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Members of the Korean Service Corps Battalion build bunk beds during a bilateral logistics and transportation training event at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. This exercise was an opportunity for the U.S. Air Force and the Korean Service Corps to work together to prepare an area of operation for integrated support personnel to operate from.

51st FW trains with Korean Service Corps, strengthening mission-support readiness

By Senior Airman Tallon Bratton

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — On July 17, 2025, the 51st Mission Support Group hosted a joint logistics and transportation training event with the Korean Service Corps Battalion at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The training focused on establishing bed-down locations and executing cargo-handling operations to boost interoperability

and contingency readiness.

The hands-on exercise offered U.S. Air Force and USFK personnel the opportunity to strengthen mutual understanding, refine operational procedures, and reinforce their working relationship.

The Korean Service Corps is a paramilitary civilian organization assigned to the U.S. Eighth Army in South Korea. Established during the Korean War, the corps is composed of Korean

civilian personnel who provide critical logistical, transportation and base support to U.S. forces across the peninsula. The KSC is responsible for tasks such as convoy operations, supply distribution, equipment movement and wartime augmentation, ensuring that U.S. and allied forces remain ready to respond to contingencies. Their work is essential in maintaining operational readiness and strengthening the U.S.-ROK alliance.

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Typhoon Season: Are you Ready?

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Typhoon season is year-round with the majority occurring after May 1st. Typhoons bring 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 Kunsan Air Base.

To help the Wolf Pack 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 57 mph) or greater – are expected to arrive.



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:

- Kunsan Air Base Facebook Page: Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea | Facebook
- Joint Typhoon Warning Center: <https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc.html>
- Emergency Management: DSN: 782-4849
- 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.



Be Prepared!

TYPHOONS and MONSOONS


Kunsan AB remains in a constant TCCOR 5 between 1 June and 30 September. See below for exactly what to do for each Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) condition.

Monsoons: July - September

- A shift in winds that often causes a very rainy season or a very dry season.
- East Asian Monsoon affects Korea the most.
- A rise in humidity is felt by bringing moist air from the ocean to land.

Typhoons: Hurricanes but in the Northwest Pacific Ocean.

- A storm that forms over the sea and goes onto land.
- A tropical storm with wind speeds of at least 74 miles (119 kilometers) per hour.



Upon facility manager request, sandbags can be picked up at **building 783**. Users must fill them at the **sandbag filling station** adjacent to the Vehicle Maintenance Yard, **building 960**.

TCCOR 5	Typhoon is possible within 96 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain sandbags• Review TCCOR checklists• Monitor the KRUD for updates
TCCOR 4	Typhoon is possible within 72 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain/verify emergency kit• Have 72 hours of food & water on hand• Relocate items to higher ground if possible
TCCOR 3	Typhoon is possible within 48 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fill up on gas• Keep important documents on hand• Clear debris from gutters, drains, and sidewalks
TCCOR 2	Typhoon is possible within 24 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove/secure all outdoor items• Place sandbags around the facility• If released from duty, limit base movement and stay inside
TCCOR 1	Typhoon is possible within 12 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move sensitive items away from windows• Fill bathtub with water• Ensure electronics are charged
TCCOR 1 Caution	Sustained winds of 35-39 knots are occurring <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All personnel should return to place of residence and remain indoors• Monitor KRUD for updates
TCCOR 1 Emergency	Sustained winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All personnel should return to place of residence and remain indoors
TCCOR 1 Recovery	Typhoon has subsided, strong winds may still exist <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inspect facilities and report issues to your facility manager for any damages. Example: structural damage, leaks• Establish accountability of personnel• Restock used preparedness supplies

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Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing participate in a crowd crush demonstration during a tour of the Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center in Osan City, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. The center is the largest of its kind in the country, with immersive safety halls on fire, traffic, camping, disaster and child safety.

51 FW emergency services Airmen tour safety center

By Senior Airman Tylir Meyer
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Emergency services Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing received a tour of the Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center at Osan, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025.

This tour served to solidify an agreement with the Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center to provide quarterly tours that teach Airmen and their families about local safety and risks that U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Christian Arvelo, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron deputy fire chief, hopes to be integrated into the wing's in-processing.

"We're guests in this country and a lot of us probably don't realize the difference of the fire codes, response to emergencies, their technology, and communication systems," Arvelo said. "We are relearning a whole different culture--to include safety culture and emergency response."

The Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center, run by the Republic of Korea Fire Service, aims



Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing and Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center employees pose for a group picture before a facility tour in Osan City, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. The Osan Air Base Fire Department leads public awareness and safety education initiatives to improve family and safety readiness in the Osan community. ▲

to improve people's ability to respond to crises and establish safety culture in everyday life. The center is the largest safety experience center in the country, with immersive safety halls including fire, traffic, camping, disaster and child safety.

Airmen and civilian personnel assigned to various base emergency services units--fire, explosive ordnance disposal, emergency management and the Red Cross--experienced firsthand demonstrations and were briefed on safety practices taught to the Korean populace to better understand and integrate with local emergency services.

"Learning about disaster preparedness here makes us better prepared and equipped to respond here at Osan to any potential disasters that happen here on the peninsula," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jahryd Hopkins, 51st CES noncommissioned officer in charge of fire prevention. "Safety is our number one priority."

Arvelo and the Osan Air Base Fire Department's desire to create public awareness and education around safety has led to expanding multiple initiatives to improve family and overall safety readiness in the Osan community. Some of these initiatives have improved relationships with the Gyeonggi-do fire commissioner, Songtan Fire Department, Pyeongtaek Fire Department and Republic of Korea Air Force Fire Department.

"We've opened partnerships in mutual aid to improve our response capabilities," Arvelo said. "It has helped tremendously in training and public education, to the point where we are doing fire inspections on the SED [Songtan Entertainment District] for the safety of our members."

As Osan Air Base transitions towards tour normalization--allowing more dependents to accompany service members--increasing awareness of local safety measures Airmen and their families can take to ensure they are prepared should any crisis or contingency arise is increasingly important.



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Christian Arvelo, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron deputy fire chief, presents a gift to a Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center employee before a facility tour in Osan City, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. The Osan Air Base Fire Department leads public awareness and safety education initiatives to improve family and safety readiness in the Osan community. ▲



Hyun Jeon, left, Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center life safety educator, and Tech. Sgt. Oscar Romero, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron station chief, respond to an earthquake simulation during a natural disaster demonstration in Osan City, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. Airmen and civilian personnel assigned to various base emergency services units experienced firsthand demonstrations and were briefed on safety practices taught to the Korean populace to better understand and integrate with local emergency services. ▲



Juhyuk Baek, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector, crosses a simulated flooded river during a tour of the Gyeonggi-do Safety Experience Center in Osan City, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. Airmen and civilian personnel assigned to various base emergency services units experienced firsthand demonstrations and were briefed on safety practices taught to the Korean populace to better understand and integrate with local emergency services. ◀



Seventh Air Force welcomes new command chief

Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross (left), outgoing Seventh Air Force command chief, and Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Schaefer (right), incoming command chief, attend a Change of Responsibility ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. Schaefer previously served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 57th Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and prior to that, as the Command Chief of the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▲

Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, outgoing command chief master sergeant for Seventh Air Force, delivers his farewell remarks during a Change of Responsibility ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. In his role, Ross served as the advisor to the commander on matters regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization of Airmen across the Korean Peninsula, ensuring the combat readiness of the U.S.-ROK Alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ►



Lt. Gen. David Iverson, Seventh Air Force commander, passes the guidon to Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Schaefer, signifying his assumption of responsibility as the command chief master sergeant for Seventh Air Force during a Change of Responsibility ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. Schaefer brings extensive experience from various leadership roles, including a previous assignment as the command chief master sergeant of the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▲

Lt. Gen. David Iverson, Seventh Air Force commander, presents the Legion of Merit to Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, outgoing command chief master sergeant for Seventh Air Force, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. The decoration recognizes Ross's exceptionally meritorious service in advising the commander on all matters regarding the welfare, readiness, and proper utilization of the command's Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ►



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Chief Master Sgt. David Wolfe, Pacific Air Forces command chief, speaks to U.S. and Republic of Korea Airmen attending Airman Leadership School at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 13, 2023. Wolfe serves as an advisor to Gen. Ken Wilsbach, PACAF commander, on matters involving readiness, training, professional development, and effective utilization of manning resources while overseeing approximately 48,000 Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick)

Cross-service maintenance continues in Korea

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

DAEGU AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Fighter Wing demonstrated an inaugural cross-servicing event, expanding sortie generation interoperability between U.S. Air Force and Republic of Korea Air Force, June 11 at Daegu Air Base, ROK.

