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Attendees watch performances during Osan Air Power Days 2025 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 10, 2025. The Republic of Korea Air Force and U.S. service members commemorated their long-standing partnership on the Korean Peninsula.



Respect the Past, Forge the Future: *Air Power Days Returns to Osan*

**By Senior Airman Sarah Williams
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Fighter Wing hosted Osan Air Power Days 2025 at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, May 10-11, welcoming more than 48,575 attendees throughout the weekend. The event aimed to strengthen ties with the local community, celebrate allied partnerships, and highlight the capabilities that support regional deterrence

and defense.

Team Osan welcomed Department of Defense personnel, their families, and members of the local Korean community for two days of aerial demonstrations and static aircraft displays. The event highlighted the enduring ROK-U.S. alliance and showcased combined airpower capabilities.

The 51st Fighter Wing partnered with joint U.S. forces and the Republic of Korea Air Force to showcase a wide variety of airpower capabilities. Attendees toured more than 20 static displays and witnessed

special performances from the ROKAF Black Eagles Aerobatics Team, the Pacific Air Force F-16 Demonstration Team, and the A-10 Thunderbolt II.

Osan Air Power Days 2025 airshow video. Acts include the Black Eagles, PACAF F-16 Demo Team, A-10 Ground Load demonstration, A-10 flying demonstration, and an F-35 demonstration.

“Osan Air Base has a pivotal role here in South Korea, but also in the Pacific Theater,” said U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibben, 51st Fighter Wing commander. *< Continued on Page 26 >*



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Honoring Our Defenders



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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --
The 51st Security Forces Squadron
hosts a Law Enforcement Display in
recognition of 2025 National Police
Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of
Korea, May 15, 2025.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Caesar Reyna, 51st Security Forces Squadron flight sergeant, is struck during a baton training drill as part of a Law Enforcement Display in recognition of 2025 National Police Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2025. The use of the bodysuit and baton training equips defenders with non-lethal force options, enabling them to control and de-escalate high-threat situations safely and effectively. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sarah Williams) ▲

Republic of Korea Air Force Korean Military Police explain self defense to an attendee during the Law Enforcement Display for the 2025 National Police Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2025. ROKAF Military Police train with edged-weapon scenarios to sharpen their self-defense capabilities, ensuring they can respond with precision and control against armed threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sarah Williams) ▼

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Police Week with the Pack

By Senior Airman Karissa Dick
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron hosted and participated in various events in honor of Police Week at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2025. Police week honors and commemorates the lives of those lost in the line of duty.

Members assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron participate in a ruck during police week at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2025. Police Week honors and commemorates the lives of those lost in the line of duty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▼



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron participate in fireman carries during the Police Week "Battle of the Pack" competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2025. The competition challenged teams to carry ammo cans, army crawl, fireman carry teammates and complete a humvee push. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲

Master Sgt. Christopher Pate, 8th Security Forces Squadron defender, lists the names of defenders who perished during combat during the Police Week opening ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2025. After the ceremony, defenders participated in various events such as a ruck, and a "Battle of the Pack" competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▼



Airmen assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing, push a Humvee during the Police Week "Battle of the Pack" competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2025. Police Week honors and commemorates the lives of those lost in the line of duty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ►



Members assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron attend an opening ceremony for Police Week at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2025. After the ceremony, the Wolf Pack completed a ruck march to honor security forces members that have fallen in combat. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲



Wolfpack strengthens mission execution, interoperability during Freedom Flag 25-1



By Senior Airman Karissa Dick
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Wolfpack participated in exercise Freedom Flag 25-1 alongside the Republic of Korea Air Force at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 21 to May 2.

Participating in LFEs while also continuing necessary readiness training required innovative solutions to deliver combat-ready airpower to both efforts. From airfield management to F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots, the entire Wolfpack put their skills to the test during FF 25-1 to assess and enhance integration and further reinforce the alliance.

“Freedom Flag is important because it allows U.S. and ROKAF to train and practice the full life cycle of a complex large force exercise and identify both strengths and areas where further investments can be made to increase deterrence,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Dana Merrill, 8th Fighter Squadron commander.

“The Wolfpack pulled together, from operations, maintenance, mission support and medical domains to support both lines of effort through extended duty-days, and we demonstrated great resiliency in response to challenge, as well as demonstrated balancing resources to fulfill multiple priority lines of effort simultaneously,” Merrill stated.

Emphasizing this, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brooke Edwards, 8th Logistic Readiness Squadron reception noncommissioned officer in charge, added, “Working and training alongside ROKAF ensures our relationships are strong and our communication remains seamless.”

FF 25-1 scenarios provide critical training for Airmen to improve mission execution under high-pressure conditions alongside ROKAF counterparts, honing the skills required for peak bilateral performance in



both peacetime and contingency operations.

“You need to train the way you would fight with the team you have,” stated Merrill. “Doing so allows you to understand and maximize the complementary contributions of the joint and allied participants and identify areas where further investment can boost deterrence and interoperability even further.”

The Freedom Flag series will continue to evolve to prepare combat training scenarios for dynamic threats by sharpening decision-making, mission execution and rapid response, particularly in precision operations across air, ground and space domains, at locations dispersed across the Korean Peninsula. The mission remains clear: to defend the base, accept follow-on forces, and take the fight North.



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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Aaron Gibson, 8th Operational Support Team mental health technician, leads an activity during a toxic leadership professional development course at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 8, 2025. Gibson, normally a U.S. Air Force reservist, arrived at Kunsan February of 2025 after volunteering for a 170 day manning assist opportunity. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick)

AF reservist brings mental health expertise to the Wolfpack

By Senior Airman Karissa Dick
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Aaron Gibson, an approachable leader with a warm smile, served 11 years in the U.S. Air Force as an active-duty mental health technician. With proud Southern roots that encourage Gibson's love for conversation and a personality that thrives off getting to know others, mental health became a calling that he truly embraced at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

"I didn't know anything about mental health coming in. I thought it was just some type of witchcraft," Gibson joked. "But, I quickly saw through years of training and doing therapy how powerful it can be."

After serving active-duty, Gibson transitioned to the U.S. Air Force Reserve in September 2024. Recently stationed with the 433rd Medical Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Gibson returned from a six-month deployment to Saudi Arabia and had begun exploring new job opportunities when he received a unique offer.

"I had just got back from a deployment in October and my mental health functional called me," remembered Gibson.

To his surprise, the Air Force mental health career field functional manager reached out, informing him that he had been personally recommended for a 170-day manning assist to Kunsan. Grateful for the recognition and eager to contribute, Gibson seized the opportunity to serve others in



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Aaron Gibson, 8th Operational Support Team mental health technician, teaches a toxic leadership professional development course to 8th Medical Group Airmen at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 8, 2025. This course offered a different perspective from conventional leadership programs by emphasizing the pitfalls and behaviors to avoid as a leader. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲

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an active-duty capacity without hesitation.

