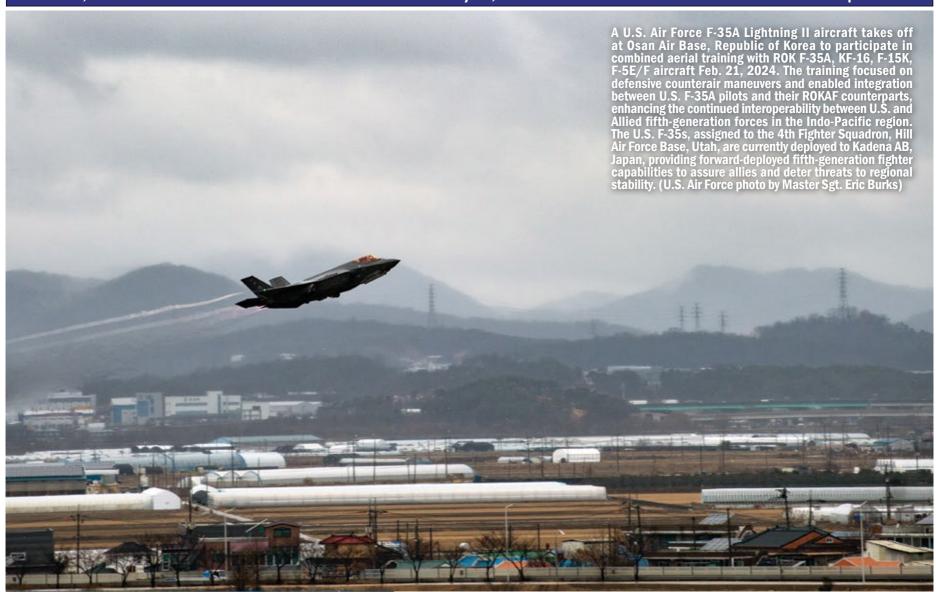
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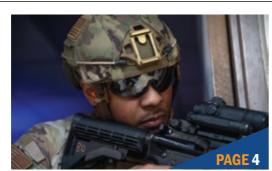


7th AF hosts combined F-35 training with ROKAF fighter aircraft



Two U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II aircraft taxi to the runway at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea to participate in combined aerial training with ROK F-35A, KF-16, F-15K, F-5E/F aircraft Feb. 21, 2024. The training focused on defensive counterair maneuvers and enabled integration between U.S. F-35A pilots and their ROKAF counterparts, enhancing the continued interoperability between U.S. and Allied fifth-generation forces in the Indo-Pacific region. The U.S. F-35s, assigned to the 4th Fighter Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, are currently deployed to Kadena AB, Japan, providing forward-deployed fifth-generation fighter capabilities to assure allies and deter threats to regional stability. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Eric Burks) ▲









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7th Air Force to live-stream 2023 Annual Awards Ceremony on Facebook

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7th Air Force Public Affairs

he 7th Air Force kicked-off it's two-day annual awards events for 2023 with a Chiefs Symposium and question and answer session with Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, 7th AF command Chief. This year's annual awards activities include immersion tours for all annual award nominees from across the numbered air force at both Osan and Kunsan Air Bases and will culminate with medallion ceremony and the final Annual Awards Ceremony at Kunsan Air Base at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23, 2024. All 7th Air Force members are invited to view the live-stream at https://www.facebook. com/7thAF/.

Transportation is also being provided for any members who need assistance traveling to Kunsan AB for the official awards ceremony. All travelers must have DoD Identification prior to boarding the bus. See below for the pick-up times and locations. For questions or concerns, please reach out to SMSgt Brandon Knapp brandon.knapp.2@ us.af.mil.

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Seventh Air Force 2023 annual award nominees pose for a photo with members of the Korea America Good Neighbor Society following a professional development and cultural exchange event with leadership from the 51st Fighter Wing at the Osan Bowling Center at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The event was part of the 2023 7th AF annual awards activities, where the numbered air force recognized all its annual award nominees with a two-day program including professional development sessions and visits to various units across the 7th AF, before ending with the annual awards ceremony at Kunsan AB Base Feb. 23, 2024. ▶



Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, 7th Air Force command chief, answers a question from Senior Airman Pelo Pepe, 607th Air Operations Center nominee for Airman of the Year, during a question and answer session at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The 7th AF recognized all annual award nominees with a two-days of immersion events at Osan and Kunsan Air Bases, culminating with a medallion ceremony and the annual awards ceremony at Kunsan AB Base Feb. 23, 2024. ▲



Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, 7th Air Force command chief, conducts a question and answer session with 7th AF annual award nominees at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The 7th AF recognized all annual award nominees with a twodays of immersion events at Osan and Kunsan Air Bases, culminating with a medallion ceremony and the annual awards ceremony at Kunsan AB Base Feb. 23, 2024.



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Defenders train on active shooter response

By Senior Airman Trevor Gordnier 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Defenders from the 51st Security Forces Squadron conducted an active shooter response training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2024.

The quarterly event allowed Osan's defenders to put their response, tactics and tactical combat casualty care skills to the test in a realistic training environment.

Upon responding to a simulated emergency call and securing the training building, the defenders shifted their focus to evacuating and providing treatment to triage victims.

"The importance of this training is that it allows us to test our capabilities," said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Isaiah Garmon, 51st SFS evaluator. "Especially when working with other squadrons."

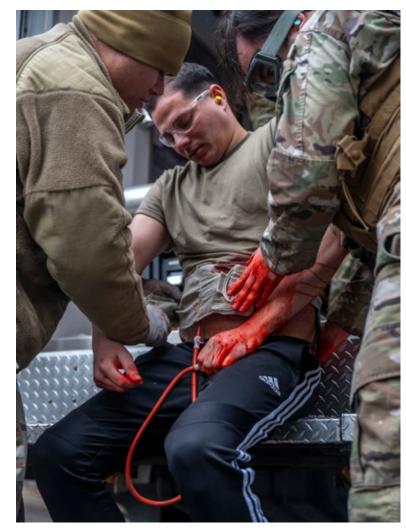
Airmen from the 51st Medical Group also joined the response, bringing their expertise in TCCC and patient evacuation, which significantly enhanced the effectiveness of the integrated emergency operation.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Andrew Smith, 51st Security Forces Squadron defender, covers a corner while sweeping a building during a simulated active shooter response training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2024. This training provides defenders with systematic, realistic scenario-based preparation, enhancing their readiness and ensuring they are always mission-ready. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Trevor Gordnier)

"This training helps us ensure we are ready to defend the base in any contingency scenario," said Lt. Col. Nicholas Brence, 51st SFS commander. "By doing so, we also help to ensure that Osan is secure and able to conduct its mission, bolstering our readiness to 'Fight Tonight'."

