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U.S. Air Force service members assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing Honor Guard, present the colors during the Prisoner of War/Missing In Action opening ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. The ceremony is held annually to honor and remember those that have been captured or lost abroad.

Osan hosts POW/MIA remembrance ceremony, honors two lost Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Jason Cochran
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Osan's 2025 annual Prisoner of War/Missing in Action ceremony was held 18-19 Sept.

The POW/MIA flag was carried by running Airmen for 24 hours without stopping. Additionally, two Airmen assigned to the Seventh Air Force during the Vietnam War were honored.

While on a mission in their F-111 Aardvark, U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles Caffarelli and Capt. Ronald Stafford were lost in action. This year they were interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach nominated as 24th Air Force Chief of Staff



By Deb Henley
505th Command and Control Wing Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- President Donald Trump has nominated Gen. Ken Wilsbach to serve as the twenty-fourth Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

Secretary of the Air Force Troy Meink offered his congratulations to Wilsbach.

"I am pleased to support the nomination of General Kenneth Wilsbach to serve as the next Chief of Staff of the Air Force," said Meink. "He is a combat tested aviator and has the experience of leading combat forces around the globe. I have full confidence that he will make sure Airmen embody a warrior ethos and are ready to defend our nation and maintain our dominance against all adversaries. I also believe he will be a great partner to help continue advocating for the capabilities the Air Force needs not just for today, but also in the future to make sure we remain the most lethal Air Force in the world."

Wilsbach recently commanded Air Combat Command and was planning to retire after nearly four decades of active-duty service.

"I'm deeply honored by the nomination to serve as the next Air Force Chief of Staff," said Wilsbach. "The trust and confidence placed in me is not something I take lightly. If confirmed, I intend to strengthen our warrior ethos and to build a more lethal force that is always ready to defend our homeland and deter our adversaries around the world. Cindy and I have always prioritized the needs of our Airmen and their families, and we remain committed to advocating for them in this position," he added.

A 1985 distinguished graduate of the University of Florida's ROTC program; weapons school graduate; and commander at the squadron, group and wing levels; Air Expeditionary Task Force; numbered air force and major command levels, Wilsbach brings a wealth of both flying and command experience to the position. Furthermore, Wilsbach has flown 71 combat missions during operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, and Enduring Freedom.

Current Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin affirmed this experience and added his congratulations.

"I congratulate General Wilsbach on his nomination to be our next Chief of Staff," said Allvin. "I wish him all the best and trust that he will continue the momentum and advocate for the best interests of our Airmen, today's readiness, and modernizing our force for the future fight."

General KENNETH S. WILSBACH

Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach is the Commander, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. As Commander, he is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining combat-ready air, cyberspace, and electromagnetic spectrum forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime defense.

The command operates more than 1,600 aircraft, 35 wings, 12 bases, and 1,371 units at more than 263 operating locations worldwide with 155,205 total force military and civilian personnel. As the lead major command for Combat Air Forces, ACC develops strategy, doctrine, concepts, tactics and procedures for air, space and cyber-power employment. The command provides conventional and information warfare forces to all unified commands to ensure air, space, cyber and information superiority for warfighters and national decision-makers. The command also stands ready to assist national agencies with intelligence, surveillance and crisis response capabilities

Gen. Wilsbach was commissioned in 1985 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Florida's ROTC program and earned his pilot wings in 1986 as a distinguished graduate from Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. He has commanded a fighter squadron, operations group, two wings, two Numbered Air Forces and held various staff assignments including Director of Operations, Combined Air Operations Center and Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command.

Prior to his current assignment, Gen. Wilsbach was Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. PACAF is responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe in a command that supports more than 46,000 Airmen serving principally in Japan, South Korea, Hawaii, Alaska and Guam.

Gen. Wilsbach is a command pilot with more than 6,000 hours in multiple aircraft, primarily in the F-15C, F-16C, MC-12 and F-22A, and has flown 71 combat missions in operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Rating: command pilot
- Flight hours: more than 6,000
- Aircraft flown: F-22A, F-16C, MC-12W, F-15A-D, T-38 and T-37

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431st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron activates, hosts assumptions of command

By Master Sgt. Caleb Pierce
7th Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Lt. Col. Douglas J. Slater, 431st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron incoming commander, formally assumed command of the 431st ERS at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, September 28.

The 8th FW operates as a premiere exercise and rotational force bed down location for the U.S. air component forces in the ROK. The 431st was last activated as the 431st Fighter Squadron in 1943 under the Fifth Air Force and has lineal heritage to the 431st Test and Evaluation Squadron.

"It's an honor to write the next chapter, side by side with our Korean allies," said Capt. Ryan Jayawardena, 431st director of operations. "Activating the 431st reflects our shared commitment, hard work, and the strength of an alliance ready for today's challenges."

The activation of the ERS reinforces the dedication of the U.S. to peace and security on the Korean Peninsula. MQ-9 operations will support U.S.-Korean priorities in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance across the Indo-Pacific theater enhancing the joint capability to respond to threats and emerging situations while strengthening our alliance.

The MQ-9 is a multi-mission, medium-altitude, long-endurance remotely piloted aircraft designed for dynamic execution targets and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions. Beyond defense, these platforms can also support cooperative efforts in humanitarian aid, disaster response, and other regional challenges.

"Deploying the MQ-9 brings a powerful capability to the region," said Slater. "We're here to support the mission, deepen cooperation, and demonstrate our shared commitment to maintaining security and stability across the Indo-Pacific."



U.S. Air Force Col. Ruben Amezaga, 8th Operations Group commander, passes a guidon to U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas Slater Jr., 431st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron commander, during the 431st ERS activation ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. Slater assumed command of the 431st ERS, a tenant unit of the 8th Fighter Wing specializing in MQ-9 Reaper operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲



Members of the 431st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron stand in formation during the 431st ERS activation ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. The 8th Fighter Wing operates as an exercise and rotational force bed down location for U.S. Air Force components in the Republic of Korea, such as the 431st ERS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Ruben Amezaga, 8th Operations Group commander, and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas Slater Jr., 431st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron commander, unfurl a new guidon for the 431st ERS during an activation ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. The 431st ERS is a tenant unit of the 8th Fighter Wing specializing in MQ-9 Reaper operations. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo) ◀



36th Fighter Squadron sustains 'Fight Tonight' posture through readiness training