"I was a little nervous, but that quickly turned into excitement because everybody I talked to who's been out here has had nothing but great things to say. I had heard of the tight-knited [relationships] of this community and how they depend on each other so I was excited," said Gibson. "It was kind of random, but the stars aligned and now I'm here at Kunsan."

Highly motivated and ready to help, Gibson arrived at Kunsan in February 2025 where he joined the 8th Operational Support Team. The 8th OST focuses on improving the mental and physical well-being of Airmen by providing preventative care, reducing barriers to accessing mental health services, and addressing common stressors that can impact Airmen's readiness. They often embed within units, particularly ones with high stress and physical demands.

"Before, the team didn't have a mental health asset so they were mostly doing the physical therapy part of things," Gibson said. "Me coming in has allowed us to have that full scope of care."

Christian Bridgman, 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron health promotion program coordinator and Gibson's coworker, expressed that he was surprised to learn that the mental health assistant position at Kunsan would be filled and was excited to have a new asset added to the team.

"Once Master Sgt. Gibson arrived, he brought an exceptional level of approachability and skill that elevated our team's ability to connect with Airmen on a deeper level," said Bridgman.

As a mental health technician with the OST, Gibson plays a vital role in maintaining mission readiness by ensuring Kunsan Airmen have access to the mental health support they need. Different from regular mental health services, Gibson provides therapy without the requirement to document sessions.

"I don't have to document anything which I love because it knocks down a barrier for people," explained Gibson. "People that are maintainers or that have clearances don't want things going on their record so that removes something that could give them hesitation from talking to me."

In conjunction with therapy, Gibson enthusiastically mentioned that he also gets a bang for his buck with educating Airmen.

"I kind of think of myself as a life coach," said Gibson. "Any of the classes we do, like sleep hygiene, stress management, burnout prevention, I definitely see people having better habits surrounding those things and that typically spills into other areas too."

With a variety of classes now being offered, Gibson's expertise and approachable personality has played a pivotal role in the success of unit embeddings within the 8th Fighter Wing.

"Master Sgt. Gibson plays a crucial role in enhancing unit readiness through early intervention, mental health education, and building trust within the community," said Bridgman. "He has helped foster a culture in which seeking mental health care is not only accepted but encouraged."

Bridgman explained that having a mental health asset, like Gibson, embedded with OST's can



increase mission readiness and sustainment up to 34% in units. And, Gibson's presence not only reduces the stigma behind mental health but also promotes proactive engagement with Airmen.

"I've really tried to get people to take a moment to take care of themselves," emphasized Gibson. "I feel like, especially in these embedded roles with maintainers and security forces, that these units are really [getting after the mission] so they don't really have time to care about their mental health. So that's what I do, I care about it for them and bring it to the forefront."

Bridgman has witnessed the natural way Gibson engages with Airmen within units and breaks down barriers for seeking help.

"Master Sgt. Gibson's presence has been transformative," stated Bridgman. "His diverse hobbies and interests make him relatable to a wide range of people. His warmth and genuine nature allow him to build trust and rapport, even with the most guarded individuals."

Motivated to create a lasting change, Gibson has pushed the 8th OST to get involved with the master Resiliency Trainers at Kunsan. Capitalizing on this relationship, Gibson envisions using the MRT resiliency training in conjunction with OST training to combat stress in the Wolfpack.

Gibson has also kickstarted a new emotional intelligence course within the 8th FW. His intent being to bolster emotional intelligence and educate on how handling emotions can impact work environments.

"If your leadership is good, then hey life is great! But if your leadership is bad, then you know it's like 'I ain't reenlisting'. That's how it is. So that's something we are working on," explained Gibson. "There's not really a topic under my umbrella that I can't help with. It's such a spectrum but that doesn't matter because it's a holistic approach. If I can help you with one thing then it's going to help you in other areas."

Since joining the 8th OST, Gibson and his team have been actively supporting not only the units they are embedded with, but also reaching out to additional units and teams to explore opportunities for assistance. By introducing themselves and sharing information about available educational trainings, they empower units to seek out proactive, preventative support for their Airmen. Gibson believes this initiative will continue after his departure.

"Even though we are embedded with

maintenance right now, we'll go over to security forces when they're arming up and introduce ourselves and give them a few quick sleep tips. Or we'll go over to the ambulance bay with our EMT's and just broaden our reach," mentioned Gibson. "We want to help as many people as we can and we don't need to be embedded to do that. You just tell me a day and we can come back and give a class on whatever you want. That's something that we should keep doing for sure."

Gibson acknowledged that the OST has faced challenges in filling mental health technician positions, as these professionals are in high demand across various locations. He expressed hope that his current manning assist at Kunsan will encourage similar opportunities for other seven-level technicians in the future, helping to address this critical staffing need.

"If the Air Force could take those technicians and put them in those roles I think everybody would be better for it," said Gibson. "If that could be the result of this, I'd be over the moon."

Gibson emphasized the significant value that volunteer opportunities hold for reservists, as these experiences can contribute to both professional growth and personal development. These opportunities not only enhance critical skills and broaden perspectives, but also foster meaningful relationships that can last a lifetime. In particular, he mentioned how volunteering can create a lasting bond with the Wolf Pack, offering a sense of belonging and connection that extends beyond the duration of the assignment.

"I just got back from deployment so I feel like these types of experiences are going to serve me so well the next time I go. It's just invaluable. On the human side of things, I've already met so many people who are not going anywhere," said Gibson. "They are in my life forever now and we are really good friends. I feel like those experiences along with the ability to bolster your toolkit from a readiness perspective is invaluable. It's just making me be the best version of myself which is what I want for my patients too."

Through embedded support, engaging education and a deep commitment to connection, Gibson and his team have fostered a culture where mental health is not just encouraged, but actively supported. Ultimately, the 8th OST plays a vital role in keeping the Wolf Pack "Fit to Fight Tonight," ensuring that Airmen are mentally resilient, mission-ready and never alone in the challenges they face.

Four Chaplains: *Norwegian Foot March*



Participants of the Four Chaplain Memorial Run and Ruck progress through the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. The event honored the sacrifice of four chaplains that helped panicked soldiers to safety after a U.S. Army transport ship was hit by a torpedo during World War II. ▲

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --
The 51st Fighter Wing Osan chaplain Corps conducted their second annual Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. More than 930 participants from four nations gathered to honor the sacrifice of the four chaplains that helped panicked soldiers to safety after a U.S. Army transport ship was hit by a torpedo during World War II.

Participants of the Four Chaplain Memorial Run and Ruck rest at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. More than 930 participants from four nations gathered to honor the sacrifice of the four chaplains and celebrate the spirit of unity, endurance and resilience. ►



Participants of the Four Chaplain Memorial Run and Ruck march through the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. Originally founded in Norway, the event has become internationally recognized and is held in several countries around the world, often coordinated by military units. ▲

Participants of the Four Chaplain Memorial Run and Ruck dash to the finish line at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. The NFM was first held in 1915 to test the physical stamina of soldiers in the Norwegian Army and prepare them for long marches in harsh conditions. ▼



Participants begin the Four Chaplain Memorial Run and Ruck at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. The event featured the Norwegian Foot March, a long-standing military event that challenges participants to march 18.6 miles while carrying a minimum of 25 pounds, completing the ruck within the time set for their age group.



