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Senior leaders from the U.S. 7th Air Force and Republic of Korea Air Force gather for a group photo during a Freedom Shield 24 Battle Field Circulation visit from ROK Gen. Kang, Shin Chul, Combined Forces Command deputy commander, at Osan Air Base, ROK, March 6, 2024. During the event, Kang received an exercise status brief, observed a U.S. F-16 and ROK F-15K static display, and met with 7th Air Force and ROKAF Operations Command leadership. Freedom Shield 24 is an 11-day exercise set to reflect the Korea Theater of Operations – a combined, joint, multi-domain and interagency operating environment, scheduled for March 4-14, 2024. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Elizabeth Davis)

Freedom Shield 24 begins

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USAG Humphreys, Republic of Korea — The ROK and U.S. are conducting Freedom Shield 2024, an 11-day exercise set to reflect the Korea Theater of Operations – a combined, joint, multi-domain, and interagency operating environment. The exercise began March 4 and continues through March 14, 2024.

This annual exercise aims to build understanding between Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea, the United Nations Command, and ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff, ensuring their ability to fortify the combined defense posture and enhance Alliance response capabilities against a spectrum

of security threats. It will feature live, virtual, constructive and field-based training, engaging personnel from the military services and other federal agencies.

One key aspect of the training event focuses on conducting multi-domain operations leveraging land, sea, air, cyber, and space assets with emphasis on counter nuclear operations and non-kinetic effects.

Exercise participants include service members from 12 United Nations Command Member States, (i.e., Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, France, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, and the U.S.), all contributing additional personnel. Furthermore, the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission will observe and conduct third-party observations of

the exercise, adhering to responsibilities outlined in the Armistice Agreement.

Conducted in the spirit of the Oct. 1, 1953, ROK-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty and in support of the Armistice Agreement, FS24 underscores the enduring military partnership between the ROK and the U.S. It reinforces the role of the Alliance as a linchpin for regional peace and security, reaffirming the unwavering commitment of the U.S. to defend the ROK.

In conjunction with FS24, ROK-led and U.S.-led units will conduct several large-scale, combined training sessions, enhancing interoperability and elevating combat readiness. These exercises aim to bolster security and stability not only on the Korean peninsula but also across Northeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific.



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8th Fighter Wing takes off for Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24



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

Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Fighter Wing's 80th Fighter Squadron and its fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons, departed Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22 to participate in Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 in the Kingdom of Thailand.

Cobra Gold is the largest joint exercise in mainland Asia and a concrete example of the strong alliance and strategic relationship between Thailand and the United States.

8th Fighter Wing units have maintained a consistent presence in this full-spectrum readiness exercise across its 43 iterations, supporting the strong alliance and strategic relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand and demonstrating its commitment to advancing shared objectives in the Indo-Pacific region.

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing taxis before take off en route to the Kingdom of Thailand to support Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. Cobra Gold demonstrates ongoing readiness to operate throughout the region in support of allies and partners while strengthening the interoperability of the joint, combined force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▶

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing takes off en route to the Kingdom of Thailand to support Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. Cobra Gold demonstrates the U.S. commitment to the region by building interoperability, multilateral cooperative arrangements, advancing common interests, and a commitment to our Allies and partners in ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲



A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing takes off en route to the Kingdom of Thailand to support Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. Cobra Gold is the largest joint exercise in mainland Asia and demonstrates a strong cooperative relationship with the allies and partners participating in the exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲



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U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nathan Jones, right, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 motor transportation operator, and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Andre Franklin, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution technician, fasten a fuel hose to an F-35A Lightning II at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. In tandem with the combined training mission U.S. Air Force and ROK Air Force pilots were conducting, Airmen assigned to the 8th LRS provided airfield familiarization and mission integration training to Marines currently embedded into their unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲

8th FW refuelers showcase Wolf Pack 5th generation integration capabilities

By Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick
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Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the Wolf Pack recently supported F-35A Lightning II's during a combined training exercise Feb. 22-23.

During the training, which was hosted by 7th Air Force, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel management specialists and Marines currently embedded with the squadron from the Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, assisted with the refueling of several F-35s as they landed at Kunsan AB and were preparing to relaunch.

The visiting fifth-generation fighter aircraft, assigned to the 4th Fighter Squadron at Hill AFB and currently forward deployed to Kadena AB, participated in several training scenarios focused on defensive counterair maneuvers. Alongside their counterparts in the Republic of Korea Air Force, the F-35 pilots strengthened their combined tactics, techniques, and procedures while bolstering interoperability between their units.

The Wolf Pack's fuels management specialists ensured the F-35s remained fully serviced and capable of conducting training across the Korean Peninsula while putting their follow-on forces



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Andre Franklin, left, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution technician, and U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Brandon Braly, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 motor transportation operator, prepare equipment prior to refueling an F-35A Lightning II at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. Kunsan showcased its ability to receive and support follow-on forces while supporting U.S. Air Force F-35 pilots and their ROK Air Force counterparts as they conducted combined training missions to enhance the continued interoperability between U.S. and Allied fifth-generation forces in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲

mission capabilities to the test all while conducting airfield familiarization and mission integration training with MWSS-172 Marines.

"This was my first time working with the F-35s but we approached it the same way we do the F-16s we have here at Kunsan," said Senior Airman Andre Franklin, 8th LRS fuels distribution technician. "Over those two days, we could support the visiting aircraft without missing a beat."

For the U.S. Marines, training with the 8th LRS served as their first opportunity to get their hands dirty and help fuel aircraft.

"Back at Kadena AB, we don't get the chance to fuel aircraft so being here and able to work up close and personal with the aircraft is a great opportunity," said Marine Lance Cpl. Nathan Jones, MWSS-172 motor transportation operator. "The thing that I'm looking forward to the most is the defueling operations because it is something I haven't done before."

The ability to support and project follow-on forces at Kunsan AB enables aircraft and joint services to forward deploy to the Korean Peninsula and participate in training events with ROK Allies. Conducting these operations builds upon the Ironclad Alliance of the U.S. and ROK, underpinning the shared priority of deterring threats to regional stability.



Four F-35A Lightning IIs assigned to the 4th Fighter Squadron, Hill Air Force Base and currently forward deployed to Kadena Air Base, taxi on the runway before take-off at Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. Kunsan AB supported the F-35A Lightning IIs during a combined training mission with the Republic of Korea Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲

Wolf Pack joins international partners in honing amphibious assault defense tactics

By Senior Airman Karla Parra
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

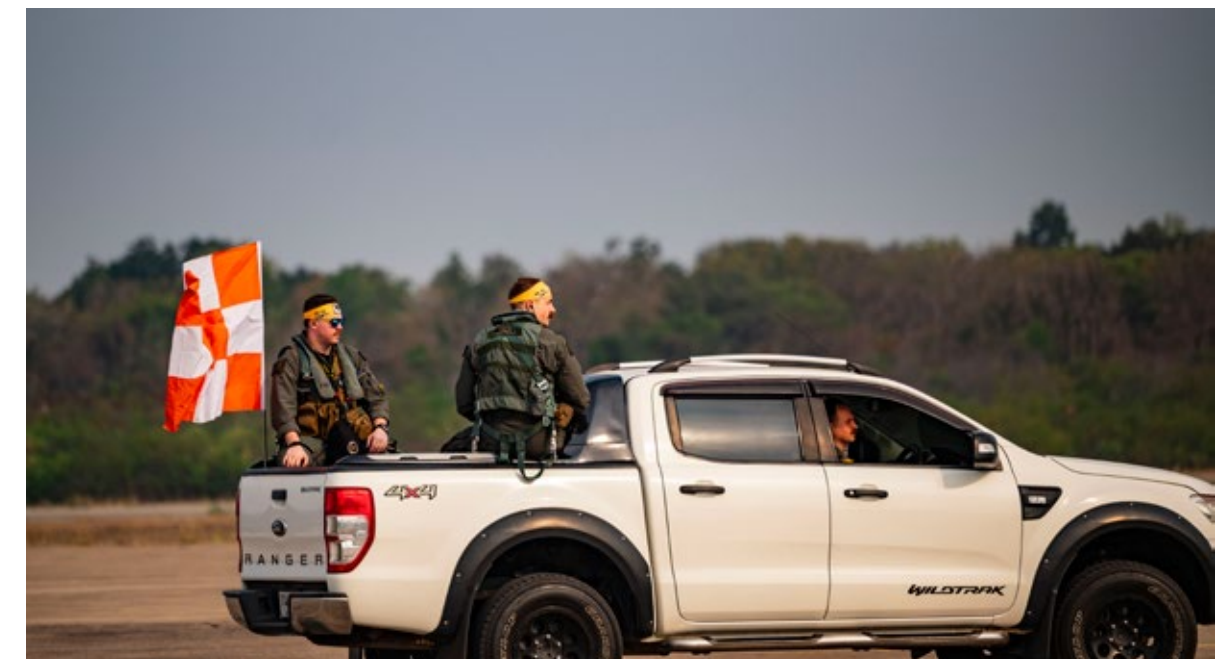
KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Kingdom of Thailand -- U.S. Air Force 8th Fighter Wing aircraft and personnel participated in an amphibious assault exercise as a part of Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Kingdom of Thailand, March 1.

