

Kunsan AB hosts Korea Flying Training 2024

By Capt. Kaylin Hankerson 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --Aircraft and personnel from units across the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, and the Republic of Korea Air Force arrived to participate in Korea Flying Training 2024 exercise, April 12, 2024.

KFT 24 is part of the 7th Air Force's annual training schedule designed to

further strengthen flying interoperability and sharpen the combined readiness of the ROK and U.S. air and joint forces through face-to-face combined mission planning, flying execution, and debriefing.

"A force is only as strong as it is ready," said Col. Matthew C. Gaetke, 8th Fighter Wing commander and Kunsan Air Base installation commander. "The Wolf Pack is honored to host the KFT 24 exercise to ensure the interoperability, readiness, and lethality of the ROK-US Alliance's combined force. The training that will occur on the ground at Kunsan

and in the skies over the Korean Peninsula in the next two weeks will prove that together we are ready to respond to any threat or adversary in order to defend the Republic of Korea."

The event will highlight the ROK-U.S. Alliance by demonstrating lethality in the air domain, and enhancing its ability to deter, defend, and defeat any adversary. U.S. aircraft scheduled to participate include the F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-35B Lightning II, A-10 Thunderbolt II, E-3 Sentry, U-2 Dragon Lady, MQ-9 Reaper, MQ-1C Grey Eagle,

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Political activity Dos and Don'ts for Airmen, Guardians, DoD employees

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- In our democracy, elections are quite common, and with a presidential election this year, we can expect many opportunities for citizens to participate in the democratic process. With this in mind, it is important to be aware of specific guidelines that apply to service members and federal employees on acceptable behavior.

Military personnel and civilian employees are encouraged to carry out their obligations of citizenship, which include the right to participate personally in the political process. These rights are protected by the U.S. Constitution that all military members have taken an oath to support and defend.

Because of that oath, service members and civilian employees also have a duty to ensure that their personal activities do not imply official endorsement by the Department of Defense or Department of the Air Force. As individuals, we do not have to be politically neutral, but the Air Force and Space Force do. These rules help to ensure the DoD does not influence or appear to be partisan in our nation's electoral process.

Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces, and individual service regulations outline permitted and prohibited political activities by active duty, Reserve component and retired service members. These rules regulate how and when service members are able to participate in the political process. Service members who violate these directives could face punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or other criminal or administrative penalties. The Hatch Act of 1939 (5 U.S.C. 7321-7326) applies to civilian employees and similarly regulates how and when individuals can conduct personal political activities.

Service members and federal employees are encouraged to participate in the political process, but they must be careful about not engaging in political activities in the workplace and not using their official positions to advocate for or against political issues. With the directives set forth in DoDD 1344.10 and other regulations in mind, service members should be aware of what they can and cannot do regarding political activities. The below do's/don'ts are not exhaustive, and service members and employees should consult with their servicing legal office with any questions regarding their personal political activities.

Active duty service members CAN:

- Register to vote, vote and encourage others to vote.Express a personal opinion on political candidates
- Write a letter in a newspaper, blog or social media expressing personal political views. However, if you identify yourself as a service member (for example, if you have a photo on your social media of yourself in uniform) you must include a statement that your views do not represent those of the Department of
- Defense or Department of the Air Force.
 Attend partisan or non-partisan political rallies and clubs as a spectator during off-duty hours. However, service members (including retirees) may not be in uniform.

- Serve as a non-partisan election official while offduty and not in uniform. However, this requires Department Secretary (e.g., Secretary of the Air Force) approval. Contact your servicing Legal Office for more information.
- Sign petitions for legislative action or to place a candidate's name on the ballot, if done as a private citizen and not as a representative of the armed forces.
- Donate money to a political party, candidate, organization or committee.
- Display one non-offensive bumper sticker on your personally owned vehicles.
- Wear political t-shirts or buttons when not in uniform, performing military duties or when it could give the appearance of DoD or DAF endorsement.

Active duty service members CANNOT:

- Attend a political event (meeting, rally, fundraiser, debate, convention) in uniform, whether it is partisan or nonpartisan.
- Express personal opinions as if they are service branch or DoD policy.
- Make derogatory statements about elected officials and DoD/DAF leadership – a potential UCMJ violation
- Organize, lead, sponsor or speak at partisan political events.
- Engage in partisan political fundraising activities except as a donor.
- Place large political signs on your vehicle (bigger than a bumper sticker).
- Display any type of political sign, banner, poster or similar device in your office, work area or on-base residence (including privatized housing).
- Engage in the public or organized recruitment of others to run for political office.
- Run for political office without Secretary of the Air Force approval.
- Attempt to influence the view, position or vote of any subordinate.