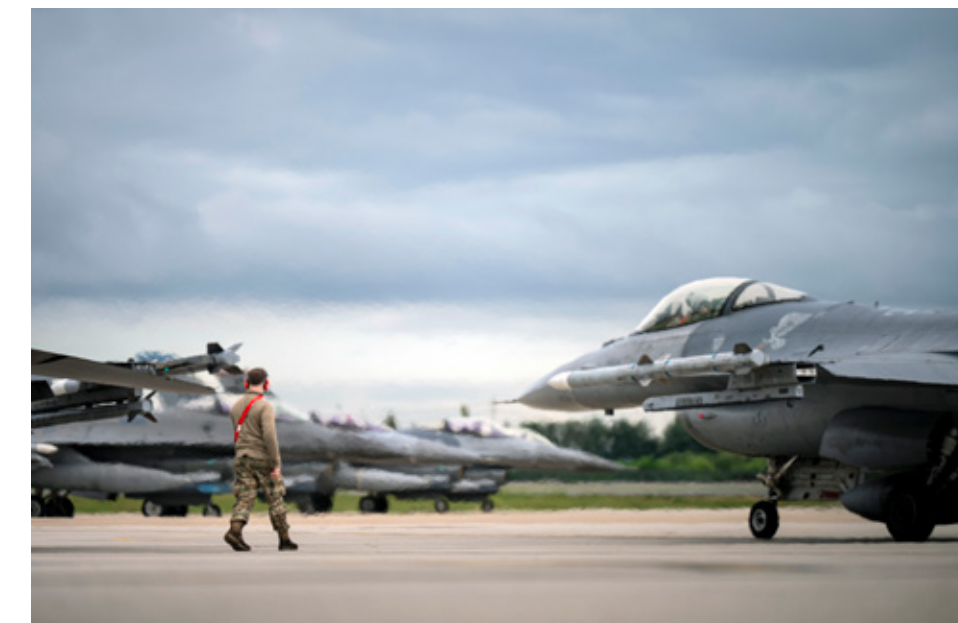
U.S. Air Force Captain Casey Rothstein, 36th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, secures his harness before taking flight at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. Training exercises are vital to maintaining the 36FS combat readiness, ensuring pilots are prepared to respond at a moment's notice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tallon Bratton) ▲



U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron standby on the flightline before take off at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. Conducting these operations ensures U.S. Air Force pilots strengthen lethality, remain mission-ready, and showcase America's ability to deliver airpower across the globe. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tallon Bratton) ▲



A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron taxis at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. Independent flight operations sharpen U.S. Air Force pilots' lethality, sustain peak readiness, and highlight America's capacity to project airpower worldwide. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tallon Bratton) ▲



U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron taxi at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. By flying training missions independently, U.S. Air Force pilots refine combat skills, preserve operational readiness, and affirm the nation's global reach. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tallon Bratton) ▲

U.S. Air Force pilots assigned to the 36th Fighter Squadron receive a prebrief before take off at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. These flights were part of ongoing readiness training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tallon Bratton) ▶





Defenders assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron leave a room after neutralizing a simulated threat during an active shooter exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. The exercise tested teamwork, communication, and coordination with base-wide emergency response agencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams)

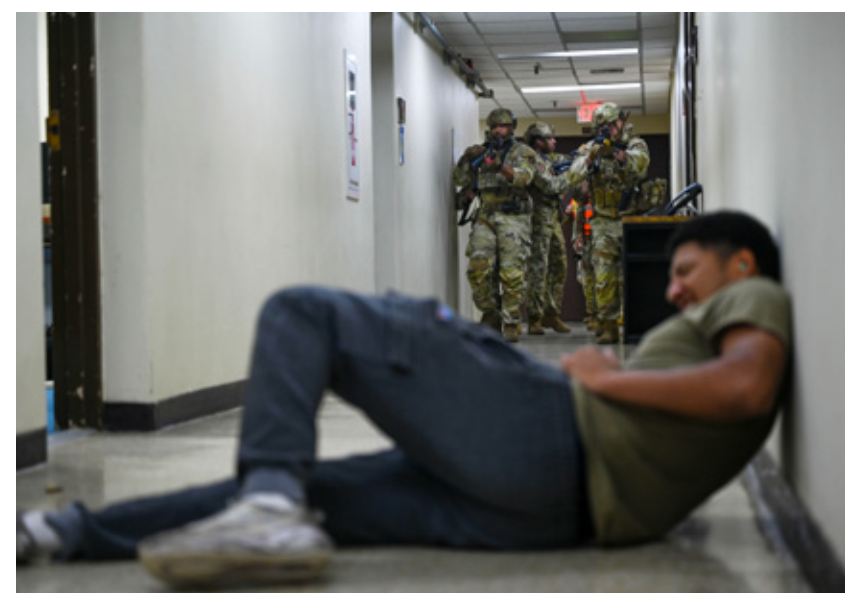
Readiness in action: Osan's active shooter exercise



Defenders assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron prepare to engage with the simulated perpetrator during an active shooter exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. The exercise ensures Team Osan remains vigilant and prepared for real-world threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲

Defenders assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron clear a building during an active shooter exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. The exercise strengthened base-wide emergency rapid response capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▶

Defenders assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron evacuate a simulated casualty for medical treatment during an active shooter exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. The exercise tested teamwork, communication, and coordination with base-wide emergency response agencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▼



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8th CES and 8th MDG maintain nuclear and radiation emergency response readiness

Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron and emergency management flight use a multi-function survey meter to detect simulated radioactive contamination during an emergency management nuclear weapon incident training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. This training is an annual requirement for the emergency management flight and ensures they maintain nuclear response readiness by focusing on radiation-specific skills, equipment use, decontamination processes and area surveying. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick.) ▶

Airmen from the 8th Medical Group bioenvironmental engineering flight perform decontamination procedures on Airmen during a nuclear weapon incident training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick.) ▼



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Mary Jo Paule, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management logistics non-commissioned officer in charge, sets up a multi-function survey meter during an 8th CES emergency management nuclear weapon training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. A survey meter is used to identify radioactive contamination, measure radiation dose rates and assess the overall safety of an environment during an emergency response. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick.) ▼



Airmen from the 8th Medical Group bioenvironmental engineering flight and the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management flight coordinate emergency response plans during a nuclear weapon incident training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick.) ▲



Senior Airman Desmond Hazeur, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman, applies chemical resistant tape around the gas mask of Airman 1st Class Vanessa Noguera-Castaneda, 8th CES emergency management journeyman, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. These Airmen were tasked with detecting simulated nuclear radiation and chemical hazards during an 8th CES emergency management nuclear weapon incident training exercise. ▶



