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U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron taxi on the flightline during Ulchi Freedom Shield 25 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2025. Training is conducted throughout the year to generate combat airpower at a moment's notice, affirming the U.S. commitment to the Republic of Korea remains ironclad and ensures regional stability throughout the Indo-Pacific Theater. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran)

The Republic of Korea and United States kick off Ulchi Freedom Shield 25

**By Senior Airman Josephine Pepin-Rust
Seventh Air Force**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — The United States Seventh Air Force and other U.S. forces will partner with the Republic of Korea to conduct Ulchi Freedom Shield 25 from Aug. 18-28, 2025.

This annual exercise aims to enhance the combined, joint, all-domain, and interagency

operating environment, thereby strengthening the alliance's response capabilities.

UFS25 is a defense-oriented exercise featuring live-fire, constructive, and field training exercises that engage alliance forces and governmental agencies. Key aspects of the training focus on conducting all-domain operations leveraging component assets.

Key players in these large-scale, live-fire training events include Combined Forces

Command, United States Forces Korea, United Nations Command, ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff, the ROK government, the U.S. 8th Army, U.S. Seventh Air Force, and U.S. Space Force. Each entity's role leads to strengthening interoperability, reinforcing our combined defense posture, and increasing combat readiness. Several UNC member states are slated to contribute personnel and participate in various capacities.

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U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron conduct preflight checks during Ulchi Freedom Shield 25 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2025. The aircraft generation demonstrated the 51st Fighter Wing's rapid generation capabilities and response readiness, ensuring the Wing remains ready for the "Fight Tonight" mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▼

During UFS25, USFK will participate in space-related elements, reflecting modern warfare challenges. U.S. Space Force Guardians will also integrate space-based capabilities in terrestrial targeteers, logisticians, and cyber capacities. Furthermore, the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, Sweden and Switzerland, will conduct third-party observations of the exercise. U.S. Aircraft will integrate with ROK aircraft for several live-fly exercise events during UFS25. Integrated U.S. F-35A and F-35C Lightning IIs will enable the exercise to focus on complex scenarios, 5th and 4th generation aircraft integration, and sustained,

continuous air operations, enhancing interoperability between ROK and U.S. forces. UFS25 underscores the continuing military partnership between the ROK and the U.S. and is implemented in the spirit of the Oct. 1, 1953, ROK-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty. Additionally, the exercise is conducted in support of the Armistice Agreement, fortifying the combined defense posture, and enhancing response capabilities. It continues to reinforce the role of the alliance as the linchpin for regional peace and security, reaffirming the ironclad commitment between the United States and the Republic of Korea to defend their homelands.



A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron takes off during Ulchi Freedom Shield 25, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2025. During UFS25, 51st Fighter Wing Airmen train to a variety of exercise scenarios, practicing rapidly generating combat airpower in defense of the Korean Peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran)

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51FW kicks off exercise operations, celebrates 77 years of service



By 51st Fighter Wing Staff Reports
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- On this day 77 years ago, the 51st Fighter Wing was activated at Naha Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. Since then, the 51st FW has provided combat ready airpower in the Pacific theater.

Today, the 51st FW continuing in that proud heritage began its involvement in Exercise Ulchi Freedom Shield 25.

The purpose of UFS 25 is to strengthen the U.S.-ROK alliance and improve joint defense readiness by simulating realistic threats across all domains. From Aug. 18-28, 2025, the 51st FW will exercise contingency operations at Osan Air Base and from dispersed locations across the Republic of Korea.

The 51st FW's primary role in the multinational, interservice exercise is to practice generating and employing combat airpower, both from home station and through agile combat employment operations. Additionally, Airmen

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Tylor Chism, 51st Security Forces Squadron Airman, engages simulated opposing forces during Uchi Freedom Shield 24, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 20, 2024. During UFS 24, Defenders and augmentees tested their ability to respond to opposing forces who infiltrated the base, demonstrating defensive tactics and combat readiness. UFS24 is an annual combined exercise conducted in support of the U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty that highlights the U.S. commitment to the alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd) ▶

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Adrian Quiroz, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, prepares an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft for takeoff during Ulchi Freedom Shield 24 at an unspecified location in the Republic of Korea, Aug. 21, 2024. Executing agile combat employment operations during this comprehensive joint training event ensures the 51st Fighter Wing can rapidly deploy and sustain operations under diverse and unpredictable circumstances. UFS24 is an annual combined exercise conducted in support of the U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty that highlights the U.S.'s commitment to the alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▲



U.S. Air Force military working dog handlers assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron respond to a simulated hostile force with their MWD companions, during Ulchi Freedom Shield 24, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 22, 2024. MWD handlers operate slightly differently than conventional security forces patrolmen, they provide critical support in ensuring the security and protection of the installation and its assets. UFS 24 is an annual combined exercise conducted in support of the U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty that highlights the U.S. commitment to the alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd)

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Steven Brost, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, dons protective gear during Ulchi Freedom Shield 24 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 18, 2024. The 51st CES firefighters support the 51st Fighter Wing mission by ensuring the safety of personnel, equipment and facilities. Routine training is essential for the 51st Fighter Wing Airmen to refine their warfighting proficiencies through practical application, concurrently enhancing their ability to respond skillfully to contingencies. UFS24 is an annual combined exercise conducted in support of the U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty that highlights the U.S. commitment to the alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sabrina Fuller-Judd) ▶



will train to a variety of contingency operations scenarios and skillsets, to include base defense operations, integration with combined command and control elements, chemical warfare defense, unexploded ordnance disposal and more.

These mission sets demonstrate the U.S.'s ironclad commitment to the U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty. This commitment extends to the individual service members who frequently serve multiple tours in Korea throughout their career, including the 51st FW commander, U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, who had previously been stationed at Kunsan AB.

"This rendition of UFS marks a full circle moment for me as a commander because it has been 12 years since I've participated in an exercise on the Korean Peninsula," Ley said. "Doing so reinforces the importance of our mission here and I am proud to train as part of Team Osan this time."

UFS 25 will involve ground, air, naval, space, cyber and information elements from the U.S. and ROK militaries. Several United Nations Command member states are slated to contribute personnel and participate in various capacities.

"It is an honor to continue the 77 year-long tradition of defending freedom and deterring aggression in the Pacific theater," Ley said. "We owe it to the Airmen who came before us to carry on and be ready to Fight Tonight!"

As the U.S. Air Force's most forward deployed, permanently based wing, the 51st FW is charged with being ready to provide combat airpower whenever called. With a mission to "Defend the Base, Execute Contingency Operations, and Sustain the Force", the 51st FW and Osan Air Base play a key role in maintaining peace and security in the Indo-Pacific.

U.S. Army soldiers assigned to the 8th Army, 568th Medical Company, 65th Medical Brigade ground ambulance secure a simulated casualty to a litter during a mass casualty response scenario that was part of Ulchi Freedom Shield 24 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 21, 2024. Regular and realistic mass casualty training provides opportunities to evaluate the functionality of medical equipment, vehicles and communication systems to ensure everything is in optimal condition to execute the mission. This combined exercise highlights the U.S. and Member States ironclad commitment to the alliance in building a robust defense posture to defend the people of the ROK against a spectrum of security threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier) ▼





U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jaime Tejada, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron weapons load crew team chief, loads a munition on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during an integrated combat turn at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2025. An ICT minimizes ground time, and efficiently rearms and refuels the aircraft to project air power quickly. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick)

Wolf Pack ICT during Bev. Sent. 25-3 ensures air superiority

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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jaime Tejada (right), 35th Fighter Generation Squadron weapons load crew team chief, and Airman 1st Class Dimitriy Salomatov, 35th FGS weapons load crew team member, remove a munition from an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2025. During Beverly Sentinel 25-3, Airmen executed integrated combat turns, rapidly loading munitions and refueling the aircraft with engines running to minimize ground time. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲



Wolf Pack Airmen position a munition to be loaded on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2025. During the Beverly Sentinel 25-3 exercise, Airmen executed an integrated combat turn, loading munition and refueling the aircraft while it was still running to ensure quick turnover and return to operations; a key capability for rapidly projecting airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ◀

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ATSO refreshes 51 FSS contingency skillsets



Airmen assigned to the 51st Force Support Squadron simulate clearing a room during the weapons tactics portion of an ability to survive and operate training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 12, 2025. Conducting ATSO training events gives Airmen the ability to refresh and hone their skills, enhancing the ability to respond to crisis and contingency situations. ▲

By Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen assigned to the 51st Force Support Squadron conducted an ability to survive and operate training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 12, 2025.

