



51st FW conducts ACE operations with ROKAF, military partners

By Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd 51st Fighter Wing

SUWON AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --With a cascading river of history dating back to the Three Kingdoms era, Suwon has long been a cultural and military stronghold. That legacy continued as Suwon Republic of Korea Air Base welcomed follow-on forces from Osan Air Base and the 11th Air Task Force for Freedom Shield 25, held March 10-20. The exercise focused on deterring aggression and conducting decisive joint training while strengthening U.S. alliances and partnerships throughout the Indo-Pacific.

This iteration of Freedom Shield enabled Airmen to train on capabilities that increased survivability and resilience, creating flexibility for friendly forces and complicating the adversaries' targeting process. Executing agile combat employment concepts, with live flying from Suwon ROKAB, was critical to building a maneuverable combined force presence.

"The integration of US and ROK livefly events into Exercise Freedom Shield 25 enables a realistic rehearsal environment, strengthening operational-level command and control, enhancing readiness across the air component, and demonstrating the preparedness of combined/joint forces to respond in crisis," explained U.S. Air Force Col. Tanner Woolsey, 607th Air Operations Center commander.

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Pregnant aircrew policy updates to reduce risk

Air Force Surgeon General **Public Affairs**

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-- Air Force oversight for risk assessment of pregnant aircrew is being raised to the major command level based on feedback from medical professionals across the service.

Updates to the aircrew pregnancy and voluntary acceptance of risk policy are based on medical recommendations to protect aircrew while equipping medical providers and commanding officers with the necessary time to establish medical care and complete operational risk assessments before clearing pregnant aircrew to fly.

The service remains focused on identifying, analyzing and appropriately mitigating flight safety hazards and exposures to facilitate the safe and successful accomplishment of the military mission. Updates to the policy include:

First trimester: Due to the increased risk of miscarriage during the first trimester, pregnant aircrew are restricted from flying up to the first 12 weeks of the gestational period. This change reverts back to the 2019 policy and aligns the Air Force policy with the rest of the Department of Defense. Once aware of a pregnancy, female



aviators must report their change in medical status to their provider.

Increased flying window: Pregnant aircrew are authorized to fly during weeks 12-32 of the gestational window. This fourweek increase from the original policy is supported by medical data indicating that there is no significant risk increase between weeks 28-32.

Aircraft restrictions: In a return to the 2019 policy, pregnant aircrew cannot fly high performance aircraft or aircraft with ejection seats at any time during pregnancy. Lacking definitive medical research on G-force impact, pregnant aircrew are restricted from flying in high performance aircraft.

Waiver authority: The review

authority for waivers is being raised from the installation flight surgeon to the major command level. The higher review authority allows flight surgeons to review cases in the aggregate.

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The overall impact of physical changes of pregnancy are unpredictable and vary between individuals. If medical professionals determine aircrew members cannot fly due to any medical reason, commanders have several options to help the aircrew member continue with career progression and maintain currency.

Pregnant aircrew have other options to maintain currencies to include simulator training, academic instruction, leadership positions and many other training opportunities and duties.



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IN FPACK U.S. Air Force Capt. Ashley Thaxton, 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, taxis down the flight line for flying operations during Freedom Shield 25 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 10, 2025. Personnel across Sevent Air Force participated in large-scale, realistic training to strengthen interoperability, reinforce the ROK-U.S. combined defense posture and increase combat readiness.

Wolf Pack continues ACE operations for Freedom Shield 25

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

GWANGJU AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Fighter Wing deployed personnel back to Gwangju Air Base to further test its agile combat employment (ACE) capabilities and interoperability with the Republic of Korea Air Force as part of exercise Freedom Shield 25 March 9-14.

FS25 is a defense-oriented exercise in support of ongoing efforts to enhance interoperability, readiness and operational responses to safeguard security across the Korean Peninsula.

The Wolf Pack expanded its combat readiness capabilities by deploying more Airmen and testing new procedures in the simulated combat environment than the initial deployment in January during Beverly Pack 25-1.

The integrated combat turn (ICT) is one of the procedures being tested. An ICT is a rapid aircraft recovery and relaunch process involving simultaneous refueling, munitions loading, maintenance inspections and potential aircraft reconfiguration, to minimize the aircrew's ground time and ensure continuous combat airpower.

For Senior Airman Jayden Jackson, 8th Operational Support Squadron Airfield Management, it was a new experience.



U.S. Air Force Capt. John Latham, 8th Fighter Wing chaplain, provides an early morning boost to Airmen in the weapons distribution line during Freedom Shield 25 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 10, 2025. Chaplains play an important role in a wartime environment providing comfort, aid and morale to troops. FS25 is a defense-oriented exercise focused on fortifying response capabilities to safeguard security on the peninsula.

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"It's my first time experiencing some of the ops here," said Jackson. "Being out here integrated with them [ROKAF] helps us see their perspectives and understand where they are coming from. Our ops at Kunsan are ran a little differently and the airfield manager here has his own way of running things, so being out here to help smooth over the liaison half of flight planning has helped and gives me a different perspective whenever we go back to home station.'

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dustin Scott, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron aerospace propulsion craftsman, speaks with the pilot of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a hot pit refueling in support of Freedom Shield 25 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 12, 2025. Units across Seventh Air Force validated several agile combat employment capabilities, illustrating the air component's ability to maneuver forces and supplies rapidly, projecting and sustaining airpower from numerous locations across the region.

Airman 1st Class Savannah Bailey, on the other hand, drew from her previous ACE deployment experience to expedite her processes. As an 8th Force Support Squadron food service apprentice, she and the rest of her team were responsible for setting the local foundation for mission success by handing out meals, ready to eat; and coordinating lodging. They also bore the new responsibility of distributing weapons to everyone that was required

"It's different being out here but I understand why we do this, so we can prepare for anything that could happen, said Bailey. "I would rather be prepared for everything, learn all these skills now than to be just thrown out there and not know

As the Wolf Pack continues to focus on its ACE capabilities, the men and women of the 8th FW will continue to participate in realistic training exercises to strengthen interoperability, increase combat readiness and reinforce the ROK-U.S.