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U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron prepare to enter a building during a simulated active shooter response training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2024. Quarterly contingency training plays a crucial role in maintaining the security and operational readiness of Osan AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Trevor Gordnier) ▲

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Antonio Chaparro Viana, simulated triage patient, receives tactical combat casualty care during a simulated active shooter response training at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 14, 2024. This training united the 51st Security Force Squadron and the 51st Medical Group in a scenario that required lifesaving skills, enhancing interoperability and skill development to better prepare them for real-world emergencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Trevor Gordnier) ◀

Black History Month **Pioneers: General harles** Q. Brown Jr.

By Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- A 51st Fighter Wing photo illustration depicting U.S. Air Force Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr.'s accomplishments in recognition of Black History Month, created at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. Diversity is a critical component in the success of the 51st FW. The unique strengths and perspectives contributed by Airmen are indispensable for upholding the "Fight Tonight" mission. (U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal)

General Charles Q. Brown Jr. **History In The Making**

Did You Know?

Gen. Brown has accumulated a number of accomplishments since the beginning of his career in February of 1985, some of which include over 3000 flight hours in the F-16, a bronze star medal and a seat in history as the first African American Airman to hold the title of chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.



He broke new ground by becoming the first African American chief of staff in U.S. military history.

He follows a long line of military leaders, with his immediate influence being his father, who was an intelligence specialist and Colonel in the Vietnam War

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which has garnered membership from other influential African Americans like Thurgood Marshall.

Osan adopts electronic promotions testing

By Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Staff Sgts. assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing broke new ground by completing the base's first ever electronic Weighted Airman Promotion System test at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea on Feb. 15, 2024.

The eWAPS test is a modernized version of the pencil and paper test, and was created with the intention of streamlining the exam process for personnel testing for promotion to E-5 and E-6.

Streamlining the process is not only easier for the Airmen who are testing, but for the test control officers and unit WAPS monitors, who no longer have to verify that scantrons are filled out properly or mail in the answer sheets.

"When I was testing to be promoted to Staff Sgt., I took the paper version of the test," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. James Jang, 607th Combat Weather Squadron weather forecaster. "I'm taking the electronic test today, which is just a more efficient, more easily accessible version of the paper version."

The creation and implementation of eWAPS testing has been an Air Force-level objective since 2022, involving efforts with the Personnel Data Research Institute and PearsonVUE.

PearsonVUE hosts the electronic version of the test and requires Airmen to accomplish tasks prior to testing in order to make the process more efficient. Preparations include responding to invitational emails, creating an account with a password, wearing a uniform to the exam and bringing a common access card to the testing location.

"The scoring process is a lot easier now that we don't have to use the answer sheet for scoring, and we don't have to worry about mistakes," said Yohan Go, 51st Force Support Squadron test control officer. "We have had Airmen that made mistakes using the paper version of the test, and they were unable to be scored."

With the first test out of the way, many Airmen will have the opportunity to develop in their careers while participating in one of the Air Force's strides of continuous improvement.

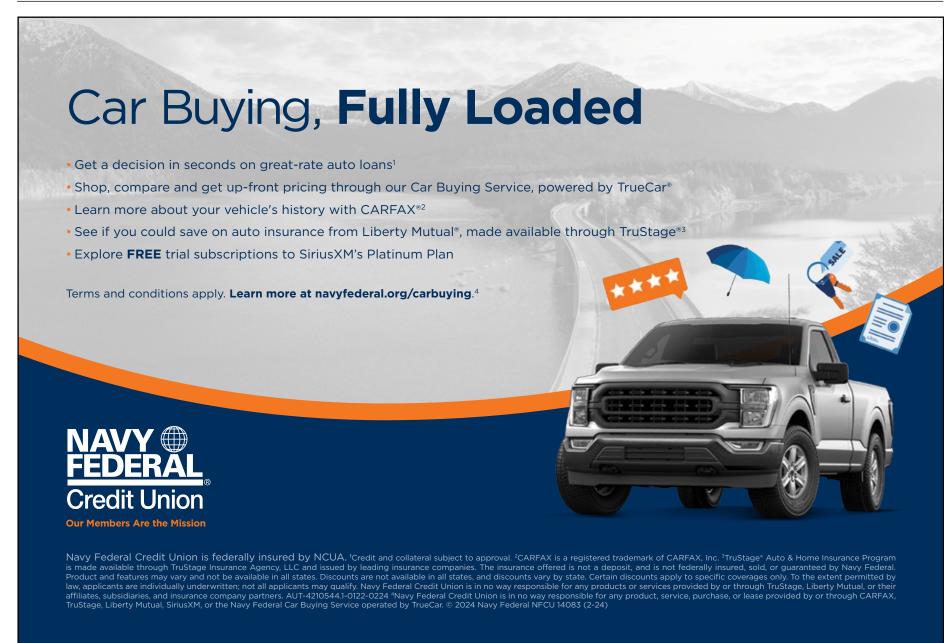
"While the efficiency of the testing process is one of the anticipated benefits, meeting industry standards and innovating to enhance the careers of Airmen are more strategic priorities of the switch." said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne Bass.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nicholas Allen, 51st Maintenance Squadron egress systems craftsman, signs in to take an electronic Weighted Airman Promotion System test at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. The eWAPS test is a modernized version of the pencil and paper test, and was created with the intention of streamlining the exam process for personnel testing for promotion to E-5 and E-6. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal) ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. James Jang, 607th Combat Weather Squadron weather forecaster, prepares to take an electronic Weighted Airman Promotion System test at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. Transitioning to the electronic version of the WAPS test improves many different aspects of the process, including the ability to test more people, higher accuracy with scoring, and less waste produced. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal) ▲







POL: Keeping the Pack ready, fast, lethal

By Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force maintainers ensure aircraft are in good working order to deliver airpower wherever called upon, but no jet gets off the ground without a full tank of gas.

The 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron's fuels management flight, more commonly known as POL (petroleum, oils and lubricants) keeps the Wolf Pack's fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons energized by delivering 11 million gallons of fuel that supports over 5,500 sorties annually.

"POL does more than 'just pump gas', we are the lifeblood that sustains airpower," said Master Sgt. Christian Crider, 8th LRS fuels information service center section chief. "Our responsibilities include tasks such as fuel storage, accounting, quality control, and distribution just to name a few; all of which are integral to seamless mission support."