ATSO trainings refresh Airmen on critical response skills to various threats such as chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear as well as conventional explosives and small arms fire. These skills are essential to operating within contingency environments and scenarios.

During the training, Airmen performed gear checks, hands-on weapon familiarization and tactics and post-attack reconnaissance procedures. They also practiced radio etiquette, and reviewed tactical combat casualty care.

The weapons familiarization and tactics portion of the training had Airmen practice room clearing and adversary engagement during PAR sweeps. The TCCC portion had Airmen determine a patient's injuries and provide appropriate care.

"FSS is a field with different AFSCs within it and we normally don't get to interact or work together," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Hallie Hewitt, 51st FSS noncommissioned officer in charge of postal services. "During exercises we get to put down our main roles and work together on things



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Hallie Hewitt, 51st Force Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of postal services, applies tactical combat casualty care during an ability to survive and operate training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 12, 2025. Readiness trainings allows service members to practice scenarios in a controlled environment, testing a member's ability to survive and operate. ▲

outside of those normal duties."

Airmen also familiarized themselves with FSS war skills such as personnel support for contingency operations, bed down, installation personnel readiness, mortuary affairs collection and contingency postal.

"When it comes to contingency, we have war skill teams where we flip from our normal duties to the contingent version of that job," said Capt. Aleena Kearns, 51st FSS officer in charge of readiness and plans. "This is a great opportunity to get exposure and prepare for those duties they don't normally get to."

Regardless of specialty, every Airman at Osan is prepared to operate and survive in contested environments and "Fight Tonight".

ATSO training elevates the ability of Airmen across the wing to ensure they are able to support mission success. Sharpening these skills reinforces Osan's ability to deter regional aggression and defend the Republic of Korea.



Airmen assigned to the 51st Force Support Squadron engage a threat during the weapons tactics portion of an ability to survive and operate training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 12, 2025. During the training, Airmen performed a gear check, hands-on weapon familiarization and tactics, post-attack reconnaissance procedures, practiced radio etiquette, and reviewed tactical combat casualty care. ▲



Senior Airman Joshua Placeres, 51st Communications Squadron radio frequency transmission technician, briefs the capabilities of a Harris PRC-152 radio during an ability to survive and operate training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 12, 2025. ATSO trainings refresh Airmen on critical response skills to various threats such as chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear as well as conventional explosives and small arms fire. ▲

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Airman Nathan Nguyen, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron weapons load crew team member, and U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jaime Tejada, 35th FGS weapons load crew team chief, position a munitions loading vehicle during an integrated combat turn at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2025. During Beverly Sentinel 25-3, Airmen executed an ICT to ensure minimal ground time and return the aircraft to the skies ensuring air superiority. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▶

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jaime Tejada, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron weapons load crew team chief, tightens a munition to an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during an integrated combat turn at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2025. During the Beverly Sentinel 25-3 exercise, Airmen executed an ICT, loading munition and refueling the aircraft while it was still running to ensure quick turnover and return to operations- a key capability for rapidly projecting airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▼



Airman 1st Class Dimitriy Salomatov, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron weapons load crew team member, stabilizes a platform while loading munitions on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2025. During Beverly Sentinel 25-3, Airmen executed an ICT to ensure minimal ground time and return the aircraft to the skies ensuring air superiority. ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ryan Peil, 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron medical technician, reads a volunteer crisis actor's casualty card during a simulated casualty collection as part of exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 7, 2025. This exercise reaffirmed Kunsan's role as the readiness capital of the U.S. Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Landon Gunsauls)

Beverly Sentinel 25-3: execute the mission without hesitation

By Senior Airman Karissa Dick
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Wolf Pack executed the latest iteration of its readiness exercises, Beverly Sentinel 25-3, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5-7.

This iteration of the exercise focused on refining and practicing command and control and intra-Wing communication to learn and improve so Wolf Pack members are ready to execute the 8th Fighter Wing mission.

Routine readiness exercises like Beverly Sentinel, evaluate the wing's ability to survive and operate under hostile conditions including ground assaults, drone attacks, theater ballistic missiles and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive attacks.

"Exercises are how we stay razor sharp," said Chief Master Sgt. Amanda Aaron, 8th Fighter Wing command chief. "Frequent repetition under high pressure situations ensures every Wolf Pack member knows their role, trusts their team and can execute the mission without hesitation."

Airmen took an active role in base defense and were armed with M4 carbine rifles with blank firing adapters by the 8th Logistics Readiness



Senior Airman Cheyanne Parsons, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aerial system instructor, prepares to launch her drone to survey an area for enemy activity during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Readiness exercises provide members of the counter-sUAS team a realistic and unpredictable environment to improve their lethality and survivability under threat. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Landon Gunsauls) ▲

Squadron "Wraith Nation." General arming during exercises allows members of the Wolf Pack to remain familiar with weapons and procedures reinforcing their confidence, sharpening operational skills and strengthening overall readiness.

"The cornerstone of readiness, general arming, is a critical component in the transition from routine operations to a fully postured force," said Senior Master Sgt. Josephine Santana, 8th LRS material management flight chief. "This exercise showed real progress - faster execution, tighter coordination, and better accountability across the board. Compared to previous iterations, we've reduced friction points, improved command and control, and elevated the sense of urgency."

Striving to continuously improve, the "Wraith Nation" refined the GENARM process during Beverly Sentinel 25-3 to issue weapons in 90 seconds to each Airman. This was a significant increase compared to past exercises where issuing weapons took approximately four minutes per Airman.

Airmen from every AFSC came together to arm the base, proving that when it's time to fight, we won't hesitate to decisively deliver combat power," said Santana.

The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron "Red Devils" engineers exercised Rapid Airfield Damage Repair where they practiced the ability to quickly restore damaged airfields after attacks, enabling flight operations to continue. These repairs consisted of prepping concrete mixing trucks, operating pavement saws, removing sections of damaged pavement, mixing quick concrete, and filling and flattening patches to holes.

"The runway is critical for mission success, making it a high-priority target for enemy missile strikes," said U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Cassie Herda, 8th CES design cell officer in charge. "RADR is all-hands on deck, requiring all Red Devils to be on the airfield, working together to repair craters to enable sortie generation."

As the 8th FW transitions towards supporting the Super Squadron Phase II test, units are maintaining a high standard of readiness and a reputation as elite professionals on the Korean peninsula.

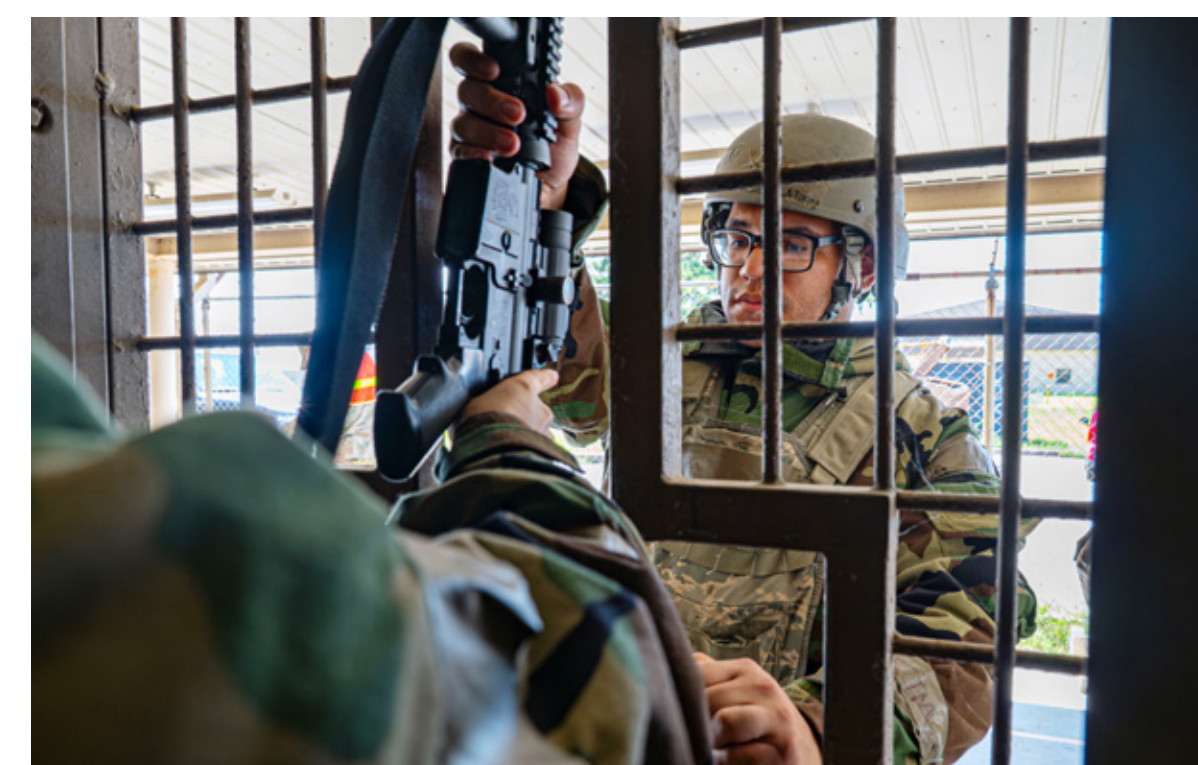
"By design, this exercise presented a realistic threat environment, causing our teams to face uncertainty, make decisions and execute orders with violence," said U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Gaetke, 8th FW commander. "It was incredibly powerful to watch the Wolf Pack rapidly develop and implement changes day to day, and we're just getting started. Fight's on."



