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Two U.S. B-1B Lancers are escorted by two Republic of Korea Air Force F-15Ks Slam Eagles and two Japan Air Self-Defense Force Mitsubishi F-2s in airspace between South Korea and Japan, Jan. 15, 2025. The trilateral flight built upon a history of strong trilateral cooperation and demonstrated the three nations' absolute commitment to the shared vision of a secure, rules-based, free and open Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Serrano)

U.S., Japan and Republic of Korea forces conduct trilateral flight

By U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Public Affairs

Fighter aircraft from Japan, and the Republic of Korea conducted a trilateral escort flight of U.S. bombers operating in the Indo-Pacific, Jan. 15, 2025.

Two Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-2s and two Republic of Korea Air Force F-15Ks escorted two U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancers.

This first trilateral flight of 2025 builds upon a history of strong trilateral cooperation,

enabling an immediate coordinated response to regional security challenges. This increasingly steady and sophisticated trilateral interoperability of our aerial and maritime forces strengthens our collective deterrence and defense posture.

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Kendall offers vision for the Air Force, Space Force of 2050



Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Only days before his tenure as secretary of the Department of the Air Force comes to an end, Frank Kendall offered a vision Jan. 13 for the security challenges the Air Force and Space Force could face in 2050 and what is needed to properly respond.

The perspective was laid out in a formal report entitled, "The Department of the Air Force In 2050," and is studded with qualifying language. The report concedes "enormous uncertainty about the events that might transpire over the next 25 years, about the technologies that will be available by then, and about the threats to national security that will exist."

Nonetheless, the report is emphatic that China will remain the most formidable adversary to the U.S. and its allies. It is unambiguous that "threats to our national security will still exist, and those threats will include both conventional and nuclear adversaries with the capacity and the will to challenge the interests, the values, and even the existence of the United States and its allies."

And it warns that, "By 2050, if not well before, the Air Force and Space Force will not be competitive unless we make substantial improvements in how these forces are equipped, trained and operated," the analysis concludes.

While Kendall included qualifiers in the document, he was direct on two points: "The Air Force will still be the centerpiece of resilient U.S. power projection in the future," he said. "But if we are going to be competitive, we have to make substantial improvements; we're going to need a lot more resources."

Kendall made the analysis public during an appearance at The Center for Strategic and International Studies, an influential Washington think-tank. The report carries Kendall's imprint. In fact, after considering options for how to produce the report, Kendall said, "I just ended up writing it myself. This is pretty much the Frank Kendall report."

And while he did not say it directly, the report's focus and priorities are clearly intended to shape future thinking about the department and how it continues the modernization Kendall triggered as secretary with the Reoptimize for Great Power Competition effort.

"Constrained budgets, reluctance to retire obsolete platforms, reluctance to embrace new technologies and exploit them fully, reluctance to limit our overseas commitments — all of these things can have a negative impact on our ability to get to where we're going to need to be to be competitive with China in particular."

Many of the transformations necessary to meet the challenges in 2050 are well underway, Kendall said. An aggressive move to use space is one of the most important, he said.

"We're going to need a much bigger, much more capable, much more powerful Space Force," Kendall said. "... That's a transformation that's already started and we've made some pretty good progress. ... We also need a lot of counter-space capabilities. ... We're going to have to do something to

counter the militarization of space that China has embark upon largely to target our joint force and largely to deny us the capabilities to do the same things to Chinese forces."

The reason, he noted, is clear. "The joint force won't be able to go anywhere or do anything unless we are able to protect it from targeting from space. We've got to get that capability developed," he said.

A failsafe and robust nuclear deterrent must be available, he said. The department must continue to refine and expand the use of artificial intelligence and cyber capabilities. That effort includes developing Collaborative Combat Aircraft, or CCA, that do not have a crew but are meshed with crewed aircraft such as the F-35.

"We are committed to fielding these and at scale," Kendall said of CCAs. "This is not an experiment or a prototype. We're going to put these in our force structure. Let's get going and that's where we're headed."

Kendall also spoke to continuing efforts to modernize the Air Force and Space Force and what that effort means.

"The idea of a next generation air dominance family of systems is valid," Kendall said. "The work we've begun with CCA will continue and become a much bigger part of the force by 2025. There's no question that various forms of AI are going to continue to grow."

Modern warfare will demand it, he said. Combat in the future, he said, will be "highly automated, highly autonomous, action at long range, precision, [and where] space is a decisive theater."

There will be more information available but also far less time to act.

"Response times to bring effects to bear are very short," he said. "We're going to be in a world by 2050 where decisions will not be made a human speed. They're going to be made at machine speed. ... Factions of a second matter and human beings can only handle so much data at a time," he said.

Both Kendall and report agree that maintaining a nuclear deterrent is important. But unlike 50 years ago when Kendall was an Army officer stationed in Germany on the frontline of the Cold War, the world is more dangerous today since more adversaries are fielding those weapons of mass destruction.

"The broader issue of nuclear stability keeps me up at night," he said. "It's a different world when China, Russia and the U.S. all have a thousand-plus nuclear weapons in the field. It gets more dangerous as other countries proliferate weapons. It gets more dangerous as people think about using tactical nuclear weapons ... for military objectives."

Kendall was also asked about plans by the incoming administration to make the government more efficient. While he agreed "it was fruitful ground to plow" he offered insights drawn from his own experience across 50 years of federal government service.

"You've got to do it professionally, you've got to do it with a deep understanding of what you're actually trying to do," he said.

"The past attempts at being more efficient, and I've been through some of them, generally say this: We're going to be more efficient, I'm taking 10% of your budget, be efficient. Job done. That's a cut. That's not an efficiency exercise," Kendall said.

He added later in the session, "People coming in need to realize there's a lot to learn; that some of the impressions they may have, the assumptions they are making aren't actually valid. The one about waste for example. That's there's all this efficient around waiting to be reaped. That's there's money piled up in corners that we can save if we just pay attention to it. They're not true."

Kendall stressed there are two paths in the DAF's future. "There are two futures, and they are bookended by one in which the 2050 report is fulfilled and one in which a number of other factors prevent that from happening," Kendall told the CSIS audience.



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Airman 1st Class Layne Veldhuizen, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief, prepares to taxi U.S. Air Force Capt. Tom Marron, 35th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. Airmen deployed to Gwangju AB as a part of Beverly Pack 25-1, a robust combat readiness exercise that tested the Wolf Pack's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment and execute an agile combat employment movement to a simulated forward location.

8 FW executes historic first ACE operation during Bev Pack 25-1

By Staff Sgt. Daniel Brosam
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 8th Fighter Wing made history during Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1 by executing their first Agile Combat Employment (ACE) movement, deploying to a simulated forward location at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 12-16.

This milestone highlights the Wolf Pack's combat readiness by implementing this innovative approach to projecting airpower for the first time on the Korean Peninsula.

"We are exercising our dispersal capabilities by taking a small detachment from our main operating base and moving them here for a short period of time to execute contingency [operations,]" said U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Charles Burns, ACE detachment director of operations. "Based on intelligence, we would know when enemies will be attacking certain locations, so we could take our forces and move them to different locations to continue to have the capabilities to send combat sorties and continue to disrupt the enemies without ourselves being disrupted."

The simulated forward operating base at Gwangju focused on integrating the 8th FW's



Staff Sgt. Gary Beam, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron aircraft armament systems load crew team chief, unloads a munition during Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. Bev Pack 25-1 allowed the Wolf Pack to combine unit-specific agile combat employment capabilities through various training scenarios to sustain and generate airpower. ▲

Airman 1st Class Layne Veldhuizen, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief, sends the unit motto designation "Push It Up" to U.S. Air Force Capt. Tom Marron, 35th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, prior to taxiing at Gwangju Air Base during Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. Bev Pack 25-1 marks the largest-scale agile combat employment generation, deployment, and sustainment exercise within Seventh Air Force. ►

specialized capabilities into a simulated wartime environment. Airmen established and sustained combat operations, adapting to austere conditions and maintaining operational continuity.

"We are accomplishing ACE on [one] level, and additionally stress-testing the Mission Generation Force Element concept," said U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Shelley Schofield, ACE detachment senior enlisted leader. "This has led us into a larger package of mission generation capability -- we are able to fix aircraft more in depth based off the things and people we brought with us here."

Maintaining agility is essential to preserving survivability in a contested environment, and Wolf Pack Airmen exercised these capabilities to fortify their skills in accomplishing the 8 FW's core mission to Defend the Base, Accept Follow-on Forces and Take the Fight North.

