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Two U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancers fly in formation with two Republic of Korea Air Force F-15K Slam Eagles and two U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons during bilateral training in training airspace above South Korea, Feb. 20, 2025. The aircraft were joined by four ROKAF F-35A Lightning IIs, one more U.S. Air Force F-16, and four U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning IIs for precision strike and air interdiction training. (Photo courtesy of ROK Air Force)



B-1s train with US, ROKAF fighter aircraft

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – Two U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancers participated in planned bilateral training with Republic of Korea Air Force, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps fighter aircraft across the Korean theater of operations Feb. 20.

Three U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons

from the 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, ROK, four ROK Air Force F-35A Lightning IIs from the 17th Fighter Wing, Cheongju Air Base, ROK, and four U.S. Marine F-35B Lightning IIs from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, joined the bombers for simulated precision strike and air interdiction training, validating the two nations' combined ability to conduct strikes and operated together in a contested environment.

"Advanced training like today's event ensures we're able to maintain the high levels of readiness

necessary for our combined defense posture," said Lt. Gen. David Iverson, Seventh Air Force commander. "Each time our aircrew plan, execute and debrief together, we build proficiency in our tactics, techniques and procedures to defend the Alliance, if required."

The bombers, assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, are currently deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of Bomber Task Force 25-1.

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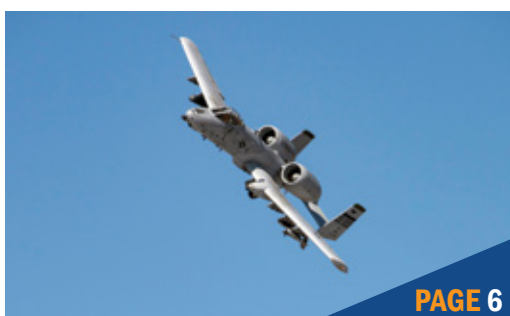


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Two U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcons fly alongside a U.S. B-1B Lancer in training airspace above South Korea Feb. 20, 20225. The aircraft participated in combined, joint air interdiction training with Republic of Korea Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps F-35 Lightning IIs, validating the two nations' combined ability to conduct strikes and operated together in a contested environment. (Photo courtesy of ROK Air Force) ▲



A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer flies in the front of a formation with two U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, left, and two Republic of Korea Air Force F-15K Slam Eagles, right, during a bilateral training event above South Korea Feb. 20, 2025. The training helped ensure the combat readiness of combined and joint air assets in the Indo-Pacific theater by building proficiency in aircrew tactics, techniques, and procedures. (Courtesy photo by ROK Air Force) ◀



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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tucker Looney, left, Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Johnson, center, and Staff Sgt. Tanya Muirhead, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron damage assessment repair team, report a hazard during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 28, 2025. Beverly Herd is a 51st Fighter Wing readiness exercise. The DART personnel provide real-time damage assessments of critical infrastructure to installation leadership making them vital to post-attack recovery.

Sustaining the fight: 51st CES in action during Beverly Herd 25-2

By Tech. Sgt. Clayton Lenhardt
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- During contingency operations such as inclement weather, power outages or base attacks, the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron has a vital role in sustaining operations within the 51st Fighter Wing. These responsibilities were exercised during Beverly Herd 25-2, a wing readiness exercise that took place here, Jan. 26-31.

Among the many members of the 51st CES who help in contingencies, two teams have a direct impact on sustained warfighting operations by providing assessments and mitigating effects from potential attacks: damage assessment repair team and emergency management support team.

"The DART is a specialized team consisting of three members from the following AFSCs: electrical systems, water and fuel system maintenance, and structural repair," said Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Johnson, 51st CES operations flight superintendent. "This team is vital to post-attack and disaster recovery because they provide the war operations center real-time damage assessments of critical infrastructure after missile or ground attacks."

DART members are assigned to one of three sections of the base and survey their route to



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to an emergency management support team, go through decontamination procedures as part of Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 29, 2025. In this scenario, members simulated being contaminated by chemical or biological agents and responded by sanitizing and removing their gear in a contamination control area. Beverly Herd exercises assess the 51st Fighter Wing's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment in the Korean Theater while supporting core mission essential tasks. ▲

look for damage to structures, check on the status of infrastructure providing critical resources to the base, such as water or electricity and to report unexploded ordinances.

Accurate reports provided by DART give base leadership a detailed snapshot of the resources and capabilities available to accomplish the mission and allows them to prioritize where repairs are needed.

EMST is managed by the emergency management office and is augmented by mission ready Airmen from across the wing. Members in EMST receive advanced post attack reconnaissance training focused on preparing, responding and recovering the base following adversarial attacks, including chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear events against an air base during contingency operations.

The 51st FW implemented EMSTs in April of 2024, taking away the requirement for most units to maintain PAR teams. This allowed hundreds of Airmen to remain focused on their specialties, increasing the readiness of the base according to Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Walkup, 51st CES emergency management plans & operations section chief. "EMST provides critical base support to prepare, respond, and recover during contingency operations."

Osan has ten teams of Airmen responsible for detecting contamination while sweeping their designated routes. By accurately reporting conditions, these teams reduce the amount of time the rest of the base spends in more restrictive protective postures.

"The employment of this support team significantly reduced the number of Airmen at risk during the peak deposition time of chemical contamination, from potentially hundreds to just 40 individuals," said Walkup. "This enables quicker, risk-based decisions for senior leaders to reduce [personal protective equipment] levels and hastened the ability for fighter generation squadrons to launch attack sorties, bolstering Team Osan's lethality and survivability."