Cobra Gold is the largest joint exercise in mainland Asia, exemplifies the U.S.' long-standing alliance with the Kingdom of Thailand, and reflects a shared commitment to preserving a peaceful, prosperous, and secure Indo-Pacific region.

Capt. Bjorn Nielsen, left, and Capt. Christopher Danieli, both 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots, ride towards their aircraft before participating in an amphibious assault exercise during Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Kingdom of Thailand, March 1, 2024. Cobra Gold 24 demonstrates the combined force's ongoing readiness to project forces throughout the region in support of allies and partners to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karla Parra) ►



Airman 1st Class Benjamin Dunham, 80th Fighter Squadron dedicated crew chief, greets Capt. Bjorn Nielsen, 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Kingdom of Thailand, March 1, 2024. Nielsen led U.S. Air Force integration into an amphibious assault exercise scenario during Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 to build interoperability of the combined joint force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karla Parra) ▲



Fortifying leadership: 51st FW implements Lead, Develop, Care workshop

By Senior Airman Brittany Russell
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Nearly 100 enlisted, officer and civilian members assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing participated in a Lead, Develop, Care workshop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 26 – 1 March, 2024.

LDC is a transformative leadership workshop that explores practical leadership, rather than leadership theory. It offers a framework for how to think like a leader through pragmatic decision-making techniques that guide leaders to optimal solutions.

“When I read ‘Lead, Develop, Care’ shortly before retirement, I wished somebody had introduced me to the model 30 years earlier,” said retired U.S Air Force Col. Patrick Donley, Air and Space Forces Association’s Doolittle Leadership Center director. “I knew this was the framework the military needed, so we adapted it to a military audience and began teaching the workshops at select bases.”

Donley shared the differences between the LDC framework and other well-known training models for development.

“We don’t focus on theory or ethics like most traditional leadership courses often do,” said Donley. “While these aspects can be helpful, the LDC approach focuses on exactly what you should be doing when you walk into the office tomorrow. We’re eliminating the ambiguity surrounding leadership.”

While traditional leadership courses provide students with new tools, LDC provides a lens for how to think about leadership; it gives students a leadership algorithm that helps them know which tools to use in which situations and why.

“Nearly 90% of this class said LDC was extremely helpful to them,” said Donley.

“Regardless of your rank or what you already know about leadership, LDC is an incredible supplement to add to your arsenal and bring back to your unit.”

U.S. Air Force Capt. Brianna Green, 51st Fighter Wing commander’s action group director, believes this course is essential to building solidarity within your unit.

“The LDC course really shows you how to think outside the box,” said Green. “It would be beneficial for people of all ranks to attend this class and have common ground. We’re all so diverse and this framework really shows you how to dig deep and create authentic cohesion.”

Donley has taught LDC to approximately 700 Airmen and Guardians across multiple bases, states, and countries, and the workshop’s reach continues to grow across the Air and Space Force.

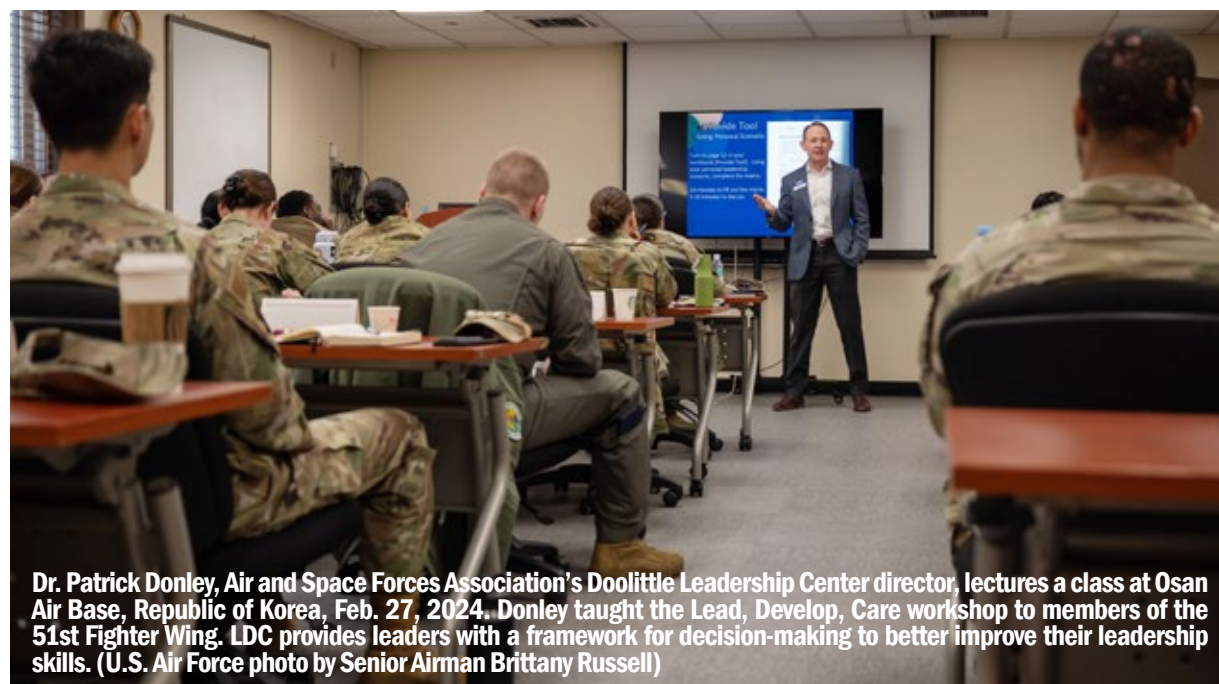
Through the LDC workshop, the 51st FW not only gained information for the pragmatic leadership framework, but also laid the foundation for enhanced unit cohesion, embodying the commitment to developing innovative leaders and investing in Osan today for tomorrow.



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing discuss class material during a Lead, Develop, Care workshop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 27, 2024. The Airmen attended the Air and Space Forces Association’s Doolittle Leadership Center’s LDC workshop. LDC teaches a pragmatic framework for enhancing decision-making, which ultimately bolsters unit cohesion and operational effectiveness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▲



Lead, Develop, Care attendees come together for a group photo after completing the LDC workshop at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 27, 2024. LDC is an Air and Space Forces Association’s Doolittle Leadership Center workshop designed to provide leaders with a practical framework for decision making. The 51st Fighter Wing is dedicated to providing resources that develop innovative leaders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▲



Dr. Patrick Donley, Air and Space Forces Association’s Doolittle Leadership Center director, lectures a class at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 27, 2024. Donley taught the Lead, Develop, Care workshop to members of the 51st Fighter Wing. LDC provides leaders with a framework for decision-making to better improve their leadership skills. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell)

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Capt. John Bove, 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, performs a gesture of squadron pride upon arrival from participation in a maritime strike exercise scenario as a part of Cobra Gold 24 exercise at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 29 Feb. 2024. Cobra Gold is the largest joint exercise in mainland Asia and exemplifies the U.S.'s long-standing alliance with the Thailand. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karla Parra) ▲

Wolf Pack demonstrates U.S. Air Force capabilities, ally support via maritime strike exercise

By Capt. Kaylin Hankerson
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KORAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, Kingdom of Thailand -- U.S Air Force 8th Fighter Wing aircraft and personnel participated in a maritime strike exercise scenario as a part of Joint Exercise Cobra Gold 24 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Kingdom of Thailand, Feb. 29.