The Hatch Act governs political activities by DoD and other federal civilian employees. The Hatch Act provides restrictions that are similar, but not identical, to those imposed on active duty service members, and restrictions on civilian employees are broken down into "Further Restricted" and "Less Restricted" categories. Most DAF employees will be "Less Restricted," meaning, GS-15 and below, and Schedule C employees. Federal civilian employees who violate these rules and restrictions are at risk of disciplinary actions, including reprimand, suspension, removal, debarment from federal employment for up to 5 years, and a \$1,000 fine.

All federal civilian employees CAN:

- Register to vote, vote and encourage others to vote.Express a personal opinion on political candidates
- Write a letter in a newspaper, blog or social media expressing personal political views.

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Wolf Pack integrates 5th generation aircraft into ROK defense mission

By Senior Airman James Johnson 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --

As part of Korea Flying Training 2024, the 8th Fighter Wing's F-16 Fighting Falcons are sharing the skies and the Kunsan flightline with joint and allied aircraft from across the region, including 5th-generation aircraft, including U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning IIs.

KFT 24 is a combined large-force flying exercise part of the 7th Air Force's annual training to enhance the interoperability between the U.S. and Republic of Korea forces during airto-air and air-to-surface missions. Working with different generations of airframes challenges mission commanders to maximize the aircraft's unique capabilities to succeed in robust, complex training scenarios.







U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Tanis Pendleton, 121st Marine Fighter Attack Squadron power liner mechanic, stands by while U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Cameron Caldwell, F-35 Lightning II pilot, completes final preparation before taking off during Korea Flying Training 2024 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2024. KFT 24 designed to strengthen the U.S.-ROK alliance by building and maintaining lethality in the air domain to deter, defend, and defeat any adversary. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff. Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲

Republic of Korea Air Force KF-16 Fighting Falcons, assigned to the 19th Fighter Wing, arrive for Korea Flying Training 2024 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 12, 2024. The KFT 24 event is defensive in nature and allows both U.S. and ROK forces to work together and build cohesion within the forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▶

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KC-135 Stratotanker, C-17 Globemaster III, and C-130J Super Hercules coming from locations both on and off the Korean peninsula. ROKAF aircraft scheduled to participated include the F-35A, F-15K, F-16, FA-50, C-130, CN-235 and KC-330.

"KFT is a critical training event due to the sheer size of the exercise, the amount of aircraft and people involved from across the joint and allied forces, and the complexity of the training," said U.S. Air Force Col. Charles G. Cameron, 7th AF Director of Operations and Plans. "This exercise provides the most realistic opportunity for our forces to rehearse tactics through difficult training scenarios while learning from each other to strengthen our defensive posture in the

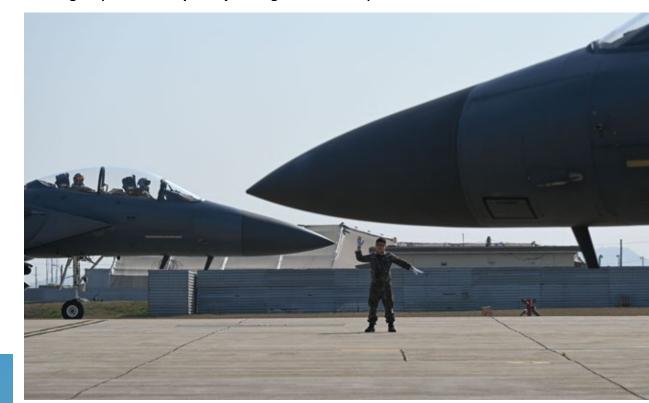
Hosting combined, joint training like KFT 24, showcases Kunsan's ability to receive, support and project various layers of the ROK defense mission as well as 7th AF's capacity to leverage an array of forces to respond to protect and defend the U.S., allies, and partner interests at a moment's notice.

For more coverage of KFT 24, visit kunsan. af.mil/Wolf-Pack-News.

