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A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon, assigned to the 13th Fighter Squadron, taxis towards the runway at Misawa Air Base, Japan, Jan. 11, 2021. Despite the harsh weather conditions, the 35th Fighter Wing continues executing its mission of projecting combat air power and defending Japan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Leon Redfern)

## Misawa operates through record breaking snowfall, demonstrates joint, allied force readiness

By Maj. Cody Chiles  
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -- Joint and allied personnel at Misawa Air Base executed mission-essential training and defense operations directly supporting the Indo-Pacific Command mission while simultaneously receiving a record breaking 72.4 inches of snowfall during the month of December in 2020.

The previous snowfall record recorded by the 14th Weather Squadron occurred when the

installation received 59.4 inches of snowfall in December of 2000. The weather squadron maintains an archive of snowfall records ranging back to the 1950s.

35th Civil Engineering Squadron snow and ice removal teams, alongside Japan Air Self-Defense Force partners, performed 24-hour operations throughout December to clear installation runways, taxiways, roadways, and parking lots to support uninterrupted airfield and base operations.

“Team Misawa has the best U.S. and Japanese snow and ice removal teams in the Pacific.

Their hard work and expertise allowed us to execute uninterrupted operations in a harsh winter environment,” said Col. Jesse J. Friedel, 35th Fighter Wing commander. “Maintaining operational readiness at Misawa directly supports Indo-Pacific Command’s mission to implement a combat credible deterrence strategy capable of denying our adversaries sustained air and sea dominance by focusing on posturing the Joint Force to win before fighting, while being ready to fight and win.”

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**Lt. Col. Ronald Cole, Public Health Command-Pacific's Human Health Services director and a public health nurse, does push-ups after receiving the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, on Dec. 23, 2020. Cole explained that push-ups help relieve the side effect of having a sore arm after receiving a vaccine. He recommended that Soldiers do push-ups, if possible, if they normally tend to experience soreness after an inoculation. (Photo by Amber Kurka)**

## What you should know about getting the COVID-19 vaccine

By Amber Kurka, Public Health Command-Pacific

**HONOLULU --** Over the last several weeks, vaccines for COVID-19 have been rolled out to locations throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

The vaccines are currently only approved for emergency use and are not mandatory for Department of Defense personnel and beneficiaries at this time. However, military health officials are urging prioritized DoD personnel and beneficiaries to get vaccinated to protect their health, their Families, and their community, and lower the public health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

To determine whether the vaccine is right for you and your Family, Lt. Col. Ronald Cole, Public Health Command-Pacific's Human Health Services director and a public health nurse, shared his experience receiving the vaccine, as well as advice and tips you should consider.

"As a public health nurse, getting the COVID-19 vaccine was important for me in order to maintain mission readiness," said Cole.

"Many people have asked me why I received the COVID-19 vaccine," he said. "I respond by noting that the FDA has ensured the safety for

U.S. citizens by enforcing strict standards on all vaccines, so I trust the system and I understand the importance vaccinations play in protecting the public. Being vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine is really important in developing herd immunity which can control the spread of the virus and support returning to a more familiar way of life."

While those who are offered the first-available vaccine are considered to be in groups that are most in need of COVID-19 protection, vaccinated people are protecting themselves, as well as their Families and all those they interact with.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the U.S. have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19.

"Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases and early data from clinical trials, experts believe that getting a vaccine may also help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19," explained Cole.

Even if someone has already had COVID-19, the CDC recommends

people should still get vaccinated.

"The duration of immunity following COVID-19 infection is unknown, and the vaccine may be effective in protecting previously infected people," explained Cole.

The CDC states that current evidence suggests reinfection with COVID-19 is uncommon during the 90 days after initial infection. Experts don't know for sure how long this protection lasts, and the risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity.

"COVID-19 vaccination will help protect people by creating an antibody (immune system) response without having to experience sickness," said Cole.

"One myth that I want to dispel is that it is possible to get COVID-19 from vaccinations," he added. "Vaccines against COVID-19 use inactivated virus, parts of the virus, or a gene from the virus. In short, the vaccines does not contain SARS-CoV-2 and cannot give you COVID-19. History has proven that vaccines are tools to prevent serious complications that result from certain diseases, COVID-19 is no exception."

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Osan Air Base senior leadership and Airman and Family Readiness Center members cut a ribbon during the A&FRC ribbon-cutting ceremony at the McPherson Center on Osan Air Base, Jan. 12, 2021. The A&FRC's core services include Air Force Aid Society, transition assistance program, employee assistance, relocation assistance, personal financial readiness services, volunteer resources, personal and work life, exceptional family member-family support program, personal and family readiness, referral follow-up, casualty assistance representative and crisis and disaster response. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Branden Rae)

# Osan's A&FRC relocates by USO

By Senior Airman Branden Rae  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Osan's senior leaders and base populace celebrated the Airman & Family Readiness Center's relocation during a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Jan. 12, 2021.

Newly situated at Building 916 inside the McPherson Community Center, service members and their families are encouraged to experience the AFRC's resources.

During the opening remarks, Julie Taufasau, A&FRC flight chief, was proud to see the relocation come to fruition.

"We're excited to provide an enhanced interactive environment for our service members and their families to enjoy," said Taufasau. "This relocation allows us the opportunity to raise awareness of our mission and programs. We encourage our community to proactively seek out our resources as we begin this new path."

For Jerry Melton, A&FRC community readiness consultant, the mobilization of the A&FRC and its newly ideal location enhances the A&FRC's purpose.

"The mission of Osan's A&FRC is to provide service and support that promotes self-sufficiency, enhances mission readiness, retention and adaptation to the military



A new plaque to be hung in the building was presented during the Airman and Family Readiness Center's relocation ribbon cutting ceremony at Osan Air Base, Jan. 12, 2021. Officials have named the building the McPherson Community Center, in honor of the late Maggie McPherson, who was Osan's community center director for 23 years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Branden Rae)





**Doug Boltuc, country director for USO Korea, shown on the TV, provides remarks on the importance of the Airman and Family Readiness Center during the A&FRC ribbon cutting ceremony at the McPherson Center on Osan Air Base, Jan. 12, 2021. The A&FRC's core services include Air Force Aid Society, transition assistance program, employee assistance, and relocation assistance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Branden Rae)**

community,” said Melton. “We emphasize building and sustaining cooperative relationships with families. We understand the challenges of Osan’s environment, so we strive to provide spouses and children with resources and a place to connect with others.”

Melton explained that there are 14 different programs that are offered through the A&FRC. He mentioned the main ones that are used on Osan are:

**Finance Program:**

Helps build personal financial management skills and information through all walks of life. The program shows how to be on the right path to become a Thrift Saving Plan millionaire without much trouble.

**Air Force Aid:**

Provides assistance to military members and families who are having financial emergencies or situations. Offering interest free loans or grants in certain circumstances.

**Non-combatant Evacuation (NEO) Program:**

Organization of authorized departure of civilians and nonessential military personnel from danger to a designated safe haven.

**Employment Program:**

Geared towards more members who are

looking to separate or spouses. Teaches the skills of how to write a resume, job searching techniques, interviewing skills, career planning, and navigating USAJobs.