"ACE is all about adapting and still being able to accomplish the mission," said Airman 1st Class Quatavious Cash, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief. "We are out here moving at a faster pace in a foreign location, testing our agility and capabilities, and still accomplishing the mission. This training was tough but beneficial in preparing us for a real fight."

By completing the first full-scale ACE exercise on the Korean Peninsula, the Wolf Pack not only showcased its operational readiness, but also its warfighting advantage, employing advanced tactics to ensure the resilience of U.S. airpower in this region.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 80th Fighter Squadron takes off from Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, in support of Agile Combat Employment operations during Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1, Jan. 14, 2025. Bev Pack 25-1 allowed the Wolf Pack to combine unit-specific ACE capabilities through various training scenarios to sustain and generate airpower. ▲

Airman 1st Class Quatavious Cash, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron assistant dedicated crew chief, tightens a wing tip screw on the right wing of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Beverly Pack 25-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. Robust readiness exercises like Bev Pack 25-1 provide a realistic, unpredictable environment for Airmen to improve their lethality and survivability under threat. ►



Airmen from the 8th Maintenance Group prepare an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft from the 35th Fighter Squadron to conduct an integrated combat turn upon arriving at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 13, 2025. Exercise Beverly Pack 25-1 was a robust combat readiness exercise that tested the Wolf Pack's ability to survive and operate in a contested environment and execute an Agile Combat Employment movement to a simulated forward location. ▲



Planning Osan's future infrastructure



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

Airmen, civilians, and contractors assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing attend the Osan Planning Charrette at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2025. The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron hosted the event to expedite the planning process for creating a 10-year installation development plan. The desired end state is a clear visual image of the infrastructure that will exist on Osan AB by 2035. ▲

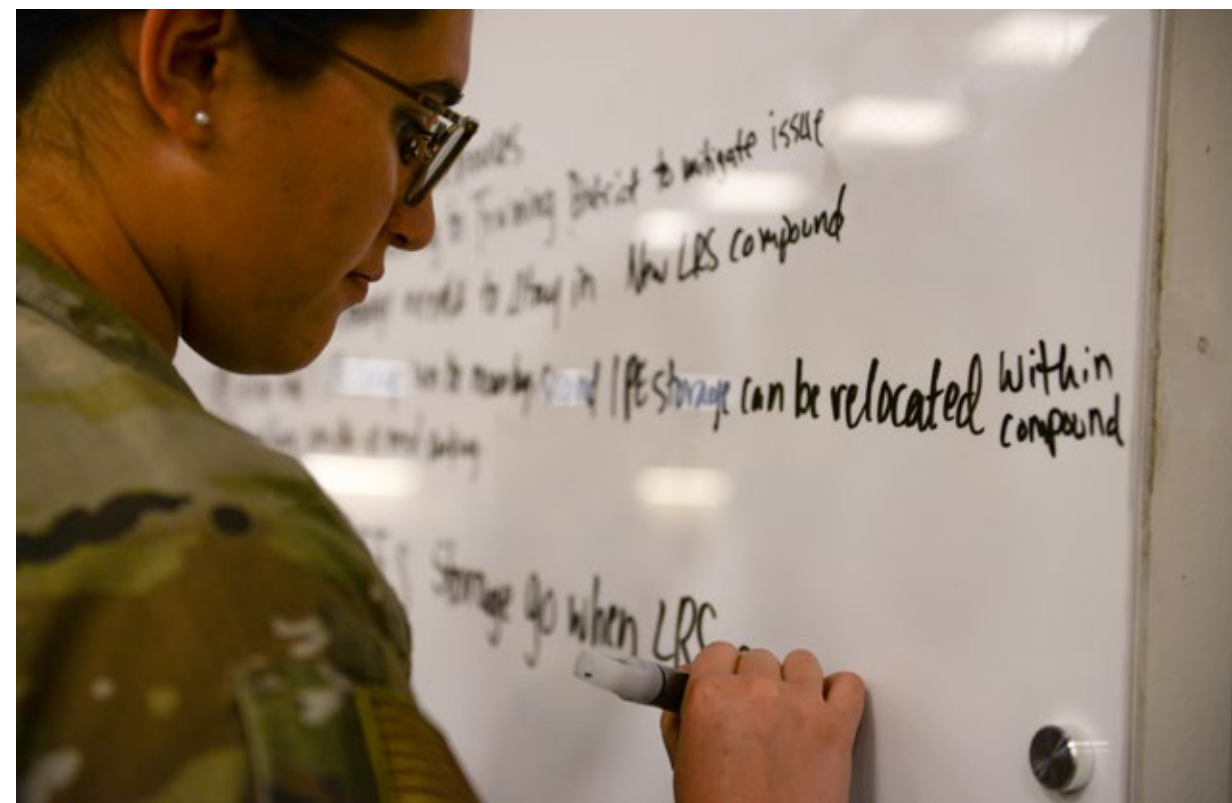
OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Air Force is constantly evolving to meet the challenges of pacing threats and so is Osan Air Base. The 51st Civil Engineer Squadron is leading the charge in one critical aspect -- base infrastructure.

Osan engineers are charged with building the installation the Air Force needs here on the Korean Peninsula which will look much different than the Osan of today. This is because the 51st Fighter Wing is anticipating big changes over the next decade.

To navigate those changes the 51st CES hosted a planning charrette, Jan. 6-10, 2025.

Planning charrettes are intense collaborative meetings common among architects, engineers, and civilian sectors involved with community planning, but it is uncommon for Osan due to the pace of the "Fight Tonight" mission and the use of external contractors to gather insights and data.

"The mission sets that would require an expansion of our infrastructure are the super squadron initiative... and possible tour normalization for our servicemembers and their families," said Maj. Brigham Moore, 51st CES



U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Xiomara Roberge, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron program development officer, consolidates stakeholder suggestions during the Osan Planning Charrette at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2025. A planning charrette shrinks the time it takes to brainstorm, troubleshoot, deconflict, and organize ideas and inputs around what infrastructure decisions will best suit the needs of the future of a base. The 51st CES hosted the event to decrease the amount of time it would typically take to create a 10-year installation development plan. ▲

Deputy Commander.

More than 150 stakeholders attended the week-long event to brainstorm solutions to future infrastructure plans -- a key necessity whether completed by external contractors or Air Force engineers.

So far, the 51st CES has completed half of the planning needed for the 2035 infrastructure plan in less time than expected, accomplishing five years of planning in seven months.

"We're moving at the speed of relevance," said Moore. "We needed to make some rapid changes, so we knew the planning charrette was the way to go."

Information gathered from the charrette will inform plans for future base infrastructure, the development of numerous construction projects, and ensure all base construction efforts are cohesive.

"As engineers, we know how to build roads and buildings," said Capt. Matthew Foster, 51st CES Chief of Portfolio Optimization. "The stakeholders are critical in helping us create plans, portfolios and blueprints with their workflow in mind."

The installation development plan is set to be finalized and presented to the wing commander during the Facility Utilization Board this Spring. Once approved, major contracts can be awarded and construction projects will begin.

"The Osan of tomorrow will be a robust and resilient airbase able to withstand and provide combat capabilities in contested environments," said Moore.



Personnel assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing brainstorm infrastructure placements during the Osan Planning Charrette at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2025. The charrette allowed key military, civilian, and contractor stakeholders to brainstorm solutions to future infrastructure plans. The aggregated ideas will impact the placement of roads, buildings, and taxiways for the next 10 years. ▲



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U.S. Air Force Maj. Pablo Andrade, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron flight commander, delivers a briefing during the Osan Planning Charrette at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 10, 2025. After collecting data from key stakeholders across base, leaders of the 51st CES shared their findings and the recommended changes to infrastructure on the installation. The goal is to build an installation development plan that equips the most forward deployed permanently based wing in the Air Force with the future mission. ▲

William Castro, DoDEA Administrative Officer, shares community and housing related suggestions with U.S. Air Force Maj. Brigham Moore, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron director of operations, during the 2035 Osan Planning Charrette at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2025. The charrette allowed key military, civilian, and contractor stakeholders to brainstorm solutions to future infrastructure plans. The aggregated ideas will impact the placement of roads, buildings, and taxiways for the next 10 years. ▲

2024 Bomber Task Force missions: A year of first-ever accomplishments



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, pose for a group photo alongside Swedish military personnel in front of a B-1B Lancer and two Saab JAS 39 Gripens at Luleå-Kallax Air Base, Sweden, Feb. 26, 2024, during Bomber Task Force 24-2. BTF operations provide U.S. leaders with strategic options to assure Allies and partners, while deterring potential adversary aggression across the globe. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jake Jacobsen)

By Master Sgt. Rachel Waller 8th Air Force and Joint-Global Strike Operations Center Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- Since 2018, U.S. strategic bomber task force missions have provided theater familiarization for aircrew and aircraft integration opportunities with Allies and partners across the globe.

