

An F-16 Flighting Falon assigned to the 26th Test Squadron at Dean Arie Base, Republic of forma takes off from a numery at Kunsan Air Base, RNS, Jan. 29, 2025. Air rari, air crew, and maintenance personnel from Osan operated out of Kunsan to conduct agile combat employment dispersal Scenario as part of the wing's readiness exercise, Beverly Herd 25-2, (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikalo).

51st Fighter Wing completes readiness exercise, ACE dispersal despite heavy snowfall

By Maj. Kippun Sumner 51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Despite historical snowfall during Korea's Lunar New Year holiday, the 51st Fighter Wing completed its first wing readiness exercise of 2025, Beverly Herd 25-2, generating combat airpower from both Osan and Kunsan Air Bases, Jan. 26 – 31.

Wing exercises like BH 25-2 are a necessary and recurring requirement in Korea, where continuous robust readiness is vital to deterring

aggression and maintaining stability in the region.

Throughout the week, base personnel strengthen their skills in multiple areas, practicing everything from proper protective gear wear, weapons handling, and small unit tactics; to defending the base and rapidly launching combat aircraft in response to threats.

In addition to base-specific scenarios, the 51st FW also executed an Agile Combat Employment deployment in support of the exercise, sending F-16 Fighting Falcons and a detachment of supporting personnel to operate out of Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

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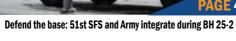
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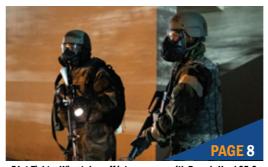
"It's vital that we exercise our ability to generate airpower from any location," said Col. William McKibban, 51st FW commander. "Partnering with our wingmen at Kunsan strengthens readiness across the peninsula and lets us refine how we rapidly deploy airpower from outside our home base."

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 ${\bf 51st}$ Fighter Wing takes off into new year with Beverly Herd ${\bf 25-2}$



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DAF releases memorandum on implementation of Executive Order 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism, Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government

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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Department of the Air Force released a memorandum, Feb. 4, on Implementation of Executive Order 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government in compliance with Executive Order Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government and the Secretary of Defense Memorandum, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.

Air Force provides airlift support for NORTHCOM border mission

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Air Force is supporting U.S. Northern Command's mission to augment U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Department of Homeland Security along the southern border of the United States.

This effort aims to enhance security and logistical capabilities as border enforcement agencies manage evolving challenges to protect the sovereignty of the U.S.

"The swift response by our Airmen to support this important mission demonstrates our service's ability to rapidly deploy and deliver American airpower," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin. "Rapid global mobility is a cornerstone of our Air Force and the team is once again proving how well we do it. We will continue to ardently support U.S. Northern Command and our interagency partners along the southern border."

Military transport aircraft, including C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III, are being used initially to move military personnel, tactical equipment, and supplies to key locations along the border. Additionally, Air Force aircraft are currently facilitating deportation flights for illegal aliens who have been processed for removal.

The Air Force's airlift operations are part of a broader interagency effort to support CBP and Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel, focusing on logistical efficiency and operational support rather than direct law enforcement.

To ensure the safety of deportation flights, the Air Force has deployed its specialized security unit, the Ravens, to protect both the aircraft and flight crews. The Ravens, highly trained in aviation security, provide protection against potential threats during air operations. Meanwhile, ICE agents are responsible for managing the security and safety of illegal aliens.

Air Force officials continue to coordinate closely with USNORTHCOM and DHS to adapt airlift support as needed, ensuring that border and immigration enforcement agencies have the necessary resources to manage security and bolster the territorial integrity of the nation.



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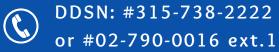
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Defend the base: 51st SFS and Army integrate during BH 25-2

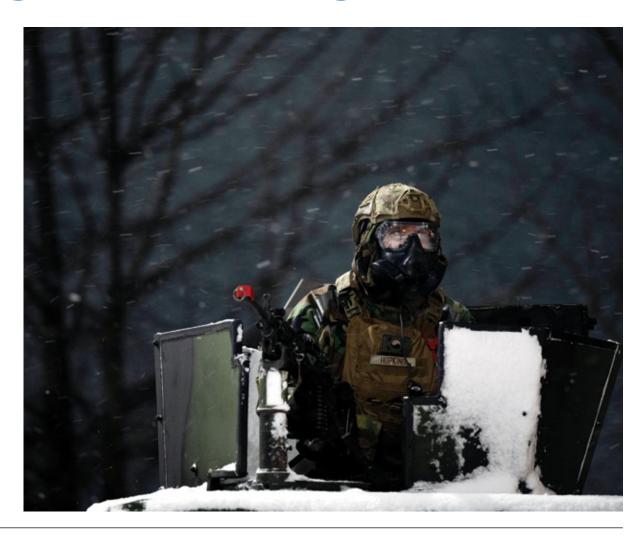
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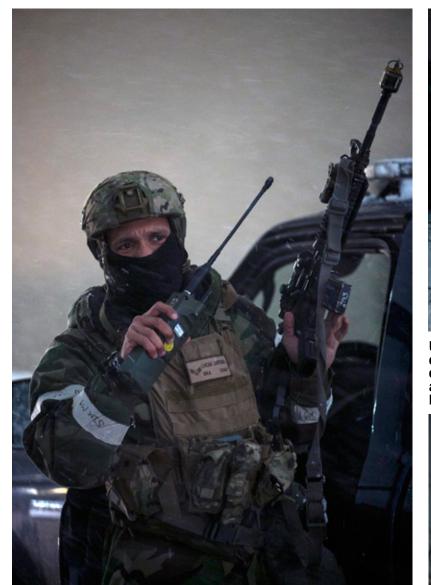
OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 51st Security Forces Squadron trained alongside soldiers from the U.S. Army Correctional Facility-Korea, 94th Military Police Battalion during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea Jan. 27, 2029.

Beverly Herd exercises are held throughout the year and designed to test the wing's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment on the Korean Peninsula.

Integrating with joint partners during wing exercises helps foster relations and allows the two services to share tactics, techniques and procedures.

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Joseph Hopkins, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, patrols during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 27, 2025. Beverly Herd is an annual 51st Fighter Wing readiness exercise. During the exercise, 51st SFS Airmen are primarily responsible for defending the base, allowing the wing to generate combat airpower. ▶





U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lucas Depina, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, operates a radio during an exercise scenario at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 27, 2025. Beverly Herd exercises educate new members of the 51st Fighter wing on how to survive and operate in a contested environment in the Korean Theater while supporting Core Mission Essential Tasks. During the exercise, security forces Airmen are responsible for defending the base, allowing the wing to generate and execute combat forces.