Airman 1st Class Savannah Bailey, 8th Force Support Squadron food service apprentice, distributes weapons in support of Freedom Shield 25 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 10, 2025. All Airmen apart from medical personnel and the Chaplain were required to arm up in the simulated wartime environment. Units across Seventh Air Force validated several agile combat employment capabilities, illustrating the air component's ability to maneuver forces and supplies rapidly, projecting and sustaining airpower from numerous locations across the region.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Froilan Alea 8th Logistic Readiness Squadron traffic management office outbound cargo, conducts a post-attack reconnaissance sweep during Freedom Shield 25 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 13, 2025. Command and control rely on PAR teams providing them with valuable information, such as damage assessments and hazard identification, to determine a plan for recovery and response operations. The 8th Fighter Wing personnel participated in largescale, realistic training to strengthen interoperability, increase combat readiness, and reinforce the ROK-U.S. combined defense posture.

PACAF deputy commander says generational allies forge interoperability at Avalon International Airshow Symposium



By Capt. Alyssa Letts Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

MELBOURNE, Australia (AFNS) -- Standing before a global gathering of airpower leaders at the 2025 Avalon International Airshow Symposium, Lt. Gen. Laura Lenderman, Pacific Air Forces deputy commander, reflected on this significant opportunity for air chiefs and senior leaders from over 30 nations to come together, strengthen the ties that bind them and reinforce a shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The event opened with Royal Australian Air Force Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Stephen Chappell, reminding attendees of the region's painful past. He reflected on the 1942 bombing of Darwin as a lesson in why allies must come together not just to remember history, but to shape the future.

"If we can't remember the past, we are condemned to repeat it," Chappell said.

Lenderman expanded on that idea, emphasizing that Avalon was more than an airshow, but also an important venue to deepen trust and strengthen relationships at a moment of historic consequence.

"This gathering is about our collective strength," she said. "Our relationships are our superpower – something our adversaries can only dream of having." U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Laura Lenderman, Pacific Air Forces deputy commander, gives an address to attendees of the Chief of Air Force symposium during the 2025 Avalon International Airshow, in Melborne, Australia, March 25, 2025. The Australian International Airshow is a premier biennial event for the military aviation and aerospace industry. The symposium brought together air chiefs and senior leaders from more than 30 nations to deepen partnerships and reinforce a shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. (Courtesy photo by Royal Australian Air Force Sgt. David Said) ▲

For Lenderman, that connection is deeply personal. Her grandfather fought on Biak Island in World War II; a hard-fought battle in the Pacific that forged bonds still felt today. It's that shared history, Lenderman said, that makes gatherings like Avalon not just ceremonial, but essential.

"Our generation inherits those relationships," she said. "We're here because they showed us what enduring partnerships look like – built over time, tested in combat and strengthened in peace." She added that this foundation gives the

Indo-Pacific's allies a unique advantage that no adversary can replicate.

"Others may try to buy influence or force alliances, but what we have is earned – earned through generations of standing together," Lenderman said. "That's the difference, and that's our strength."

Lenderman pointed to combined exercises like Pitch Black, Cope North, and the upcoming Resolute Force Pacific as proof that these partnerships aren't just diplomatic but that they are operational demonstrating how allies and partners are training together to continually sharpen readiness.

"This is more than paper agreements," she said.

"We're flying together, operating seamlessly and sending a clear message: unity defines this region, not division."

Still, she cautioned that while relationships and combined operations are the region's greatest strength, they must now serve as the foundation for action.

"We face an emerging axis of revisionist powers determined to change the rules in this region and the world," Lenderman said. "Our answer must be unity, backed by the technology and capabilities to deter conflict together."

Citing U.S. Indo-Pacific Commander, Adm. Samuel Paparo, Lenderman laid out the five critical technology areas shaping a potential future fight. She described the need to integrate artificial intelligence and machine learning to speed decision-making while preserving human oversight. Quantum technologies will revolutionize navigation, detection, and secure communications, while space systems must become more resilient and distributed. Autonomous systems capable of operating in contested domains will be essential, alongside cyber-secure, survivable networks designed to endure sustained attacks.

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Additionally, for the first time during an FS exercise, the 11th ATF, a combined force of members from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona and Holloman AFB in New Mexico, executed command and control for Osan AB aircraft, simultaneously providing essential medical, logistics, and communications support.

Air Force FS25 participants located at Suwon ROKAB enhanced lethal readiness by training alongside ROK Air Force's 10th Fighter Wing. Furthermore, close coordination between task force members and Osan AB personnel facilitated a high-tempo operational environment, enhancing the readiness of the combined force.

"We rely on our training to be effective so that when we integrate with our ROKAF or other military counterparts we build military readiness and situational awareness," explained U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Zach Lain, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot. "ACE impacts our support agencies; those members who ensure aircraft are ready to launch and be recovered. By working with partners like the 11th ATF, we involve them

U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots receive gear while in MOPP 4 during a simulated missile attack scenario during Freedom Shield 25 at Suwon Republic of Korea Air Base, March 12, 2025. Much like attack signal warnings, MOPP levels adjust personal protection against chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive threats. In MOPP 4, personnel wear the over-garment, over-boots, protective mask, and gloves for maximum protection. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd)



U.S. Air Force Capt. Meghan Connell, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, looks toward the flight line during Freedom Shield 25, at Suwon Republic of Korea Air Base, March 11, 2025. As a key strategy, agile combat employment enhances force flexibility and resilience, ensuring rapid response capabilities from any location. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd)



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A Republic of Korea Air Force KF-5 aircraft assigned to the 10th Fighter Wing taxis down the runway during Freedom Shield 25 at Suwon Republic of Korea Air Base, March 11, 2025. Freedom Shield 25 training enabled Airmen to execute real-world scenarios within threat timelines, enhancing survivability increasing flowibility for friendly forces survivability, increasing flexibility for friendly forces, and complicating adversaries' targeting processes. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina

in the learning process, so when challenges arise, they have similar experiences to draw back on from the Korean theater of operations." During the Korean War, Task Force Smith, the first U.S. military response to the war which built U.S. and ROK defenses between Suwon and Osan, engaged in its first conflict against North Korean forces on July 4, 1950. The defensive positions established there laid the groundwork for Suwon ROKAB, cementing its role in modern airpower and agile combat