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron ensure a pavement saw is in the proper position during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. The 8th CES practiced Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RA/DR) to ensure they maintain the ability to quickly restore damaged airfields after attacks, enabling flight operations to continue. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲



Senior Airman Cheyanne Parsons, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aerial system instructor, calibrates a Dronebuster Block 4 utilized to disrupt and deny enemy sUAS threats access to areas during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Counter-sUAS operations are conducted by certified defenders, allowing the Wolf Pack to take the initiative against incursions and quickly eliminate threats to the base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Landon Gunsauls) ▲



Airman 1st Class Kevin Laro Latorre, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution operator, receives his M4 carbine as part of general arming procedures during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. Beverly Sentinel 25-3 is a robust combat readiness exercise that tests the Wolf Pack's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Landon Gunsauls) ▲



Staff Sgt. Erik Ortiz

By Senior Airman Karissa Dick
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

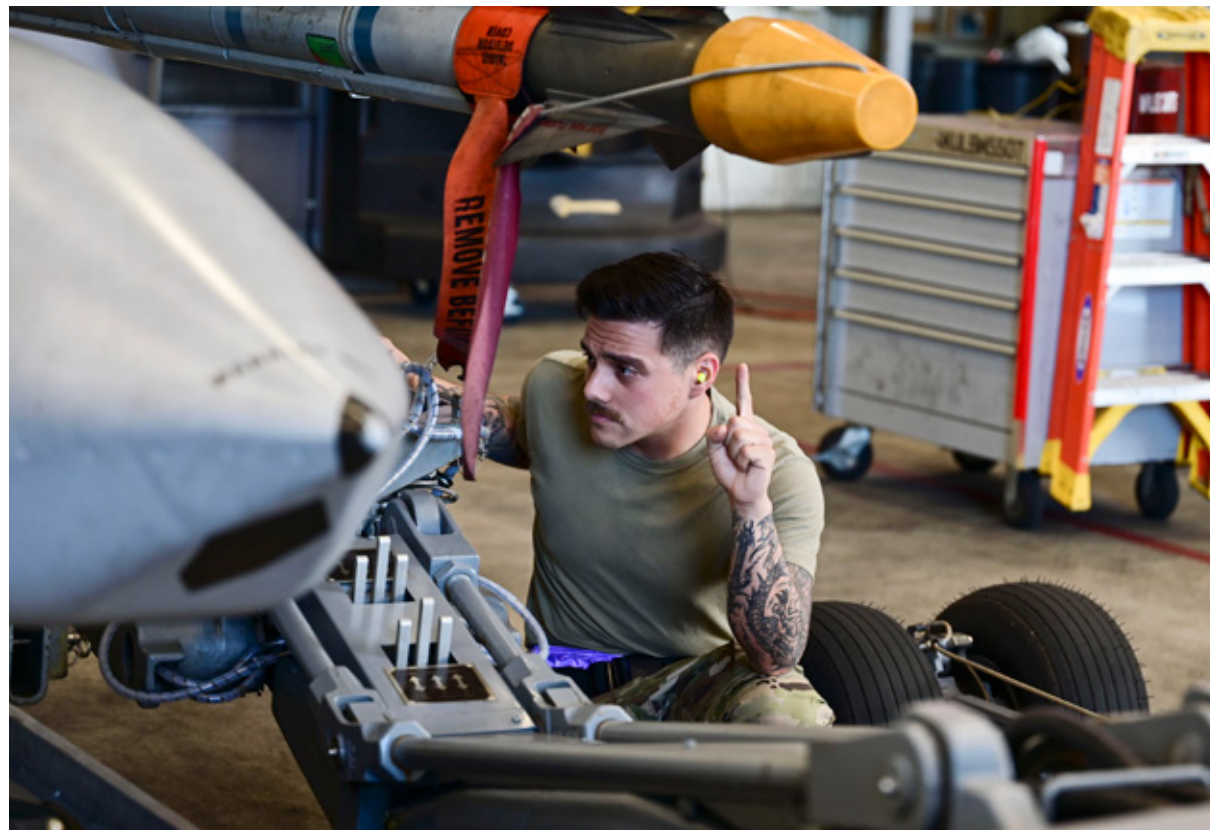
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Erik Ortiz, 8th Maintenance Group lead crew chief, poses for a photo in front of an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 15, 2025. Ortiz was chosen as the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of August 11-15 for his integral role in reestablishing Kunsan's integrated combat turnaround program. ▲

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Erik Ortiz, a native of San Antonio, Texas, and 8th Maintenance Group lead crew chief, was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of Aug. 11-15 for his integral role in reestablishing Kunsan's integrated combat turnaround program.

Ortiz led four "hot" training events, certifying 12 personnel on ICTs and expanding the number of qualified crews from five to 14 in under two weeks, nearly tripling capability ahead of the timeline projected by 8th MXG leadership.

In addition, Ortiz coordinated 32 hours of proficiency load training by volunteering himself and his crew for extended duty hours. His leadership ensured zero missed training events and directly resulted in a 36% increase in the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron's rapid reload capabilities.

Thank you Staff Sgt. Ortiz for your outstanding leadership and dedication to the Wolf Pack mission. Congratulations on being this week's Pride of the Pack!



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Erik Ortiz, 8th Maintenance Group lead crew chief, guides a platform while unloading an inert munition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 15, 2025. Ortiz was chosen as the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of August 11-15 for his integral role in reestablishing Kunsan's integrated combat turnaround program. ▲

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8th CES practices RA/DR during Beverly Sentinel 25-3



The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Red Devils attend a safety brief prior to practicing Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RA/DR) during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Beverly Sentinel is a combat readiness exercise that tests the Wolf Pack's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment.

By Senior Airman Karissa Dick
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Red Devils attend a safety brief prior to practicing Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RA/DR) during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Beverly Sentinel is a combat readiness exercise that tests the Wolf Pack's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Uriel Ortiz (left), 8th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) pavements and equipment Airman, U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Colton Behrends (middle), 8th CES pavements and equipment operator, and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Ricky Steed, 8th CES pavements and equipment journeyman, discuss how to use controls on a concrete mixing truck during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. The 8th CES prepared a cement truck to patch damaged areas on a simulated flightline area. ▼



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron move debris away from a pavement saw during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. The saw was used to cut out a measured section of the flightline where the Red Devils practiced repairing airfield damage. ▼



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Luis Romano, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation and air conditioning spall team member, smooths a concrete patch over a hole during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. The hole was created on an area of the flightline where the Red Devils practice Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RA/DR). ◀