Exercises like the Beverly Herd series provide the Airmen of the 51st FW opportunities to test and hone skills and capabilities like those provided by DART and EMST.

"In the Air Force, our power projection platform is our base," emphasized Johnson. "EMST and DART, they're really the eyes and ears for the base to get out of post attack; they've got to be very vigilant when they're out and about on their routes."



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Walkup, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron wing inspection team member, places an exercise inject on a chemical detection point during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 29, 2025. WIT members train and test their units using a variety of scenarios. ▲

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tanya Muirhead, left, and Staff Sgt. Tucker Looney, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, both damage assessment repair team members, record a hazard during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 28, 2025. ►



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tucker Looney, left, Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Johnson, center, and Staff Sgt. Tanya Muirhead, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron damage assessment repair team, report a hazard during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 28, 2025. ▲



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to emergency management support teams review their assigned routes during Beverly Herd 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 29, 2025. The EMST personnel come from multiple career fields throughout the wing and receive monthly training to detect, identify and report chemical contamination after an attack. ▲





Republic of Korea Army Lt. Col. Daesoo Kang, 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion commander, right, briefs 51st Fighter Wing members about the details of a joint exercise in Hongcheon, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2025. The 112th MIB exercised their ability to conduct a hasty defense, while the 25th Fighter Squadron provided close air support against a simulated moving threat during the training. Establishing and practicing joint communication at the tactical level mutually bolsters the commitment to the U.S.-ROK Alliance.

U.S., ROK forces forge interoperability with combined arms exercise

By Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran
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HONGCHEON, Republic of Korea -- "We guard the freedom of 51 Million people" is a slogan that can be seen across Osan Air Base. While true, this feat is not something achieved solely by the 51st Fighter Wing.

It is only through robust cooperation between ROK and U.S. forces that defense against aggression on the Korean peninsula can be deterred or, if need be, repelled.

This interoperability is forged through joint trainings, exercises and drills. A prime example of this took place between the U.S. and ROK forces Feb. 12-13, 2025.

"A combined maneuver exercise took place with the 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion, ROK Army Special Forces, the 25th Fighter Squadron and joint terminal attack controllers from the 607th Air Support Operations Group," said U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Murphy, 51st Fighter Wing ground liaison officer.

The purpose of training, from the ground perspective, was for the 112th MIB to train on establishing and executing a hasty defense in response to a simulated attack, said Murphy. Additionally, ROKA Special Forces exercised their targeting and terminal guidance operations in coordination with U.S. air assets.

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U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Justin Davis, 25th Fighter Squadron commander, center right, describes how 25th FS A-10 Thunderbolt IIs will operate during a joint training with the 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 3, 2025. Training between ROK ground forces and U.S. airpower was organized to further interoperability between the two nations. ▲



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From wandering to witnessing: USAF Chaplain devotes himself to service

By Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- One wouldn't expect a preacher to be apprehensive in his faith. However, U.S. Air Force Capt. Bermsoo Kim, 51st Fighter Wing chaplain, was filled with doubt about his purpose and relationship with God throughout his youth, despite attending church his entire life.

Kim's journey across the Pacific Ocean for a better life and the freedom to express himself, without being submerged in constant studying, built his passion for religion and created a broader perspective of culture and language.

In Jacksonville, Florida, a youth pastor announced, "With your eyes closed, heads bowed, do you know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior? If you were to die tonight, do you know if you would go to heaven?" In response to these questions, Kim's feelings of hesitation and unease consumed him -- he did not raise his hand.

These questions undoubtedly changed the trajectory of his life toward faith and selfless service.

"I went into my room, locked the doors, and knelt on my red carpet," he recalled with his palms faced up and opened. "I prayed then that Jesus would be my Lord and Savior."

Kim described the revelation as a "paradigm shift" in his mindset. He overcame his doubt, and his faith revealed a new purpose and perspective that helped him view every obstacle as an opportunity.

As an immigrant from Daejeon, Republic of Korea, Kim's first challenge was balancing the American culture and language with his native one. He had the added responsibility of helping his parents adjust to their lives in a new country.

"My parents didn't speak English, so I had to interpret and translate everything," expressed Kim, adding that it took him ten years to fluently learn English. He fondly remembers practicing the language while watching the show Friends. "Nobody was there to lead me and teach me. I was thrown into a situation like Abraham in the Bible, but I felt as though God had been guiding me."

Kim's newfound guide steered him towards becoming an ordained minister and eventually led him to a church where he served for over a decade. Later, he met three different military chaplains and saw it as a sign to continue his ministry with a different group. Seeking new ways to be a positive influence on others and as the first in his family, Kim joined the Air Force.

"As an active-duty chaplain, I held counseling sessions back-to-back from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and I wasn't used to counseling people with such heavy things," he expressed with a hint of sadness. "These struggles that I only saw in movies or dramas, I didn't think they were real issues, and they were all poured out to me."

As a civilian pastor, Kim served the local church community where members who shared the same



U.S. Air Force Capt. Bermsoo Kim, 51st Fighter Wing chaplain, leads a marriage study at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 23, 2025. Kim's passion for religion spurred his commitment and selfless service to the U.S. Air Force, ROK Air Force personnel and their families. The 51st FW Chaplain Corps and support team strengthen military resilience via spiritual, mental, and social fitness. ▲



U.S. Air Force Capt. Bermsoo Kim, 51st Fighter Wing chaplain, speaks at a marriage study at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 23, 2025. Inspired by military chaplains, Kim joined the U.S. Air Force at 36-years-old, shifting his perspective from a civilian pastor's spiritual growth mindset to a military chaplain's for spiritual resilience. ▲



U.S. Air Force Capt. Bermsoo Kim, 51st Fighter Wing chaplain, speaks about respect at a marriage study at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 23, 2025. The 51st FW Chaplain Corps and religious support personnel help military members fortify their resilience in the human domains of spiritual, mental, and social fitness.

belief worship. Now, as a military chaplain, he supports a diverse group of people, no matter their faith his devotion is to their spiritual well-being. This is even more monumental because of the stressful demands military members are under both in their personal and professional lives. Kim offers a healthy coping mechanism thus enabling service members to Fight Tonight.