F-16s have an internal fuel capacity of about 7,000 lbs. Under normal conditions, it is no easy feat to get the jet fueled and back



Airman 1st Class Natasha Gonzalez, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution apprentice reviews a checklist prior to refueling an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 7, 2024. The Airmen of the 8th LRS fuels the fight and supports the Wolf Pack's capability, lethality, and readiness to project effective airpower in any situation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



Senior Airman Robert Klassen, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron, propulsion journeyman, attaches a fuel hose to an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 7, 2024. The Airmen of the 8th LRS fuels the fight and supports the Wolf Pack's capability, lethality, and readiness to project effective air power in any situation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲

into the fight, but the 8th LRS takes the challenge a step further, often conducting integrated combat turns (ICT) and hot refueling operations to sharpen their agile combat skills.

"ICT is the process of providing fuel services, munitions loading and unloading, and aircraft reconfigurations simultaneously," said Senior Airman Nathan Lester, 8th LRS fuels distribution operator. "This process minimizes the amount of time between landing and relaunching of an aircraft and is a huge success in increasing our capabilities."

The team's skills have been rigorously tested in recent months, as they supported various exercises that called for them to adjust to working in unfamiliar environments and tasked them to receive and refuel airframes not assigned to the 8th FW during bilateral operations.

"Supporting jets in locations other than Kunsan forces us to adapt to different infrastructure, logistical constraints, and local regulations," said Crider. "And when supporting jets other than F-16s that land at Kunsan for refueling, we have to work closely with the visiting aircraft's crew to ensure compatibility with their specific fuel requirements so we can conduct safe and efficient refueling operations."

But POL's scope of responsibility goes beyond jets. The flight is charged to manage and deliver fuel across the installation for countless vehicles used to transport equipment, personnel and other assets. POL Airmen work around the clock, touching every part of the mission.



Capt. Luke Farrell, 35th Fighter Squadron pilot, taxis an F-16 Fighting Falcon prior to refueling at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 7, 2024. Airmen of the 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron's petroleum, oils and lubricants flight keeps the Wolf Pack's fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons energized by delivering fuel to support sorties. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲

"There are a lot of moving parts when it comes to our daily ops," said Lester. "Maintaining trucks, inspection of fuel, scheduling manning to meet mission needs - all of these things and much more need to be considered daily.

Lester mentioned that 8th LRS fuels management is not an available assignment for new Airmen, giving his team the unique perk of bringing on experienced team members that undoubtedly helps with the rapid turnover of a short tour.

"We have an amazing team that I'm lucky to be a part of," said Crider. "Our Airmen take pride in being a critical part of the wing's operations, knowing that POL fuels the fight and supports the Wolf Pack's capability, lethality, and readiness to confront any situation."



51st MXS pioneers field level repairs, traditionally outsourced

By Senior Airman Brittany Russell 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs+

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- In a historic first for the 51st Fighter Wing, the 51st Maintenance Squadron's aircraft structural maintenance specialists successfully performed repairs on a 25th Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II wheel pod that would traditionally be outsourced to a specialized stateside facility at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 8, 2024.

Field level units such as the 51st MXS typically oversee minor repairs such as replacing structural components. When those components require indepth maintenance, such as a complete disassembly and reassembly, they are shipped out to specialized facilities more equipped to handle complex repairs. The 51st MXS, however, is breaking boundaries and creating history by taking on the repair at their level.

During a routine training flight, an A-10



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alan Roseman, 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, prepares a vacuum seal hose at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 8, 2024. The pressure going through the hose is regulated to ensure a smooth, seamless seal of fiberglass laid on the structure. Precision in structural aircraft maintenance is paramount to guaranteeing peak performance of 51st Fighter Wing aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▲

panel unlatched and caused severe damage to integral structural components of the aircraft. The pilot landed safely, but the wheel pod, which houses the landing gear wheel assembly, was in need of substantial maintenance. The 51st MXS fought to tackle the challenge here at Osan AB.

"The engineers were slightly doubtful that we would be able to do this at the field level," said 2nd Lt. Logan Molaschi, 51st MXS depot engineer liaison. "We were persistent. We kept coordinating with the engineers and sending information, and we ended up receiving the approval to do it here."

The specific parts needed to make this a quick and easy repair are no longer made, so the 51st MXS had to get creative. They utilized resources from decommissioned aircraft, sourced from their supply system, and even manufactured their own components. They maintained ongoing coordination with advanced engineers from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to ensure precision and accuracy in every task.

"We like to call it frankensteining," said Staff Sgt. Alan Roseman, 51st MXS aircraft structural maintenance craftsman. "We utilized existing parts from a decommissioned A-10, meticulously adapting them to fit this specific aircraft as seamlessly and precisely as if they were brand new and made specifically for it."

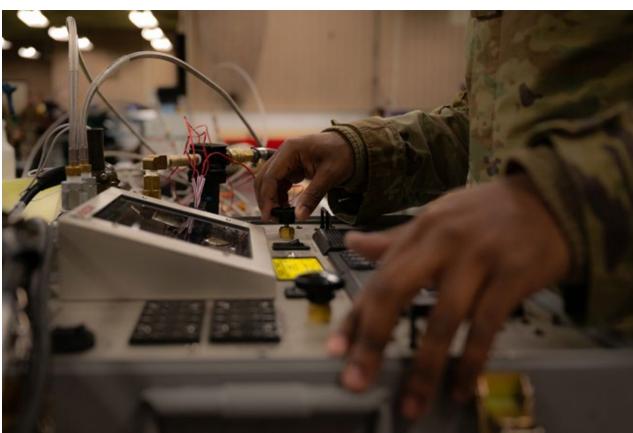
Though a repair of this magnitude has never occurred at the 51st MXS, Airmen have worked diligently to identify issues and find innovative solutions.

"We are really getting creative and thinking outside of the box here," said Molaschi. "Our Airmen are truly the last modern day artisans. They never said, 'We can't do this."

The 51st MXS continues to work rigorously on this innovative project and looks forward to the new opportunities this historic repair will bring.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Soriano, left, and Staff Sgt. Alan Roseman, 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance craftsmen, trim a porous separator film at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 8, 2024. This material is used in conjunction with resin and fiberglass to help create new aircraft structures. The 51st MXS follows tedious guidelines to optimize the functionality of the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▲





U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Alan Roseman, 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, prepares a hot bonder at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 8, 2024. A primary function of the hot bonder is to create a vacuum seal and regulate pressure. The 51st MXS utilizes technology that ultimately optimizes the performance of the 51st Fighter Wing aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell)

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sean Soriano, 51st Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance craftsman, pours resin onto a mold at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 8, 2024. The resin works as an adhesive for layering fiberglass, a key step in ensuring the durability and reliability of 51st Fighter Wing aircraft components. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ◀

Osan celebrates dedication: 2023 Annual Awards Ceremony

By Senior Airman Trevor Gordnier 51st Fighter Wing Public Attairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force members from the 51st Fighter Wing display their accolades on stage after being announced the winners for their respective categories during the 51st FW 2023 Annual Award Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 8, 2024. The 51st FW ensures the appreciation of Airmen by acknowledging their achievements and promoting exceptional performance through recognition and awards for top performers.