Two F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 80th Fighter Squadron integrated with U.S. Army AH-64 Apaches, a U.S. Navy P-8 Poiesden, Royal Thai Air Force JAS-39s, and Royal Thai Navy vessels to find, target, and destroy simulated maritime targets in the Gulf of Thailand. Designed to test the interoperability of joint and multinational assets, the exercise scenario demonstrated the combined force's readiness to operate throughout the region.

"We integrated and put together all the different components from the other services and countries," said Capt. Kevin Saval, 80th Fighter Squadron pilot and mission commander. "I think the biggest learning point in the scenario for all was fine-tuning the communication flow...



Capt. Kevin Saval, 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, disembarks an F-16 upon arrival from a multinational maritime strike training scenario during Cobra Gold 24 exercise at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, Feb. 29, 2024. F-16s assigned to the 80th Fighter Squadron operated alongside allies and partner nations in a scenario designed to test the interoperability of multinational assets and enhance the combined force's ability to respond rapidly and effectively to future crises. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karla Parra) ▲



Members from the 80th Fighter Generation Squadron provide maintenance support for the departure of an F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 80th Fighter Squadron, during Cobra Gold 24 exercise at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 29 Feb. 2024. F-16s assigned to the 80th Fighter Squadron operated alongside allies and partner nations in a scenario designed to test the interoperability of multinational assets and enhance the combined force's ability to respond rapidly and effectively to future crises. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karla Parra) ▲

pushing information from the ground assets, from the naval assets to us in the air and back was great training."

The 8th Fighter Wing, also known as the Wolf Pack after the success of Operation Bolo launched from Ubon Air Base, Kingdom of Thailand in 1967, has maintained participation throughout Joint Exercise Cobra Gold's 40-year history. Each year, aircraft and support personnel forward deploy for the opportunity to demonstrate U.S. Air Force capabilities, work with Royal Thai Air Force counterparts, and develop a strong combined force.

"Cobra Gold is an invaluable opportunity for personnel from all participating nations to engage and improve the combined force," said Col. Matthew C. Gaetke, 8th Fighter Wing commander and Cobra Gold 24 U.S. Air Forces commander. "Bringing the Juvats [80th Fighter and Fighter Generation Squadron] out to this iteration of the exercise and seeing our young airmen test their abilities to operate alongside our allies and mission partners proves how strong we can be together as one force toward a common goal."

Cobra Gold is the largest joint exercise in mainland Asia, exemplifies the U.S.' long-standing alliance with the Kingdom of Thailand, and reflects a shared commitment to preserving a peaceful, prosperous, and secure Indo-Pacific region.

"The Kingdom of Thailand is one of our [the U.S.'s] oldest treaty allies," said Gaetke. "And Cobra Gold is just one way we work together, help each other get better, and practice tackling the kinds of tough problems no single country can solve alone."



Senior Airman Thomas Purdy, 80th Fighter Generation Squadron dedicated crew chief, performs preflight procedures for an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Cobra Gold 24 exercise at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, Feb. 29, 2024. Cobra Gold is the largest joint exercise in mainland Asia and exemplifies the U.S.'s long-standing alliance with the Kingdom of Thailand. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karla Parra) ◀



Two F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 80th Fighter Squadron, soar beside each other after participating in a maritime strike exercise scenario as a part of the Cobra Gold 24 exercise at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 29 Feb. 2024. Cobra Gold demonstrates U.S. commitment to the region by bringing allies and mission partners together to advance common interests of regional security and stability. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karla Parra) ◀



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 25th Fighter Generation Squadron brief Republic of Korea Air Force airmen on the capabilities and mission set of the A-10C Thunderbolt II during a Noncommissioned Officer Summit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The summit provided a rare opportunity for Airmen who do not typically work closely with ROKAF counterparts to gain a clearer understanding of their collaborative mission to deter aggression and defend the ROK. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg)

NCO Summit strengthens bonds between 51 FW and ROKAF Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Noncommissioned officers from the 51st Fighter Wing and the Republic of Korea Air Force came together for an NCO Summit Feb. 22, 2024, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, to foster collaboration and build on the solid foundation of partnership and alliance between the U.S. and ROK.

The summit provided a unique platform for NCOs to share insights, engage in discussions and partake in activities that fostered unity and camaraderie. Through briefings, shared meals, patch exchanges and tours of 51st FW aircraft such as the A-10C Thunderbolt II and the F-16 Fighting Falcon, participants gained a broader perspective of their collaborative roles in maintaining security on the Korean peninsula.

"The goal of the summit was to deepen the partnership and camaraderie among the E-5 and E-6 ranks, emphasizing teamwork at both the tactical and operational levels," explained U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Timothy Skelton, 731st Air Mobility Squadron operations superintendent and NCO summit organizer. "We paired 51st FW Airmen with their ROKAF counterparts in similar career fields to foster a mutual understanding of each other's operational tactics in both



Republic of Korea Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Oh, Kwang-Young, ROKAF Operations Command command chief, left, and U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, 7th Air Force command chief, respond to questions from U.S. and ROKAF noncommissioned officers during a Noncommissioned Officer Summit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The summit provided a unique platform for U.S. and ROKAF NCOs to share insights, engage in discussions and partake in activities that fostered unity and camaraderie. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ▲

peacetime and war. The event synchronized our approaches and enhanced our readiness to 'Fight Tonight.'"

The summit also facilitated new communication channels between the bilateral partners, fostering connections among front-line supervisors for future collaboration.

"I really enjoyed meeting some of our ROKAF partners and getting to know them on a personal and professional level," said Tech. Sgt. Mathew Hinson, 51st Comptroller Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of financial operations. "I learned how important it is to build relationships with our combined team, and how doing the little things like bridging the language gap can make us more effective."

During the summit, the NCOs had the opportunity to speak with Chief Master Sgt. Jeremiah Ross, 7th Air Force command chief, and Republic of Korea Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Oh, Kwang-Young, ROKAF Operations Command command chief, who both emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and the bonds these summits create.

Senior Master Sgt. Lee, Yu Ra, a ROKAF medic, reflected on the deeper connections forged at the summit.

"This summit not only bridged our forces but also forged deeper bonds of understanding and cooperation," said Lee. "It's a testament to the enduring strength of our partnership. Through shared discussions and experiences, our collaboration has grown stronger and I am leaving with a renewed sense of camaraderie and commitment."

The 51st FW plans to host future summits, reinforcing the ironclad U.S. and ROK alliance and ensuring the partnership's strength for years to come.

"This summit is just a small portion of what our two nations work together on," said Skelton. "It strengthens our coalition partnership while also fostering an understanding of each other's cultures, traditions and combat readiness mindsets. Not every Airman on Team Osan works side by side with our ROKAF counterparts, so having this opportunity brings clarity on why we are here and what we strive to achieve: to deter aggression and, if necessary, defend the ROK."



Republic of Korea Air Force airmen and U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing listen to a presentation during a Noncommissioned Officer Summit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The summit aimed to deepen the partnership and camaraderie among U.S. and ROKAF airmen in the E-5 and E-6 ranks, emphasizing teamwork at both the tactical and operational levels. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ▲



From the left, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Eric Varner, 731st Air Mobility Squadron load planning supervisor, Republic of Korea Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kwon, Sun Beom, ROKAF transportation specialist, and Airman 1st Class Jayden Patrick Ramirez, 25th Fighter Generation Squadron aircraft armament systems specialist, examine mechanics on an A-10C Thunderbolt II during a Noncommissioned Officer Summit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. During the summit, NCOs from the 51st Fighter Wing and ROKAF were briefed on the capabilities and mission profiles of the 51st FW's aircraft, enhancing their understanding of their collaborative responsibilities in upholding security across the Korean peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ▲

Republic of Korea Air Force airmen and U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing pose for a group photo during a Noncommissioned Officer Summit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The summit played a pivotal role in strengthening the U.S. and ROK alliance by deepening mutual understanding and operational readiness among the NCO corps, solidifying the partnership as a cornerstone of regional security. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ◀

Osan Airmen enhance readiness through combatives certification

By Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Airmen assigned to the 621st Air Control Squadron and 607th Air Operations Center were certified as combatives instructors through the general track of the U.S. Air Force Combatives Instructor Certification Course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 21-29, 2024.