A participant of the Four Chaplain Memorial Run and Ruck completes his second lap during the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. More than 930 participants from four nations gathered to honor the sacrifice of the four chaplains and celebrate the spirit of unity, endurance and resilience. ▲

Participants of the Four Chaplain Memorial Run and Ruck rest after finishing the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2025. The NFM is a long-standing military event that challenges participants to march 18.6 miles while carrying a minimum of 25 pounds, completing the ruck within the time set for their age group. ▼



36th FGS assumption of command



**By Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran
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OSAN AIR FORCE BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 36th Fighter Generation Squadron welcomed Maj. Richard Ryland as its new commander during an assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2025.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Richard Ryland, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron incoming commander, receives his first salute as commander during the 36th FGS assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2025. As the largest F-16 FGS in the U.S. Air Force, the 36th FGS plays a crucial role in the delivery of combat air power on the Korean peninsula, but also in the development of the super-squadron concept. ◀

Members of the Mustang community attend the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2025. As the largest F-16 FGS in the U.S. Air Force, the 36th FGS plays a crucial role in the delivery of combat air power on the Korean peninsula, but also in the development of the super-squadron concept. ▼



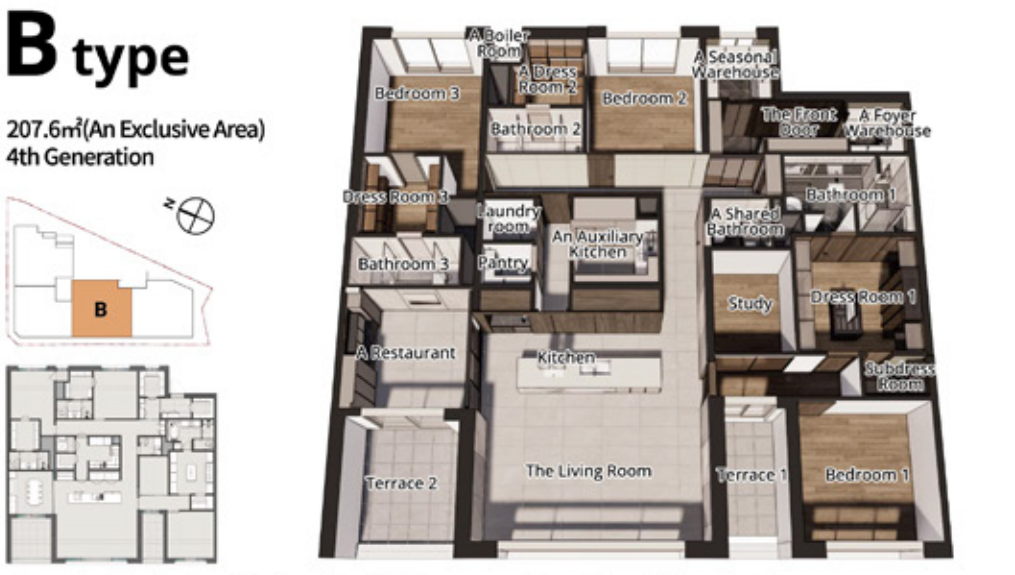
U.S. Air Force Maj. Richard Ryland, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron incoming commander, right, accepts the squadron guidon from Col. Kenneth B. Beebe III, 51st Maintenance Group commander, during the 36th FGS assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2025. As the largest F-16 FGS in the U.S. Air Force, the 36th FGS plays a crucial role in the delivery of combat air power on the Korean peninsula, but also in the development of the super-squadron concept. ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Kenneth B. Beebe III, 51st Maintenance Group commander, delivers opening remarks during the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2025. As the largest F-16 FGS in the U.S. Air Force, the 36th FGS plays a crucial role in the delivery of combat air power on the Korean peninsula, but also in the development of the super-squadron concept. ▲



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1. Battery Fire Hazards

Most PTDs are powered by lithium-ion batteries, known for their high energy density. However, when damaged, improperly charged, or exposed to heat, these batteries can undergo thermal runaway, resulting in intense fires or explosions.

2. Residential Fire Risks

With more users charging devices indoors, particularly in multi-family residential buildings, the risk of rapid fire spread increases. Fires that start during nighttime charging can go undetected, making early evacuation and containment difficult.

3. Key Risk Factors

- Charging near combustible materials.
- Use of unofficial or damaged chargers.
- Overcharging or unsupervised charging.

4. Fire Safety Recommendations

To mitigate fire risks, the following safety practices are recommended:

- Charge in well-ventilated areas away from flammable items.
- Use certified chargers and avoid third-party or damaged charging equipment.
- Do not charge overnight or while unattended.
- Install smoke alarms near charging areas.
- Avoid modifying PTDs or their batteries.

Conclusion

It is critical to balance their benefits with proactive fire safety measures. Awareness, regulation, and preparedness will be key to preventing injuries and protecting communities from PTD-related fire incidents.

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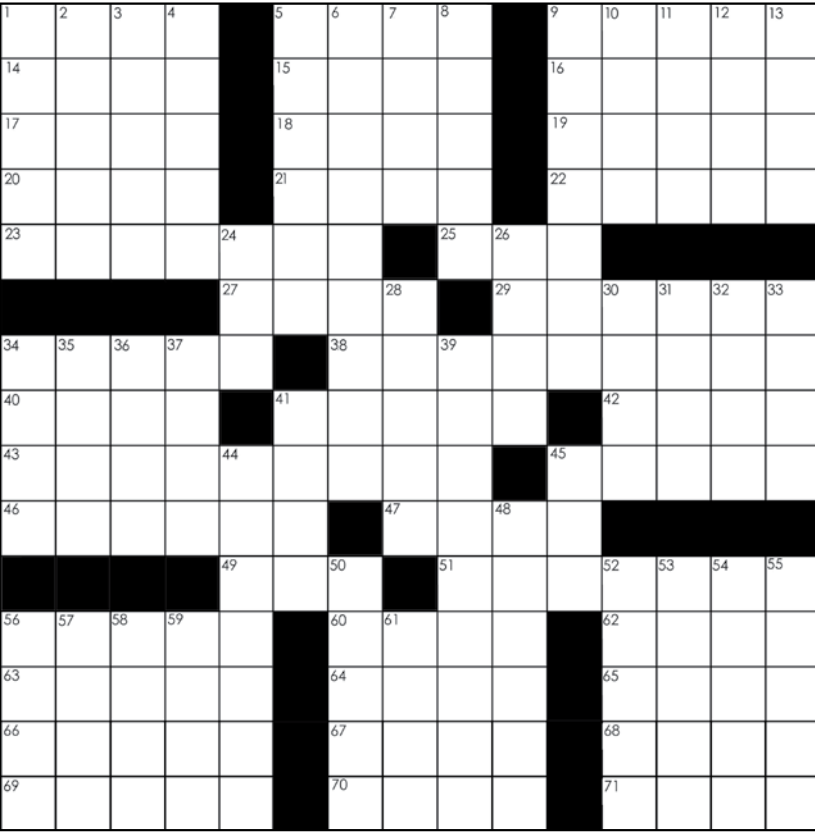
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