Airmen from the 8th Medical Group bioenvironmental engineering flight set up a portable air sampler during an 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management nuclear weapon incident training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. These air samplers are used to test the air for potential contamination, helping to determine if an area is safe for personnel to enter or operate in during an emergency response. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick.) ▶



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management flight use a multi-function survey meter to detect simulated radioactive contamination during an emergency management nuclear weapon incident training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. The emergency management flight develops and executes plans for natural disasters, mishaps and enemy attacks with a focus on responding to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats and incidents. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick.) ▲

Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management flight and 8th Medical Group bioenvironmental engineering flight scan a simulated patient for radioactive contamination during an emergency management nuclear weapon incident training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. The bioenvironmental engineering flight identifies, evaluates, and controls health and environmental hazards by assessing possible risks from chemicals and radiation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick.) ▶



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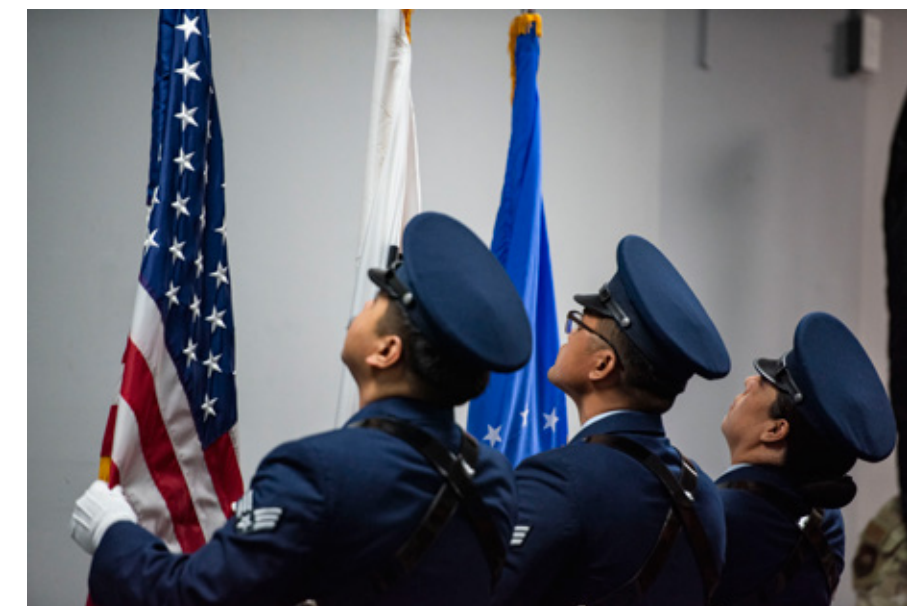
By Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SUWON AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st MSG Detachment 1 activation ceremony at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. The activation of a Detachment underneath Osan Air Base leadership shifted the command responsibility of U.S. operations on the base to Osan, the closest major Air Base on the peninsula, creating a more effective and responsive organization.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Vincent Wiggins, right, 51st Mission Support Group Detachment 1 commander, accepts command from Col. Jeff Elliot, 51st MSG commander, during the 51st MSG Detachment 1 activation ceremony at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. ▶



U.S. Air Force service members assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing Honor Guard, present the colors during the 51st Mission Support Group Detachment 1 activation ceremony at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. The Battle of Suwon Air Base was the first aerial engagement of the Korean War. ▲



U.S. Air Force Capt. Vincent Wiggins, 51st Mission Support Group Detachment 1 commander, provides remarks during the 51st MSG Detachment 1 activation ceremony at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. ▼



U.S. Air Force Col. Jeff Elliot, 51st Mission Support Group commander, provides remarks during the 51st MSG Detachment 1 activation ceremony at Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 29, 2025. The activation of a Detachment underneath Osan Air Base leadership shifted the command responsibility of U.S. operations on the base to Osan, the closest major Air Base on the peninsula, creating a more effective and responsive organization. ▲



Pacific Air Forces commander emphasizes importance of C2 to operate at scale in the Pacific

Pacific Air Forces

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md -- The commander of Pacific Air Forces highlighted the importance of command and control during a panel discussion at Air and Space Forces Association's annual Air, Space and Cyber Conference, Sept. 24, 2025.

Addressing a broad in-person and virtual audience during the "Exercising at Scale: What We're Learning" panel, Gen. Kevin Schneider shared the successes and lessons learned from Resolute Forces Pacific 2025.

"The first lesson was, we can do this," Schneider said. "It was a massive challenge, and at times we were operating at 50 locations, 5,000 miles north-south, 6,000 miles east-west. Only the United States Air Force can pull off something like this and support the combatant commander."

REFORPAC tested the readiness of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force for Department of Defense requirements. From July 8 to August 9, 2025, the exercise involved over 400 aircraft, more than 15,000 personnel and operations across 50+ locations. It reinforced alliances with Australia, Japan, Korea and the Philippines, while integrating other allies and partners, demonstrating the United States' commitment to mutual defense and regional stability.

REFORPAC required forces to sustain an operational campaign for extended periods, testing logistics, adaptability and the Air Force's agile combat employment model at a much larger scale than has been attempted before.

Schneider said, in a theater that is defined by distance and complexity, airpower proved its responsiveness and flexibility in how the Air Force delivers logistics and fires at speed and scale.

The general outlined three key areas for improvement: people, pipes, and processes. This includes strategically positioning personnel and command nodes ensuring they are in the right place and have the training they need; ensuring robust and resilient communication pathways to operate effectively in a contested environment; and streamlining processes to allow for rapid response and adaptation.

For education and training, Schneider said the Air Force is working through this already through Air Education and Training Command.

"As we come out of REFORPAC, I think we are better equipped to go back to Headquarters Air Force and AETC to identify those skill sets and those things that need to enter Airmen's brains from day one as they come into our force to understand what it's like to operate in a contested environment and how to be effective."

Highlighting the importance of managing supply chains and resource allocation across vast distances, Schneider said, PACAF is being very deliberate and smart about where we put kit and where we put gear so that units that are falling into their fighting positions are ready to go immediately.