The 621st ACS and 607th AOC intend to utilize these new certifications to tailor a combatives program to their operational needs and enhance the readiness of their entire unit. The newly certified instructors emerging from the course will be pivotal in deepening Osan Airmen's understanding of combatives and ensuring they retain skills through consistent training.

"These skills can be extremely useful, but it requires consistent training to ensure that they stick with you," said Virgilio. "Regular training in combatives supports the 'Fight Tonight' mission in the sense that you have to always be ready, because the alternative is losing the ability to fight if you neglect it."

The 621st ACS impacts the "Fight Tonight" mission by supporting training and contingency operations of the 51st Fighter Wing, providing lethal tactical battle management for the Air Component Commander during armistice and war.

Combatives instructors assigned to the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron from Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, and Dyana Bullinger, the Air Force Academy director of operations for the Air Force Combatives Center of Excellence, traveled to Osan to certify Airmen across the installation in instructing combatives.

The week-long certification course trained Airmen in instructing numerous physical and cognitive activities designed to improve responses to immediate threats.

"Combatives is similar to combat sports, with the integration of weapons and with fewer rules," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Virgilio, 5th CCSS master combatives instructor. "In a fight, there aren't rules, and the skills learned from this course teach Airmen ways to respond to life-threatening situations."

Throughout the week, Airmen learned the history of the combatives program, along with a hands-on portion focusing on stances, strikes, footwork, grappling and other effective combative tactics.

"Having the ability to spread the knowledge of skills like combatives is highly sought after in the Air Force, because it is an indicator of multi-capable Airmen," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Steven Ayala, 621st ACS air battle manager. "If a time ever comes where we need to handle a real world scenario, we will have the ability to teach it and do it no matter where we go or what situation we end up in."

Learning combatives has a plethora of benefits for service members, such as the ability to maintain physical fitness as well as gaining an enhanced skill set that could become a useful tool in the event of a real world threat.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Breyon Kamoze, 621st Air Control Squadron battle management operator, left, and Senior Airman Jeanette Casiano, 621st ACS weapons director, participate in a cognitive response exercise utilizing circadian eye charts during a combatives instructor certification course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal) ◀



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jordan Smith, 621st Air Control Squadron weapons director, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeronimo Drouet Jr., 621st ACS weapons director, spar during a training exercise as part of a combatives instructor certification course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. Creating training scenarios that are realistic allow the trainees to respond as if it was a real world threat. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal) ◀



U.S. Air Force combatives instructors from the 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron teach steps for handling an opponent during a combatives instructor certification course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. Airmen that participated in the course become multi-capable as they are now certified to instruct Air Force personnel in combative tactics. The 621st Air Control Squadron and 607th Air Operations Center intend to utilize the new certifications to tailor a combatives program to their operational needs and enhance their ability to support the 51st Fighter Wing's combat lethality. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Chase Verzaal) ▲

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U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Randall Kitchens, Department of the Air Force chief of chaplains, cuts the ribbon with Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, during the Osan Air Base Chapel Grand Opening Ceremony at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2024. With the growing number of families and joint units on Osan AB, the new chapel was built to adequately support the growing population. The new chapel commits to maintaining its service to Airmen for the next 50 years, demonstrating an investment in Osan today for the Airmen of tomorrow. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo)

Osan celebrates new chapel during grand opening

By Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- After years of hard work and construction, the doors to the new Osan Air Base Chapel were opened to the public for the first time at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2024.

The event celebrating the opening of the facility included a ribbon cutting ceremony. U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Randall Kitchens, Department of the Air Force chief of chaplains, cut the ceremonial ribbon, marking the official opening of the new chapel. Senior leaders from throughout the Department of Defense attended to commemorate the new chapter in Osan's religious history.

Kitchens elaborated on his enthusiasm to join in the celebration with members of the community. He previously served as the senior Protestant chaplain from 2005-2008 at Osan where he saw the planning of the new chapel.

During his tour, he became friends with a groundskeeper of the chapel, Tadu. He had worked for the chapel for 57 years and unfortunately passed before he could see the new building.

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U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Randall Kitchens, Department of the Air Force chief of chaplains, and Senior Airman Aaron Plumley, 51st Fighter Wing religious affairs airman, cut a cake during the Osan Air Base Chapel Grand Opening Ceremony at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2024. Service members celebrated the opening of the new chapel as well as the 75th birthday of the Air Force Chaplain Corps. The new chapel commits to maintaining its service to Airmen for the next 50 years, demonstrating an investment in Osan today for the Airmen of tomorrow. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo) ▲

CANDLE SAFETY

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires – and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

According to National Fire Protection Association, Candles caused 4% of reported home fires, 3% of home fire deaths, 6% of home fire injuries, and 4% of the direct property damage in home fires.

U.S. fire departments responded to an annual estimated average 5,910 home structure fires started by candles. These fires cause an annual average of 74 civilian deaths and 558 civilian injuries, as well as \$257 million in property damage.

The rate of 94 injuries per 1,000 reported candle fires was nearly three times the rate for all home structure fire causes.

In 21% of home structure candle fires, the candle was either left unattended, discarded, or otherwise misused.



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 2. Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
 3. Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
 4. Don't burn a candle all the way down – put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
 5. Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
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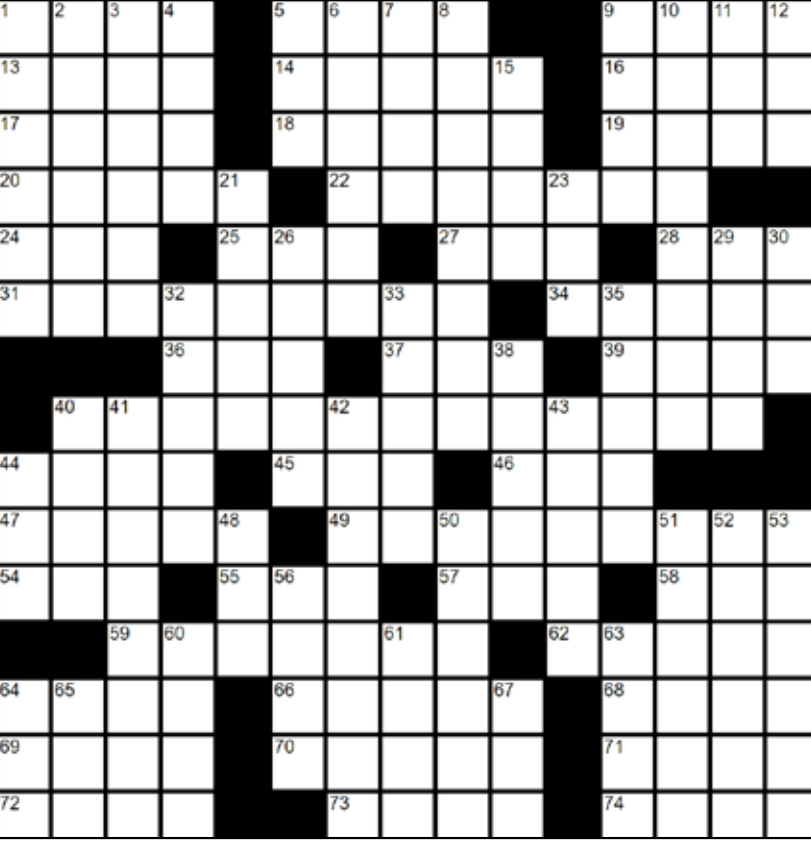
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