U.S. Airmen from the 51st Fighter Wing gather in an aircraft hangar during the 51st FW 2023 Annual Awards Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 8, 2024. Annual awards competitions allow leadership to recognize outstanding performers and express appreciation for their contributions to the mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Trevor Gordnier)



U.S. Air Force Col. Kyle Grygo, 51st Mission Support Group commander, runs onto the stage during the 51st Fighter Wing 2023 Annual Awards **Ceremony at Osan** Air Base, Republic of Korea. Feb. 8. 2024. The 51st FW ensures the appreciation of Airmen by acknowledging their achievements and promoting exceptional performance through recognition and awards for top performers. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Trevor

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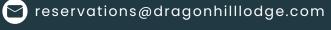
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Osan touchdown: Pro Blitz 2024

By Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens **51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Airmen assigned to the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron, 51st Maintenance Group and their family members meet NFL cheerleaders during the Pro Blitz 2024 unit visit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2024. NFL players, cheerleaders and mascots visited more than 200 military bases in five regions across the globe as part of Armed Forces Entertainment's Pro Blitz Tour.

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron and their family members take a group photo with NFL cheerleaders during the Pro Blitz 2024 unit visit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2024. NFL players, cheerleaders and mascots visited more than 200 military bases in five regions across the globe as part of Armed Forces Entertainment's Pro Blitz Tour. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens) ▼





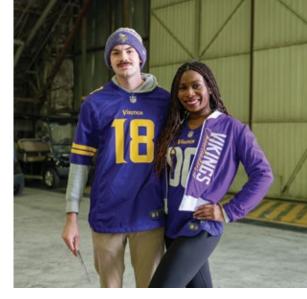


NFL cheerleaders, left, take a photo of U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ethan Halbert, 51st Maintenance Group loading standardization crew chief, and Kyleigh Creamer, an NFL cheerleader, during the Pro Blitz 2024 unit visit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2024. The NFL Pro Blitz is a week of events for military communities leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens)





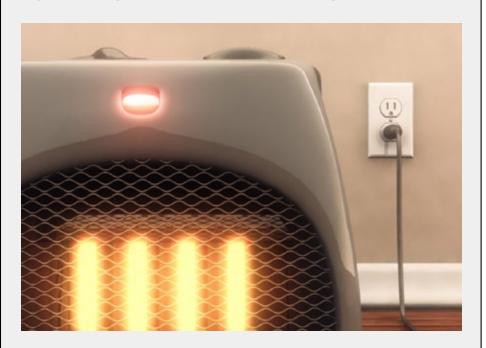
Kyleigh Creamer, an NFL cheerleader, takes a photo with a service member's dependent from the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron, during the Pro Blitz 2024 unit visit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2024. The cheerleaders' visit was part of the NFL tour sponsored by the Armed Forces Entertainment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens) ▲



Senior Airman Pedro Gaytan, 36th **Fighter Generation** Squadron dedicated crew chief, takes a photo with Krystia Tolkinen, an NFL cheerleader, during the Pro Blitz 2024 unit visit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2024. The NFL Pro Blitz is a week of events for military communities leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens) ◀

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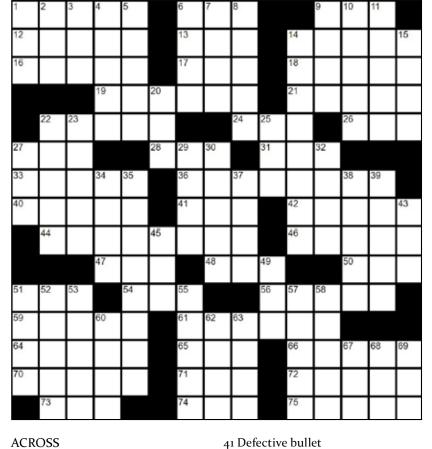
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eunited and it feels so good: Staff Sgt. Caymen Bryant, 121st Air Refueling Wing, is welcomed home by his family after returning from an overseas deployment at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio, Feb. 2, 2024. The 121st Air Refueling Wing strives to deliver combat-ready Airmen, unwavering nuclear deterrence and first response to the security and defense of the state and nation. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Wendy Kuhn)



th CMSAF interment ceremony: Soldiers with the Fort Sam Houston Caisson Section carry the flagdraped casket of fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor during his interment ceremony, Feb. 10, 2024, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas. Gaylor spent more than seven decades improving the Air Force through its people. He was an active proponent of professional military education and delivered seminars frequently in person and online until his passing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tristin English)

ab and move: Air Force's Luke Kohout lands a body blow against the University of Washington's Omar Vergara during the U.S. Air Force Academy West Invitational at the Cadet Boxing Gym, Jan. 27, 2024, in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Air Force dominated the competition, winning 19 of the 24 bouts in the Academy's first-ever USAFA West Invitational. (U.S. Air Force photo by Adalyn Greene)



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- 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.

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Tobacco Cessation Classes

Every Thursday | 0900-1100 | Building 1419, Human Performance Center (The building right behind the fitness center) Osan AB offers free tobacco cessation classes to all DOD members. The health promotion coordinator is available to help you break this habit, through counseling, educational materials and health coaching. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Health Promotion Coordinator at Troisha.d.busano.civ@health.mil.

InBody Assessments

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday Building 1419, the Human Performance Center Health Promotions is running a new

program, InBody assessments! An In-Body assessment is a biometric analysis of your weight, body composition, height and BMI that provides valuable insights into your health and wellness.

411th CSB Contracting Officer Representative (COR) Live Training

Has someone told you that you are going to be a COR and that you are going to need training? And your first question is what is a COR? It is a Contracting Officer Representative (COR) and a COR gets appointed to oversee contractor's performance on behalf of one of our Contracting Officers here at Osan AB and if that is you then you will need COR training. Please reach out to 411th CSB,

Mr. Jack Banks, Quality Assurance Specialist at 757-6008, email address jack.d.banks.civ@army.mil for prerequisites and in-person classroom training. The classroom training is the first Monday of each month here at Osan AB in Bldg. 600, Room 204 and is from 0800-1600.

Military Spouse Direct Hire Authority Now Live!

Osan's Direct Hire Authority program is now live with a list of positions hiring throughout the installation! What is DHA? It is a pilot program catered specifically to hire military spouses at foreign locations.

HOLA Free Salsa & Bachata Lessons

Every Wednesday | 1730-1930 | Mustang Center Dance Studio The Hispanic Osan Latino Association is providing the base community an opportunity for FREE salsa & bachata every Wednesday, 1730-1930 at the Mustang Center Dance Studio.