U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Geoffrey Nesbit, 51st Security Forces Squadron flight chief, takes cover during a ground attack exercise scenario Jan. 27, 2025, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Beverly Herd exercises test 51st Fighter Wing personnel's ability on how to survive and operate in a contested environment in the Korean Theater while supporting Core Mission Essential Tasks. ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Cristina Panama, 51st Security Forces Squadron wing inspection team member, observes security forces response procedures during a ground attack scenario as part of during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 27, 2025. Beverly Herd exercises test the 51st Fighter Wing's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment in the Korean Theater while supporting Core Mission Essential Tasks. ▲

U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 51st Security Forces Squadron patrol the installation during Beverly Herd 25-2 Jan. 27, 2025, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Beverly Herd is an annual exercise that tests the 51st Fighter Wing's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment in the Korean Theater while supporting Core Mission Essential Tasks. During the exercise, security forces Airmen are responsible for defending the base, allowing the wing to generate and execute combat forces. ◀

U.S. Air Force Airman Julia Hao-Kaawloa, 51st Security Forces Squadron, detains a simulated adversary during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base. Soldiers from the U.S. Army Correctional Facility-Korea, 94th Military Police Battalion participated in the exercise playing the role of adversarial forces providing a more realistic training environment. ▼



8th LRS POL flight tours new aircraft refueling unit

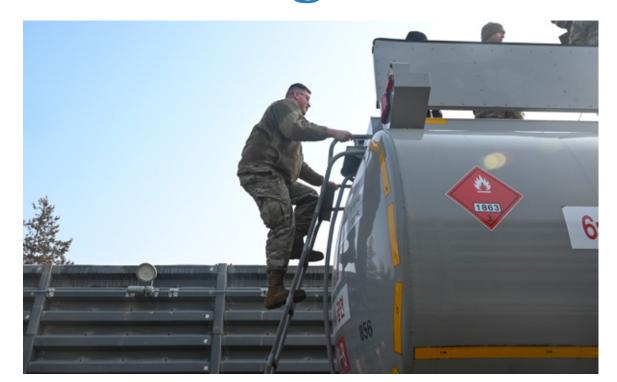
By Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oils, and lubricants flight, spoke with Airmen assigned to the Republic of Korea Air Force 38th Battalion Supply Company during a tour of a ROKAF aircraft refueling unit at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 21, 2025.

During the tour, Airmen spoke and explored the operation, management, and maintenance necessary to run the aircraft refueler efficiently.

According to Master Sgt. Kameron Mills, 8th LRS fuels information service center section chief, the shift to this new Korean refueling variant will be costeffective and streamline local access to maintenance care for the vehicles, ensuring continued support for combat sortie generation during refueling.

This new Korean refueling variant is set to be integrated into the POL mission next fiscal year.





U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Brandon Craver, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels training support craftsman, climbs a new Republic of Korea Air Force aircraft refueling unit ladder at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 21, 2025. Familiarizing the POL flight with the refueler's controls and features increases refueling capabilities for both ROKAF and USAF. ▲

Airmen assigned to the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oils, and lubricants flight, examine a new Republic of Korea Air Force aircraft refueling unit at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 21, 2025. POL Airmen engaged with the ROKAF 38th Battalion Supply Company to learn about the new refueling truck they will receive in the upcoming fiscal year to be able to use on both countries' aircraft. ▼







Airmen from the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oils, and lubricants flight, speak with Airmen assigned to the Republic of Korea Air Force 38th Battalion Supply Company at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 21, 2025. In the upcoming fiscal year, the POL flight will be using the same refueling assets as their ROKAF partners. A

Airmen assigned to the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oils, and lubricants flight, and Republic of Korea Air Force 38th Battalion Supply Company, discuss the features of a new ROKAF aircraft refueling unit at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 21, 2025. The POL flight learned about the operation, management, and maintenance necessary to run the aircraft refueler efficiently, which will be



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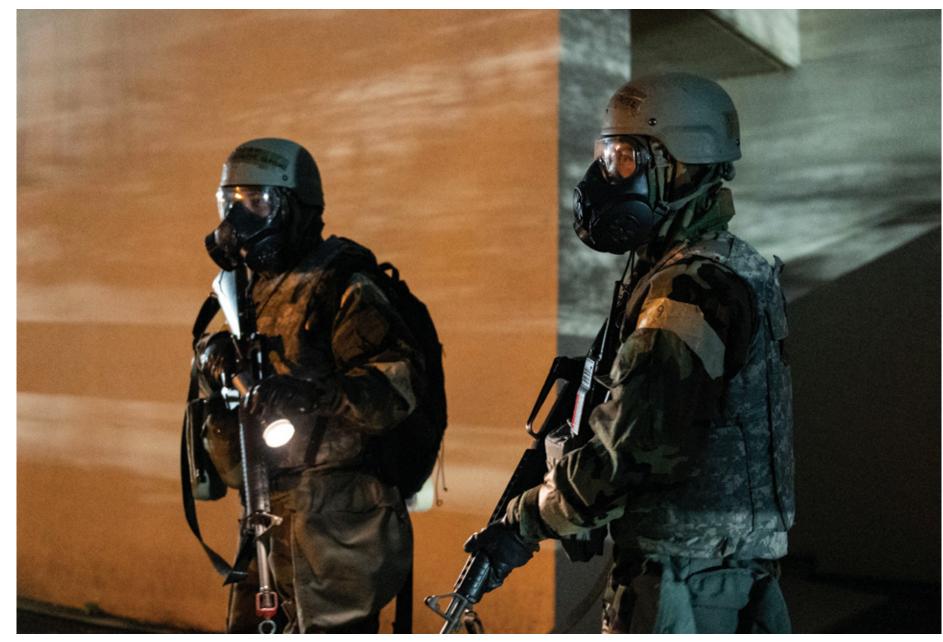


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51st Fighter Wing takes off into new year with Beverly Herd 25-2



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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Beverly Herd 25-2, the 51st Fighter Wing's annual large force exercise, begins Jan. 26 and is scheduled to run through Jan. 31.