**Transition Assistance Program (TAP):**

A congressionally mandated transition program for anyone that is separating from the military that provides information, tools and training to ensure service members and their spouses are prepared for the next step in civilian life.

**Relocation Program:**

Designed to ease the personal and family stressors experience associated with a permanent change of station by providing assistance, counseling, sponsorship training, and education throughout all phases of the relocation process.

**Personal Work Life Program:**

Helps to increase the effectiveness of everyday living skills, learn to cope with life events and realize one’s personal potential resulting in increased quality of life and resilience for military members and their families.

**Bundles for babies:**

New or expecting parents learn about the resources on the installation that could help

through the transition, plus a \$50 gift card.

**Heart Link Program:**

Aimed more towards spouses new to the military to increasing awareness of the Air Force mission, customs and traditions, protocols and available resources, and information about accessing helping agencies. As a bonus there is free lunch available.

**Key Spouse Program:**

Designed to enhance readiness, personal/family resiliency and establish a sense of Air Force community. Aimed to increase resiliency and unit cohesion amongst military members and their families.

**Volunteer Program:**

Coordination with other base agencies for the purpose of referring Airmen, spouses, and other family members for volunteer opportunities.

Personnel at the A&FRC have many resources to help the military community or the proper contact to assist in life.

“There are numerous opportunities for people here that they might not realize,” said Sam Kinard, military spouse. “Osan has a lot of ways to plug into the community and the Airman & Family Readiness Center is good at offering those tools.”





**Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett delivers remarks during her farewell ceremony at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., Jan. 14, 2021. As the 25th Secretary of the Air Force, Barrett was responsible for the welfare of more than 697,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian Airmen and Guardians and their families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich)**

# Barrett praises senior Air Force leaders; assesses her tenure as secretary

**By Charles Pope**  
**Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs**

**JOINT BASE ANACOSTIA-BOLLING, Washington (AFNS)** -- Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett publicly praised Airmen, Guardians, and senior Air and Space Forces leaders during a ceremony at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Jan. 14.

While praising the Air and Space Forces, Barrett highlighted the achievements of the five assistant secretaries of the Air Force who served under her tenure, as well as under the tenure of Heather Wilson, the 24th Secretary of the Air Force.

"When you see that each individual – John Henderson, Will Roper, Tom Ayres, John Roth and Shon Manasco – is working to live by the code of integrity and excellence in all you do, with true service before self, that is just how we want America to be identified," Barrett said.

Henderson is assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and energy; Roper, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, technology and logistics; Ayres, Air Force general counsel; Roth, assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management and comptroller; and Manasco, the acting under secretary of the Air Force.

Each of them, Barrett said, deserves praise for "making outsized impacts on the Department of the Air Force and our nation." She presented each of them the Department of Defense Distinguished

Civilian Service Award, the highest award the Department can bestow on civilians.

Like Barrett, each of those senior officials will serve until noon on Jan. 20 when President-elect Joe Biden is sworn into office.

The ceremony, which was hosted by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., and Chief of Space Operations Gen. John Raymond, gave Barrett a chance to recognize the work and values of a team that, by extension, reflected the work and values of the entire service. Brown and Raymond also presented the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service to Barrett.

"There are those who may think that the Air Force core values – 'Integrity First, Excellence in All We Do, and Service Before Self' – are mere words," she said. "After interacting with thousands of Airmen and Guardians, I know they are so much more. The Air Force Core Values truly are your Polaris, your North Star and guiding light."

Brown and Raymond set the tone before Barrett spoke.

"Let me just say, we are a better Air Force because of Secretary Barrett's passion, commitment, leadership and heart," Brown said.

"You paved the way for our Air Force to fly, fight, and win today and into the future," he said. Then, turning to Manasco, Roth, Roper, Ayres and Henderson, he said, "On behalf of the entire United States Air Force, thanks to you and your families for saying yes when called to serve."

Raymond noted Barrett's influential role in helping create the Space Force from scratch.

"Ma'am, from an idea to a reality, with you at the controls, the Space Force has taken many steps forward, each in rapid succession," he said.

"Thank you for trusting and empowering all of our leaders to do whatever it takes to get this right for our nation," Raymond said.

He also joked about having to adapt to Barrett's at times Baroque vocabulary.

"Today, I'm armed with an arsenal of words to describe a secretary who has done so much for our nation and its newest service – she moves with alacrity, in the Pentagon, and on every adventure. Nothing and no one slows her down," he said.

"Secretary Barrett is altruistic. And she is inimitable; I couldn't think of anyone more uniquely suited to lead the Air Force and invent the Space Force."

Barrett's tenure includes some of the most historic and significant moments in Air Force history. She managed the U.S. Space Force's successful birth and blossoming, making it the first new and independent branch of the military since 1947.

Barrett was secretary as well when Brown was named Air Force chief of staff, the first African American in history to become the highest-ranking military officer of any branch of the U.S. military.

She played a prominent role in efforts to address racial equity in the services and on quality of life matters such as ensuring adequate housing and professional opportunities for military spouses.

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Two load crews prepare to test their abilities in a load crew competition, Jan. 8, 2021, on Eielson AFB, Alaska. The left team represented the new 356th Maintenance Unit and the right team represented the 18th Maintenance Unit and they claimed victory. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb)

## For first time in several years, Team Eielson brings back load competition between F-35 and F-16 crews

By U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Martin  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA -- Team Eielson's 354th Maintenance Group recently held its first quarter load crew competition, Jan. 8, 2021.

This is the first time the competition is being held in several years since the return of uniformed service.

"It has been five or six years since this event was held by military members," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Adam Selmon, a 354th Maintenance Group loading standardization crew member. "Before today, it was run and organized by a civilian unit."

The two competing teams were from the 355th and the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

"Teams are chosen based on their load stats,



Staff Sgt. Rachelle Bellini, Senior Airman Ruben Moreno, and Senior Airman Nathan Furr, 18th Munitions Unit load crew competition winners stand with their trophy Jan. 8, 2021, on Eielson AFB, Alaska. Every three months there's a load crew competition and the winners of the quarterly challenges will face off at an annual competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb)



**Load crew competition leaders and team members from the 354th Fighter Wing talk before the event Jan. 8, 2021, on Eielson AFB, Alaska. The load crew competition pitted one F-35A Lightning II and one F-16 Fighting Falcon load crew to arm their aircraft with four munitions as quickly and accurately as possible. Upon completion, the teams are evaluated on their accuracy and speed and a winner is declared. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb) ►**

their monthly load performance and flightline performance,” said Selmon. “These crews load day in and day out on the flightline and then they come down to us once a month where we gather the information that is used in the team selection process.”

Once chosen, the teams go head to head in an intense load competition consisting of various tasks designed to test their job knowledge and skills.

“After the crews are identified, they will be given a written test, be given a uniform inspection, a toolbox inspection done by Quality Assurance and the physical loading portion where we evaluate their aircraft and munitions preparation and loading,” explained Selmon. “Each team starts with 1,000 points and lose points for every deduction they have.”

This opportunity allows Airmen to work side by side with their peers and interact with various skill levels and knowledge.