Pet Transportation Allowance Guidance

Effective Jan 1, 2024, military members can claim pet transportation expenses for reimbursement. Below are the types of pet expenses that can be claimed as reimbursable: CONUS: mandatory microchipping, boarding fees, hotel service charges, licensing fees, pet shipping fees (NTE \$550.00 per PCS, for one pet). OCONUS: all CONUS expenses listed

1-800-733-2761 (anytime)

above plus quarantine fees and testing titer levels for entry. Members are required to use gov't or gov't procured transportation (if available) or reimbursement for transoceanic transportation is not authorized (NTE \$2000 per PCS, for one pet)

If you have any questions about this new travel entitlement, please contact the Osan Finance during customer service hours, M-F 0900-1400 or create a CSP inquiry: https://csp.cce.af.mil/#/. 51 FW Annual Awards Ceremony

Pass and Registration Hours

Feb 26-29 | 51 SFS pass and registration Pass and Registration will be supporting in processing for upcoming exercise participants all day on Feb 26-29. Please plan around those days for scheduling other Pass & Registration appointments. Our normal hours are walk-ins from 0800-1000 Monday through Friday, except for Thursday, and appointments are during the times of 1200-1600. If you have any question or concerns, please contact our office at 784-4489, or email our org box 51sfs.passregistration.orgbox@us.af.mil.

PCS "Smooth Move Brief"

Feb 27 (every last Tuesday of the month) | 1300-1400 | Base Theater Team Osan i hosting a PCS out-processing brief for those that are PCSing within 120 days. We understand that traveling can be difficult, and we want

to provide a one stop shop for those leaving. This brief is open to all sister services and dependents, so please come with any questions that you have for MPF, MFRC, Finance, TMO, EFMP, SFS, or AMC travel. If you have any questions, please reach out to 1Lt Gerardo Davila gerardo.davila.1@us.af.mil

Warrior Wind Downs

Feb 28 | 16030 | Fitness Center Yoga Room

Team Osan, after a long month it is time to unwind and distress with some yoga. Come join the health promotion coordinator and our yoga instructor on a meditative and relaxing yoga session. All are welcome to join. Please RSVP via the link: https://www.signupgenius. com/go/10C0949AFA92BA5FAC61-

Osan Spouse Immersion Tours March 6, 13, 20 | 0730-1400 | Starts

and ends at O'Club Sign up link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4DACAF29A0F58-48006965-march

Notes: Wear comfortable closed toe shoes, comfortable clothes and bring \$20 cash or card for lunch at the Dinning Facility. We have a fun day of activities planned geared at giving you a peek behind the scenes of a day in the life of a Osan Airman.

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)		

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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35th Air Defense Artillery Commander Meets with Seongju mayor

35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Public Affairs Office

Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea -- On January 24th, the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade commander, Col. Kevin P. Stonerook, and the Combined Task Force-Defender commander Lt. Col Zachary T. Ramsey met with elected official Hwan Lee, the mayor of Seongju.

The purpose of this meeting was to serve as a meet and greet between both parties, express our commitment to our ROK partners, and to better understand the past issues that took place to build for a better future moving forward.

The city of Seongju is the home of United States Army Garrison Carroll and Forward Operating Site-Carroll, which is a remote facility that's dedicated to air and missile defense in Area IV. Throughout the years, the presence of US air defenders and their assets concerned the residents of Seongju due to economic and potential safety hazards with rising tensions from neighboring countries.

Topics of discussion were identifying different ways we can support each other as US-ROK partners, investment plans to support the local Seongju economy, and plans for talks in the future.

Col. Kevin P. Stonerook, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade commander, discusses shared support and investment plans with elected official Lee Hwan, Seongju city mayor, and his staff during a meeting in Seongju, Republic of Korea, Jan. 24, 2024. The meeting served as an initial introduction between the mayor and brigade commander and demonstrated the 35th ADA's commitment to its ROK community partners. The city of Seongju is the home of United States Army Garrison Carroll and Forward Operating Site-Carroll, which is a remote facility dedicated to air and missile defense of the region, a primary mission of the 35th ADA. (U.S. Army courtesy photo) ▶





8th CES hosts RED HORSE for rapid response exercise

By Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron participated in a 554th Red Horse Squadron-led rapid airfield damage repair training exercise at Kunsan Air Base Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2024. Airmen trained on core competencies that could be applied during contingency operations.

The 544th RHS traveled to Kunsan from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam to conduct the training exercise to allow Kunsan Airmen an opportunity to participate in training that is rarely given on the Korean Peninsula.

During the training, Red Horse airmen taught the Red Devils new procedures in rapid airfield damage repair, reverse osmosis water purification unit training, crash marking and emergency management tactics.





Senior Airman Caleb SalGado, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and equipment journeyman, prepares to fill an area of the airfield as part of a rapid airfield damage repair training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2024. The exercise tested Airmen's ability to respond to emergencies from several areas of responsibility of the civil engineer squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲

Airmen of the 8th Civil Engineer, Kunsan Air Base Republic of Korea and the 554th Red Horse Squadron from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam measure strips of geotarp in preparation for airfield repair at Kunsan AB, ROK, Feb. 13, 2024. Geotarps are used as layers of separation from existing rubble and added filament to ensure an even surface when conducting airfield repairs. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ◀

Senior Airman Gavin Young, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and equipment journeyman, listens to exercise instructions during a rapid airfield damage repair training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2024. The 554th Red Horse Squadron traveled to Kunsan to lead the training, boosting Airmen's readiness in emergency operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▼





Senior Airman Caleb SalGado, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and equipment journeyman, clears an area on the airfield as part of a rapid airfield damage repair training exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2024. The 554th Red Horse Squadron traveled to Kunsan to lead the training, boosting Airmen's readiness in emergency operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ◀

Building Meaning in Meaningful Buildings

The style of modern

correlating firmly with certain social-political philosophies. It

gutted seemingly non-functional

particularly decorative symbolism.

often not only reflects the function

of a building, but also accentuates

forms of human identity. Symbolic

architecture conveys abstract ideas

which are vital to human meaning

and purpose. Buildings around the

world built for religious ritual have

been discovered in remnants of all

the Americas to Africa and Eurasia.

something deep within the human

psyche longing for a meaningful

connection to the transcendent.

It's unsurprising contemporary

reacted sharply against modern

architecture's bare functionalism

to symbolism. This is evidenced in

buildings like Seoul's Lotte World

Tower which represents the aura of

a mountain arising out of the three

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ancient high civilizations – from

Such structures show there is

Ironically, it is symbolism which

elements from its buildings,



Ch, Lt Col James W Galyon PhD. MS. MDiv. MA Wing Chaplain, 51st Fighter Wing

Influential thought leaders, such as Simon Sinek, have recently promoted curiosity as a core leadership skill. Researchers at Harvard Business Review recently found 83% of executive level managers believe curiosity generates positive organizational change, while an SAS study revealed over half of managers maintained superior performers were noted for higher levels of curiosity. The impetus behind curiosity is thinking –

seeking to understand the how, what, and why of things. How often are you architecture (i.e., international curious – how often do you think – about buildings?