"For us, talking to other career fields and learning how their jobs tie into ACE within the Korean theater...it's a unique opportunity," conveyed U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Jesuanette, 11th ATF Combat Air Base Squadron Charlie response force member. "I tried to get a piece of this training by inserting myself, asking questions while also conducting real-world

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Cooper Hartzos, 51st Maintenance Squadron fuel systems maintainer, Maintenance Squadron fuel systems maintainer, receives a buddy check during a simulated Alarm Black scenario as part of Freedom Shield 25 at Suwon Republic of Korea Air Base, March 11, 2025. The five MOPP levels-MOPP 0 through MOPP 4-adjust protection measures against chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive throats. Jive attack signal warrings. explosive threats, like attack signal warnings. A core training objective of FS25 is de-escalation and implementation of Armistice mechanisms to prevent conflict. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd)►





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8th SFS conducts sUAS training with MWSS-172



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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Security Forces Squadron's small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program conducted sUAS training with Airmen from the 8th SFS and Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, February 25.

The sUAS course showcased the power of sUAS technology to provide critical intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance in areas where conventional camera systems fall short.

sUAS operators enhance their ability to support the Base Defense Operations Center, Emergency Operations Center, and ground forces by offering real-time, in-flight assessments through live feed displays on the flight screen controller.

Senior Airman Richard Maria Perez, 8th Security Forces Squadron small unmanned aircraft system NCO in charge, prepares to fly a sUAS, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 25, 2025. SUAS operators supply the Base Defense Operations Center, Emergency Operations Center, and ground forces with in-flight assessments and real-time intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) ◄

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Cyan Williams, an electrician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, learns to control a small unmanned aircraft system, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 25, 2025. The 8th Security Forces Squadron sUAS Program conducted a joint sUAS course with Marines assigned to MWSS-172 to teach the capabilities of sUAS to provide intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance in locations where conventional camera systems cannot operate effectively. (U.S. ir Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman)



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Cyan Williams, an electrician with Marine ng Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, inspects a small unmanned aircraft system, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 25, 2025. The 8th Security Forces Squadron sUAS Program conducted a joint sUAS course with Airmen from the 8th SFS and Marines from MWSS-172 to train sUAS operators on how to control a sUAS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) 🔺

Senior Airman Marcus Campbell, left, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aircraft system and sUAS trainer, instructs U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Cyan Williams, an electrician with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, on piloting a small unmanned aircraft system, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 25, 2025. The 8th SFS sUAS program conducted joint training with Airmen from the 8th SFS and Marines from MWSS-172 to train sUAS operators on how to control a sUAS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman)

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Legacy of Leadership: A Heartfelt Change of Responsibility for the Iron Horse Battalion

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

Camp Humphreys, Korea - On March 28, 2025, the 6-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalion gathered at the Sitman Gymnasium for a memorable and inspiring Change of Responsibility ceremony, as Command Sgt. Maj. Richard A. Hauser passed the torch to Sgt. Maj. Martinis Butler, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another for the Iron Horse Battalion.

Command Sgt. Maj. Hauser, a native of Tampa, Florida, leaves behind a legacy of 28 years of dedicated service in the United States Army. As he prepares to retire and return to the U.S. to be with his wife, he reflected on the journey that has defined his distinguished career.

"It has been an honor to serve alongside you all, and I'm profoundly grateful for the memories we created. As I bid you farewell from this position, I do so with a heart full of gratitude," said Command Sgt. Maj. Hauser.

Throughout his tenure, Hauser's leadership and unwavering commitment to the battalion have earned him the respect and admiration of all who have served with him. His departure marks the end of a remarkable chapter, but his impact will undoubtedly continue to resonate within the battalion for years to come.

Taking up the mantle as the new Command Sergeant Major is Sgt. Maj. Martinis Butler, a native of Wadmalwa Island, South Carolina, and a familiar face to the Iron Horse Battalion. Having previously served as a Battery First Sergeant during his tour in the Republic of Korea, Butler returns to the battalion with deep experience and a strong sense of duty.

"I'm excited and grateful for this opportunity. I will do my best to provide purpose, direction, and motivation while ensuring good order and discipline to one of the greatest battalions in all of air defense," said Command Sgt. Maj. Butler.

As he takes responsibility, Butler's commitment to the soldiers of the 6-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalion is clear. His vision for the future is one that builds upon the legacy of excellence set by his predecessor while continuing to foster a sense of unity, strength, and resilience among the men and women of the battalion.

The ceremony was not just a change of leadership but a testament to the enduring spirit of the Iron Horse Battalion—a unit that embodies the values of service, sacrifice, and the unwavering commitment to excellence. As Command Sgt. Maj. Hauser hands over responsibility to Sgt. Maj. Butler, the battalion stands poised for continued success, inspired by the leadership, dedication, and camaraderie that define them.

The future of the 6-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalion is bright, and under the leadership of Sgt. Maj. Butler, the Iron Horse Battalion is ready to face the challenges ahead with strength and resolve.