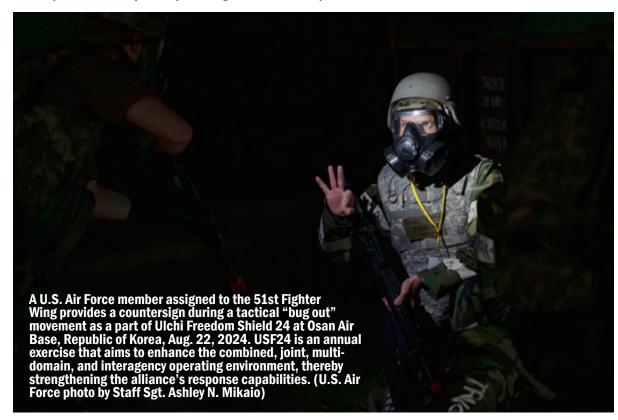
The wing will incorporate agile combat employment operations, conducting flight operations at Kunsan Air Base and utilizing the base as a forward deployed location.

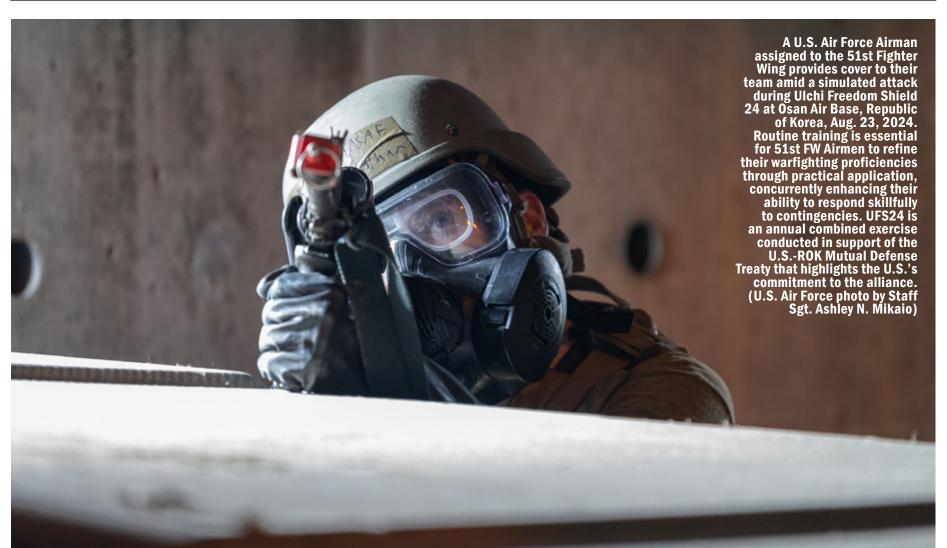
"Exercises that allow us to pick up our teams and generate flying from other locations allow us to truly test our abilities and work under alternate conditions," said U.S. Air Force Col William McKibban, 51st FW commander.

The 51st FW will mobilize personnel and F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron, exercising the wing's capabilities to rapidly disperse and operate at an alternate location. Incorporating ACE as part of the wing's regular exercises enhances both offensive and defensive capabilities across the peninsula, amplifying the wing's reach.

Personnel at Osan AB will also undergo comprehensive training alongside U.S. Army counterparts to defend the base against potential

Defenders with the 51st Security Forces Squadron perform an exterior building sweep during Vigilant Defense 24 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 30, 2023. As the most forward deployed permanently based wing in the Air Force, the 51st Fighter Wing is charged with providing mission-ready Airmen to execute combat operations and receive follow-on forces. VD24 is a routine training event that tests the military capabilities across the peninsula, allowing combined and joint training at both the operational and tactical levels. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens) ▲





attacks, performing strategic and tactical level maneuvers to counter opposing forces. This training reinforces fundamental concepts of service-to-service interoperability with a focus on contingency operations and the required skillsets for base defense.

In addition, the wing will focus on assuring base readiness and sustaining the force. After incurring simulated damage to the installation, teams will be tested on assessing and repairing critical infrastructure. Practicing and improving upon these procedures under simulated conditions equips Osan AB for future challenges.

"We exercise to this extent because we are one of the busiest bases in the Air Force," said McKibban. "We are the most forward deployed, permanently based wing and we need to ensure our Airmen are prepared to face any adversary."





A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron takes off during Ulchi Freedom Shield 24 at an unspecified location in the Republic of Korea, Aug. 19, 2024. The 51st Fighter Wing participated in UFS24 to enhance agile combat employment capabilities and demonstrate the readiness to "Fight Tonight" anytime, anywhere. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▲

A U.S. Air Force military working dog handler assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron practices first aid on an MWD mannequin during Ulchi Freedom Shield 24, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 22, 2024. Throughout the exercise, Airmen are evaluated on their warfighting capabilities, where they showcase their effectiveness and grit with combat readiness, defensive postures, and other Agile Combat Employment concepts. UFS 24 is an annual combined exercise conducted in support of the U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty that highlights the U.S. commitment to the alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd) ◀



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Geoffrey Nesbit, 51st Security Forces Squadron flight chief, takes cover from a simulated ground attack during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 27, 2025. Beverly Herd is a regularly occurring 51st Fighter Wing readiness exercise. During the exercise, security forces Airmen are primarily responsible for defending the base, allowing the wing to generate combat airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Clayton Lenhardt) ▲

51st Fighter Wing completes readiness exercise, ACE dispersal despite heavy snowfall

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"The relationship between the Kunsan and Osan is rock solid," said Col. Peter Kasarskis, 8th FW commander. "Being able to synchronize on readiness exercises like this only makes us stronger and gives Kunsan vital training on our ability to receive follow-on forces."

Large force exercises like BH 25-2 often involve multiple units and simulate enemy threats across a variety of contingency scenarios. This iteration, however, Mother Nature herself decided to become an exercise player, bringing realistic scenarios to the wing in the form of record snowfall across the Republic of Korea.

According to the 51st and 8th Operational Support Squadron Weather Flights, Osan Air Base experienced a total of 9 inches of snow, while Kunsan received approximately 5 inches, stressing



A U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to the 51st Civil Engineering Squadron operates a snow blower during Beverly Herd 25-2, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 28, 2025. The 51st CES worked consistently to clear off major taxi ways for aircraft and cargo, maintaining the 'Fight Tonight' mission regardless of inclement weather. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd)



Sgt. Michael English, **51st Mission Support** Group petroleum, oil and lubricant technician, shovels snow around an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 28, 2025. Members had to get hands on for snow removal during exercise **Beverly Herd 25-2 due to** limited resources. These kinds of solutions are a large part of practicing agile combat employment capabilities and generating airpower from alternate locations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio) ◀

U.S. Air Force Tech.