As of 2024, 8th Air Force's B-1 Lancers, B-2 Spirits and B-52 Stratofortresses have integrated with 23 percent of the world's military as part of Bomber Task Force (BTF) missions and operations.

"On any given day, we're actively engaged through bomber task force missions," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Jason Armagost, 8th Air Force and Joint-Global Strike Operations Center commander. "In fact, about 60 percent of the year we are deployed to a theater or providing continental U.S. (CONUS) -to-CONUS flights in support of theaters or in support of U.S. Strategic Command and the Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Bomber aircraft support to Indo-Pacific region

Over the course of 2024, the 8th Air Force has supported strategic deterrence missions aimed at

reinforcing the rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region from various locations including Andersen Air Force Base, Guam; Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory; Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley, Australia.

"Our biggest objective is to continue demonstrating our commitment to the security of the Indo-Pacific region and to our allies there, showing our dedication to these global relationships," said Lt. Col. Vanessa Wilcox, BTF commander for the NSF Diego Garcia deployment.

In 2024, for the first time ever during a BTF mission out of RAAF Amberley, Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-35 Lightning IIs flew with the B-2.

"It's been great to see interoperability between our two great countries and our ability to integrate together has made this mission very successful," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Justin Meyer, 110th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron commander. "The operations we conducted have helped to enhance joint force lethality and demonstrated our ability to operate globally."

The Indo-Pacific BTF missions managed significant logistical challenges, including long-duration flights exceeding 30 hours, which tested and ultimately reinforced the crew's endurance and operational readiness.

"Flying for over 24 hours, pushing into the 30-hour range, was a challenge," said Wilcox. "It builds on our readiness, training to the capabilities we need to reach different parts of the globe, specifically across the Pacific."

Bomber aircraft support to Euro-Atlantic region

BTF missions continued the trend of achieving multiple first-ever missions in U.S. European Command's (USEUCOM) area of responsibility (AOR).

In February, B-1 aircraft, aircrew and maintainers from the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, deployed to Luleå-Kallax Air Base, Sweden, as part of BTF 24-2.

While deployed, the B-1s participated in a unique mission named Vanguard Adler, which was designed to integrate the U.S. bombers with Swedish JAS 39 Gripen fighters and joint terminal attack controllers operating in the Arctic and Baltic regions.

"The U.S. is one of our most important partners and having them here at the base is very good logistic training for us to be able to host," said Swedish air force Col. Peter Greberg, Norrbotten Wing commander. "Being a bomber escort is not something we do regularly, so that

was very good training."

On March 6, a B-1 and a B-52 completed a flyover Stockholm, Sweden, as the country was in the final stages of becoming the newest member of the NATO Alliance.

"As Sweden prepares to join the NATO Alliance as its 32nd member, we eagerly anticipate deepening our collaboration with our Swedish Allies," stated U.S. Air Force Gen. James Hecker, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe - Air Forces Africa and NATO Allied Air Command at the time. "Initiatives like this joint flyover are just the beginning, as we work together to advance international stability and security."

In May, B-52s assigned to the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota, arrived at Royal Air Force Fairford, England, kicking off BTF 24-3.

During the deployment, U.S. Airmen and aircraft integrated with NATO Allies and other international partners to synchronize capabilities and assure security commitments across the USEUCOM AOR. Most notably, the B-52s integrated with the British, Swedish, French, Lithuanian, Polish, German, and Spanish air forces.

"The NATO Alliance is as strong as ever," said Hecker. "Integrating with our Allies makes us a more lethal collective force, ready to counter aggression at a moment's notice."

In July, B-52s assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, arrived at Mihail Kogalniceanu AB, Romania, for BTF 24-4.

BTF 24-4 marked the first time U.S. strategic bomber aircraft have operated out of Romania.

"Our historic deployment underscores the strength and resilience of the U.S.-Romania alliance and our shared commitment to regional security and NATO's collective defense," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jared Patterson, 20th EBS commander.

The BTF highlighted the long-standing relationship between the U.S. and Romania, and their shared commitment to maintaining freedom of movement and freedom of navigation across the region.

"We are showing the proof of interoperability and that together, we are stronger," said Romanian air force commander Cosmin Măsim, deputy commander of Mihail Kogalniceanu AB.

In November, B-52s from the 2nd BW deployed to RAF Fairford kicking off BTF 25-1. During their deployment, the strategic bombers conducted a simulated weapons drop training mission in Finland for the first time ever.

The mission showcased Finland's growing role within the NATO Alliance and marked another milestone in strengthening NATO's collective defense.

Looking to the future

As 2025 begins, strategic bombers and Airmen from the Mighty Eight will continue to break boundaries and increase interoperability worldwide, demonstrating the U.S. commitment to strategic deterrence, global security and stability.

A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit stealth bomber takes off on a Bomber Task Force mission at Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley, Australia, Sept. 6, 2024. Bomber missions demonstrate lethality and interoperability in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Anthony Hettlage) ▶



A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer assigned to the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, flies in formation with four Swedish Air Force JAS 39 Gripens over Sweden during Vanguard Adler, part of Bomber Task Force 24-2, Feb. 26, 2024. NATO Allies and partners stand together in support of a safe, stable European environment by increasing interoperability and building combined partner capabilities. BTF operations provide U.S. leaders with strategic options to assure Allies and partners, while deterring potential adversary aggression across the globe. (Courtesy photo by Swedish Air Force) ▲



A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron is escorted by two Royal Danish Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons above the Baltic Sea during Bomber Task Force 25-1, Nov. 15, 2024. We are stronger together. BTF 25-1 is a part of a long-term multinational training plan to maintain readiness and interoperability between NATO Allies and partner nations in the Baltic Sea region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Cabanero)





Senior Airman Anthony Newton, left, and SrA Christian Jackson, 8th CPTS financial comptroller management journeymen, post at their defensive fighting position during Beverly Pack 25-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 13, 2025. The exercise honed base defense, reception of forces, and combat airpower generation tactics to fortify Airmen's skills in accomplishing the Wolf Pack's core mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman)

Beverly Pack 25-1: Defending the Den

By Senior Airman James Johnson
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 8th Security Forces Squadron sharpened their skills in base defense and threat response during Beverly Pack 25-1, Jan. 12-16.

The exercise aimed to prepare the unit for any contingency scenario, responding to ground attacks and drone incursions at Kunsan Air Base as well as protecting assets during the 8th Fighter Wing's largest scale agile combat employment deployment in its history.

"They're ready to go," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Edwing Mendoza, 8th SFS security forces evaluator. "If something were to happen, they have that combat readiness training in a high stress environment to reinforce their capabilities."

Since the previous exercise, the 8th SFS has leveled up tactical execution through improved training and increased capabilities.

"Now, we do more training on information about our weapons and what to do when things go wrong, as well as getting certified on weapons like the M-2 machine gun, so we are more knowledgeable than before," said Senior Airman



Airmen assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron prepare to transport simulated patients during Beverly Pack 25-1, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 14, 2025. The exercise honed base defense, reception of forces, and combat airpower generation tactics to fortify Airmen's skills in accomplishing the Wolf Pack's core mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman) ▲



Senior Airman Anthony Newton, left, and SrA Christian Jackson, 8th CPTS financial comptroller management journeymen, post at their defensive fighting position during Beverly Pack 25-1 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 13, 2025. The exercise honed base defense, reception of forces, and combat airpower generation tactics to fortify Airmen's skills in accomplishing the Wolf Pack's core mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Maria Umanzor Guzman)

Parker Farnham, 8th SFS patrolman.

Improved communication is another factor which enables efficiency and interoperability during emergency response.

"We've adjusted our approach to communication with other units along with our teamwork with [general arming] GENARM that has greatly benefited our response," said Mendoza.

GENARM is one of the Wolf Pack's key assets in

defending the base during a contingency. Members of the wing are assigned weapons and trained by security forces to protect the installation in coordination with other base agencies.

"It allows members to defend themselves and protect their area until security forces are able to respond and support," said Farnham. "We lay out site defense plans and provide training and feedback to members to sharpen their skills, and

exercises help maintain that knowledge to keep them ready."

With these improvements in training and communication, Airmen are more confident now than ever in the wing's ability to defend the base to enable sustained airpower generation.