This maintenance cross-servicing effort develops and matures the capabilities of the two allies to recover, service and launch each other's aircraft in support of combat air operations.

"It was an honor to witness the professionalism and dedication of the 38th FG during this mission," said U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn "Wolf" Gaetke, 8th Fighter Wing commander. "This is only the start -- we will continue to seize opportunities this year to sharpen our tactics and deepen our bonds with the ROKAF."

Wolf led a flight of two F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft to DAB, where ROKAF maintainers from the 38th Fighter Group received and serviced the aircraft. Events like this deepen the ties between the two services and strengthen the alliance.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing takes off at Daegu Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 11, 2025. This aircraft was flown to DAB by Col. Kathryn "Wolf" Gaetke, 8th FW commander, where Republic of Korea Air Force maintainers from the 38th Fighter Group serviced the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo.) ▲



Members of the Republic of Korea Air Force refuel a U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during a cross-servicing interoperability event between the U.S. Air Force and ROKAF at Daegu Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 11, 2025. Col. Kathryn "Wolf" Gaetke, 8th FW commander, led a flight of two F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft to DAB where ROKAF maintainers from the 38th Fighter Group received and serviced the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo.)

The first cross-servicing demonstration occurred on October 18, 2024 at Kunsan Air Base, and was refined throughout the year between the ROKAF's 38th FG and the U.S. Air Force's 8th Maintenance Group, providing a blueprint for expansion across the region.

Col. Blair "Phoenix" Byrem, 8th MXG commander, credited the success of the operation to the skill of his ROKAF counterpart, Lt. Col. Lee "Lion" Ho Geol and the flexibility of the bilateral team members, who caught and turned the aircraft.

"I am immensely grateful to Lion for taking the lead and allowing the Wolf Pack to support the ROKAF in this event—it was flawlessly executed," said Phoenix.

The continued focus on interoperability between ROKAF and USAF units is vital to bringing our shared vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

(Article written by Col. Blair Byrem)



Col. Kathryn "Wolf" Gaetke, 8th Fighter Wing commander, prepares for a flight with the help of a Republic of Korea Air Force crew chief at Daegu Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 11, 2025. Gaetke led a flight of two F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft to DAB, where ROKAF maintainers from the 38th Fighter Group received and serviced the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo.) ►



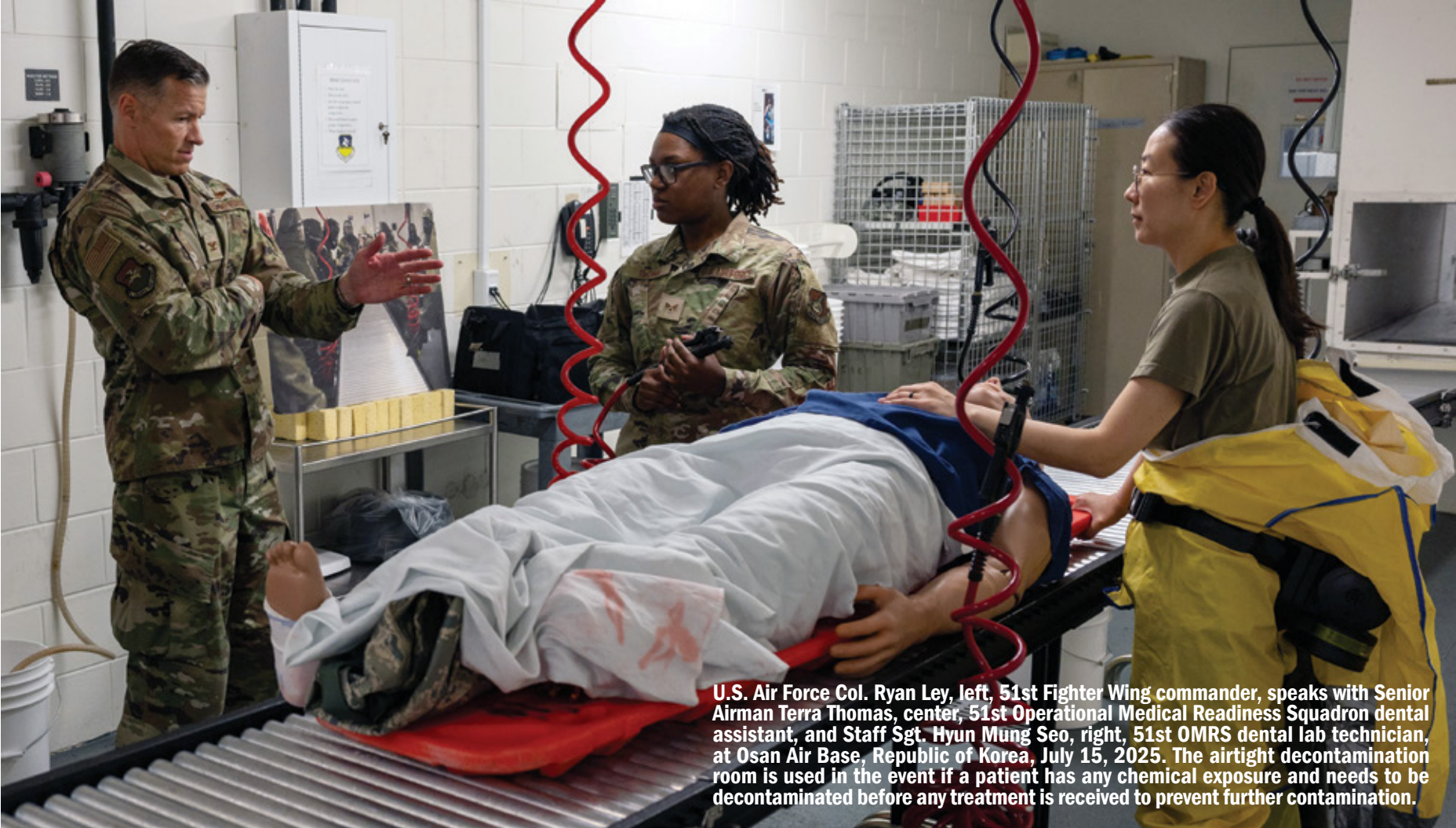
Maintainers from the Republic of Korea Air Force 38th Fighter Group inspect a U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft at Daegu Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 11, 2025. This cross-servicing effort develops and matures the capabilities of the two allies to recover, service and launch each other's aircraft in support of combat air operations. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo.) ▲



Osan Technical Sergeant Release 2025

51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The newest technical sergeant selects pose for a group photo during the Technical Sergeant Release party at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. The event recognized their dedication, leadership, and readiness to take on greater responsibilities.



U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, left, 51st Fighter Wing commander, speaks with Senior Airman Terra Thomas, center, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron dental assistant, and Staff Sgt. Hyun Mung Seo, right, 51st OMRS dental lab technician, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 15, 2025. The airtight decontamination room is used in the event if a patient has any chemical exposure and needs to be decontaminated before any treatment is received to prevent further contamination.

