



Wolf 66 takes command of the 8th Fighter Wing

By 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Peter Kasarskis relinquished command of the Wolf Pack to U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Gaetke during a change of command ceremony, May 30.

Having previously served in various roles at Osan Air Base, Gaetke is well-versed in the Korean Peninsula's unique operational environment and how to achieve strategic effects through airpower.

"I spent a lot of time in Korea, and until now, my Kunsan experience has been vicarious," said Gaetke. "What an honor to finally be a part of the 8th Fighter Wing."

U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. David Iverson, 7th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony, acknowledging the great accomplishments of the wing under Kasarskis' leadership during his time as Wolf.

"This past year, the 8th Fighter Wing demonstrated exceptional innovation and dedication: executing 7th Air Force's first full-

scale [agile combat employment] deployment, pioneering a cross-servicing program with Republic of Korea Air Force F-16s, which significantly expanded mission resilience; and securing \$500,000 for critical dorm renovations, directly improving the quality of life for the entire Wolf Pack," said Iverson. "I'm immensely proud of your accomplishments during this decade's most transformative year, driven by the Super Squadron Initiative, while preserving combat readiness."

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Typhoon Season: Are you ready?

By Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams **51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --Typhoon season runs from June through October and brings the potential for high winds, heavy rainfall, and flooding across the Korean Peninsula. These conditions can significantly impact service members, families, and daily operations at Osan Air Base.

To help Team Osan stay informed and ready, the installation follows the **Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness** system. Each level indicates how soon destructive winds - sustained at 50 knots (approximately 58 mph) or greater - are expected to arrive.

TCCOR Levels:

- TCCOR 5 Destructive winds possible
 - within 96 hours.
- TCCOR 4 Destructive winds possible within 72 hours. TCCOR 3 - Destructive winds possible
- within 48 hours.
- TCCOR 2 Destructive winds possible within 24 hours.
- TCCOR 1 Destructive winds possible within 12 hours.
- TCCOR 1C (Caution) Sustained winds of 35-49 knots occurring.
- TCCOR 1E (Emergency) Sustained winds of 50+ knots and/or gusts of 60 knots occurring.
- TCCOR 1R (Recovery) Destructive winds have subsided and are no longer forecasted to occur, work crews are permitted to survey damage, non-essential personnel should stay indoors.
- TCCOR ALL CLEAR Destructive winds have passed and are no longer forecasted to occur, recovery is complete.

When a TCCOR notification is issued, take immediate steps to protect yourself and others. Bring any loose outdoor objects indoors to prevent damage or injury. Secure windows and doors, and double-check that your emergency kit includes enough drinking water, non-perishable food, flashlights, and batteries. Stay inside during high wind conditions and follow all base-wide instructions and updates.

To stay informed:

Osan Air Base Facebook Page: https:// www.facebook.com/51stFW/

Joint Typhoon Warning Center: https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc.html Emergency Management: DSN: 784-1348 | Commercial: +82 505-784-1348

AtHoc: Make sure your contact information is current for emergency notifications

Preparedness saves lives. Stay alert, follow guidance and take action early this typhoon season.

TYPHOON SEASON TCCOR LEVELS



TCCOR 5

Winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 96 hours



Winds of 50 knots or greater are possible



Winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 48 hours



Winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 24 hours



Winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 12 hours



TCCOR 1-C

Sustained winds of 35-49 knots are occurring



TCCOR 1-E

Sustained winds of 50+ knots and/or gusts of 60 knots occurring



TCCOR 1-R

Destructive winds have passed, but non-essential personnel remain indoors



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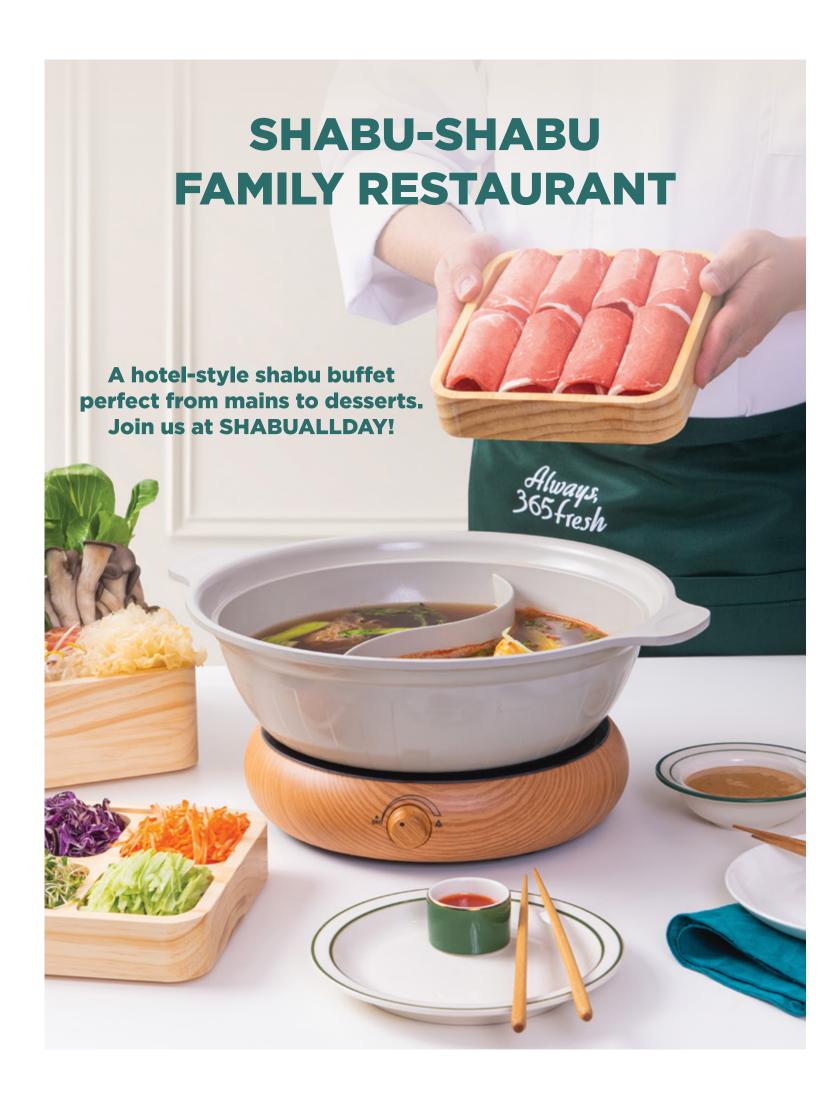
Destructive winds have passed and recovery is complete

A graphic explains the Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness levels at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 5, 2025. The TCCOR levels indicate how soon destructive winds - sustained at 50 knots (approximately 58 mph) or greater – are expected to arrive. (U.S. Air Force graphic by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams)

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Mustang 1 Fini Flight



By Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten **51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, flew his fini flight in the A-10 Thunderbolt II as the aircraft prepares to retire from service at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 2, 2025.