Aircraft from the Republic of Korea Air Force arrive for Korea Flying Training 2024, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 12, 2024. KFT 24 advances the ability to accept followon forces creating an advantage to U.S. and ROK forces participating in the training. Interoperability with dissimilar aircraft enables our aircrew members to be battle-ready for many potential situations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▼



A member of the Republic of Korea Air Force directs a ROKAF F-15K Slam Eagle on the taxiway after arriving for Korea Flying Training 2024 at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, April 12, 2024. KFT 24 is a large-scale employment training, enhancing U.S. and ROK interoperability and ultimately enhancing U.S. and ROK commitments to maintain peace in the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Ross) ▼





Osan **Elementary School** hosts **MOTMC** picnic

By Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, **Republic of Korea** -- U.S. military members assigned to Osan Air Base and their families gather during a Month of the Military Child picnic at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, April 10, 2024. MotMC is celebrated annually to honor the resilience of children in military families.



photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier)

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Taylor McCall, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of fuels lab, sits in a chair with his child during a Month of the Military Child picnic at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 10, 2024. MotMC serves as a time to pay tribute to the distinctive journeys and sacrifices of children within military families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier) ▼





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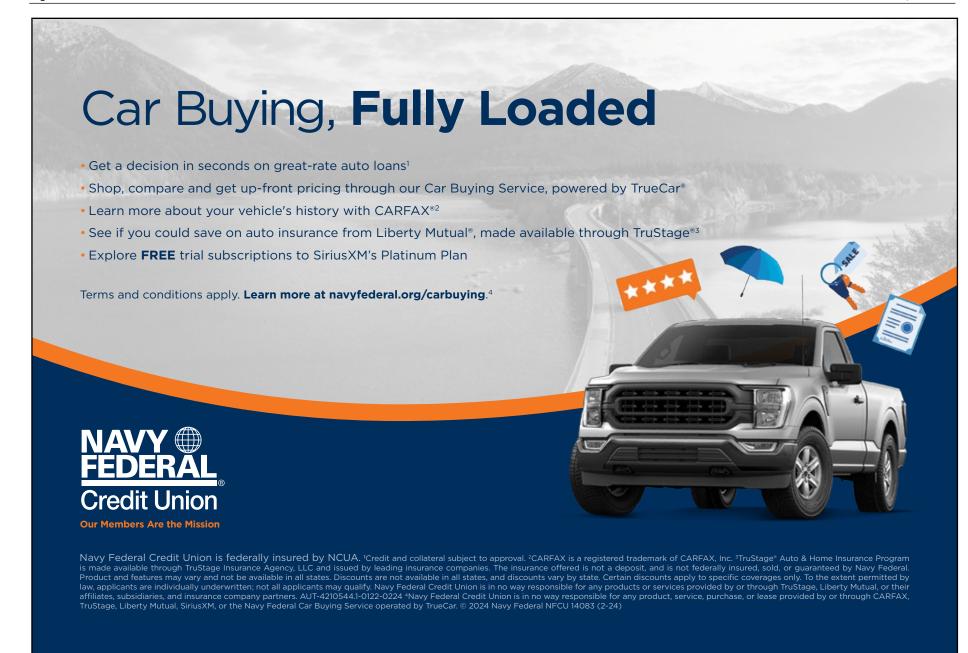
A U.S. Air Force Capt. Gregory Butterfield, 51st Operations Support Squadron intelligence weapons and tactics chief, poses for a photo with his family during a Month of the Military Child picnic at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 10, 2024. MotMC honors the unique experiences of children in military families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier) ▲



Tracy El-Khoury, U.S. Air Force military spouse, and her child participate in the Month of the Military Child picnic at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 10, 2024. MotMC is celebrated annually to honor the resilience of children color of Children willitary families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier)



U.S military members assigned to Osan Air Base and their families gather during a Month of the Military Child picnic at Osan AB, Republic of Korea, April 10, 2024. MotMC recognizes the distinct experiences and sacrifices of children within military families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier) 🛦







Wolf Pack Airmen conduct a mass accident response exercise

By Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Serrano 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Wolf Pack Airmen participated in Beverly High 24-1, a mass accident response exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 4, 2024.

MAREs allow Airmen to practice their emergency response skills for potential real-world incidents or accidents. This training helps ensure members are ready and capable of handling the stress of a real-world event.

During the exercise scenario, a C-12 aircraft lost tower communication upon approach causing the aircraft to nosedive and overshoot the runway. Air traffic controllers then called for emergency responders to access the scene of the accident.

"This is a great opportunity for the firefighters and responders to come out to work around an airframe that we don't normally get to work around," said Master Sgt. Trevor Berghage, 8th Medical Group Wing Inspection Team acting lead.