"I've seen a lot of growth since the last exercise, and I feel like as a wing, we're more capable and always ready to go," said Farnham.

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Osan Air Base, Korea – Lt. Gen. Christopher C. LaNeve, commanding general of the Eighth Army, and Command Sgt. Maj. Robin M. Bolmer, visited the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Headquarters on January 15th. Lt. Gen. Laneve attended a semi-annual training brief, where he was joined by Col. Kevin P. Stonerook, brigade commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Antonio Golden, and the brigade's subordinate battalion command teams. The meeting provided an opportunity for Lt. Gen. LaNeve to engage with brigade leaders and discuss ongoing training initiatives, operations, and priorities.

During the visit, Lt. Gen. LaNeve also took the opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of several Air Defenders, presenting them with an Eighth Army challenge coin for their hard work and dedication to defending the airspace of the Korean peninsula. This is a testament to the brigade's commitment to excellence and readiness and serves as a reminder that the Air Defenders are always prepared to "fight tonight" in defense of the region.

Spc. Jones from Alpha Battery 6-52 ADA was acknowledged for his efforts in

Cpl. Tristan Myrick receives his challenge coin from Lt. Gen. Laneve (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas) ▶

Sgt. Isabella Guillen receives her challenge coin from Lt. Gen. Laneve. (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas) ▼



Spc. Jones receives his challenge coin from Lt. Gen. Laneve (US Army photo by Staff Sgt. Alaura Lucas) ▲



maintaining seamless communication during the transition to Tactical Site 10 during the Multi-Purpose Training Range move. Cpl. Tristan Myrick received recognition for his outstanding contributions to the fire control section at CTF-Defender, where his commitment to excellence stood out. Lastly, Sgt. Isabella Guillen from 2-1 ADA was commended for her dual role as the acting retention NCO, as well as her consistent commitment to maintaining her launcher crew certification. Their hard work and professionalism reflect the high standards of the unit.

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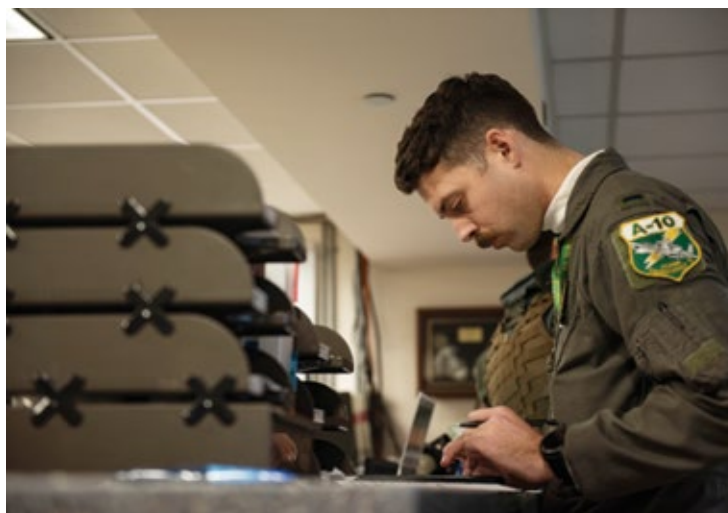
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25th FS sends assets to Wonju for Buddy Squadron 25-4



U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron conduct pre-flight planning, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 21, 2025. Pilots were preparing to depart to Wonju Air Base to participate in a Buddy Squadron training with ROK Air Force counterparts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▲

U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Hunter Nixon, 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, conducts pre-flight planning, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 21, 2025. Nixon was preparing to depart to Wonju Air Base to participate in a Buddy Squadron training with ROK Air Force counterparts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▼



U.S. Air Force Capt. Christian Alvarado, 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, conducts pre-flight checks on aircraft, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 21, 2025. This will be the last time the 25th FS participates in Buddy Squadron on the Korean Peninsula; solidifying partnerships and reinforcing the importance of heritage and history. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▲



A U.S. Air Force crew chief guides an A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot assigned to the 25th Fighter Squadron away from a hangar, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 21, 2025. The group departed for Wonju Air Base to participate in a Buddy Squadron for the last time. This training allowed the 25th FS to build on longstanding relationships with ROK Air Force members, while celebrating the A-10's history. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▲

U.S. Air Force Capt. Christian Alvarado, 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, enters the aircraft, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 21, 2025. Alvarado was preparing to depart to Wonju Air Base to participate in a Buddy Squadron training with ROK Air Force counterparts. (U.S. Air Force video by Staff Sgt. Jason W. Cochran) ▼



SMOKING SAFETY



Smoking is not only a health hazard but also a significant fire risk. In fact, smoking materials, such as cigarettes, cigars, and pipes, are a leading cause of fires IAW NFPA and USFA.

Why Smoking is a Fire Risk

- 1. Dropped Smoking Materials:** Cigarettes or matches can easily ignite flammable materials such as furniture, bedding, or carpeting. Confined spaces with flammable items increase the risk of a fire spreading.
- 2. Improper Disposal:** Throwing cigarette butts into trash cans or onto dry vegetation without completely extinguishing them can lead to fires.

Fire Prevention Tips for Smokers

- 1. If you smoke, smoke at the designated area and use deep and sturdy ashtrays.**
- 2. Keep matches and lighters up high out of children's sight and reach.**
- 3. To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking, or have taken medicine or other drugs.**
- 4. Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.**
- 5. Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used.**
- 6. Designated Tobacco Areas (DTA) shall be controlled, designated, and approved by the unit/squadron commanders. All areas shall comply with appropriate regulations and policies IAW AFI 40-102, Tobacco Free Living. Smoking is not allowed except in DTAs or other areas specially designated by the installation commander. (REF: OSANABI 32-2001, Para 6.9.1 and 6.9.2. 2022 Edition)**

Final Thoughts

By following these smoking safety practices, you can greatly reduce the risk of accidental fires. Smoking may seem like a personal activity, but its consequences can impact others property damage and loss of life. A small act of caution can make a big difference in fire prevention. Should you any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4862/4741.

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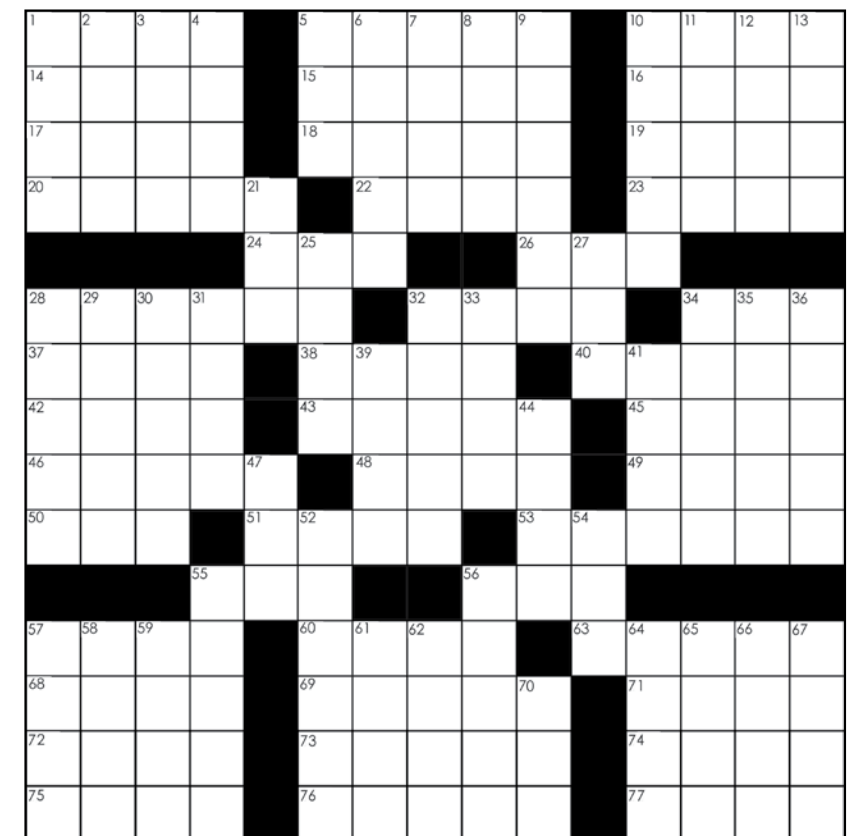
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