In the maintenance world, being selected to be part of the load crew competition is something all Airmen strive for.

“This competition allows new Airmen to see a goal and work towards it and watching these load crews compete in front of the entire squadron gives them the drive needed to perform at the best level they can,” said Selmon. “They can perfect their craft and become proficient in hopes of being chosen.”

A spot in the competition isn’t casually handed to a crew, it is earned through consistent performance, teamwork and dedication to the mission.

“We practice every day,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Rachele Bellini, 18th AMU, weapons team crew chief. “We must make sure we understand each other’s movements and work as a team. No matter what happens, we just go out there, work together and get the job done.”

Although this is a friendly competition, there is a lot of value that an Airman can take away after having competed or watched something like this.

“I hope participants are able to get a newfound sense of purpose and understand the importance behind their job,” said Selmon. “At the end of the day, we are able to do our jobs efficiently and safely. For example, if the F-35s go downrange, teams must be able to do their jobs quickly and proficiently to get munitions on the aircraft so that it can support the battlefield.”

Selmon also added that for the F-16s, it is important because the mission that they provide is very unique in terms of making our Air Force and allies better and more trained for air-to-air combat.

This year’s winning team was the 18th AMU.

“I think everyone back at my shop is going to want to be in the same shoes that my team and I are in right now,” said Bellini. “This will just make us work even harder to be able to get chosen again and take home the win next year.”



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The 35th FW is the only dedicated U.S. Air Force Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses wing in Pacific Air Forces' area of responsibility. It is the 35th FW's mission to protect U.S. interests in the Pacific and defend Japan; and deter adversaries through presence, readiness, and ability to project agile combat air power.

During the month of December, U.S. and Japanese forces conducted hundreds of operational sorties at Misawa AB.

The snow removal was also vital to the 35th Medical Group's ability to receive and administer initial COVID-19 vaccines to hundreds of base personnel, and test nearly 500 base personnel for COVID, to mitigate the potential spread of the virus.

"Joint and allied personnel at Misawa demonstrated we are fully prepared to operate in a demanding environment; and our combat power will always be ready to rapidly respond, at the time and place of our choosing," said Friedel. "I'm proud of our joint and allied team for their herculean efforts to keep the base running. We have already received more than 100 inches of snow this winter, and we will continue to be ready to fight and win."



**A U.S. Navy EA-18G Growler assigned to the "Black Ravens" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 135, taxis down the runway at Misawa Air Base, Japan, Jan. 11, 2021. Joint and allied personnel at Misawa Air Base executed mission-essential training and defense operations while simultaneously receiving a record breaking 72.4 inches of snowfall during December of 2020. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Leon Redfern) ▲**



**U.S. Navy Sailors assigned to the "Black Ravens" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 135, perform maintenance on an EA-18G Growler after landing at Misawa Air Base, Japan, Jan. 11, 2021. The operation of this aircraft serves to integrate U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and Japan Air Self-Defense Force assets and increase interoperability between joint and allied personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Leon Redfern) ▲**

**A U.S. Air Force Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 909th Air Refueling Squadron takes off during a training mission at Misawa Air Base, Japan, Jan. 11, 2021. By training with joint partners and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Misawa Air Base personnel are prepared to defend likeminded nations from regional threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Leon Redfern) ►**

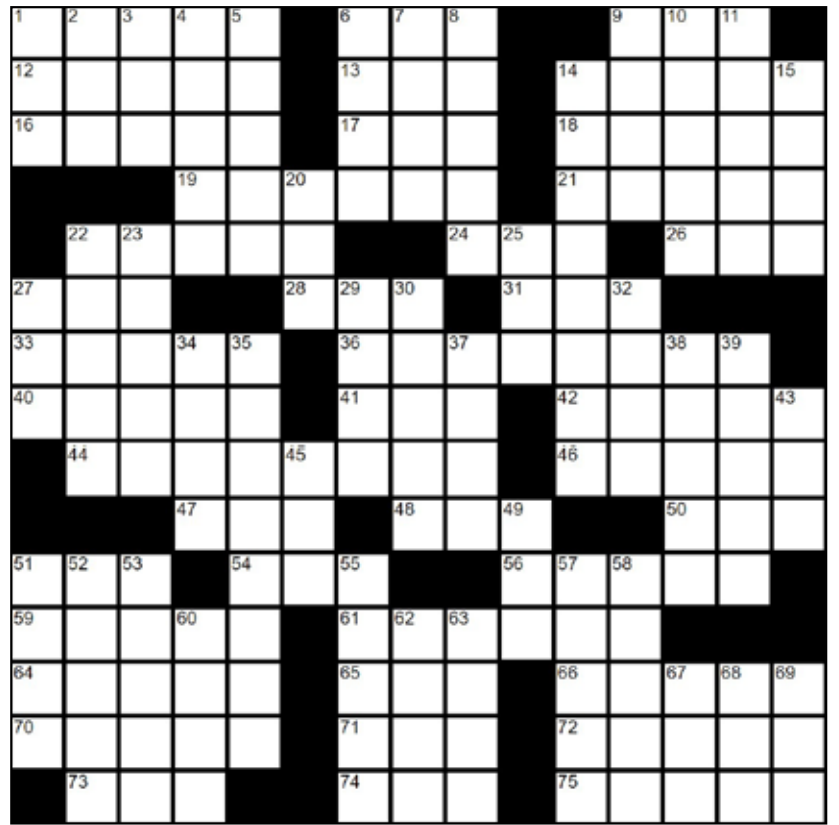






## The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



**Cooking** causes over 160,000 home structure fires, annually, and is considered the number one cause of home fires and home injuries.

Of the 160,000 annual cooking fires, two-thirds (66%) started with the ignition of food or other cooking materials. Often, these fires are ignited by grease.

In an effort to keep your home and community safe, please share these tips with friends and family. Knowing how to respond quickly could be the difference between a minor kitchen fire and a devastating disaster.

### TIPS TO PREVENT GREASE FIRES:

- Always keep children away from the stove while cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Do not use the stove if you have consumed alcohol.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Remove as much moisture as possible from the food before putting it in hot oil. Do not put frozen foods into hot grease.
- Keep the grease at the recommended temperature. If you see any smoke or the oil smells, it is an indication that it is too hot. Immediately turn off the burner to let it cool down.
- Heat the oil slowly and add food gently to prevent splatter.
- Keep a lid near the pan you're cooking with so that it is accessible if a fire starts.

### IF A GREASE FIRE STARTS:

1. Cover the flames with a metal lid. Leave the cover on until it has cooled.
2. Turn off the heat source.
3. Do not try to extinguish the fire with water.
4. Do not attempt to move the pot or pan outside.

### IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO EXTINGUISH THE GREASE FIRE:

1. GET OUT! You and your family members need to leave as soon as you can to prevent injury or loss of life. Do not try to be a hero.
2. Close the door as you leave to help contain the fire.
3. Call 911 as soon as you are at a safe distance from the fire.
4. Do not re-enter your home until the fire has been contained by firefighters.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835 (DSN) or 0505-784-4835 (Cell).