A U.S. Air Force avionics technician assigned to the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron completes function checks from the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 28, 2025. Members from Osan Air Base deployed to Kunsan AB as part of an agile combat employment exercise in support of Beverly Herd 25-2. ACE training exercises strengthen the 51st Fighter Wing's ability to rapidly disperse to an alternate operating location and quickly generate combat airpower in response to enemy threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio) ▶

exercise player's abilities to continue contingency operations in unplanned weather conditions.

During the week, members across the base worked to keep walkways and facilities clear while 51st CES personnel worked 24-hour operations to keep roadways and the airfield open, supporting both exercise and real-world operations.

"Without the 'dirt boys' specialized skill set on snow removal and rapid airfield damage repair, the flying mission would not be possible," explained Master Sgt. Walter Urbina Hernandez, 51st CES horizontal repair section chief. "We must project airpower effectively while ensuring seamless launch and recovery operations for critical cargo and personnel aircraft moving to and from the port."

Simultaneously at Kunsan, ACE-deployed 51st FW Airmen battled similar weather conditions while working out of unfamiliar facilities, working with minimal personnel and equipment to generate F-16 airpower in response to BH 25-2 training scenarios.

"Even though Kunsan is another U.S. Air Base, it poses different challenges for our Osan personnel," said Capt. Terrell Willis, 51st FW Mission Assurance Officer. "Exercising our ability to rapidly deploy aircraft, personnel, and cargo from Osan to different locations across the peninsula increases the survivability and lethality of our forces."

Korean weather officials cited the 2025 Lunar New Year week as having had a heavier than normal snowfall in relation to previous years, making it one of the snowiest Lunar Near Years in approximately 30 years. Despite this, Osan Air Base suffered no damage or degradation to its facilities or aircraft.

"In many ways, inclement weather actually enhances our training," said Lt. Col. Andrew Myers, 51st CES Commander and BH 25-2 Wartime Operations Center Defensive Director. "Learning to adapt operations to unpredictable events is an essential skill, so exercising our tactics, techniques and procedures during heavy snow is extremely valuable to reinforcing our agile mindset."

The 51st FW concluded the exercise on Friday, Jan. 31; metaphorically, and in some cases, literally clearing the way for the remaining planned exercises this year

"The whole point of exercises like this is to prepare our airmen to generate combat airpower under any conditions, including when under attack, snowed in by weather, or both," said McKibban. "We will continue to regularly practice and stress-test our readiness, and a little bit of bad weather isn't going to stop us. Team Osan is ready to fight tonight to defend the peninsula and our nation, no matter what."

U.S. Air Force Capt. Chris Hidalgo, left, and Capt. Eric Fox, 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots, conduct turnover during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 30, 2025. The two pilots exercised a rapid crew swap with simulated CBRN contamination as part of the exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▶



An Airman assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Snow Team operates a snow clearing machine during exercise Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 29, 2025. An unprecedented nine inches of snowfall was recorded on Osan during the exercise. Snow clearing operations were crucial to the continuation of safe operations, both exercise and real-world. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▼





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Wolf Pack F-16s forward deploy to Gwangju Air Base during Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1



By Staff Sgt. Daniel Brosam 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 35th Fighter and 80th Fighter Squadrons, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, arrived at Gwangju Air Base to support Agile Combat Employment operations for exercise Beverly Pack 25-1,

Airmen from the 8th Maintenance Group and 35th Fighter Generation Squadron stood ready, prepared to immediately perform Integrated Combat Turns (ICTs) upon their arrival.

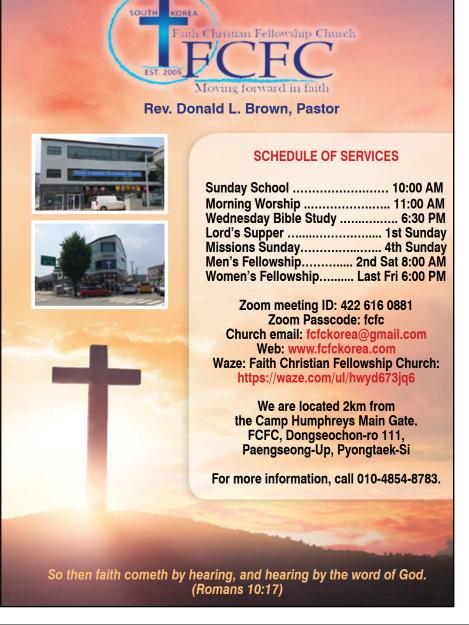
These demonstrations showcased their receiving, servicing, refueling and munition loading capabilities while the aircraft engines were still running. This minimizes the necessary time for pilots and aircraft to receive required attention before relaunching and returning to the mission, continuing to project combat air power.

Senior Airman Xavier Cubas, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron dedicated crew chief, stands watch as an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 80th Fighter Squadron taxis to the runway after servicing at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 13, 2025. Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1 advanced the Wolf Pack's ability to simultaneously generate and sustain operations at a main operating base and a simulated forward location. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Brosam) ▲



U.S. Air Force Maj. Niles Lujan, 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, flexes "Crush 'Em", a unit motto designation for the 80th Fighter Squadron, upon arriving at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, to support Agile Combat Employment operations for exercise Beverly Pack 25-1, Jan. 13, 2025. Bev Pack 25-1 was a robust combat readiness exercise that tested the Wolf Pack's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment and execute an Agile Combat Employment movement to a simulated forward location. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Brosam)







Wolf Pack conducts first Integrated Kunsan history





Airman assigned to the 8th Maintenance Group load a Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during Beverly Pack 25-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. During the exercise, the 8th Maintenance Group conducted Kunsan's first integrated combat turn involving a Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile load on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft. An ICT is the act of rearming a jet while it is running to ensure quick turnover and return to operations; a key capability for rapidly projecting airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) ▲

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jakob Raisanen, 8th Maintenance Group squadron lead crew chief, postloads a missile during Beverly Pack 25-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. During Bev Pack 25-1, the 8th Maintenance Group successfully loaded a Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile, marking a significant step in expanding integrated combat turns to include a wider range of weapons. An ICT is the act of rearming a jet while it is running to ensure quick turnover and return to operations; a key capability for rapidly projecting airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) ◀

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nelson Lumibao, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon dedicated crew chief, prepares to marshal an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during Beverly Pack 25-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. During Bev Pack 25-1, the 8th Maintenance Group successfully loaded a Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile onto an F-16 Fighting Falcon, marking a significant standard property of the standard pr step in expanding integrated combat turns to include a wider range of weapons. An ICT is the act of rearming a jet while it is running to ensure quick turnover and return to operations; a key capability for rapidly projecting airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) ▼





U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nelson Lumibao, left, observes Senior Airman Bryson Palmer, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon dedicated crew chiefs, as he conducts maintenance on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during Beverly Pack 25-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. The 8th Maintenance Group executed Kunsan's first integrated combat turn with a JASSM, loading the munition and refueling the aircraft while it was still running. An ICT is the act of rearming a jet while it is running to ensure quick turnover and return to operations; a key capability for rapidly projecting airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) ▲

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- 4. Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.
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Final Thoughts

By following these smoking safety practices, you can greatly reduce the risk of accidental fires. Smoking may seem like a personal activity, but its consequences can impact others property damage and loss of life. A small act of caution can make a big difference in fire prevention.