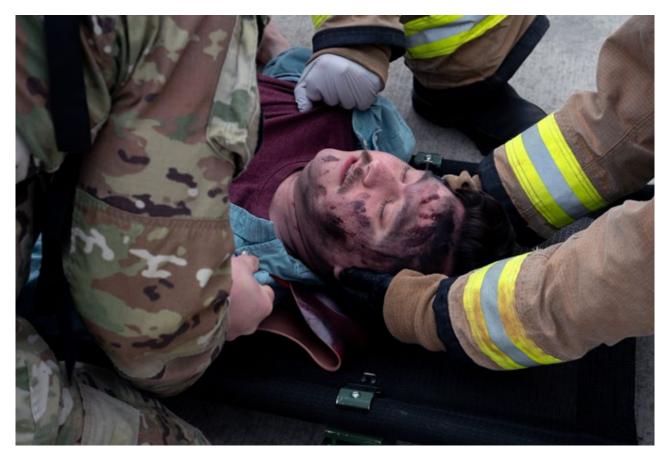


Firefighters and medical personnel put a simulated victim into a medical transportation bus during a mass accident response exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 4, 2024. Emergency response personnel worked hand-in-hand to provide quality and efficient care to simulated injured personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Serrano)

Firefighters and medical personnel assist Staff Sgt. Abel Singleton, 8th Healthcare Operations Squadron systems project manager, as he simulates being injured during a mass accident response exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 4, 2024. Emergency response personnel worked handin-hand to provide quality and efficient care to simulated injured personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Serrano)

Emergency response personnel from the 8th MDG and 8th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters worked hand-in-hand to provide quality and efficient care to simulated injured personnel.

"Our medics are certified in lifesaving interventions," said Senior Airman Mikayla Rivera 8th Healthcare Operations Squadron emergency services paramedic. "Giving them the opportunity to practice these skills in a training environment helps create confidence during high-stress circumstances when proficiency is vital."





Emergency response personnel attend to simulated exercise victims during a mass accident response exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 4, 2024. MAREs ensure members are ready and capable of handling the stress of a realworld event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Serrano) ◀

Staff Sgt. Brandy Galloway, 8th Healthcare Operations Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of referral management and patient travel, simulates being disoriented during a mass accident response exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 4, 2024. MAREs ensure members are ready and capable of handling the stress of a real-world event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephanie Serrano) ▼







By Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg 51 Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- As the U.S. Air Force's most forward-deployed permanently based fighter wing, the 51st Fighter Wing plays a pivotal role in maintaining peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula. Its mission encompasses three critical components: defending the installation, executing contingency operations and sustaining the force. Central to achieving this mission is the Combat Readiness Course, an intensive 10-day training designed to equip Airmen with the necessary skills for effective base defense and combat readiness.

Developed by the 51st Security Forces Squadron, the CRC is a theater specific training that brings together Airmen from across Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. It combines advanced combat tactics, critical life saving skills and elite physical conditioning to forge Airmen into multicapable defenders of the base.

"The Combat Readiness Course is designed to keep our Airmen lethal and prepared to



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing respond to a simulated combat scenario during a Combat Readiness Course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 14, 2024. The Combat Readiness Course is a 10-day training program that covers theater-specific combat tactics, critical life-saving techniques, and base defense procedures, designed to thoroughly prepare Airmen for encountering potential real-world threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ▲

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Williams, left, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron traffic management operations technician, and Senior Airman Ethan McGregor, 51st LRS aircraft parts store journeyman, provide simulated tactical combat casualty care during a Combat Readiness Course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 14, 2024. During the training, CRC students are trained in TCCC, enhancing their life-saving skills for potential real-world contingencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ▶

face any threat they may encounter," said U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. James Tavenner, 51st SFS senior enlisted leader. "By extending beyond the 51st SFS to include Airmen from diverse career fields across the installation, we're building a comprehensive defense framework, and developing Mission Ready Airmen prepared to tackle any challenge and deter any adversary."

Throughout the training, Airmen are equipped with a wide array of crucial skills like weapon safety and manipulation, tactical combat casualty care, and both mounted and dismounted operations. They also exercise their skills in close quarters combat, handling adversarial prisoners of war, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives response, along with vital skills in radio communication and reporting. This allencompassing approach ensures participants are fully prepared to support base defense and uphold the 51st FW's operational readiness.

Not only does the CRC provide essential combat and defense skills, but it also fosters a sense of unity and collaboration among participants. Senior Airman Ethan McGregor, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron aircraft parts store journeyman and recent CRC graduate, reflected on his experience.

"The course prepared me to overcome any obstacle," McGregor said. "Working alongside Airmen from other squadrons was invaluable. We built strong ties that will improve how we operate together when it counts."

Staff Sgt. Zachary Wales, 51st SFS training instructor, reflected on the transformative experience the course offers, and watching students complete the 5-mile graduation ruck march.