"We need to equally invest in time and thought



Gen. Kevin Schneider speaks during the Exercising at Scale panel, at the National Harbor, Md. Sept. 24, 2025. The Air, Space & Cyber Conference is an opportunity for Department of the Air Force senior leaders to meet and address Airmen, Guardians, allies, partners and industry leaders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Chad Trujillo) ▲



Gen. Kevin Schneider, Gen. Adrian Spain, Gen. John Lamontagne and Lt. Gen. David Miller speaks during the Exercising at Scale panel, at the National Harbor, Md. Sept. 24, 2025. The Air, Space & Cyber Conference is an opportunity for Department of the Air Force senior leaders to meet and address Airmen, Guardians, allies, partners and industry leaders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Chad Trujillo)

and resources into the command and control of logistics and sustainment to give ourselves the best ability to generate air power," he said.

Finally, Schneider said the PACAF has to be flexible and agile in its C2 systems to push authorities forward into theater to a lower echelon of command. He emphasized that the ability to operate at such scale hinges on effective command and control and delegating authorities to the lowest level possible, which he has said are important factors in staying ahead of our adversaries.

As PACAF looks to the future, Schneider emphasized the lessons learned from

REFORPAC will shape how the Air Force strengthens partnerships, refines command and control, and ensures the Joint Force is ready to meet any challenge in the Indo-Pacific.

"As we wrap up this summer's exercise series, our Airmen are better equipped to understand what it is means to operate in contested environments and remain effective," said Schneider. "Moving forward, we do this as a team. We do this with our Allies and partners. Building a system that is inherently interoperable and includes releasable enclaves from the ground up is essential to success."

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6 Signature Foods Made for Traditional Korean Holidays



During traditional holidays in Korea, the whole family gathers together and makes special foods to place on the table for the ancestral memorial ceremony. These foods serve to unite the family unit, with each food having a symbolic meaning such as happiness, longevity, or financial success. To celebrate these holidays like a Korean, try making one of these signature Korean holiday foods and sharing with your family!



Jeon

Jeon or buchimgae is a savory pancake made by coating the ingredient of choice with a light flour batter and then frying it in a pan with some oil. The ingredient used will completely change the taste. Usually, modumjeon (assorted pan-fried battered platter) is prepared during Korea's holiday seasons, typically including kimchijeon (kimchi pancake), haemul pajeon (seafood and green onion pancake), gogi wanjajeon (pan-fried battered meat balls), dongtaejeon (pan-fried battered pollack fillet), and nokdujeon (mung bean pancake). Outside of the holiday period, if you want to try some delicious jeon, head to a jeon specialty street. Near Hoegi Station on Seoul Subway Line 1, you can find plenty of restaurants selling thick haemul pajeon on Hoegi Station Pajeon Street. For a range of jeon, visit Mapo Jeon Alley, located near Gongdeok Station on Seoul Subway Lines 5 & 6.



Japchae



Japchae, a dish beloved by the kings of the Joseon period, is yet another dish that is often present during festive days in Korea. Japchae is a compound word of the Korean words "jap" meaning mix, and "chae," from "chaeso," which means vegetable. Japchae also includes meat, mushrooms, and glass noodles, and is stir-fried with a soy sauce-based marinade. While the ingredients complement each other when mixed together, they must first be chopped and fried

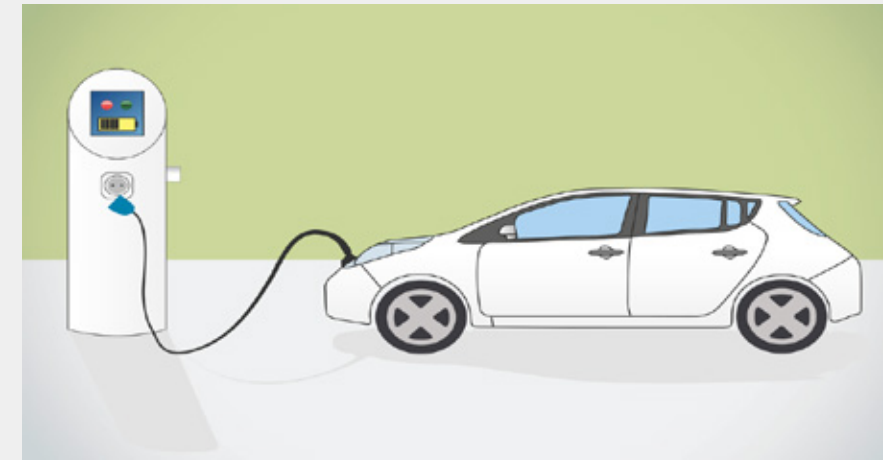
separately, requiring a lot of work. Leftover japchae from the holiday is also enjoyed with rice as japchae deopbap (japchae with rice). You can easily try this colorful delicacy at traditional markets in Korea, including Gwangjang Market in Seoul.



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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?

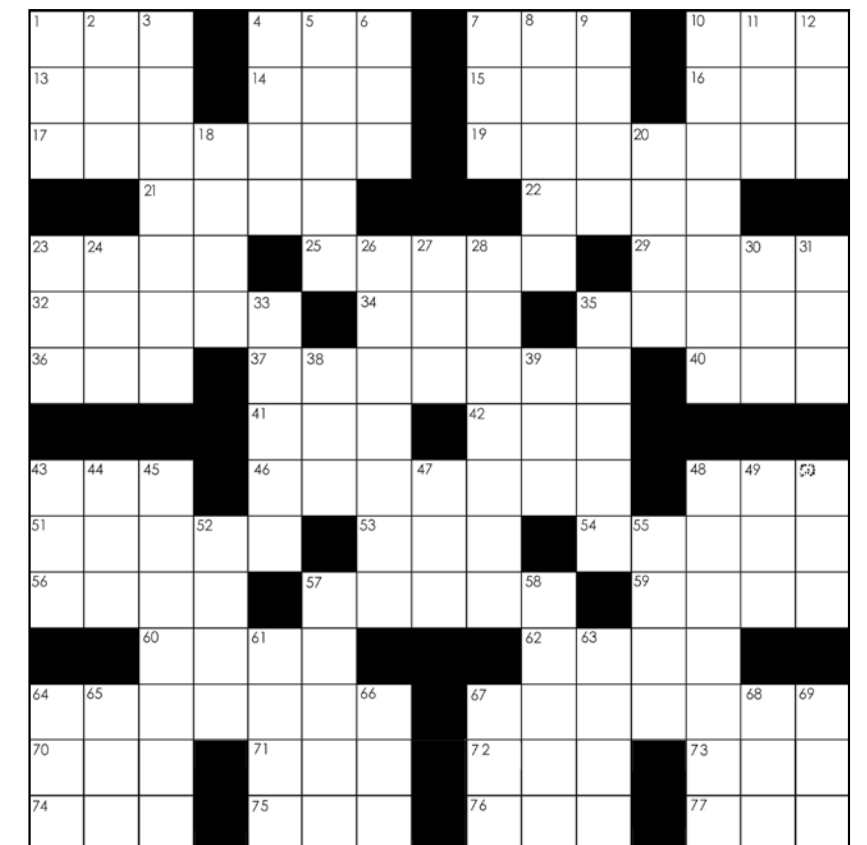
Jesus Saves!
Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. [See: **Romans 3:10, 3:23, 5:12, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10**, and pray & ask The Lord to save you.]