- 1 Explosive sound
- 5 Some frogs
- 10 Alan Alda TV show
- 14 Troll cousin
- 15 7-10 in bowling
- 16 Singer Fitzgerald
- 17 Scottish valley
- 18 Water mammal
- 19 University head
- 20 Korean capital
- 22 Very small amount
- 23 Snakes
- 24 UK TV news
- 26 Unwell
- 28 Bibimbap hometown
- 37 Former UK aircraft maker
- 38 General's decoration
- 40 Goes with honor or life
- 42 Type of bog
- 43 Traditional Korean house
- 45 Opposite of false
- 46 Pretentious
- 48 Military on campus
- 49 Korea ___-Fisheries Trade Corp.
- 50 Bill the Science Guy
- 51 Someone from Bangkok
- 53 Yongin neighbor
- 55 Any port ___ storm
- 56 Cheerleader chant
- 57 Hotshot pilots
- 60 Western alliance
- 63 PX operator
- 68 La. city
- 69 Persona non ___
- 71 Chair
- 72 Space shuttle builder
- 73 Used to measure farmland
- 74 Opposite of hard
- 75 Goes with Guinness or Baldwin
- 76 Suites
- 77 Incheon airport train

DOWN

- 1 Swamps
- 2 Leer at
- 3 Black and white cookie
- 4 Found at a restaurant table
- 5 Chinese general famous for chicken
- 6 Type of eye nerve
- 7 Type of saxophone
- 8 What you eat
- 9 Sea passage between land
- 10 Service reward
- 11 Alcoholic drinks
- 12 Smack
- 13 Blix or Christian Andersen
- 21 JFK's successor
- 25 Clinton's successor
- 27 Taxi fuel
- 28 Korea's neighbor
- 29 Each
- 30 Give a lecture
- 31 The haves and have-___
- 32 Vietnam capital
- 33 Old Korean pop
- 34 Scow
- 35 Cape Cod town
- 36 Ancient Greek performance theater
- 39 Actress Reid
- 41 Salt Lace City state
- 44 NIS predecessor
- 47 Korean 24-hour news channel
- 52 Airplane garage
- 54 Ambassador nominee Victor ___
- 55 Korean toast maker
- 56 Hyundai defense manufacturer
- 57 Goes with Kendrick or Kournikova
- 58 Black energy source
- 59 Or ___
- 61 US oil company
- 62 Root vegetable
- 64 Not docked
- 65 Worry
- 66 "At ___"
- 67 "Mr. Roboto" band

Answers to Previous Crossword			
ACROSS	26 POET	62 HAN	9 FEE
1 REG	27 OLAF	63 ITAEWON	10 GHILLIE
4 ASS	29 BONIER	67 PAL	11 BARBARA
7 GIP	32 DNS	68 IED	12 PGA
10 GBP	34 TIRE	69 NETTING	14 ARMY
13 NATALIE	35 MISTLETOE	70 PRO	21 IODD
15 ODE	37 AHEAD	71 PLO	22 MOTHERS
16 HAG	38 SOFA	72 GMO	23 IBM
17 AUGMENT	39 YULE	73 LEO	24 DOI
18 LIE	41 OPOON	74 ALGA	25 SNS
19 IRA	44 EVERGREEN	75 AMC	28 FED
20 YEQUIDO	49 NORK	76 TOY	30 ITSOKEY
22 MLB	50 IKE	77 ROLLINS	31 ELON
23 IDS	51 LASTLY	81 AWL	1 RNA
	52 ASIA		2 EAU
	53 SWAB		3 GTE
	55 AMC		4 ALE
	56 TOY		5 SINO
	57 GOLDENEYE		6 SETUP
	81 AWL		7 GOLDENEYE
			8 IDIOTS
			9 FEE
			10 GHILLIE
			11 BARBARA
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			43 CRIOLLO
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			46 ETA
			47 ELM
			48 NYC
			50 ISRAEL
			54 BLING
			58 ITEM
			59 NATO
			60 SET
			61 APP
			62 HIP
			64 WIL
			65 ONE
			66 NGO



Touch-and-go: A B1-B Lancer assigned to the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., takes off for a touch-and-go operation at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., Dec. 18, 2024. Seventeen B-1Bs and 800 Airmen from Ellsworth AFB will temporarily relocate to Grand Forks AFB, for approximately 10 months, by the end of January 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Emma Funderburk) ▼

World class athlete: Airman Anita Alvarez, 331st Training Squadron trainee, hangs from the bars during the confidence course at Pacer Forge during one of her final weeks at basic military training on Joint Base San Antonio-Chapman Annex, Texas, Jan. 2, 2025. Alvarez, a three-time Olympic athlete, joined the Department of the Air Force World Class Athlete Program upon graduating from BMT. (U.S. Air Force photo by Daniel Cruz) ▲



Deploying flares: A U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle fires flares over the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Dec. 26, 2024. The F-15E's presence promotes regional stability and security, demonstrating the U.S. commitment to protecting its interests and maintaining a strong defense posture in the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Zachary Willis) ▲

Clearing obstacles: Military Working Dog Eper, 10th Security Forces Squadron, runs through the MWD obedience yard with his handler, Senior Airman Colin English, 10th SFS MWD handler, at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., Dec. 17, 2024. The squadron recently upgraded the obedience yard, installing state-of-the-art turf to enhance the training environment for both handlers and their canine partners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Trevor Cokley) ◀



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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.

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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

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Attention DoDEA Students and Families

School Year 2024-2025
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Cub Scout Volunteers

Through May 2025 | Osan AB Pack 86 Cub Scouts are looking for adult volunteers to assist with Den Meetings and Pack Events. Volunteer opportunities include Den Leaders (weekly commitment) and Assistant Den Leaders (commitment as able) for Scouts ranging in age from 6 to 11 years old, and Den Committee Members (monthly meetings and admin work as required). No prior Scouting experience required, just a desire to provide positive experiences for the

children of Team Osan. If interested, please contact Committee Chair Megan Davis, megan.davis.2@us.af.mil, and Pack Leader Jeff Davis, jeffrey.davis.58@us.af.mil.

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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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May 10-11 | Osan Air Base
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Base Locator: (after duty hours)	784-4597	Emergency Leave	784-7000
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Wyoming, Nevada Guard aircrews assist California firefighters

By Joseph Coslett
153rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AFNS) -- Three Wyoming Air National Guard C-130 Hercules equipped with the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems and associated personnel were activated by U.S. Northern Command to help fight Los Angeles area wildfires.

Three C-130 aircraft were activated Jan. 9 and traveled to Channel Islands Air National Guard Base in California to assist the state's firefighting apparatus. They are accompanied by a fourth C-130 support aircraft from a U.S. Air Force Reserve unit based in Colorado Springs and two C-130s from the Nevada Air National Guard. The California Air National Guard also has two C-130s assigned to the firefighting mission.

The participation of the California, Wyoming and Nevada Air National Guard and Colorado Reserve unit is spearheaded by the U.S. Northern Command, working with the U.S. Forest Service.

"It has been difficult to watch the absolute devastation of the wildfires in California," said Col. Brian Diehl, 153rd Airlift Wing commander. "We're honored to be able to participate in our nation's efforts to combat these fires and return normalcy to the people and communities of Southern California, and as soon as possible."

The addition of the Wyoming and Nevada Air Guard personnel brought the total number of Guard members on the mission to more than 1,850 as of Monday morning.

"The 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard, is ready to assist in protecting the people, homes, and businesses in Southern California," said Col. Catherine Grush, 152nd Airlift Wing commander. "Californians are not only our neighbors but part of our family of Guardsmen and women, and we are honored to help assist with this effort."

The MAFFS-equipped aircraft are coming from the 153rd Airlift Wing and 187th Airlift Squadron in Wyoming, 146th Airlift Wing in California, 152nd Airlift Wing and 192nd Airlift Squadron in Nevada and the 302nd Airlift Wing and 731st Airlift Squadron in Colorado.

MAFFS began in 1971 as a joint effort between the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Defense to produce the equipment, training and procedures to integrate military air tankers into a national firefighting response.

MAFFS are the U.S. Forest Service's portable fire-retardant delivery systems and can be inserted into military C-130 aircraft without major structural modifications. They can discharge up to 3,000 gallons of retardant in less than 5 seconds, covering an area one-quarter of a mile long by 100 feet wide.