Once again, he found himself balancing two cultures. This time his obstacle was navigating the civilian pastor and military chaplain mindsets, shifting from a focus on spiritual growth to spiritual resiliency. His experiences continue to serve others and provide a haven for those who not only seek a place to worship but a confidential safe space.

"One Airman came in and I got the sense that 'he's here about suicide, but he can't bring himself to talk about it,'" Kim recalled. "He's not ready, because he never was able to share any of these thoughts aloud his entire life, so he doesn't know where to begin. I asked him 'Are you thinking about killing yourself?'...he began to cry, and I sat there with him for a long time, until he was ready to talk about it."

Kim solemnly stated that the burden he used to feel at the end of the day was so heavy.

Today, Kim is inspired by the words of Viktor Frankl, a Holocaust survivor who said, "He who has a 'why' to live, can bear almost any how." Kim affirmed that his 'why' makes him feel at peace, hindering his anxiety and strengthening his focus on supporting individuals.

"Slowly, I learned to manage these heavy issues for the sake of my family, career, and mental health," assured Kim. "All I can do is be there, but when I counsel Airmen I try to relate to what they are going through like leaving home for the first time and being away from family."

Now, after spending 27 years away from his home country, Kim has returned. At Osan AB, Kim's ability to converse with both U.S. Air Force and ROK Air Force personnel, enables him to support and assist a wide range of base



U.S. Air Force Capt. Bermsoo Kim, 51st Fighter Wing chaplain, shakes hands with Maj. Ka Kwang-Myeong, Republic of Korea Air Force Operations Command head chaplain at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2025. In 2024, Kim was accepted into the Language Enabled Airman Program allowing him to utilize his skills to strengthen partnership and cooperation with the ROK.

personnel and missions.

Kim's native culture and language brought him to the Language Enabled Airman Program in 2024. The program helps the U.S. Air Force to overcome cultural differences and strengthen relationships between partner nations, by leveraging Airmen from different backgrounds and those with a passion for other cultures and languages.

"I was the first chaplain and interpreter on the 7th Air Force's first-ever combined Aeromedical Evacuation mission working with ROKAF partners and training together," said Kim. "As chaplains, it's crucial that we work closely with medical because when medical care can't continue, spiritual care really needs to begin."

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. James Galyon, 51st FW wing head chaplain, adds that Kim's proficiency

in both languages and cultural expertise strengthens U.S. Air Force and ROK partnerships and cooperation.

"[Kim's] technical expertise is critical for integration and interoperability," said Galyon. "Our chaplains, including Capt Kim, as well as our religious support personnel, are vital in helping military members fortify their resilience in the human domains of spiritual, mental, and social fitness."

Reminded of his rich heritage and memories in the ROK, Kim remains invested in using his skills and upbringing to build members' morale.

"First and foremost, my job is to take care of my unit's spiritual fitness," explained Kim. "But it's rewarding to see how much I could be utilized as a chaplain and an interpreter."



A U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron exercises close air support during a joint exercise in Hongcheon, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2025. A-10 pilots from the 25th FS exercised alongside ROK Army counterparts in a simulated scenario. The pilots gained insight into the ROKA operations, furthering interoperability and strengthening the U.S.-ROK Alliance. ▲

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“Opportunities to train in a combined environment can be limited, so training like this is incredibly important to the U.S.-ROK Alliance,” said Murphy. “The ability to work side by side increases our overall effectiveness by allowing one another to grow our understanding of our partners’ tactics and capabilities.”

This training was a new opportunity from the aerial perspective as well, providing valuable experiences for members of the 25th FS.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kai Wakeland, 607th Air Support Operations Group joint terminal attack controller, contacts a joint fires observer in Hongcheon, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2025. U.S. and ROK forces conducted joint training that combined air and ground capabilities. A goal of the exercise was to mutually bolster the commitment to the U.S.-ROK Alliance. ►



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kai Wakeland, 607th Air Support Operations Group joint terminal attack controller, left, briefs Republic of Korea Army Lt. Col. Daesoo Kang, 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion commander, about air asset positioning during a joint exercise in Hongcheon, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2025. U.S. air assets and controllers refined their ability to receive targeting information from ROK forces. Joint trainings build interoperability and foster lasting relationships between units at the tactical level. ▲



Republic of Korea Army 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion troops and vehicles rally during a joint exercise in Hongcheon, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2025. ROKA ground forces conducted a hasty defense and coordinated with U.S. air assets to obtain close air support. This exercise provided ROKA forces with perspective on how U.S. air assets can provide support, reaffirming the commitment to the U.S.-ROK Alliance and defense of the Korean peninsula. ▲

A Republic of Korea Army K-2 Black Panther assigned to the 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion moves during a joint exercise in Hongcheon, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2025. ►

“This was really the only opportunity that I have seen that there has been actual live tanks out there playing as an opposition force that is postured against friendly infantry,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Justin Davis, 25th Fighter Squadron commander. “It helped us practice how we would actually fight. If we get called for close air support it could be for a U.S. unit or a ROK unit. It helped them understand what support we can provide and it helped us understand what kind of support they might need.”