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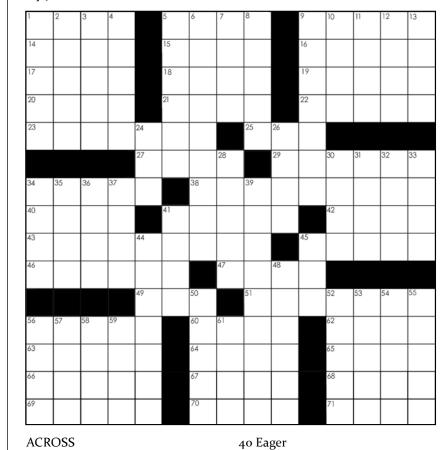
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With a grain of salt: Senior Airman Seth Anderson, 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion specialist, salts the flightline at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Jan. 8, 2025. The base received more than six inches of snow from Winter Storm Blair, the heaviest accumulation since 2022. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Amanda Jett) ▼

igh fives: U.S. Air Force Academy's Maggie Slife high-fives teammates during a women's gymnastics meet against Long Island University, Jan. 10, 2025, at the Cadet Gym in Colorado Springs, Colo. Air Force dominated their first meet of the season with a score of 193,375. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Bahner) ▲

oint jump: Japan
Ground Self-Defense
paratroopers
assigned to the 1st
Airborne Brigade
jump out of a U.S. Air
Force C-130J Super
Hercules assigned
to the 36th Airlift
Squadron during a New
Year's jump over JGSDF
Narashino Training Area,
Japan, Jan. 12, 2025.
Approximately 200
JGSDF and multinational
paratroopers paratroopers
participated in the
event focusing on the
preparedness of airborne forces for any mission that may arise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe) ▲

assing the puck:
U.S. Air Force
Academy's Beau
Janzig passes the puck down the ice during a game against Bentley University held at the Academy's Cadet Ice Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 10, 2025. The Falcons fell to Bentley, 1-0. (U.S. Air Force photo by Justin R. Pacheco)▶





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- PING PONG TOURNAMENT -

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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) 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

Emergency Leave / Red Cross

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.

Attention DoDEA Students and Families

School Year 2024-2025 If your children walk to DoDEA schools, please ensure they use the crosswalk near OMHS, near the commissary parking garage, across from building 492. This helps reduce traffic congestion and enhances safety, as more adults are present in this area during specified school times. POC: April Kersey, 010-3386-0051 or email to April.Kersey@us.af.mil

Cub Scout Volunteers

Through May 2025 | Osan AB Pack 86 Cub Scouts are looking for adult volunteers to assist with Den Meetings and Pack Events. Volunteer opportunities include Den Leaders (weekly commitment) and Assistant Den Leaders (commitment as able) for Scouts ranging in age from 6 to 11 years old, and Den Committee Members (monthly meetings and admin work as required). No prior Scouting experience required, just a desire to provide positive experiences for the

children of Team Osan. If interested, please contact Committee Chair Megan Davis, megan.davis.2@us.af. mil, and Pack Leader Jeff Davis, jeffrey. davis.58@us.af.mil.

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. Feb 21 | 1551 - 1730 | Enlisted Club 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.

Osan Air Power Days 2025

May 10-11 | Osan Air Base Experience the excitement at Osan Air Base's first air show since 2019! Get ready for thrilling aerial performances, aircraft displays and interactive exhibits. This family-friendly event, free of

charge and open to the public, offers the chance to meet pilots, explore military aircraft up close, and enjoy a day full of entertainment. Stay tuned for more details as we prepare for this wonderful event! More details will be posted at https://www.osan.af.mil/ OsanAPD2025/.

Osan Blood Drive

Feb 18 | 1000-1500 | Osan Fitness Center | Bldg 1423

Be a hero! Sign up to donate blood and save a life. One donation can save up to THREE lives! For more information and registration: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0945A8A62DA0FF2-54253116-osan

POCs: SrA Kevin Hernandez | kevin.p.hernandez3.mil@health. mil | and Capt Sydney Brown | sydney.n.brown4.mil@health.mil |

51st Fighter Wing Annual Awards Ceremony

Join us as we celebrate all 51 FW annual award nominees "Pep Rally style" at the Annual Awards Ceremony held on February 21st at the E-Club. There will be games and prizes, so squadron pride is highly encouraged! Sports attire/Jerseys are authorized. For questions or concerns please reach out to MSgt Sulki Lee sulki.lee@us.af.

mil or Capt Sung Hee Min sunghee.

min.mil@health.mil.

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Coordinator (SARC)

782-4601 (on base)

1-800-733-2761 (anytime)

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

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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The World We Make With A Little Warmth



By Ch, Lt Col Yunseok Choi Deputy Division Chief of Chaplain Policy Ministry of National Defense, Republic of Korea

Not long ago, I watched a lecture on YouTube by a civilian who won the award for 'Good Influence' as a "best practice", hosted by the Gyeonggi Volunteer Center. She runs a moms' community center called, The Well, and described it as a place where she

and volunteers conduct various activities to help moms in need. I was touched deeply by the story of how she came to run this place for moms. As a mother of four, one day she started thinking as she was feeding her 8-month-old baby about craving a good meal for herself, just once without rushing to care for her kids, since she had been breast-feeding for nine years. Can you imagine how desperate she had been for a sincere meal?

As she was becoming free from changing diapers and breast-feeding, moms who were still struggling to raise their children came to mind. That led her to post invitation notes on her apartment bulletin board; "Moms who have no time to have a meal or constantly depressed, or home-alone are invited to a home cooked meal". Five moms signed up for 'The Well' club. Their kids were taken care of by more than a dozen moms who came together to babysit and to help prepare meals. This gathering of moms continues today. I would like to give her a big hand for being 'The Well'-doer. I think this would have been an impossible project, caring for people around her without putting herself in their shoes. This, led to a lot of effort and sacrifice on her part; physically, mentally, and financially.

