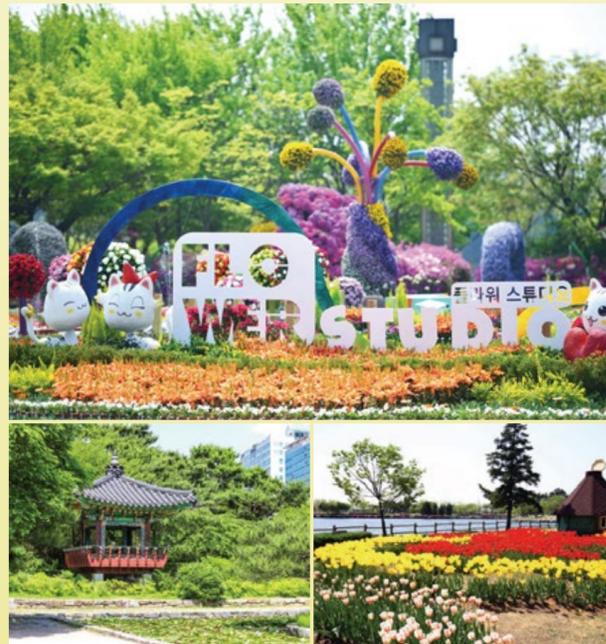


## ◀ The Garden of Morning Calm

The Garden of Morning Calm, located in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi-do, is just a 50 minute-ride out of Seoul. It is considered the best relaxing attraction in the Seoul metropolitan area, bringing in more than 1.3 million visitors a year. The name "Morning Calm" came from Sir Tagore, a poet from India, who described Korea as "a land of morning calm."

The Garden of Morning Calm consists of various themed gardens, including Eden's Garden, Morning Square, and Korean Garden, each relaxing in its own style. One of the most popular spots among tourists is Seohwayeon Pond, a beautiful water garden that featured in the Korean drama "Love in the Moonlight (2016)."

- Address: 432, Sumogwon-ro, Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do
- Directions: Take Bus No. 30-6 or 30-7 from Cheongpyeong Bus Terminal or Cheongpyeong Station (Gyeongchun Line) and get off at Garden of Morning Calm Bus Stop
- Operating hours: 08:30-17:00
- Website: [www.morningcalm.co.kr](http://www.morningcalm.co.kr)



## ▶ Ilsan Lake Park

Ilsan Lake Park is one of the most easily accessible relaxing attractions in the Seoul metropolitan area via public transit. A large man-made lake spanning over 900,000 square meters, the park offers visitors a chance to relax with more than 100 species of wild flowers and 200,000 diverse trees. Visitors can also enjoy a stroll around the lake along the 7.5-kilometer-long walking trail or zoom past it riding a bicycle on a 4.7-kilometer-long bike path. The park hosts International Horticulture Goyang Korea and Goyang Autumn Flower Festival annually. With different flowers blooming throughout the year, it's a perfect place for a walk or a picnic.

- Address: 595, Hosu-ro, Ilsandong-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do
- Directions: Walk for approx. 10 min from Jeongbalsan Station
- Operating hours: Open 24 hr
- \* Information center 08:00-20:00
- \* Hours may vary by facility; refer to website for details
- Website: [www.goyang.go.kr](http://www.goyang.go.kr)

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# 7th AF leadership recognized, mentored Wolf Pack Airmen



Lt. Gen. Scott Pleus, 7th Air Force commander, speaks with 80th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen during a 7th AF leadership visit at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. During their visit, Pleus and Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, 7th AF command chief, visited many units in the Wolf Pack and coined outstanding Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Suzie Plotnikov) ◀



Eighth Maintenance Squadron Airmen speak with Chief Master Sgt. Philip Hudson, 7th Air Force command chief, during a 7th AF leadership visit at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. During the visit, Hudson toured many units around base, coined outstanding Airmen and held multiple mentorship sessions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Suzie Plotnikov) ▼



Senior Airman Karen Tavarez, 8th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment journeyman, speaks with Chief Master Sgt. Phil Hudson, 7th Air Force command chief, about AFE during a 7th AF leadership visit at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 13, 2021. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Suzie Plotnikov) ◀

## AIRMEN WHO HAVE DIRECT DESCENDANTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN WAR

Seventh Air Force Public Affairs is looking for two Airmen who have direct descendants who participated in or provided sending state support to the Korean War.

They will be invited to participate in the appreciation luncheon in Seoul hosted by the Federation of Korean Industries (FKI) on 17 Jun 21 (Thu), 1100-1300. The FKI hosts an "Appreciation Luncheon In Honor of 22 Nations of UN Forces the Korean War" in order to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the Korean War, and honor the veterans who fought for the freedom and democracy.

If you are the one or know anyone who mentioned above, please send the names (with email address) via email to 7 AF/PA Mr. PARK, do\_young.park.kr@us.af.mil<mailto:do\_young.park.kr@us.af.mil> NLT 4 Jun 21.



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► **Forest of Wisdom**

While it isn't a garden with flowers and plants, you can still find plenty of relaxation at the extraordinary "Forest of Wisdom" within Paju Book City. Here, you can take a walk along towering rows of books for a special experience. The library holds more than 500,000 books that were all donated on bookshelves reaching a height of 8 meters and covering a distance of 3.1 kilometers. The books are grouped by donors instead of following the traditional library classification. Many book lovers come to the Forest of Wisdom to savor the atmosphere of being surrounded by so many books rather than to actually read here.

- Address: 145, Hoedong-gil, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do
- Directions: Take Bus No. 2200 from Hapjeong Station (Seoul Subway Line 2, 6), Exit 1 and get off at Eunseokgyo Intersection Bus Stop
- Operating hours
  - Forest of Wisdom 1 & 2: 10:00-18:00
  - Forest of Wisdom 3: 10:00-20:00
- \* Open all year round
- \* Hours subject to change due to COVID-19 situation
- Website: [www.forestofwisdom.or.kr](http://www.forestofwisdom.or.kr)



▲ **The Botanical Garden BCJ (Byukchoji)**

The final attraction we recommend for a relaxing day-trip out of Seoul is The Botanical Garden BCJ. The garden has a great atmosphere, created by many rare plants, famous sculptures, and beautiful fountains. The garden is divided into themed areas, such as the Fluttering Area, and Grecian Gods Area. Amenities within the garden include a brunch café, food court, gift shop, and gallery. Hallyu fans will love to find the areas that appeared in popular K-dramas such as "Descendants of the Sun (2016)" and "My love from the Star (2013)."

- Address: 242, Buheung-ro, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do
- Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 20 min from Wollong Station (Gyeongui-Jungang Line)
- Operating hours: December-February 10:00-17:00 / March & October 09:00-18:00 / April & September 09:00-19:00 / May-August 09:00-19:30 / November 09:30-17:30
- Website: [www.bcj.co.kr](http://www.bcj.co.kr)



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