Increased tactical proficiency is crucial to effective mission completion, but is not the only benefit that was seen from this exercise.

“It makes us better at our job of close air support, but more than that it showcases that we have a strong alliance, that we put a lot of time and effort into maintaining the alliance and strengthening those bonds, even at the lowest tactical level,” said Davis. “From the 7th Air Force and U.S. Forces Korea, all the way down to the squadron level, we are integrating to improve our ability to support each other if war were to come.”

Members of the 25th Fighter Squadron, the 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion and supporting agencies work through the details of upcoming joint training during a meeting at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 3, 2025. Training between ROK ground forces and U.S. airpower was organized to further interoperability between the two nations. ►



U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer reinforces partnership and integration at Aero India 2025



By 2nd Lt. Alejandra Angarita
28th Bomb Wing

BENGALURU, India -- Airmen and a B-1B Lancer assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., returned to Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, to support Aero India 2025, a five-day air and trade show.

Aero India's biennial airshow was held at Yelahanka Air Force Station, which hosted over 50,000 attendees. The air show also served as an exposition of emerging technologies, hosting nearly 800 exhibitors and more than 900 national and international manufacturers showcasing cutting-edge technological advances serving aerospace.

While deployed at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to lead Bomber Task Force 25-1, the 34 EBS forward-deployed to Bengaluru to conduct four flyovers on Feb. 11 and Feb. 13 over Yelahanka Air Force Station. The flyovers helped to demonstrate U.S. airpower projection and readiness in the Indo-Pacific region.

"In 2023, the 34th EBS Thunderbirds

A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., tilts sideways while conducting a fly over at Aero India air show at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, India, Feb. 13, 2025. The U.S. participation in this year's exhibition aims to strengthen its partnership with India while furthering military-to-military relationships and cooperation. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Alejandra Angarita) ▲



Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, speaks with U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Chmielewski, Air Boss for the Aero India team during the Aero India 2025 air show, at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, India, Feb. 13, 2025. Aero India 2025 is an ideal forum to showcase U.S. defense aircraft and equipment and ultimately contribute toward our compatibility and interoperability with other countries. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Tarelle Walker) ▲

participated in Aero India. Having the opportunity to do it again this year is a true honor for not only the Thunderbirds, but for team Ellsworth," said Lt. Col. Robert Wasil, 34th expeditionary bomb squadron commander. "The participation is a testament of our commitment to strengthen partnerships with India. We look forward to future opportunities to grow our relationship with the Indian Air Force and to furthering our involvement in the Indo-Pacific region."

India is a Major Defense Partner leader and drives regional growth and development across the Indo-Pacific. With worldwide support, the air show showcased a variety of dynamic aircraft assets from the U.S. Air Force, Allies and partners. Collectively serving aerial demonstrations and static displays to its attendees.

The U.S.' partnership with India to participate in the air shows the past decade continues to allow both countries, and their Allies and partners to strengthen military-to-military relationships in training, capabilities, and maintenance goals. This event underscores the importance of the U.S.-India partnership and commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., executes a flyover during the Aero India 2025 air show at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, India, Feb. 13, 2025. The airshow serves as a platform to showcase U.S. aircraft and equipment while enhancing compatibility and interoperability with partner nations.. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert M. Trujillo) ▼



Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, tours an F-16 Fighting Falcon with U.S. Air Force Maj. Charles Trader, 36th Fighter Squadron pilot, during the Aero India 2025 air show, at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, India, Feb. 13, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Tarelle Walker) ▲

Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, tours an F-35A Lightning II with U.S. Air Force Capt. Trevor Marckmann, 355th Fighter Squadron pilot, during the Aero India 2025 air show, at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, India, Feb. 13, 2025. Aero India 2025 is an ideal forum to showcase U.S. defense aircraft and equipment and ultimately contribute toward our compatibility and interoperability with other countries. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Tarelle Walker) ◀



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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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35 Korean soldier with US military
37 From Dublin
40 Military cafeteria
41 More important than want

42 Color
44 CIA forerunner
46 Opposite of is
50 Shock
52 Land of the Morning Calm
57 Officer's housing
59 Justice League member
60 Red-brown photo color
61 Honolulu island
63 Phony
64 Mattis' office
66 Goes with special or psy
68 Base entry point
71 Chemical weapons disarmer
74 Data protection, in military
79 Former USFK TV channel
80 Actress Cameron
81 Training exercise location
82 Booger
83 Orc cousin
84 Smaller than molecules

DOWN

40 Subway
43 No ____ for a Name
45 Air Force domain
46 Smartness measures
47 "A Boy Named ____"
48 Short sleep
49 Missile or polearm
51 UNSC permanent member
53 Alternative to Cassettes
54 Former President Moo-hyun
55 End of an ____
56 Yearly corporate get-together
58 ____ Te Ching
59 Goes with World or noodle
62 Closed Western Corridor camp
65 Extinct bird
67 KORUS agreement
68 Fuel
69 A-farts TV station
70 Boxing match outcome
72 Boar
73 Automobile
75 Hole
76 Korean rockstar Taiji
77 "A Nightmare on ____ Street"
78 Cassettes replacement

Answers to Previous Crossword

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3-ship formation: Two UH-1N Huey helicopters assigned to the 40th Helicopter Squadron and a MH-139A Grey Wolf helicopter assigned to the 550th Helicopter Squadron fly back to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., Jan. 28, 2025, after an MH-139 Initial Operational Test and Evaluation mission. IOT&E is a critical phase in the development and fielding of new military systems. It's a rigorous testing and evaluation process that assesses the system's operational effectiveness, suitability and survivability in a realistic and operational environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mary Bowers) ▲