U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, prepares to disembark an A-10 Thunderbolt II as he concludes his fini flight for the aircraft at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 2, 2025. A fini flight is a tradition recognizing a pilot's final flight for a particular aircraft or squadron. ▼



U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander gets sprayed with water by his family after his fini flight for the A-10 Thunderbolt II at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 2, 2025. In addition to flying the A-10 Thunderbolt II, he has also flown the F-16 Fighting Falcon, T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon, and AT-38 Talon. ▲



AiU.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Joshua Trundle, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, pose beside the A-10 Thunderbolt II following McKibban's fini flight at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 2, 2025. McKibban flew his fini flight in the A-10 Thunderbolt II as the aircraft prepares to retire from service at



MINDFUL MADNESS



By Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR FORCE BASE, Republic of Korea -- MINDFUL MADNESS is an event hosted by Osan's Dorm Council to help facilitate a dialogue about mental health and what resources are available to the airmen at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025.

Airman 1st Class Gary Tolentino, 51st Security Forces Squadron Response Force Member, watches opening remarks to kick off MINDFUL MADNESS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025. By normalizing help-seeking behavior, the event underscored that maintaining mental well-being is vital to mission readiness and reflects the strength and self-discipline at the heart of the Warrior Ethos. ◀



Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, command chief of 7th Air Force, shares with audience members his experience struggling with mental health as a senior leader for MINDFUL MADNESS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025. Ross shares that despite receiving diagnoses of anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder, therapy has enabled him to achieve a long and successful career and encourages airmen to seek help if they need it. ▲



Mrs. Kristin Ross shares her story about struggling with mental health and how she sought help for MINDFUL MADNESS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025. Ross explains the benefits of seeking therapy and communicating to others when you need help. ▲





Audience members listen to guest speakers share stories about their mental health and how they sought help for MINDFUL MADNESS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025. By encouraging Airmen to seek help when needed, the event promotes that mental strength is mission strength, elements that are essential to military readiness and a core element of the Warrior Ethos.

U.S. Air Force Technical Sgt. Nelanie Dillard, noncommissioned officer in charge of command support staff, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, delivers opening remarks and shares her story about her struggles with mental health for MINDFUL MADNESS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025. MINDFUL MADNESS is an event hosted by Osan's Dorm Council to help facilitate a dialogue about mental health and what resources are available to the members of Team Osan. ◀



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Wolf Pack fosters community with finalized dayroom improvements

By Senior Airman Landon Gunsauls 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The **8th Fighter Wing** completed their dormitory dayroom renovation project across Kunsan Air Base, May 2025.

With the initiative kicking off in September of 2024, the final 11 of 26 dayrooms were upgraded with help from Airmen Dorm Leaders from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron, the 8th Comptroller Squadron, the U.S. Army 411th Contracting Support Brigade, and Kunsan's Quality of Life Task Force.

"The dayroom improvement project has been a fantastic addition to life here at the Wolfpack," said Col. Joshua "Falcon" Hawkins, 8th Mission Support Group commander. "Serving on a remote, away from family and friends, can be tough for

our Airmen, Soldiers, and Marines here at Kunsan, so small finishings and aesthetics—like new couches and modern vinyl flooring—can make a difference in their overall experience at Kunsan. The improvement team really demonstrated how just a bit of funding, and a lot of innovation and dedication, can completely transform an oftenoverlooked space into a place where Kunsan personnel can gather to relax, recharge, and build camaraderie with their Wolf Pack family."

Rounding out one of many quality of life initiatives for the Wolf Pack, the renovations feature several equipment upgrades including wallmounted 65- to 75-inch TVs, new couches, massage chairs, fresh paint and replaced carpets. Several of the larger dayrooms are equipped with arcade-style games including basketball, air hockey and boxing, along with retro video game booths.

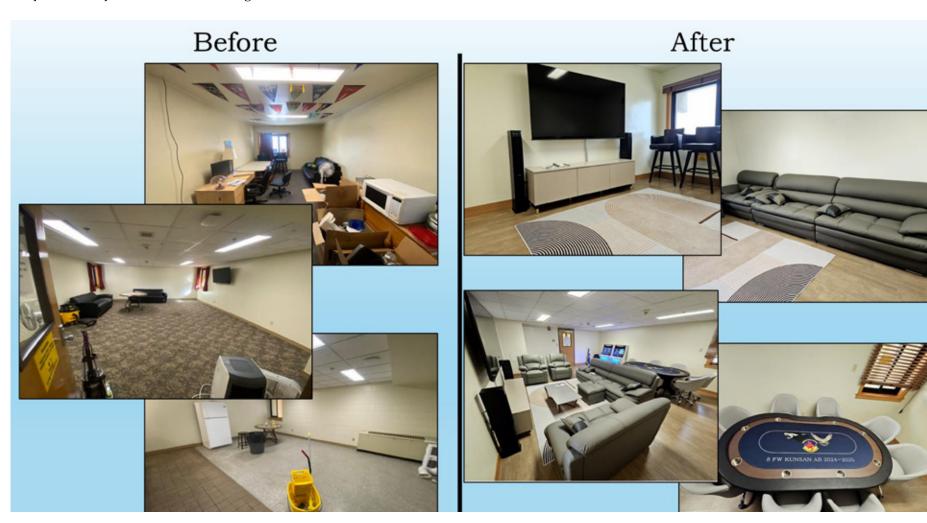
"We've been waiting for these improvements for a long time," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Aaron Grogg,

8th CES ADL. "Even little updates like new couches and carpets have a positive impact on our Airmen's lives, especially through the holidays, all while fostering community."

ADL's like Grogg believe that the changes will have an overall positive impact on Airmen's morale and the dorm community for what was a relatively small investment and Falcon couldn't agree more.

"We have learned that for a relatively small investment, we can make major improvements to the feel of one common space per dorm," noted Falcon back in December. "We now plan to budget to scale more minor improvements in all common spaces across every dorm, starting by expanding free WiFi to all common spaces."

Reflecting the 8th FW leadership's commitment to creating spaces that not only improve daily life, these dayroom improvements create an environment for Airmen to relax and recharge, while also ensuring that they remain mission ready.



Red Flag 25-2 to Begin in Alaska

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Red Flag-Alaska 25-2, a Pacific Air Forces sponsored exercise, is scheduled for June 12-27, 2025, with primary flight operations over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

Red Flag-Alaska is designed to provide realistic training in a simulated combat

environment. Approximately 1500 service members are expected to fly, maintain and support more than 70 aircraft from 35 units during this iteration of the exercise.

Service members from the United States and three partner nations are scheduled to participate, enabling them to exchange tactics, techniques and procedures while improving interoperability within the multilateral force. Most participating aircraft will operate from

Eielson Air Force Base and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Red Flag-Alaska training spans from individual skills to complex, large-scale joint engagements. The exercises can be adapted to integrate a mix of forces into a realistic threat environment utilizing more than 77,000 square miles of airspace in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex, which is the largest combat training range in the world.

51st OSS AFE ensures Pilots are always equipped

By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR FORCE BASE, Republic of Korea --The 51st Operational Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technicians ensure pilot gear is maintained, inspected, and ready for flight operations at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025.

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Meadow Brown, 51st Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, reviews technical orders at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. Aircrew Flight Equipment technicians inspect, maintain, fit, and fabricate life-support gear for pilots and aircrew, ensuring equipment is safe and mission-ready at all times to support the 51st Fighter Wing's rapid response mission. ▶





U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Keven Gomescoello, 51st Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, stitches a neck seal for an anti-exposure suit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. Anti-exposure suits provide critical thermal protection for pilots flying over water, increasing survival time in the event of ejection or crash recovery.