"The most rewarding aspect of teaching the course is witnessing the remarkable growth in our students," Wales said. "From day one to the completion of the course, their evolution in skills and confidence is remarkable. We conclude the course with a 5-mile graduation ruck march, where students' get to showcase the enhanced physical endurance and combat readiness that they've built through the rigorous training."

As the 51st FW looks to the future, plans are underway to expand the CRC, opening participation to the broader Wing and integrating with Republic of Korea Air Force partners.

Through the CRC, the 51st FW's focus on readiness remains clear, ensuring that Airmen are prepared to defend Osan AB and serve as a deterrent to any adversary threatening peace in the ROK.

"This comprehensive combat course showcases the 51st FW's readiness and resilience," Tavenner said. "Undertaking such an extensive program with limited resources and manpower unequivocally proves our unwavering commitment to defend this installation."





U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing receive feedback after completing a simulated combat scenario during a Combat Readiness Course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 14, 2024. The CRC trains 51st FW Airmen on base defense procedures, preparing them to tackle any challenge and deter any adversary during contingency operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ▲



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing practice room clearing techniques during a combat readiness course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 14, 2024. The CRC builds a comprehensive defense framework at Osan AB and develops Mission Ready Airmen prepared to tackle any challenge and deter any adversary. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Sjoberg) ▲

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Kunsan welcomes former leaders for second annual Wolf

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- The 8th Fighter Wing welcomed back its former leaders during the second iteration of the Wolf Leadership Forum (WoLF) at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 11-12, 2024.

The forum saw five leaders return to their old stomping grounds:

- Lt. Gen. Retired Steve Polk (Wolf 92-93)
- Brig. Gen. Retired Jeremy Sloane (Wolf 15-16)
- Col. John Gallemore (Wolf 21-22)
- Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Schaefer (Wolf Chief 20-21)
- Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Woods (Wolf Chief 21-22)

During their visit, the group had a chance to meet the current iteration of leaders to discuss the changes the Wolf Pack has seen over time.

They also visited different work sections around the base to talk to the Airmen of the 8th FW

"Talking with the leaders was very eye opening," said Senior Airman Astrell Mauvis, 8th Maintenance Squadron stockpile crew chief. "They shared their experiences with us and shared the bigger picture on how the Wolf Pack fits into everything and how important our mission here at the 8th Fighter Wing really is."

During the event, several panels were

held to speak with the different demographics of Airmen, opening the door to ask the leaders questions about their time with the Pack, and thoughts on the future of Kunsan's operations on the Korean Peninsula.

The group also shared stories and laughs with

Wolf Pack Airmen in less formal events with including bowling and luncheons.

The visit ended with a Korea Flying Training 2024 kick-off party, welcoming the aircraft that will participate in the large force flying exercise hosted at Kunsan AB.



The current and former leaders of the 8th Fighter Wing pose for a group photo during the second Wolf Leadership Forum at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 11, 2024. Over the course of the two-day event, the visiting leaders met with squadrons around the base during a "walk with wolves tour" and held several panels to engage with 8th FW Airmen from all ranks. The forum is designed for Airmen to tap into the knowledge of former Wolf Pack leaders, gaining a broader perspective on the roles they serve in every day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) \blacktriangle