1 Naver rival
5 Air pollution
9 Military decoration
14 Maneating giant
15 Actress Flynn Boyle
16 Fragrance
17 Pill container
18 He ____ out a living
19 Goes with Easy or Ghost
20 Women's fashion magazine
21 Senses of self-esteem
22 Computer screen pictograms
23 Tactical, operational or strategic
25 Military reporter Michael
27 Corporate leaders
29 Dutch city
34 Goes with soap or house
38 Practical arrangements
40 "Banana Boat Song"

41 Director Arkush
42 Chestplate armor
43 Goes with Paul Bunyan or Desert Storm
45 Delete
46 Spherical antenna protector
47 Drill, desk, and staff
49 Type of officer
51 Goes with family or bomb
56 Andong village
60 Baldwin or Guinness
62 Simpsons bus driver
63 Hyundai luxury car
64 Second-in-command chef
65 Actor Rossi
66 Goes with brat or liver
67 We'll be there ____ time
68 Goes with dream or tag
69 Fashionable
70 Goes with stop or language
71 Some deciduous trees

DOWN

1 England's White Cliffs locale
2 Flexible
3 Western Russian mountains
4 Brawl
5 Large arm tattoo
6 Chalky Korean alcoholic drink
7 Black-and-white cookie
8 Flatulent
9 Naval infantry
10 Idle or Trump
11 Dead bird
12 Prayer word
13 Frederiksen or Ulrich
24 Sony's record label
26 Thor's father
28 Han and Napoleon
30 Simpsons exchange student
31 Latvian capital
32 Navy detective TV show

33 Korean slim cigarette brand
34 Stench
35 Found between Oscar and Quebec
36 Ogled
37 Vehicle ferry
39 Winter Olympic co-host city
41 Military testing institute
44 Decide not to punish
45 Keyboard key
48 Arizona city
50 Liam and Noel's band
52 Goes with World or Mart
53 "Big" Archie character
54 Mr. T's TV show
55 Suites
56 Shaped
57 "Barbie Girl" band
58 Harm
59 Impeach
61 WKRP actress Anderson

Answers to Previous Crossword

ACROSS	35 BRONZE 37 CHROMITE 39 MELEE 40 NERO 41 YAMS 42 NSA 44 EKE 46 OMIT 50 AVID 52 YPRES 57 WITHDRAW 59 SEJONG 60 ENSUE 61 LOCK 63 SHOT 64 NLL 66 AYE 68 KAMD 71 IRON 74 ASPCA 79 ERIE	80 MAPO 81 THAAD 82 YEAR 83 ANTE 84 SERVO DOWN	21 PIE 23 EDO 24 ARM 25 MRE 26 MOL 27 ONE 29 ICE 30 SHRED 32 CIA 33 ATM 34 YES 36 ZEN 38 RAN 40 NAVAL 43 SAR 45 EYE 46 OWE 47 MIN 49 THUNDER 51 IWO	53 PJS 54 ROH 55 ENO 56 SGT 58 DEL 59 SKY 62 CANOE 65 LIMA 67 EATS 68 KEY 69 ARE 70 MIA 72 RAN 73 OPT 75 SHE 76 PAR 77 CAV 78 ADO
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Sky high: U.S. Air Force Academy's Jalan Rivers, a two-time defending conference champion, competes in the high jump at the Air Force Twilight Open held at the Cadet Outdoor Track and Field Complex in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 9, 2025. Rivers cleared a height of 2.15 meters (7 feet, 0.5 inches), earning first place in the event and extending his dominance in the high jump field. (U.S. Air Force photo by Adalyn Greene) ▲

Sonic smoke: Capt. Nick Le Tourneau, F-22 Demonstration Team pilot, performs precision aerial maneuvers during the National Security Forum at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., May 7, 2025. Since 1954, the Secretary of the Air Force's National Security Forum has brought together the nation's most influential civic leaders with senior military leaders to enable open discussions on historic and contemporary national security strategies and challenges. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Richard P. Ebersberger) ▼



Combat certification: A KC-46A Pegasus assigned to the 418th Flight Test Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base positions to refuel a Royal Australian Air Force E-7A Wedgetail in the airspace near Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., April 9, 2025. Aircrews from the U.S. Air Force, RAAF and Royal Air Force worked together to rapidly certify this enhanced combat capability for the RAAF E-7A fleet. (U.S. Air Force photo by Richard Gonzales) ▲

Daddy's home!: Master Sgt. Cameron Stommel of the 158th Fighter Wing returns to South Burlington, Vt., April 22, 2025, after a deployment to Japan. The 158th FW was deployed to Okinawa to support the Vermont Air National Guard's F-35A Lightning II aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Chief Master Sgt. Rob Trubia) ◀



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

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Osan Air Base Rugby
Mondays and Wednesdays | 1700-1800 | Mustang Field
Whether you're rugby-curious and want to learn, or a veteran player who wants to throw the ball around, come out to the Mustang Field for some fun

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5th Annual Stump Run
0700 June 7 | Osan Fitness Center
Please join for our 5th annual Stump Run! This run is to honor not only SrA Corey Stump, who tragically passed away in 2014, but to honor all those we have lost along the way. SrA Stump was a big proponent of pushing yourself to be your best and to also have time to care for those around you. We hope to carry on his legacy and accomplish both of these goals through this annual memorial run. This event is open to all personnel on base including dependents. There will be family friendly activities and resiliency booths. We hope to see you there! Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAC2B8BF9C43-56112740-stump>
Run Times 0800 Half Marathon, 0830 5K, 0900 1 Mile Walk
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Law Enforcement desk	782-4944	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	782-7272
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Off Base/Cell Emergency	031-661-9111	Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	784-5757
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Base Locator: (after duty hours)	784-4597	Emergency Leave	784-7000
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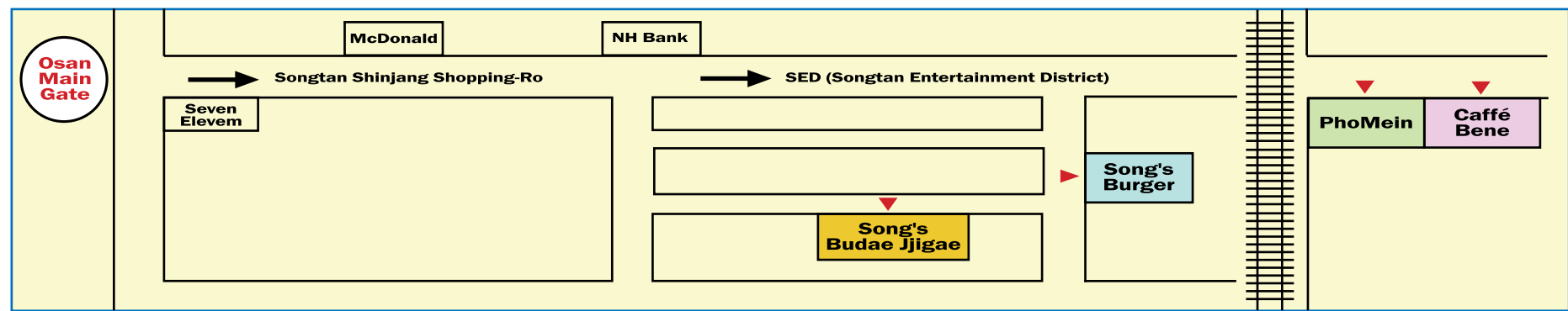
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Dragon Brigade's Finest Rise to the Top in Best Squad Competition