While pondering the war-ravaged British House of Commons, Winston Churchill reflected, "We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us." Pre-modern cultures and beliefs, though now considered by masses to be completely irrelevant and out-oftouch with modern sensibilities, understood the importance of buildings shaping us. Ironically, that ancient yet often ignored awareness seems to be inescapable, as both scientific research and architectural movements are demonstrating. Neuroscientists and psychologists have supplied ample evidence to validate Churchill's observation. Research shows buildings and cities can affect our mood and well-being, and cells in the brain's hippocampus attune themselves to the geometry of the spaces we occupy. Long before such research, psychiatrist Carl Jung maintained grand-scale religious structures found around the world are universal archetypes stemming from humanity's collective and are paying attention once more unconscious. Anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss likewise asserted they are materializations of the mind's intrinsic structures.

Korean motifs, and a bright future. modernism) dominated the last century. Typified by a pragmatic worldview, it is defined by its "form follows function" standard and unembellished aesthetic designs

On 29 February 2024, the new Osan AB Chapel will have its grand opening. There is much in it which reflects functional design, yet even much of that design points to something beyond the ordinary because of the building's inherent purpose. For instance, the spacious sanctuary's vaulted ceiling causes one to look up instinctively. It points to something above, something beyond, something transcendent. The sanctuary's massive window can't help but flood with sunlight what would otherwise be a dark cavernous space. It alters the feel of its confines tremendously, delivering a sense of awareness and warmth, and pointing to bright hope. The font at its front points to a natural element employed in a spiritual manner, causing one to reflect upon both its deep spiritualty and ancient symbolism. Everyone who serves at Osan AB, or who visits here, is welcome in the Chapel – invited not only to foster your spiritual, psychological, and social connection and growth. but also to thoughtfully explore Winston Churchill's observation about how our buildings shape us. I hope to see you especially on 29 February!

circles of natural energy, traditional

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

Catholic Holy Mass Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

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

> Protestant Worship Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)

> The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Sunday at 1300 (Chapel)

Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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

OSAN AIR BASE

The New Chapel is Open for Worship Services Building 780

Chapel Worship Services:

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Catholic Sunday Mass Sunday @ 1130

Catholic Daily Mass is held in Room 173 Tuesday — Thursday @ 1130

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

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND MINISTRY AUXILIARIES

MON. WED 1830 Catholic Men of the Chapel - Freedom
TUES 1000-1200 Korean Ladies Bible Study (KLBS) - Freedom
TUES 1800-2000 Club Beyond Christian Youth Group - 4CMC
*Summer Break until 30 August
WED 0930-1145 Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) - 4CMC
*Summer Schedule: 1800-2030 (until 28 August)
1830-2030 PWOC Evening Study - 4CMC
WED 1000-1200 Korean Catholic Women Bible study - Freedom
1730-1930 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom
WED 1830-2000 Church of Christ Mid-Week Bible Study - Pacific
THUR 0915-1130 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom
THUR 1800-2000 Protestant Men of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom
THUR 1800-2000 Royal Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom
THUR 1800-8000 Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) - 4CMC

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1600-1700 Reconciliation/Contession (Saturdays)
1640 Rosary/Benediction (Saturdays) • 1730 Vigil Mass (Saturdays)
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PAGAN Traditions
Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship
POC: CPT Ryan S Robinson ryan s robinson 14 mg/m

BUDDHIST
Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service
POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri.mil@







orporals Course: U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Hunter Knutson, 726th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron Fly-Away Security Team member, performs physical training exercises during a U.S. Marine Corps Corporals Course at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Jan. 22, 2024. The course, hosted by the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 261, ensured service members' ability to receive their required Professional Military Education during deployment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Allison Payne) ◀

eoptimizing for Great Power Competition: : Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall leads the panel discussion "Reoptimizing for Great Power Frank Kendali leads the panel discussion Reoptimizing for Great Power Competition: A Senior Leaders Discussion" with Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller Kristyn Jones, performing the duties of the under secretary of the Air Force, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David W. Allvin and Chief of Space Operations Gen. Chance Saltzman during the Air and Space Forces Association 2024 AFA Warfare Symposium in Aurora, Colo., Feb. 12, 2024. AFA is a premier professional development event for the Department of the Air Force with a focus on the critical concerns and challenges of joint warfare in all around the globe. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich) ▼



esting Raptor: An F-22 Raptor with the 525th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, rests on the airfield after receiving fuel from a C-17 Globemaster III from Joint Base Charleston, S.C., during exercise Bamboo Eagle 24-1 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Feb. 2, 2024. BE 24-1 was a first-of-its-kind exercise that provided Airmen, allies, and partners a flexible, combat-representative, multidimensional battlespace to conduct testing tactics development and advanced training in support of national interests. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Curt Beach)

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25th FGS APG keeps A-10s ready to "Fight Tonight"

By Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- The 25th Fighter Generation Squadron plays a crucial role in ensuring that Osan's fleet of 24 A-10C Thunderbolt IIs' are safe and functional for the pilots to fly, and airframe, powerplant and general, or APG, carries out a large part of this role.

The 25th FGS is separated into a variety of specialties that each focus on a unique aspect of the APG, weapons and specialist sections.

"APG's mission is to maximize maintenance effort and effectively produce fully mission-capable aircraft to support the flying schedule, while prioritizing the safety of the pilot and the aircraft," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Christopher Freund, 25th FGS APG section chief. "APG troops are skilled mechanics and problem solvers, because we inspect and service the aircraft with the capability of fixing a wide range of mechanical issues for the aircraft in a timely manner."

APG technicians maintain mission-capable aircraft by carrying out duties that span from documenting completed maintenance to launching and recovering the aircraft, all done with a level of consistency that provides a standard of safety for the aircraft.

"As a dedicated crew chief, we ensure the maintenance we do meets operational standards and all of the corresponding paperwork is filled out properly for the aircraft in the squadron," said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Mitch Yuncker, 25th FGS APG dedicated crew chief. "If we determine a part of the aircraft is not safe for flight, APG is responsible for fixing it or routing it to the appropriate shops to be fixed, returned, reinstalled and inspected all before that aircraft is permitted to fly again."

Crew chiefs shoulder the responsibility of maintaining a standard of precision throughout all of their daily duties, from the foreign object debris walks at the start of the day to certifying the safety of the aircraft after the final inspection on the runway.