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 153rd Airlift Wing load and install the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems on to a C-130H Hercules aircraft in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jan. 10, 2025, in preparation to support firefighting efforts in the Los Angeles area. U.S. Northern Command activated three Wyoming Air National Guard C-130s equipped with MAFFS and associated personnel to assist firefighting efforts in California. MAFFS, developed by the U.S. Forest Service, are portable fire-retardant delivery systems that convert C-130s into airtankers, capable of releasing up to 3,000 gallons of retardant in under five seconds. (U.S. Air Force National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Zachary Herold) ▲



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 153rd Airlift Wing tow a C-130H Hercules aircraft out of a hangar in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jan. 10, 2025, in preparation to support firefighting efforts in the Los Angeles area. U.S. Northern Command activated three Wyoming Air National Guard C-130s equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems and associated personnel to assist firefighting efforts in California. MAFFS, developed by the U.S. Forest Service, are portable fire-retardant delivery systems that convert C-130s into airtankers, capable of releasing up to 3,000 gallons of retardant in under five seconds. (U.S. Air Force National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Zachary Herold) ▲

51st FW hosts 4th Quarter Awards Ceremony



The 51st Fighter Wing 4th Quarter Award winners pose for a group photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 16, 2025. The awards ceremony recognizes outstanding performers throughout the wing supporting the "Fight Tonight" mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Tam)

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The Warfighter's Spirit

The Freedom of Forgiveness



By Chaplain, Capt. John Choi

As we embark on a new year, many of us take time to reflect on the past and look forward to a fresh start. One of the most powerful ways to begin anew is through forgiveness. A remarkable example of forgiveness can be found in

the Lancaster Amish community, who in 2006, demonstrated profound mercy and compassion in the face of tragedy. On October 2, 2006, a gunman entered an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania, and opened fire, killing five young girls and injuring several others before turning the gun on himself. The community was shaken to its core, and the world watched in horror as the news unfolded. However, in the aftermath of the tragedy, the Amish people showed an extraordinary capacity for forgiveness. Amidst their grief and pain, the Amish community chose to forgive the shooter, and even surrounded his family with support. I admit that I was skeptical when I read the story. Could they really forgive? Was it genuine? What about those closest to the victims? Articles, books, and interviews many years later testify to the genuineness of that forgiveness by its fruit. Their pain was real. The need to make the choice to forgive was real. And the ripple effects of the forgiveness were real. It changed the life of the shooter's mother and helped her resolve her struggle to forgive: "If they're forgiving my son, do I forgive my son? I was so angry with what he had done, and yet the realization that if I chose not to forgive him, I would have the same hole in my heart that he had." The

Amish, fueled by a deeply held conviction rooted in their faith and values, displayed forgiveness as a way forward, a way for healing and love. As we start the new year, we can learn valuable lessons from the Lancaster Amish. Forgiveness is never easy—it requires work, willingness, courage, and strength—but it is a powerful way forward for healing and transformation. By letting go of hatred and resentment, we can free ourselves from negativity and the need for revenge and create space for positivity and growth. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting or condoning harm, but rather releasing the hold that past hurts have on us. It allows us to move forward, to rebuild and to create a new future. As the Amish community showed us, forgiveness is not just a personal act, but also a communal one. When we forgive, we not only find healing for ourselves, but we also create a more hopeful future for those around us, creating a ripple effect of kindness and compassion. As we begin this new year, let us consider the power of forgiveness and make it a priority in our lives, just as the Lancaster Amish community has shown us, and may their example inspire us to create a more hopeful future for ourselves and the world around us.

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Final flight: A five-ship formation, including the T-1A Jayhawk center, flies together at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, Dec. 17, 2024. The formation marked the final flight of the T-1A which consisted of two T-6A Texan IIs, two T-38C Talons and the T-1A. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Larsen) ▲



Head of the table: Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David Flosi, center left, and U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin, center, are briefed by 379th Air Expeditionary Wing leadership within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Dec. 19, 2024. The senior leaders were on a week-long Standing Watch tour to meet with Airmen and key partners in the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Robert Nichols) ◀



Comforts of home: Capt. Graham Smith, a 91st Air Refueling Squadron pilot, is greeted by Carla Garcia upon his return from a deployment in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Jan. 5, 2025. Air Force families play a crucial role in supporting Airmen by fostering strong social networks and providing emotional support during deployments and challenging times. Their advocacy within the military community helps ensure the well-being and readiness of Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Lauren Cobin) ▼



Morning inspection: Airmen assigned to the 122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, perform a morning inspection on an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 20, 2024. The F-16 is a versatile, multirole fighter jet designed for air-to-air combat, air-to-ground strikes and close air support missions. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Halley Clark) ◀

America's Airfield honors President Jimmy Carter during State Funeral



Col. Kelli R. Moon, Joint Team Andrews commander, salutes while former President Jimmy Carter's remains are carried by the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region Ceremonial Honor Guard and transferred to a hearse at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Jan. 7, 2025. The hearse departed with a funeral procession, accompanied by military vehicles and public observers paying respects along the route. (Department of Defense photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens)

By Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens
316th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. (AFNS) -- Joint Base Andrews played a pivotal role in enabling Special Air Mission 39 during the State Funeral of former President Jimmy Carter, Jan. 2-9, despite a historic winter storm just days before.

As "America's Airfield," Andrews provided installation support for the arrival and departure of President Carter's funeral procession, providing airfield operations, logistics, medical support, public affairs and security functions in coordination with the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region. Commanded by Col. Kelli R. Moon, Joint Team Andrews was comprised of units assigned to Joint Base Andrews and Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, ensured the success of this critical mission.

"Having the opportunity to lead a joint team of over 150 Airmen, Guardians, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen during the state funeral was truly a remarkable experience, as I witnessed their commitment to ensuring this solemn and historic event was conducted with honor and dignity," Moon said. "Together, I believe our professionalism and compassion provided comfort to a grieving nation and reminded everyone of the values President Carter stood for."

The 316th Wing, working alongside mission partners to include the 89th Airlift Wing, oversaw logistics, transportation and vehicle coordination.

The 316th Civil Engineer Squadron managed movement of critical equipment, including media stands, to the U.S. Capitol at the last minute. Meanwhile, the



Service members assigned within the National Capital Region arrive on the flightline prior to the departure ceremony for the State Funeral of former President Jimmy Carter at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Jan. 9, 2025. Among Department of Defense leadership, approximately 200 military families across the NCR attended the departure ceremony to bid farewell to the former commander in chief. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Broome) ▲

Airman 1st Class Nguyen Phung, power protection apprentice, and Staff Sgt. Ember Houle, power protection journeyman, both assigned to the 316th Civil Engineer Squadron, disassemble a power generator after the departure ceremony for the State Funeral of former President Jimmy Carter at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Jan. 9, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Broome) ◀

316th Security Forces Group worked alongside other law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety and security of the base. This included sweeping more than 350 vehicles and screening hundreds of personnel for both the arrival and departure ceremonies.

Throughout the mission, the 316th Medical Group provided critical medical support, standing ready with team members and ambulances during both the arrival and departure ceremonies. Meanwhile, the 316th Operations Group placed UH-1N helicopters and aircrew on alert to support contingency response for the JTF-NCR.

The 316th Force Support Squadron provided lodging support, securing 211 off-base hotel rooms in preparation for a winter storm, and ensuring that facilities on base, such as The Club at Andrews, were ready for use throughout the process.

In addition to the many tasks involved, the 316th Logistics Readiness Squadron provided more than 25 hours of bus support for military families and media members during the arrival and departure ceremonies.

A combined effort across five public affairs teams within the National Capital Region also worked tirelessly, coordinating media access, producing over 5,600 photos and supplemental videos and enabling international media coverage of the events with an estimated reach of 200 million people globally.

Just days before the Jan. 7 arrival ceremony, a severe winter storm blanketed the NCR with nearly 10 inches of snow, threatening to disrupt the airfield's operations. In response, Joint Team Andrews leaped into action, deploying snow removal crews and equipment to clear the runways and taxiways.

"They have been so dedicated to the mission and motivated to clear snow, demonstrating exceptional teamwork in the face of unprecedented challenges," said Lt. Col. Marie T. Harnly, 316th CES commander.

A total of 65 Airmen assigned to 316th CES worked around-the-clock for four days to clear the runways and taxiways of snow and ice. The crew also set up essential infrastructure for the funeral, including water sources for personnel, generators for media equipment and facilities such as trash cans and restrooms. With time running out, service members picked up snow shovels and road salt to clear the remaining piece of ice from the airfield. The around-the-clock effort ensured the airfield was fully operational and ready to receive SAM 39 on schedule.

"I could not be prouder of them," Harnly said.

At the eleventh hour, America's Airfield was ready. Upon arrival, joint ceremonial units welcomed the late president with full military honors. With days' notice, Andrews enabled the transfer of Carter's casket to lay in state the U.S. Capitol. Extensive preparations and rehearsals underpinned the success of SAM 39. The coordination between military branches, local law enforcement and federal agencies allowed for the successful handling of the operation, ensuring a dignified environment for the Carter family and guests.