Long ago, I remember there was a popular Korean TV show, that used a phrase contestants shouted at each other, "it's all about me" after

beating them in random games and avoiding the loser's punishment. As I reflect, I believe this chant of selfishness has encroached on our daily lives. However, it doesn't mean you have to become a victim of this mindset. It is unnecessary for the world to have the mindset of "it's all about me" or "I don't care," or even thinking, "Hey, I've suffered enough, I've done my time". I wish we could pause for a moment and look around us for those who might need some help. Why don't we expand our concern for others, rather than focusing on ourselves, thinking of the broader community. Remembering, my path of suffering and loneliness could now be someone else's current path.

There is a quote, 'Nothing brings people closer together than shared suffering'. Pain is an ingredient that produces bonding and cooperation between those who share painful experiences. We may all have different purposes or destinations, but we're all in the same boat needing to help each other on this ocean of life. If you could be 'a gift of grace' to others with a warm heart, it would lessen their weary days and hopefully bring comfort, and hope to you as well. In this way, the world will become surrounded with supportive people little-bylittle with warmth providing these small steps.

- Translated by Ms. Ohsung Kim, Language Specialist, 51 FW/HC
- Edited by Ch. Capt David Bartlett. 51 FW/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)

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Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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The New Chapel is Open for Worship Services Building 780

Chapel Worship Services:

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Catholic Sunday Mass Sunday @ 1130

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lobal deterrence: B-1B Lancers assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., taxi at Andersen AFB, Guam, after returning from a Bomber Task Force mission, Jan. 17, 2025. The bombers illustrate the Pacific Air Forces' ability to work with partners to deter, deny and dominate any influence or aggression from adversaries or competitors. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert M. Trujillo)

Rising Eagle: Capt. Benjamin Fischer, 104th Fighter Wing pilot, takes off in an F-15C Eagle for Maj. John Stout's final flight, Jan. 10, 2025, at Barnes Air National Guard Base, Westfield, Mass. Maj. Stout's final ride in the F-15 resulted in more than 1,100 hours flown in the legendary aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard phote by legitle 100 flows flower than 1,100 flow National Guard photo by Jay Hewitt) ◀

eep dive: Capt. Wyatt Huff, 736th Security Forces Squadron operations officer, dives in a pool to retrieve equipment during a jungle training course at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 7, 2025. The course instructors took lessons learned from U.S. Army operations and a U.S. Marine jungle leaders' course to create a curriculum based on Air Force ground operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Manasseh Demissie) ▼



inding the cracks: A U.S. Air Force non-destructive inspection specialist assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron shines a blacklight on a magnetic particle machine within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Dec. 20, 2024. NDI specialists focus on inspecting damages in aircraft equipment and systems unseen by the naked eye. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Zeeshan Naeem)

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By Staff Sgt. Nicholas Ross **8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Timothy Abian, 8th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance section chief, was recognized as Kunsan's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of Jan. 27-31.

Abian is currently filling a master sergeant vacancy, leading 43 maintainers across 3 sections and is responsible for ensuring that all F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing are structurally sound, airworthy and ready to execute the mission.

He led his team through 900 maintenance actions, across 24 F-16s, projected 1,300 sorties, coordinated 6 professional development events for his flight, produced 12 Junior Enlisted Foundation course and NCO Foundation course graduates and filled 12 Airman for Life slots resulting in his team earning numerous squadron awards.

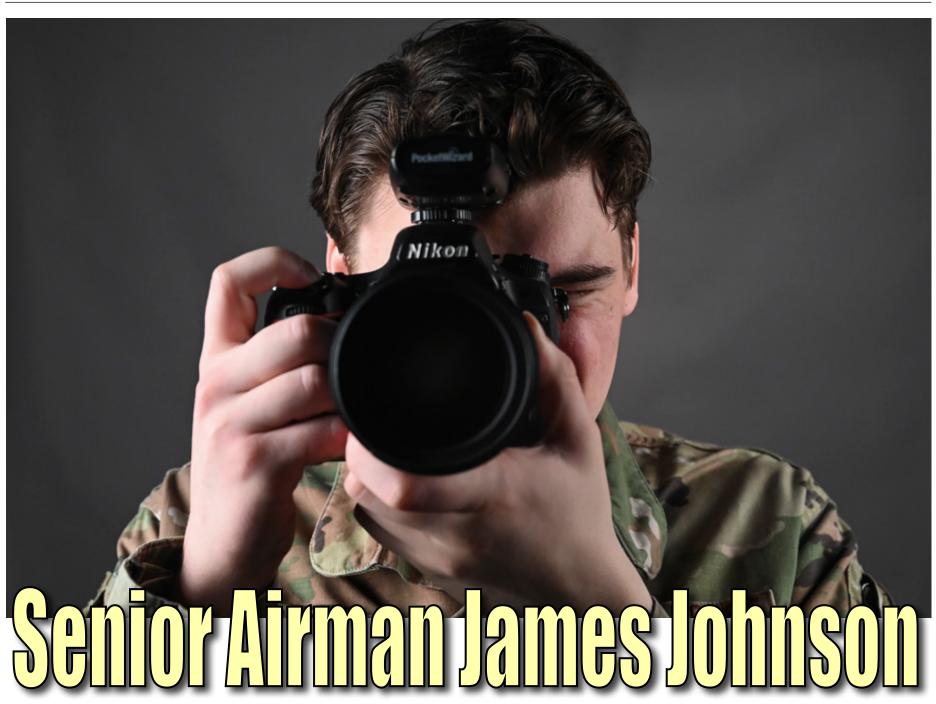
While managing all these responsibilities, Abian still finds time to develop himself, completing four college classes and growing the martial arts club by 28 members from the U.S. and Republic of Korea Air Force.

The Wolf Pack is grateful to have leaders like Tech. Sgt. Abian, whose commitment to excellence keeps the 8th FW fit to fight.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Timothy Abian, 8th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance section chief, poses for a photo in the fabrication flight building at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 29, 2025. Abian was recognized as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of Jan. 27-31. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Ross) ▲



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Timothy Abian, 8th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance section chief, operates a sheet metal bender at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 29, 2024. Abian led his team through 900 maintenance actions, across 24 F-16 Fighting Falcons, projecting 1,300 sorties while filing a master sergeant position. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Ross) ▲



By Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Senior Airman James Johnson, 8th Fighter Wing public affairs journeyman, was awarded the 8th FW's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of Jan. 20-24, 2025.

