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B-1s train with ROKAF, conduct flyover

By Seventh Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Two U.S. Air Force B-1 Lancers and two F-16 Fighting Falcons joined two Republic of Korea Air Force F-35A Lightning IIs and KF-16s for combined training in airspace over western ROK April 15.

The fighters and bombers engaged in offensive and defensive counter air training

together, refining combined tactics, techniques and procedures. The bombers then performed a low pass over the flightline of Osan AB before departing Korean airspace.

Regular training with strategic assets like long-range bombers and fifth-generation fighters enables Seventh Air Force to maintain its strong, combined readiness posture with the Republic of Korea Air Force and demonstrates its continued ironclad commitment to the ROK-U.S. Alliance.







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Osan commander takes to the skies for CSARTE 25-2



U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, shakes hands with Senior Airman Sergio Lopez. 25th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, before a flight during the Combat **Search and Rescue Training Exercise** (CSARTE 25-2) at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2025. CSARTE 25-2 utilized a robust regional CSAR network to leverage assets and expertise of all ranks from across the Indo-Pacific to ensure comprehensive personnel recovery capabilities and maintain readiness for a range of combined joint operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrea Posey) ◀

U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, taxis onto the flightline during the Combat Search and Rescue Training Exercise (CSARTE 25-2) at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrea Posey) ▼







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US, ROK Air Forces to conduct combined CSAR exercise CSARTE 25-2

By compiled staff reports

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, ROK, and the 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan, along with Republic of Korea Air Force personnel, will conduct Combined Search and Rescue Training Event 25-2, at Osan AB, April 7-18.

The field training exercise will focus on enhancing joint CSAR capabilities and interoperability between U.S and ROK personnel recovery forces across the region.

"Maintaining our combined and joint search and rescue network through training events like CSARTE 25-2 reinforces our regional reach and streamlines joint integration, while also strengthening relationships between ROK and U.S. forces throughout the Indo-Pacific region," said Brig. Gen. Kurt Helphinstine, Seventh Air Force deputy commander. "I have participated in real-world combat search and rescue operations and can testify to the realism and intensity of this exercise."

CSARTE 25-2 involves close coordination with ROK forces at all levels, from planning to execution, incorporating the joint expertise and experience of all ranks of combined personnel as U.S. and ROK Airmen are joined by U.S. Army and U.S. Marine



U.S. Air Force Capt. Antoine Arnaud, 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, conducts pre-flight procedures during the Combat Search and Rescue Training Exercise 25-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 7, 2025. CSARTE 25-2 is a key opportunity to refine joint tactics, techniques, and procedures, incorporating personnel and assets from the 51st Fighter Wing and 18th Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster)

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Corps members. in complex situations. U.S. aircraft flying from Korean-based



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Additionally, approximately 13 different types of aircraft will come together for realistic training

locations include the A-10 Warthog, F-16 Fighting Falcon, the MQ-9 Reaper, MV-22 Osprey, UH-60

Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook, and MQ-1 Predator. Long-range assets, such as the E-3B Sentry and KC-135 Stratotanker based at Kadena AB, Japan, will be used to extend the reach and effectiveness of the CSAR forces, showcasing the scalable nature of the combined CSAR and Personnel Recovery architecture, able to adjust to the needs

of the mission and enabling flexible maneuvering across the Indo-Pacific region.

"We can operate anywhere we're directed, including the East or West Sea, and our aircrew can rest assured that we have a well-rehearsed plan to pick them up during peace time or combat operations," Helphinstine said.

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- "Our adversaries are patrolling seas and air spaces in frequencies never before seen ... we're not ready for them, and it's imperative that we become so."

These heavy words were expressed to attendees of the Meteorological and Oceanographic Convergence Conference by Royal Australian Navy Rear Adm. Darren Grogan, U.S. Pacific Fleet Maritime Operations deputy director, to underscore the importance of weather, geographic, and oceanic intelligence efforts on military operations in the Indo-Pacific at Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, Apr. 7-11, 2025.

It's the first event bringing the entire Indo-Pacific Command meteorology and oceanography (METOC) career field together, with attendees from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army, and Marine Corps, alongside Republic of Korea Air Force, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Royal Australian Navy, U.K. MET office, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"When we speak of working together, we started with saying 'integrated', then 'interoperable," said Grogan, "but I tell you that the next word must be 'interchangeable' to maintain our advantage going forward. This may mean embracing someone from another force, another country, even another language ... all with the unified goal of seamless joint operations."

The information and council provided by METOC officers can impact logistics, communication networks, sensor performance, air operations, and even the health and morale of personnel. Training with weather and geography in mind increases the realism, can multiply effectiveness, and inform command decisions.

"Everyone makes choices based on the weather: it slows travel times, may damage property, or lower morale," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Benjamin Wauer, Pacific Air Forces A₃ Weather Operations chief and event cofacilitator. "Militaries are no different, as knowing the conditions being



U.S. Air Force Maj. Justin Leo, 3rd Combat Weather Squadron regional engagement strategist, shows attendees an aquatic drone display during the Meteorological and Oceanographic Convergence Conference at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Apr. 8, 2025. It's the first event bringing the entire Indo-Pacific Command meteorology and oceanography career field together, with attendees from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army, and Marine Corps, alongside Republic of Korea Air Force, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Royal Australian Navy, U.K. MET office, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff. Sgt. Wren Fiontar) ▲

faced can be valuable to us and detrimental to an adversary, so we're here to leverage that knowledge."

Participants spent five days collaborating to identify operational barriers, areas for improvement, and possible solutions to help warfighters retain advantages in the face of increasing competition, and add another tool to maintaining the safety, security and freedom of the Indo-Pacific.