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 Just outside the Front Gate at Kunsan AB
 - Preaching Christ 50+ years.

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 Redeem this AD for a FREE COFFEE at church!

The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



- ACROSS
- 1 Color
 - 4 Jamaican genre
 - 7 K-pop group
 - 10 Sew
 - 13 Navy prefix
 - 14 Haul
 - 15 Explosive material
 - 16 The night before
 - 17 Korean martial art
 - 19 Navy's highest rank
 - 21 Seoul Metro Line 4 terminus
 - 22 Norway city
 - 23 Grey tea
 - 25 Korea's biggest city
 - 29 Location
 - 32 Headline
 - 34 You ___ do it!
 - 35 Korean film "My ___ Girl"
 - 36 Mp3s predecessor
 - 37 Comedian's style
 - 40 One of the Stooges
 - 41 Korean rock band Say ___ Me
 - 42 US airspace authority
 - 43 Internet-era right
 - 46 Racing driver Bill or Chase
 - 48 Korean studies group
 - 51 Southeastern Korean city
 - 53 Hockey legend Bobby
 - 54 VCR button
 - 56 Cheorwon's ___ Triangle
 - 57 Opposite of friend
 - 59 Opposite of pretty
 - 60 Yard, in the US
 - 62 Bart's teacher
 - 64 Endurance
 - 67 Macarthur or Michael
 - 70 "I ___ Rhythm"
 - 71 Catholic sister
 - 72 Utilize
 - 73 Frozen water
 - 74 Foot digit
 - 75 Home project
 - 76 "Ain't nuthin' ___ a g thang"
 - 77 Consumed
- DOWN
- 1 "Speak up!"
 - 2 Mexico neighbor
 - 3 Competitive video games
 - 4 Slipped
 - 5 Congratulations
 - 6 Before
 - 7 ___ glance
 - 8 Korean floor heating system
 - 9 Bank machines
 - 10 Fearlessness
 - 11 Space walk
 - 12 Blanc or Gibson
 - 18 Goes with switch or chain
 - 20 She Wolf of the SS
 - 23 And so on
 - 24 Care package
 - 26 Command or rear
 - 27 Grain
 - 28 Soldier's outfit
 - 30 Chinese general known for chicken
 - 31 Goes with black or pink
 - 33 Ruhr city
 - 35 Fermented fish
 - 38 ___-de-sac
 - 39 Feline
 - 43 The feds
 - 44 Opposite of theirs
 - 45 Segregate
 - 47 Anger
 - 48 Ceremonial outfit
 - 49 Knee joint
 - 50 Filthy home
 - 52 Korea University neighborhood
 - 55 Psychiatrist Carl
 - 57 Deep boredom
 - 58 Southwestern Korean city
 - 61 Breeze
 - 63 Musical duo
 - 64 NCO rank
 - 65 Also
 - 66 "___ port in a storm"
 - 67 Alternative to movie subtitle
 - 68 Play makebelieve
 - 69 View

Answers to Previous Crossword	
25 CID	60 CAPS
27 OWN	63 LULL
29 POOH	66 METRO
32 SUNK	68 CLASSIFIED
33 OSI	71 DIOR
36 GUTS	72 TOWER
38 OPEN	73 OWEN
40 SOCKS	74 GOUT
42 INIT	75 VENTI
43 PORTA	76 SODA
45 KCAL	77 ENDS
46 RIVER	28 WKS
48 LION	30 OSTIE
49 LUGE	31 SERIN
50 LIE	32 UNTO
51 UDDN	33 OCCUPATION
52 TRAP	34 SKAG
55 AGE	35 SLE
56 BSE	36 GIRL
57 APP	37 UNIT
	39 POLO



Exfiltration ops: Special tactics Airmen from the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing conduct exfiltration operations from the Caribbean Sea off the coast of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Aug. 28, 2025. The mission was part of Emerald Warrior 25.2, U.S. Special Operations Command's largest joint special operations exercise, which focuses on realistic training with partner forces to enhance interoperability and readiness. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Dale Greer) ◀

A step ahead: Air Force's Attila Toth dribbles the ball during a home game against South Dakota Mines at the Academy's Cadet Soccer Stadium in Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 14, 2025. Air Force went on to tie South Dakota Mines 1-1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Dylan Smith) ▲



Flying with flare: The U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team performs during the 2025 Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show in Virginia Beach, Va., Sept. 21, 2025. This year's show commemorated 250 years of America's Navy, honoring its legacy, innovation and enduring strength. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kaitlin Young) ◀

On the go: Two U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs simultaneously prepare to take off and come in for a landing, delivering Airmen and equipment in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility for exercise Agile Spartan 25.2, Aug. 23, 2025. Agile Spartan is an Agile Combat Employment exercise that shifts generation of airpower from large, centralized bases to networks of smaller, dispersed locations, or cluster bases, to increase survivability, complicate adversary planning and gain an advantage. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keagan Lee) ▶



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

Mustang Community Center Yard Sale Event

Occurs Every 1st Saturday of Each Month | 1000-1300 | Bldg. 1313 (Big Room)

Is clutter taking over your home? It's time to reclaim your space! Our yard sale is the perfect opportunity to get rid of those unwanted or forgotten items and make room for a fresh start. Register now at the MCC front desk to secure your 1 table with 2 chairs. Registration fee: \$10
Note * This event is only for those who want to sell yard sale/excess items. This is not for home business or licensed vendors.*

For questions, contact the MCC front desk at osanabcommunitycenter@gmail.com or DSN: 784-3123 | Commercial: 0505-784-3123.

2025 Air Force Ball

October 10 | 1700 | Dragon Hill Lodge
This year's Air Force Ball will be at Dragon Hill Lodge. We are pleased to announce Command Chief, Pacific Air Force, CMSgt Kathleen McCool, as this year's guest speaker! Stay connected to our socials (found on the flyer) for the most up to date information and updates.