### ACROSS

- 1 Chinese characters
- 6 Mad cow disease
- 9 Goes with special or black
- 12 National Museum location
- 13 Jung-hwa or Tae-goo
- 14 Elementary particle
- 16 India's New capital
- 17 Chop off
- 18 Location
- 19 Egg meal
- 21 WWII bomber
- 22 1950 war site
- 24 Korea's 1st 24h news channel
- 26 5mL spoonful
- 27 Japanese broadcaster
- 28 Sigma \_\_\_\_
- 31 Before
- 33 Korean river or war
- 36 Actress Rossellini
- 40 Pet \_\_\_\_

- 41 Defective bullet
- 42 Esparza and Julia
- 44 Coffee makers
- 46 Iraq neighbor
- 47 Corporal or sergeant
- 48 Palestine terrorist group
- 50 Hearing organ
- 51 Competitor of KT
- 54 Booby trap
- 56 School room
- 59 Korean financial group \_\_\_\_ Asset
- 61 Alanis song
- 64 Legal on Korean roads
- 65 Suffer illness
- 66 Coral island
- 70 Principle
- 71 Type of car fuel
- 72 Sound
- 73 Genre of Specials, Bosstones
- 74 Salty water body
- 75 Final score

### DOWN

- 1 Concealed
- 2 Hotshot pilot
- 3 Washington Capitals league
- 4 Malaysian state
- 5 Japanese cartoon
- 6 Male cow
- 7 Civilian footwear
- 8 Not full
- 9 Plural of 6 down
- 10 \_\_\_\_ noir
- 11 Consciences
- 14 Goes with Endgame
- 15 Neck part
- 20 Consume
- 22 \_\_\_\_ Rouge
- 23 Korean northern tribal state
- 25 Caps lock neighbor
- 27 Bite
- 29 Helper
- 30 Annex

- 32 Oil of \_\_\_\_
- 34 Rocky opponent Drago
- 35 Lacking knowledge
- 37 Distant 5G predecessor
- 38 Attracts
- 39 Alter ego
- 43 Type of disaster mission
- 45 Foot digit
- 49 Korean movie channel
- 51 Obscenity
- 52 Flying objects in park
- 53 Back of car
- 55 Knobs
- 57 Qing ambassador to US
- 58 Thespian
- 60 Region
- 62 Not yet rotten
- 63 Kurylenko or Petrova
- 67 Treasury's intel org
- 68 Psychedelic drug
- 69 Geddy or Myung-bak

### Answers to Previous Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 HANAM
- 6 NICHE
- 11 DAM
- 14 ENOLA
- 15 AVAIL
- 16 UWE
- 17 STRIP
- 18 MINDS
- 19 BAN
- 20 GORYEO
- 22 EMART
- 24 UDON
- 27 HADNT
- 29 OIDO
- 30 NIL
- 31 WON

- 32 AJS
- 34 CODER
- 36 GASJOCKEY
- 42 ADELE
- 43 JOS
- 47 AWAIT
- 48 JSA
- 49 NOH
- 51 ALE
- 52 ASIA
- 55 DAEGU
- 58 ALYS
- 59 SUSHI
- 61 SAYING
- 63 HAL
- 64 NATTO
- 66 AREAS
- 70 EVE
- 71 SARIN
- 72 METRO
- 73 NET
- 74 THONG
- 75 SEARS

#### DOWN

- 1 HES
- 2 ANT
- 3 NOR
- 4 ALIGN
- 5 MAPO
- 6 NAMYANGJU
- 7 IVIED
- 8 CANON
- 9 HID
- 10 ELSE
- 11 DUBAI
- 12 AWARD
- 13 MENTO
- 21 RHO
- 23 MOSCOW
- 24 UNCAP
- 25 DIODE
- 26 OLDEN
- 28 TAJ
- 31 WRENS
- 33 JONAH

- 35 ELIJAH
- 37 AOL
- 38 SSANGYONG
- 39 KRAAL
- 40 EMILY
- 41 YATES
- 46 SAD
- 50 OUI
- 52 ASHEN
- 53 SUAVE
- 54 ISLET
- 56 ASTRO
- 57 EATIN
- 58 AGREE
- 60 INST
- 62 NAMS
- 65 AAH
- 67 ETA
- 68 ARR
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**S**ix Airmen assigned to the 31st Medical Group receive their first COVID-19 vaccination at Aviano Air Base, Italy, Jan. 8, 2021. Inoculations for the 31st Fighter Wing will be given in a tiered approach, with first-tier recipients including health care workers and first responders getting priority. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. K. Tucker Owen) ▲

**Lt.** Col. Jason Heard, 492nd Fighter Squadron F-15E Strike Eagle pilot, maintains visual communication with ground crew prior to take-off during Agile Combat Employment training at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom, Jan. 12, 2021. Training incorporating ACE concepts contribute to the development of multi-capable Airmen and aircrew, improving interoperability and helping allies and partners increase their capabilities in less than optimal environments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessi Monte) ▼







**S**ecurity forces Airmen assigned to the 28th Security Forces Squadron from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., patrol near a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Dec. 26, 2020. Security forces Airmen patrol the flightline to ensure security and guidelines are maintained. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tristan Day) ▲

**A** 25th Aircraft Maintenance Unit Airman advances to perform maintenance on an A-10 Thunderbolt II during frigid weather conditions at Osan Air Base, South Korea, Jan. 6, 2021. Osan AB's A-10 unit, the 25th Fighter Squadron Assam Draggins, operates as a premier close air support fighter squadron on the Korean Peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Noah Sudolcan) ◀



## 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 spe-

cific 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.

### - ROKAF ENGLISH CLASS -

Team 5/6 is looking for volunteers to support the ROKAF English class every Saturday, at the Sonlight Inn. You will be talking to ROKAF Airmen (enlisted) for approximately one hour. This event is open to all ranks! Civilian attire is preferred, however, UOD is allowed. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Charles Nelson.

### - PING PONG TOURNAMENT -

Free to all. Prizes for first and second places. Prizes include Wolf Pack Won. To sign up, dates or for more information, call the CAC at 782-5213 or 4679.

## Osan

### AIR FORCE VIRTUAL EDUCATION CENTER:

The new Air Force Virtual Education Center (AFVEC) is currently working intermittently Air Force wide. Please be patient & keep trying to access it. When accessing AFVEC or trying to get MilTA approval in AFVEC from your supervisor, use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge. Please contact the Education Center at 784-4220 or 51fss.fsde@us.af.mil for further questions/concerns. Thank you!

### AFCEA HOSTED GUEST SPEAKER: 3D AFSC TRANSFORMATION:

AFCEA is hosting guest speaker CMSgt Stephanie Chrisman for her discussion on the 3D to 1D AFSC transformation! Come by for a better understanding on the future of comm career fields in the Air Force. Also, network with the many communications career fields scattered across Osan Air Base over hors d'oeuvres & open bar sponsored by some of AFCEA's industry partners.