APG Airmen wear many hats, and the hats worn emphasize the importance of this team's role in the sustainment of operations within the 51st Fighter Wing.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Tucker Arnold, 25th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, climbs down a ladder during a pre-flight inspection at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2024. Crew chiefs play a significant role in the safety procedures and functionality of the aircraft. Airmen from the 25th FGS ensure that the A-10C Thunderbolt II is fully capable of flight and delivering weapons to designated targets in the event of any potential threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal) ▲



1st Class Tucker Arnold. 25th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, conducts a pre-flight inspection at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2024. Crew chiefs fall under the airframe, powerplant and general flight. APG from the 25th FGS directly impacts the "Fight Tonight" mission, by ensuring that the aircraft from the 25th Fighter Squadron are mission capable. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal) ◀

U.S. Air Force Airman



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Tucker Arnold. 25th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, communicates with a pilot during a pre-flight systems check at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 22, 2024. Airframe, powerplant and general Airmen are responsible for final pre-flight inspections to prevent the aircraft from being flown with malfunctions or hazards. (U.S. Air Force photo by **Airman 1st Class Chase** Verzaal) ◀

Osan celebrates ALS Class 24-A

By Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Osan Air Base hosts the Airman Leadership School Class 24-A graduation ceremony at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. ALS is the first level of professional military education for enlisted Airmen. It serves as an entry-level leadership enhancement course, designed to prepare Airmen for leadership positions within the USAF.

Attendants of the Airman Leadership School Class 24-A graduation stand at attention during the national anthem at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. ALS prepares Airmen and Guardians to be adaptable and learn how to operate in complex and ambiguous environments through the application of four outcome-based objectives focusing on military culture, mission, leadership and problem-solving. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo)





U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. April Sacluti, 51st Maintenance Group unit training manager, is presented with the John L. Levitow Award during the Airman Leadership School Class 24-A graduation at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. The Levitow Award is the highest award presented to the student that demonstrates the most outstanding leadership and scholastic qualities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo)



Airman Leadership School Class 24-A prepares to graduate during the ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. ALS is a resident Community College Air Force affiliated program that consists of 192 curriculum hours. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo) ▲





U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Timothy Mims, 51st Maintenance Squadron Electronics non-commissioned officer in charge, sings the national anthem during the Airman Leadership School Class 24-A graduation at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. ALS is the first level of professional military education for enlisted Airmen. It serves as an entry-level leadership enhancement course, designed to prepare Airmen for leadership positions within the USAF. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo) ▼











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By Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Devin Baker, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon dedicated crew chief, was selected as Kunsan Air Base's Pride of the Pack for the week of Feb. 12-16.

"I am extremely thankful to my leadership I didn't even know they were putting me up for the award," said Baker. "I've only been here for two months so it's nice to know that my leadership values the work that the team and I have done."

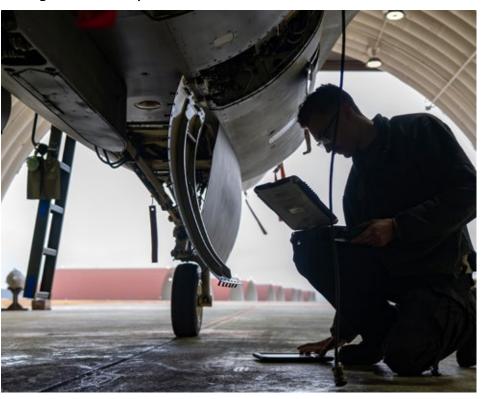
Upon arrival to the Wolf Pack, Baker has been determined to make a difference in his unit and improve how his team generates aircraft and improve aviation capacity at Kunsan AB and beyond. He trained 20 F-15C Eagle crew chiefs, assigned to the 44th Fighter Generation Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Japan, on F-16 aircraft servicing procedures.

Recently, Baker was hand-selected to lead a 17-person Multi-Capable Airmen initiative, supporting daily maintenance tasks, and flying operations for F-16s assigned to Kunsan AB. His selfless leadership was immediately felt, as he was pivotal in establishing and maintaining two additional aircraft refueling locations. These new locations enabled the rapid refueling of the squadron's F-16s increasing their agility to respond to mission objectives anywhere in the United States Indo-Pacific Command region region.

"This job can sometimes feel like a thankless job but I really enjoy doing it," said Baker. coming in every day to learn about the different parts of the aircraft, getting to know the pilots and at the end of the day seeing the jets in the sky... there is no better feeling."

Currently, his main goal is to complete his education and keep expanding into various jobs within the flight line to grow professionally. However, that doesn't mean he wants to stop doing what he is currently doing.

"I have been in for six years and still wake up and love my job every day," said Baker. "At this time there is no other job I would rather have in the Air Force." Staff Sgt. Devin Baker, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron dedicated crew chief, services an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. Baker was named Pride of the Pack for the week of Feb. 12-16 for his work generating airpower and for assisting in the creation of two new aircraft refueling locations, improving the 8th Fighter Wing's agility to respond to mission objectives anywhere in the United States Indo-Pacific Command region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲



Staff Sgt. Devin Baker, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron dedicated crew chief, services an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. Baker was hand-selected to lead a 17-person Multi-Capable Airmen initiative, supporting daily maintenance tasks, and flying operations for F-16s assigned to the Kunsan AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲

FSS Airman called to service, strives to make a difference

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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- "Why do you serve?" A question many active duty service members are all too familiar with, but few can answer quickly. For Staff Sgt. Huy Huynh, 8th Force Support Squadron food service accountant, the answer has always been clear,

"I've always wanted to make a difference in people's lives," said Huynh. "Coming to work and seeing people smile is a passion of mine."

Sacrifice and service are not unknown concepts for Huynh, who has seen family members serve and sacrifice for their countries.

"It means the world to carry on the legacy of the family that served before me, as well as to serve alongside my brother who is an Army Ranger, and my uncle who was recently promoted to Lt. Col. in the Vietnamese military," said Huynh

Huynh's actions spoke louder than his words during his tenure at Kunsan Air Base, where he filled multiple roles within his squadron and various organizations around the base. Serving as the Korean Filipino Association secretary, he capitalized on opportunities to connect Airmen with peers and grow their understanding of Asian cultures.

"Like most people, I didn't receive my first job selection," said Huynh. "But being in services is very rewarding; every day I get to come in and help the Airmen on base while supporting the bigger picture for the Air Force."

Huynh's service extends beyond the gates of Kunsan, as he has recently begun volunteering at a local orphanage.

"Before joined I was a nail technician working day in and day out, and one day it just hit me that I wanted to make a difference and help people who may be suffering," said Huynh. "It's a passion of mine to make people happy and smile, it keeps me going to continue to help the people that I can."