51st FW Mustang Immersion

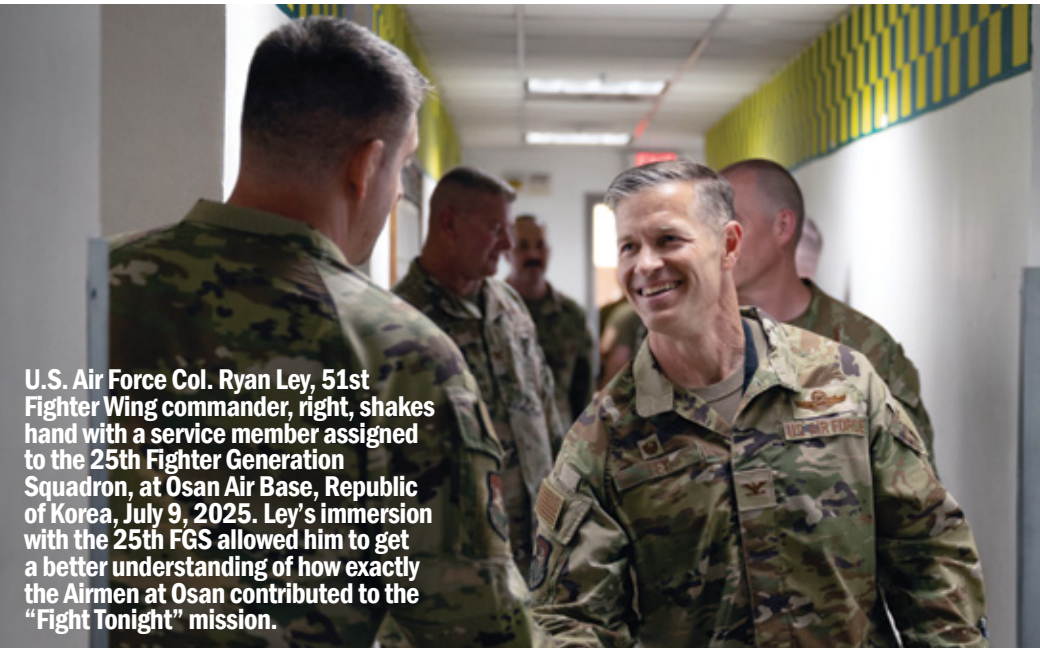
By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Carl Vogel, 51st FW command chief, visits multiple squadrons at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, to immerse themselves in the "Fight Tonight" mission here, July 8, 2025.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Al Fatah, left, 51st Operations Support Squadron control tower senior watch supervisor, briefs Col. Ryan Ley, center right, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Carl Vogel, right, 51st FW command chief, on a gas mask demonstration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 15, 2025. Training is conducted throughout the year to generate combat airpower at a moment's notice, affirming the commitment to the ROK remains ironclad and while enhancing regional stability in the Indo-Pacific. ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, center left, 51st Fighter Wing commander, receives a briefing from Maj. Richard Ryland, center right, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron commander, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 9, 2025. As the largest F-16 Fighting Falcon FGS in the USAF, the 36th FGS plays a crucial role in the delivery of combat air power on the Korean peninsula, but also in the development of the super-squadron concept. ►



U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, right, shakes hand with a service member assigned to the 25th Fighter Generation Squadron, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 9, 2025. Ley's immersion with the 25th FGS allowed him to get a better understanding of how exactly the Airmen at Osan contributed to the "Fight Tonight" mission.



U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and other service members, watch a towing demonstration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 9, 2025. These F-16 Fighting Falcon tow machines are capable of performing quick maneuvers, and can tow F-16s much quicker than the previous equipment used before. ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, center, 51st Fighter Wing commander, speaks with Senior Airman Lyle Malfoy Paras, right, 51st Healthcare Operations Squadron surgical technologist, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 15, 2025. The 51st HCOS plays a vital role in sustaining warfighter readiness by providing comprehensive medical care and rapid response to Airmen, families, and joint partners. ◀

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Kenneth Diaz Hernandez, center, 51st Healthcare Operations Squadron paramedic, briefs Col. Ryan Ley, left, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Carl Vogel, center left, 51st FW command chief, on urgent care procedures at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 15, 2025. The 51st HCOS supports warfighting readiness by providing critical medical services, including emergency care, surgical support, and preventive health measures, ensuring personnel are fit for duty and prepared for global contingencies. (This photo has been edited for security measures) ◀



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Terra Thomas, right, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron dental assistant, briefs Col. Ryan Ley, center right, 51st Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Carl Vogel, center left, 51st FW command chief, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 15, 2025. Coveralls are a protective suit worn by medical personnel in the event if a patient has any chemical exposure and needs to be decontaminated before any treatment is received to prevent further contamination. ▲



CJCS visits 51st Fighter Wing, engages with Mustang Airmen



By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff visited the 51st Fighter Wing for a troop engagement. During his visit, wing leadership presented a brief about the super squadron test and operations at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 11, 2025. CJCS and SEAC visited Korea as part of the annual Trilateral Chiefs of Defense meeting and concluded their trip at Osan with a tour of the air operations center and a troop engagement.



U.S. Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, greets Col. Kevin Walsh, 51st Fighter Wing deputy commander, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 11, 2025. Osan served as the final stop during the Chairman's visit to Korea in support of the annual Trilateral Chiefs of Defense meeting. ▲



U.S. Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, left, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discusses 51st Fighter Wing operations with Col. Ryan Ley, 51st FW commander, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 11, 2025. Osan served as the final stop during the Chairman's visit to Korea in support of the annual Trilateral Chiefs of Defense meeting. ▲

U.S. Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, left, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Col. Ryan Ley, center, 51st Fighter Wing commander, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Joint Chiefs of Staff Fleet Master Chief Petty Officer David Isom, second from right, and Lt. Gen. David Iverson, far right, Seventh Air Force commander, discuss 51st FW operations at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 11, 2025. CJCS and SEAC visited Korea as part of the annual Trilateral Chiefs of Defense meeting and concluded their trip at Osan with a tour of the air operations center and a troop engagement. ◀

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Best Summer Beach Destinations

Busan & Gyeongsang Regions

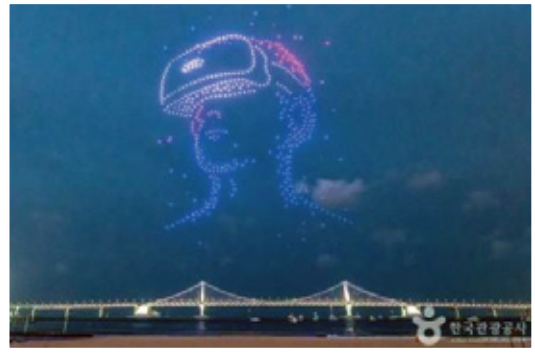
Haeundae

Located in Busan, Korea's leading marine city, Haeundae Beach is a white sandy beach with shallow waters, making it perfect for swimming! It is unlike other beaches in Korea in that the sandy shore stretches between the sea and tons of tall buildings, creating a beautiful view that becomes even more stunning when the sun sets! The area around Haeundae Beach also has plenty of attractions, including Busan X the SKY observatory, Haeundae Blueline Park, and the lush forest of camellia and pine trees on Dongbaekseom Island.



- Address: 264 Haeundaehaebyeon-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan
- Swimming period: June 21 – September 14, 2025
- Directions: Walk for approx. 5 min from Haeundae Station (Busan Subway Line 2), Exit 3 or 5

Gwangalli



Gwangalli Beach is unique in that the horizon appears to be doubled, due to Gwangandaegyo Bridge. It features the Gwangalli SUP Zone for water sports, and is conveniently located next to Café Street and an alley of seafood restaurants, drawing in a steady stream of visitors. Gwangalli Beach is even more beautiful at night, with the lights of Gwangandaegyo Bridge twinkling on the horizon. On Saturdays, you can see Korea's largest drone show, the Gwangalli Marvelous Drone Light Show.

- Address: 219 Gwanganhaebyeon-ro, Suyeong-gu, Busan
- Swimming period: July 1 – August 31, 2025
- Directions: Walk for approx. 10 min from Gwangan Station (Busan Subway Line 2), Exit 3 or 5
- Gwangalli Marvelous Drone Light Show schedule: Saturdays only / March-September 20:00 & 22:00 / October-February 17:00 & 21:00

Uljin

Hujeong Beach, a hidden gem in Uljin, offers a perfect summer escape for those who enjoy less crowded areas. As you walk along Ocean Road 393, you are greeted by the Ocean Observatory, which lets you see 7 meters deep into the ocean without getting any water on you. Enjoy breathtaking ocean views from the Jukbyeon Coast Sky Rail as it passes various attractions, including "Heart Coast," a famous filming site, a lighthouse, and the Jukbyeon coastline. Stop by the nearby Jukbyeon Port for fresh seafood.