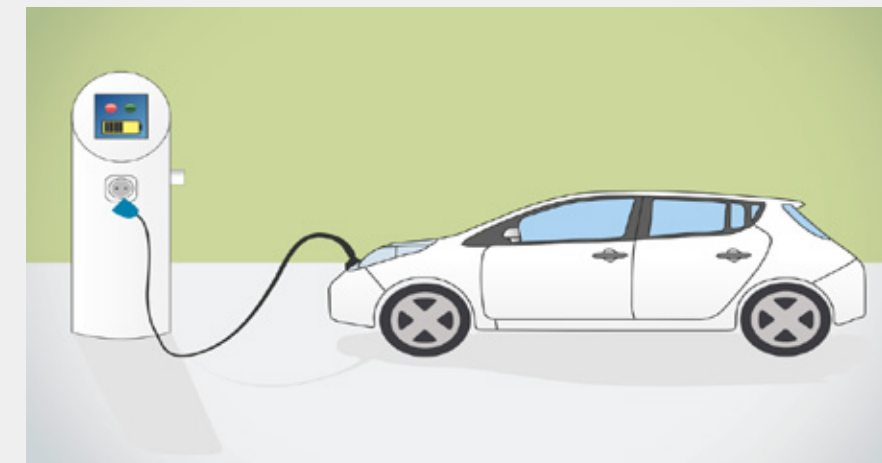
U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Gabriel Vivas, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation and air conditioning spall team member, pours concrete quick mix into a hole during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. The hole was created on a simulated flightline area to allow the Red Devils to practice Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RA/DR). ▲



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron transfer water into a cement mixing truck during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. The 8th CES practiced Rapid Airfield Damage Repair (RA/DR) to ensure they maintain the ability to quickly restore damaged airfields after attacks, enabling flight operations to continue. ▶



Electrical Vehicle Fire Safety



As electric vehicles (EVs) become increasingly common, OSAN Fire Department is focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities they present. While EVs are generally safe and subject to rigorous safety standards, their lithium-ion batteries pose different fire risks compared to traditional vehicles powered by gasoline or diesel.

Data from the National Transportation Safety Board showed that EVs were involved in approximately 25 fires for every 100,000 sold.

Understanding these risks and adopting appropriate safety measures is critical for both the public and emergency responders.

The main fire risk in an EV comes from its high-energy lithium-ion battery. If the battery is damaged, overheated, or improperly charged, it can enter thermal runaway which is a chain reaction that produces intense heat, toxic smoke, and sometimes explosions. Unlike gasoline fires, which can often be controlled quickly, EV battery fires may burn for hours and even reignite days later.

The following safety tips can help minimize EV fire hazard/risks:

1. Use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
2. Read and follow all manufacturer directions.
3. Check chargers and cords for damage before using. Never use if damaged.
4. Do not use extension cords with the charger.
5. Install charging equipment in safe locations. Keep away from busy areas and things that could catch fire.
6. Keep charging items out of reach of children and animals when not in use.
7. Cover charging station outlet to keep water out.
8. Before charging an electric vehicle at home, have a qualified electrician:
 - Check your electrical system to see if it can handle charging.
 - Install a new circuit just for your charging device.

Electric vehicles are an important part of our transportation future. With precautions and responsible use, the risk of fire can be greatly reduced. Ultimately, community safety begins with everyday habits.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-3370/4741.

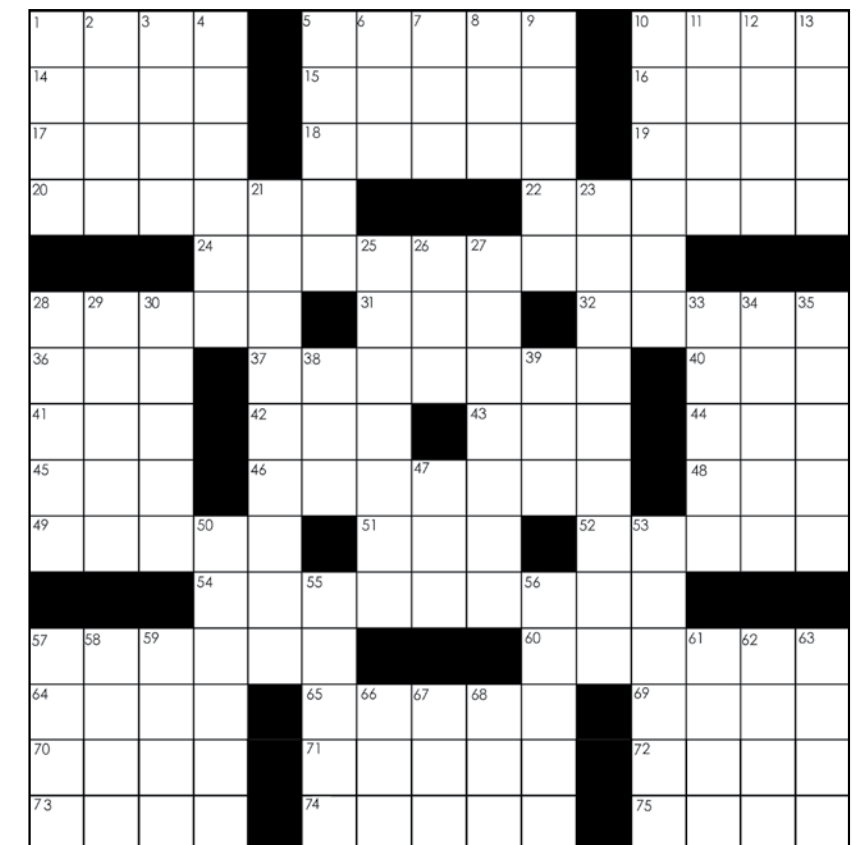
Are You Saved?

Jesus Saves!
Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. [See: **Romans 3:10, 3:23, 5:12, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10**, and pray & ask The Lord to save you.]

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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



- ACROSS**
- 1 Comic book character Andy
 - 5 Zuma or Elordi
 - 10 Explosive device
 - 14 Type of test
 - 15 Escape
 - 16 Eye part containing iris
 - 17 Zeus' wife
 - 18 Sea mammal
 - 19 What's in a ___?
 - 20 N Seoul Tower location
 - 22 Swift or Elizabeth
 - 24 Slow train in Korea
 - 28 To cancel, an order
 - 31 Linda McMahon's agency
 - 32 Incheon, Suwon neighbor
 - 36 Goes with Mahershala or Larter
 - 37 Vlad's title
 - 40 Before
 - 41 "I want my ___"
 - 42 "Back to the Future" Actress
 - Thompson
 - 43 Bigger than sm. and med.
 - 44 Chemin de ___
 - 45 Sk8r ___
 - 46 Songdo's city
 - 48 Treebeard's species
 - 49 Found between hotel and Juliet
 - 51 Star Trek shapeshifter
 - 52 Found between Venus and Mars
 - 54 Grittiness
 - 57 Accesses Judith or Keyes
 - 60 Attack
 - 64 Transatlantic alliance
 - 65 Officer trainee
 - 69 Sesame Street character
 - 70 Call ___ question
 - 71 Love
 - 72 Manhattan neighborhood
 - 73 Narcotic cops
 - 74 Underwater sensor
 - 75 Taiji and Jae-pil

- DOWN**
- 29 "Rocket Man" musician John
 - 30 Furious
 - 33 Better protected
 - 34 "Secret ___ Man"
 - 35 Opposite of south
 - 38 "A Few Good ___"
 - 39 Self-esteem
 - 47 Instrument cable
 - 50 Inuit homes
 - 53 Size up
 - 55 Cusco citizens
 - 56 Masticator
 - 57 Writer Blyton
 - 58 Wind measurer
 - 59 Singer James
 - 61 ___ vera
 - 62 Internet abbreviation
 - 63 Toilets
 - 66 Much ___ About Nothing
 - 67 Crime boss
 - 68 Epoch

Answers to Previous Crossword			
ACROSS	20 SHES	57 LOBO	4 NOCE
1 TURN	21 EDGY	58 RARE	5 AMASS
5 AFKN	22 ALSO	60 IRON	6 FOXHOLE
9 HDR	24 ARIES	64 ATOM	7 KNEE
12 AFOOT	26 OVERDO	65 TSAR	8 NASSAU
14 MONA	30 LOUD	66 NEXON	9 HORDE
15 BORE	32 SEMA	68 MERE	10 DRAGS
16 BOSCH	33 ACER	69 HIND	11 RELY
17 AXES	35 OASIS	70 OPERA	12 THAAD
18 ORAL	40 HAPKIDO	71 BLT	13 LOAD
19 SHEA	42 BULGOGI	72 SAGS	25 IDOL
	44 ALIEN	73 ONAN	26 OSHA
	45 CASS		27 VEAL
	47 ELON		28 EMPI
	48 TBAR		29 RAKE
	50 ORDERS		31 ORBS
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			43 USOC
			46 ARRIRANG
			49 BERTHS
			51 RHINO
			52 HOTEL
			53 ABORT
			54 HOME
			56 NERDS
			57 LAMB
			59 ASIA
			60 REPO
			61 OXEN
			62 NORA
			67 NAN