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Service members assigned to the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and Republic of Korea Air Force participate in a rapid airfield damage repair familiarization training ahead of the upcoming joint and combined IRON RADR exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2025. RADR is a rapid process for repairing structural damage on airfields, quickly restoring combat airpower generation when needed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kahdija Slaughter)►

and RADR instructor. The team of service members worked collaboratively for more than four hours, learning each step of the RADR process which includes drilling, clearing, pouring, and setting strategies for asphalt and concrete repairs with specific heavy equipment and machinery. "Our goal is to achieve peak readiness," explains U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Hernandez Urbina, 51st CES horizontal repair section chief. "If Osan's airfield receives damage, not only do we need to be able to jump on our equipment and start repairing, we need to be able to rely on the Army and our ROK partners to augment the repair process, ensuring our airfield is back up and running at a moment's notice." The upcoming iteration of exercise IRON RADR will allow U.S. Airmen, Soldiers and ROK engineers to prepare and bury underground shelters in a simulated threat environment while completing swift pavement repairs. The RADR mission set allows enhanced operational maneuvers and increased survivability while generating more flexible

options for combined and joint force commanders to employ combat-ready air power.



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51 CES hosts joint and combined RADR training ahead of exercise

By Staff Sgt. Kahdija Slaughter 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron hosts rapid airfield damage repair training ahead of the first joint and combined IRON RADR exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2025.

"Our goal is to achieve peak readiness." -- U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Hernandez Urbina

RADR is a strategic construction process designed to facilitate the efficient repair of a severely damaged airfield, enabling the swift restoration of Osan's air power capabilities.

The hands-on training allowed ROKAF engineers and U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 11th Engineering Battalion from Camp Humphreys to learn the RADR process and operate heavy machinery assigned to the 51st CES.

"We've hosted RADR trainings in the past, but it's always beneficial to share the techniques with our brothers in arms who are new to the peninsula and our allies who may not have used it at all or in a while," said U.S. Air Force Technical Sgt. Thomas Meyer, 51st CES pavements and equipment operator



Service members assigned to the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and Republic of Korea Air Force participate in an all-day rapid airfield damage repair training ahead of the upcoming joint and combined IRON RADR exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2025. The RADR mission encompasses advanced pavement repair techniques and strategies that support airfield operations in degraded and contingency conditions, allowing swift restoration of combat airpower generation capabilities no matter the warfighting landscape. 🔺



U.S. Air Force Technical Sgt. Thomas Meyer, 51st **Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and equipment** operator, conducts a rapid airfield damage repair instructional training ahead of the upcoming joint and combined IRON RADR exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2025. The class was open to engineers assigned to 51st CES, ROKAF, and U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 11th Engineering Battalion from Camp Humphreys. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kahdija Slaughter) ▲

Republic of Korea civil engineers attend a rapid airfield damage repair familiarization training hosted by the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2025. The day-long training allowed U.S. Airmen and Soldiers and ROKAF engineers assigned to the Korean peninsula to learn the RADR process and gain hands-on experience with using heavy equipment to accomplish each step of the RADR mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kahdija





U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, roll and flatten freshly poured asphalt to repair a simulated crater at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2025. The efforts were part of a daylong instructional and hands-on rapid airfield damage repair training to educate and prepare participants for the upcoming joint and combined IRON RADR exercise hosted by the 51st CES.



Planting trees, growing partnerships



By Staff Sgt. Jason Cochran 51st Fighter Wing

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PYEONGTAEK, Republic of Korea --Following the end of the Korean War, there were many things left in ruin that needed to be rebuilt, including the countryside and its forests.

This started the tradition and holiday of Arbor Day, celebrated April 5, in the Republic of Korea and is the foundation of a unique cooperation between the 51st Fighter Wing and the surrounding communities.

"Osan Air Base has actively participated in the Arbor day event with local community partners for more than twenty years," said Kwangmi (Mia) Son, 51st Mission Support Group commander's liaison officer. "Not only does this promote friendship and cooperation between the two countries, but U.S. military personnel also gain valuable experience working alongside their South Korean counterparts and contribute to the local community."

This year, 820 people from 30 organizations gathered at the Pyeongtaek City Agricultural Ecology Center to plant approximately 12,000 trees, said Mia. Students from local schools, members of the Korean Red Cross, Airmen from the 51st FW A U.S. Airman assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing high-fives students of a local school after helping them plant trees during the 80th Arbor Day event in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, March 31, 2025. Approximately 820 people from 30 organizations, including 51st FW personnel attended the event. The organizations that participated included local schools, the Korean Red Cross, civic leaders and more. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▲



Members of the Pyeongtaek community and U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing gather for opening remarks during the 80th Arbor Day event in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, March 31, 2025. About 820 people from 30 organizations, including 51st FW personnel attended the event. In the ROK, this tradition of gathering together to plant trees dates back to the end of the Korean War, which required the rebuilding of the nation's forests.

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U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing help students of a local school plant trees during the 80th Arbor Day event in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, March 31, 2025. Approximately 820 people from 30 organizations, including 51st FW personnel attended the event. The organizations that participated included local schools, the Korean Red Cross, civic leaders and more. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran)►

and the Pyeongtaek City mayor were some of the groups that made up the event. "We have so many trees today because of efforts like this," said Jeong Seon, Pyeongtaek City mayor. "It is because of this, the cooperation it fosters and the benefit it has to the climate that we have created citizen gardener programs across the city." For the Airmen that participated, it was a unique experience in cooperation and building

for the future.

Airman 1st Class Brenda Altamirano Sereno, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron customer support journeyman, volunteered to go because she believes in the importance of environmental conservation and wanted to contribute to a meaningful cause. "From my perspective, the event was

generations."