Border security: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agents guide illegal aliens aboard a C-17 Globemaster III at the Tucson International Airport, Ariz., Jan. 23, 2025. Under the direction of U.S. Northern Command, U.S. Transportation Command is supporting Immigration and Customs Enforcement removal flights by providing military airlift. (Department of Defense photo by Senior Airman Devlin Bishop) ►



Bomber arrival: A B-52 Stratofortress assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., arrives at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. in preparation for Red Flag-Nellis 25-1, Jan. 23, 2025. Red Flag is an opportunity to enhance the readiness and training necessary to respond as a joint force to any potential crisis or challenge around the globe. (U.S. Air Force photo by William R. Lewis) ▼

Hazmat leak: U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jonathan Cain, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection firefighter, inspects a simulated hazardous materials leak within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Jan. 30, 2025. Airmen mitigated the leak and decontaminated the area, practicing different scenarios to enforce proper safety procedures. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Zeeshan Naeem) ▲



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- KUNSAN PHOTO CLUB -

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

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- SPONSOR TRAINING -

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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

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. 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/>.

PACAF Spark Tank 2025 Ideas

PACAF Airmen are encouraged to submit innovative ideas for funding. All submissions receive feedback, with top ideas advancing to the PACAF Spark Tank Finals (April-May). All Airmen who wish to submit their idea and would like assistance send one or two lines describing your idea and what problem it solves to the Mustangwerx team and we will help facilitate your idea to victory. Submission requirements, timelines and supporting documents available on sharepoint. Funding & Criteria: Funded by COMPACAF and briefed to PACAF General Officers
Up to \$1M available for selected projects
Ideal projects: innovative and impactful (\$25K-\$500K recommended)
Open to new concepts or proven solutions ready for scaling
For questions, contact your local Spark Cell representative (Osan: MSgt Khalil Bashir, TSgt Efen Vaquera, TSgt Eric Scott).

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers			
Emergency Services	911		
Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	Nurse Advice Line	1-800-723-8255
Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	782-5444	IG Complaints FWA Reporting:	782-4850 (duty hours) 782-4942 (anytime)
Base Locator: (after duty hours)	782-4743	Chaplain (After duty hours)	782-6000
Law Enforcement desk	782-4944	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	782-7272
Emergency Leave / Red Cross	782-4601 (on base) 1-800-733-2761 (anytime)		

Osan's emergency phone numbers			
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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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Instructors and students of an F-16 Intelligence Formal Training Unit course pose for a group photo, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 31, 2025. The IFTU course is a specialized training class that is required to be fully mission qualified to support operational F-16's. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Tam) ▲

51st FW conducts F-16 IFTU course

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Tam
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Nine Airmen from Osan Air Base, Kunsan AB and Misawa AB participated in an F-16 Intelligence Formal Training Unit course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan 9-31.

Launched in 1997, the F-16 Intelligence Formal Training Unit course teaches intelligence students on threats from adversary aircraft and F-16 systems and capabilities.

"Originally, the F-16 IFTU was designed to train intelligence personnel assigned to F-16 units, preparing them for their roles within fighter squadrons," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Robert Rabbia, 54th Operations Support Squadron IFTU lead instructor. "Over time, the IFTU became known as the initial qualification training for any intel person entering any F-16 unit, not just those directly working with F-16s."

Formerly held at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, the course is currently transitioning to Holloman AFB in New Mexico, a move that will expand the F-16 training mission. During the transition, a mobile training team, or MTT, was formed to keep up with the training demands of the force.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Cristian Soliz, 35th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Formal Training Unit student, reviews an aircraft visual recognition study guide at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 17, 2025. The course had intelligence students from Osan AB, Kunsan AB and Misawa AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Tam) ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Hanna Tolfo, 54th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Formal Training Unit instructor, center, speaks to a class during an F-16 IFTU session at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 17, 2025. The student body for this course included a mix of ranks from officers to enlisted personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Tam)

"As this mobile training team is the first of its kind for the F-16 IFTU, being able to make the entire mission moveable and transportable, while still accomplishing the main task of training intelligence personnel that will be working with F-16s is monumental," stated Rabbia.

With the IFTU program in the middle of

the relocation process, courses were initially cancelled. However, U.S. Air Force Maj. Kyle Nupson, 51st Operations Support Squadron senior intelligence officer, strongly advocated for an MTT as a way to sustain training for his team.

"Having the course here at Osan puts students at an active Pacific Air Forces F-16 base

and allows our future pacific-theater-based students to study and learn in the environment where they will be stationed," said Nupson. "If we wouldn't have hosted the course, it would have been cancelled completely and delayed some of PACAF's F-16 Wing intel manning by three months."

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"Respect the Past, Forge the Future"