Dog days: Senior Airman Jayden Artherton, 509th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, directs her dog, Denisz, during a high-value individual transfer exercise at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 8, 2025. The HVI exercise provided an opportunity for military working dogs to train aboard a C-130 Hercules aircraft and in environments with running aircraft engines. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Hastings) ▲

Mid-air salute: A U.S. Air Force pararescueman exits a U.S. Air Force HC-130J Combat King II during a free-fall jump at Relámpago de los Andes at Palanquero Air Base, Colombia, Aug. 6, 2025. During RDLA, U.S. Air Force and Colombia Aerospace Force members conducted training with each other to share tactics and techniques. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. William Rio Rosado) ▼



Zone defense: A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) intercepts a Russian Tu-95 bomber over the Bering Sea, July 22, 2025. The intercept occurred after the Tu-95 entered the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone, a monitored airspace where foreign military aircraft are tracked to ensure national security and situational awareness. (U.S. Department of Defense photo) ▲

Bye-bye: U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Donald Matts, 480th Fighter Generation Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of engines, embraces his loved ones during a redeployment at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, July 23, 2025. The 480th FGS deployed to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to demonstrate the United States' commitment to peace through strength by partnering with allies, reinforcing deterrence and enhancing regional capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Demi M. Ebert) ◀



Kunsan

- KUNSAN PHOTO CLUB -

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

- WOLF PACK LODGE -

Lodging Space A Policy
Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? You can book

lodging rooms on a space available basis up to 120 days in advance for a maximum of 30 days depending on availability. You can also book reservations for the holiday season (November and December) up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of 15 days. (Depending on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday! Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844 FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -

Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow

Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-HOPE.

- SPONSOR TRAINING -

Learn creative ways to assist newcomers 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

Osan

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.

Osan Air Base Honor Guard

Every Monday & Wednesday | 1630-1730 | Bldg. 936 Rm. 211
The Osan Air Base Honor Guard covers ceremonies across the peninsula acknowledging the achievements of our fellow members in uniform and their families. An amazing way to serve the members in your community and build lasting connections between other service members. For any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to OsanHonorGuard@us.af.mil

Wingmen Helping Airmen Get Home

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

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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 touch rugby. Sessions will include basic drills, explanations of the game, and plenty of time to play, build camaraderie, and have fun! POC: Maj. Magana 784-9446

Volunteer Opportunities

Mustang community, if you are looking to volunteer checkout our newsletter for opportunities and use the QR code titled "Volunteer Form" Organizations that are looking for volunteers, you can request them using the QR code titled "Organization Form." With the same form, you can put down your upcoming events/programs to be added into next month's issue. POC: Any questions or suggestions please email osan.afrc@us.af.mil

Dental Assistant Program Launch

Application window: July 15-Sept. 12 | Program duration: Oct. 2025-May 2026
The American Red Cross & 51st MDG are offering \$12,000 worth of training for free in a structured volunteer training program offering participants foundational knowledge, clinical exposure, and hands-on experience in dental assisting. Applications available at: Osan American Red Cross Office – Bldg. 924 (same building as Checkertails), Room 102
51st MDG Dental Clinic – Stop by the front desk to request an application Or request via email at osan@redcross.org / call DSN: 784-1855
Points of Contact: Sarah Masters | sarah.masters3@redcross.org | 010-7450-4017 Katrina Dietz | katrina.dietz@redcross.org | 010-7450-4017

Osan Youth Sports Baseball Needs Volunteer Coaches!

25 August 2025 – 16 October 2025
Osan Youth Center
Now Recruiting Baseball Coaches! Our upcoming baseball season is a fantastic opportunity to get into coaching. Baseball practices will be two nights a week, for an hour each practice. Age groups available: Parent & Me (3/4), PeeWee (5/6), Bantam (7/8), Minors (9/10), Majors 11/12, or Juniors (ages 13+). Contact Ryan McKenzie at ryan.mckenzie.7@us.af.mil or call 784-1492

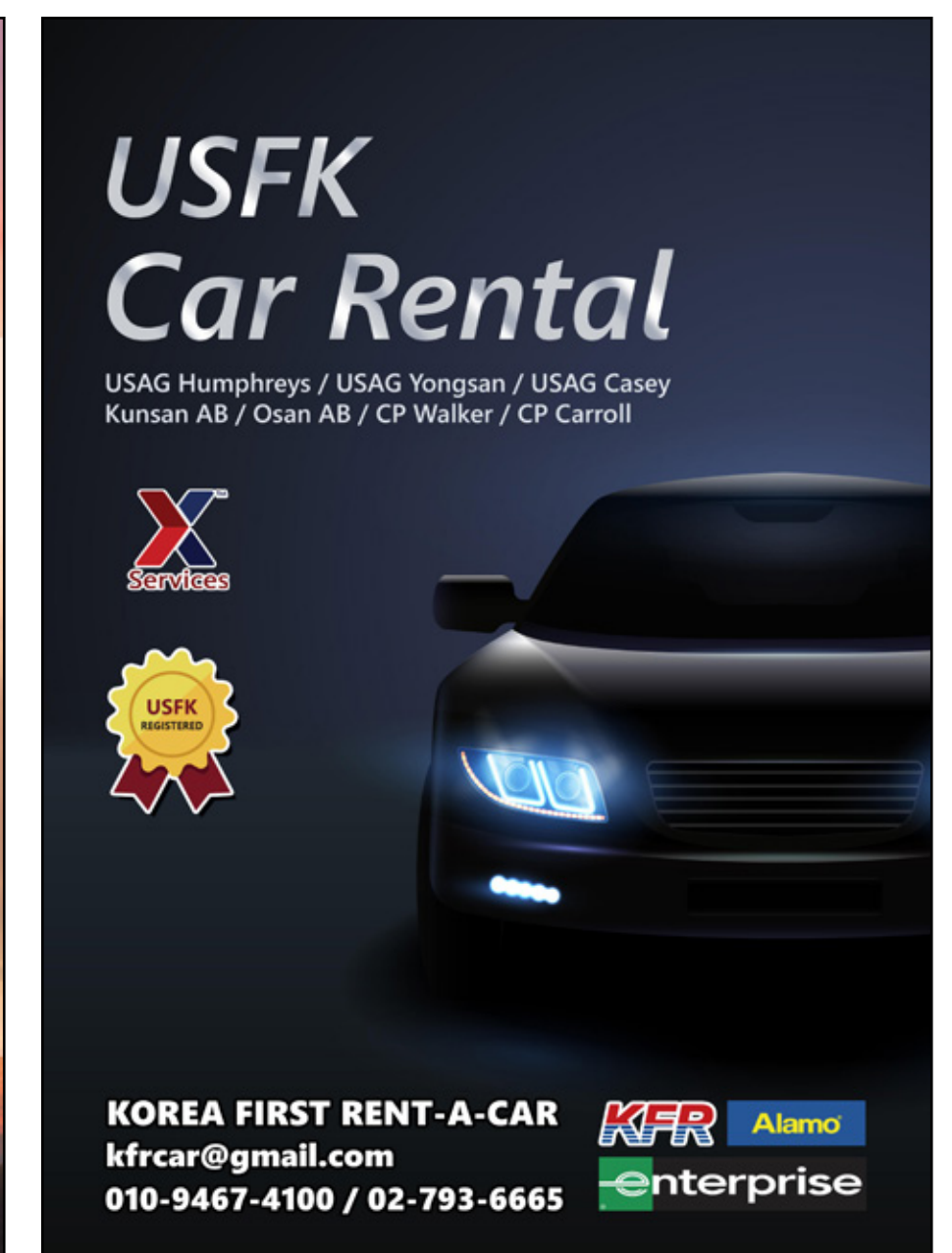
Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

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

Osan's emergency phone numbers

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





U.S., ROK students tour Osan



By Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Senior Airman Hadiya Newton, right, 51st Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and Megy, 51st SFS MWD, detain a suspect as part of a MWD demonstration during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. Good neighbor programs provide an opportunity for ROK citizens to see Osan's mission up close, meet service members, and experience American culture. ▲

U.S. Air Force Military working dog Megy, 51st Security Forces Squadron, rests after a MWD demonstration during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. As guests in the ROK, it is critical for Team Osan to improve understanding of the U.S. military presence and have the support of the local community. ▼