Command Sgt. Maj. Martinis Butler stands in formation with Iron Horse Soldiers (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas and Pfc. Lee, Seung Eon) ▲



Lt. Col. John Pendon presents a token of appreciation to Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Hauser (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas and Pfc. Lee, Seung Eon) ▲



Iron Horse battalion Soldiers stand in formation during the 6-52 ADA change of responsibility (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas and Pfc. Lee, Seung Eon)▲

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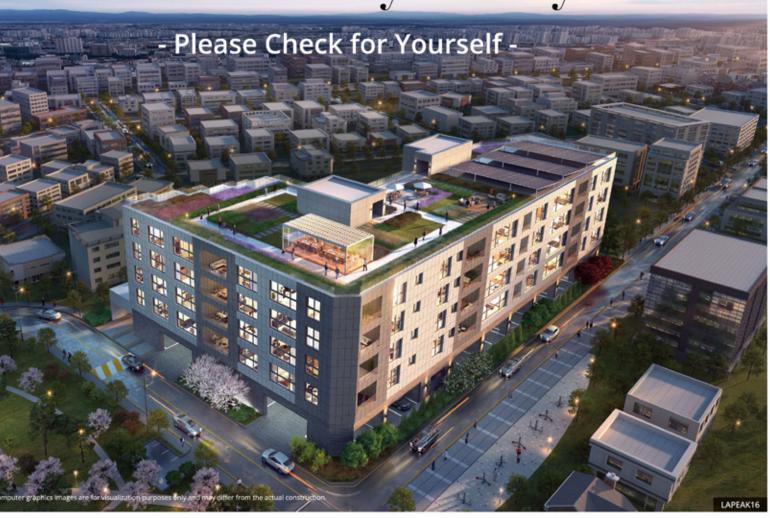
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1. Types of Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers are categorized based on the types of fires they can effectively combat:

- Class A: For ordinary combustibles like wood, paper, and cloth.
- Class B: For flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, and paint.
- Class C: For electrical fires from appliances, wiring, and circuit breakers.
- Class D: For flammable metals like magnesium and titanium.
- Class K: For cooking oils and fats commonly found in kitchens.
- Multi-purpose extinguishers, labeled as A-B-C, are suitable for use on multiple types of fires and are commonly found in homes and workplaces.

2. Proper Usage. Knowing how to use a fire extinguisher correctly can make a significant difference during an emergency. The PASS technique is a simple acronym to remember.

- Pull the pin to unlock the operating lever.
- Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side to side, covering the area of the fire.
- Always ensure there is a clear escape route before attempting to extinguish a fire. If the fire becomes uncontrollable or the room fills with smoke, evacuate immediately and call emergency services.

3. Maintenance and Inspection. Regular maintenance and inspection are crucial for ensuring that fire extinguishers function correctly when needed. Follow these auidelines:

- Monthly Inspection:
- Check that the extinguisher is in its designated place, visible, and accessible. Ensure the pressure gauge needle is in the green zone, indicating proper pressure. - Annual Maintenance:
- Have a professional inspect the extinguisher for signs of damage, corrosion, or leakage. They will also check the hose, nozzle, and locking pin.
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- This test is usually required every 5 to 12 years, depending on the type of extinguisher, to check the integrity of the cylinder.

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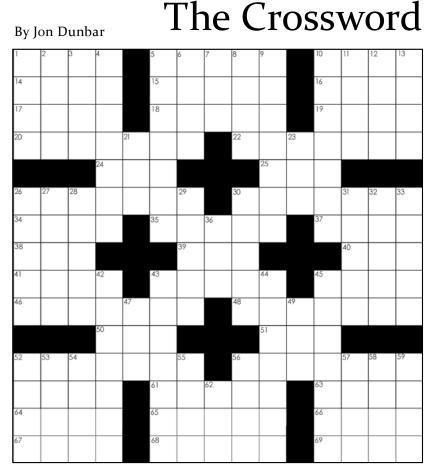
- Training: Ensure all household members or employees are trained in the proper use of fire extinguishers.
- Placement: Install extinguishers in easily accessible locations, such as the kitchen, garage, and near exits.
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Pefense posture: F-35 Lightning IIs from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, and the South Korean air force fly in formation over the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) during integration training in the Pacific Ocean as part of exercise Freedom Shield 25, March 13, 2025. The event highlighted the capability of U.S. and South Korean forces to seamlessly integrate air, ground and maritime operations, reinforcing and enhancing their combined defense posture. (Courtesy photo) ▲

atching a breath: Tech. Sgt. Jesse Liethen, a 908th Operations Support Squadron survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist, is pulled from the water after being submerged in a dunker chair during a SERE water survival training at the East Branch YMCA, Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 27, 2025. Liethen demonstrated the ins-andouts of the chair, including how to recognize and manage any disorientation in aircrew members to help them regain composure and execute escape procedures effectively. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Erica Webster) ◄



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indGym: Staff Sgt. Kaylin Cornell, a 673rd Force Support Squadron fitness assessment cell manager, sits in the MindGym at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 26, 2025. The MindGym is a facility designed to bolster mental resilience and cognitive performance for service members and their families by offering a sensory-controlled environment where users engage in guided mindfulness sessions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hunter Hites)

your right: A 180th Fighter Wing F-16C Fighting Falcon and 178th Wing MQ-9 Reaper participate in a close formation taxi, commonly known as an elephant walk, on Springfield-Beckley Air National Guard Base, Ohio, March 19, 2024. This demonstration highlighted the strength and versatility of the Ohio ANG's aircraft and the vital role they play in ensuring national security. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Josh Kaeser) **V**

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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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- PING PONG TOURNAMENT -

lowing grace led by a chaplain. Meals mation, call the CAC at 782-5213 or

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.

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.

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51st Fighter Wing 1st Quarter Awards.

April 18 | 1451 | Enlisted Club Join us on April 18, 2025, at 14:51 (2:51 PM) at the Enlisted Club as we recognize our first-quarter Wing Award winners. All base personnel are invited. the

events attire is UOD or Squadron Jerseys, so spread the word and mark your calendars! Event POC's: MSgt Thomas 784-1813 or email: andres.thomas.3@ us.af.mil | TSgt Meyer 784-5305 or email: thomas.meyer.14@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 Wingmen Helping Airmen Get Home posted at https://www.osan.af.mil/ OsanAPD2025/

Four Chaplains' Memorial Run & Ruck

17 May 2025 | Osan AB Chapel, Building 780

This run and ruck is made up of 5 events, at 0400 a Norwegian Foot March (30k), at 0700 a Half-Marathon (21k), at 0800 a 10k Race, 5k Race, and a Family Fun Run (1k). All events will receive a finishers medallion with the NFM receiving a NFM Belt Buckle for completion. Additionally, everyone who finishes the NFM within time will be awarded the NFM foreign military badge eligible for wear on the USAF service and dress uniform. POC: Ch, Capt David Bartlett and can be reached at david.bartlett.12@us.af.mil