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

Camp Humphreys, Korea — From May 5th to May 9th, the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade held its highly anticipated Best Squad Competition, a grueling and inspiring showcase of teamwork, skill, and warrior spirit. The event aimed to determine which elite team would represent the Dragon Brigade at the upcoming 94th AAMDC Best Squad Competition in Hawaii and the Eighth Army Best Squad Competition right here on the Korean Peninsula.

Three squads stepped up to the challenge: two from the 6-52 Air Defense Artillery Battalion at Camp Humphreys, and one from Combined Task Force-Defender, stationed at Forward Operating Site-Carroll. Each squad faced an intense series of physically and mentally demanding tasks that tested their readiness and resilience.

The week kicked off with the Army Combat Fitness Test, followed by tactical STX Lanes featuring Entry Control Point operations, CBRN response drills, tactical communications, and critical warrior tasks. As the competition progressed, squads pushed through water survival training, proving their adaptability and grit in high-stress environments.

A highlight of the week was the formal board event, where each squad fielded questions that challenged their knowledge and decision-making. In a unique twist, the squad leader selected which teammate would respond, showcasing leadership and trust within the unit. From there, competitors moved to the Medical Simulation Training Center, putting their Combat Lifesaver skills to the test, before heading to the virtual range for M4 qualification on the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST).

The final challenge was a six-mile ruck march around Osan Air Base, a true test of endurance and unity, where every team member was required to cross the finish line together.

On the morning of May 10th, the results were in: Team 1 from the 6-52 ADA Battalion, led by Staff Sgt. Mason, emerged victorious and earned the honor of being named the 2025 35th ADA Brigade Best Squad.

Their victory not only reflects individual excellence but also the strength of their bond as a squad. They will go on to represent the Dragon Brigade with pride, embodying the Army values of loyalty, duty, and selfless service. Congratulations to all competitors who participated and demonstrated the warrior ethos throughout the competition. The Dragon Brigade is stronger because of your dedication.



35th ADA's Best Squad winners pose for a victory pose after winning. ▲



Soldiers go under water together during combat water survival training. ▲



Soldier aims at his target during the M4 qualification at the Vandal training center EST ▲



Sgt. Kinder signals to his squad to get into wedge formation during a patrol during the STX lanes ▲

The Warfighter's Spirit

Whose Side Are You on Anyway!?



By Ch. Capt R. Peter Jackson
Chaplain, 51st Fighter Wing

A friend meets you for coffee one day and she's angry at her coworker. Immediately you are interested to hear why. As you listen intently, you begin to catch her vibe and feel anger towards her coworker. This is a normal response when we feel a friend or loved one has been wronged. We quickly

take sides and want justice. On the one hand, you feel noble, like a defender of your friend against the evil she is facing. But there is a problem. You're only hearing one side of the story. An old proverb says: "The first to state his case seems right until another comes and cross-examines him."
In other words, there are always two sides of a story, and inevitably the person complaining may leave out details to better accentuate their frustrations. As you listen, you could be unnecessarily getting emotionally involved, confused, or misled by your friend to think the worst. A second issue that could come from this exchange is gossip. Gossip is a dangerous thing and can cause ripple effects through friends, churches, workplaces, or families. Another proverb warns: "A contrary man spreads conflict, and a gossip separates close friends."
Perhaps a wrong has been done, but that wrong can potentially do much more harm when traveling through several people. They can twist the report by adding details to an already one-sided story. How does this happen? Another old proverb says: "A gossip's words are like choice food that goes down to one's innermost being." A juicy tidbit can be very tempting, but it is a snare to our souls if we are not aware of the dark craving inside us.
So what can we do when our friend, coworker, or family member comes with their side of a very frustrating story? First, discern who you are to this person. Are you part of the problem,

the solution, or neither? If you are part of the problem, then the two of you can talk it out, after you actively listen and own your part. Forgiveness is the goal (see Crimson Sky article "Chaplain Sentenced to Prison"). If you are part of the solution, that means you are in a place of leadership to potentially mediate and bring a resolution after hearing both sides. I am currently reading a book from a multimillion dollar, nationally-known and respected US company. With a company "no-gossip policy," the CEO says that problems or gripes must be "handed up" to leadership and not "handed down" (or laterally) because they can become gossip. "Hand your negatives up and your positives down."
Are you neither part of the problem nor the solution? If not, ask: Is this person just trying to vent? It may be ok to vent emotions, but repeating a complaint to multiple people in order to gain support is gossip. If someone begins to vent, you can redirect the conversation. Stop the person respectfully and gently, with something like this, "It sounds like you are upset. If it doesn't involve me, I don't want to hear something I shouldn't know about. I highly recommend going to the First Sergeant (USAF) or talking to a chaplain. I'd be happy to walk with you to him or her. How about we go now?" Ultimately, the conversation should be solution-oriented. Leadership and chaplains can help those who are frustrated move from venting towards resolution. If your friend needs a safe, confidential place to work through their conflicts, a chaplain is always available.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE	OSAN AIR BASE	HUMPHREYS
Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501	The New Chapel is Open for Worship Services Building 780	PROTESTANT - Sundays - 0900 Christ The King Liturgical Service - Pacific Victors Chapel 0930 & 1100 Agape (Contemporary Service) - 4CMC 1000 Burning Bush Gospel Service - Warrior Chapel 1100 Church of Christ - Pacific Victors Chapel 1100 Common Ground (Traditional Service) - Freedom Chapel 1300 Apostolic Pentecostal (Oneness) - Warrior Chapel 1330 Spanish Service - Pacific Victors Chapel - Wednesdays - 1200 Christ The King Eucharist Service - Pacific Victors Chapel 1800 KATUSA Service - Pacific Victors Chapel
Catholic Holy Mass Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)	Chapel Worship Services: Protestant Service Sunday @ 0930 Catholic Sunday Mass Sunday @ 1130	THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (LDS) - Sundays - 1400-1600 Worship Meeting - Freedom Chapel POC: CH Droge; 010-8685-2976; shown.a.droge.mil@mail.mil
Weekday Masses - Tuesday-Thursday at 1138 (Blessed Sacrament Room inside Chapel)	Catholic Daily Mass is held in Room 173 Tuesday – Thursday @ 1130	RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND MINISTRY AUXILIARIES MON/WED 1830 Catholic Men of the Chapel - Freedom TUES 1000-1200 Korean Ladies Bible Study (KLBS) - Freedom TUES 1800-2000 Club Beyond Christian Youth Group - 4CMC Summer Break until 30 August WED 0930-1145 Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) - 4CMC * Summer Schedule: 1800-2030 (until 28 August) 1830-2030 PWOC Evening Study - 4CMC WED 1000-1200 Korean Catholic Women Bible Study - Freedom 1730-1930 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom WED 1830-2000 Church of Christ Mid-Week Bible Study - Pacific THUR 0915-1130 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom THUR 1800-2000 Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) - 4CMC * POC: CH Underhill 010-8520-7217 1st SAT/Month 0830 Knights of Columbus - Freedom
Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE	For the most current updates and announcements, please visit our "Osan AB Chapel" Facebook page.	CATHOLIC - Freedom Chapel 1600-1700 Adoration (Saturdays) 1600-1700 Reconciliation/Confession (Saturdays) 1640 Rosary/Benediction (Saturdays) - 1730 Vigil Mass (Saturdays) 0900 Mass (Sundays) - 1730 Daily Mass (M-F) POC: usaghcatholiccoordinator@gmail.com
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		PAGAN Traditions Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship POC: CPT Ryan S. Robinson; ryan.s.robinson14.mil@mail.mil
		BUDDHIST Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri.mil@mail.mil