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incredibly rewarding," said Altimirano Sereno. "We worked together as a team to plant trees, and it was inspiring to see so many people come together for a common goal. I felt accomplished contributing to something that will benefit our environment and future







U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing plant trees during the 80th Arbor Day event in Pyeongtaek, olic of Korea, March 31, 2025. Every year, loca civic leaders invite the 51st FW to attend the Arbor Day event, an invitation which is always accepted. This year, approximately 12,000 trees were planted. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W.

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Dragon Brigade Marches Against Sexual Assault

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

Camp Humphreys, Korea -- On April 4th, hundreds of soldiers from across the Eighth Army and the Republic of Korea Army united on Balboni Field for a 5k ruck march, kicking off Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. The event, organized by Camp Humphreys, saw strong participation from the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, also known as the "Dragon Brigade."

The ruck march served as a powerful visual reminder of the commitment to combating sexual assault within the military community. Soldiers marched in formation, carrying weighted rucksacks, symbolizing the burden carried by victims of sexual assault and the collective responsibility to prevent it.

"This event is about more than just marching," stated a representative from the Eighth Army SHARP office. "It's about raising awareness, fostering a climate of respect, and empowering individuals to speak up against sexual harassment and assault."

The Dragon Brigade demonstrated its dedication to this cause by signing the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Proclamation earlier in the month. Colonel Kevin P. Stonerook, Commander of the 35th Air Defense Artillery, signed the proclamation, reaffirming the Brigade's unwavering commitment to creating a safe environment free from sexual harassment, assault, and retaliation.

The 5k ruck march and the signing of the proclamation are just the beginning of a month-long campaign at Camp Humphreys to raise awareness and promote prevention of sexual assault. The installation has planned a series of events throughout April, including educational workshops, awareness booths, and interactive training sessions.



Sgt. 1st Class Steven Miller and Mr. Joseph Puffer hold up the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation after being signed by Col. Stonerook. (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas) ▲





Soldiers from the 35th ADA prepare for the Sexual Assault and Awareness Prevention Month Ruck march. (US Army photo by Capt. Courtney Johnson)

Soldiers hold their guidons up as they ruck march in support of **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.** (US Army photo by Capt. Courtney Johnson) ►

1st. Sgt. Ryan Perez alongside his guidon bearer run to complete the 5k ruck march in support of Sexual Assault and Prevention month. (US Army photo by Capt. Courtney Johnson)





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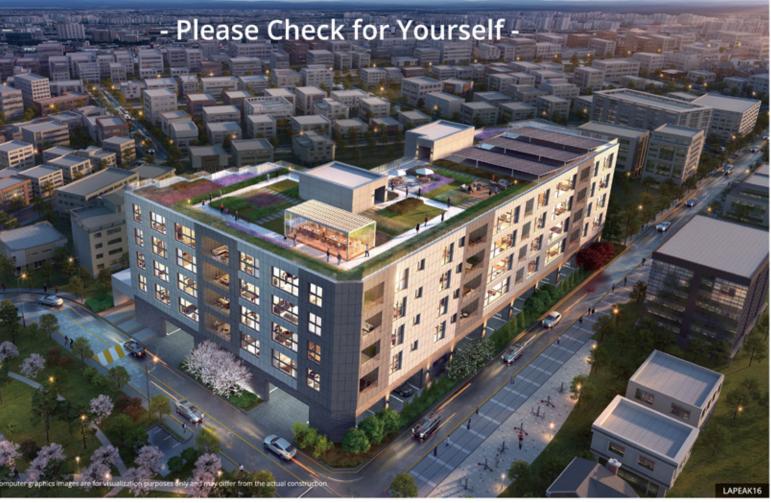
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- Class C: For electrical fires from appliances, wiring, and circuit breakers.
- Class D: For flammable metals like magnesium and titanium.
- Class K: For cooking oils and fats commonly found in kitchens
- Multi-purpose extinguishers, labeled as A-B-C, 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.
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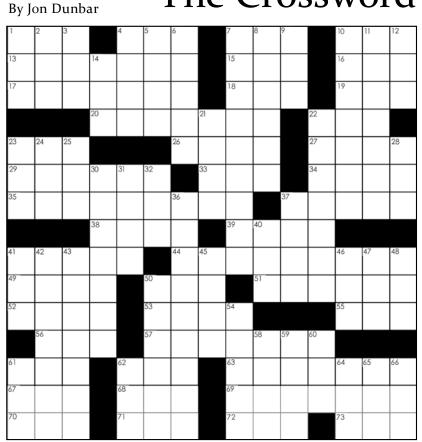
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full bloom: A U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron flies over Yokota Air Base, Japan, during a training mission, April 8, 2025. The 36th AS maintains mission, ready maintains mission-ready C-130J aircrew to conduct a wide variety of mission sets; including theater airlift, special operations and humanitarian aid. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe) ▲

abernacle solo: Tech. Sgt. Nicole Vander Does, a U.S. Air Force Band vocalist, performs a solo at the Salt Lake Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 26, 2025, during the band's free concert tour. Vander Does, a Utah State University alum, has served in the Air Force since 2018. The biannual tour served the band's mission to honor those who have served, inspire patriotism and connect with communities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jordan Powell) ◀



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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 for the holiday season (November and "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." 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."

- WOLF PACK LODGE -

Lodging Space A Policy Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? You can book cific unit cook dinner for their fellow

sis up to 120 days in advance for a max- Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. fol- To sign up, dates or for more inforimum of 30 days depending on avail- lowing grace led by a chaplain. Meals mation, call the CAC at 782-5213 or ability. You can also book reservations range from "breakfast for dinner" to 4679. December) up to 30 days in advance For more information or to volunteer, for a maximum of 15 days. (Depend- contact the chapel at 782-HOPE. ing on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday! Reservations - Front Desk-DSN 782- Learn creative ways to assist newcom-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844 FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -Every Sunday, volunteers from a spe-

lodging rooms on a space available ba- Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight places. Prizes include Wolf Pack Won.