OSAN AIR FORCE BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. and Republic of Korea elementary school students toured Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. In collaboration with the Pyeongtaek International Exchange Foundation, Osan hosted 94 guests to tour the flightline and fire station, witness a military working dog demonstration, and experience American culture.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Gracia Bolainez, right, 51st Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and Cili, 51st SFS MWD, detain a suspect as part of a MWD demonstration during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. The tour allowed U.S. and ROK students to meet service members and learn about the different mission sets that contribute to the defense of South Korea. ▲



Senior Airman Robert Roy, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron driver operator, answers questions about emergency services during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. In collaboration with the Pyeongtaek International Exchange Foundation, Osan hosted 94 guests to tour the flightline and fire station, witness a military working dog demonstration, and experience American culture. ▲

Senior Airman Delmon Simpson, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron driver operator, left, explains fire fighting equipment to students during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. Ninety-four guests visited Osan as part of the PIEFriends Summer Camp—a U.S.-ROK children's program that provided an opportunity for American and Korean families to exchange culture. ◀



A fire truck assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron sprays water during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. This tour allowed 94 U.S.-ROK students and chaperones to meet service members and learn about the different mission sets that contribute to the defense of Korea. ▲



A student lifts a hydraulic rescue tool commonly known as the "jaws of life", during a tour of the fire department at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 5, 2025. Events like base tours demonstrate the U.S. commitment to being good neighbors to the community and maintaining peace across the peninsula. ◀

The Warfighter's Spirit

Spiritual Pressure: Before Small Neglects Become Big Problems



By Ch. Seong Cho
51FW HC

Once boarded a two-hour flight completely drained. The night before, I barely slept. So, as soon as I sat in my window seat, I passed out before the aircraft was even pushed back from the gate. I woke up two hours later when the wheels touched down. I basically slept through the entire flight. As someone who generally

struggles to sleep on airplanes, two hours passing by in the blink of an eye came as a surprise.

Nevertheless, the surprise did not last long because as my body woke, I realized something was off. It was followed by clogging of my ears and dull hearing. A high-pitched ringing echoed constantly. I figured the symptoms would go away in a few minutes, but they didn't. The discomfort lasted for nearly three days.

Typically, discomfort appears when the cabin pressure changes while ascending and descending. When it happens, we yawn, swallow, or chew gum to equalize pressures. Sleeping throughout the flight, I completely neglected those small and common practices.

That flight became a metaphor for something more profound. In the same way that pressure ascends and descends, our internal pressure—stress, fatigue, and emotional strain—can build inside us when we're not paying attention. Spiritual or mental pressure might not show up on a scan or medical chart, but it eventually makes itself known in burnout, cynicism, disconnection, and even moral confusion.

The truth is, we all carry invisible loads. In military life—especially overseas—those loads can pile up fast. Workloads, maintaining readiness to "Fight Tonight," loneliness, and missing out on family relationships all take a toll. And just like I skipped the pressure-equalizing yawns and swallows on that flight, we often forget the daily actions that protect our spiritual well-being.

So, what does it look like to "equalize pressure"

in the soul? Sometimes, it is as simple as running, not only to stay in shape but also to clear our heads and feel our bodies again. It could be journaling for a few minutes to name your feelings instead of stuffing them down. Some days, it means sitting in silence or meditation—no smartphone, no distractions—just a chance to reset and breathe. For some of us, attending a chapel service or reading a few chapters of our favorite books anchors us to something steady. It could mean reconnection with a friend or mentor who reminds us who we are and why we serve.

None of these practices is flashy. Most take less than ten minutes. But just as yawning on a plane makes smooth ascents and descents, some simple practices can make a difference in our spiritual health.

Spiritual self-care isn't about escaping reality but about staying ready for it. It helps us respond to pressure changes instead of facing the aftermath of the lack of it. It keeps us connected to our core values and gives us room to recover when life hits hard.

If you're feeling worn down, ask yourself: Have I neglected the small things that maintain my spiritual health? Have I let the pressure build without releasing it?

We don't have to wait until something breaks. We can start small. Find your version of the yawn, the swallow, or the gum-chewing that brings spiritual balance back to your life.

Like our body, our spirit needs maintenance not just in emergencies, but every day.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

Catholic Holy Mass

Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

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

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>

OSAN AIR BASE

Osan AB Chapel (Building 780)

Protestant Service

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday @ 0930

Children's church

Sunday @ 0945

Halftime Bible Study

Monday - Friday @ 1100 (Classroom 5)

Catholic Mass

Catholic Sunday Mass

Sunday @ 1130

Confession

Sunday @ 1100-1125 (Blessed Sacrament Room)

Catholic Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday @ 1130 -1200
(Blessed Sacrament Room)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Come to me class

Thursday @ 1900

Fellowship

Friday @ 1900

Earth-Based Meeting

Wednesday @ 1830 (Classroom 6)

For the most current updates and announcements, Please visit our "Osan AB Chapel" Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

HUMPHREYS

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

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@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 1830-2000 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

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

JEWISH

2nd and 4th Fridays - 4CMC

1800-2100 Shabbat Evening Service

POC: CH (CPT) Daniel Kamzan; daniel.j.kamzan@mail.mil

ISLAMIC - Pacific Victors Chapel

Fridays: 1200-1330 Jumrah Service

Sundays: 1300-1500 Islamic / Arabic classes

POC: CPT Anouar Bencheqroun 010-3382-7231 anouar.k.bencheqroun.mil

PAGAN Traditions

Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship

POC: CPT Ryan S. Robinson; ryan.s.robinson14@mail.mil

BUDDHIST

Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service

POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri@mail.mil



Birds of a feather: Capt. Nick Le Tourneau, F-22 Raptor Aerial Demonstration Team commander, performs an aerial maneuver during the Milwaukee Air and Water Show in Wisconsin, July 19, 2025, as a bird soars in the foreground. The demonstration highlights both the power of the aircraft and the skill of its pilots, reinforcing the Air Force's role as a global leader in air superiority. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Lauren Cobin)



Feeling the heat: Airmen assigned to the 132nd Wing's Civil Engineer Squadron, Iowa Air National Guard, conduct aircraft firefighting training at the 119th Wing, North Dakota Air National Guard's Regional Training Site, Fargo, N.D., July 30, 2025. This exercise was one piece of a larger, comprehensive annual training for the squadron. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Armani Wilson) ▲

Grab and go: Members of the 22nd Combat Air Base Squadron perform drag and carry drills during Advanced Ready Training at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., July 24, 2025. The course mimics the Expeditionary Center's version of ART, teaching Airmen to increase their mission resilience and discipline in a deployed environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Gomez) ▼



Watch your step: Airmen from the 4th Fighter Generation Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, climb into a C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 41st Airlift Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., to participate in exercise Bamboo Eagle 25-3 at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., Aug. 7, 2025. The exercise provides a combat-representative environment that pushes participants to enhance their readiness through realistic training and advanced tactics. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Zachary Rufus)



Senior Airman Cheyanne Parsons, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aerial system instructor, launches her drone to survey an area for enemy activity during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Readiness exercises allow defenders to sharpen skills and practice how they play in a dynamic environment, encouraging them to seize initiative and make decisions in the field.

8th SFS sUAS team ensures aerial dominance

By Senior Airman Landon Gunsauls
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The small unmanned aerial systems team assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron sharpened their skills and fully integrated with fireteams during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Aug. 5-7.

During the exercise, defenders launched drones in a counter-sUAS capacity to monitor simulated threats from drones piloted by wing inspection team members, relaying real-time information to their fireteams on the ground and allowing seamless aerial integration in addressing and taking down threats.

"We have alarm monitors that sit in the office and monitor for sUAS activity," said Senior Airman Cheyanne Parsons, 8th SFS counter-sUAS instructor. "I'm assigned to a fireteam and use [the drone] to fly around and look for enemy activity, hold rear security, and scout around the buildings."

Members of the Wolf Pack's sUAS team are constantly on alert and always looking for opportunities to integrate drone usage daily. The squadron employs a layered approach to defense



Senior Airman Alexander Moose, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aerial system instructor, flies a drone to provide real-time information to his fireteam during an enemy drone inject at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Readiness exercises like Beverly Sentinel 25-3 provide members of the counter-sUAS team a realistic and unpredictable environment to improve their lethality and survivability under threat. ▲

through a mix of perimeter patrols, systems used to detect, track, mitigate drone activity, and integrate into small unit tactics.