Show of force: U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps aircraft, along with U.S. Army Patriot missile batteries, line up on the runway for an elephant walk during a routine operational readiness exercise at Kadena Air Base, Japan, May 6, 2025. Kadena AB showcased an array of assets, demonstrating a portion of more than 100 aircraft operating from the Keystone of the Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Nadine Barclay) ▲



Obedience training: Military working dog Rex, an explosive detection dog with the 75th Security Forces Squadron, navigates an obstacle during obedience training with trainer Tech. Sgt. Hailey Pethtel May 8, 2025, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Rex is the newest K-9 to join the squadron and is undergoing his Field Transition Evaluation, a rigorous assessment designed to ensure he is fully mission-ready before validation and certification. (U.S. Air Force photo by Cynthia Griggs) ▲



Fireman's carry: A U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to the 39th Security Forces Squadron carries a teammate during a fireman carry relay for the Defenders Challenge as part of National Police Week at Incirlik Air Base, Türkiye, May 13, 2025. The 39th SFS's Defender Challenge brought Airmen together to compete in tactical and endurance events during Police Week, strengthening unit cohesion and operational effectiveness critical to U.S. Air Forces in Europe missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Brieanne E. Bolfing) ▲

Aviator for a day: Capt. Colin Klopp, 455th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, helps Ava Seymour, the 479th Flying Training Group's Aviator of the Day, adjust her helmet aboard a T-6A Texan II, April 18, 2025, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. The Aviator for a Day program opens its hangars to children battling serious medical challenges, offering them a chance to suit up, take flight in simulators and receive honorary aviator wings. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Laura Kane) ▲



Multilateral U.S. military members tour the Sejong the Great (DDG 91), a Republic of Korea guided missile destroyer, during the Korean Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Tabletop event named “KITE 2025” at Chinhae Naval Base, Republic of Korea, Apr. 30, 2025. The event represented a step forward in joint training, interoperability, and strategic planning between military partners, as continued collaboration between the Republic of Korea, the United States, and allied partners remains vital to maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force Courtesy Photo)

Inaugural ROK-U.S. Integrated Air and Missile Defense Event Enhances Interoperability

By David Scofield

CHINHAЕ NAVAL BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Republic of Korea Navy Task Fleet and the Pacific Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center hosted the first-ever Korean Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Tabletop event, named “KITE 2025”, at the Combat Systems Training Center, Apr. 28 to May 2, 2025.

The event focused on advancing operational integration between ROK and U.S. forces by marking the ROK Navy’s first use of the International Simulation (I-SIM) system, a cutting-edge tool for simulating ballistic missile defense operations using integrated air and maritime assets and the result is a more dynamic and unified air defense partnership.

The objective was clear: to strengthen interoperability to counter complex and emerging threats, to include North Korea’s hypersonic missile capabilities and space-launched vehicles.

“We can defend anything, but we can’t defend everything,” said Col. Matthew Belote, Pacific IAMD Center director. “That’s why unity, integration, and prioritization are now more important than ever.”

The participants, commanders and military planners from 17 separate commands and directorates of both nations, emphasized the



Servicemembers from the U.S. Pacific Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center (PIC) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy Task Fleet participated in a panel discussion at the inaugural Korean Integrated Air and Missile Defense Tabletop (IAMD) Event, KITE 2025, at the Combat Systems Training Center, Chinhae Naval Base, Republic of Korea April, 28-May 2, 2025. Instruction was led by the Joint Ballistic Training and Education Center (JBTEC), which provided expert-led discussions designed to lay the intellectual groundwork for integrated operations. (Courtesy Photo) ▲

necessity of joint operations, intelligence sharing, and synchronized engagement capabilities and authorities to ensure layered defense coverage across all domains: land, sea, air and space.

The event culminated with the ROK Navy and the U.S. leaders addressing the way forward for continuing to enhance the ROK/US Alliance, and to reflect on the exercise events.

“Neither nation can do it alone, and only together can we achieve our shared security goals,” said ROK Capt. Jeong In Cheol, Commodore of Maritime Task Squadron 71.

Institutions such as PIC and JBTEC continue to play a pivotal role in advancing multinational defense readiness. During KITE, senior leaders reaffirmed their commitment to sustaining joint engagements while broadening trilateral cooperation with Japan—an essential step toward enhancing regional deterrence and strategic depth.

The KITE 2025 event represented a step forward in joint training, interoperability, and strategic planning between military partners, and with regional tensions and missile threats on the rise, continued collaboration between the Republic of Korea, the United States, and allied partners remains vital to maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.



Attendees of the Korean Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Tabletop event named “KITE 2025” utilize the International Simulation (I-SIM) system during the event at Chinhae Naval Base, Republic of Korea, Apr. 30, 2025. The I-SIM system is a cutting-edge tool for simulating ballistic missile defense operations using integrated air and maritime assets. (U.S. Air Force Courtesy Photo) ▲

Havoc Battery Welcomes New Leadership in Change of Command Ceremony

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- On May 15th, the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) gathered at the Enlisted Club on Osan Air Base to witness a time-honored military tradition—the Change of Command Ceremony. During the ceremony, Capt. St. Joseph Hall officially relinquished command of Havoc Battery to Capt. Kristen Bopp.

Capt. Hall, who led Havoc Battery with distinction, reflected on his time in command with heartfelt gratitude and a touch of humor.