"Supporting the state funeral wasn't just about sticking to the plan — it was about making it happen," said Col. Jun S. Oh, 316th Wing and installation commander. "After the winter storm, we had to adjust, problem-solve and overcome challenges. With the amazing teamwork across the base and our mission partners, everyone on Joint Base Andrews pulled it together and made sure we honored President Carter's legacy in the manner befitting a commander in chief."

In a final send-off, the late president's remains departed from America's Airfield on SAM 39 for interment in his hometown of Plains, Georgia. Roughly 80 media members captured the proceedings, while approximately 200 military families attended the departure ceremony to bid farewell to the former president on behalf of the nation.

Andrews' history of supporting national and international missions continues to solidify its reputation as the premier installation in the NCR for priority airlift missions. America's Airfield remains steadfast in its mission of service to the nation.



Service members assigned within the National Capital Region, and family members, arrive on the flightline prior to the departure ceremony for the State Funeral of former President Jimmy Carter at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Jan. 9, 2025. Among Department of Defense leadership, approximately 200 military families across the NCR attended the departure ceremony to bid farewell to the former president. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Broome) ▲



Military Working Dog Reno and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Johnson, 316th Security Support Squadron military working dog training supervisor, prepare to conduct a security sweep prior to the arrival ceremony for the State Funeral of former President Jimmy Carter at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Jan. 7, 2025. The 316th SSPTS played a key support role in detecting threats, ensuring security and supporting law enforcement operations throughout the ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens) ▲



Airmen assigned to the 816th Security Forces Squadron remove ice and snow from the flightline at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Jan. 7, 2025. Members across the installation worked together to clear the flightline prior to the arrival ceremony for the State Funeral of former President Jimmy Carter. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alex Broome) (This photo has been altered for security purposes by removing identification badges) ◀

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US Airmen deploy in support of Indo-Pacific Bomber Task Force exercise mission

By Staff Sgt. Wren Fiontar
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs



A pair of B-1B Lancers assigned to the 34th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., arrive at Andersen AFB, Guam, Jan. 15, 2025. The United States vision of the Indo-Pacific is a free and open region composed of nations that adhere to the international rules-based order. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert M. Trujillo) ▲

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- A Bomber Task Force deployment of multiple U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer aircraft, Airmen, and support equipment from the 34th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, arrived at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 15, 2025.

This deployment is in support of Pacific Air Forces' training efforts with Allies, partners, and joint forces and strategic deterrence missions to reinforce the rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region.

The BTF enables different types of strategic bombers to operate in the Indo-Pacific region from a broad array of overseas and continental U.S. locations with greater operational resilience.

This deployment included support to regional Joint events. The USAF uses cutting-edge capabilities integrate with other Department of Defense components, our Allies and partners in or to deliver airpower worldwide.

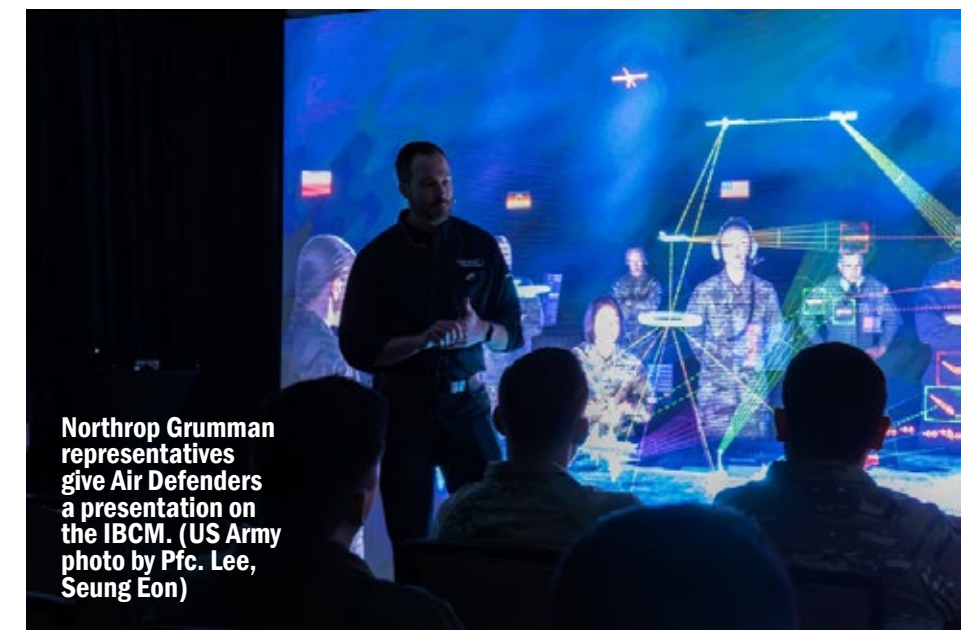
Enhancing Regional Defense: 35th ADA Hosts IBCS Demonstration

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

Osan Air Base, Korea – The 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (ADA) recently hosted a demonstration of Northrop Grumman's Integrated Air and Missile Defense Battle Command System (IBCS), known as "Battle One". Held at the base's enlisted club on January 13-14, the event highlighted the system's advanced technology and its potential to shape the future of air defense.

The IBCS demonstration drew a significant crowd of Air Defenders from throughout the Korean peninsula, including personnel from the 35th ADA's subordinate battalions, the air defense community, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, and South Korean partners. To meet the strong demand, the event featured hourly showings from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, giving as many people as possible the chance to see the system in action and learn about its capabilities.

The successful demonstration of the IBCS on the Korean peninsula marked an important milestone in the ongoing effort to enhance air defense capabilities in the region. By providing a firsthand look at the system's advanced technology and capabilities, the event helped to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the critical role that IBCS will play in supporting the defense of South Korea and the security of the region. As the ROK-US alliance continues to work together to advance air defense capabilities, events like the "Battle One demo" demonstration will remain essential in promoting collaboration, innovation, and readiness on the Korean peninsula.



Northrop Grumman representatives give Air Defenders a presentation on the IBCM. (US Army photo by Pfc. Lee, Seung Eon)



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Ms. Chong, Chu Hyon, 51st Force Support Squadron administrative assistant, poses for a photo outside the enlisted club at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2024. Chong, 51st Fighter Wing Mustang of the Week, has been working at the enlisted club for nine years and enjoys meeting new people weekly.

MUSTANG OF THE WEEK

Ms. Chong, Chu Hyon wins Mustang of the Week

By Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Mikaio
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Ms. Chong, Chu Hyon, 51st Force Support Squadron administrative assistant, was named 51st Fighter Wing Mustang of the Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 6, 2024. Her varying jobs from cashier to catering to admin, help keep the Osan enlisted club running while ensuring the morale of Airmen and their families doesn't waver.

Chong has been working at the enlisted club for nine years. Before joining the 51st FSS, she worked for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, ingraining her in the fabric of the base for over a decade. When she saw an opening within FSS, she jumped at the opportunity to expand her horizons.

"I've been here for a long time, but I've changed jobs a lot," explained Chong. "I've been a food stock worker, waitress, cashier, and now this job - so it's been nine years but I've had four jobs in FSS. It's been exciting."

With the high turnover rate at Osan, civilian employees like Chong are vital in helping things run smoothly when military members transition in and out. She explained that her team's communication and positive mindset are important to their unit's success at what can sometimes be a stressful base.

"We always have activities going on here and it creates a powerful energy," expressed Chong, whose value and care for people is her passion. "All the customers stop here whether they're PSCing out, going to a holiday party or a promotion party, we get to meet a lot of people; I love that."

Congratulations on winning Mustang of the Week Ms. Chong!



Ms. Chong, Chu Hyon, 51st Force Support Squadron administrative assistant, poses for a photo outside the enlisted club at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2024. Chong was named the 51st Fighter Wing Mustang of the Week for her hard work and dedication to her unit and Osan AB. ▲

Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.: US Army Garrison Humphreys Commemorates a Civil Rights Legend

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

Camp Humphreys, Korea -- On Monday, January 21st, the United States Army Garrison Humphreys community came together to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a commemoration march. Gathering at the Warrior Chapel, unit leaders, Soldiers, civilians, and children of all ages joined forces to pay tribute to the civil rights leader's enduring message of equality, justice, and unity. Following in the footsteps of Dr. King's historic marches, the group walked around the base, symbolizing their commitment to the principles that he championed during the civil rights movement. The event was a powerful display of the community's dedication to upholding the values of diversity, inclusion, and respect that are at the heart of the Army's mission.