- Address: 72 Hujeong 2-gil, Jukbyeon-myeon, Uljin-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do
- Swimming period: July 12 – August 17, 2025
- Directions: Take Bus No. 101 or 102 in the direction of Uljin for approx. 15 min from Jukbyeon Intercity Bus Stop.

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Battery Disposal Fire Safety

Batteries especially lithium-ion types found in phones, laptops, e-bikes, and power tools can catch fire or explode when damaged, improperly stored, or thrown in regular trash or recycling bins. Fires caused by discarded batteries are increasingly common.



Key safety recommendations for the batteries,

- 1. Disposal**
 - Do NOT throw batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends against disposing of lithium-ion batteries in regular trash or recycling bins, advocating instead for recycling or hazardous waste disposal at designated locations.
 - Do not put discarded batteries in piles.
- 2. Handling and Storage**
 - If a lithium-ion battery shows signs of damage, such as odor, change in color, excessive heat, change in shape, leaking, or unusual noises, immediately stop using it.
 - Store spare batteries away from anything that can catch fire, in a cool, dry place, and out of direct sunlight.
 - Avoid charging or storing batteries at extreme temperatures, both hot and cold.
 - Use only the charging cord that comes with the device and avoid charging under pillows, on beds, or on couches.
 - Do not continue charging the battery after it is fully charged.
- 3. Consequences of Improper Disposal**
 - Fire hazards: Improper disposal can lead to fires at landfills, recycling facilities, or during transportation.
 - Environmental hazards: Leaking batteries can contaminate soil and water sources with toxic materials.
 - Health risks: Damaged batteries can release harmful chemicals and pose risks of fire, explosion, and chemical exposure.

By following these guidelines, individuals can significantly reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery related incidents and contribute to a safety environment.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834/4741.

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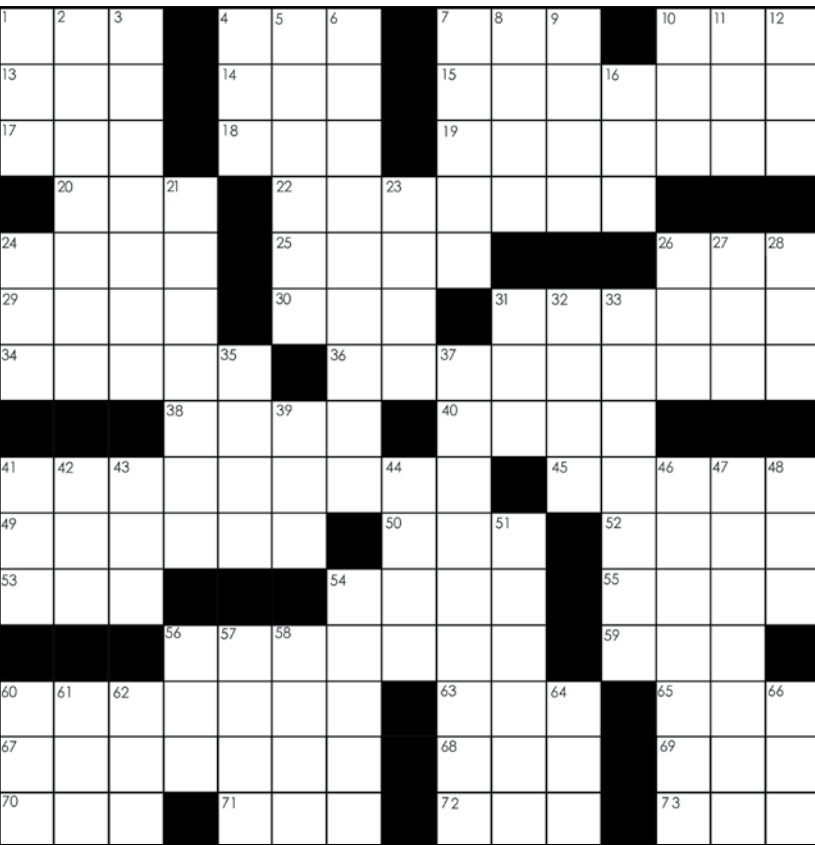
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By Jon Dunbar



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- 1 Law or statute
- 4 Goes with women's or ad
- 7 Tavern
- 10 MTV prize
- 13 DCS G-8 R&D institute
- 14 Seoul Metro transfer station for lines 4, 7
- 15 Impolite
- 17 Garden of Eden resident
- 18 Web address
- 19 DNA sequences
- 20 Goes with Lincoln or Shinzo
- 22 Sensitivity to foods
- 24 "___ poor Yorick"
- 25 Modify
- 26 Reagan's Star Wars
- 29 Worry
- 30 Many
- 31 Goes with ham or salmon
- 34 Kids
- 36 Blimps

- 32 Writer Wiesel
- 40 Opposite of difficult
- 41 Leader
- 45 Yalu's Korean name
- 49 Stormtrooper captain
- 50 Celebrity
- 52 Cut back
- 53 Baseball referee
- 54 Objectives
- 55 ___ 500
- 56 WWII General Omar
- 59 K-pop girl group
- 60 Kunsan or Osan
- 63 Pull
- 65 Champing at the ___
- 67 Saturday Night ___
- 68 Scott Pruitt's former employer
- 69 Air Force ___
- 70 Japanese politician Taro ___
- 71 Opposite of SSW
- 72 Online feed
- 73 Airport security

DOWN

- 1 Fighter pilot
- 2 Horsingriding force
- 3 Korean mountain range
- 4 Actress Lucy
- 5 Jerusalem country
- 6 Demolished
- 7 Actress Brewster
- 8 Operator
- 9 Director Joon-ho
- 10 Goes with vigor
- 11 Goes with Fannie or West
- 12 Lou Gehrig's disease
- 16 Timid
- 21 Holds dear
- 23 Type of Miller
- 24 Opposite of fore
- 26 Snowboard alternative
- 27 Bear's home
- 28 Important cards
- 31 Health club

- 32 Tableland
- 33 Washington capital
- 35 Goes with grand or dunk
- 37 Outer boundary
- 39 All ___ day's work
- 41 Computer brain
- 42 Unit of electrical resistance
- 43 Landscape diagram
- 44 Opposite of good
- 46 Microscopic machine
- 47 Makes a minister
- 48 Pocket item
- 51 Political warfare
- 54 "Skyfall" singer
- 56 UK TV station
- 57 Precipitation
- 58 Cheonan neighbor
- 60 Cool ___ cucumber
- 61 Computer addresses
- 62 ___ Speedwagon
- 64 Kilroy ___ here
- 66 Coffee alternative



ACROSS

- 1 BANG
- 3 ENGINEER
- 8 RAMPAGE
- 9 INCHON
- 10 ENTER
- 11 CARROLL
- 12 SHRAPNEL

DOWN

- 1 BORYEONG
- 2 NIMITZ
- 3 EXERCISE
- 4 INNER
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- 13 HOWITZER