“Thank you to the Soldiers of Havoc Battery. It’s been a pleasure serving with you—you all were my favorite headache,” Capt. Hall said during his farewell address. “The opportunity to lead, mentor, and care for Soldiers has been the best part of the job. You are the life force of this organization, and I implore you to take care of each other. I’m always available to you.”

Capt. Kristen Bopp, now stepping into command, addressed the formation with enthusiasm and commitment.

“I will work hard every day to maintain the trust we have with each other,” she said. “I’m honored to be your commander and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.”

The ceremony marked both a fond farewell and a promising new beginning for Havoc Battery, as the unit continues its mission under new leadership with the same dedication and esprit de corps that define the Dragon Brigade.



Capt. Kristen Bopp assumes command and takes the guidon for Havoc Battery. (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas and Pfc. Lee, Seung Eon) ▶

1st Sgt. Caitlin Lunceford and Havoc Battery formation salutes the flag during the National Anthem. (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas and Pfc. Lee, Seung Eon) ▶





**Respect the Past, Forge the Future:
Air Power Days Returns to Osan**

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Republic of Korea Air Force Black Eagles perform aerial maneuvers during Osan Air Power Days at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 11, 2025. Their performance demonstrated expert precision flying and highlighted the strength of the U.S.-ROK partnership as thousands of attendees looked on. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tallon Bratton)



U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron perform a demonstration during Osan Air Power Days at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 11, 2025. The appearance marked a significant moment as the aircraft made its final public appearance on the Korean Peninsula. ▶

“For the last several decades, Team Osan has stood watch over the peninsula, working relentlessly with our Korean wingmen to maintain peace and stability. We’re excited to showcase a little bit of that and all the hard work that goes into it as well as what it means for us to be ready to Fight Tonight.”

This year’s event marked the first air show at Osan in six years and celebrated the theme “Respect the Past, Forge the Future”. The theme honored decades of alliance and looked forward to continued innovation in regional defense. A key highlight was the close air support demonstration by the A-10 Thunderbolt II, commemorating the aircraft’s decades-long legacy in Korean defense.

“The A-10 has a significant history supporting the defense of many nations, but the 25th Fighter Squadron uniquely focused on missions specific to Korea,” said Lt. Col. Justin Davis, 25th Fighter Squadron commander. “We have a very deep passion and pride in the mission of defending South Korea and are very proud to have served alongside our ROKAF counterparts so long. We look forward to showing everyone the close support mission of the A-10 and the mission it has been supporting for decades.”

Through dynamic demonstrations and displays, Osan Air Power Days 2025 celebrated airpower heritage while showcasing Team Osan’s enduring commitment to peace, partnership, and the defense of the Republic of Korea’s 51 million citizens. The 51st Fighter Wing looks forward to continuing this tradition and building lasting bonds with the community it serves.

A young attendee holds a spent GAU-8/A Avenger cannon shell gifted by 25th Fighter Generation Squadron maintainers during Osan Air Power Days 2025 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 10, 2025. The giveaway offered a hands-on connection to the A-10 Thunderbolt II’s legacy and left a lasting impression on the next generation of aviation enthusiasts. ▼



U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron perform a demonstration during Osan Air Power Days at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 11, 2025. The flight marked the final public appearance of the A-10 in the Republic of Korea, drawing thousands of attendees to witness the aircraft’s iconic close air support role one last time. ▲



An A-10 weapons demonstration highlights munitions loading and arming procedures during Osan Air Power Days 2025 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 10, 2025. The demonstration was part of the 51st Fighter Wing’s public air show showcasing U.S. and allied capabilities. ▲



“Whatever It Took”: Team Kadena Honors a Legacy at the Largest Resiliency Event in USINDOPACOM

By SMSgt Bryan E. Holm



The morning began with fog... and energy. At 0300, over a thousand people gathered on Osan Air Base... rucks secured, headlamps flickering, conversations buzzing with nerves and excitement. You could hear encouragement being passed down the line, last-minute gear checks, teammates wishing each other luck.

The first 5K unfolded in near-total darkness... just headlamps and heavy breathing cutting through the cold morning air. Shadows stretched long on the pavement, and every footfall echoed with anticipation. The quiet tension made the course feel heavier, like each step carried not just weight, but wonder: Can I really do this? Will we all make it?

And then the sun rose. As light broke over the mountains and spilled across the runway, the air shifted. This wasn't just a race. It was reverence.

The Norwegian Foot March... 30 kilometers with a 24-pound ruck, completed under strict time standards based on age and gender... was created in 1915 to prepare Norwegian soldiers for the rigors of war. Over the years, it's become a globally recognized test of endurance, resilience, and grit.

And this year, on May 17th (Norway's National Day) it became the largest resiliency event ever held in USINDOPACOM.

Among the sea of rucks and headlamps, 53 participants from across Kadena Air Base stood together—not just for the badge, but for something deeper. They didn't come as individuals. They came as a team, forged through months of early mornings, Thursday meet-ups, shared struggles, and collective purpose.

And they left even stronger. Not just as teammates... but something more like family.

They trained together across Okinawa... through evening rucks, soaked uniforms, aching feet, and moments of doubt. What started as accountability

became friendship. What started as a challenge became something they didn't want to face alone.

“What kept me going is the pull of the people around me,” said A1C Maness Baird, 18th CPTS. “Every week we met for rucks. I just wanted to prove it was possible.”

“Every time I saw someone today from Kadena, I'd smile and say something,” added SSgt Kylie Glover, who pushed through injury setbacks to beat her goal time. “That camaraderie helped more than I expected.”

They didn't all come with the same story. But somewhere between mile markers and pain thresholds, their stories started to overlap... interwoven with grit, laughter, and encouragement.

Some marched for milestones.

“My goal was to earn the badge,” said Capt Otto Yan, 18th OSS. “And I learned I could push beyond what I thought I could... especially after turning 40 last week.”

Others marched with memory.

“I did this ruck as a remembrance of Shell 77,” said MSgt Jason Duckett, 909th ARS.

“Three aviators died that day—including my mentor. What a privilege to suffer and to EMBRACE THE SUCK with teammates.”

And some, like Capt Bradshaw, were there to lead... but also to heal.

“I stumbled into endurance sports after a broken engagement—like Forrest Gump,” he said. “It became a lifetime love and critical for my resilience. Now it's about passing that on.”

“You can do more than you think,” he told the team. “When you dig deep, you find that spiritual encouragement. That's what this is about.”

As the kilometers wore on, the course became quiet... not from a lack of noise, but from the inward focus required to keep going. Every ache, every doubt, every step became a lesson in resilience.

“That race was one of the most challenging things I've done physically and mentally,” said Glover. “When your mind was telling you to give up, you had to keep your body moving.”

And then... one of the most powerful moments of the day.

A member from another unit collapsed just meters from the finish... legs locking, body giving out after hours of pushing through pain. Without a word, a teammate rucked up beside them, reached under their arm, and helped carry them forward... both still wearing every pound.

They crossed the line together.

It wasn't dramatic.

It wasn't loud.

But it WAS unforgettable.