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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)				

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	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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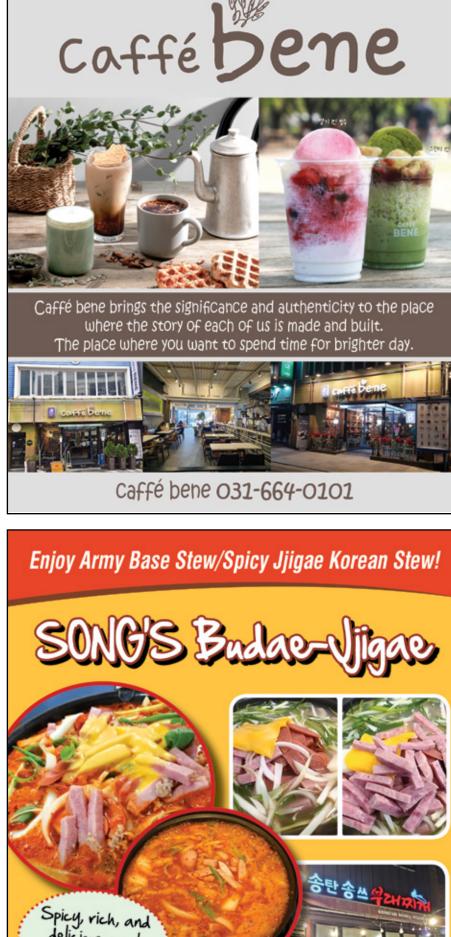


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Patient Portal.

If you want to keep a copy of your legacy health records for personal use, you must download them from the TOL Patient Portal before April 1. "All military hospitals and clinics have transitioned to MHS GENESIS. We encourage you to take these important steps to save your personal health records before the TOL Patient Portal decommissions," said Rear Adm. Tracy Farrill, Principal Deputy, Assistant Director for Health Care Administration and Military Health System EHR Functional Champion at the Defense Health Agency. "Your medical history is a valuable resource for managing your health, and saving your records now ensures you have access

if you need it."

Why is the TOL Patient Portal

The MHS GENESIS Patient Portal has replaced the TOL Patient Portal. As detailed in the TRICARE Choices in the United States Handbook, MHS GENESIS allows you to access your EHR 24/7. You can also book and cancel appointments, request prescription refills and renewals, see clinical notes and certain test results, and exchange secure messages with your military healthcare team. The change from TOL to MHS GENESIS eliminates the need to maintain two systems and streamlines EHR management.

What will happen to my records?

Provider access: Your provider will continue to have access to your complete health records. Personal access: You can use the steps below to download your legacy records for personal use before April 1. You can also request a physical copy from your military hospital or clinic's records management office. To do this, you'll need to complete a request form in person and then return at a later designated time to pick up the records. Beginning April 1, if you want your legacy health records, you'll have to follow this process.

What should I do now?

follow these instructions: Visit www.TRICAREOnline.com.

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TRICARE Online Patient Portal decommissioning: Download your health records now

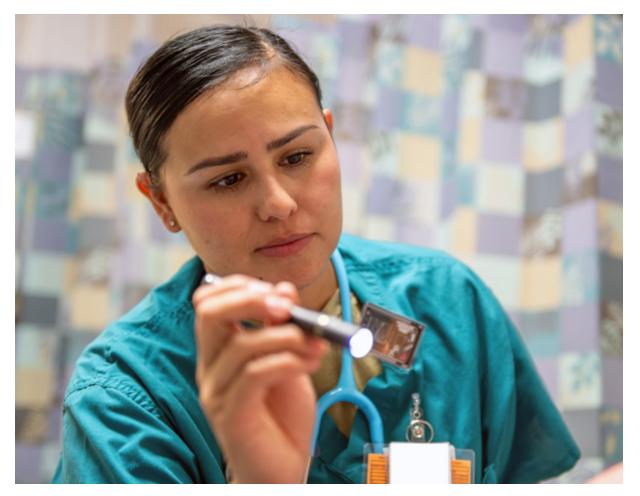
FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) -- On April 1, the TRICARE Online Patient Portal will no longer be available. The Department of Defense's new electronic health record — MHS GENESIS — has replaced the TOL Patient Portal. As part of the transition, the DoD is decommissioning the TOL

Here's what you need to know before the TOL Patient Portal decommissions.

decommissioning?

To keep copies of your legacy health records,

Log in: Sign in using your DS Logon, CAC, or



Capt. Ashley Morris, 60th Inpatient Operations Squadron critical care nurse, checks the pupillary reflex of a patient with a penlight inside the post-anesthesia care unit at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., Nov. 20, 2024. (U.S. Air Force photo by Brian Collett)▲

DFAS myPay credentials. If you don't have a DS Logon, you'll need to create one by clicking "Need An Account."

Access: On the TOL homepage, click the blue "Health Record" button to view your personal health data.

Find data: Select "Download My Data." You'll see several data categories.

Customize: Choose the person, data types, date range and format for the records you want to download.

Download: You can choose to download your records in portable document format (.pdf) or as a (.xml) continuity of care document. The CCD format allows you to share your data with family, caregivers, providers, and healthcare systems, or to document data in your preferred personal health record.

Save: After downloading, you can either open the file or save it securely for future use. You can also print your records and store them in a safe place.

Important details

Your records won't transfer to MHS GENESIS once TOL decommissions.

Your TOL health records only reflect periods of time when your military hospital or clinic was using TOL. Note: If you moved from one duty station to another, and one military hospital or clinic used TOL and the other used MHS GENESIS, your records in MHS GENESIS may

have gaps. You'll find these "gap" records in the TOL Patient Portal. Be sure to download them.

You can only download your records from the past 30 years, from the date you log in to TOL.

Protect your health information. When you download or print your personal health information, it becomes your responsibility to keep it safe. Use secure options. Avoid saving personal data on unsecure devices or platforms.

It's also important to know that if you're planning to file a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs, this decommissioning won't affect your ability to do so. Providers will still have access to your complete health records.