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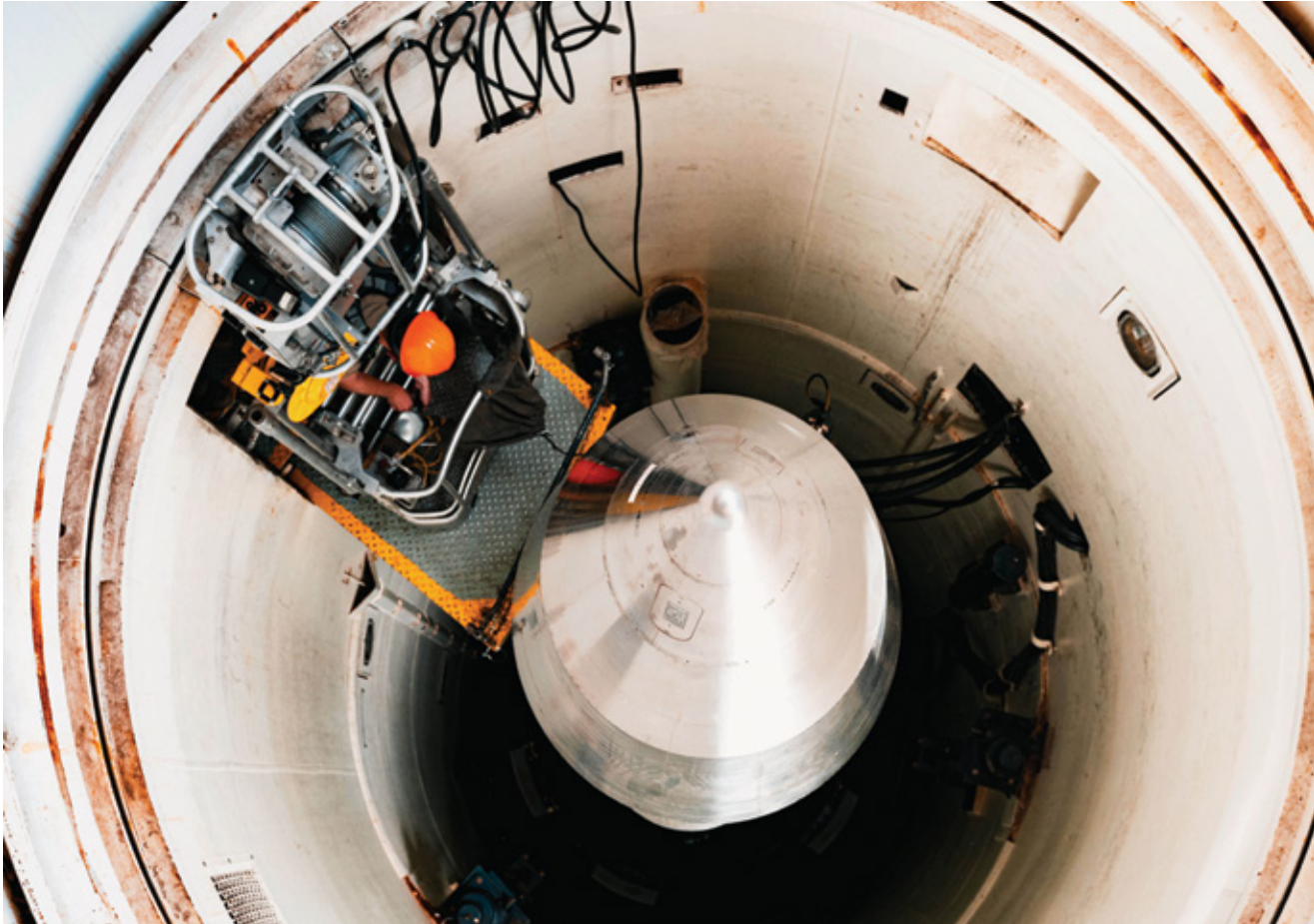
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Fighter escort: U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress bombers, escorted by Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-2 fighters and South Korea Air Force KF-16 Fighting Falcons, conduct a trilateral mission in the Pacific Ocean, July 11, 2025. The mission showcased trilateral defense cooperation and enhanced regional stability. (Courtesy photo by South Korea Air Force) ▲

Drill rehearsal: The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard's Drill Team rehearses for the 2025 Basel Tattoo in Basel, Switzerland, July 9, 2025. The team represented the Air Force and the Department of Defense as the only U.S. military branch to perform at the world's second largest tattoo, showcasing precise maneuvers and demonstrating the Air Force's focus on readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Geneva Nguyen) ◀

Missile maintenance: Airman 1st Class Aiden Williams, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron boardman, climbs onto the maintenance platform to enter the launch tube during a guided missile maintenance platform installation at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., July 9, 2025. As a boardman, Williams is responsible for navigating the interior of the launch tube to install or remove critical components, ensure structural integrity and support maintenance operations that keep the 90th Missile Wing's intercontinental ballistic missile fleet mission ready. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael A. Richmond) ►



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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)
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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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Osan Air Base Rugby
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 784-9446

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. 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 Convention 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 prosperity
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

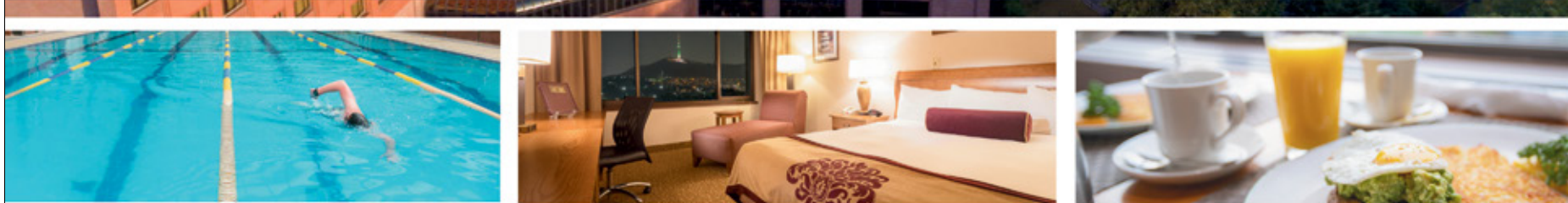
Osan Youth Sports Baseball Needs Volunteer Coaches!
25 August 2025 – 16 October 2025 | Osan Youth Center
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Kunsan's emergency phone numbers			
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Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	Nurse Advice Line	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
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SPOTLIGHT

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The Royal Air Force aerobatic team, the Red Arrows, conduct an aerial acrobatic demonstration during the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford, United Kingdom, July 19, 2025. Through high-impact aerial displays and multinational participation, RIAT highlights the strategic reach and operational readiness of allied and partner air forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Cody J. A. Mott)

RIAT 2025 highlights global readiness, cooperation

By Airman 1st Class Cody J. A. Mott
100th Air Refueling Wing

ROYAL AIR FORCE FAIRFORD, United Kingdom (AFNS) -- The weather was calm and the sky was blue, yet thunder forced itself to be heard. From July 18-20, thousands of onlookers in the crowd gleefully braced themselves for a procession of roaring aerial acrobatics, helicopter rescue demonstrations, and raw airpower flooding the cloudy air above Royal Air Force Fairford.

The Royal International Air Tattoo is not only the largest air show in the world - it is a convention of lethality, ingenuity, and partnership. The U.S. Air Force, alongside NATO allies and partners from around the globe, showcased what the strength of multinational relationships can achieve.

"America's international partners are one of its greatest strengths," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Mercer Martin, 99th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron U-2S pilot. "Spending our time meeting our partners in person while forging bonds and friendships is an extremely important addition to the relationships we have with our allied nations around the world."

Exposing both the U.S. and partner-nation personnel to diverse strategies and training methods strengthens the goal of a cohesive, interoperable force. These relationships play a key

part in times of peace as much as they do in the theater of war.

"I enjoy flying an aircraft that's so close in league with our American colleagues. It's a real change of pace," said an RAF Rivet Joint pilot. "Your training systems and operational focus into different deployable locations make it so U.S. Airmen are more versed on how it all works in different areas of the world. It's nice to be exposed to that and fly more often with pilots who have different techniques."

As in years past, one of RIAT's greatest strengths this year was the access it provided allies, partner nations and the public to U.S. aircraft, aircrew, and the stories behind them. It was a rare chance for global audiences to witness both the capabilities and the humanity behind modern airpower. This visibility builds confidence, strengthens support, and reinforces the value of continued collaboration.

"As aircrew stationed in the United Kingdom, I'm flying tanker missions and working with NATO allies while refueling them in the air," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Tobin Nelson, 100th Air Refueling Wing pilot. "Being on the ground and meeting them face-to-face at RIAT is amazing. Knowing I've worked with their people gives

me the ability to network, plan new training missions, and forge new bonds through flying."

RIAT 2025 served as a powerful reminder that diplomacy and military strength go hand in hand. By bringing together allies and partners in a shared celebration of innovation and skill, the air show fostered trust, mutual understanding, and camaraderie that extended far beyond the runway. The relationships built not only enhance all nations' operational readiness but also promote a culture of cooperation and respect that is vital in today's complex environments.