Because no one was left behind. Not at the start... Not at the finish.

At the heart of the event was the story of the Four Chaplains—military clergy who gave away their life jackets after a German U-boat sank the USS Dorchester during WWII. They chose selfless service over survival, locking arms in prayer as the

ship went down.

“The Four Chaplains showed us what selfless leadership truly looks like,” said Chaplain Bradshaw. “Laying down everything... not for glory, but for others. That's the kind of leader I want to be.”

Their faces were engraved on the commemorative buckle awarded to each finisher—surrounding the Norwegian Foot March badge and cast from the same metallurgy used in Korea's Friendship Bell.

“Just one buckle,” said Chaplain Bartlett, “but it represents three nations and a shared commitment to something greater.”

He made it clear what the event truly represented.

“Resilience is not a class,” he said.

“It's not a PowerPoint. It's this... it's doing something hard with your team and finishing it together.”

That same spirit of unity was echoed by the Deputy Ambassador of Norway, who spoke during the award ceremony:

“Today is our National Day,” he said.

“Our Constitution was influenced by yours. And today, you've made this celebration your own.”

He brought with him a message from Norway's royal family:

“Her Majesty the Queen sends her very best wishes to all friends of Norway here in South Korea,” he said. “By taking part in today's march, you've become one of us.”

As the final participants crossed the line... some limping, some crawling, many leaning on each other—there was no doubt what had been built out there.

Team Kadena didn't just complete the march. They carried each other through it. They lived the legacy.

And they proved... without question... that resilience is something you do together.

They didn't just finish.

They finished... whatever it took.



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Stepping into a picturesque village nestled within a pristine natural setting, visitors feel as if they have slipped hundreds of years into the past. This is the Korean Folk Village—a living recreation of a traditional Korean village, featuring over 270 authentic structures including tile-roofed homes once inhabited by noblemen, rustic farmhouses, commoners' dwellings, and official government buildings. As you wander through the village streets, you may encounter people dressed as Joseon-era nobles, peasants, or beggars. Don't be startled if they suddenly engage you in conversation.

The Korean Folk Village is an iconic traditional cultural theme park in Korea that recreates a village from the Joseon dynasty as a tourist destination. Since its opening in 1974, it has remained a beloved destination for both domestic and international visitors for over 50 years. Each year, more than 400,000 Korean students visit for school field trips, and in recent years, the village has been gaining renewed popularity as a unique travel spot that is frequently featured on social media.

When the nighttime opening season begins, the streets transform into a midnight horror village, "Horror Village in the Dead of Night," making the park even more popular. On weekends, visitors can encounter Joseon-era ghosts, and various attractions like Yeonbun (A Match Made in Heaven), a spectacular traditional



performance enhanced with LED effects, captivate audience and leave a lasting impression.

Inside the Korean Folk Village, traditional art performances that are sure to get you moving to the rhythm are held at the main performance hall and WanHyangRoo Pavilion. Visitors can also enjoy traditional Korean cuisine at restaurants inspired by old-style markets, and savor nostalgic treats at traditional teahouses and snack stands.

To learn more about Korea's past, visit the

Korean Folk Museum, World Folk Museum, and Pottery Exhibition Hall, where you can explore a wide range of folk culture in one place. If you're visiting with children, try hands-on traditional activities such as horseback riding, natural dyeing, and swinging on traditional Korean swings. You can also rent hanbok (traditional Korean clothing) within the Korean Folk Village to take memorable photos. Step into this enchanting village today and experience the charm of Korea's past.

- Operating hours: 10:00-18:30 (open all year-round); extended hours until 22:00 during nighttime operations
- Admission fee: 37,000 won for an all-day adult ticket (includes free access to the Amusement Village)
- Inquiries: +82-31-288-0000 (Korean only)
- Website: koreanfolk.co.kr (Korean, English, and Chinese)
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 - From Incheon International Airport: Take Bus No. A8877 (get off at the Korean Folk Village)
 - By Subway:
 - Take the Suin-Bundang Line to Sanggil Station. Use Exit 3 and transfer to Bus No. 10-5 or 37



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Senior Airman Quinn Corgiat

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Quinn Corgiat, 51st Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance inspector, poses for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2025. Her exceptional performance in her roles as an inspector and supervisor pushed her to be selected as the Mustang of the Week.



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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Quinn Corgiat, 51st Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance inspector, was named the 51st Fighter Wing's Mustang of the Week for her commitment to her unit, her mission and her wingmen at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 12. As a conventional maintenance inspector, Corgiat ensures the delivery of mission ready assets to Osan's aircraft through detailed inspections and procedural oversight. Her role is essential to the safe handling and effective deployment of munitions.

"If we have things that break while we are building things up or we have something come back from flight that aren't working right I go in and look through our technical orders and see if we can fix it or, if not, I start the process of contacting the right places to dispose of it," said Corgiat. "Also, I'll handle anything that is expiring. Different assets have different shelf lives and service lives. When assets hit that time frame I'll inspect the assets for any irregularities, submit a disposition request and then pack and ship it when it is ready."

In addition to her technical duties, Corgiat has recently started taking on more leadership responsibilities by stepping into a supervisory role. She continues performing inspections while also mentoring junior Airmen and working to improve her team's overall processes.

"I have been balancing doing inspector duties and I've also been stepping into that supervisory role," said Corgiat. "As a supervisor, I make sure that our guys are doing what they are supposed to be doing and training them up to be crew chiefs. 'I've really been chasing everything I can do to improve anything,

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Quinn Corgiat, 51st Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance inspector, left, secures the tail assembly of a munition while Airman 1st Class Michael Mitchell, 51st MUNS conventional maintenance crew member, holds it in place at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2025. Corgiat's exceptional performance in her roles as inspector and supervisor pushed her to be selected as the Mustang of the Week.



Before I got here a lot of the people told me there are a lot of things to fix, due to the amount we handle. We handle bombs, 20 millimeter, 30 millimeter, chaff and flare and more. My goal, with all of that, has been to improve whatever processes I can for the airmen that are here now and the ones that will come after."

Corgiat's performance and initiative have earned recognition from leadership, who note that her impact goes well beyond her rank and duty title.

"Senior Airman Corgiat has consistently shown a hunger for excellence that bleeds through every aspect of her work," said Master Sgt. Bryant Williams, 51 MUNS conventional maintenance section chief. "She is a supervisor for multiple Airmen and she functions in multiple roles as both a munitions inspector and a

conventional maintenance crew chief. She consistently performs at a level on par with a non-commissioned officer and is constantly seeking self-improvement opportunities within the functional area."

The importance of Corgiat's work is not only reflected in her leadership responsibilities but also in how it ties directly into the 51st Fighter Wing's operational mission.

"If we were not able to do what we do, our munitions could cause harm to us or aircrew because that asset is bad or it could not function correctly when deployed, reducing our airpower's effectiveness," said Corgiat. "Because we maintain our assets to the degree of readiness we're expected to, we enable the base's 'Fight Tonight' mission."



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