U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Meadow Brown, 51st Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, conducts a leak test at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. The test ensures that the suit remains serviceable, offering flotation and thermal protection during long-distance missions over water. **A**



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Keven Gomescoello, 51st Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, applies seam tape to an anti-exposure suit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. Suit maintenance ensures pilots remain protected during over-water operations, which are common in the Indo-Pacific region. ▲



Col. Kurt Distelzweig assumes command of 51st Operations Group

By Senior Airman Tallon Bratton 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Operations Group welcomed a new commander as Col. Kurt Distelzweig assumed command during a ceremony at Osan Air Base, May 22. 2025.

Distelzweig brings extensive experience in operational planning, joint integration, and tactical aviation. As a senior pilot with extensive experience in the A-10 Thunderbolt II and multiple overseas deployments, he previously served in key leadership roles at both the squadron and wing levels.

"My first operational assignment was in this organization and I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve again..."

— Col. Kurt Distelzweig, 51st OG Commander

He received the unit guidon from Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, signifying his official assumption of command and the trust placed in him to lead the group's mission in the region. During his remarks, Distelzweig reflected on his return to the unit where his operational career began, expressing gratitude and pride in the group's legacy.

"To the men and women of the 51st Operations Group, I am honored to join you," Distelzweig said.



U.S. Air Force Col. Kurt Distelzweig, incoming 51st Operations Group commander, receives the unit guidon from Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. The passing of the guidon signifies the official transfer of command to Distelzweig.

U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Gaetke, outgoing 51st Operations Group commander, receives the Legion of Merit award from Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, during the change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. The award honors Gaetke's exceptional leadership and dedicated service throughout her tenure. ▶

"My first operational assignment was in this organization and I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve again. This group has served with honor in multiple conflicts throughout the theater. I look forward to again being a part of this tradition of excellence."

Col. Kathryn Gaetke, the outgoing 51st Operations Group commander, was presented the Legion of Merit by McKibban in recognition of her outstanding leadership and service. A command pilot with more than 2,100 flying hours in the F-16, Gaetke concluded her tour as she passed command to her successor during the ceremony.

"I am proud to have been part of such an incredible organization," Gaetke said. "I am proud of everything the operations group is doing to get after the mission here on the (Korean peninsula) and I look forward to seeing what they are going to do next."

The 51st Operations Group remains a cornerstone of the 51st Fighter Wing's mission, projecting airpower and ensuring regional stability. Under new leadership, the group continues its legacy of excellence and stands ready to answer the call at a moment's notice.

U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Gaetke, outgoing 51st Operations Group commander, delivers farewell remarks during the group's change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. Gaetke thanked her family, friends, and teammates for their support and dedication throughout her command.





U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, delivers remarks while officiating the 51st Operations Group change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. McKibban recognized Col. Kathryn Gaetke for her leadership and dedication during her command and welcomed Col. Kurt Distelzweig as the new commander.





Airmen and guests observe the 51st Operations Group change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. The event marked the official transfer of leadership from Col. Kathryn Gaetke to Col. Kurt Distelzweig. ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Kurt Distelzweig, incoming 51st Operations Group commander, assumes command from Col. Kathryn Gaetke during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 22, 2025. The 51st OG supports combat-ready forces and air operations in defense of the ROK. ▲

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Air Force demonstrates low-cost maritime defense capability with QUICKSINK



By Air Force Research Laboratory Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) -- In a demonstration of enhanced maritime lethality, the Air Force tested a new, more versatile variant of the QUICKSINK maritime weapon, increasing aircraft lethality by expanding its targeting reach. QUICKSINK is a low-cost method for neutralizing surface vessels using a modified, air-delivered munition. A 500-pound variant of the anti-ship weapon was delivered by a B-2 Spirit stealth bomber during a test at the Eglin Air Force Base Gulf Test Range. This innovative capability provides a rapid response to maritime threats across vast ocean expanses, significantly bolstering the U.S. Air Force's counter-maritime deterrence and operations.

"QUICKSINK offers an affordable, game-changing solution to rapidly and efficiently sink maritime targets," said Col. Dan Lehoski, 53rd Wing commander. "AFRL's 500-pound QUICKSINK variant adds options for the warfighter and enhances operational flexibility."

While the 2,000-pound QUICKSINK munition has been successfully employed during the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2024, this new 500-pound variant expands the B-2's targeting capabilities, providing combatant commanders with an expanded complement of innovative warfighting solutions.

A collaborative effort between Air Force Materiel Command's Air Force Research Laboratory and Air Force Test Center and Air Combat Command's 53rd Wing enabled execution of the QUICKSINK live-fire tests.

"QUICKSINK is the result of a Joint collaboration that rapidly prototyped an affordable concept for holding surface targets at risk," said Col. Matthew Caspers, AFRL Munitions Directorate commander.

QUICKSINK underscores the Air Force's commitment to rapidly demonstrating innovative concepts that strengthen U.S. power projection and maintain freedom of navigation in critical waterways.

Airmen assigned to the 393rd Bomber Generation Squadron load GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions in a B-2 Spirit stealth bomber at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The loading operations were a component of the Air Force Research Laboratory QUICKSINK Joint Capability Technology Demonstration, a new low-cost, air-delivered capability for defeating maritime threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Hastings) ▲



An Airman assigned to the 393rd Bomber Generation Squadron prepares GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions to be loaded onto a B-2 Spirit stealth bomber at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The loading operations were a component of the Air Force Research Laboratory QUICKSINK Joint Capability Technology Demonstration, a new low-cost, air-delivered capability for defeating maritime threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Hastings)

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Korean Temple Food: A SUSTAINABLE CUISINE INSPIRED BY BUDDHIST TEACHINGS Pt. 1/2



Korean temple food is gaining global attention as a new form of K-food, spearheading the global trend in wellness and sustainable cuisine. Prepared with eco-friendly ingredients, temple cuisine not only prioritizes health and the environment but also boasts exceptional flavor—more than enough to win over gourmets around the world. Recognized for its cultural and historical value, temple food, which has been passed down by Buddhist practitioners for centuries, is currently under review for designation as a National Intangible Cultural Heritage. Discover the charm of Korean temple food that has captivated world-renowned star chef Eric Ripert, the head of Le Cordon Bleu's Cuisine Department, and Korea's only Michelin 3-star chef Kang Min-goo—and find out how you can taste it for yourself.



1. What is Korean temple food?

Temple food is a culinary tradition handed down through Buddhist temples, embodying the spirit of Buddhism. In keeping with the Buddhist precept of non-violence, it excludes animal-based ingredients (except dairy) and avoids the five pungent vegetables-known as "oshinchae" (green onions, garlic, chives, wild chives, and Chinese squill)—-as they are believed to interfere with spiritual practice. Another notable feature is that it is both healthy and gentle on the body, as it is seasoned not with artificial additives but with natural ingredients such as mushrooms, kelp, and perilla seeds. Although temple cuisine varies across Buddhist cultural spheres, Korean temple food is particularly distinctive for its use of fermented ingredients and locally sourced produce.

2. Where and how can you try temple food?

Once reserved primarily for monks as part of their spiritual practice, temple food was not easily accessible to the general public. However, as temple cuisine has continued to earn public interest and recognition as a distinct culinary tradition, a variety of ways and places to experience its charm have emerged in recent years.