The Warfighter's Spirit

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-by-little 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	OSAN AIR BASE	HUMPHREYS
Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501	The New Chapel is Open for Worship Services Building 780	PROTESTANT - Sundays - 0900 Christ The King Liturgical Service - Pacific Victors Chapel 0930 & 1100 Agape (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
Catholic Holy Mass Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)	Chapel Worship Services: Protestant Service Sunday @ 0930	THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (LDS) - Sundays - 1400-1600 Worship Meeting - Freedom Chapel POC: CH Droge; 010-8685-2976; shown.a.droge.mil@mail.mil
Weekday Masses - Tuesday-Thursday at 1138 (Blessed Sacrament Room inside Chapel)	Catholic Sunday Mass Sunday @ 1130	RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND MINISTRY AUXILIARIES MON/WED 1830 Catholic Men of the Chapel - Freedom TUES 1000-1200 Korean Ladies Bible Study (KLBS) - Freedom TUES 1800-2000 Club Beyond Christian Youth Group - 4CMC 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
Protestant Worship Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)	Catholic Daily Mass is held in Room 173 Tuesday – Thursday @ 1130	CATHOLIC - Freedom Chapel 1600-1700 Adoration (Saturdays) 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
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Sunday at 1300 (Chapel)	For the most current updates and announcements, please visit our “Osan AB Chapel” Facebook page.	JEWISH 2nd and 4th Fridays - 4CMC 1800-2100 Shabbat Evening Service POC: CH (CPT) Daniel Kamzan; daniel.j.kamzan.mil@mail.mil
Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE	Find us on the web @ https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel	ISLAMIC - Pacific Victors Chapel Fridays: 1200-1330 Jum'ah Service Sundays: 1300-1500 Islamic / Arabic classes POC: CPT Anovar Bencheqroun 010-3382-7231 anovar.k.bencheqroun.mil
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		BUDDHIST Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri.mil@mail.mil



Training sortie: An F-35A Lightning II from the 388th Fighter Wing's 421st Fighter Squadron departs for a training sortie during Red Flag 25-1 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Feb. 5, 2025. This iteration of Red Flag marks 50 years of high-end training, highlighting the exercise's enduring legacy of preparing its participants to be combat-ready and mission-effective in the face of evolving threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Micah Garbarino) ▲

Standing watch: An Airman stands guard in a watch tower during exercise Nexus Forge at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Feb. 8, 2025. The exercise is a large-scale Expeditionary Air Base certification event designed to demonstrate the readiness and skill development of Airmen while focusing on increasing interoperability among U.S. and allied forces in the Pacific theater, furthering efforts to secure a free and open Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Erica Webster) ◀

Forward presence: A B-1B Lancer assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., takes off in support of Bomber Task Force 25-1 at Andersen AFB, Guam, Feb. 10, 2025. Demonstrating cutting-edge capabilities, forward presence, and commitment to allies and partners communicates the United States' resolve in the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Alec Carlberg) ▼



Spent rounds: Senior Airman Henry Maddock, 375th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, fires an M240 light machine gun during 12th Air Task Force training on Camp McGregor, N.M., Jan. 16, 2025. Led by the 12th Combat Air Base Squadron and cadres from U.S. Army TF Black Scorpion, 2-363rd Training Support Battalion, 12th ATF Airmen from Scott, Barksdale, and Little Rock Air Force Bases and Joint Base Langley-Eustis conducted combat-focused training to ensure joint force maneuver in combat and mission readiness in the Great Power Competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman De'Quan Simmons) ◀



Senior Airman Marley Ito

By Senior Airman James Johnson
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Senior Airman Marley Ito, 8th Operational Support Squadron targeting analyst, was selected as the 8th Fighter Wing's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of Feb. 10-14.

Ito served as the 8th OSS target shop section chief during exercise Beverly Pack 25-1, creating 18 combat mission folders and directing 16 dynamic targets, revamping how targets integrate with the emergency operations center in a wartime scenario.

As section chief, Ito led the targets team to go beyond typical targeting support and developed a kinetic product showcasing targeting intelligence to pilots, intel members, and decision makers for the first time. His efforts have been recognized by 7th Air Force as the new standard for dynamic targeting cycles.

Ito also created a new training program for incoming targeteers, reducing the spin up time from six months to seven weeks. His initiative for the new training program has doubled the proficiency of the targeting shop.

Additionally, Ito was critical to collaboration efforts with Republic of Korea Air Force targeteers, helping to develop their targeting program and making it more compatible with Pacific Air Forces. He personally worked with the ROKAF team to establish functional targeting checklists and improve efficiencies in their processes.

Congratulations to Senior Airman Ito for earning this week's 'Pride of the Pack'!

Senior Airman Marley Ito, 8th Operational Support Squadron targeting analyst, poses for a photo in the 8th Fighter Wing headquarters at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 12, 2025. Ito was selected as the 8th Fighter Wing's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of Feb. 10-14. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman James Johnson) ▲



Senior Airman Marley Ito, 8th Operational Support Squadron targeting analyst inputs data on a computer in the 8th Fighter Wing headquarters at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 12, 2025. Ito served as the 8th OSS target shop section chief during exercise Beverly Pack 25-1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman James Johnson) ▲

Senior Airman Austin Stiefel

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Senior Airman Austin Stiefel, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment supervisor, was recognized as Kunsan's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of Feb. 3-7.

Stiefel supervised two Airmen, leading to their first off-shift operations. He mentored his peers and subordinates through LRS armory preparations resulting in 273 weapons being issued in four hours for Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1.

Stiefel also coordinated with the 8th Comptroller Squadron first sergeant to facilitate extra duty for a member within IPE's cold weather gear warehouse, directing a three-man shift outside normal operating hours and leading the Materiel Management Flight's sponsorship program, ensuring accommodations for 18 projected inbound Airmen.

Senior Airman Austin Stiefel, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment supervisor operates a forklift at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 5, 2025. Stiefel was recognized as Kunsan's 'Pride of the Pack' for the week of Feb. 3-7. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Ross) ►



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Honoring Service and New Beginnings: KATUSA Soldiers Bid Farewell at 35th ADA ETS Ceremony

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

Osan Air Base, Korea -- On December 6th, the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade hosted an Expiration Term of Service (ETS) ceremony to honor the dedication of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) Soldiers. These young men completed their 18-month service, a key part of South Korea's mandatory military service, working alongside U.S. forces.

Family, friends, and fellow soldiers gathered at the brigade headquarters to celebrate the KATUSAs on their final day of service with the Republic of Korea Army as they transition to civilian life.