POC: Capt Esther Kim (esther.kim.9@us.af.mil), SMSgt Chelsie Kavitz (chelsie.kavitz@us.af.mil), MSgt Robert Schatz (robert.schatz@us.af.mil)

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

DMZ OPEN FESTIVAL

DMZ 느끼다: 전시·콘서트·국제음악제

DMZ 생각하다: 포럼

DMZ 걷다: 걷기·마라톤



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Staff Sgt. Dechawat Arsanam

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dechawat Arsanam, 8th Comptroller Squadron financial analyst, poses for a photo in front of the 8th CPTS sign at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 19, 2025. Arsanam was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of Sept. 15-19 for his financial expertise, innovative ideas and training efforts.

By Senior Airman Karissa Dick
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Dechawat Arsanam, a native of Udon Thani, Thailand and 8th Comptroller Squadron financial analyst, was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of Sept. 15 - 19 for his financial expertise, innovative ideas and training efforts.

Arsanam partnered with the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center and resource advisors to secure over one million in funding for the 8th FW's top four unfunded requirements. This directly enabled the financing of key projects including the South Loop high-voltage cables, Monaco fire system update and mission essential maintenance and repairs identified by 8th Civil Engineer. Arsanam's contribution to these projects helped modernize base power and improved safety systems critical to sustain mission operations.

Leveraging his finance and accounting expertise, Arsanam developed the 8th CES utilities Won-to-Dollar research tool, an

innovation that brought expense predictability within 98% accuracy. This tool enhanced the 8th CES's expenditure oversight, optimized resource planning and was instrumental in advocating for and receiving an additional \$925,000 in utility funding from AFIMSC.

Arsanam also led mandated training for 22 budget analysts and resource advisors on end-of-year closeout procedures, ensuring the timely and accurate allocation of 8th FW funds. His readiness training led U.S. Pacific Air Forces to praise Kunsan as a benchmark for closeout excellence, financial stewardship and as the standard in the Pacific theater.

Thanks to Arsanam's efforts, the 8th CPTS financial management analysis flight continues to advocate for the base's largest AFIMSC budget, executing over \$38 million in support of the Wolf Pack mission.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Arsanam, 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. Dechawat Arsanam, 8th Comptroller Squadron financial analyst, reviews unit finances at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 19, 2025. Arsanam was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of Sept. 15-19 for his financial expertise, innovative ideas and training efforts. ▲

The Warfighter's Spirit

The Spirituality of Chuseok



By Chaplain (Major) John Reutemann, 51st Fighter Wing

This month, our Korean teammates will celebrate Chuseok, a traditional mid-autumn harvest festival. As an American servicemember stationed here in Korea, I have always been told that Chuseok is simply the Korean version of our Thanksgiving holiday at the end of November. As I have learned more

about Chuseok, however, I have come to realize that there is a deeper meaning.

As a chaplain, I have enjoyed learning about the spiritual elements to Chuseok, specifically the traditions of returning to one's hometown for a meal and visiting the graves of one's ancestors. I would argue that these traditions are ultimately spiritual in nature since they get at our "why." That is, such traditions would necessarily cause one to reflect – at least annually if not more frequently – on why we are doing what we are doing. For instance, when we visit a cemetery, we are confronted with the harsh reality that all of us will wind up there one day, thus putting our own lives in perspective. When we return to our hometowns, we are reminded of not just where we grew up but also the people who helped raise us. Such reflections are indeed sobering, and serve as an opportunity for us to take stock of our lives and make sure we are living the type of life that we want to live, the type of life that would make our family members – living and deceased – proud.

The Air Force defines spiritual fitness as an ability, specifically "the ability to adhere to beliefs, principles, or values needed to persevere and prevail in accomplishing missions" (DAFI 90-5001, p. 47). In short, spiritual fitness is the ability to tap into our "why" when things get rough. That same document outlines the other three components of Comprehensive Airman Fitness, namely physical fitness, mental fitness, and social fitness, but I would argue that spiritual

fitness is the most important. After all, if you don't have a "why" to get out of bed each morning, or to respond to an emergency in the middle of the night, then it doesn't really matter how physically fit you are. You could spend hours at the gym and become physically healthy, but if you are not spiritually healthy, then nothing will motivate you to put that physical fitness to use.

Notice that Air Force does not define spiritual fitness as practicing a religion. There are plenty of people who go to church/temple every week but cannot articulate – much less tap into – their "why," and are thus spiritually unfit. Conversely, there are plenty of people who never go to church/temple but who can articulate and tap into their "why." For many of us, however, religious practice is a part of our spiritual fitness, and we discern part of our "why" from a belief in a God who loves us and calls us to serve others. Regardless of whether or not we are religious, we all need to be spiritually fit if we are going to be able to fight tonight.

This month, let us learn from the traditions of the Korean feast of Chuseok and take time to reflect on our own "why." We may not be able to return to our hometowns or visit the graves of our deceased family members, but we can certainly take extra time to call those who are still alive and to reflect on those who have passed. We all wear their name on our uniforms so let us make sure we are living lives that they would be proud of, and let us allow that pride to feed our "why."



Chasing freedom: The U.S. Air Force "Thunderbirds" perform a photo chase mission over Washington, D.C., Sept. 12, 2025. The flight was conducted in celebration of America's upcoming 250th birthday, showcasing the nation's spirit of independence and freedom. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Breanna Klemm) ▲

Taking a break: U.S. Air Force military working dog Vantor, 100th Security Forces Squadron, rests at the obstacle course during routine training at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, Sept. 19, 2025. These highly trained canines serve alongside military members to detect explosives, track enemy movements, search for missing personnel and provide critical security in high-risk environments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chloe Masey) ◀

9/11 Memorial Ruck: Master Sgt. Bryan Murphy, 736th Security Forces Squadron flight chief, performs push-ups after a 9/11 Memorial Ruck at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Sept. 11, 2025. Murphy performed the push-ups in honor of the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Xavier Romero) ▼



This magic moment: Master Sgt. Nick Kirchner, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron superintendent of air transportation, dances with his wife, Megan Kirchner, during the Air Force Ball at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 13, 2025. The Air Force Ball is a celebration of the service's history, heritage and Airmen, both past and present. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Bryce Moore) ◀

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

Wednesdays -

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@mail.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



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group pose for a photo after completing a chemical decontamination exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2025. Leaders praised the team for how fast they were able to respond and decontaminate patients during the drill. ▲

Airmen practice decontamination to sustain 'Fight Tonight' mission at Osan

By Senior Airman Tallon Bratton
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical group conducted a medical decontamination exercise at Osan Air Base, Sept. 11, 2025, to enhance readiness and sustain the "Fight Tonight" posture against potential chemical or biological threats on the Korean Peninsula.