Since joining the Pacific Air Force's top-ranked Public Affairs team in April, Johnson has played a crucial role in enhancing United States Forces Korea's information operations across the Indo-Pacific. Despite a 33% gap in manning, he facilitated 121 visual information projects covering more than 5,000 sorties, reaching over 2.1 billion people globally.

A standout achievement was his work as part of a 25-person joint-documentation team for Seventh Air Force's multinational exercise, Korea Flying Training, where he helped produce 192 products and 630 hours of coverage, amplifying the event to 657 million people across 15 countries. This effort reinforced the Department of Defense's \$1.2 billion investment in regional stability.

Johnson also created Kunsan's first "Connectivity Hub" (The KRUD), streamlining base information and saving 252 man-hours and \$13,000 in app development costs. He also contributed to high-performing Quality of Life products, showcasing base improvements and the grand opening of the Kunsan Dining Facility, further highlighting Kunsan's commitment to its Airmen.

Thank you, Senior Airman Johnson, for significantly advancing the Wolf Pack's mission success, operational efficiency, and regional communication through your dedication and innovation. Congratulations on winning this week's 'Pride of the Pack'!

Senior Airman James Johnson, 8th Fighter Wing public affairs journeyman, takes a photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 23, 2025. Johnson was selected for the 8th Fighter Wing's 'Pride of the Pack' for his efforts in creating Kunsan's first "Connectivity Hub" (The KRUD), streamlining base information and saving 252 man-house and \$13,000 in app development costs. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Movie Limonaux Gurman) Maria Umanzor Guzman) ▲



Senior Airman James Johnson, 8th Fighter Wing public affairs journeyman, edits a photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 23, 2025. Johnson was selected as the 8th FW's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of Jan. 20-24. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman)

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Eighth Army General Presents Award to Staff Sgt. Kras for Saving Family in Fire



By Capt. Courtney Johnson 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Public Affairs Office

Camp Humphreys, Korea — During the Eighth Army Safety Council meeting on January 24, Staff Sgt. Shaw Kras of the 6-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalion was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by Lt. Gen. Christopher C. Laneve, the commanding general of the Eighth Army, in recognition of his heroic actions in rescuing a family and their animals from a burning barn.

On the morning of the incident, Staff Sgt.
Kras was driving to Camp Humphreys when he noticed a building engulfed in flames. Without hesitation, he pulled over, called emergency services, and sprang into action using his personal fire extinguisher to help contain the blaze until fire crews arrived. Despite sustaining second-degree burns in the process, his quick thinking prevented the fire from worsening and ensured the safety of both the family and their animals.

"I want to acknowledge the impact of Staff Sgt. Kras's efforts, which saved property and lives. This had a huge impact on the alliance, and we appreciate your service", said Lt. Gen. Laneve.

Earlier, on November 9, Staff Sgt. Kras was also honored with a Certificate of Commendation from Fire Chief Kim Seung-name during the 62nd Firefighters Day ceremony, further recognizing his heroic actions.



Lt. Gen. Laneve and Staff Sgt. Kras stand at attention as the award is read (US Army photo by Spc. Daniel Cortes) ▲

Staff Sgt. Kras gives his speech after receiving his award. (US Army photo Spc. Daniel Cortes)▶

Stronger Together: U.S. and ROKAF conduct bilateral training



By Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II fires its 30 mm gun during bilateral close air support training at the Pilsung Range in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, Jan. 15, 2025. The 25th FS joined their Republic of Korea Air Force partners in their first joint live-fire training of 2025. These trainings are vital in defending the ROK airspace and maintaining a combined defense posture. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio) ▲

GANGWON PROVINCE, Republic of Korea -- 7th Air Force and Republic of Korea Air Force 11th Fighter Wing assets conduct bilateral training at Pilsung Range in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, Jan. 15, 2025. The assets, including the A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-15K Slam Eagle and tactical air control party specialists, completed the first joint live-fire training of 2025. These tactical trainings help to ensure the readiness and combined strength necessary to protect the Korean peninsula.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Walter Frank, 607th Air Support Operations Group tactical air control party specialist, speaks to a Republic of Korea Air Force member during bilateral training at Pilsung Range in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, Jan. 15, 2025. TACPs direct airstrikes and close air support from the ground using various methods of communication with the pilots in the air. This bilateral training ensures the strength needed to protect the Korean peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio) ▶





A 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II soars over the Pilsung Range during bilateral training in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, Jan. 15, 2025. The 25th FS joined Republic of Korea Air Force F-15K Slam Eagles assigned to the 11th Fighter Wing for bilateral close air support training. This training is vital to the U.S. and ROK maintaining readiness and combined strength in protection of the Korean peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio)▶

U.S. Air Force Maj. Anthony Shinn, 607th Air Support Operations Group executive officer, searches the sky for inbound aircraft during bilateral training at Pilsung Range in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, Jan. 15, 2025. TACPs direct airstrikes and close air support from the ground using various methods of communication with the pilots in the air. This bilateral training ensures readiness and combined strength between allies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio) ▼



U.S. Air Force Maj. Nick Romano, 607th Air Support Operations Group director of operations, reviews a chart during bilateral training at Pilsung Range in Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, Jan. 15, 2025. TACPs direct airstrikes and close air support from the ground using various methods of communication with the pilots in the air. This bilateral training ensures readiness and combined strength between allies.▶







12 SKI RESORTS TO SPEND AN **EXCITING** WINTER IN KOREA Pt. 1/2

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Korea is gifted with mountainous terrain and the perks that come with a cold winter. In particular, Gangwon State and the outskirt regions of Seoul are great places to enjoy winter sports as they receive the most annual snowfall. Ski resorts in Korea offer slopes for all skill levels, from absolute beginners to experts. Many resorts also offer nighttime skiing for a full day of fun. Many ski resorts in Korea operate an indoor waterpark, allowing guests to enjoy swimming even in the cold winter. Even if you're not into winter sports like skiing or snowboarding, you can spend your winter vacation by engaging in a variety of activities. As all ski resorts differ in prices and operating periods, it is strongly recommended to check the details before visiting. During the peak ski season, from mid-December to the end of February, visitors are recommended to reserve accommodations ahead of time.