1) Visit a Temple Food Restaurant

- Balwoo Gongyang, Seoul

Balwoo Gongyang is a temple cuisine restaurant operated by the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, the largest Buddhist denomination in Korea. With temple cuisine master Venerable Dae An having served as its head, the restaurant is known for offering deeply authentic temple food. The four signature courses— Seon (Meditation), Won (Vow), Maeum (Mind), and Hee (Joy)—are inspired by the path to enlightenment and feature an abundant variety of clean, healthy dishes that highlight the natural flavors of each ingredient. A standout dish is assorted mushroom gangjeong—crispy glazed mushrooms that combine a crunchy batter, tender texture, and an appetite-boosting savory sauce. With a Michelin star to its name and celebrity visitors like Richard Gere, the restaurant's excellence in both taste and service is well recognized, making it the perfect place to begin your journey into temple cuisine. < Continued on Page 31 >





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Personal Transportation Device Safety

recent years, Personal Transportation Devices (PTDs) including electric scooters, e-bikes, hoverboards, and other battery powered micro mobility tools have become increasingly popular. While these devices offer convenience and ecofriendly transportation, they also pose emerging challenges in terms of fire safety.

1. Battery Fire Hazards

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Most PTDs are powered by lithium-ion batteries, known for their high energy density. However, when damaged, improperly charged, or exposed to heat, these batteries can undergo thermal runaway, resulting in intense fires or explosions.

2. Residential Fire Risks

With more users charging devices indoors, particularly in multifamily residential buildings, the risk of rapid fire spread increases. Fires that start during nighttime charging can go undetected, making early evacuation and containment difficult.

3. Key Risk Factors

- Charging near combustible materials.
- Use of unofficial or damaged chargers.
- Overcharging or unsupervised charging.

4. Fire Safety Recommendations

To mitigate fire risks, the following safety practices are recommended:

- Charge in well-ventilated areas away from flammable items.
- Use certified chargers and avoid third-party or damaged charging
- · Do not charge overnight or while unattended.
- Install smoke alarms near charging areas.
- Avoid modifying PTDs or their batteries.

Conclusion

It is critical to balance their benefits with proactive fire safety measures. Awareness, regulation, and preparedness will be key to preventing injuries and protecting communities from PTD-related fire incidents.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4862/4741.

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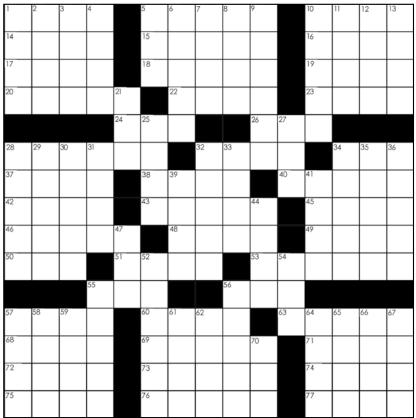
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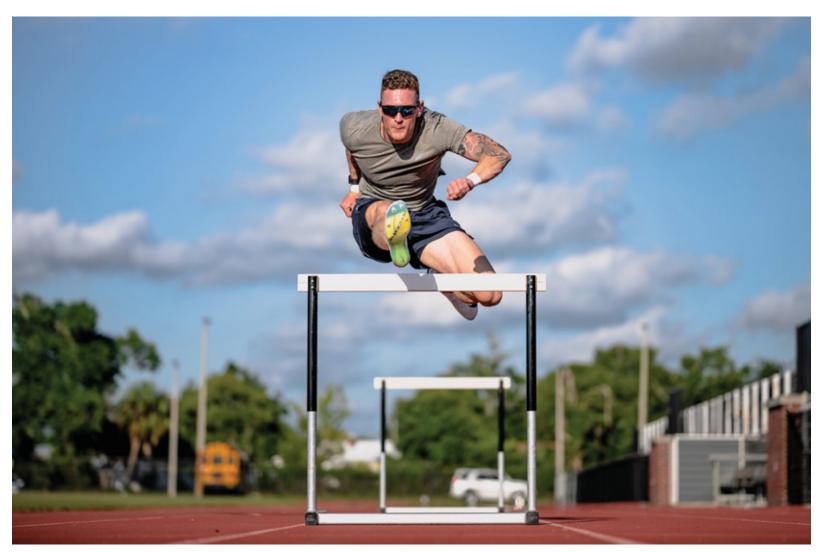




Photo NEWS

hank you for your service: Actor Tom Cruise greets U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Gilda Alexander, command chief of Joint Base San Antonio and the 502nd Air Base Wing, and U.S. Army Col. Will B. Freds, deputy commander of JBSA and the 502nd Air Base Wing, during a reception with leadership from across JBSA at Hotel Emma, San Antonio, Texas, May 22, 2025. Cruise visited with JB San Antonio leadership and service members to thank them for their sacrifices in support of the mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Gabriel Jones)

ission simulation: A U.S. Air Force pararescueman assigned to the 308th Rescue Squadron jumps out of an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter during a simulated Combat Search and Rescue demonstration at the 2025 Hyundai Air & Sea Show off the coast of Miami Beach, Fla., May 24, 2025. The 920th RQW participates in air shows to demonstrate the wing's ability to carry out its mission to plan, lead and conduct military rescue operations while denying competitors and adversaries exploitation of isolated personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Darius Sostre-Miroir) ▼



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Class of 2025 graduates
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Springs, Colo., May 29,
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orld-class athlete: Second Lt. Braeden Holcombe, 325th Civil **Engineer Squadron** engineering project programmer, hurdles in Panama City, Fla., May 13, 2025. Holcombe is a member of the World Class Athlete Program, a Department of the Air Force initiative that allows active-duty Airmen and Guardians to train and compete at the highest levels of international sports while continuing to serve. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Zeeshan Naeem) ◀



Kunsan

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- 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 pho-

search for "Kunsan Photo Club." - WOLF PACK LODGE -

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- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -

Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow

Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. folability. You can also book reservations range from "breakfast for dinner" to 4679. "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." December) up to 30 days in advance For more information or to volunteer,

- 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.

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Osan

Alcoholics Anonymous Every Tuesday and Thursday | 1700-1800 | Building 769, Resiliency Center

Training Room For additional information and a point of contact, visit the AA in Korea website at aainkorea.org

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Every Thursday | 0900-1100 | Building 1419, Human Performance Center (The building right behind the fitness center) Osan AB offers free tobacco cessation classes to all DOD id members. The health promotion coordinator is available to help you break this habit, through counseling, educational materials, and health coaching. Please make an appointment via her email, Troisha Busano, troisha.d.busano. civ@health.mil.

Ultimate Frisbee

Saturdays | 0900 | Mustang Field (Across from Outdoor Rec) Open to all AD, CIV, and Dependents w/ base access. Please join us on the field for 60 minutes of cardio-vascular exercise. All ages and experience levels welcome, even if you have never touched a frisbee. POCs – David Brittain 010-8354-1576, SSgt Ethan Troutman, ethan.troutman@us.af.mil, DSN 315-784-5657, CELL 010-5793-2467

Volunteering Coaching Opportunities for High School Sports

Please email Osan Middle High School AO William.Castro@dodea. edu ideally 2-3 months ahead of the season to begin processing your

specified volunteer packet. Once your packet is submitted for processing, you may be a line-of-sight volunteer as you work through the process. Winter sports (Nov 4-Feb 5) offered: Boys and girls basketball, wrestling, swimming, marksmanship, and esports (Valorant and Rocket League). Spring sports (Feb 18-May 22) offered: Baseball/softball, boys and girls soccer, and track. Volunteer coaches will work with DoDEA staff head coaches.