Can I see my children's health records?

Yes. You can view all available health data for your children under the age of 12. For children aged 12 to 17, you may view COVID-19, coronavirus, and flu test results, as well as allergies, vitals, and immunization data.

Due to state privacy laws, there are limits to what health data you can view online for your children aged 12 to 17. You can request printed results from your child's clinic or provider.

Don't wait—take action

Remember: The TOL Patient Portal will only be available until April 1. Take the time now to download and store your health records to ensure you can easily access them if needed.

To get started or learn more, visit the TOL Patient Portal.

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The Warfighter's Spirit

The Power of a Simple "Hello"

locking him inside.

Juan panicked. The freezing air pierced through his uniform, and his breath turned to mist in front of him. He pounded on the door with all his might, yelling for help, but his cries went unheard. Most personnel had already finished for the day, and from the outside, no one could hear the desperate noise coming from within the cold room.

Minutes turned into hours. The cold seeped into his bones, making his limbs numb. His voice grew weak, and exhaustion took over. Just as he felt himself slipping into unconsciousness, the door suddenly creaked open. A rush of warm air flooded in.

Juan collapsed to the floor, gasping. Standing in the doorway was the base's security officer. Shaken but relieved, Juan looked up and

asked, "How did you know I was here?" The officer smiled and replied, "I've worked

on this base for 35 years. Every day, hundreds of personnel come and go, but you are one of the few who greets me in the morning and says goodnight at the end of your shift. Many treat me as if I'm invisible.'

He continued, "Today, like always, you greeted me with a simple 'Good morning' when you arrived. But as the day ended, I noticed something unusual—I hadn't heard your usual 'Goodnight, see you tomorrow.'

"I look forward to your greetings every day because, to you, I exist. When I didn't hear vour farewell today, I knew something was wrong. So I searched for you-and I found you!"

The military is built on teamwork and camaraderie, yet it's easy to overlook the people who keep everything running. A simple "hello," a

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nod of respect, or even eye contact can seem like a small thing—but it's not. It can create bonds, make someone feel valued, and in rare cases, even save a life.

Think about it—how often do you pass by people without acknowledging them? The gate guards who check your ID, the cooks preparing your meals, the junior enlisted struggling through their duties, the janitor cleaning the barracks and your workspace. Many of them go through the day feeling unseen. Your small act of kindness might be the only sense of appreciation they receive.

But here's the real challenge: Kindness doesn't just change others-it changes you.

- It makes you a better leader. People respect and follow those who treat others with dignity, no matter their rank.
- It builds stronger bonds. The relationships you create today could impact your career, friendships, and even your well-being.
- It boosts morale. A simple acknowledgment can lift someone's spirits, making the
- challenges of military life easier to bear. • It creates a culture of respect. The military thrives on discipline, but kindness and
- respect build trust among team members. • It inspires others. Small actions can create a ripple effect, reinforcing the sense of
- brotherhood and sisterhood within the ranks.

So, here's your challenge: Start small. Look up from your phone. Say hi to someone today. Acknowledge the people around you. The kindness you show may not only brighten someone else's day—it could one day change your own life in ways you never expected.



Ch, Capt Bermsoo Kim

uan worked at a meat distribution facility

One evening, as he was wrapping up his shift,

respectful to everyone he encountered.

he entered the cold storage room to inspect

something. Unfortunately, in a moment of bad

luck, the heavy door swung shut behind him,

on base. He was known for being a diligent U worker-always punctual, responsible, and

Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

Catholic Holy Mass Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

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

> Protestant Worship Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)

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

Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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The New Chapel is Open for Worship Services Building 780

Chapel Worship Services:

Protestant Service Sunday @ 0930

Catholic Sunday Mass Sunday @ 1130

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

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

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lying with friends: Aircraft from the U.S. Air Force, the Royal Thai air force and the Republic of Singapore air force fly in formation during exercise Cope Tiger 25 over Thailand, March 18, 2025. The flight formation served as a symbol of airpower, cooperation and friendship among the three nations. (Courtesy photo) **A**

uddy lift: Senior Airman Dariel Gonzalez Ramos, 90th Security **B** Forces Squadron military working dog handler, carries MWD Rex after being fired at by opposing forces during detection training with environmental stimuli at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., March 10, 2025. Detection training is conducted to test and enhance MWD's performance capabilities in simulated hostile environments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mattison Cole)



usty snow: A U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron sits on the snow-dusted flightline at Yokota Air Base, Japan, March 19, 2025. The 36th AS is the only forward-based tactical airlift squadron in the Pacific and supports combat operations by providing responsive movement of personnel and equipment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe)

renade training: Oregon Air National Guard Senior Airman Alma Gomez, 173rd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, navigates the grenade marksmanship course during the Oregon National Guard Best Warrior Competition at Camp Rilea, Ore., March 14, 2025. The full range of events assessed the warriors' physical fitness, land navigation skills, marksmanship and other battlefield scenarios. (Air National Guard photo by John Hughel)

PACAF hosts Pacific Defender 25-2

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By A1C Aden Brown, Staff Sgt. Alan Ricker 15th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- U.S. Pacific Air Forces A4S Security Forces Division of Pacific Air Forces Directorate of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection conducted Pacific Defender 25-2, an exercise intended to build partnerships throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

Pacific Defender is held multiple times a year in a variety of locations in the Pacific that aims to build partnerships, foster interpersonal relationships among attendees, and provide networking opportunities to enhance collaboration.

In his initial address to PD 25-2 attendees, Col. Jacob Foley, Chief of Security Forces Division, explained why collaboration and skill sharing is needed in the region. "There's American presence everywhere, but no one knows the terrain quite like you all, because this is your home," said Foley. "That way if we are ever forced to fight, we are doing it together and we will emerge victorious."