- SPONSOR TRAINING -

ers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

- PING PONG TOURNAMENT -Free to all. Prizes for first and second

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

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

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Osan Air 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

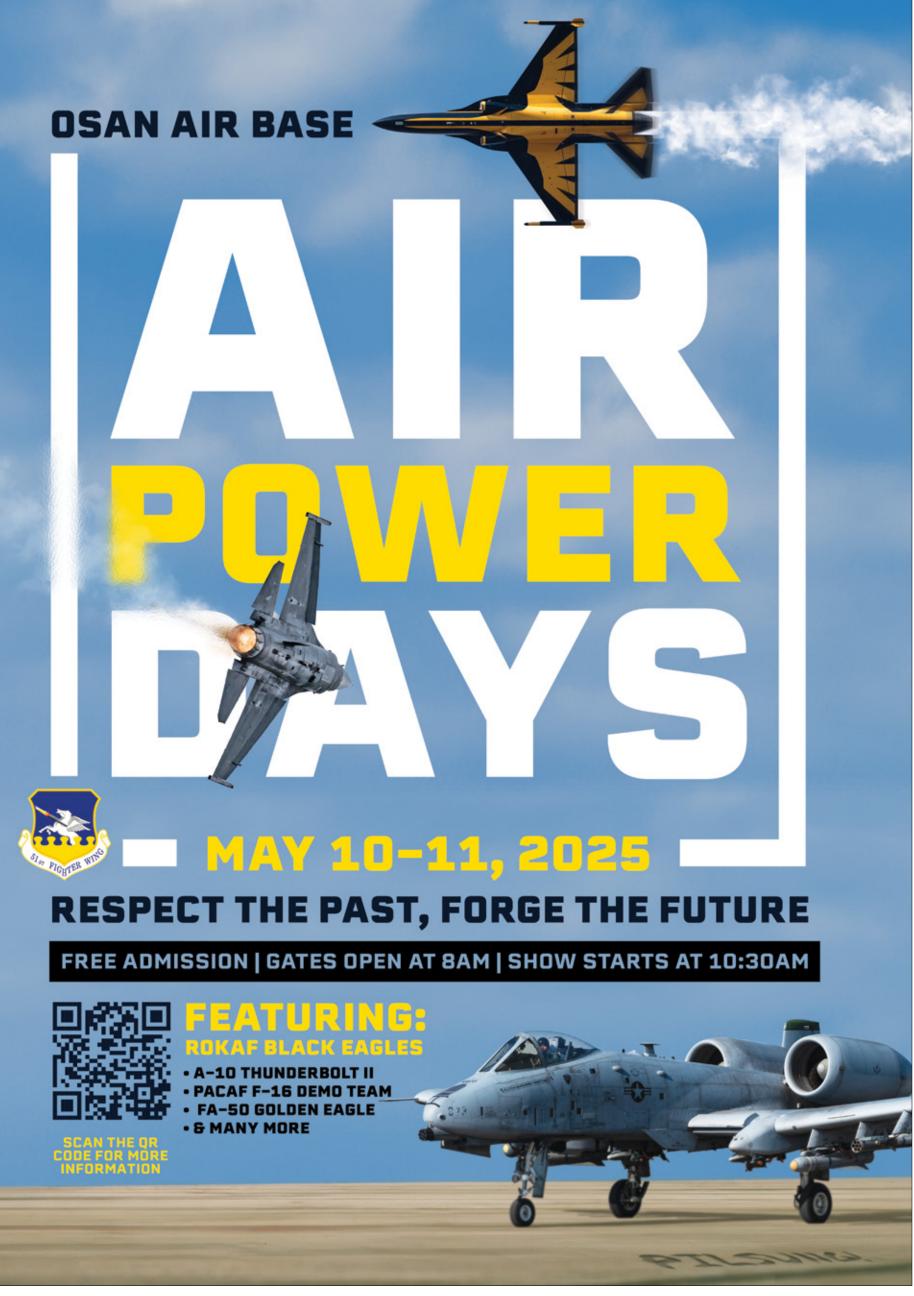
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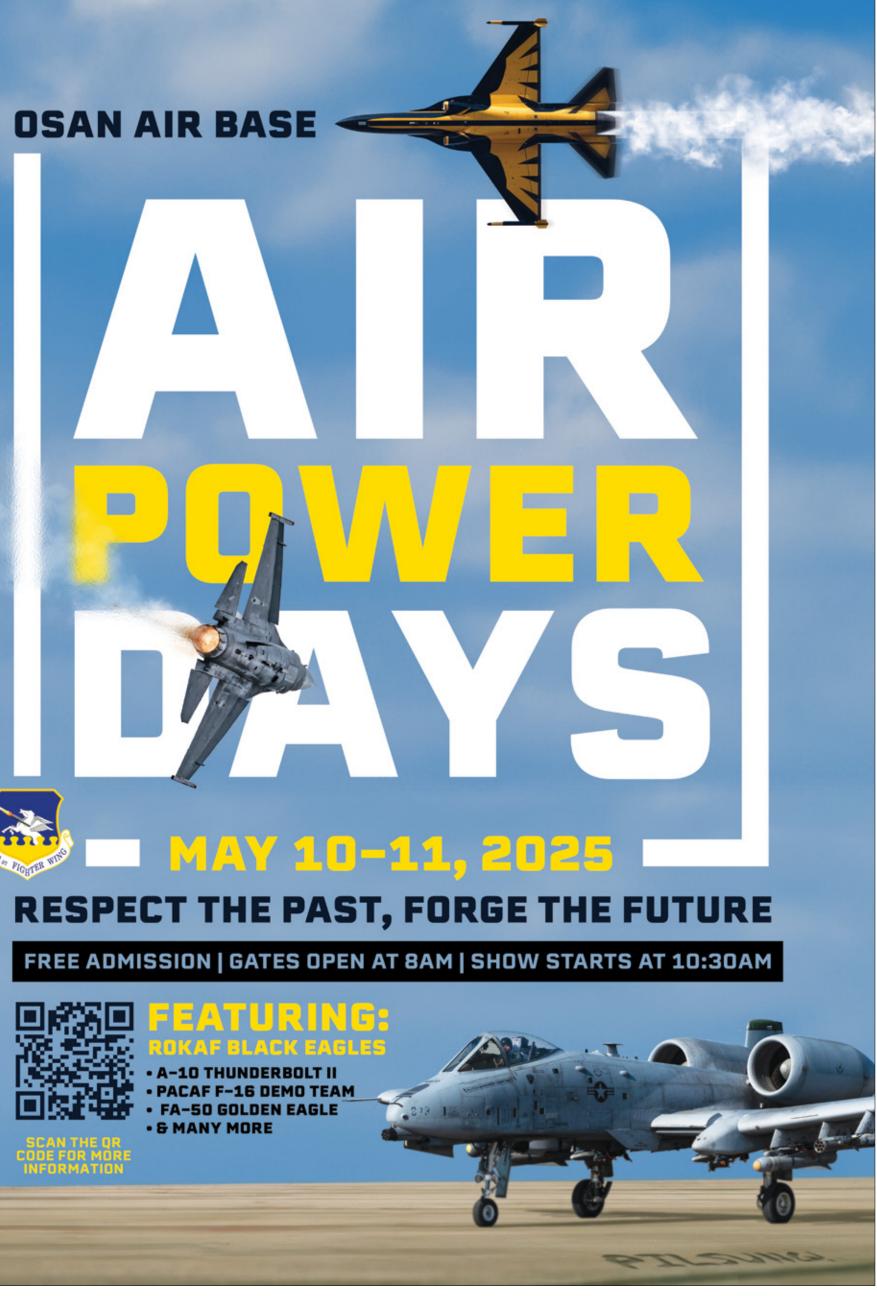
This run and ruck is made up of 5 events, at 0400 a Norwegian Foot March (30k), at 0700 a Half-Marathon (21k), at 0800 a 10k Race, 5k Race, and a Family Fun Run (1k). All events will receive a finishers medallion with the NFM receiving a NFM Belt Buckle Wingmen Helping Airmen Get Home for completion. 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.