Following the march, everyone came together to capture a moment of unity and solidarity with a group photo and then proceeded inside the Warrior Chapel, where they joined voices to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing", a powerful and emotive anthem that has been a cornerstone of the African-American civil rights movement for generations. The song filled the chapel with a sense of hope, freedom, and resilience, setting the tone for the remainder of the ceremony. Chaplain Eric Clark II, chaplain of the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, then took to the podium to deliver a stirring speech, reflecting on the enduring legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the ongoing pursuit of justice, equality, and freedom that his message continues to inspire.

"Dr. King's leadership extended beyond the U.S., his affiliation with the International Fellowship of Reconciliation and his commitment to non-violent resistance influenced multiple movements for human rights", said Chaplain Clark.

The Humphreys community tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a powerful reminder of his enduring legacy, inspiring continued pursuit of justice, equality, and freedom, and upholding the values of diversity, inclusion, and respect that are at the heart of the Army's mission.



MLK Commemoration march participants pose in front of the Warrior Chapel after the march (US Army photo by Capt. Courtney Johnson) ▲



Maj. Jamal Murphy stands on the crosswalk as the road guard to allow the MLK Commemoration March participants to safely cross the street. ▲



MLK Commemoration March participants march around the Camp Humphreys post. (US Army photo by Capt. Courtney Johnson) ▲

Chaplain Clark gives his speech as the guest speaker of the MLK commemoration march (US Army photo by Capt. Courtney Johnson) ◀

Winter Street Food Battle: WHAT'S YOUR PICK?



Winter is the season of delicious treats and street foods! Bungeoppang, tteokbokki, hotteok, and much more become available on the streets. Here we've put together Korea's most favorite winter treats up for comparison. Read on to see if you can choose your favorite!

A sip to comfort even your soul, Eomuk vs. Janchi Guksu

A sip of hot eomuk (fishcake) and janchi guksu (banquet noodles) soup immediately brings a warm sensation all through your body, soothing you in a cold day. While eomuk and janchi guksu are both excellent to enjoy in winter, each has its own unique charms. Eomuk is a ground fish fillet that is usually fried or grilled. It's commonly cooked in a broth to bring out the deeper flavors of eomuk. If you happen to pass by a food stall selling eomuk, stop by to enjoy a bite with an eomuk skewer in one hand and a cup of hot soup in the other. It's opponent, Janchi guksu is a noodle soup served in a bowl. The noodles are cooked in anchovy and sweet kelp stock, topped with sliced eggs and zucchini, and garnished with laver flakes. If a light snack with a cup of hot soup is all you need, opt for a eomuk skewer; if you're looking for something more, opt for a bowl of janchi guksu. In order to fully cook the inside of the meatballs, keep the heat low.



A taste of spicy kick! Tteokbokki vs. Dakgangjeong

If you are a fan of spicy food, tteokbokki is a must-try. One bite of these chewy rice cakes soaked in chili sauce has a surprising spicy kick that is sure to have you looking for water. The spicy flavor may leave your tongue numb, but it'll instantly relieve you of stress. In contrast, dakgangjeong (deep-fried and braised chicken) starts with sweet and savory flavors, followed by a slow-burn spiciness that will have you craving for more. Dakgangjeong is available in many different flavors like soy sauce or cheese. If you want to challenge yourself to a spicy Korean food opt for tteokbokki; if you're looking for the perfect balance of sweet and spicy flavors, opt for dakgangjeong.



Snacks that represent winter in Korea, Bungeoppang vs. Hotteok

It's not an overstatement to say that some Koreans look forward to winter because of bungeoppang (fish-shaped small bun) and hotteok (syrup-filled pancake). The two most commonly found bungeoppang fillings are sweet red bean paste and custard cream. Hotteok is a chewy pancake filled with brown sugar, along with cinnamon and nuts, which dissolves into a syrup once the dough is grilled on a hot pan. It's best to eat hotteok while it's warm but be careful not to burn your mouth from the hot sugar filling. If you prefer a soft texture with sweet cream, opt for a bungeoppang; if you like chewy texture and mouthwatering sweetness, opt for a hotteok.



Convenience store specials, Hoppang vs. Wangmandu

Hoppang and wangmandu are perfect treats for melting the winter cold away. Hoppang got its name from the onomatopoeia "ho, ho," a sound people make when they blow air on the hot bun to cool the heat down. Hoppang is characterized by soft and tender steamed bun with fillings like sweet red bean paste or pizza. Sweet red bean paste-filled hoppang and milk is a classic combo, while the pizza-flavored hoppang goes well with a soft drink. While similar in shape, wangmandu, which can be translated to "king dumpling," is characterized by chewy skin with savory and scrumptious fillings like meat or kimchi. The best way to enjoy wangmandu is to eat it with a hot soup on a cold day. Another upside to these two delicious snacks is that they act as great hand warmers as you eat them away.



Breads, but better! Potato Corn Dog vs. Gyeranppang

Hot dogs and corn dogs are a favorite treat worldwide, but the potato corn dog, often called the "Korean-style potato hot dog," is an original characterized by crispy potato bits in the bun that enhance the taste and texture to a whole new level. The potato corn dog is also called as "ugly hot dog" or "dokkaebi bangmangi," which means dokkaebi's club, for its appearance is similar to the image of a club used by dokkaebi, mythical creatures in Korean folktales. Koreans coat the corn dog with sugar and add condiments like ketchup before taking a bite, combining the best parts of a hot dog and French fries. In contrast, gyeranppang (egg muffin) is topped with a one whole egg. This hefty dessert has the nutrients and the subtle sweetness that makes for an excellent light meal.



How many skewers can you eat? Tteok kkochi vs. Dak kkochi

Tteok kkochi (rice cake skewer) is a sweet and sour Korean snack prepared by deep-frying rows of rice cakes on a skewer and coating it with sweet and spicy sauce. The result is a rice cake that is crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside complemented by a delicious sauce. On the other hand, Korean-style dak kkochi (chicken skewer) is grilled before coating it with sauce which results in tender, juicy meat. Sometimes, green onions are also added on the skewer to enhance the flavor profile. Common dak kkochi seasonings or sauces consist of salt, soy sauce, and spicy marinade.



Old-fashioned winter treats, Baked Chestnuts vs. Baked Sweet Potato

If you are looking for warm, sweet treats to indulge on, be on the lookout for gunbam (baked chestnuts) and gungoguma (baked sweet potato) stalls. They both have in common the crusty outer layer, but while the chestnuts are a convenient bite-sized delish, the sweet potatoes bring a tender and heavenly sweetness to your palate. Baked sweet potatoes go surprisingly well with kimchi, a combination that is worth a try if you get the chance. These baked goods were once often found on the streets, but now you can find them at convenience stores or inside subway stations.



Top 3 places to find street foods in Seoul

- **Myeong-dong Station Food Street**
A gourmet street where you can find delicious foods of Korea and from all over the world.
Location: Turn left and walk straight from Exit 6 of Myeong-dong Station (Seoul Subway Line 4)
- **Hongdae Pedestrian-friendly Street**
The place where you can find all the trending snacks like grilled ice cream, seasoned jjondeugi, and more.
Location: Turn left and walk for 145 meters from Exit 9 of Hongdae Station (Seoul Subway Lines 2, Airport Railroad, Gyeongui Jungang Line)
- **Noryangjin Cup Bap Street**
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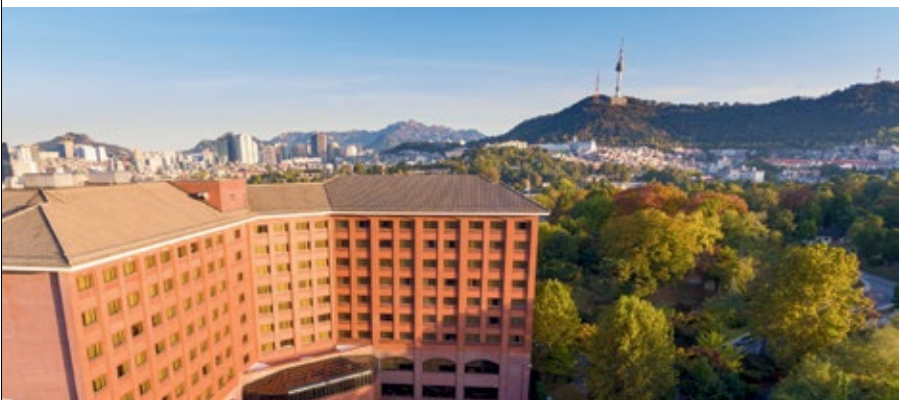


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