### OSAN AB RESTRICTED AREA BADGE MASS RE-ISSUE:

The Osan AB mass Restricted Area Badge re-issue will start 1 Nov 2020 and end 1 Mar 2021. Please make contact with your Unit Security Manager for details. (Members with a DEROS 31 Dec 20 and earlier, will not be issued a new badge)

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### STRESS MANAGEMENT CLASS:

Does your head hurt? Are your muscles tense? Irritated around others? Could be signs of stress. Come to the Stress Management Class held every Wednesday from 0900-1000 in the Dental Conference Room. Open to Active Duty/adult dependents/civilians/contractors. For more information or to register, call 784.2148...registration is encouraged but not required.

### OSAN BASE HONOR GUARD "TO HONOR WITH DIGNITY":

Are you or someone you know highly motivated, dedicated to excellence, and want to be among the sharpest? If the answer is yes, the Osan Air Base Honor Guard Team welcomes you! For more information please contact Program Manager SSgt Akin Hyde at 784-1091 or via email akin.hyde@us.af.mil.

### OSAN ANTHEM SINGERS:

Osan Anthem Singers are looking for volunteers who would like to sing the Korean and U.S. national anthems during various official/unofficial events throughout the base. You must be able to sing in a group in four-part harmony. Any member with a musical background

and singing talent can audition for the group. Please contact MSgt Knollenberg at minji.knollenberg@us.af.mil if you are interested.

### MUNITIONS 100 PERCENT INVENTORY:

Ammo will be conducting a 100 percent wall-to-wall inventory of our stockpile. During this time, manning will be strained, so please be sure that all custody issues, expenditures and turn-ins are submitted at least a week prior to the start of this inventory.

### SLEEP OPTIMIZATION CLASS:

Feeling run down? Need more ZZZzzz's in your life? Come to the Sleep Optimization Class held every Tuesday from 0900-1000 in the Mental Health Clinic. Open to Active Duty/adult dependents/civilians/contractors. For more information or to register, call 784.2148...registration is encouraged but not required.

### HEALTHY THINKING CLASS:

Want to be the best version of You? It all starts in your head! Come to the Healthy Thinking Class held every Wednesday from 1000-1100 in the Dental Conference Room. Open to Active Duty/adult dependents/civilians/contractors. For more information or to register, call 784.2148...registration is encouraged but not required.

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### OSAN BASE SHUTTLE CHANGES:

Starting 18 January 2021, the base shuttle service will change its schedule and route to the following: Monday through Friday: (0530 – 0830 and 1500 – 1900) The updated route will be posted in the Osan App and on all the stops (new & old) to prevent confusion.

### MAIN GATE INBOUND LANE CLOSURE:

The main gate inbound lane will be closed from 19 Jan 0800 to 21 Jan 1800 to install a new utility line. Outbound vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic will not be affected during this time.

### 2020 US AIR FORCE HOUSING RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY:

2020 Annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey; residents to receive a email link by 15 December 2020. Please contact the housing office if the link to the survey wasn't received. Survey will extend until 29 January 2021.

### 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



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Finally, she was the first secretary to lead the service during a pandemic.

She and her team helped drive forward efforts to make the Air Force digitally connected to the joint force, known as Joint All-Domain Command and Control. As part of that effort, the Advance Battlement Management System, which uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to simultaneously connect warfighters in the air, land, sea, space and cyber domains, was part of several successful large-scale tests.

They helped further the development of the B-21 Raider, the next generation long-range strike bomber, as well as seeing to the continued modernization of the aging nuclear deterrent. (The Air Force is responsible for two of the three legs of the nuclear force, those launched from air and from land.)

At Barrett's direction, the team spearheaded the first formal Arctic Strategy for the Department of the Air Force, a significant milestone that outlines the Department's roles and priorities in a strategically important region where the Air Force, and now the Space Force, have maintained a major presence for decades.

Under her stewardship, the Department's X-37B spaceplane won the prestigious Robert J. Collier Trophy for advancing technology that pushes "the

boundaries of flight and space exploration."

Barrett said that ensuring the Air and Space Forces fulfilled requirements outlined in the National Defense Strategy served as her overarching guide in leading the Department and for establishing priorities.

Barrett pressed forward with streamlining and improving the Air Force's often bulky and inefficient acquisition process. That was one of Wilson's prime focuses.

"In this as in almost everything, what I did was not invent something new but to really build from the great things that had been established before my arrival," she said. "So on the acquisition side, that meant allowing the continued good work Dr. Will Roper as he did things like Pitch Days and working with AFWERX to invite, inspire and reward innovation."

Barrett also embraced – and expanded – change across the Air Force and Space Force that former Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson and former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein, championed such as accelerating the department's new thinking on race, diversity and quality of life. She also emphasized moving with speed to aggressively address the Air and Space Forces requirements in the NDS.

"To have the United States Air Force to be one of the top innovative places – the only

government institution – to be on the list of innovative places to work, that's how we modernize," she said, referring to AFWERX being named as one of Fast Company's Top 100 Workplaces for Innovators.

Not lost on her was that all these efforts took place in 2020.

"All of this is happening with the overlay of COVID(-19), with unprecedented forest fires (across the West and Southwest), civil unrest, hurricanes running through the alphabet and starting again," she said.

Through it all, Barrett said she exploited and relied on a singular truth.

"There is one eye-watering constant across the Air and Space Forces: the universality that these are good people," she said in her remarks Jan. 14. "I have worked at numerous businesses, I have been a member of dozens of groups, and I have been part of myriad organizations, but I have never been part of any entity where there is such consistency of good intent and effort to be the best, together.

"I leave confident that the United States of America is safe and secure because of you – the brave men and women who stand the watch, guard the perimeter, ensure free and open access to space, and defend democracy from the sky," she said.



**Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. Raymond, left, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., right, and other senior Air Force civilian officials applaud Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett during her farewell ceremony at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., Jan. 14, 2021. As the 25th Secretary of the Air Force, Barrett was responsible for the welfare of more than 697,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian Airmen and Guardians and their families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich) ◀**

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While some people may experience flu-like symptoms such as aches, headache and fever, Cole pointed out that these are normal reactions to most vaccines.

"These symptoms occur with all vaccines and naturally when bacteria or viruses enter your body," he said. "Your immune system reacts to the foreign substance and stores a memory of the invader and create antibodies as a protective measure for future encounters."

Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight if you are exposed to the virus. The CDC recommends continuing to follow other steps, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, and staying at least 6 feet away

from others, to help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, even after being vaccinated.

"Stopping a global pandemic requires using all the tools available," explained Cole. "Together, getting a COVID-19 vaccination and following the CDC's recommendations on how to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from getting and spreading the virus."

Cole suggested that experts need to understand more about the protection COVID-19 vaccines provide before deciding to change current CDC prevention protocols.

"Other factors experts need to consider include how many people get vaccinated, which vaccine they receive, any adverse reactions, strain

identification, and how the virus is spreading in communities," explained Cole.

As experts continue to assess the data, the DoD remains dedicated to providing the latest information about the vaccines available as they are released so that personnel and TRICARE beneficiaries can make informed decisions.

"We must remain vigilant to protect those on the front lines and the high-risk population during this COVID-19 pandemic to save lives, protect our people, maintain readiness, and support our nation," said Cole. "In order to achieve our goals and end this global pandemic, we must be vaccinated against COVID-19. For me, I am looking forward to receiving my second vaccine in mid-January as my duty of protecting those I love."