RIAT's ability to inspire generations also underscores the profound impact of bringing military aviation into the public eye. For many attendees, witnessing these aircraft in action and hearing firsthand accounts from dedicated personnel sparks a passion for service and a belief in the importance of teamwork.

"When you come here and see participants and children from every walk of life with a sparkle in their eye, you don't ever want to stifle those dreams," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. John Stortecy, 337th Airlift Squadron flight engineer. "Hopefully one day someone will say, 'I had that tour through the aircraft and I saw them fly - and it inspired me to become who I am today.'"

The Warfighter's Spirit

Choosing the Hard Thing



By Chaplain, Capt. John Choi

A couple of weeks ago, my wife, Mina, began experiencing intense back pain—pain that jolted through her the moment she got up in the morning and stayed with her until she went to bed at night. We have four young children, and despite the pain, she kept our home going. There was nothing dramatic

about it, no spotlight or applause—just daily, quiet faithfulness: cooking meals, tending to needs, pick-ups and drop-offs. All while hurting. This was love in action. When I told her how incredible she is, she shrugged and said she had to. But I know she chose to.

Lately, I've been struck again by the power of doing what's hard—not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually—and by the simple truth we try to ignore: growth comes when we willingly step into discomfort, not when we avoid it.

A few months ago, the Osan Air Base chapel hosted the Four Chaplains' Memorial Run and Ruck, and in it, the Norwegian Foot March—a grueling 18.6-mile ruck under a strict time limit. It is a physically demanding challenge, but most would argue it is mentally even more so. And yet hundreds of people signed up and completed the challenge.

Just a few weeks later, my friend Alec gathered twenty men for a day of shared challenge and encouragement. They reflected on Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 9:27: "I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." That set the tone for the day: completing the Murph Challenge—a mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats, another mile—followed by a two-minute ice plunge. Every portion had to be done together. No one was left behind. Afterward, they shared fellowship, not as men who had something to prove, but as brothers striving to grow. As Alec put it, it was about "doing difficult activities to

show men they are capable of far more than they think—through the strength of Christ and the fellowship of brothers."

I once read that the brain literally changes when we choose hard things. When we willingly engage with discomfort rather than avoid or resent it, the brain's fear center—the amygdala—becomes more regulated. Psychologists also note a distinction between "wanting" and "liking"—our deepest motivation often comes not from enjoyment, but from meaning. When we choose a hard path for a higher purpose, we rewire our instincts, build resilience, and shape character.

Dr. Raquel Hopkins, a therapist who studies trauma and capacity, observes that today's culture too often encourages people to stay stuck—to retreat into wounds rather than grow through them. But there is another way. A harder, better way. She says capacity isn't fixed—it grows when we meet our limits with courage rather than shame.

I'm not trying to romanticize suffering. Pain is real, and some burdens are heavier than others. I don't pretend to have all the answers. But I do believe this: when Mina chooses to move through pain for the sake of love, that's strength. When a man plunges into ice water to remember he is made for more than comfort, that's growth. And when we train ourselves to do what's right, even when it's hard, that is where formation happens. Maybe what the world needs isn't more ease—but more people willing to choose the hard thing, on purpose, for love.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

Catholic Holy Mass
Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

Weekday Masses - Tuesday-Thursday at
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Protestant Worship
Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)

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Sunday at 1300 (Chapel)

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Building 780

Chapel Worship Services:

Protestant Service
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Catholic Sunday Mass
Sunday @ 1130

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

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HUMPHREYS

PROTESTANT

Sundays -
0900 Christ The King Liturgical Service - Pacific Victors Chapel
0930 & 1100 Aaope (Contemporary Service) - 4CMC
1000 Burning Bush Gospel Service - Warrior Chapel
1100 Church of Christ - Pacific Victors Chapel
1100 Common Ground (Traditional Service) - Freedom Chapel
1300 Apostolic Pentecostal (Oneness) - Warrior Chapel
1330 Spanish Service - Pacific Victors Chapel

Wednesdays -
1200 Christ The King Eucharist Service - Pacific Victors Chapel
1800 KATUSA Service - Pacific Victors Chapel

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (LDS)

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POC: CH Droge; 010-8685-2976; shawn.a.droge.mil@mail.mil

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TUES 1000-1200 Korean Ladies Bible Study (KLBS) - Freedom
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* Summer Break until 30 August
WED 0930-1145 Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) - 4CMC
* Summer Schedule: 1800-2030 (until 28 August)

1830-2030 PWOC Evening Study - 4CMC
WED 1000-1200 Korean Catholic Women Bible study - Freedom
1730-1930 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom
WED 1830-2000 Church of Christ Mid-Week Bible Study - Pacific
THUR 0915-1130 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom
THUR 1800-2000 Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) - 4CMC
* POC: CH Underhill 010-8520-7217
1st SAT/Month 0830 Knights of Columbus - Freedom

CATHOLIC - Freedom Chapel
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1600-1700 Reconciliation/Confession (Saturdays)
1640 Rosary/Benediction (Saturdays) * 1730 Vigil Mass (Saturdays)
0900 Mass (Sundays) * 1730 Daily Mass (M-F)
POC: usaghcatholiccoordinator@gmail.com

JEWISH
2nd and 4th Fridays - 4CMC
1800-2100 Shabbat Evening Service
POC: CH (CPT) Daniel Kamzan; daniel.j.kamzan.mil@mail.mil

ISLAMIC - Pacific Victors Chapel
Fridays: 1200-1330 Jum'ah Service
Sundays: 1300-1500 Islamic / Arabic classes
POC: CPT Anouar Bencheqroun 010-3382-7231 anouar.k.bencheqroun.mil

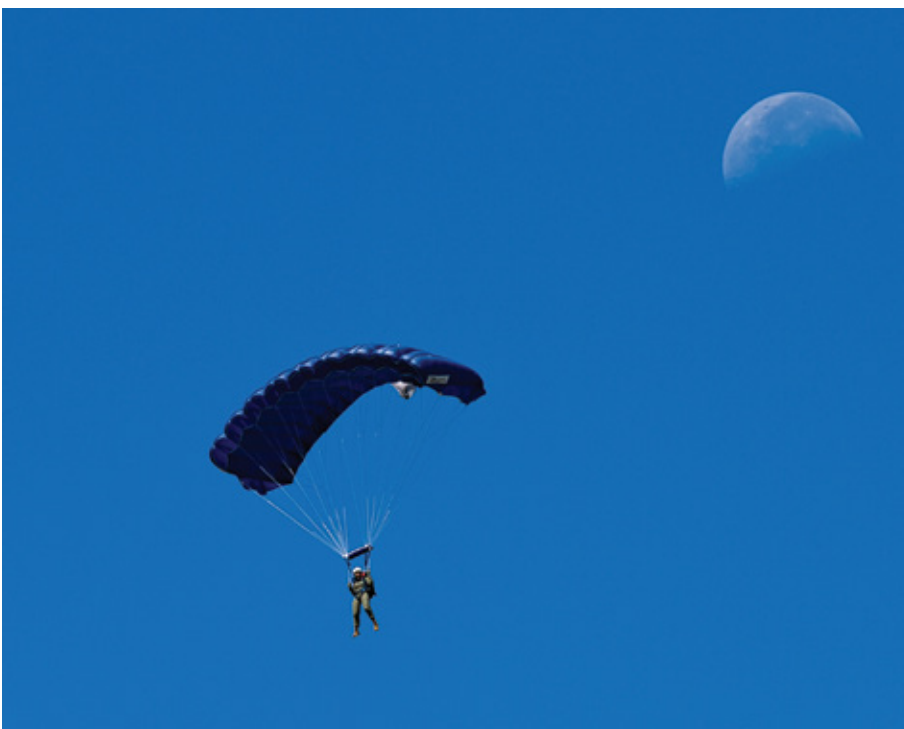
PAGAN Traditions
Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship
POC: CPT Ryan S. Robinson; ryan.s.robinson14.mil@mail.mil

BUDDHIST
Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service
POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri.mil@mail.mil