Alpensia Ski Resort

Alpensia Ski Resort is tucked away in the mountains at about 700 meters above sea level and is known for its excellent snow. The resort offers six slopes with various courses for beginner, intermediate and advanced skiers and can accommodate up to 3,000 people at the same time. Snowboarding slopes and a long-distance sledding slope are specially designed for snowboarders and visitors with family respectively. In particular, Foxtrot, a slope for advanced skiers, is famous for seeing exotic vista. In addition to the exciting winter sports, visitors can enjoy many top-notch accommodation facilities within the Alpensia Resort complex, as well as Alpensia Ocean 700, equipped with outstanding spa facilities.



- Address: 325, Solbong-ro, Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Take the free shuttle bus from Jinbu Station (KTX) to Alpensia Resort
- * Shuttle bus schedule: 11:00, 15:00
- * Paid shuttle operating from Seoul to Alpensia Resort available during ski season.
- Ski season: December 4, 2024 March 9, 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- * Subject to change based on weather conditions
- Operating hours:
- Ski slopes: Day 09:00-17:00 / Evening 18:30-21:30
- Ocean 700: Weekdays & Sundays 10:00-17:00 / Saturdays & Public holidays 09:30-17:00
- * Ocean 700 closed on Tuesdays & Wednesdays • Website: www.alpensiaresort.com
- Inquiries: +82-33-339-0000
- * Slope map available on the website



Hongcheon - Vivaldi Park Ski World

Vivaldi Park Ski World, located in Hongcheon, has become a favorite among young skiers in their teens and twenties; even the slope names like Hip-Hop, Techno, and Funky are geared towards young adults. Some of the more advanced slopes are uniquely designed with unexpected twists and turns for maximum thrills.

For those who are new to winter sports, Vivaldi Park Ski World provides the perfect setting to safely enjoy skiing and snowboarding. There are a variety of slopes with different inclines and distances to give new snow sport enthusiasts the perfect chance to gradually work their way up from the bunny slopes to the more advanced courses. The resort is also familyfriendly, with amenities like Snowy Land, a late night skiing and sledding theme park that operates until 03:00, and Vivaldi Park Ocean World where you can relax at the spa after a long day of hitting the slopes.

- Address: 262, Hanchigol-gil, Hongcheon-gun, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Take the intercity bus headed to Vivaldi Ski World from Chuncheon Intercity Bus Terminal and get off at Daemyeong Tour
- * For inquiries, call +82-1588-4888 (Korean only)
- Ski season: December 5, 2024 March 2025
- (Slope opening period may vary)
- Operating hours:
- Ski World: 09:30-23:00 / Night 23:00-03:00 (Next day)
- Ocean World: (Winter season) December 13,2024 March 3, 2025 / 10:00-18:00
- Website: www.sonohotelsresorts.com
- * Slope map available on the website

Hoengseong - Welli Hilli Park Snow Park

Recognized for its size and safety by the International Ski Federation (FIS), Welli Hilli Park Snow Park is equipped with an international-sized board walk super pipe. Its FIS certification and variety of facilities have made it a popular destination for skiers and snowboarders alike. The snow park offers 20 slopes ranging from bunny slopes to black diamond courses and a mogul course to maximize fun and thrills. The park's Fun Park is designed specifically for snowboarders, offering kickers and other facilities for snowboarders to practice their tricks.



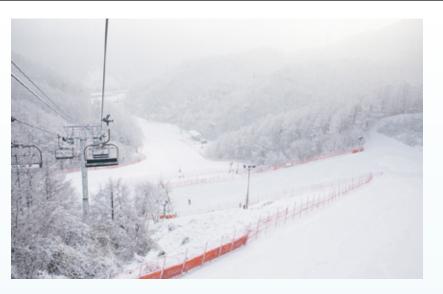
- Address: 451, Gowon-ro, Hoengseong-gun, Gangwon-do
- Ski season: December 6, 2024 March 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-16:30 / Evening 18:30-22:30 / Night 22:30-24:00
- Website: www.wellihillipark.com

Pyeongchang -**Phoenix Pyeongchang Snow Park**

Phoenix Snow Park is known for its many valley-style slopes and high-quality snow. The resort features ski courses for beginner, intermediate, and expert skiers as well as nighttime skiing. In particular, beginners can enjoy skiing on the Panorama slope that reaches 2.4 kilometers. The resort operates Extreme Park for snowboarders, complete with a half pipe, table top, round quarter, and rails that follow Olympic standards. Phoenix Snow Park also operates Snow Village, with tube sledding, bobsleigh, and snow slides for children, and Blue Canyon, a year-round indoor water park, making Phoenix Snow Park a great choice for family visitors.

- Address: 174, Taegi-ro, Pyeongchang-gun, Gangwon-do
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-16:00 / Evening 16:00-22:00
- Website: www.phoenixhnr.co.kr
- Inquiries: +82-1588-2828





Chuncheon - Elysian Gangchon Ski Resort

Elysian Gangchon Ski Resort is a deluxe leisure complex that is only one hour away from Seoul by subway and is situated near Baegyangni Station on the Gyeongchun Line. Beginner and intermediate skiers can enjoy a variety of slopes since eight of the ten slopes are designed for beginners and intermediate skiers. The slopes are designed to have a canyontype formation, allowing skiers to glide down smoothly while enjoying the panoramic view of the beautiful scenery. For beginners who need a little extra help before heading out on their own, ski and snowboard lessons are also available through the ski school program. Moreover, it is the only ski resort that offers late night skiing until 03:00 among all the resorts accessible by subway from Seoul, making it a perfect day-trip destination for ski enthusiasts.

- Address: 688, Bukhangangbyeon-gil, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do
- Ski season: December 6, 2024 March 3, 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- Operating hours: 09:00-03:00 (Next day)
- Website: www.elysian.co.kr
- Inquiries: +82-33-260-2000

Pyeongchang - Mona Yongpyong Ski Resort

Mona Yongpyong Ski Resort was the first ski resort to open in Korea. The resort's accommodations are located near the ski slopes making it convenient for skiers. The resort has 28 slopes to suit skiers of all levels and 14 lifts. With the resort's high amount of snowfall, visitors can enjoy both an exciting ski trip and a beautiful winter getaway. Even non-skiers can enjoy the view by boarding the Balwangsan Cable Car. Departing from near the resort's Green Parking Lot, the cable car takes just 18 minutes to reach the 1,458-meter summit of Balwangsan Mountain.

- Address: 715, Olympic-ro, Daegwallyeong-myeon, Pyeongchanggun, Gangwon-do
- Ski season: November 29, 2024 Early March 2025
- * Subject to change based on weather conditions
- Operating hours: 09:00-23:30
- Website: www.yongpyong.co.kr
- Inquiries: +82-33-335-5757







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