## Spiritual Charge

### Finding Purpose in a New Year



**By Chaplain,  
Captain Matt Henry**

**D**uring WWII, Viktor Frankl, his wife and parents were deported to a Nazi Ghetto where his father would later die. They were then transferred to Auschwitz, where more than a million people would eventually be murdered. Two additional camp detentions would separate him from his mother and wife who would also eventually perish in the

camp. During all this, Frankl came to believe the only way he could survive and maintain his sanity was to hold tightly to a sense of meaning and purpose.

Quoting the famous philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, Frankl wrote, “He who has a why to live, can bear almost any how.” For Frankl, meaning and purpose flowed from acting as a psychiatrist and physician to his fellow prisoners, as well as reflecting on his love for his wife Tilly.

After being liberated, Frankl spent his life advocating for the importance of meaning to soothe suffering and as the secret to happiness. Meaning and purpose carried him through the Holocaust and formed the basis for his entire approach to life. Research supports his hunch that the paradoxical secret to finding meaning may be to not look for it. The most satisfying forms of meaning may blossom not when we pursue them directly, but when we instead seek beauty, love, justice, or, as Frankl writes, “a

cause greater than oneself.”

The secret to a meaningful life may be found in our character as we remind ourselves every day to do the right thing, love fully, pursue fascinating experiences, and undertake important tasks, not because we are trying to increase our sense of meaning in life, but because these pursuits are simply good.

Author Laura Fortang says, “Finding one’s purpose in life is not the destination. Once you recognize it, own it and begin to fulfill it, you have launched yourself on a journey of twist and turns that will take the rest of your life to complete.”

“Life purpose” carries a cultural connotation of a singular skill or career that defines you as a person. Yet, purpose is not always tangible, not always a task, not always a single skill. Most of all, it’s not just about you. Life purpose is really a collection of themes and principles that you live by. It’s not a singular choice, but a collection of choices you make based on your life

themes. Those choices then form a path that takes you on a journey. Life purpose is not a destination.

Now, perhaps take some time to explore these five questions:

1. **Who are you?**
2. **What do you (love to) do?**
3. **Who do you do it for?**
4. **What do they want or need?**
5. **How do they change as a result?**

If you learn how to be self-aware and authentically care about other people, the answers will come to you. Each of us should be continually changing, continually growing, continually learning. We are not meant to stay exactly the same. We are meant to grow. While our principles and life themes should stay constant, our tastes change, and our likes and dislikes will expand and contract.

Staying in a state of mindfulness by meditating on these five questions will allow you to begin to find meaning and purpose in life while you recharge your spiritual batteries through your service to others.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### KUNSAN AIR BASE

*Protestant Services*

**Gospel Service**  
Sunday, 11:30 a.m.  
Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

**Contemporary Service**  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

*Catholic Services*

**Sunday Catholic Mass**  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.  
Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

**Daily Mass and Reconciliation**  
Please call the Chapel

*Other Worship Opportunities*

**LDS Service**  
Sunday, 1:00 p.m.  
SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

**Point of Contact:**  
Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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

### OSAN AIR BASE

Due to the upcoming demolition and construction of the Osan Chapel facilities, the offices and worship services have been relocated as follows:

**Chapel Offices:**

The main chapel offices are located on the second floor of building 745 (formerly the Wing Safety building).

**Chapel Worship Services:**

**Protestant service times/location:**

Protestant Services are now being held at the base theater across from the Exchange:

- o Community Service @ 0900
- o Gospel Service @ 1100

**Catholic service times/location:**

Catholic Sunday Masses are now being held at the Mustang Center (multi-purpose room) across from the gym:

- o Confession @ 0830
- o First Mass @ 0900
- o Confession @ 1030
- o Second Mass @ 1100

Catholic Daily Masses will be held in building 769 (former AFRC bldg):

- o Tuesday – Thursday @ 1130

LDS services are at the Base Theater on Sundays @ 1300.

For the most current updates and announcements, please visit our “Osan AB Chapel” Facebook page.

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

### HUMPHREYS

*Protestant Services*

- Sundays -  
9:00 a.m. Liturgical Service - PVC  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Agape (Contemporary) - 4CMC  
11:00 a.m. Common Ground (Traditional) - FRDC  
10:00 a.m. Burning Bush (Gospel) - WRC  
10:30 a.m. Church of Christ - PVC  
11:00 a.m. Spanish Service - PVC  
1:00 p.m. Apostolic Pentecostal Lighthouse Service - WRC  
- Wednesdays -  
6:00 p.m. KATUSA Service - PVC

*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS)*

- Sundays -  
2:00 /3:15 p.m. Sacrament Meeting - FRDC  
2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday School - FRDC  
3:30-4:30 Unaccompanied/Single SMs Meal - FRDC  
POC: CH Brizzee 010-8921-1736; tyler.f.brizzee.mil@mail.mil

*Catholic*

Saturday, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Adoration - FRDC  
Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation/Confession - FRDC  
Saturday, 4:40 p.m. Rosary/Benediction - FRDC  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass - FRDC  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Mass - FRDC  
M-F, 5:30 p.m. Mass - FRDC

*Jewish*

2nd & 4th Friday, 5:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service - 4CMC  
POC: CH(Cpt) Daniel Kamzam daniel.j.kamzam.mil@mail.mil

*Islamic*

Friday, 12:00-13:00 p.m. Jumah Service - PVC  
Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Islamic/Arabic Classes - PVC  
POC: Sfc. Kamel 010-8449-3024; mohammed.a.kamel.mil@mail.mil

*Seventh Day Adventist*

POC: Maj. Delavega 010-3917-6478; david.r.delavega.mil@mail.mil

*Pagan*

POC: Cpt. Emory Erickson emory.j.erickson.mil@mail.mil



**An** Air Force C-130J Super Hercules flies over Yokota Air Base, Japan, Jan. 5, 2021 during a training mission. The C-130J's operations including tactical airlift and airdrop, as well as aeromedical and distinguished visitor airlift. (U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe) ▶



**C**ol. Travolis Simmons, third Wing commander, salutes after placing a wreath during a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Fort Richardson National Cemetery on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Dec. 18, 2020. Wreaths Across America's wreath-laying ceremonies are held annually at national cemeteries across the country to honor and remember fallen service members throughout the holiday season. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Emily Farnsworth) ▼



**S**taff Sgt. Dillon Harrison, 66th Training Squadron survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist, stands in formation during a SERE Specialist Apprentice Course graduation ceremony at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., Jan. 8, 2021. Harrison was the team leader for class 21-01, which holds the lowest attrition rate in years at only 7% in contrast to the average 50%. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ryan Gomez) ▲



**T**he 354th Fighter Wing and the Air National Guard's 168th Wing aircraft line up in formation at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, Dec. 18, 2020. The elephant walk was a demonstration of the wing's ability to rapidly generate combat airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb)





Airman 1st Class Olivia Vargas, 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs maintenance on a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Dec. 26, 2020. Bomber Task Force maintainers ensure the bombers, such as the B-1B Lancer, and associated equipment are ready to provide airpower - anytime, anywhere. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tristan Day)

## *Breaking barriers:* Women of the Bomber Task Force

### Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam --** Master Sgt. Erin Lefever, 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Bomber Task Force project officer, poses in front of a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Jan. 4, 2021. As the BTF project officer, Lefever coordinates the logistics for the 28th Maintenance Group personnel prior to arrival and throughout the trip, such as cargo prep and any additional coordination with the Andersen team regarding maintenance personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Austin McIntosh) Working within maintenance for the past 15 years, Master Sgt. Lefever knows her field better than most. As a Bomber Task Force (BTF) project officer for the 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Lefever has had the unique opportunity to coordinate the logistics for her personnel prior to arrival and throughout the BTF deployment. Her duties fall anywhere between leading cargo prepping and downloading to organizing the needed lodging, facilities, and vehicles for maintenance personnel.