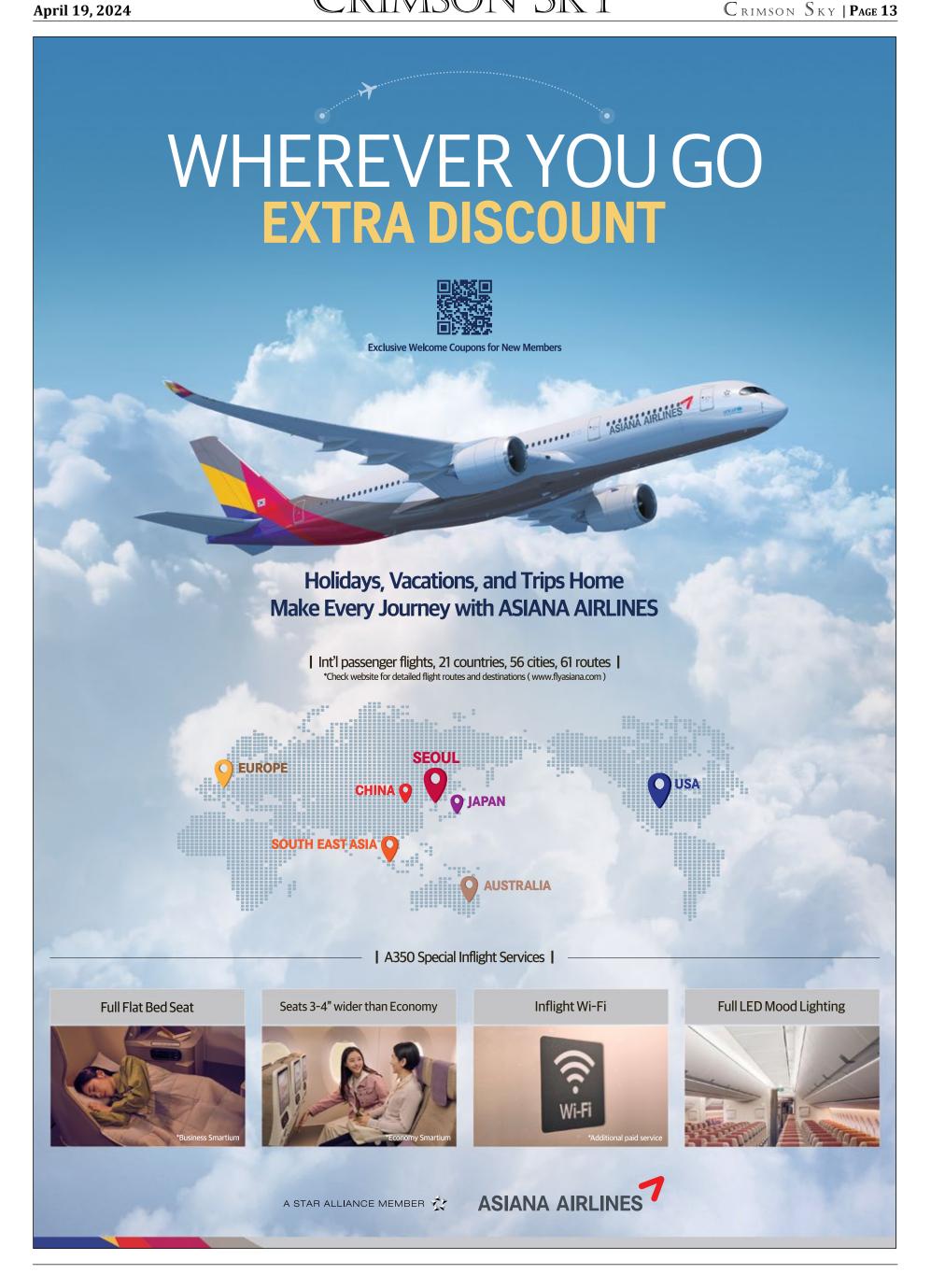
51st FW proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

U.S. Air Force Col. William McKibban, 51st Fighter Wing commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Joshua Trundle, 51st FW command chief, pose next to the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month after signing it at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 5, 2024. McKibban and Trundle designated April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month for Osan AB. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens) ◀



The 51st Fighter Wing hosts a Strikeout Against Child Abuse event during Child Abuse Prevention Month at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 5, 2024. Children decorated bowling pins, showcasing the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aubree Owens) ◀

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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.

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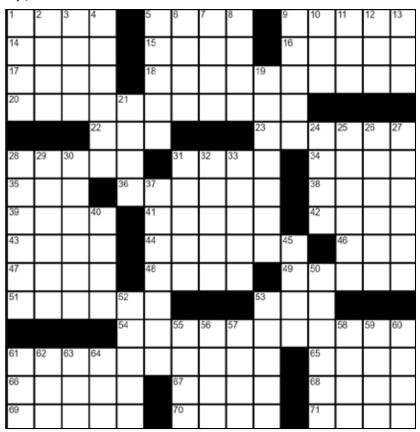
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By Jon Dunbar

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itnessing history: Students from the Tinker K-8 School at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., watch the solar eclipse, April 8, 2024. The MacDill AFB community gathered to celebrate the eclipse with educational videos and moon-themed snacks. The next total solar eclipse expected to be visible from the U.S. will be in northwest Alaska, March 30, 2033. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Do)



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Bay AirFest guests tour
aircraft at MacDill Air
Force Base, Fla., March 30,
2024. The air show featured a
variety of aerial performances
and static aircraft displays
aimed at inspiring the next
generation of military aviators.
(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior
Airman Joshua Hastings)

hrowing strikes: U.S. Air Force Academy cadet Jimmy Hebenstreit throws a pitch during a game against the University of Northern Colorado at Falcon Field in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 3, 2024. (U.S. Air Force photo by Dylan Smith)

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hour and 15 minutes. (U.S.
Air Force photo by Airman 1st
Class Mason Hargrove)



- KUNSAN PHOTO CLUB -

Interested in sharing your photography experience with others and exploring Korea along the way? Have a camera, but want to learn how to use it more completely? Then join the Kunsan Photo Club as they delve into the finer qualities of photography where the key concept is: "It's not the camera that makes a great photo, but the photographer." If interested in joining, the group can be found on Facebook, just search for "Kunsan Photo Club."