- ACROSS**
- 1 Eureka moments
 - 5 Ant or Driver
 - 9 UFO cult leader
 - 13 Armored fighting vehicle
 - 14 Lonely flights
 - 16 Helper
 - 17 ___-a-tete
 - 18 Goes with secret or travel
 - 19 Korean version of 73 across
 - 20 Pains
 - 22 Pod vegetables
 - 24 Guerrilla Guevarra
 - 25 Dubai country
 - 27 "___-Bak: Muay Thai Warrior"
 - 28 Pressure unit
 - 31 The "Dear Leader"
 - 34 Limbless animal
 - 36 Mercedes-___
 - 37 Something to pick
 - 39 Opposite of base
 - 40 The DM in DMZ
 - 44 Cab
 - 45 Not quite an EMT
 - 46 "Breaking Bad" channel
 - 47 Polished
 - 49 The mediator between Trump and Kim
 - 54 Korea ___ and Missile Defense
 - 55 Hanoi lunch
 - 57 US crime show franchise
 - 58 Hoppy beer
 - 59 Korean megacorporation
 - 62 Opposite of day
 - 64 Emanate
 - 66 Bascom and Sueno author
 - 68 Kenneth or Min-sik
 - 69 Bulletproof clothing
 - 70 Location
 - 71 "The Bridge ___ Gun Ri"
 - 72 Stair
 - 73 Japanese genre
 - 74 Fen-___
- DOWN**
- 1 Invade
 - 2 Gyeongbok Palace's stone defender
 - 3 "Aegukga" or "The Star-Spangled Banner"
 - 4 ___-ball machine
 - 5 Cool ___ cucumber
 - 6 Type of gearbox
 - 7 Direction for helm
 - 8 Previously considered Trump-Kim summit host
 - 9 Judge quality
 - 10 Sky territory
 - 11 Formerly Tokyo
 - 12 Allow
 - 15 Paralyze
 - 21 Finnish language
 - 23 Booker T's band
 - 26 Trajectory
 - 29 Side-slip
 - 30 Boobytrap
 - 32 Bamber or Oliver
 - 33 Opening credits
 - 35 Ancient Peruvian line-drawings
 - 36 Goes with fat or am
 - 40 Artist Salvador
 - 41 War game
 - 42 Incapable of movement
 - 43 DMZ-crossing river
 - 44 Airport security
 - 48 North Korean military force
 - 50 3 ___ in the afternoon
 - 51 Field army at Humphreys
 - 52 Galaxy S competitor
 - 53 Country
 - 56 Assistance
 - 60 Website prefix
 - 61 25 across neighbor
 - 63 Northrop Grumman EA-6B Prowler upgrade
 - 64 Eco-friendly cars
 - 65 NYC's largest art museum
 - 67 OECD nuke regulator

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| Answers to Previous Crossword | 22 KOREA | 59 MIRAE | 6 BULL | 38 LURES |
| | 24 YTN | 61 IRONIC | 7 SHOE | 39 ALIAS |
| | 26 TSP | 64 UTURN | 8 EMPTY | 43 SAR |
| | 27 NHK | 65 AIL | 9 OXEN | 45 TOE |
| | 28 TAU | 66 ATOLL | 10 PINOT | 49 OGN |
| | 31 AGO | 70 TENET | 11 SOULS | 51 SMUT |
| | 33 IMJIN | 71 LPG | 14 AVENGERS | 52 KITES |
| | 36 ISABELLA | 72 NOISE | 15 NEAP | 53 TRUNK |
| | 40 PEEVE | 73 SNA | 20 EAT | 55 DIALS |
| | 41 DUD | 74 SEA | 22 KHMER | 57 LIANG |
| | 42 RAULS | 75 GRADE | 23 OKJEO | 58 ACTOR |
| | 44 ROASTERS | | 25 TAB | 60 AREA |
| | 46 SVRIA | | 27 NIP | 62 RIPE |
| | 47 NCO | | 29 AIDE | 63 OLGA |
| | 48 PLO | | 30 USURP | 67 OIA |
| ACROSS | 50 EAR | 1 HID | 32 OLAY | 68 LSD |
| 1 HANJA | 52 VENUE | 2 ACE | 34 IVAN | 69 LEE |
| 6 BSE | 53 SKT | 3 NHF | | |
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| 12 ICHON | 56 CLASS | 5 ANIME | | |
| 13 UHM | | | | |
| 14 AXION | | | | |
| 16 DELHI | | | | |
| 17 LOP | | | | |
| 18 VENUE | | | | |
| 19 OMELET | | | | |
| 21 ENOLA | | | | |



Moving up in smoke: An Airman from the Idaho Air National Guard's 124th Medical Group and a Soldier from the Idaho Army National Guard's Charlie Company, 145th Brigade Support Battalion Medical Detachment, pass through smoke during a mass casualty combat exercise, Feb. 3, 2024, at Gowen Field, Idaho. A joint force of Idaho ANG Airmen, Idaho ANG Soldiers and U.S. Naval Reservists participated in the exercise. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur) ▲



Welcome to Texas: The 7th Bomb Wing leadership team greets B-1B Lancer crewmembers from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., on the flightline at Dyess AFB, Texas, Feb. 3, 2024. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Holly Cook) ▲

Wrapped up in blue: Air Force Academy's Wyatt Hendrickson completes a takedown during a wrestling match against California Baptist University, Feb. 3, 2024, during a meet at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Clune Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Falcon wrestling team began competition in 1957 and currently competes in the Big 12 Conference. In 1991, Air Force wrestling won the WAC championship, the first ever by any USAFA sports team. (U.S. Air Force photo by Rayna Grace). ◀

Breaking the ice: U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Owen Johnson, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, operates the basket of a GL-1800 deicing truck at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 13, 2024. During the harsh Alaska winter months, the mission of the 3rd Maintenance Squadron's deicing section is to safely put aircraft in the sky. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Tala Hunt) ►



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- 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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday and Thursday | 1700-1800 | Building 769, Resiliency Center Training Room
For additional information and a point of contact, visit the AA in Korea website at aainkorea.org

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Every Thursday | 0900-1100 | Building 1419, Human Performance Center (The building right behind the fitness center)
Osan AB offers free tobacco cessation classes to all DOD members by appointment only. The health promotion coordinator is available to help you break this habit, through counseling, educational materials and health coaching. To make an appointment please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949AFA92BA5FAC61-tobacco>

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 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/#/>

Wingmen Helping Airmen Get Home

Saturdays | 2300-0400 | SED
WHAGH is a new program inspired by AADD, whose purpose is to ensure the safety and well-being of Airmen within the Songtan Entertainment District by escorting members to their residences. The WHAGH team is seeing POCs from each group (MDG, MSG, MXG, OG) who will coordinate with volunteers for their assigned month. Requirement of at least E-5s. If interested or for more information, please email 51fw.whagh.1@us.af.mil

FW TOWNHALL

March 13 | 1700-1800 | Officer's Club Ballroom
It's that time again! Join us for this month's Fighter Wing townhall. The central topic is Military and Family Housing, however, representatives from CE, MDG, FSS, School Liaison, and others will be in attendance and available for questions during the Q&A session. We hope to see you there!

Career Fair Osan Elementary School

March 15 | 1400 | Osan Elementary School
Osan Elementary School is hosting a career day for their students. Please volunteer to come out and speak about your career, perhaps share a demonstration, and/or have an activity for the children. They are looking for all career fields. Let's introduce the next generation of Airmen to an amazing career in the Air Force. Examples of career field needs: IT, Cyber Security, Medical, Maintainers, Logistics, Finance, Chaplain, Security forces, Engineers and everything in between. POC: OES Counselor Mrs. Benton, please also CC School Liaison, April Kersey and Mrs. Benton, xionaida.benton@dodea.edu

Osan Express New Hours of Operation

March 16 | Osan Exchange
Osan Exchange share information of Updating Hours of operation Osan Express POC: Osan Main Store Manager, Mr. Sok, Myong-chang. Email: sokmy@aafes.com and phone: 070-7580-1826 (Ext.7)

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| Emergency Services | 911 | | |
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| 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 | | | |
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| Emergency Services (Fire, Medical, Security Police) | 911 | Commander's Hotline | 784-4811 |
| Off Base/Cell Emergency | 031-661-9111 | Crime Stop: (to report a crime) | 784-5757 |
| Emergency Room: | 784-2500 | IG Complaints FWA Reporting: | 784-1144 |
| Base Locator: (after duty hours) | 784-4597 | Emergency Leave | 784-7000 |
| Force Protection Information Hotline: | 115 | Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) | 784-7272 |
| Chaplain (After duty hours) | 784-7000 | Security Forces Control Center | 784-5515 |

U.S. Navy Secretary visits Osan AB



U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. William E. Souza III, Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Korea, right, greets Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, during a visit to Osan Air Base, Feb. 25, 2024. Secretary Del Toro traveled to the Indo-Pacific to meet with allies and partners to further maritime cooperation, explore opportunities to collaborate with the Republic of Korea and Japan on commercial and Naval shipbuilding, and engage with Sailors, Marines, and Department of the Navy civilians forward deployed to the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Eric Burks) ▲



U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. David R. Iverson, Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces Korea; Commander, Air Component Command, United Nations Command; Commander, Combined Air Component Command, Combined Forces Command; and Commander, 7th Air Force, right, greets Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, during a visit to Osan Air Base, Feb. 25, 2024. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Eric Burks) ▲



U.S. Army Gen. Paul J. LaCamera, Commander, United Nations Command, ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, sits with Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, at the 7th Air Force headquarters during a visit to Osan Air Base, Feb. 25, 2024. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Eric Burks) ▲

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U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, briefs the new Communication Action Plan during a town hall at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. The plan lays out a robust framework aimed at enriching the 'Osan Experience' by building trust through consistent and clear messaging from the moment Airmen and their families are notified of their assignment until their departure. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ►

51st FW
Launches
Communication
Action Plan at
Osan Air Base

By Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Fighter Wing recently debuted its comprehensive Communication Action Plan designed to enhance the flow of information and support for Airmen and their families at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

The plan lays out a robust framework aimed at enriching the 'Osan Experience' by building trust through consistent and clear messaging from the moment Airmen and their families are notified of their assignment until their departure.