Master Sgt. Erin Lefever, 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Bomber Task Force project officer, poses in front of a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Jan. 4, 2021. As the BTF project officer, Lefever coordinates the logistics for the 28th Maintenance Group personnel prior to arrival and throughout the trip, such as cargo prep and any additional coordination with the Andersen team regarding maintenance personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Austin McIntosh) ▲



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“great part about this trip is that I’ve been able to focus on our Airmen more,” said Lefever. “Instead of going out to the flight line to check aircraft priorities, my focus has shifted to mentorship and spending time with the airmen, finding out how they are, who they are, and if they’re having any issues on the trip.”

As a senior non-commissioned officer (SNCO), Lefever is often the senior ranking in a room of maintenance professionals. Lefever said that being the only female SNCO maintainer in the squadron isn’t a setback, in fact she takes it in stride. Lefever said that it’s crucial to show young female maintainers that not only is this career field a place for women to exist or be successful, but to thrive and stand out. She is proud to be that example.

“As a maintenance professional, individual, and leader I don’t think I’ll ever stop growing,” said Lefever. “Throughout my service, I’ve had hard days, and I’ve had harder days, but I wouldn’t change a thing. I learned early in my career that growth doesn’t happen when you’re comfortable; it’s the tough stretches that provide the best opportunities to learn.”

Airman 1st Class Makayla Gibbs, 28th Operation Support Squadron airfield equipment apprentice, cleans and sanitizes headgear for a pilot at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Dec. 18, 2020. Aircrew Flight Equipment Airmen are responsible for maintaining the integrity of equipment that pilots use for every mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tristan Day) Airman 1st Class Gibbs works as an aircrew flight equipment apprentice within the 28th Operations Support Squadron at her home station of Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. Her job at home and while deployed consists of inspecting all the gear needed to protect aircrew members while they are conducting sorties and missions. Gibbs’ daily schedule includes inspecting helmets, masks, harnesses, survival vests and other equipment for any damage.

“Every time there is a flight, the unthinkable could happen, and if that does we are the pilot’s last helping hand to keep them alive,” said Gibbs. “You want to go into work having a positive attitude and a level mindset to focus on the mission at hand. Which for us, is making sure the aircrew are alive and well when leaving and coming back from a flight.”

Growing up, Gibbs always had the dream of joining the military. Those dreams became a reality in 2018 when she left college and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

“My advice would be to not hesitate and don’t let anyone tell you [that you] can’t do it,” said Gibbs. “Put your heart into it and you can make it anywhere you desire to go.”

Senior Airman Tristan Day, 341st Missile

Wing photojournalist, photographs Bomber Task Force mission operations, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Dec. 15, 2020. As a photojournalist, Day captures the U.S. Air Force mission in the form of written words, photos and videos. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Austin McIntosh) As a photojournalist, Senior Airman Day’s job is to “tell the Air Force story,” and she accomplishes this through capturing what wingmen do in support of the United States in the form of written words, photos and videos.

“When I was a fresh airman, I was very shy and nervous in crowds or one-on-one with people I didn’t know,” said Day. “My job has me conduct interviews and interact with many people of different ranks and different backgrounds. This has helped me grow more open and confident as an individual.”

Hailing from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, Day was given the opportunity to join a three-person team in Guam to capture Airmen supporting the latest Bomber Task Force for Ellsworth. It has been a unique experience to capture aircraft not associated with her home base, and see the lethality of the B-1B Lancer up close through the lens of her camera.

“Just like any other career field, it will be intimidating when you start. Sometimes the only one who will empower, support and provide strength to yourself, is you,” said Day. “Pass that on to your co-workers and friends and you can change a whole unit for the better.”

Airman 1st Class Audrey Taylor, 28th Security Forces Squadron response force leader, poses for a photo at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Dec. 26, 2020. Security Forces Airmen patrol the flightline to ensure security and guidelines are maintained. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tristan Day) In December 2018, Airman 1st Class Taylor, 28th Security Forces Squadron response force leader, joined the U.S. Air Force with the intent of forging her own path with the hope of exploring what the world had to offer outside her home town.



**Senior Airman Tristan Day, 341st Missile Wing photojournalist, photographs Bomber Task Force mission operations, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Dec. 15, 2020. As a photojournalist, Day captures the U.S. Air Force mission in the form of written words, photos and videos. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Austin McIntosh) ▲**



Fast forward two years, Taylor got the opportunity to go on a BTF where she is responsible for the protection of the deployed B-1B Lancers in Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. As a defender, her job varies from working as an entry controller to leading patrols on the flightline protecting multimillion dollar resources.

“I feel like in this career field, I have grown to be more confident in myself,” said Taylor. “I feel like it helped me be a better person overall just being in security forces and in the Air Force as a whole.”

Security forces is traditionally a majority male field which can be difficult at times, according to Taylor, however she said that she feels like her squadron is very welcoming and defines everyone, regardless of gender, as defenders.

“My advice to other women is don’t let being in a male-dominated career field stop you from getting things you want,” said Taylor. “Work hard and don’t let them treat you any different just because you are a female. Everyone deserves to be treated equally, so don’t stand for anything less.”

Airman 1st Class Olivia Vargas, 28th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs maintenance on a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Dec. 26, 2020. Bomber Task Force maintainers ensure the bombers, such as the B-1B Lancer, and associated equipment are ready to provide airpower – anytime, anywhere. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tristan Day) In order to get the jets off the ground, the 28th Bomb Wing has people like Airman 1st Class Vargas, who possesses a thorough knowledge of the capabilities of a B-1B Lancer as a crew chief. Her duties during the BTF include performing in-depth inspections prior to takeoffs and after the jets land. She, along with a team of highly skilled Airmen spend countless hours throughout the

**Airman 1st Class Audrey Taylor, 28th Security Forces Squadron response force leader, poses for a photo at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Dec. 26, 2020. Security Forces Airmen patrol the flightline to ensure security and guidelines are maintained. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tristan Day) ▼**



day and night replacing parts of the jet that break down and inspecting every inch of the aircraft for any potential hazards.

“In high school I was more of a quiet and reserved person and now I have to be more outspoken and responsible for more than just myself,” said Vargas. “I am currently responsible for doing a job where I take care of a multimillion dollar aircraft as well as the four crew members onboard the aircraft.”