Osan Air Base Honor Guard

Every Monday & Wednesday | 1630-1730 | Bldg. 936 Rm. 211 The Osan Air Base Honor Guard covers ceremonies across the peninsula acknowledging the achievements of our fellow members in uniform and their families. An amazing way to serve the members in your community and build lasting connections between other service members. For any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to OsanHonorGuard@us.af.mil

Wingmen Helping Airmen Get Home

Saturdays | 2300-0400 | SED WHAGH is a new program inspired by AADD, whose purpose is to ensure the safety and well-being of Airmen within the Songtan Entertainment District by escorting members to their residences. The WHAGH team is looking for volunteers this weekend. There's no rank requirement to volunteer. All are welcome to help. If interested or for more information, please email 51fw. whagh.1@us.af.mil.

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Mondays and Wednesdays | 1700-1800 | Mustang Field Whether you're rugby-curious and want to learn, or a veteran player who wants to throw the ball around, come out to the Mustang Field for some fun touch rugby. Sessions will include basic drills, explanations of the game, and plenty of time to play, build camaraderie, and have fun! POC: Maj. Magana

Volunteer Opportunities

Mustang community, if you are looking to volunteer checkout our newsletter for opportunities and use the QR code titled "Volunteer Form" Organizations that are looking for volunteers, you can request them using the QR code titled "Organization Form." With the same form, you can put down your upcoming events/ programs to be added into next month's issue.

Osan Air Base Rugby

POC: Any questions or suggestions please email osan.afrc@us.af.mil

Commemoration ceremony for the **75th Korean War Anniversary** 1000-1100 June 25 | Daejeon Conven-

tion Center, Daejeon city Host: ROK Government Purpose: To honor the sacrifice and dedication of Korean War Veterans, including those from UN Sending States. To remind future generations of the lessons of the Korean War and the importance of freedom, peace, and **Detailed Description:** Transportation available at USFK Parking Lot at 0740 (Departure) Uniform – Duty Uniform or AGSU (No Medals/Ribbons only) RSVP by 4 June 2025 Active Service Member Only **First come, first served. RSVP to https://naver.me/5lfiOsiN Inquire Only: indopacom.humphreys. usfk.list.pao-comrel@army.mil

Traditional Korean Food Making June 26 | 1400-1600 | PIEF Songtan

Int'l Community Center Sinjang 1-dong Administrative Office and Resident Committee are still looking for 15 volunteers for a Traditional Korean Food Making event on 26 June, 1400-1600 hrs. This event aims to provide Osan servicemembers and their families with a unique, hands-on experience of making Kimbap (Seaweed Rice), Tteokbokki (Stir-fried Rice Cake), and Kimchijeon (Kimchi Pancakes). To sign up, contact Mr. Pak, Yong Hui by COB 13 June with your name and phone number via email yong.pak.10. kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-0845/4044.

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	
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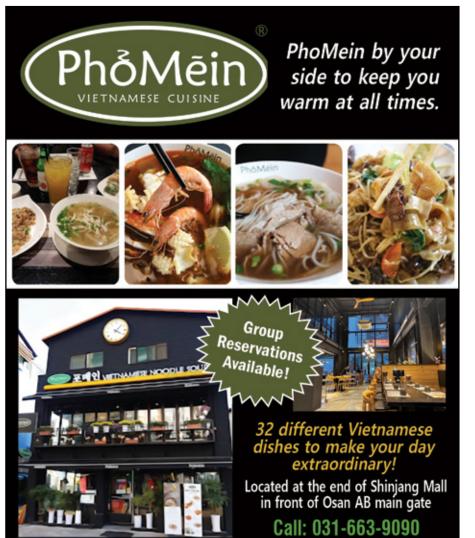


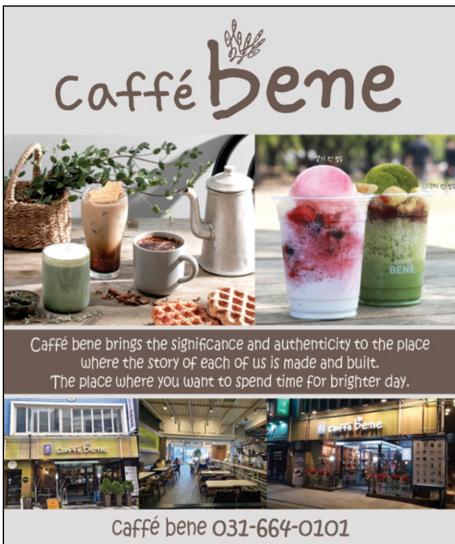


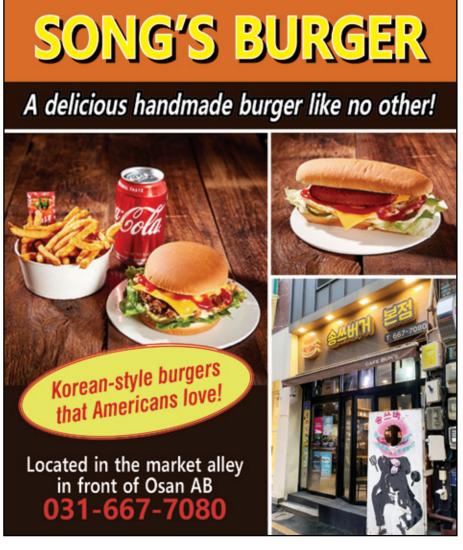
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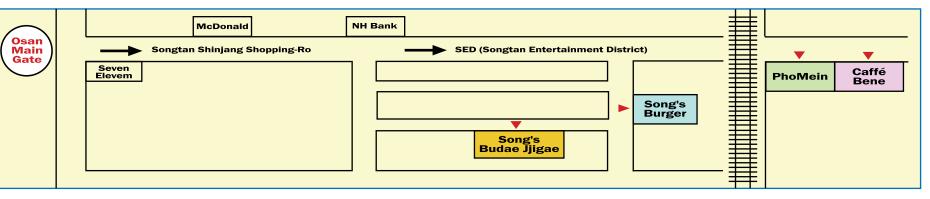
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By Senior Airman Karissa Dick 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Shemuel Bowman, a native of Kutztown, Pennsylvania and 8th Operations Group group training manager, was awarded the 8th FW's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of June 2–6.

As the 8th OG focal point for training and readiness across 17 Air Force Specialty Code's spanning three squadrons, Bowman has played a pivotal role in streamlining and enhancing operational effectiveness. He identified and implemented tracking for four annual and three security training requirements that had previously gone unmonitored, improving compliance oversight for 191 personnel.

In his capacity as the 8th OG security manager, he oversaw all security clearances and reinvestigations, submitted 27 visit access requests for the Red Flag - Alaska exercise and managed Secret Internet Protocol Router Network [SIPR] token issuance for both the Red Flag - Alaska and Freedom Flag exercises. His efforts ensured seamless participation in high-level exercises and safeguarded mission readiness.