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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)			

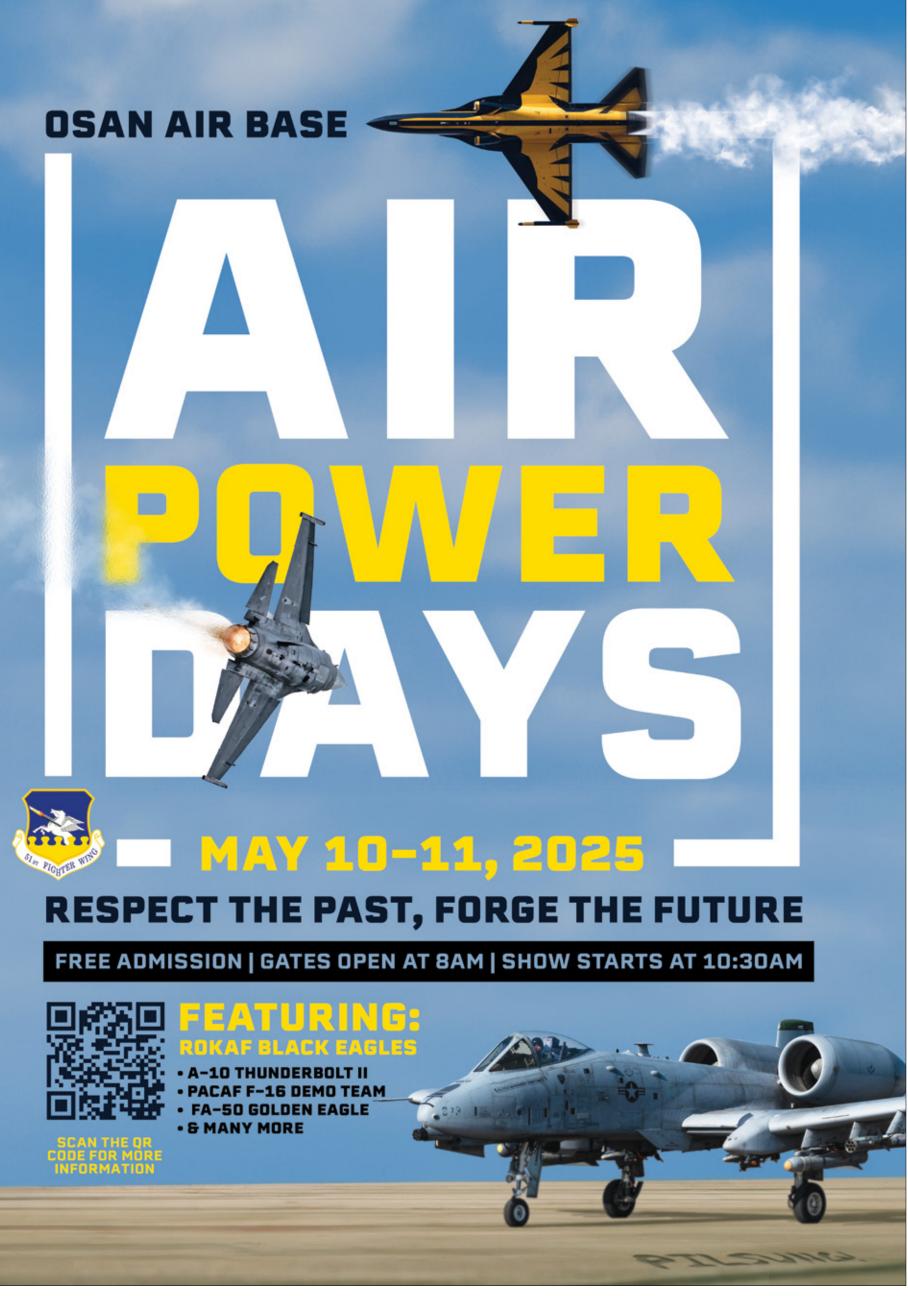
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	Emergency Services (Fire, Medical, Security Police)	911	Commander's Hotline	784-4811
	Off Base/Cell Emergency	031-661- 9111	Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	784-5757
	Emergency Room:	784-2500	IG Complaints FWA Reporting:	784-1144
	Base Locator: (after duty hours)	784-4597	Emergency Leave	784-7000
	Force Protection Information Hotline:	115	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	784-7272
	Chaplain (After duty hours)	784-7000	Security Forces Control Center	784-5515