The rapidly evolving and inexpensive nature of drone technology presents a growing challenge and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ryan "Sheriff" Kiggins, 8th SFS commander, has charged the squadron to meet it head on by training and employing the technology to defend the base.

"Integrated counter and friendly sUAS capabilities, coupled with a proactive operating mindset, are what we need to succeed in what will likely be a degraded and contested environment during future conflicts," said Kiggins. "This strategic integration is crucial for enhancing overall airfield protection and situational awareness, ensuring the Wolf Pack remains ready to fight tonight."

Outside of exercise operations, Airmen of the sUAS team train and integrate with units transiting Kunsan AB. Most commonly, the team works in tandem with U.S. Marine Corps infantry units, teaching them how to use their equipment to jam, scout, and neutralize enemy drones.

"We certify different service members to operate on these systems," said Senior Airman Alexander Moose, 8th SFS counter-sUAS instructor. "Most of our courses have Marines, and once they get certified, they can bring their training back to their home units, and they can employ that knowledge with their systems."

Leveraging readiness and skill, the 8th SFS sUAS team is ensuring aerial dominance on the Korean Peninsula and pioneering sUAS and counter-sUAS capabilities across the Indo-Pacific.

"The 8th SFS leverages a mission command leadership philosophy, empowering defenders to employ these capabilities down to the fireteam level," said Kiggins. "This is enabled through the competence of our defenders, their disciplined initiative, a shared understanding of the mission and operating environment, and the mutual trust shared between leaders and members of the unit."



Senior Airman Cheyanne Parsons, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aerial system instructor, poses for a photo after utilizing her drone to search an area for enemy activity during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Counter-sUAS operations are conducted by certified defenders, allowing the Wolf Pack to take initiative against incursions and quickly eliminate threats to the base. ▲

Senior Airman Alexander Moose, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aerial system instructor, radios an all-clear back to the counter-sUAS alert team after participating in an enemy drone inject during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Readiness exercises like Beverly Sentinel, allow defenders to sharpen their skills and practice how they play in a dynamic environment, encouraging them to seize initiative and make decisions in the field. ▼



Senior Airman Alexander Moose, 8th Security Forces Squadron counter small unmanned aerial system instructor, prepares to launch his drone as part of an enemy drone inject during exercise Beverly Sentinel 25-3 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 6, 2025. Counter-sUAS operations are conducted by certified defenders, allowing the Wolf Pack to take the initiative against incursions and quickly eliminate threats to the base. ▲





U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Terriundre Thomas, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of equipment support, demonstrates a 10K forklift capabilities during a family immersion tour of the 51st LRS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 1, 2025. The 51st LRS facilitates various operations across the 51st Fighter Wing through the transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies.

51st LRS immerse families in readiness mission

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron hosted a spouse immersion tour, showcasing different specialties within the LRS at Osan Air Base, Aug. 1, 2025.

Spouses and dependents visited the various specialties within the LRS to gain a better understanding of how service members operate on a day-to-day basis. This tour helps families support Airmen and increase overall readiness for Team Osan.

"We know our Airmen are ready when their families are ready," said Jordan Jacobs, 51 LRS commander's spouse and tour organizer.

The 51st LRS provides sustained and agile logistical support to enable total force readiness. The wide range of logistical operations—such as material management, distribution, deployment support and vehicle management—are critical to ensuring the base is ready to "Fight Tonight".

"We are connecting families to the mission of the LRS," Jacobs said. "We want to try and create pride in the squadron, especially within the families."



Family members of Airmen assigned to the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron lower the bed of a tow truck during a family immersion tour of the 51st LRS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 1, 2025. Strengthening community ties and shared goals between service members and their families solidifies the support systems that allow Airmen to do the mission—defend the base, execute contingency operations and sustain the force. ▲

The tour started with a brief introduction to the 51st LRS mission and mock-deployment line. They then transitioned to the individual protective equipment office where they learned about mission oriented protective posture gear and competed to don the gear as fast as possible.

Families then toured the traffic management office—seeing how equipment and supplies arrive and depart from Osan. After TMO, the tour transitioned to the fuels management flight to see how aircraft are fueled for missions using R-11 fuel trucks.

The tour ended with a visit to the vehicle maintenance and ground transportation sections to see the various vehicles Osan uses to accomplish the mission and how they are maintained, getting hands-on experience of a serviceability check.

"All the things we do every day can become repetitive after a while, but when we see our kids enjoying the little things—like looking at vehicles and going inside them—it brings us joy," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Milen Tapper, 51st LRS additional duty first sergeant.

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U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Justin Jacobs, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, gives opening remarks before a family immersion tour of the 51st LRS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 1, 2025. The 51st LRS provides sustained and agile logistical support to enable total force readiness such as material management, distribution, deployment support and vehicle management. ▲



Airmen and family members assigned to the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron compete to don mission oriented protective posture gear during a family immersion tour of the 51st LRS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 1, 2025. The wide range of logistical operations the 51st LRS provides are critical to ensuring the base is ready to "Fight Tonight" ▲



JET FUEL JPTS

Airmen and family members assigned to the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron tour an R-11 fuel truck during a family immersion tour of the 51st LRS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 1, 2025. The wide range of logistical operations the 51st LRS provides are critical to ensuring the base is ready to "Fight Tonight". ▲

Airmen and family members assigned to the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron pose for a picture after competing to don mission oriented protective posture gear during a family immersion tour of the 51st LRS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 1, 2025. Family members visited the various specialties within the LRS to gain a better understanding of how service members operate on a day-to-day basis. ▼



Airmen and family members assigned to the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron are briefed on aircraft refueling using R-11 fuel trucks during a family immersion tour of the 51st LRS at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 1, 2025. Strengthening community ties and shared goals between service members and their families solidifies the support systems that allow Airmen to do the mission—defend the base, execute contingency operations and sustain the force. ▲





Tech. Sgt. Kylie Eberle

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kylie Eberle, 51st Medical Support Squadron medical readiness noncommissioned officer in charge, was recognized as this week's Mustang of the Week for her leadership, expertise, and commitment to keeping Team Osan medically mission-ready.

Her role requires coordination across nearly every unit on base, like maintaining the Comprehensive Medical Readiness Program to ensure personnel are prepared for operations on the Korean peninsula. Eberle is also the Medical Control Center team chief and a member of the En Route Patient Staging System team which oversees patient movement and ensures members receive rapid stabilization and transport to higher levels of care.

In addition to her primary responsibilities, Eberle is the 51st Medical Group's Unit Deployment Manager responsible for getting medics to the fight downrange. She also leads 27 Home Station Medical Response teams, coordinating training and activation during exercises and real-world contingencies.

As a subject matter expert within the medical group, Eberle was also tasked to manage several other programs during high personnel transition periods. This included the Emergency Management Program, the home station medical response teams comprised of more than 350 medics across 46 AFSCs, and the readiness training program. With help from her troop, Eberle kept the programs running and mishap-free during a manning gap.

"Eberle is a true embodiment of a multi-capable Airmen," said Master Sgt. Jennifer Storms, 51st MDSS flight chief. "Not only is she multi-hatted in her primary duties, but also during contingency."

Her ability to wear multiple hats, lead under pressure, and maintain operational excellence makes her an essential link in the 51st MDG's mission to deliver trusted care and ensure the 51st Fighter Wing's capability to "Fight Tonight."

"The Air Force is difficult, it's not always easy but I do like the structure," Eberle said. "I like my job, I like to be good at my job, and I plan to continue."