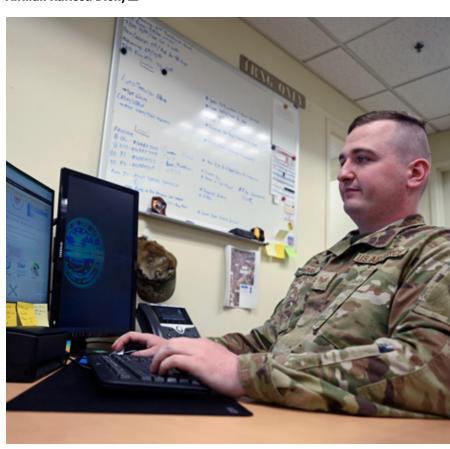
As the 8th FW mission partner affiliate sponsor manager, Bowman resolved a two-year positional gap in common access card sponsorship by collaborating with the 8th FW wing staff agencies to reconstruct the Department of Defense sponsorship credentialing process, supporting 50 U.S. and Korean contractors and ensuring mission continuity.

Bowman, the facility manager for building 1305, also led a renovation project where he coordinated repairs, painting, signage and landscaping improvements for the building while also fulfilling multiple other additional duties such as Weighted Airman Promotion System [WAPS] monitor, emergency management support team member and more.

Striving beyond his primary duties, Bowman also recently led three Sexual Assault and Prevention Response and Suicide Prevention sessions, completed four college courses, graduated from the Foundation Course Facilitator program and organized key squadron events to boost morale.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Bowman, for your outstanding leadership and dedication to the Wolf Pack mission. Congratulations on being this week's 'Pride of the Pack'!

Staff Sgt. Shemuel Bowman, 8th Operations Group group training manager, poses for a photo outside the 8th Fighter Wing headquarters at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 5, 2025. Bowman's dedication has played a pivotal role in streamlining and enhancing operational effectiveness and ensuring mission continuity for the Wolfpack. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲



Staff Sgt. Shemuel Bowman, 8th Operations Group group training manager, reviews training records at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 5, 2025. Bowman was awarded the 8th FW's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of June 2-6, 2025 for his dedication to the Wolf Pack mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲

The Warfighter's Spirit

The Correlation Between Belonging and Happiness



By Ch, Capt E Un Kim 1st Air Defense Missile Brigade

here does happiness come from? It is good to ponder these things and to think about your future. There are various things you can do to be happy; in particular, the concept of 'belongingness' is a powerful one. According to psychologist Dr. Thomas Joiner, there are three factors that

lead people away from happiness, and that can lead to suicide. In his book Interpersonal Theory of Suicide, they are: Acquired Capability for Suicide, Perceived Burdensomeness, and *Thwarted Belongingness.* He believes it is almost instinctual that people have a strong desired to belong and that the lack of belonging takes a toll on both the mind and the body. In many cases, the absence of belonging comes a desire of suicide; just as those who have a strong sense of belongingness are happier.

I have never heard of the concept of belongingness before I joined the military. However, I used to struggle with the feeling of not belonging anywhere. Although I had spent nearly a decade to become a pastor, I found it difficult to feel truly part of a pastoral group, primarily because there are so few women who become pastors. I felt like a stranger as if I didn't even belong anywhere.

But when I was selected to be a military chaplain in 2022, surprisingly I had a strong sense of belonging. Wearing the uniform and carrying out our mission made it clear that I belonged in the military. It stabilized my life more than I imagined.

For me, belonging is more than simply being in the military, belonging becomes ingrained in your soul when you have become integrated with those you serve with, and become one with the team. A sense of belonging can arise the moment you join the military, but often it takes some kind of trigger to feel that sense of belonging. After I

PCS'd to my current base, I didn't believe I could foster a sense of belonging here. This is because there are not many in my career field, and the chapel is on the outskirts of the base, making it difficult to interact with others without deliberate effort. I began to feel isolated.

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Tennis is a popular activity at my base, and joining others playing tennis would be a great way for me to meet people; however, I was hesitant because I wasn't good at it. Later, I learned that veteran tennis players had started a coaching program, teaching beginners the tips and tricks of the sport and so I joined. As my skills grew, I grew more enthusiastic about the sport, and I began to dedicate more time to it, improving both my mental and physical health. As I dedicated more time to tennis, I met people who shared the same interest and friendships began to be created. The new connections deepened my sense of belonging, and now I am having the best time of my life.

Remember, it is important to ask yourself what is necessary for happiness in your life. followed by what actions you should take to achieve it? For me, belongingness came through the shared joy of tennis. What is it for you? I hope this article inspires you to find out where your happiness comes from and how you can make it yours and ultimately have the best time of your life!

Translated by Ohsung Kim, 51FW/HC Edited by Ch, Capt David Bartlett, 51FW/HC

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

Catholic Holy Mass Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

Weekday Masses - Tuesday-Thursday at 1138 (Blessed Sacrament Room inside Chapel)

> Protestant Worship Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)

> The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Sunday at 1300 (Chapel)

Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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

OSAN AIR BASE

The New Chapel is Open for Worship Services Building 780

Chapel Worship Services:

Protestant Service Sunday @ 0930

Catholic Sunday Mass Sunday @ 1130

Catholic Daily Mass is held in Room 173 Tuesday — Thursday @ 1130

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0900 Mass (Sundays) • 1730 Daily Mass (M-F)
POC: usanhcatholiccoordinator@amail.com

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Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service
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reedom formation: A B-2 Spirit leads a formation of a B-1 Lancer, B-52 Stratofortress, A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-15 Eagle and F-22 Raptor, assigned to Air Combat Command and Air Force Global Strike Command, during the Hyundai Air and Sea show in Miami, Fla., May 25, 2025. Known as a freedom formation, the event underscored the Air Force's capability to project force anywhere, anytime, as a key component of national defense. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Lauren Cobin A

riendship Festival: A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron is parked on the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the color of the flightline as fireworks light and the color of the the flightline as fireworks light up the night during the Japanese-American Friendship Festival 2025 at Yokota Air Base, Japan, May 18, 2025. The two-day event welcomed tens of thousands of visitors and provided an opportunity to celebrate and deepen the U.S.-Japan alliance. Through aircraft displays, cultural exchanges and live entertainment, the festival helped strengthen the enduring bonds between Yokota AB and the surrounding communities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe) ◀



low crawls under barbed wire during Police Week's Battle of the Badges at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., May 14, 2025. The event featured timed obstacles simulating law enforcement scenarios to challenge participants' skills under pressure. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Devlin Bishop) ▲

onoring the fallen: A 6th Combat Training Squadron tactical air control party Airman, carries the TACP guidon during a 24-hour memorial run to honor fallen TACP Airmen at the Warrior Fitness Center track at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., May 15, 2025. The event was an occasion to honor the members of the TACP community who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Michael Sanders) ◀



AFREP team increases efficiency and sustainability across remote 8th Fighter Wing

By Tech. Sgt. Giovanni Sims 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- In a world of ever-increasing operational costs, Airmen assigned to the 8th Maintenance Squadron Avionics Flight are finding innovative ways to save money, enhance readiness, and keep the Wolf Pack's F-16s lethal and ready to fight tonight.