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- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -

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Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. fol- Learn creative ways to assist newcomlowing grace led by a chaplain. Meals ability. You can also book reservations range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." December) up to 30 days in advance For more information or to volunteer, 782-5644 for more information, dates contact the chapel at 782-HOPE.

- 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

- SPONSOR TRAINING -

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ers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call or to sign up.

- 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.

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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.

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.

Osan Anthem Singers

Osan Anthem Singers are looking for volunteers to sing the Korean and U.S. national anthems at various events throughout the base. You must either be able to sing solo or in a group in four-part harmony. Members with a musical background are preferred, and lessons can be provided for those who'd like to learn the Korean anthem! Please email UDG 51FW Osan-AnthemSingers@us.af.mil and CC TSgt Mims at timothy.mims.2@us.af.mil if you are interested.

Basketball Court & Indoor Track

April 1 -30 | Osan Fitness Center The Osan Fitness Center basketball

1-800-733-2761 (anytime)

court and indoor track will be closed for renovations from 1 – 30 April. During this timeframe, the primary location to complete the cardio portion (1.5 mile or HAMR) of Physical Fitness Assessments will be on the outdoor Mustang track.

Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign April 1 – May 10

The Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) charities assist Airmen, Guardians, and their family members with emergency assistance, educational scholarships, base/community programs, in-home care for surviving spouses of our retirees, and providing a home to those surviving spouses who otherwise could not afford housing. Let's pay it forward and support the four charities that will be there for us, and for our families, throughout our careers and beyond. Learn more at: https://www.afassistancefund.org/ Team Osan's contribution goal is \$47,786. Your appointed unit key workers will be coming around over the next six weeks with options to donate through cash, check, pay roll deduction, or you can donate online with credit card or e-check at the Team Osan campaign page: https:// secure.qgiv.com/event/afaf/classification/284172/donate/ Any questions please get with your

AFAF unit project officers, key workers, or the installation project officers at erik.brancaleone@us.af.mil or michael.davis.77@us.af.mil.

Warrior Wind Downs

April 24 | 1630 | Mustang Center Studio 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-warrior

Commissary Store Reset

April 21-26 | 1800-0700 | Osan Commissarv

The Osan Commissary will be undergoing a complete store reset and installation of new shelving to enhance your shopping experience. During this time, items may be relocated to new areas within the store, and the Dry, Chill, and Freeze sections will also see changes. Despite these updates, the commissary will remain open during normal hours, with efforts made to minimize any disruption. POC: Paula Bennett, Commissary Store Director

PACAF IG 51 FW Spouses Sensing Session

April 30 | 1430-1530 | Bldg 788 Classroom 25

The PACAF/IG team is looking for 10 spouses from the 51 FW to participate in a sensing session on 30 April. To volunteer for the small group discussion focused on gathering opinions, beliefs and perceptions, email 51 FW/ IG at 51fw.igi@us.af.mil NLT 22 April with your name and email address.

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

Emergency Services	911		
Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470- 0911	Nurse Advice Line	1-800-723-825
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)	

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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		

Kunsan SAPR looks to educate during SAAPM



Jocelynn LaShier, 8th Fighter Wing integrated resiliency office director, left, and Shazale Ramsey, 8th FW Sexual Assault Prevention Response victims advocate, are interviewed by Senior Airman Adrian Slazar, Defence Media Activity public affairs journeyman, on American Forces Network at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 29, 2024. Kunsan AB's SAPR office hosts a SARC and deputy SARC, a victim's advocate, and members serving as volunteer victim advocates. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt.

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea

-- To begin Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, members of the Sexual Assault Prevention Response team spoke on American Forces Network on the events and resources provided at Kunsan AB.

Throughout April, the SAPR team will be hosting a slew of events, including booths around the base sharing the resources available for the members of Kunsan AB.

Some of the resources available to the Airmen are through the victim's advocacy program where they can help members and their dependents (18 years or older) with their reporting options as well as provide guidance and counsel for individuals dealing with sexual harassment reports.

The SAPR team encourages members who have experienced sexual assault and require assistance to first get to a safe location and then contact the SARC or victim advocate at DSN 315-782-7272. For contact information please visit www.kunsan.af.mil/Wolf-Pack-Helping-Agencies/SAPR.