The training focused on ensuring Airmen can respond quickly to contamination following an attack.

"With a chemical attack, the amount of exposure would quickly diminish our capabilities," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Christina Zuccarelli, 51st MDG chief nurse. "We have to get them treated medically with the auto injectors, and we have to get them cleaned and scrubbed so they don't perish."

While the base's primary decontamination capability is located at the 51st Medical Group building, the exercise highlighted the flexibility of Osan's mobile decontamination unit. The mobile setup can be deployed across the installation.

"It's extremely helpful," Zuccarelli said. "This capability allows us to bring the equipment



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group cut away clothing from a training mannequin during a chemical attack response drill at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2025. Removing contaminated clothing is one of the first steps in the decontamination process. ▲

U.S. Air Force The 51st Medical Group set up a mobile decontamination site during an exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2025. The portable equipment can operate anywhere with water and electricity, expanding the base's ability to respond to chemical incidents. ►

anywhere that has water and electricity, which makes it a much more high-fidelity training scenario. Our teams can now spread that knowledge throughout the rest of our disaster response teams."

Lt. Col. Joseph Ryan, 51st Flight Commander of Dental Flight, chief of dental services, emphasized the exercise's role in keeping Airmen mission-ready and preserving mission continuity.

"It really boils down to return to duty," Ryan said. "Even if folks aren't wounded during an initial attack, if they're contaminated, this allows us to decontaminate them and get them back to doing their duties. It preserves our ability as a medical group to provide care without contaminating our facilities."

Zuccarelli said outside subject matter experts helped raise the realism of the training, and she praised the Airmen who took part.

"They moved quickly. They had a sense of urgency. They played like it was real," Zuccarelli said. "The teamwork was amazing to see in such a short amount of time. They beat the expectation of the standard. We're thrilled."

The exercise supported a broader effort to strengthen base-wide emergency response capabilities during large-scale exercises.



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group process a simulated casualty through a decontamination line at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2025. The drill reinforced teamwork and speed in responding to chemical or biological threats. ►



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group suit up in protective gear during a chemical decontamination exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2025. The training prepared medical teams to respond quickly in hazardous environments. ▲

U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group respond to the first simulated patient through the decontamination line at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2025. The scenario tested their ability to move casualties while working in full protective gear. ►



평택 공항 30주년
평택 EVERYONE 축제

총 예산 : 220백만원
[도비 : 50%, 시비 : 50%]

제 22회 한미친선 문화 한마당

The 22nd ROK-US Cultural Festival

부스 프로그램 Booth Program	무대 프로그램 Stage Event
영어 페스타존 English Festa Zone	개막식 Opening Ceremony
한·미 음식·문화 체험존 ROK-US Food·Culture Experience Zone	축하공연 Special Stage
패밀리존 Family Zone	무대 이벤트 Stage Event

INFORMATION

10.25. SAT - 10.26. SUN
신장근린공원 일대, Sinjang Park

경기도 평택시 PIEF 평택시국제교류재단



Team Osan members run with the Prisoner of War/Missing In Action flag during the POW/MIA opening ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2025. Each year, the POW/MIA flag is carried in a continuous 24-hour run to honor and reaffirm commitment to those who have been captured or remain missing abroad. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran)

Osan hosts POW/MIA remembrance ceremony, honors two lost Airmen

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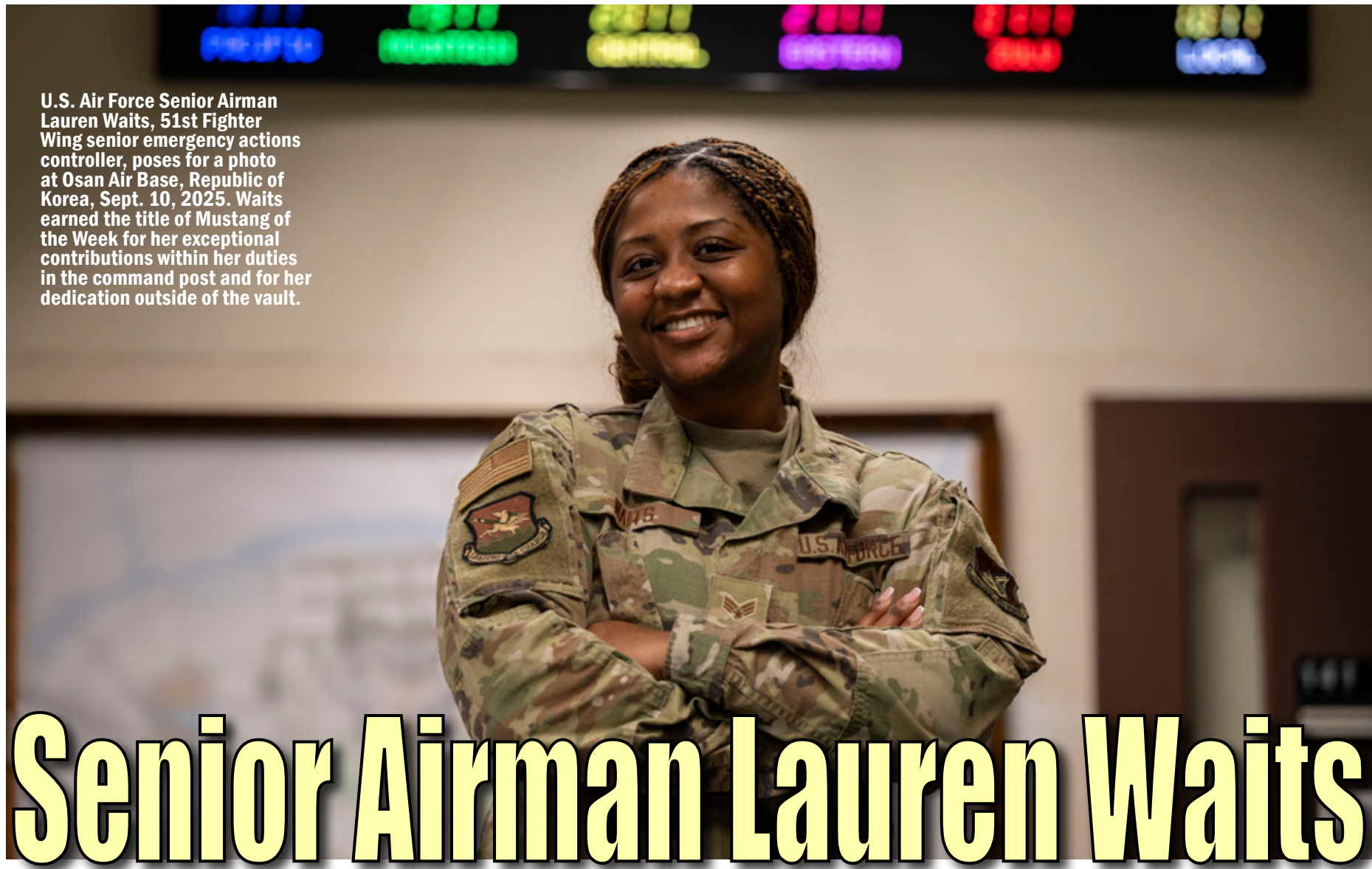
Team Osan members salute during the playing of the U.S. and Republic of Korea national anthems during the Prisoner of War/Missing In Action POW/MIA closing ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 19, 2025. The ceremony is held annually to honor and remember those that have been captured or lost abroad. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran)