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2025 Team Osan Chief Recognition Ceremony





U.S. Air Force chief master sergeants stand and repeat the Chief Master Sergeant oath alongside newly selected chiefs during the 2025 Chief Recognition Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 11, 2025. Those recognized were joined by family, friends and fellow chiefs to honor and recognize their dedication and progression through the ranks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt.

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Junyville Gianan, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron senior enlisted leader, lights a candle during the 2025 Chief Recognition Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 11, 2025. The candle lighting ceremony represents the Air Force ranks from airman basic to chief master sergeant. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Tam)►

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force newly selected chief master sergeants were recognized during the 2025 Chief Recognition Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 11, 2025. During the ceremony, four airmen accepted the rank of chief master sergeant, the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force.



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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.



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,

Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

Catholic Holy Mass Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

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

> Protestant Worship Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)

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

Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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

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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.

Find us on the web@ https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel

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

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

- Sundays -1400-1600 Worship Meeting - Freedom Chapel POC: CH Droge; 010-8685-2976; shawn.a.droge.mil@mail.mil

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 1830-2030 Church of Christ Mid-Week Bible Study - Pacific THUR 0915-1130 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom

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PAGAN Traditions Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship POL: (PT Ryan S. Robinson runn sections) A

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









Ch. Capt Bermsoo Kim

uan worked at a meat distribution facility

One evening, as he was wrapping up his shift,

on base. He was known for being a diligent U worker-always punctual, responsible, and April 18, 2025

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Iying with precision: The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration
Squadron "Thunderbirds" fly in formation during a practice demonstration at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., March 28, 2025. The Thunderbirds performed flying formations to symbolize the precision and training of the Air Force pilots, in addition to the versatility of the F-16 Fighting Falcon. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Devyn Taylor) ▲

mooth landing: A U.S. Air Force pararescueman descends under canopy during a joint jump exercise in Djibouti, March 19, 2025. The exercise included 83 parachute jumps and two equipment bundle drops, with participation from 16 U.S., French and Djiboutian units. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jana Somero) ◀



👝 eady to testify: Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David Flosi, left. speaks with Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John Bentivegna before testifying to the House Appropriations Committee about military quality of life, on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., April 8, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich) ▲

uick response: Firefighters from the 812th Civil Engineer Squadron, 412th Test Wing, out of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., responded to an off-base mutual-aid request to nearby Rosamond, April 9, 2025. Edwards AFB Fire and Emergency Services worked with Kern County firefighters to extinguish flames and prevented further damage to nearby private property. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kyle Brasier) ◀

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extinguish the flames. It worked, but the wing had a gaping hole, and the magnesium casting continued to burn.

He pulled the aircraft into a climbing turn, looking for a place to land. His teammates warned him over the radio.

Knowing he would soon lose complete control of the aircraft, he reversed his rudder controls, forcing the A-1 into a faster roll. Inverting the plane, he pulled the ejection handle as soon as he could see the sky through the canopy. "The canopy disappeared with a bang," Buice recalled. "Then nothing."

handle again.

right arm.

as they ascended, the weight was too much.

guys did."

year Air Force career.

special, Jennings noted.

Skyraider.

a large payload of ammunition.

Skyraider pilots.

can no longer do this. Today is not that day." Today, Buice lives at the Hawthorne House, an assisted living neighborhood in the Air Force Enlisted Village in nearby Shalimar, Florida. The Air Force Enlisted Village is a community for retired enlisted military members and their surviving spouses.

Lt. Col. Bill Buice, a former A-1 Skyraider pilot, poses for a photo in front of the new OA-1K Skyraider II at Hu oril 3, 2025. The OA-1K Skyraider II takes its name from the A-1 Skyraider, which Buice flew in Vietnam from J 68 before being shot down, forcing him to medically retire. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Natalie Fiorilli)

98-year-old pilot sees Skyraider legacy live on in AFSOC's OA-1K Skyraider II

By Staff Sgt. Natalie Fiorilli **Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs**

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HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFNS) -- At 98 years old, retired Lt. Col. Bill Buice never imagined he'd see another Skyraider take flight.

Looking ahead, he smiled as the hum of the aircraft's turboprop engine deepened as it drew closer.

Joined by his family and members of Air Force Special Operations Command, Buice watched as the first missionized OA-1K Skyraider II arrived at Hurlburt Field, April 3.

As the OA-1K Skyraider II taxied, Buice said the moment brought back a wave of memories. To him, this was more than a new aircraft — it was a tribute to the original A-1 Skyraider, the plane he piloted during the Vietnam War until the day he was shot down nearly 60 years ago.

Rolling in for a pass to inspect the area below, Buice heard a sudden explosion.