Their Air Force Repair Enhancement Program is not just about fixing broken parts; it's about ingenuity, resourcefulness, and a commitment to mission success.

"The 8th Maintenance Group's AFREP plays a critical role in sustaining the operational effectiveness of the 8th Fighter Wing and the Air Force at large," said Tech. Sgt. James Lee, 8th MXS avionics flight section chief. "Its strategic goals focus on asset recovery and sustainment, cost avoidance and revenue generation, and mission enhancement through resource allocation."

Some parts require being sent to another location for extreme repairs, taking anywhere from one to two weeks, depending on the part. With AFREP, those repairs can take anywhere from 10 to 45 minutes. Additional success metrics are measured by turn-in credits that track funds generated from restoring condemned items and reintegrating them



Senior Airman Michael Philip Flores-Rodriguez, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP technician, uses a solder to join metals on a fault function panel at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 25, 2025. The strategic approach within the AFREP program allows for maintainers to repair rather than replace equipment, a valuable resource that keeps essential components readily available without relying on external repair locations. ▲

into the supply system, and by avoidance costs that represent savings achieved by repairing items for other organizations, preventing the need for replacements.

"This past fiscal year, we've generated over \$568,000 in turn-in costs and over \$1 million in avoidance costs," said Lee. "In this current fiscal year, we've generated \$98,000 in turn-in costs and over \$183,000 in avoidance costs."

The AFREP program, while generating significant financial returns, required careful planning to navigate unforeseen obstacles.

"The transition of AFREP to the Avionics Flight presented significant challenges, requiring the team to build the program from the ground up," said Lee. "Establishing AFREP took time, but leveraging the experience of members who had previously worked in AFREP at other duty stations was invaluable."

"Everyone that comes to AFREP already has the specific knowledge and training needed to perform baseline electronic repairs," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Canzoneri, 8th MXS AFREP non-commissioned officer in charge. "To be able to repair more advanced parts, the Air Force has adopted the [Miniature/Microminiature Electronics Repair and Module Test and Repair] program, a Navy certification course, as the main source of training for all AFREP technicians."

By prioritizing in-house repairs and salvaging condemned items, AFREP significantly reduces downtime and improves the availability of crucial parts. The strategic approach allows maintainers to repair rather than replace equipment, a valuable resource that extends beyond the maintenance group and keeps essential components readily available without relying on external repair locations.

"AFREP provides an avenue of repair for equipment that normally does not have an established repair process already," said Canzoneri. "The main benefit is that the time needed to repair a part [decreases] drastically as well as the potential cost to ship parts being completely removed – saving the Air Force time and money."

Whether by bolstering maintenance resources, improving infrastructure, or supporting readiness efforts, AFREP ensures the wing has the means to execute its strategic priorities effectively.

"The program significantly cuts costs and generates funds for the fighter wing," said Lee. "The financial returns generated by AFREP allow the wing to reinvest in other initiatives that align with its mission objectives.

With the 8th Fighter Wing's remote location, the AFREP's value extends beyond immediate maintenance needs. The program aligns with the principles of agile combat employment by fostering self-sufficiency and reducing reliance on external supply and maintenance. This skillset increases the Wing's capability to adapt and respond effectively to dynamic operational demands.

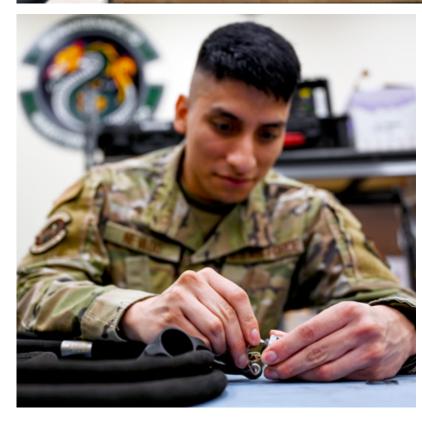
"AFREP offers repair solutions that can benefit units across the wing," said Lee. "Rather than allowing broken or condemned equipment to sit unused, AFREP provides an opportunity to assess and potentially restore these assets, returning them to service."

Overall, the AFREP's support in the wing's sustainment efforts allows it to maximize resource efficiency and maximize the wing's overall mission effectiveness.



Senior Airmen Ernesto Nevado,, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP technician, and Air Force Staff Sgt. Anthony Canzoneri, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP non-commissioned officer in charge, carry a box supply assets for an Airtronics shipment at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 25, 2025. The strategic approach within the AFREP program allows for maintainers to repair rather than replace equipment, a valuable resource that keeps essential components readily available without relyinng on external repair locations.





From left to right: U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Ernesto Nevado, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP technician, Senior Airmen Michael Philip Flores Rodriguez, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP technician, Staff Sgt. Edgar Nava, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP technician and Staff Sgt. Anthony Canzoneri, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP non-commissioned officer in charge, pose for a photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 21, 2025. The strategic approach of the AFREP program allows maintainers to repair rather than replace equipment, a valuable resource that extends beyond the maintenance group and keeps essential components readily available without relying on external repair locations. ▲

Senior Airman Ernesto Nevado, 8th Maintenance Squadron AFREP technician, swaps a connector head of a remote control unit cable at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 21, 2025. By prioritizing in-house repairs and salvaging condemned items, AFREP significantly reduces downtime and improves the availability of crucial parts. ◀



Wolf 66 takes command of the 8th Fighter Wing

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In Kasarskis' final address, he thanked the Wolf Pack, noting their excellence in executing the mission.

"The biggest export for this class is the experience and roles you've taken," said Kasarskis. "It's not exactly about what we've accomplished, but how we executed it."

After assuming command and officially becoming "Wolf 66," Gaetke relayed her commitment to the Airmen of the 8th Fighter Wing ahead of her tenure.

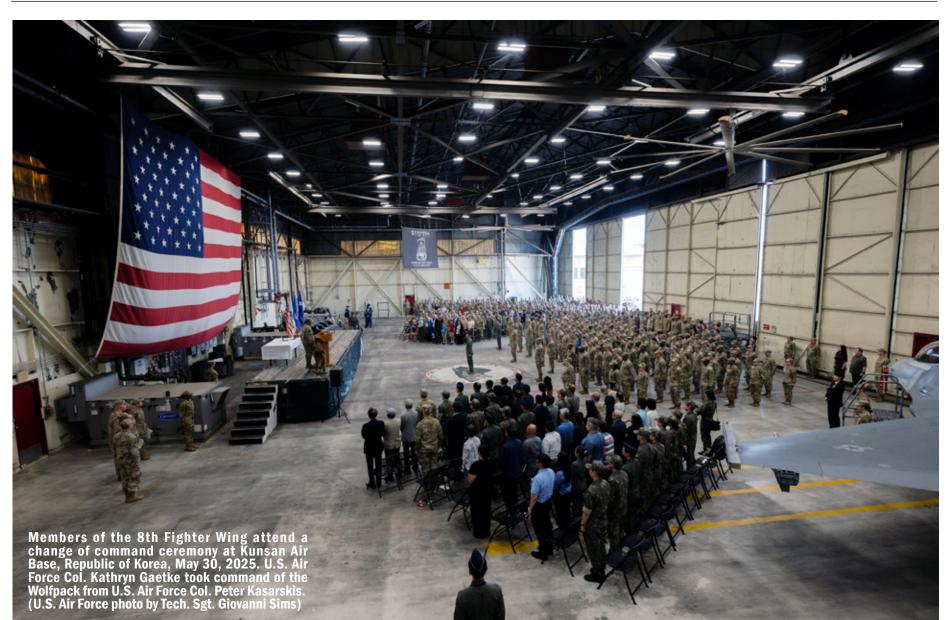
"These next few months will bring massive changes that will affect every part of this Wing," said Gaetke. "Wolf Pack Airmen, our commitment is to you. We'll remain engaged to ensure that no Airman is lost in transition. We're excited to be a part of these changes as we preserve our heritage and the legacy of the Wolf Pack; ready to execute our mission – defend the base, accept follow-on forces, and take the fight north."