“Our goal is to ensure that every person at Osan, from our service members to their families, feels informed, connected and integral to our mission,” explained U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, commander of the 51st Fighter Wing. “This plan is a testament to our dedication to transparency, support, and community engagement.”

To kick off the plan, the 51st FW command team hosted its inaugural town hall meeting on Feb. 14, where McKibban discussed the benefits of the new initiative for service members and their families.

Central to the CAP is the creation of the Mustang One-Stop, a digital repository for all base

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Brian Low, 51st Mission Support Group deputy commander, briefs new parking measures during a town hall at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. The town hall was a part of the 51st Fighter Wing's new Communication Action Plan. As part of the plan, Osan will hold monthly town halls to foster open dialogue, address concerns and keep the base community well-informed about ongoing developments and initiatives. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ►



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U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, briefs the new 51st FW Communication Action Plan during a town hall at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 15, 2024. The Communication Action Plan is designed to enhance the flow of information and support for Airmen and their families at Osan AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ►

information, set to complement the existing official web presence. The One-Stop is engineered to be user-friendly and will serve as the go-to resource for Airmen and their families, streamlining their access to vital information.

Additionally, the command team will host monthly town halls to foster open dialogue, address concerns, and keep the base community well-informed about ongoing developments and initiatives.

Improving in-person touchpoints such as the Newcomers Orientation and Ready Mustang Program is also a focal point. These events are critical for communication and will be modernized to ensure they provide timely and relevant information to attendees.

Maj. Wes Gray, 51st FW director of staff and CAP lead, has been working the initiative since its conception in the fall of 2023.

“The Communication Action Plan isn't just for our current Airmen; it's a legacy we're building,” Gray emphasized. “It will serve those stationed at Osan now and will continue to enhance the base experience for

“I'm sure he's smiling today seeing this beautiful facility,” said Kitchens. “He always treated the chapel as if it was the most sacred place. Today he would have a smile on his face and this is a fitting place to yield hope, peace and unity.”

Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, expressed his excitement for the new building and the opportunities it brings to the community.

“The previous chapel served Airmen for more than 50 years at two different air bases,” said McKibban. “This one promises to deliver and serve Airmen for another 50 years, symbolizing an investment in Osan today for the Airmen of tomorrow, as well as our commitment to providing top-notch support to our service members and their families.”

Prior to the opening of the new facility, religious services were conducted in various buildings around Osan. The new chapel allows for services to be held in a centralized location, making it easier for service members and families to fellowship.

“The chaplains are here to assist in maintaining spiritual, mental and social readiness,” said Lt. Col. James Galyon, 51 FW wing chaplain. “The new chapel allows for service members and their families to connect in a sacred space, and grants us the opportunity to execute religious support operations more efficiently.”

The celebration also included a cake cutting to honor the 75th birthday of the Air Force Chaplain Corps. The theme for the anniversary was honoring the past, inspiring the future: 75 years of freedom, faith and ministry.

“The beautiful new chapel sits appropriately at the center of our community,” said McKibban. “It promises to enhance not only our strengths in worship, but our social connections, resilience and education efforts here at Osan.”



future generations.”

Sarah Reeves, 51st Fighter Wing Key Spouse Mentor, expressed optimism about the new strategy.

“I'm thrilled about the Communication Action Plan,” said Reeves. “This promises to be a game-changer for how our Airmen and families locate and connect to this information, and it strengthens our entire community's ability to support one another.”

With the CAP now in action, the wing looks toward a future of improved readiness and a strengthened community, reaffirming its commitment to its Airmen and their families.

To learn more about Mustang One-Stop, visit <https://www.51fss.com/mustang-one-stop/>.



Service members listen to a speech during the Osan Air Base Chapel Grand Opening Ceremony at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2024. The project was programmed 24 years ago and funded three years ago for \$15 million, with the assistance from the ROK. The new chapel commits to maintaining its service to Airmen for the next 50 years, demonstrating an investment in Osan today for the Airmen of tomorrow. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo) ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Rochelle Sampaga, 51st Comptroller Squadron resource advisor, sings the Korean national anthem at the Osan Air Base Chapel Grand Opening Ceremony at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2024. Construction of the new chapel began three years ago. The new chapel commits to maintaining its service to Airmen for the next 50 years, demonstrating an investment in Osan today for the Airmen of tomorrow. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Castillo) ◀

Spiritual Charge

Crimson Sky: Sustaining Authentic Longevity



MSgt Christopher A. Flavin
BA-Organizational Management
7AF/HC Religious Affairs Senior
Enlisted Leader

I find myself reflecting on my 19 years of military service more than ever. Each new day a continuation of the journey that has defined my life and purpose. How did I stay authentic and able to have purposeful longevity even in the face of challenges and adversity? It is the spiritual charge within me that has

propelled me forward, sustaining my motivation and commitment to the mission and family, which this commitment is stronger than ever! Let's start with Longevity, it is not just about the number of years served but also about the enduring dedication to the values and principles that guide our actions. Over nearly two decades, I have learned that staying motivated requires more than just physical endurance; which is an obstacle itself, but demands a deep-rooted connection to something greater than oneself. My journey has been marked by moments of triumph and moments of despair, but through it all, one thing has remained constant: the PEOPLE. They are the heart and soul of the mission, the driving force behind every decision and action taken. They are my purpose. They should be your purpose. I've been asked throughout my career, "How have you sustained this charge over the years?" My answer, I have cultivated a mindset centered on three things. (PRC) Purpose, resilience, and compassion. Purpose

gives meaning to our actions, reminding us of the importance of our service and the impact we have on the lives of others. Resilience allows us to weather the storms that inevitably come our way, emerging stronger and more determined than before. And compassion reminds us that, ultimately, it is our connection to one another that defines us. As leader it's our responsibility to nurture and cultivate these values within our teams, ensuring that every individual feels valued, supported, and empowered to contribute their fullest. It is not enough to simply focus on the mission objectives; we must also prioritize the well-being and morale of those entrusted to our care. As I continue my service into the future, I carry with me the lessons learned, the importance of staying connected to our purpose, the resilience to persevere in the face of adversity, and the compassion to lift others up along the way. Next, Authenticity. You must maintain authenticity amidst the demands of military service, it's a vital aspect of longevity and personal

fulfillment. Throughout my journey, I have encountered individuals who, in their pursuit of success or conformity to the military culture, have risked losing sight of who they truly are. It's essential to remember that our identity is not solely defined by our rank or our uniform but by the values, beliefs, and experiences that shape us as individuals. As we navigate the complexities of military life, it is crucial to remain true to ourselves, honoring our unique perspectives and staying grounded. In the relentless pursuit of excellence, there may be pressure to conform to certain standards or expectations. However, it is important to resist the temptation to sacrifice for the sake of fitting in or advancing our careers. Staying true to ourselves enables us to maintain a sense of integrity and moral compass, guiding our actions and decisions even in the face of adversity. Stay true to who you are, forge genuine connections with teammates. It's contagious. This, to me, is our greatest advantage over our adversaries of the future.