Fearsome Foursome: F-35 Lightning IIs fly in formation over Madison, Wis., during a joint training mission with the 148th Fighter Wing based in Duluth, Minn., June 23, 2025. The exercise aimed to strengthen coordination and operational effectiveness between units. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Addie Peterson) ▲

Moon 'chute: A U.S. Air Force Academy cadet participating in the 98th Flying Training Squadron, parachutes into Davis Airfield, Colorado Springs, Colo., June 18, 2025. The 98th FTS is a premier character development program, training 600 to 1,200 cadets annually and fields nationally recognized competition and demonstration teams, all while helping cadets toward a career in the Air Force. (U.S Air Force photo by Ray Bahner) ◀



Fireworks on the 4th: A U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules sits idle during a fireworks show at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, July 4, 2025. The two-day Independence Day festival also featured carnival rides, games, food vendors and live musical entertainment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brenden Beezley) ▲

Make-A-Wish: Dylan Conner tries on a helmet during a visit to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, June 25, 2025. The visit, organized by Make-A-Wish Utah and hosted by the 514th Flight Test Squadron, gave Dylan a behind-the-scenes look at the U.S. Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by R. Nial Bradshaw) ◀



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Koji Yoshioka, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron physical therapist technician, guides an individual through a strength and conditioning exercise during an Advanced Physical Training Leader course at Osan Air Base, South Korea, April 15, 2025. (Photo courtesy from U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Koji Yoshioka)

Air Force physical therapist strengthens readiness at Osan Air Base

By Maristela Romero
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. -- "I did not choose physical therapy it chose me," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Koji Yoshioka, a physical therapy technician with the 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron at Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Before joining the military, Yoshioka trained to become a civilian firefighter, attending EMT and fire training courses. It was there he met several veterans whose leadership and experiences left a lasting impression, shifting his career trajectory.

"Joining the military was never on my radar," he said. "But hearing their tales and seeing the way they led our groups out in the field opened my eyes and made me want to experience what they had."

Inspired by that encounter and with the desire to live overseas, further his education, and build a stable future with his family - Yoshioka made the leap. He recalled asking himself, "What better choice than to join the U.S. Air Force?"

Yoshioka's specialty in physical therapy falls

within the diverse Biomedical Science Corps, comprised of medical professionals in areas including but not limited to optometry, clinical psychology, clinical social work, occupational therapy, bioenvironmental engineering, public health, and biomedical laboratory. PTs play a crucial role in musculoskeletal injury prevention and overall Airmen's fitness for duty.

In April 2025, Yoshioka was nominated as an Air Force Medical Service Trusted Care Hero for his leadership and commitment to improving Airmen's health and mission readiness at Osan AB as a physical therapist. He filled a critical manning gap within the wing's Operational Support Team, a program focused on maximizing Total Force readiness through optimizing human performance through data-driven health assessments and strategies.

"Staff Sgt. Yoshioka has stepped up to the challenge of helping fill this gap," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Nicole Powell, OST flight commander. "He is responsible for enhancing and expanding metabolic testing and body composition testing for the 18,691 combined force population at Osan Air Base."

Powell described him as the embodiment of the Trusted Care principles upheld in the AFMS community.

"His integrity, competence, and empathy make him a truly outstanding medic, and one I would trust with the care of myself and my family," she said.

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Yoshioka has also been instrumental in developing and sustaining the wing's first Advanced Physical Training Leader Course, now a monthly program. Designed to sharpen fitness leadership for officers to deliver unit physical training and fitness assessments, the course provides education on sleep hygiene, nutrition, injury prevention, and safe exercise programming. "They say the best cure for injury is to prevent

it from happening," he said. "This proactive approach supports long-term health and helps mitigate potential issues before they escalate... If we can teach proper body mechanics, this would go a long way towards not just a more fit force, but a healthier one."

As a Tactical Strength and Conditioning Facilitator and Certified Personal Trainer, Yoshioka offers tactical fitness expertise tailored to these military demands. The foundational qualifications he instills as the Advanced PTL course instructor contributes to its success, training more than 74 Airmen from 18 units since the course began in December 2024.

Yoshioka's impact reached beyond fitness training for Airmen. Through expanding Osan's collaboration with the Armed Forces Wellness Center, he helped provide 650 InBody assessments and metabolic testing valued at over \$71,000 for the entire Pacific Air Forces community, which includes base personnel, dependents, retirees, and Korean partners.

In another key initiative, Yoshioka coordinated the first Blood Flow Restriction therapy training for U.S. Forces Korea. He organized training exercises for 39 providers, secured two CONUS-based instructors, and obtained BFR equipment for hands-on instruction. This training introduced an evidence-based rehabilitation method with extensive benefits for strength development and reducing recovery time.

"Due to Staff Sgt. Yoshioka's contributions, these professionals will expand their BFR knowledge and application to ensure patients are receiving the highest quality, evidence-based clinical care," Powell said. "This ultimately will improve patient outcomes and boost human performance optimization resources for the 28,500 joint warfighters stationed in South Korea."

Yoshioka expressed his gratitude toward mentors and colleagues, past and present, for his professional growth.

"Every experience, whether it is positive or negative, is an opportunity to learn," he said. "Special shoutout goes to my mentor and the world's greatest supervisor, Master Sgt. Frances Sumayop, who is truly one of a kind."

With precision and unwavering purpose, Yoshioka exemplifies the essence of Trusted Care culture - advancing force readiness, elevating human performance and safeguarding the health of those who serve.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Koji Yoshioka, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron physical therapist technician, demonstrates how to perform a conventional barbell deadlift during an outreach for Soldiers at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, April 25, 2025. (Photo courtesy from U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Koji Yoshioka) ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Koji Yoshioka, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron physical therapist technician, receives an award with members of the 51st Medical Group during a ceremony at Osan Air Base, South Korea, Jan. 17, 2025. (Photo courtesy from U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Koji Yoshioka) ▲



51st FW hosts 2nd Quarter Awards ceremony

By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Fighter Wing hosted the 2nd Quarter Awards ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. Osan leaders regularly acknowledge outstanding performers within the organization, expressing appreciation for contributions to their units and the 51st FW "Fight Tonight" mission.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Joshua Blue, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, gives the 36th FS “Harrumph” hand signal to Senior Airman Mason Roberts, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron dedicated crew chief, prior to departure from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, June 13, 2025. Red Flag Alaska serves as an ideal platform for international engagement and the exercise has a long history of including allies and partners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Brosam)

36th Fighter Squadron Sharpens Combat Readiness, Strengthens Partnership at Red Flag-Alaska 25-2

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Red Flag-Alaska is a Pacific Air Forces-directed exercise conducted multiple times each year. This iteration brought more than 70 aircraft and 1,500 servicemembers from across the DoD, as well as participants from Belgium, the Republic of Korea, and Japan.

“RF-A exercises act as a deterrent to our adversaries and proof that we, along with our allies and partners, are prepared for the next fight,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. Trevor Birr, 353rd Combat Training Squadron (CTS) Red Flag-Alaska 25-2 team chief. “We also demonstrate our ability to plan and execute from multiple geographic locations, which is crucial in the Indo-Pacific region.”

Exercise participants are organized into “Red” defensive forces, “Blue” offensive forces, and “White” neutral observing agencies. While there, participants trained to a variety of mission-sets such as defensive counter-air, dynamic targeting, and close air support.

Participants integrated with key partners from around the world, enhancing allied interoperability and developing new skills while operating in a realistic simulated threat environment.

“The CTS takes the lessons learned to continuously modernize and improve Red Flag-Alaska,” Birr said. “This year, we have taken the joint and combined training to the next level, integrating with key partners against more modern, realistic threats.”

Exercises like RF-A provide countless benefits to 51st Fighter Wing personnel, better enabling the Mustangs to defend the Korean peninsula against any adversarial threat.

“RF-A provides the Fighter Squadron with

access to expansive airspace, joint assets, and mission sets we simply can’t replicate at home station,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. Brittany Dippel, 36th Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations. “The scale and realism of the exercise enabled us to train to the full extent of our tactics, techniques, and procedures. It’s an opportunity to push our capabilities in a high-end fight, ensuring that when called upon, we’re ready to fight tonight.”