Sgt. Hwang Jinwook, a Public Affairs Specialist, reflected on his time as a KATUSA. "In South Korea, opportunities to engage with different cultures are rare. I've always wanted to break away from the traditional path and was eager to become a KATUSA. Initially, working with non-Koreans was a challenge, but the U.S. Army and Air Force at Osan welcomed me with open arms, helping me adapt and build confidence. My assignment in Public Affairs also led me to discover a passion for photography. Now, as a civilian, I'm excited to travel across Asia and Europe."

As these KATUSAs move on to the next chapter of their lives, the ceremony served as a reminder of the bond shared between the Republic of Korea Army and the U.S. military. The courage, adaptability, and unique experiences of these young men embody the spirit of international cooperation and friendship that continues to strengthen the alliance between the two nations. As they step into civilian life, they carry with them not only the memories of their service but also the invaluable lessons learned from working alongside their American counterparts. Their journey is just beginning, and their time as KATUSAs will remain an integral part of their story.

Face of defense: Airman helps save skier's life



By Staff Sgt. Heather Ley
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Sebastian d'Alton, 57th Rescue Squadron pararescueman, poses for a photo in front of the Italian Alps at Aviano Air Base, Italy, Feb. 5, 2025. During a recent ski trip in the nearby Alps, d'Alton assisted in life-saving measures of an Austrian skier proving dedication to service doesn't stop when the uniform comes off. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Ley) ▲

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy (AFNS) -- When an Air Force pararescueman set out on a skiing trip in the Alps, he wasn't expecting to put his training to the test. But when he came across an injured skier, instinct and experience took over as a routine day on the slopes evolved into a moment of lifesaving action.

On Jan. 17, Air Force Senior Airman Sebastian d'Alton assisted in the lifesaving measures on a skier by applying a tourniquet and packing the wound until a helicopter arrived to airlift the skier to a local hospital.

Vital Response

Despite his extensive medical training, d'Alton had never performed a real-world Alpine rescue before. In fact, he was still a relatively new skier himself, preparing for an upcoming course in Zermatt, Switzerland, that focuses on avalanche, ski and crevasse rescue.

"The environment is really challenging, especially as a new skier," explained d'Alton, a pararescueman assigned to the 57th Rescue Squadron. But when it came to treating the patient, the training kicked in. "We do a lot of scenarios that prepare us for moments like this, and once I started assessing the injury, it was almost automatic."

In the world of pararescue, muscle memory plays a critical role. With years of intensive training behind him, d'Alton described the process as algorithmic, a step-by-step assessment ensuring nothing was overlooked.

As he approached the scene, he saw a man lying in the snow, clearly in distress. An Italian couple was already by his side, offering what help they could. d'Alton said when he started to assess the situation, he immediately recognized the severity of the injury, a deep laceration running down the man's leg.

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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Sebastian d'Alton, 57th Rescue Squadron pararescueman, poses for a photo with his ski gear at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Jan. 17, 2025. d'Alton assisted in the rescue of an Austrian skier during a weekend trip to Cortina. (Courtesy photo) ▲

"I started with a basic sweep, just like in training," he recalled. "I then checked for any other injuries, controlled the bleeding and stabilized the wound as best as I could with what we had on hand."

A Helping Hand

For some, stepping in to assist a stranger might be a difficult choice. But for d'Alton, it was never a question.

"I love people," he said. "It's easy for me to connect with others, and I think I get that from my grandfather, who was a doctor. He was very approachable, very thoughtful. Service has always been a big part of my life, from being a lifeguard to now a [pararescueman] with the Air Force."

The Italian couple, who was the first on the scene, had been applying pressure to the wound and were doing their best to alert for help. After d'Alton's initial assessment, he applied a tourniquet and packed the wound to better stop the blood loss.

With limited medical supplies available, he relied on improvisation. "We didn't have a full trauma kit, so we used what we had [to apply] pressure, making sure he stayed warm and keeping him as comfortable as possible while we waited for help."

He said communication was another challenge. "[The injured skier] was Austrian, and the couple there before me was Italian, but we worked together to make sure he understood what was happening and that help was on the way."

Staying Prepared



A rescue helicopter airlifts a skier at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, January 17, 2025. An Austrian skier fell, severely cut open his leg, and multiple people came to his side to help, one of them a pararescueman from the 57th Rescue Squadron at Aviano Air Base. (Courtesy photo)

he prepares himself for high-stress situations, d'Alton credited both training and mindset.

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He shared a simple but powerful strategy for staying calm when facing a stressful moment. "Take a deep breath. If you need another, take another. Then, focus on the problem, one thing at a time. It's easy to panic but breaking it down

step-by-step makes all the difference."

Training, instinct and a willingness to step in played a pivotal role that day on the mountain, proving that a life dedicated to service doesn't stop when the uniform comes off.

Eventually, ski patrol arrived, and d'Alton briefed them on the skier's condition before they transported him off the mountain.

"It wasn't just me; it was a team effort," he said. "Those first two people who stopped made a huge difference, and ski patrol got him out of there quickly. It was just about doing what I was trained to do."

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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 outskirts 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.

Jeongseon - High1 Ski Resort

Located on Baegunsan Mountain at 1,340 meters above sea level in Gangwon State, High1 Ski Resort offers 17 fantastic slopes, each beginning at one of the park's three peaks. One of the peaks provides a 4.2-kilometer-long gently sloping course for beginners. High1 Resort also has two slopes that have been used for Ski World Cup competitions. The resort is known for its convenient facilities for people with disabilities and special needs to enjoy skiing. High1 Resort offers state-of-the-art lifts including an automatic reading system for lift passes and a hands-free detection system. Nearby attractions include Kangwon Land Casino, trekking routes, winter-themed park Snow World, and indoor waterpark Water World, making it a family-friendly ski resort.