It was July 9, 1968, and Buice, call sign "Firefly 16," and his wingman, "Firefly 17," were providing cover for a formation of American helicopters flying in northern Laos, near the Vietnam border.

Looking through the canopy of his A-1, he spotted a fire on the left wing of his aircraft.

Buice dumped the hydraulic system pressure to



Lt. Col. Bill Buice sits in the flight deck of an A-1 Skyraider in the late 1960s. Buice piloted the A-1 Skyraider during the Vietnam War until the day he was shot down in July 1968. (Courtesy photo) **A**

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"Not in the valley, whatever you do," they urged, warning the enemy could be there.

He saw the jungle rushing up. His airspeed increased and altitude dropped. He pulled the

The rocket fired, pulling him from the cockpit. His parachute deployed, slowing his descent. He crashed through the jungle, hitting a tree and injuring his shoulder and quickly realized he couldn't move his

Hearing noise nearby, he used his left hand to reach for his pistol and call for help with his radio. Moments later, an Air America helicopter arrived. Owned and operated by the CIA, Air America was a cargo and passenger airline that provided air support for the U.S. and its allies during the Vietnam War. A pilot came down to help Buice onto the lift, but

"I insisted that he join me for the trip up, but it was too heavy," Buice recalled. "So I gave him my radio and pistol, and he stayed behind, hoping another chopper would get to him before the bad

Buice was airlifted to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand for urgent medical treatment. Ultimately, his shoulder injury would end his 20-

For decades, Buice often thought about the man who had rescued him, wondering if he made it out alive.

Sitting beside Buice at the OA-1K delivery ceremony was Phillip Jennings, a retired Air America helicopter pilot-the very man who had saved him that day. Over the years, the two had reunited only a handful of times, making this moment even more

"I knew from the moment I watched him get shot down that we would have to go get him," Jennings said. "I'm elated to be able to be here to see him be recognized and honored. He was the real hero that day, saving the Air America helicopters from landing in the deadly gunfire that shot his A-1 down."

Though the crash ended his flying career, Buice said he has always felt a connection to the A-1

As a pilot, Buice liked the A-1 for its ability to fly for an extended period while also being able to carry

The OA-1K Skyraider II now carries on that role, equipped with advanced weapons systems for light attack and reconnaissance missions for AFSOC.

Taking a moment to look at the new aircraft, Buice reflected on what it meant for the next generation of

"I hope they embrace the challenges, the accomplishments — even the fear and the adrenaline," he said. "There will be a day when they





Lt. Col. Bill Buice poses for a photo in front of an A-1 Skyraider in the late 1960s. Buice piloted the A-1 Skyraider during the Vietnam War until the day he was shot down in July 1968. (Courtesy photo) ▲



Retired Lt. Col. Bill Buice, left, a former A-1 Skyraider pilot, and Phillip Jennings, a retired Air America pilot, reconnect before attending a delivery ceremony held for the arrival of Air Force Special Operations Command's first missionized OA-1K Skyraider II at Hurlburt Field, Fla., April 3, 2025. Jennings rescued Buice after he ejected from an A-1 Skyraider in July 1968, after taking enemy fire in northern Laos, near the Vietnam border. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Natalie Fiorilli)

LEISURE & SPORTS

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aseballBaseball stadiums are one of the hottest spots in Korea these days. Last year, the KBO League surpassed 10 million spectators for the first time in history, proving its immense popularity. *Notably, the increasing number* of fans in their 20s has created a younger and more energetic atmosphere. But what is it that makes them so enthusiastic about the baseball stadium? In this episode, we take a look at the diverse ballpark foods, from chimaek (chicken & beer) to tteokbokki (stir-fried rice cake) to samgyeopsal (grilled pork belly) and baseball pochas (pubs), where you can cheer for baseball games with total strangers outside the stadium. Visit your favorite team's home stadium, enjoy delicious food, cheer passionately, and experience the charm of Korean ballparks firsthand!

Win or Lose, a Festival for Everyone! The Unique Korean Baseball Cheer Culture: Food and Baseball Pocha



Unique ballpark food options

1) Signature menus by stadium

Korean baseball stadiums are also toprated eateries. Each ballpark has its signature menu, which fans call "local must-go places." Many fans travel for away games while also enjoying exploring those places. Some of the famous ballpark menus are Seoul Jamsil Baseball Stadium's "One Shot Chicken," a beer and chicken in one hand, Incheon SSG Landers Field's cream shrimp (crispy fried shrimp with a spicy cream sauce), and Suwon kt wiz Park's "Jinmi Tongdak," a Korean style whole chicken brand that is famous nationwide.

Daejeon Hanhwa Life Ballpark offers many traditional food options. Its signature menu is "Nongshim Garak" Tteokbokki, which features garaetteok (long, large, and chewy rice cakes). At Changwon NC Park, "Beer Bat" (beer served in a baseball bat-shaped cup) is particularly popular. Many fans order the menu because they can keep the cup as a souvenir. These unique stadium-exclusive food options are actively shared on social media as a "must-eat ballpark food list," becoming another part of Korea's unique baseball culture.



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2) Special F&B seating areas – BBQ & picnic zones

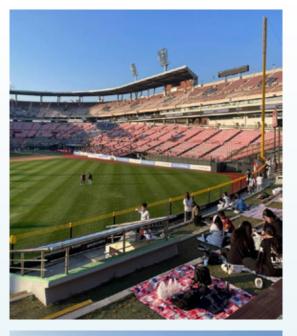
Some baseball stadiums have special seating areas where you can enjoy eating. These seats can be booked just like regular seats by selecting your preferred location.

E-Mart BBQ zone at Incheon SSG Landers Field

The BBQ zone is one of the most challenging seats to book at Incheon SSG Landers Field. Since fans can grill their barbecue while watching the game, it is popular among those seeking an exceptional experience. Essential utensils like grills, scissors, and tongs are available for rent. Also, you don't have to worry about coming empty-handed because meat, vegetables, and other ingredients can be purchased on-site.