U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jarrod Leonard, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron service contracts section chief, reveals two new bricks during the Prisoner of War/Missing In Action POW/MIA closing ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 19, 2025. This year's ceremony honored two Airmen that served in the Seventh Air Force, and were lost in action during the Vietnam War were recently interred at Arlington National Cemetery. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran)

Bricks honoring U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles Caffarelli and Capt. Ronald Stafford lay in the Prisoner of War/Missing In Action memorial at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 19, 2025. Caffarelli and Stafford, assigned to Seventh Air Force during the Vietnam War, were lost in action while conducting a mission in their F-111 Aardvark. This year their remains were interred at Arlington National Cemetery. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran)





U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lauren Waits, 51st Fighter Wing senior emergency actions controller, poses for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2025. Waits earned the title of Mustang of the Week for her exceptional contributions within her duties in the command post and for her dedication outside of the vault.

Senior Airman Lauren Waits

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lauren Waits, 51st Fighter Wing senior emergency actions controller, was recognized as this week's Mustang of the Week for her outstanding performance in the command post and for her dedication outside of the vault.

Working in the command post, Waits provides vital command and control support to Osan that is critical during contingency situations, as well as for smooth function during regular operations.

"My day-to-day duties include monitoring missile warning systems, tracking Air Mobility Command missions, processing higher headquarters orders, and writing operational reports for the Wing commander," Waits said. "These duties ensure operational readiness and adherence to mission standards, so we can stay ready and not have to get ready."

Waits stated that if her mission is not completed or if timely communication is not maintained between the Wing Commander and the base the result would be poor execution of the mission.

While the performance of her critical mission was exceptional, it was not solely why she earned the distinction of Mustang of the Week.

"Senior Airman Waits continuously exhibits a 'go-getter attitude,' is routinely leveraged as our primary onboarding and sponsorship program lead, and is

already demonstrating high level non-commissioned officer performance," Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Fraser, 51st FW Command Post senior enlisted leader. "We love that she is motivated to lead projects, and she absolutely has the potential to do great things in the future both on the peninsula, and at her upcoming assignments."

Fraser added that Waits' positive image of the base and local community impacts inbound members' opinion of this assignment and directly motivates them to work towards their collective mission goals.

"With being a sponsor, I understand the stressors of moving to a new base, especially overseas," Waits said. "I am the first impression of my unit, and I want to make sure that all new members are taken care of and feel welcomed."

Waits' achievements speak highly of herself and her motivation for reaching these heights goes back to the beginning of her Air Force story.

"I joined the Air Force because I wanted to grow, challenge myself, and be part of something bigger than just a regular job," said Waits. "I knew this path would push me out of my comfort zone and help me. Without a doubt, it's been the best decision I've ever made."

Waits exemplifies the professionalism and resilience of today's Airmen, playing a vital role in the 51st Fighter Wing's mission to remain postured to Fight Tonight.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lauren Waits, 51st Fighter Wing senior emergency actions controller, uses the giant voice system at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 10, 2025. Waits earned the title of Mustang of the Week for her exceptional contributions within her duties in the command post and for her dedication outside of the vault. ▲



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| Galbijjim

Galbijjim (braised galbi), loved by people of all ages, is a classic meat dish prepared on special occasions. It is made by slowly simmering the marinated meat until tender. Cut into large pieces, beef galbi is cooked in a seasoned sauce with vegetables like radish, carrot, chestnut, and jujube for a long time, giving it a sweet and savory flavor with a tender texture. Because the cooking process involves removing extra fat and blood, it requires a lot of work, making it a special-occasion dish, often prepared on traditional holidays and festive days. There are also regional varieties of galbijjim, including the spicy Daegu jjimgalbi, marinated with gochujang (red chili paste) and chili pepper.



| Tteokguk

On the morning of Seollal, Koreans make a wish for the New Year, greet their elders, and eat tteokguk (sliced rice cake soup)! While there are slight variations by region, the standard tteokguk is made by cutting a long rice cake stick into thin slices and then boiling them in a beef broth. Before serving, the soup is topped with egg garnish and seaweed flakes. The white rice cakes and broth represent starting out the New Year with a clean slate, while the long rice cake stick and round slices symbolizes longevity and prosperity, respectively. Koreans will also say "I ate one bowl of tteokguk" to say they got one year older, as Koreans previously counted ages as starting on the first day of the year.

| Namul

Namul is a staple Korean side dish made by blanching vegetables and wild greens, then seasoning them. During traditional holidays, a special tricolor namul is prepared using three types of symbolic vegetables: spinach for representing a leafy vegetable, bellflower roots for root vegetable, and fernbrake for stem vegetable, each representing ancestors, parents, and offspring. Not only is this dish highly nutritious, but its vibrant colors also make it perfect to complete the charye (Korean ancestral memorial service) table set. After the charye service, the leftover namul is often enjoyed as bibimbap, mixed with rice and a little bit of gochujang (red chili paste) or sesame oil.



| Hangwa

Hangwa refers to traditional Korean desserts made with ingredients such as glutinous rice, sesame, or beans, often sweetened with honey or grain syrup. Popular varieties include yugwa, soft and fluffy in texture; yakgwa, a deep-fried cookie made from wheat flour; and gangjeong, known for its crunchy texture. These colorful and beautifully shaped treats pair perfectly with drinks like sikhye (sweet rice punch) or sujeonggwa (cinnamon punch). You can easily find them in traditional markets, department stores, and souvenir shops.

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