- Address: 500, High 1-gil, Jeongseon-gun, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Take the free shuttle bus from Gohan Station or Sabuk Station (KTX) to Mountain Ski House
- * Shuttle bus route: www.high1.com
- * Shuttle bus schedule: www.high1.com
- * A paid round-trip shuttle bus from Seoul to the resort is available with a reservation on the website. For inquiries, call +82-2-2201-7710, 09:00-15:00.
- Ski season: December 6, 2024 – March 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- * Subject to change based on weather conditions
- Operating hours: 09:00-16:00
- Website: www.high1.com
- * Slope map available on the website
- Inquiries: +82-1588-7789

Muju – Deogyusan Ski Resort

Located within Deogyusan National Park in Muju, Jeonbuk-do, Deogyusan Ski Resort has long been a popular ski destination for both Korean and international skiers. This gorgeous mountain ski resort not only has a large number of ski courses, but also breathtaking views that allow skiers to take in the beauty of the snow-covered slopes while they ski. The resort's Silk Road Slope, which starts from the peak of Deogyusan Mountain at 1,520 meters above sea level, is the longest run in Korea, at 6.1 kilometers in length for maximum thrills. The course was designed for both beginner and intermediate skiers to enjoy. The resort is also known to have the steepest slope, called the Raiders Slope, in Korea along with other diverse runs that accommodate skiers of varying skill levels. For those who want a refreshing experience, try the outdoor hot springs after a day of skiing.

- Address: 185, Manseon-ro, Muju-gun, Jeollabuk-do
- Directions: Take the free shuttle bus from Muju Tourist Center P1 Parking Lot to the resort.
- * Shuttle bus schedule: 05:00, 07:20, 10:20, 16:30 (Ski season only)
- Ski season: December 6, 2024 – February 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- * Subject to change based on weather conditions
- Operating hours: Morning 07:00-10:00 / Day 09:00-16:30 / Evening 18:30-22:00 / Night 21:00-24:00
- Website: www.mdysresort.com
- * Slope map available on the website
- Inquiries: +82-63-322-9000



Wonju - Oak Valley Snow Park

Named for a nearby oak tree forest, Oak Valley Snow Park is smaller than most ski resorts in Korea. As a result, it offers a cozy, welcoming atmosphere with just three slopes: one for beginners, and two for intermediate skiers. Oak Valley Snow Park is one of the best parks for snowboarders because there are no crowds and plenty of space to try new maneuvers! In addition to ski and snowboard school for beginners and a sledding hill, the resort offers revolving sledding tubes, a snow playground with photo zones, and eight different walking trails to take in the picturesque scenery.



- Address: 58, Oak Valley 2-gil, Wonju-si, Gangwon-do
- Ski season: December 14, 2024 – February 23, 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-16:30 / Evening 18:00-22:00
- Website: www.oakvalley.co.kr
- Inquiries: +82-1588-7676

Icheon - Jisan Forest Ski Resort

Located in Icheon, Gyeonggi-do, Jisan Ski Resort is close to Gangnam in Seoul, meaning that even if accommodations are fully booked, visitors can make a daytrip out to this beautiful ski resort. The resort has a number of slopes ready to accommodate skiers of varying skill levels, including two practice slopes for beginners. In addition, the resort has five high-speed lifts, allowing quick access and less time waiting in line, as well as an escalator for children and beginners. Even though this particular resort is on a smaller scale, it is packed with convenient facilities at inexpensive prices. The resort is a great value for its price, thus providing visitors an affordable winter sports experience with great quality.

- Address: 267, Jisan-ro, Icheon-si, Gyeonggi-do
- Ski season: December 7, 2024 – March 2025
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-17:00 / Evening 18:30-23:00 / Night A 23:00-02:00 (Next day) / Night B 24:00-04:00 (Next day)
- Website: www.jisanresort.co.kr



Gwangju - Konjiam Resort

Located in Gwangju, Gyeonggi-do, Konjiam Resort is the largest ski resort in Seoul's vicinity, offering nine slopes with varying degrees of difficulty, as well as five ski lifts. One of this resort's largest pro is that it offers wait-free services through the use of their mobile app, including slope tickets, equipment rental, season passes, and even ski lessons. Over 70% of the slopes are reserved for beginner/intermediate skiers and senior citizens, creating a safe environment for all visitors. Furthermore, the resort includes an arboretum, ecological river, spa and other auxiliary facilities.

- Address: 278, Docheogwit-ro, Gwangju-si, Gyeonggi-do
- Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 10 min from Gwangju Station (Gyeonggang Line) to Konjiam Resort
- Ski season: December 10, 2024 – March 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- Operating hours: 09:00-02:00 (Next day)
- Website: www.konjiamresort.co.kr
- Inquiries: +82-1661-8787



Yangsan - Eden Valley Resort

As the only ski resort in the Gyeongsang region, Eden Valley Resort provides an environment fit for skiers of all levels. Of the six slopes ranging in length from 454 meters to 1,495 meters, two are for beginners, two are for intermediate skiers and two are for advanced skiers. Each slope has a different starting point, but they all wind gently down along the mountainside to come together at the base. The three lifts are fast in their service so that there is hardly any wait time. The resort also operates a luge track for non-skiers.

- Address: 1206, Eosil-ro, Yangsan-si, Gyeongsangnam-do
- Ski season: December 21, 2024 – February 1, 2025 (Slope opening period may vary)
- Operating hours: Day 13:30-17:30 / Evening 19:00-23:00
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