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Surviving the elements: Special warfare tactical air control party Airmen with the 124th Fighter Wing's Air Support Operations Squadron participate in cold weather survival training at Cascade Lake in Donnelly, Idaho, Feb. 7, 2024. Through cold water submersion, Airmen are able to push themselves to the limit to learn valuable skills. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mercedes Wilds) ▲



Sniper support: Staff Sgt. Aaron Weaver, a 14th Air Support Operations Squadron tactical air control party craftsman, aims down his SCAR MK 20 sniper scope as a near-peer adversary for an opposition force at Santa Maria Regional Airport, Calif., during exercise Agile Flag 24-1, Jan. 27, 2024. The exercise focuses on increasing survivability and combat lethality through dispersion, flexibility, resiliency, agility and mission command. It is the latest U.S. Air Force investment in its capabilities, and it enables XAB Force Elements to operate at the speed, scope, complexity and scale needed in a modern-day threat environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner) ◀



Ease fire: Firefighters from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Fort Carson, Colo., and the Colorado Springs Fire Department dump water from air assets in their fight against the West Monument Creek Fire on the U.S. Air Force Academy campus in Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 26, 2024. As of 9 a.m., the fire was 20% contained and had burned 168 acres. (U.S. Air Force photo by Justin R. Pacheco) ▼



Striking a chord: Master Sgt. Daniel Santos, U.S. Air Forces Central Band guitarist, instructs a show attendee how to play a guitar during the Saudi World Defense Show near Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 7, 2024. The AFCENT Band travels throughout Central and Southwest Asia performing community outreach concerts, school assemblies, military functions and diplomatic events hosted by the United States Embassies and their ambassadors. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo) ◀

Crafting a passion: 8th OMRS Airman uses skills to enrich units

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Everybody has something they consider a passion. Whether it is sports, cooking, reading or just deep diving into a discussion, people will find the things they like. But for one member at the Wolf Pack, that passion is and has been since childhood, a passion for art.

Art has been something that Senior Airman Tonesha Griffin, 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, has done since she was five years old. As a self-taught artist, she used images as guides to learn and heighten her skills, as well as create her forms of self-expression.

"My first love was traditional art, things like drawing and painting," said Griffin. "As a kid, I would take images from coloring books and trace over them with a pen until I could eventually draw them free-handed."

Throughout school Griffin continued to enhance her ability as an artist, taking classes and volunteering to create art when an opportunity arose.

"It was just one of those things that just became my thing," said Griffin. "I would find myself being the creative person in the group projects."

As Griffin progressed she saw opportunities to use art as a means to build a career and decided to follow through by pursuing an art degree in college.

"Out of high school I wanted to be a cartoonist but an animation program was not offered where I lived, so I chose to learn digital media and that is where I learned video and design," said Griffin. "That is also where I really fell into graphic design and learned everything I could about it. "It was really fun to do traditional art but also craft them into designs."

Joining the Air Force in 2021, Griffin now uses her knowledge of design and her passion for traditional art throughout her squadron and with other on-base organizations.

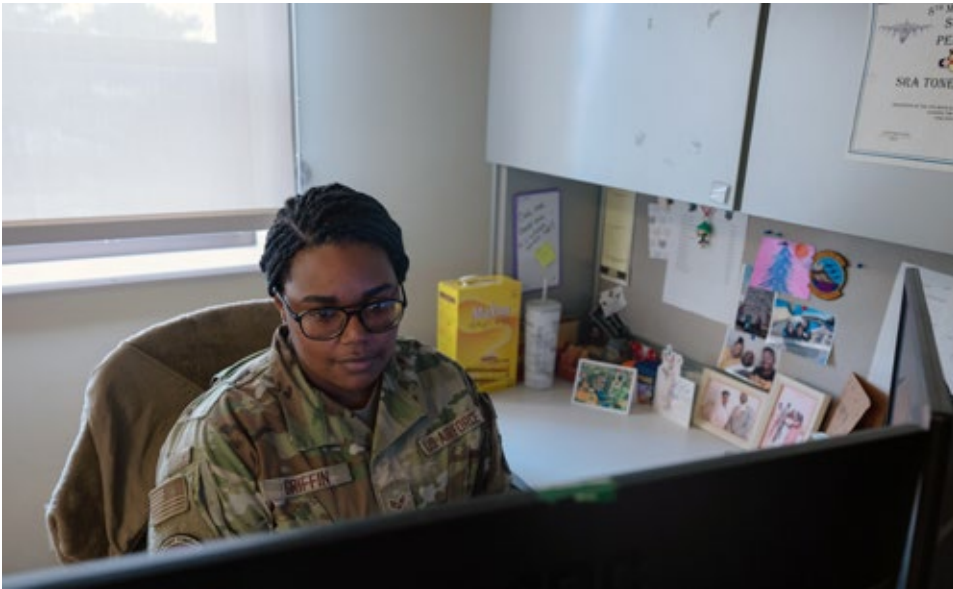
"At my last base, I became the resident public affairs and graphics person for my old squadron," said Griffin. "Here, I've made some logos for the medical group, and also some flyers for Kunsan's African American Heritage Committee."

Griffin sees making designs while in the Air Force as a new challenge to face and overcome.

"It really is problem-solving," said Griffin. "People come to me with ideas and ask if I can make something good from it. That is what I enjoy the most, the problem-solving."



Senior Airman Tonesha Griffin, 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, looks over digital images at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 26, 2024. Griffin studied graphic design and video production prior to joining the Air Force and uses it to enhance unit icons across organizations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



Senior Airman Tonesha Griffin, 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, completes medical document filing procedures at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 26, 2024. Griffin serves as the respiratory protection installation manager for her squadron while also volunteering her time to create graphics for various base organizations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



Senior Airman Tonesha Griffin, 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, starts a new project on a drawing tablet at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 26, 2024. Griffin began her journey with traditional art as a child and has transitioned to using her talents for Air Force units and private organizations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



Pride of the Pack

Senior Airman Erin Hardin

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Senior Airman Erin Hardin, 8th Fighter Wing paralegal, was selected as Kunsan Air Base's Pride of the Pack for the week of Feb. 26 - March 1.

Hardin was recently recognized for her work in researching ROK international laws and presenting those findings to the 8th Fighter Wing chapel which included various options for service members to be married while stationed at Kunsan AB.

Hardin showcased her leadership and drive as she served as the 8th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate office's non-commissioned officer in charge of civil law. In that role, she assisted more than 20 members file vehicle damage claims in response to malfunctioning vehicle barriers at various entry control points on the installation.

In addition to her normal duties, she also maintained a 4.0 grade point average while

attending college in pursuit of a higher education. Hardin plans to continue her career and educational advancements in hopes of becoming a commissioned Air Force judge advocate in the future.

"I am motivated to finish my degree and I plan on going to law school in the future so coming here I have focused on my studies as much as I can," said Hardin.

Hardin attributes her successes in accomplishing her career goals to her supportive leadership, which she says has given her every opportunity to succeed and set her up for her future.

"The leadership here is amazing, not only do they recognize the work that everyone here does and get to know us but also give us so many opportunities to grow and learn," said Hardin.

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication and drive in taking care of the Airmen of the Wolf Pack.

Senior Airman Erin Hardin, 8th Fighter Wing paralegal, prepares a courtroom before use at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2024. Hardin is the acting non-commissioned officer in charge of civil law and has assisted over 20 members in filing vehicle damage claims in response to malfunctioning vehicle barriers at entry control points. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲



Senior Airman Erin Hardin, 8th Fighter Wing paralegal, prepares legal documents at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2024. Hardin was awarded Pride of the Pack for her work in researching ROK international laws and presenting those findings to the 8th Fighter Wing chapel for implementation for the Airmen stationed at Kunsan AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲



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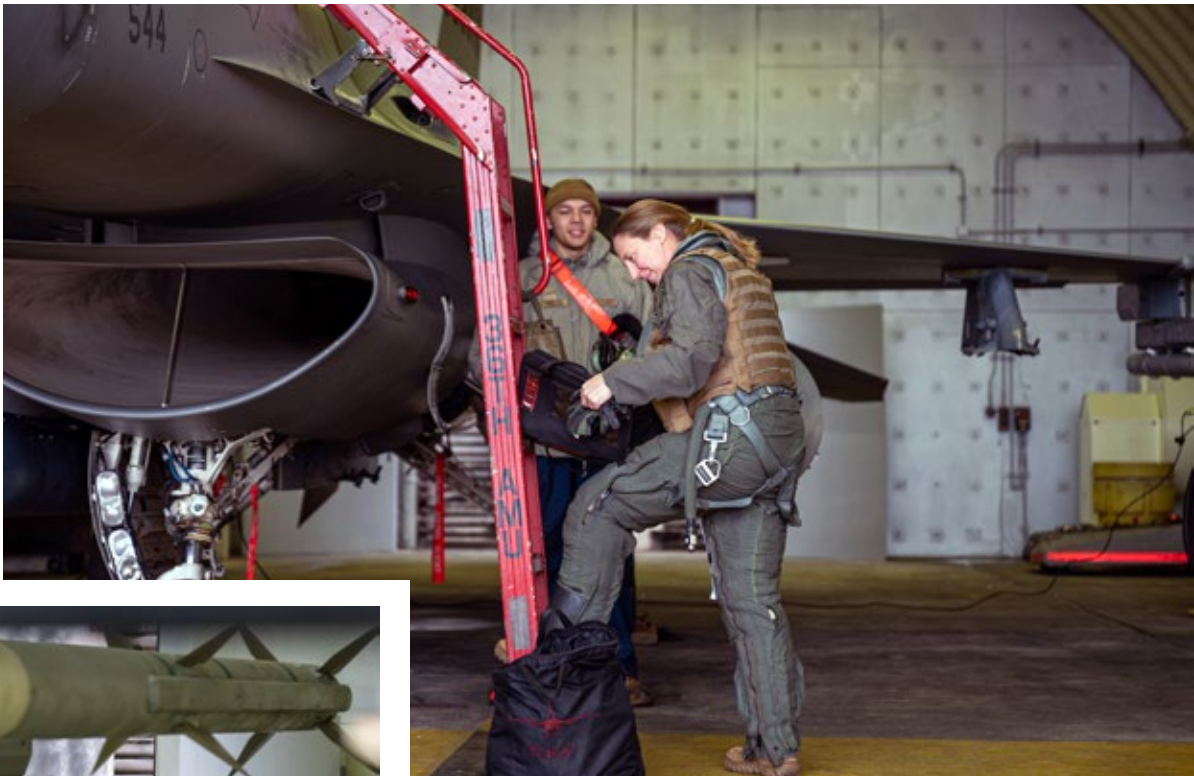
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Osan F16s enhance interoperability in Thirsty Fiend

By Staff Sgt. Kelsea Caballero
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Pilots from the 36th and 25th Fighter Squadrons, along with the 4th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, participate in Thirsty Fiend, a routine training event, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. Routine flying integration events boost development of strategic interoperability measures to ensure mission readiness in the event of real-world contingencies.



U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Gaetke, 51st Operations Group commander, conducts pre-flight checks with Airman 1st Class Nathan Reynolds, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, during routine training event Thirsty Fiend at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The event brought together pilots and aircraft from the 36th Fighter Squadron, 25th Fighter Squadron and the 4th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to train on strategic interoperability measures and ensure mission readiness by being able to seamlessly integrate with different units. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Caballero) ▲



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Nathan Reynolds, 36th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, conducts pre-flight checks on an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Thirsty Fiend, a routine training event, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 22, 2024. The 36th and 25th Fighter Squadrons, along with the 4th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, sharpened their abilities to foster partnerships, improve tactics, and boost interoperability. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Caballero) ◀

Wolf Pack Airmen win at 7th AF Annual Awards Ceremony

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 7th Air Force 2023 annual awards ceremony was held at Kunsan Air Base's Loring Club Feb. 26.

The ceremony recognized all the hard work the members of 7th Air Force, stationed at both Osan AB and Kunsan AB, provided throughout the year. This year, four members of the Wolf Pack were winners within their respective categories.

Jongyou Kim, 8th Mission Support Group, 7th AF Civilian Category II of the Year

Donnie Parish, 8th MSG, 7th AF Civilian Category III of the Year

Capt. Susan McLeod, 8th Maintenance Group, Company Grade Officer of the Year

Maj. Rex Anderson, 8th Operations Group, Field Grade Officer of the Year

Congratulations to all the award winners on their accomplishments and good luck as you compete at the major command level.



From left Mr. Donnie Parish, 8th Mission Support Group, Jongyou Kim, 8th MSG, and Maj Rex Anderson, 8th Operations Group, pose for a group photo after winning their respective categories during the 7th Air Force 2023 annual awards at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. There were 16 individual awards presented and one team award presented during the 2023 7th Air Force annual awards ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲

Learning from experience: AAHC hosts speed mentoring

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members of the 8th Fighter Wing participated in a speed mentoring session at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 9. The event was coordinated by members of Kunsan AB's African American Heritage Committee.

"As a committee, we wanted to give more," said Staff Sgt. Kathryn Huston, AAHC vice president. "We believe this event served as an opportunity to give back to the Airmen on Kunsan and a way for them to ask the questions they need to."

The event designated five sections with Airmen attending each in a round-robin style rotation, allowing Airmen time with each mentor. Each station was accompanied by a senior non-commissioned officer looking to guide Airmen by providing perspective and lessons learned from their experiences.

Senior Master Sgt. Bernadette Wilburn, 8th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, was selected as one of the mentors for the session.

"Being a first sergeant, this is what I do every day so why not benefit a different audience by talking to the people that want mentorship," said Wilburn. "The biggest priority for me at events like these is establishing the interpersonal connection because connecting with people allows for future interactions which allows you to have an opportunity to deliberately or unintentionally mentor."

Talking to others who may have encountered similar challenges can offer a different perspective which could be beneficial to anyone, especially someone who may be early on in their career.

"I chose to come because I wanted to get a different perspective from different ranks," said Staff Sgt. Devonte Harrison, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technician. "I made many mistakes as a young Airman but there were certain mentors I looked up to that changed the way I saw things."

Harrison, who is eager to become a mentor for future Airmen, took away the importance of being steadfast.

"From this session, I learned that you have to figure out what your purpose is and have a plan," said Harrison. "You are going to make mistakes but don't let difficulties and your mistakes hinder your purpose."



Members of the 8th Fighter Wing participate in a speed mentoring session hosted by the African American Heritage Committee at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 9, 2024. Junior Airmen and non-commissioned officers received an opportunity to get direct mentorship from senior non-commissioned officers gaining insight on personal and professional development. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ◀



Master Sgt. Quentin Irvin, left, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron ground transportation section chief, Tech. Sgt. Kristian Hoffman-Martinez, center, 8th Fighter Wing Plans and Programs coordinator, and Chief Master Sgt. Osealoe McNabb, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron operations flight superintendent, review and critique a yearly evaluation package during a speed mentoring session at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 9, 2024. Kunsan AB's African American Heritage Committee hosted the mentoring sessions for participants allowing Airmen to get direct feedback on topics from personal finance to professional progression. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



Staff Sgt. Gianni Trotter, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron equipment support non-commissioned officer in charge of ground transportation, asks a senior enlisted mentor for advice during a speed mentoring session at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 9, 2024. The mentoring session was hosted by Kunsan AB's African American Heritage Committee and consisted of five senior enlisted non-commissioned officers, giving direct feedback to junior enlisted Airmen and NCOs. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲

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51st MDG dental clinic sparks smiles during National Children's Dental Health Month

By Senior Airman Brittany Russell
 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group dental clinic visit Osan Elementary School for National Children's Dental Health Month at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. The visit was part of an initiative to teach children about the importance of dental hygiene in a fun and interactive way.

Fourth and fifth grade students at Osan Elementary School await a briefing from U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group dental clinic at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. The dental clinic visited the school in honor of National Children's Dental Health Month. They taught dental hygiene lessons followed by interactive games and prizes. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▼



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group dental clinic pose for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. The Airmen visited Osan Elementary School for National Children's Dental Health Month. Their goal was to spread awareness about the importance of dental hygiene to children. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▲

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group dental clinic participate in games with Osan Elementary School students at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. Airmen visited the school to spread awareness about National Children's Dental Health Month. They aimed to communicate the importance of dental hygiene while making it a fun and interactive experience for the children. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ▼



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Terra Thomas, 51st Medical Group dental assistant, left, and Capt. Theresa Ten-Haaf, general dentist, middle, host dental hygiene themed games for Osan Elementary School students at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 23, 2024. Airmen assigned to the 51st Medical Group dental clinic visited the school for National Children's Dental Health Month. They conducted lessons on dental health and ended the session with interactive games and prizes. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Russell) ◀

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