RF-A 25-2 provided especially valuable training to the 36th Fighter Squadron, allowing them to continue their history of bilateral training with the ROKAF, honing their interoperability in RF-A’s dynamic environment.

“One of my biggest takeaways is learning to coordinate with aircraft executing unfamiliar mission sets—sometimes flown by international partners. These joint operations sharpen my communication skills and reinforce the importance of adaptive leadership,” said Dippel. “Commanding missions in such a dynamic setting is one of the most valuable experiences RF-A offers.”

As a PACAF-directed exercise, RF-A 25-2 is designed to improve interoperability through combat scenarios that reflect real-world challenges, supporting PACAF’s strategic objective of building combat-ready forces capable of projecting power and deterring aggression in the region.

“The scenarios at RF-A are purposefully designed to mirror our adversaries’ most dangerous courses of action. These missions challenge the entire team – from pilots, to intel, to targeteers—to stay sharp and tactically current,” Dippel said. “RF-A ensures that we’re constantly learning and evolving, better preparing us for the threats of tomorrow.”

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“Today’s training was a great showcase of the importance of partnerships between the United States and Korea,” said Capt. Alexander J. Strickland, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron, fuels management flight commander. “Interoperability is the key to success, and this exercise enhanced our ability to work alongside each other. Our goal is to strengthen our relationship with the KSC to the maximum extent possible, ensuring seamless integration in the event of a contingency.”

Joint teams conducted training to assemble bunk beds, familiarization with hand held communications and logistics operations to enhance base support-integration personnel for future operations and exercises. While the task may have appeared routine, participants emphasized its critical role in overall mission support.

“Anytime we can integrate with and work alongside our USFK counterparts, it enhances our joint capability,” said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Cody Luginbill, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Operations Planner, Structures. “We learn from them and they learn from us, and we both walk away more prepared to face future operational challenges.”

Luginbill also highlighted the motivation and professionalism of the Korean Service Corps personnel.

“They were all highly motivated and hardworking,” he said. “This was my first time working directly with the KSC, and that alone made this event stand out.”

Joint exercises reinforce the combined readiness posture of U.S. and Korean forces, laying the foundation for stronger integration during any future operations across the peninsula.

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Mission Support Group brief members of the Korean Service Corps Battalion during a bilateral logistics and transportation training event at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. The training enhanced interoperability between U.S. and Republic of Korea forces by focusing on bed-down site setup and cargo handling operations in preparation for contingency support ▶



Korean Service Corps Battalion receive joint training by U.S. Air Force members during a bilateral logistics and transportation training event at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. ▲

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Communications Squadron brief members of the Korean Service Corps Battalion on equipment vital for hand held communications at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. ◀



U.S. Air Force Col. Jeff Elliott, 51st Mission Support Group Commander, briefed members of the Korean Service Corps Battalion during a bilateral logistics and transportation training event at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 17, 2025. The training enhanced interoperability between U.S. and Republic of Korea forces by focusing on bed-down site setup and cargo handling supporting contingency operations. ▲



Staff Sgt. Alexandria Washington

By Senior Airman Landon Gunsauls
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Alexandria Washington, a native of San Antonio, Texas and 8th Operations Support combat intelligence cell analyst, was awarded Pride of the Pack for the week of July 14-18 for her critical role during Red-Flag Alaska as the combat intelligence cell analyst non-commissioned officer in charge where she delivered all-source analysis on evolving conflicts within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

As the combat intelligence cell NCOIC, she played a pivotal role in delivering timely and accurate intelligence briefs to leadership and Airmen while facing a 65% manning gap. Over the course of 45 days, she provided 10 high-impact intelligence products, and ensured the continuity of intelligence operations which directly contributed to the missions' success.

Her ability to adapt and respond to rapidly changing circumstances also extended to small Unmanned Aircraft Systems threat awareness. Her collaboration with 8th Security Forces Squadron and 8th Operations Support Squadron counterparts strengthened the 8 FW's Counter-SUAS efforts, ensuring timely threat updates and refining defensive strategies to mitigate potential risks.

In addition to her intelligence role, Washington was entrusted with the position of Special Security Representative, a responsibility typically held by a Major, during which she executed over 32 indoctrinations and briefings for incoming and outgoing leadership. Her efforts ensured that classified information was safeguarded, and continuity across the Pack wasn't interrupted.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Washington, for your exceptional service and incredible contributions to the Wolf Pack mission. Congratulations on being this week's Pride of the Pack!

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexandria Washington, 8th Operations Support Squadron combat intelligence cell members, poses for a photo with her squadron logo, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. Washington was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of July 14-18, 2025 for her leadership skills and dedication to the Wolf Pack's mission. ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexandria Washington, 8th Operations Support Squadron combat intelligence cell members, prepares to enter her office at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 18, 2025. Washington was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of July 14-18, 2025 for her leadership skills and dedication to the Wolf Pack's mission. ▲

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Gangwon State

Gangneung

Gyeongpo Beach, the largest beach along the East Coast, offers breathtaking views of both Gyeongpoho Lake and the East Sea. The lush forest of pine trees that grows along the sandy shore makes Gyeongpo Beach even more charming. Enjoy a leisurely stroll on the deck walking trail along the pine forest while soaking in the therapeutic Phytoncides.



Anmok Beach is well-known thanks to its proximity to Gangneung Coffee Street. The street is lined with coffee shop after coffee shop, each with its own unique ambiance. Whichever café you choose, you can enjoy the great views of the beach from the café and coffee prepared by an expert barista.



Gyeongpo Beach

- Address: 514 Changhae-ro, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do
- Swimming period: June 28 – August 17, 2025
- Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 10 min from Gangneung Station or Gangneung Bus Terminal

Anmok Beach

- Address: 20-1 Changhae-ro 14beon-gil, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do
- Swimming period: July 4 – August 17, 2025
- Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 15 min from Gangneung Station or Gangneung Bus Terminal

Sokcho



Sokcho Beach is popular among visitors all year round with a range of attractions, including a walking trail through a pine forest, parks, and scenic photo spots. The short distance from the downtown means you can also enjoy fresh seafood at Sokcho Tourist & Fishery Market in downtown Sokcho after visiting the beach. Additionally, Sokcho Eye, a famous local landmark, offers panoramic views of the vast blue East Sea and Seoraksan Mountain.

- Address: 190 Haeoreum-ro, Sokcho-si, Gangwon-do
- Swimming period: July 4 – August 24, 2025
- Directions: Walk for approx. 5 min from Sokcho Express Bus Terminal

Yangyang

Naksan Beach is known as the beach that BTS member V visited. It's a great spot to visit if you enjoy walking, as there is a forested trail that follows the beach. The beach itself has a shallow bay, suitable for swimmers of all ages. If visiting, be sure to include a stop at the nearby Naksansa Temple, one of the Eight Scenic Sites of Gwandong.



- Address: 59 Haemaji-gil, Yangyang-gun, Gangwon-do
- Swimming period: July 11 – August 24, 2025
- Directions: Walk for approx. 5 min from Naksan Bus Terminal

Jeju Island

Hamdeok

Hamdeok Beach is one of the best beaches to see the beautiful emerald-colored sea around Jeju. The beach is also popular among locals because of its fine sand and shallow waters. Seoubong Oreum Volcanic Cone rises up next to the beach to create a special landscape. If you follow the walking trail up Seoubong, you can take in the full view of the beach.



- Address: 525 Johamhaean-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
- Swimming period: June 24 – August 31, 2025
- Directions: Take Bus No. 101 or 325 for approx. an hour from Jeju International Airport

Jungmun

With its wide white sandy shore and stable waves, Jungmun Saekdal Beach is a popular spot for marine leisure activities such as surfing, yachting, and water skiing. The beach is located next to Jungmun Tourist Complex, Jeju's representative resort area, surrounded by various beautiful natural attractions. In particular, Jusangjeolli Cliff and Cheonjeyeonpokpo Falls are known for their striking beauty and often regarded as works of art sculpted by Jeju's nature.



- Address: Address: Saekdal-dong, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
- Swimming period: June 30 – August 31, 2025
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