Grass seat area at Suwon kt wiz Park

If you wish to watch baseball and enjoy a picnic at the same time, the outfield grass seat area at Suwon kt wiz Park is your perfect choice. Spread out a picnic mat, sit back, and leisurely enjoy the game like a picnic in the park. It is also great for lying down for a quick break or chatting with your friends over snacks. The charm of the grass seat area is that you can enjoy the game in a much more relaxed way while still feeling the energy of the stadium.





Baseball pocha as an alternative to the

Baseball pocha is a sports bar dedicated to baseball where fans gather to share the excitement of cheering together. Though not at the stadium, you can watch games on big screens while enjoying chimaek, singing anthems, and toasting beer to enjoy electrifying moments. Particularly in Seoul, many baseball pochas are frequented by regular fans of specific teams, making it easy to socialize with fellow supporters.

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

Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs

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DESCENDANTS OF CHOSIN RESERVOIR VETERANS

Join the 2025 UN Veterans **Descendants Exchange Camp in Korea!**

About the Camp:

- What: A 7-day cultural and academic exchange camp honoring UN Korean War veterans
- When: June 6-12, 2025
- Where: Seoul and Busan, South Korea Who: descendants from 22 UN member countries that participated in the Korean War, domestic and international university students
- Why: To build global networks and commemorate the sacifices of Korea War veterans

Program Highlights Include:

- Tribute at the National Cemetery
- DMZ Tour & Visit to Camp Humphreys
- Korean Cultural Experiences
- Corporate Talks (Samsung, LG)
- Haeundae Yacht Tour & Visit to
- UN Peace Memorial Hall Networking with students
- from 22 countries

Special Invitation for Chosin Reservoir Descendants:

- The descendant may join the full-week program or
- · Attend only the first day, which includes a tribute at the National
- Cemetery in Seoul.
- * Please sign up by providing your name along with your
- grandfather's name and unit
- ***** Participation is voluntary and not an official duty assignment.
- * All costs are covered by the host.

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SSgt Alexandria Helms

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexandria Helms, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon avionics craftsman, poses for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 9, 2025. Helms was recognized as Mustang of the Week for her professional commitment in the workplace.

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexandria Helms, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron, F-16 Fighting Falcon avionics craftsman, was named Mustang of the Week on April 8, 2025, for her dedication and contributions to the mission.

As an F-16 avionics craftsman, she is responsible for maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing the aircrafts electronic systems. She conducts operational checks and implements upgrades and modifications on the electronic systems. Additionally, she handles the repair of wiring on the aircraft, which consists of 15 miles of wiring distributed across 250 wiring harnesses. She also works on a total of 30 individual avionics systems, all of which are integrated and depend on each other for proper operation.

By maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing the F-16's electronic systems, her job directly impacts the "Fight Tonight" mission of the 51st Fighter Wing.

"As an F-16 avionics craftsman I am expected to know complex avionics issues and effectively troubleshoot them while teaching other Airmen to make sure sorties happen," said Helms. "I am responsible for inspecting maintenance repairs that are completed to ensure quality and reliable maintenance is done on the F-16, contributing to mission readiness."

As a newly promoted non-commissioned officer, Helms oversees the execution of maintenance tasks that affect over 4,000 sorties with 5,000 flight hours. Her exceptional performance did not go unnoticed by her leadership.

"When people say that NCOs are the backbone of the Air Force, Staff Sgt. Helms is the embodiment of everything they mean," said Master Sgt. Alexander Davis, 36th FGS specialist section chief. "She is one of the best technicians, supervisors, mentors and, most importantly, leaders I have ever had the privilege to work with."

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





U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexandria Helms, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon avionics craftsman, performs a tool accountability check at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April , 2025. Heims nandles the rej of wiring on the aircraft, which consists of 15 miles of wiring distributed across 250 wiring harnesses.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alexandria Helms, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon avionics craftsman, left, and Staff Sgt. Paul Lentz, 36th FGS F-16 avionics craftsman, right, examine schematics at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 9, 2025. As F-16 avionics craftsmen, they are responsible for maintaining. troubleshooting, and repairing the aircrafts electronic systems.

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jacob Spillman, 8th Operational Support Squadron air traffic control standards and evaluations NCO in charge and landing zone operations NCO in charge, was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 7-11. Spillman broadened Kunsan's operational capabilities by instituting the 8th Fighter Wing's first landing zone operations section and training program, expanding aircraft operations to nonstandard locations across the installation. His team was selected to research critical data related to the PACAF ACE Fighter Working Group's effort to develop landing zone criteria for fighter aircraft. They worked with local flying units to execute multiple tests of contingency lighting, crafting the first base landing zone regulations./ They collaborated with base/MAJCOM leadership to deconflict landing zone operations from wing, Republic of Korea Air Force, and civilian aircraft. Finally, Spillman initiated training events with the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, 51st FW, and 8th FW units to lead his team of four trainers to certify 18 pilots and grant 23 Airmen from across the 7th Air Force the 3LZ special experience identifier and increase overall USFK and USFJ readiness. Thank you for everything you've done to improve

the Wolf Pack's ability to accept follow-on forces and project airpower.

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U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jacob Spillman, 8th Operational Support Squadron air traffic control standards and evaluations NCO in charge, calibrates night-vision goggles for nighttime landing zone operations at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2025. Spillman was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 7-11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Giovanni Sims)▲



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jacob Spillman, 8th Operational Support Squadron air traffic control standards and evaluations NCO in charge, poses with a Marine KC-130 Super Hercules at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 9, 2025. Spillwas was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 7-11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Ross)▲

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