Over the course of four days, attendees observed a multilateral subject matter expert exchange covering tactics, techniques and procedures utilized to provide anti-terrorism, U.S. Air Force personnel assigned to the 647th Security Forces Squadron brief partner nation security forces and force protection leaders about close-quarter battle procedures during Pacific Defender 25-2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, March 18, 2025. The 4-day event is aimed at strengthening partnerships and relationships while enhancing interoperability among representatives. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Ricker) 🛦



U.S. Air Force Col. Jacob Foley, PACAF Security Forces Division chief, speaks to Col. Helder Costa, foreign national visitor from Falintil - Forcas de Defesa de Timor-Leste, during Pacific Defender 25-2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, March 17, 2025. The 4-day event is aimed at strengthening partnerships and relationships while enhancing interoperability among representatives. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Ricker) ▲

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differences in procedures.

"It [was] incredible to see that it was much less about the tactics and more about how the Airmen were reacting to the training itself... if we gave them a problem they were walking themselves to the solution," said Trimble. "Our foreign dignitaries were coming to me later on and asking, 'Oh my gosh, how old are these Airmen?' and it was because they were making decisions and succeeding at the lowest level." Training like PD 25-2 allows the U.S. and partner nations to maintain close and lasting relationships so that in the event of conflict, security personnel are able to work seamlessly

together.

Defense representative.

Over the next few years, participating countries plan to continue building training through Pacific Defender outreach events, providing one-on-one opportunities to advance future engagements.

Foley reflected on the value of Pacific Defender's continued success during a discussion with security personnel. "It's difficult to see a future where we're successful without leaning on our partner nations, and teaching us how to fight on the ground in those locations ... and how to protect the alliances and friendships we've established and worked so hard to maintain for so long."

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Victory Bell, 647th Security Forces Squadron combat arms training and maintenance instructor, inspects targets with partner nation security forces and force protection leaders during Pacific Defender 25-2 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, March 18, 2025. Participants were familiarized with CATM operations on the third day of the multilateral exchange. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Ricker)►

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physical security, force protection and integrated defense for personnel and assets in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility.

"Bottom line is that we want to showcase our capabilities and acknowledge whatever we can offer to our allies here," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Trimble, event coordinator of PD 25-2. "We want them to be a part of this process with us." This iteration featured demonstrations with military working dogs, non-lethal weapons, close-quarter battle, combat arms training and maintenance, as well as academic briefs detailing interoperational security practices. These demonstrations and briefs were created to assist other nations in key security operations and to generate cross-talk of

"What we've realized from PD 25-2, is that no one can solve every problem [alone], so it's great that we can make these connections," said Lt. Col. Eiji Takeuchi, a Japan Air Self-





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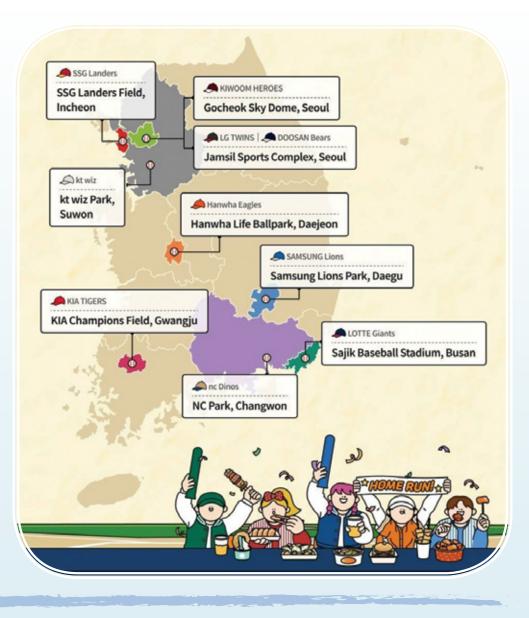


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D aseball is loved worldwide, but **D** cheering varies from country to country. In the U.S. Major League Baseball (MLB), fans focus mainly on the game itself. In Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB), organized cheer squads lead the flow. However, Korean ballparks heat up with fans' synchronized singing and choreographed cheering as soon as the game begins. The KBO League, in particular, has recently attracted more young fans in their 20s, creating a younger and more energetic atmosphere. Last year, the league surpassed 10 million spectators for the first time in history, creating a new golden era. In this episode of our series on Korean ballpark culture, we introduce you to goods and events that make cheering even more exciting. Visit your favorite team's home stadium, attend various events, and experience the charm of Korean ballparks firsthand!



Win or Lose, a Festival for Everyone! The Unique Korean Baseball Cheer Culture: Merch & Events





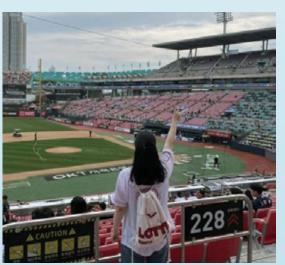
Expressing your fandom: Baseball team merch

1) Customizing uniforms In Korea, baseball fans commonly wear their team's jersey to a baseball game. However, Gen Z fans take it a step further by customizing the jerseys to showcase their individuality. Some modify them into dresses or crop tops, while others transform their unworn jersevs into drawstring bags.

Recently, more and more fans have tended to add cute emblems to uniforms to personalize them further. Reflecting this trend, some KBO teams have even started selling emblems at their official stores, and specialized emblem stores are becoming must-visit spots for baseball fans.

2) Fan gear

Baseball fan gear also continues to evolve. In the past, inflatable thunder sticks with team logos were the standard. However, new cheering goods have emerged due to the regulation banning single-use items. The most notable among these are cheering sticks, similar to those used by K-pop fans at concerts and music broadcasts. kt wiz's "BeatBat," for example, changes colors or vibrates in sync with the game, controlled by a central system.







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Synchronized singing completes cheer songs

A typical feature of Korean baseball cheering culture is the sing-along songs, including team anthems and individual player chants. Fans sing in unison when batters step up to the plate or their team makes a comeback, creating a concertlike atmosphere. One viral example is KIA TIGERS' "Pikki Pikki" dance, which recorded over 80 million views on social media and became a viral challenge last year. The dance is performed by cheerleaders for KIA TIGERS whenever the team's pitcher strikes out a batter, and its simple yet addictive moves have become a global sensation.