Wolf 66's term marks the first husband-and-wife duo to serve as the 8th Fighter Wing Commander, with Col Matthew Gaetke, her husband, serving as Wolf 64 from November 2023 to June 2024.

From left to right: U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. David Iverson, 7th Air Force commander, Col. Peter Kasarskis, and Col. Kathryn Gaetke, render a salute during the national anthem at a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025. Kunsan's new leadership team ushers in a new era of joint-combined opportunities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Giovanni Sims) ▶

From left to right: U.S. Air Forces Chief Master Sgt. Amanda Aaron, incoming 8th Fighter Wing command chief, Lt. Gen. David Iverson, Seventh Air Force commander, Chief Master Sgt. Nathan Chrestensen, outgoing 8th Fighter Wing command chief, Col. Peter Kasarskis, outgoing 8th Fighter Wing commander, and Col. Kathryn Gaetke, incoming 8th Fighter Wing commander prepare to relinquish command from Col. Kasarskis to Col. Gaetke during a change of command at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 30, 2025. Kunsan's short tour status allows for the constant reenergization and innovation of defending the base, accepting follow-on forces, and being prepared to take the fight north. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Giovanni Sims)







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By Senior Airman Tallon Bratton 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Calvin Wright, 51st Operational Support Squadron airfield management operations supervisor, was named Mustang of the Week for his outstanding dedication to flight line safety and operational excellence at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 3.

"Senior Airman Wright is dependable, sharp, and genuinely cares about the mission and the people around him."

— Technical Sgt. Kaela Person.

With nearly seven years of service, Wright is responsible for maintaining airfield integrity. He conducts daily inspections for foreign object debris, wildlife, and pavement damage, while also coordinating flight plans and issuing safety notices—ensuring smooth arrivals and departures for both local and transient aircraft. Wright emphasized the importance of his team's reach across airfield operations.

"Our job touches every part of the flight line," Wright said. "We help make sure each aircraft lands and takes off safely, without disruption."

Wright's role is critical in supporting the 51st Fighter Wing's fight tonight mission readiness, as his expertise helps prevent delays and hazards that could impact operational tempo. His attention to detail and proactive communication contribute to maintaining a safe and efficient flight environment. Known for his strong sense of teamwork and positive attitude, Wright actively assists his peers and fosters a collaborative

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Calvin Wright, airfield management operations supervisor, 51st Operational Support Squadron, speaks with a teammate while coordinating scheduled runway checks for foreign object debris at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 3, 2025. Wright conducts daily inspections to detect wildlife pavement damage or anything that could pose a



environment that ensures the flight line operates at peak performance. Wright's leadership hasn't gone unnoticed by his supervisor.

"Senior Airman Wright is dependable, sharp, and genuinely cares about the mission and the people around him," said Technical Sgt. Kaela Person. "He's a leader by example and someone the entire team trusts."

Wright recently operated as the sole airfield management representative during a temporary duty assignment, where he coordinated independently and returned with lessons that

enhanced team operations. His past assignments include Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and Morón Air Base, Spain. He's now preparing for a follow-on assignment to Hickam Air Force Base,

Wright's contributions directly supports Osan's strategic priorities—strengthening readiness, sustaining the force, and defending the Korean Peninsula. His dedication ensures aircraft can launch at a moment's notice and reinforces the 51st Fighter Wing's ability to project airpower when it





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A temple worth visiting nearby: **Jogyesa Temple**

Jogyesa Temple is the head temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, located in Jongno, the heart of Seoul. Tucked quietly among towering office buildings, the temple exudes a serenity that allows visitors to relax and find peace even amid the city's hustle and bustle. Take a stroll through the temple grounds to admire the grand Daeungjeon Hall—comparable in scale to Geunjeongjeon Hall at Gyeongbokgung Palace—as well as cultural treasures like the Painting of Sakyamuni Buddha and the Wooden Seated Buddha both designated Tangible Cultural Heritages. Just a short walk away are other attractions rich in Korean charm, such as Insa-dong Cultural Street, Ikseon-dong Hanok Street, and Bukchon Hanok Village, making it easy to explore them all in one visit.



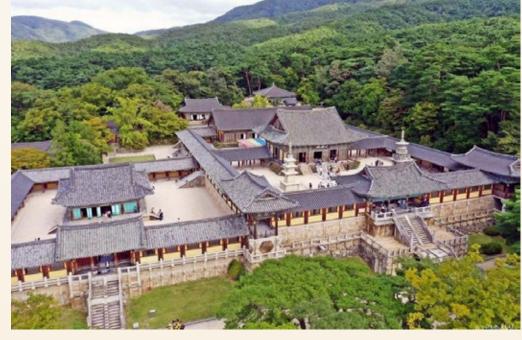


Yeonhwa Baru, Gyeongju

Nestled in the city of Gyeongju, Yeonhwa Baru is a long-standing temple food restaurant respected by both local residents and visiting monks. The clean, natural ingredients used in each dish show that a delicious meal can be enjoyed without meat. The signature set, Baru Teukjeongsik (Baru Special Meal), offers a variety of vegetarian dishes in one meal—such as tangsui (deep-fried mushrooms tossed in a sweet sauce), dotorimuk (acorn jelly) served with seasonal namul (wild greens), and sanchae bibimbap (fresh vegetable bibmbap) made with six types of wild vegetables. Located near Gyeongju's major attractions including Daereungwon Ancient Tomb Complex, Cheomseongdae Observatory, and Hwangnidan Street, Yeonhwa Baru is the perfect stop for a mindful meal before exploring the past and present of this city with over a thousand years of history.

A temple worth visiting nearby: **Bulguksa Temple**

Bulguksa Temple is one of Korea's most celebrated temples and a proud UNESCO World Heritage Site. A marvel of meticulous design that was almost unimaginable for its time, the temple reveals the refined beauty of Buddhist architecture at every turn. National Treasures abound throughout the grounds, including Yeonhwagyo and Chilbogyo Bridges and Dabotap Pagoda. Seokguram Grotto, which houses the Rock-carved Seated Buddha Statue often hailed as the greatest masterpiece of Eastern Buddhist art, is a must-see for anyone visiting Bulguksa Temple. In front of Geungnakjeon Hall stands a statue of a lucky pig said to grant wishes—be sure to give it a gentle pat and make a wish for happiness in the coming year.



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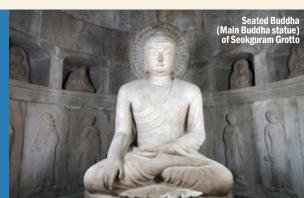
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