Now that his time at Kunsan AB is coming to an end, Huynh feels invigorated in his efforts to better the world and the impact he can have.

"While the world is not perfect, knowing that I can contribute, even in a small way, to bettering society or bring joy to someone's day is incredibly rewarding."



Staff Sgt. Huy Huynh, 8th Force Support Squadron food service accountant, wraps food for lunch service at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea Feb. 8, 2024. In his role as the food service accountant for both dining facilities administration centers on Kunsan AB, he is in charge of the largest customer base in Pacific Air Forces supporting 300,000 customers annually. (U.S Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Eaick) ▲





Staff Sgt. Huy Huynh, 8th Force Support Squadron food service accountant, prepares food for lunch service at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea Feb. 8, 2024. During his time at Kunsan AB, Huynh served as the secretary for the Korean Filipino Association and recently has been volunteering at a local orphanage. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲

Staff Sgt. Huy Huynh, 8th Force Support Squadron food service accountant, checks on the temperature of food while preparing for lunch service at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea Feb. 8, 2024. Huynh comes from a lineage of service following his brother who served in the U.S. Army and uncle who served in the Vietnamese military. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ◀

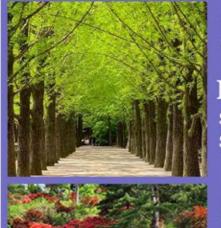
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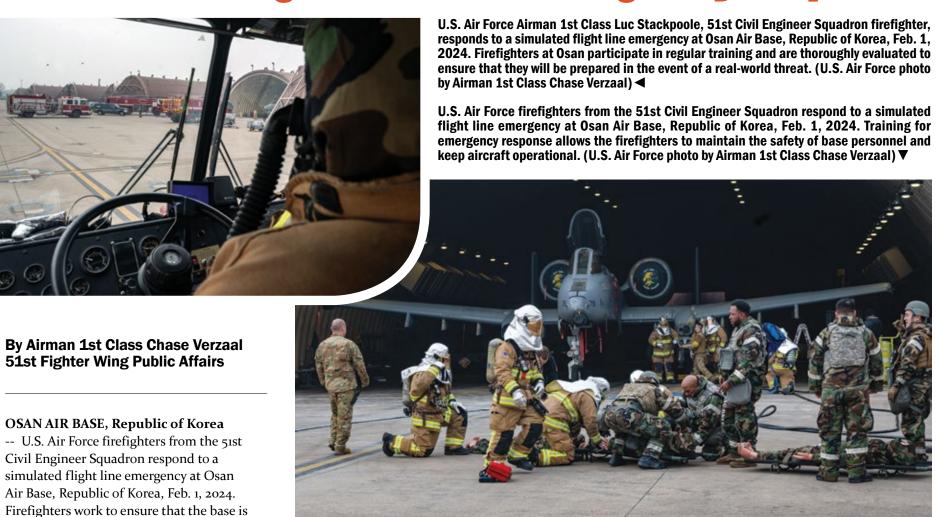
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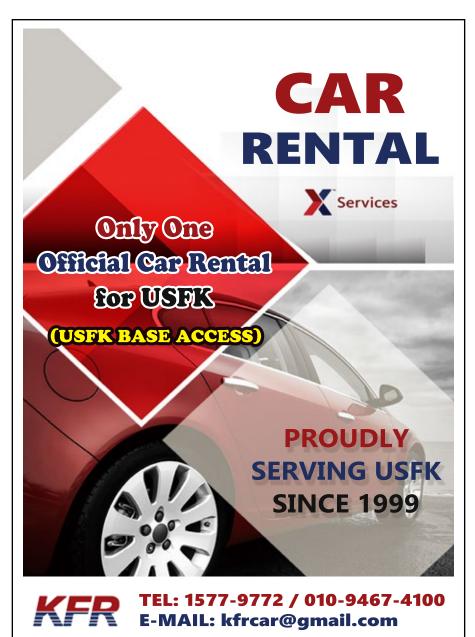




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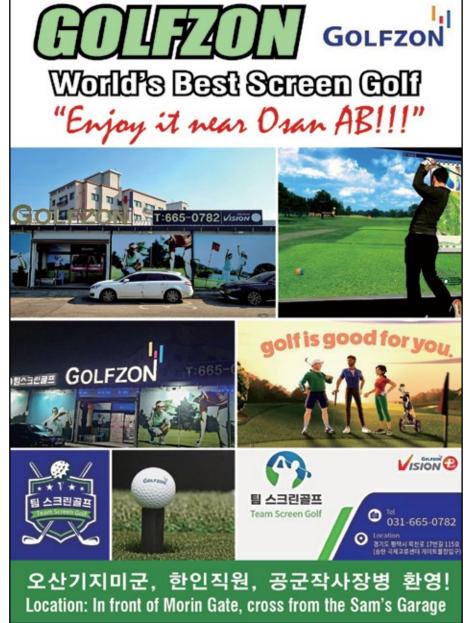
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Georgina Silva, 8th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, was selected as Kunsan Air Base's

Recently, Airman Silvia was alerted to a potential emergency on the installation while off duty. Senior Airman Silva immediately utilized her years of training and experience to assess the situation to determine the best approach for response, mitigating the potential impact on base assets and the Airmen serving on Kunsan AB.

Pride of the Pack for the week of Feb 5-9.

"I was called in on my day off by my supervisor who stated that we had a situation and I had five minutes to get out the door," said Silva. "Dirty and I were able to get out to the location and prevent any damage from happening."

Silva plays an integral role in base defense as part of the 8th SFS's military working unit. Her duties along with her MWD partner Dirty/D328, include the detection of explosives and narcotics and general deterrence.

Silva hopes to continue serving in the Air Force as a military training instructor or a first sergeant in the future and is passionate about developing the Airmen who are trusted in her care.

Congratulations to Senior Airman Silva and thank you for your dedication and leadership to the Airmen of the Wolf Pack.

Senior Airman Georgina Silva, 8th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, spends a moment with MWD Dirty after training together at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea Feb. 8, 2024. Silva was recognized for showcasing incredible professionalism when responding to a high-risk, high-pressure situation and safeguarding Kunsan AB assets. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Eaick) ▲





Senior Airman Georgina Silva, 8th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, and MWD Dirty apprehend a mock perpetrator at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea Feb. 8, 2024. Silva and Dirty responded to a call within Kunsan AB, and their actions mitigated the potential impact on base assets and lives of Airmen serving on Kunsan AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Eaick) ▲

Senior Airman Georgina Silva, 8th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, and MWD Dirty prepare to apprehend a mock perpetrator at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea Feb. 8, 2024. Silva won the Pride of the Pack for the week of Feb. 5-9 for her work in safeguarding Kunsan AB assets and personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Eaick) ◀



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