1) On-site game day - Credit cards accepted

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3) Photo cards

It is not uncommon to see long lines at vending machines where people can buy baseball player photo cards. Originating from the K-pop idol fandom culture, these collectible cards have become a must-have cheering tool among baseball fans. Fans eagerly collect their favorite player's photo cards, sometimes waiting for hours.

The 1st KBO Store

This store offers uniforms, cheer tools, emblems, and other KBO team merchandise. You can try throwing balls for free at a pitching zone or wear uniforms to take photos n a locker room-themed booth

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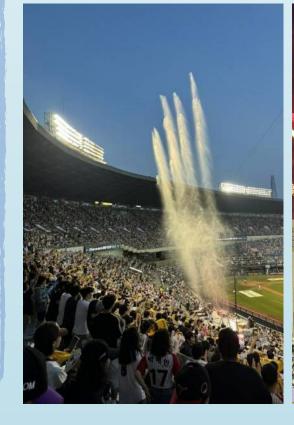
Where to get KBO tickets

- Available at each stadium's ticket booths on

Exciting special stadium events

Each stadium hosts various events to make the game even more enjoyable. A popular hot summer event includes water cannons that spray water on fans every time a hit or run is scored to cool down the crowd while keeping the excitement high. Spectacular fireworks, lighting up the sky on opening day or the season's final game create an unforgettable experience. Of course, we cannot leave out stadium screen events, the highlight of live baseball games. Dance Cam allows fans to show off their best dance moves, couples caught on camera during Kiss Cam share a kiss as the crowd cheers, and Fan Cam captures fans' unique cheering styles.

Korea's baseball stadiums are a festive place where fans are brought together. Be it at the stadium or a baseball pocha (pub), you'll find everyone united while cheering for the game. It doesn't matter whether you are familiar with baseball or cheer songs. Just go with the flow and join the loud cheers and applause. You'll surely enjoy the game with others before vou know it!





- 2) Travel packages
 Travel packages that feature K-food and merchandise in addition to game tickets are available via travel agencies, including Klook. Get Your Guide, Viator, and Trazy
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AIG Garly Freehill

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Carly Freehill, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment journeyman, was named Mustang of the Week on March 24, 2025, for her dedication and contributions to the mission.

A native of Mulkeytown, Illinois, Freehill joined the U.S. Air Force with a desire to travel and further her education. She enlisted in logistics readiness embracing these desired opportunities in her career field, pursuing success—both in and out of uniform.

Freehill plays a vital role in ensuring personnel are properly equipped with chemical protection gear, a critical part of the forward-deployed

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"These aren't aspirations," she said. "They're threshold capabilities and we must deliver them together to preserve the peace in this neighborhood we all call home."

Equally critical, Lenderman said, is how fast these technologies can be developed and delivered. She called on industry partners across the region to adopt a wartime mindset moving from design to mass production at speed.

"Better designs, faster delivery and mass production; that's how we win," Lenderman said. U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Carly Freehill, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron, individual protective equipment journeyman, poses with a gas mask at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, 25 March 2025. Freehill was recognized as Mustang of the Week for her professional commitment in the workplace, as well as her dedication to volunteering both on and off-base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▲

mission mindset at Osan AB. Every member of Team Osan, whether in-processing or outprocessing, passes through IPE for their protective equipment.

"On average, IPE supports 60 to 100 people daily," Freehill explained. "During a busy week, we help up to 500 people—we're responsible for the protective readiness of the entire base."

Since arriving in November, she has remained actively engaged beyond her primary duties. Freehill has been working toward finishing her college courses, organizing stress management and resiliency training for her flight, and participating in multiple volunteer initiatives. Her efforts include collecting donations for a

local orphanage, coordinating an event for World Mental Health Day in May, serving as a traffic safety crossing guard, and assisting with updates at the base shelter.

"I do these things as a personal goal and to make an impact. It makes me feel good to help other people." Freehill said.

Once her time at Osan comes to an end, Freehill will continue her journey at Aviano AB, Italy, where she will support her new teammates in logistics operations.

Her dedication to both the mission and the community exemplifies the Air Force's core values, making her a well-deserved recipient of the Mustang of the Week.

"The future fight requires every lever pulled: universities, innovators and industry all driving together. Timelines measured in decades no longer meet the moment."

That challenge, and the shared responsibility to meet it, made Avalon uniquely significant. The symposium brought together air chiefs, senior leaders, and industry partners from across the Indo-Pacific and beyond to connect personally, forge new bonds and recommit to the work ahead.

"Today is not the day to test our resolve,"

Lenderman warned. "The power of allies, the strength of these friendships, and our collective will to build what's needed - this is what sets us apart."

During this time of consequence in the Indo-Pacific, Lenderman's message stood as both a call to action and a reminder of what truly gives the U.S., allies and partners their edge: a network of partners willing to show up, stand together and build for the future - not just in moments of crisis, but in gatherings like Avalon, where trust is renewed, and collective strength is made visible.

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Pride of the Pack



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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --Senior Airman Sam Kim, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, was recognized as the Pride of the Pack for the week of March 24-28.

Kim has dual-hatted as a facility maintenance team controller and dormitory sub-AMP (asset management plans), responsible for the lifecycle management of the facilities and ensuring compliance with dorm projects. Kim also led a 4-Airman team servicing PACAF's largest unaccompanied housing campus, tracking 785 work tasks and completing 30 weekly maintenance and repair tasks.

As the CE unit control center subject matter expert, he tracked the accountability of 214 personnel, warehouse operations, and post-attack damage assessment and repairs. He was hand selected to run the tactical operations center (TAC) for two Wing ACE movements, tracking 62 members, 16 sorties, 13k flight hours, 24k pounds of cargo, and 64 munitions supporting dispersed

In his free time, Kim volunteers at a local church eight hours weekly as an English teacher and recruited five of his fellow Airmen to join him. Thank you SrA Kim for everything you do for Senior Airman Sam Kim, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron facility maintenance team controller, poses with the 8th CES Red Devil mascot at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 27, 2025. Kim was recognized as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 24-28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) 🛦



Senior Airman Sam Kim, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron facility maintenance team controller, reviews facility data at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 26, 2025. Kim was recognized as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 24-28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) 🛦