The aircrew cannot complete the mission unless the jet is operable. Each time a B-1 takes off from the runway for a bomber task force mission,

it proves the capabilities of not only the aircraft but the people who work on it. These dedicated and mission-oriented maintainers, such as Vargas, aren’t intimidated by their job, instead they embrace the responsibility.

“My advice would be to not shy away from the opportunities,” said Vargas. “Work hard and make a statement.”

Senior Airman Krystal De Los Santos, 37th Bomb Squadron aviation resource management, hands a document to a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer pilot, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of a Bomber Task Force mission, Dec. 23, 2020. Several B-1B aircraft deployed to Andersen AFB as part of U.S. Strategic Command’s support to the National Defense Strategy objectives of strategic predictability and operational unpredictability by using a mix of different aircraft to and from various dispersed U.S. bases and other departure and arrival points, to include Guam. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tristan Day) In order for the bomber task force missions to be successful, aircrew members rely on Airmen such as Senior Airman De Los Santos, 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron aviation manager. De Los Santos works behind the scenes on a daily basis, constantly checking and tracking every aircrew member’s training and record status in order to be eligible to fly the next mission.

“My favorite part about this BTF is seeing the importance of the missions that are conducted,” said De Los Santos. “Being on the BTF makes me feel proud because it shows how crucial and important our jobs can be.”

Despite being assigned to a largely male squadron, De Los Santos said that gender doesn’t play a role in her accomplishments or successes, and more than anything she feels equal to her peers.

“We shouldn’t put a limit on what we want to do because we are female,” said De Los Santos. “Women are strong and capable of doing anything if we believe in ourselves.”



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# Gift Ideas for Every Interest

Whether you like shopping or not, it's a key part of every trip. You're going to want small mementos of your experience, as well as gifts for friends and family back home. From K-pop to traditional - no matter the interests of the person you are shopping for, you're sure to find the perfect gift on this list!



## ▲ Culture

Traditional souvenirs are some of the easiest items to buy when visiting a new country. In Korea, you can find many shops selling traditional and cultural items in Insa-dong. The main street is lined with individual shops, or you can visit one of the cultural complexes like Ssamzigil or Anyoung Insadong to see a wide variety of items. Popular souvenirs include nail clipper sets, gat (traditional hat), mother-of-pearl inlaid mirrors, folding fans, and the smiling Hahoe tal (masks). The area also has hands-on experience programs, such as making a paper doll with hanji (traditional Korean paper), or your very own name stamp, with your name written in Hangeul, the Korean alphabet.

**Major retailers:** Insa-dong shops – Ssamzigil, Anyoung Insadong, Insa-dong National Souvenir Center, etc.



## ▲ Hallyu

K-pop goods are the perfect gift for any hallyu-lovers in your life! Of course, many items are also available for sale online, in-person shops have a lot more limited edition items, such as things used by k-pop stars, or signed merchandise. K-pop stores can be divided into general shops that sell items from a multitude of artists, and specialized shops that focus on just one artist. You can easily find albums, photo books, cheer sticks, and more from nearly every artist and group at WithDrama Myeong-dong Palette Store. The shop is filled with digital content such as music, videos, photos, and live recordings as well. For specialized shops, head to SMTOWN & STORE or YG PLACE. Don't forget to check for pop-up store schedules and make reservations in advance if necessary!

**Major retailers:** WithDrama Myeong-dong Palette Store, SMTOWN & STORE, YG PLACE, etc.

## ▶ Coffee

Run-of-the-mill coffee chains can also be a great source of souvenirs! Starbucks, for example, offers a special Korea Heritage Collection, only available in Korea. Items include mugs with traditional designs like the Bukcheong Sajanooreum or one shaped like a traditional Korean porcelain jar. You can also pick up tumblers with designs matching major cities in Korea, such as Busan, Ulsan, and Daegu. Be sure to check their limited edition seasonal items as well, changing every year.

**Major retailers:** Starbucks, A Twosome Place, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Hollys Coffee, etc.



## ▲ Make-up

Anyone interested in beauty and make-up will be able to name a few Korean products and brands on command. K-beauty products are top of the line, offering state-of-the-art packaging at a great price. Some must-have items for any make-up enthusiast include cushions and eye shadow palettes. Cushion foundation was invented in Korea, and is key in creating the natural, dewy cover that is the base for K-beauty make-up. Cushions come in a few different shades, and you can also buy refills of the foundation and cushion to continue using the cushion case long after your time in Korea. Eye shadow palettes offer a nice compilation of pressed powder eye shadow in complementary shades. For a super natural look, pick a palette with many shades of beige.

**Major retailers:** Olive Young, LOHB's, Lalavla, Etude House, Nature Republic, Innisfree, It's Skin, Missha, The Face Shop, The Saem, etc.



# Gift Ideas for Every Interest



## ▲ Cooking

One of the best gifts you can give someone who loves to cook is a new kitchen appliance. From Korea, one of the best appliances you can buy is an electronic rice cooker. They are highly rated in Asian countries for making great tasting rice. They can also do more than just cook rice; they can be used to make many different foods and meals. Many brands can also be set up to provide audio support in English, Japanese, or Chinese.

**Major retailers:** Lotte Hi-mart, Samseong Digital Plaza, LG Best Shop, electronics section of supermarkets, duty free shops, etc.



## ▲ Self-Care

Sheet mask packs are a great gift for many reasons. They're small enough to fit in tight suitcases, cheap enough to stay within budget, and are super powerful at moisturizing one's skin. Most sheet masks cost around 1,000 won each, and can come in a variety of types, from funny animal faces to focused areas. Many cosmetic companies run discount events throughout the year, offering amazing deals on large purchases. Korean sheet masks have become so popular, there are even stores that focus solely on selling these products.

**Major retailers:** Olive Young, LOHB's, Lalavla, Etude House, Nature Republic, Innisfree, It's Skin, Missha, The Face Shop, The Saem, All Mask Story, etc.



## ▲ Fashion

### ► Comfort

The word comfort doesn't always come to mind when one thinks of lingerie, but that is exactly what you can find at lingerie stores in Korean's underground shopping malls. These shops offer typical underwear items, as well as loungewear, all at low prices! Pick up some thin cooling pajamas for someone who is always hot, or fuzzy microfiber pajama pants for someone who is cold. These pants, referred to as "sleeping pants" in Korea, are particularly great, as Korea is one of the world's best producers of microfiber.

**Major retailers:** dAb, Yes, Solb, Vivian, BYC, Codes Combine, Aimerfeel, etc.



Due to globalization, you can find pretty much the same fashion styles anywhere you go in the world. For a truly unique and Korean fashion gift, check out hanbok. While not many situations lend themselves to the wearing of traditional hanbok, modern hanbok and hanbok inspired designs can be worn any time. If you can't make it to a hanbok shop in person, you can also shop online! Many hanbok boutiques offer foreign language translations on their websites as well as international shipping. Some brands are even available on online shopping malls like G-market. If the person you're shopping for also is a fan of hallyu, search for brands worn by idols like BTS and Lee Hyo-ri.

**Major retailers:** Zijangsa, Daily Han, Danha, etc.