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kylie Eberle, 51st Medical Support Squadron medical readiness noncommissioned officer in charge, poses for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 13, 2025. Eberle was recognized as Mustang of the Week for her excellent role supporting the medical readiness of active duty personnel. ▲



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kylie Eberle, left, 51st Medical Support Squadron medical readiness noncommissioned officer in charge, speaks with Capt. Julian Belisario, 51st Medical Group clinical nurse, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 13, 2025. Eberle's daily responsibilities include deconflicting readiness issues, managing unit training, and ensuring all personnel are up-to-date on regional requirements ensuring her squadron is always ready for the "Fight Tonight" mission. ▲

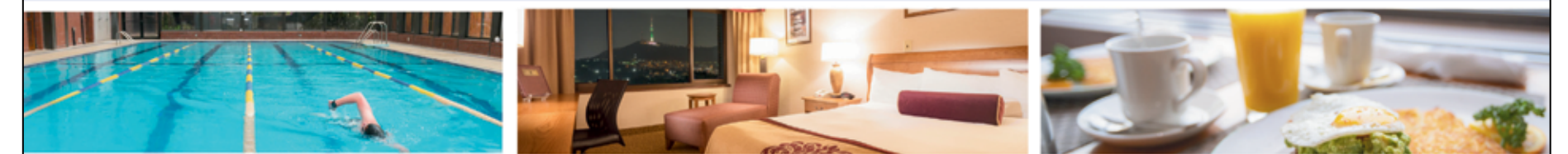


U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kylie Eberle, 51st Medical Support Squadron medical readiness noncommissioned officer in charge, reviews information at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 13, 2025. Eberle's daily responsibilities include deconflicting readiness issues, managing unit training, and ensuring all personnel are up-to-date on regional requirements ensuring her squadron is always ready for the "Fight Tonight" mission. ◀



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K-POP DEMON HUNTERS: Culture & Travel Pt. 1/2

The Netflix animated film “K-Pop Demon Hunters (2025)” sparked a global K-content sensation upon its release, captivating audiences in over 30 countries. Blending the dazzling visuals of K-pop with shamanism and traditional Korean folktales, the film has opened a new window into the rich depths of Korean culture. Let’s dive into the cultural elements woven into the story and explore travel destinations where you can experience their lasting resonance.

1. Korean Culture Through Characters

1) Messengers of Good Fortune: The Tiger and Magpie

The tiger “Derpy” and the magpie “Sussie” steal the show with their mysterious aura and playful charm. These two messengers, who connect the hunter Rumi and the evil spirit Jinu, were directly inspired by “Jakhodo,” a genre of traditional Korean folk painting that features tigers and magpies. In Korean culture, tigers are seen as mystical beings that ward off evil and misfortune, while magpies are considered bringers of good news. The Korea Tourism Organization’s beloved mascots, “Hojong” the tiger and “Kawoo” the magpie, are also inspired from these symbolic animals.



Jakhodo

2) SAJA Boys & Demons: A Modern Take on Korean Spirits



Grim Reaper (Jeoseung saja)



Roof Tile with Dokkaebi Motif

The name of the fictional idol group “SAJA Boys” subtly reveals their true identity. In Korean, saja can mean ‘messenger of death’ or refer to the dead, which directly connects to the concept that the members are not living humans but spirits. Their role—leading fans’ souls to the afterlife—also mirrors that of the jeoseung saja, Korea’s traditional grim reapers. These reapers, according to folklore, are agents of King of the Underworld, who escort souls to the realm of the dead.

What inspired Gwima, the ruler of the underworld, and the evil spirits who battle the Huntrix? The closest parallel is the dokkaebi—Korea’s mischievous goblins. These supernatural beings are said to emerge from old, discarded objects. Though not inherently evil, they are known for their unpredictable behavior and immense strength, often bringing mischief to the human world. Despite their fierce appearance, they love music and dancing—just like the spirits in the film.



Recommended Travel Destinations

Your journey into the heart of Korean culture should begin at the National Museum of Korea. The ongoing special exhibition, “Art of Early Joseon: Masterpieces from the 15th and 16th Centuries,” showcases over 400 works from the early Joseon dynasty, including National Treasures and Treasures. Don’t forget to stop by the MU:DS Shop—a concept store combining “museum” and “goods”—where you’ll find an array of creatively reimaged items inspired by characters from “K-Pop Demon Hunters (2025).” Among them, the magpie and tiger badge—strikingly similar to the characters “Derpy” and “Sussie”—is especially popular.

The hat worn by the SAJA Boys in their demon form is a traditional Korean gat. This black hat was traditionally worn by Joseon-era noble scholars, symbolizing dignity, integrity, and the lofty spirit of the Confucian literati. For a deeper look into this cultural item, visit the Jeju Gat Exhibition Hall, where you can see original gats and



Magpie and Tiger Badge



Black Gat (Heuknip), a Hat for Aristocrats



Gannil (Horsehair Hat Making) at Jeju Gat Exhibition Hall

the intricate hat-making process behind them. Here, visitors can also view various types of gat, along with gannil (horsehair hat making), which has been designated as a National Intangible Cultural Heritage.

National Museum of Korea

- Address: 137 Seobinggo-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul
- Operating hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays 10:00–18:00 / Wed & Sat 10:00–21:00
- Contact: +82-2-2077-9000
- Website: www.museum.go.kr/ MUSEUM

Jeju Gat Exhibition Hall

- Address: 1904 Namjo-ro, Jocheon-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju
- Operating hours: Summer 10:00-18:00 / Winter 10:00–17:00
- Closed: Sundays and Mondays
- Inquiries: +82-64-782-8778
- Website: www.visitjeju.net

2. Korean Culture Reflected in the Setting

1) Korean Shamanism and Folk Beliefs

Huntrix’s performance goes beyond mere singing and dancing—it is a modern reinterpretation of gut, a traditional Korean shamanic ritual that connects humans with the divine. In a gut, a mudang (shaman) acts as a spiritual mediator, appeasing restless spirits and praying for the community’s well-being through music, dance, and song. It is both a sacred rite and a comprehensive form of cultural expression.

The Dangsans tree that appears in the film symbolizes a sacred space. These trees, often located at the entrance or center of a village, are venerated by the local community and believed to guard the area. The strips of obangsaek (five cardinal colors) cloth tied to the tree branches carry deep spiritual meaning—they are believed to ward off misfortune from all directions while inviting blessings and good fortune.



Nongak (community band music, dance and rituals)



Village Community Ritual

2) Traditional Ritual Implements to Ward Off Evil

The Saingeom (Four-Tiger Sword) wielded by the hunter Rumi is a rare blade, said to be forged only once every 60 years—when the year, month, day, and hour align in perfect harmony. Engraved with East Asian constellations, it is revered as a powerful symbol of exorcism.



Saingeom

Joy’s Daeshinkal (Blade Wielded in Divine Authority) is a traditional ritual implement used by shamans in gut ceremonies. It is believed to cut away invisible forces of misfortune and malevolent energy.

Mira carries a Gokdo (Curved Ritual Blade) with a spiral edge, a ceremonial weapon inspired by swords from Gaya Confederacy, one of Korea’s early kingdoms.

3) Traditional crafts imbued with earnest hopes

The norigae accessories worn by the members of Huntrix are traditional ornaments that decorates women’s hanbok. These accessories also function as amulets, embodying wishes for happiness and prosperity within the household. Their vivid colors and intricate knots are believed to symbolize hopes for longevity, fertility, and wealth.



Samjak Norigae



Dancheong of Hyangram Hermitage

The floral patterns on the stage floor during Huntrix’s performance are inspired by dancheong, the colorful decorative painting commonly seen on traditional Korean wooden architecture. Dancheong, a traditional Korean architectural art based on obangsaek enhances the dignity of the structure while protecting its wooden framework.

The powerful backdrop behind Huntrix’s “golden” stage features “Irworobongdo,” a traditional Korean folding screen painting. This piece, commonly placed behind the royal throne during the Joseon dynasty, depicts the sun, the moon, and five mountain peaks. The sun and moon represent the harmony of yin and yang, while the five peaks symbolize the natural cosmic order. One striking feature of the painting is the simultaneous depiction of the sun and moon, arranged in perfectly left-right symmetry. This unique composition is a hallmark of Joseon court art—distinctly Korean and not seen in the palace paintings of China or Japan.



Irworobongdo (Painting of the Sun, Moon, and Five Peaks)

Recommended Travel Destinations



Gyeongbokgung Palace



Bukchon Hanok Village

Gyeongbokgung Palace, featured in Jinu’s flashback scene, was the beopgung—the principal royal palace and spiritual heart of the Joseon dynasty. Today, it remains one of the best places to experience the elegance of dancheong, Korea’s colorful traditional architectural painting, and to immerse oneself in Korea’s royal court culture. At

Geunjeongjeon Hall, once the venue for state ceremonies, visitors can also admire the majestic Irworobongdo.

Located between Gyeongbokgung and Changdeokgung Palaces, Bukchon Hanok Village is home to hundreds of traditional Korean houses, or hanok. This charming neighborhood served as the backdrop for the emotional moment in the film when Rumi and Jinu sing together and come to understand each other. Renting a hanbok and strolling through its picturesque alleyways offers an unforgettable glimpse into Korea’s traditional charm.

Gyeongbokgung Palace

- Address: 161 Sajik-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Operating hours: 9:00–18:30
- Closed: Tuesdays
- Website: royal.khs.go.kr/gbg

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