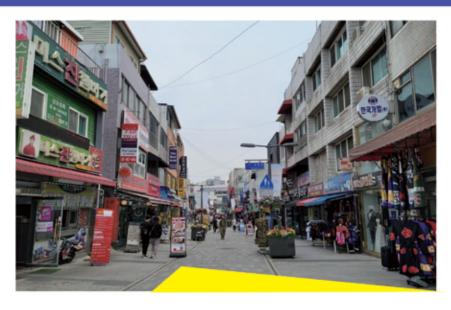




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By Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks **8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --Staff Sgt. Jordan Whitworth, 8th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations supervisor, was recognized as Kunsan's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 8-12.

Whitworth has committed to improving policies, procedures, and team morale since his transition into the airfield management shop.

Despite his brief tenure at Kunsan, Whitworth has made significant strides by identifying and promptly addressing deficiencies in evacuation protocols and airfield management operating instructions.

Whitworth assumed a pivotal role as the lead supervisor during a critical spall repair operation on the active runway, showcasing both his leadership and technical expertise.

His contributions not only enhanced the safety and efficiency of operations for the 8th Fighter Wing, but also proved invaluable for transient refueling operations.

Whitworth's proactive approach and outstanding professionalism exemplify the caliber of personnel essential to Kunsan's

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Whitworth in your recognition as this week's Pride of the Pack and thank you for your efforts in keeping our airfield safe.

Staff Sgt. Jordan Whitworth, 8th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations supervisor, uses a hand radio to call the control tower at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 9, 2024. Whitworth's performance during a general arming exercise gained him recognition from squadron leadership as it underscored his ability to excel under pressure. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



Staff Sgt. Jordan Whitworth, 8th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations supervisor, stands in front of the weather and base operations office at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 9, 2024. Whitworth was recognized as Kunsan's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 8-12. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲

Spiritual Charge

Back To The 'Chaos'



By Chaplain, Col, Hyeondeung Ko Division Chief of Chaplain Policy, Ministry of National Defense Republic of Korea Translated by Kim, Ohsung

huang Zhou—an influential Chinese philosopher who lived around the 4th century BCE during the Warring States Period-was a master of language. He was known for his skillful use of parables and metaphor. In the Book of Zhuangzi, a collection of works written by

him during the late Warring States period, there is a story called "Responses for Emperors and Kings," which is the last episode of The Inner Chapter 7.

"The Emperor of the Southern Sea was Lickety (Souk), the Emperor of the Northern Sea was Split (Hall), and the Emperor of the Center was Chaos (Hun tun). Lickety and Split often met in the land of Chaos, where Chaos was always a gracious host and treated them well. Wanting to show gratitude to Chaos for his kindness, Lickety and Split decided to bore holes for him since he lacked the seven holes that all people have for seeing, hearing, eating, and breathing. Each day, they bored one hole in Chaos, and on the seventh day, Chaos died".

Chaos is known to mean a state of confusion, but its other meaning refers to the state of the universe before there was any order, and before heaven and earth were separated. With that being said, the Chaos in the center symbolizes an "undifferentiated state without a clear distinction". In other words, it

illustrates a neutral state of inaction, which is the innate nature of things. We encounter many opposites in our lives: the Northern Sea versus the Southern Sea, left versus right, good versus bad, and self versus others. From the moment we are born, we are surrounded by countless examples of opposites. Recognizing the inherent limitations of human existence, Zhuang Zhou reminds us of the chaotic universe and encourages us to return to it. This message emphasizes that everyone will cease to exist if we do not return to the universe of 'Chaos', which

Here is another parable to refer to. In the Himalavas, there was a bird called Kongmyeongjo that shared its life with two heads on one body, bound by a shared fate. Legend has it that the two heads took turns staying awake day and night to watch out for danger. One day, however, one head discovered that the other had secretly eaten a delicious meal, causing it to become enraged. In a fit of anger, the head that was upset ate a poisonous

existed before division.

fruit, resulting in both heads dying together. If the parable of Chaos in Zhuangzi's teachings illustrates the dangers of division and disunity, the story of the two-headed bird vividly demonstrates the consequences of forgetting the inherent unity within duality.

The sages have consistently preached that we, others, and the universe are interdependent and interrelated. Furthermore, the one represents the many, and the many are one. Each of them is also indistinguishable from the other. I would say the emphasis on oneness is not only because it is the truth, but also because our minds are constantly accustomed to dividing, splitting, and compartmentalizing, leading us far from the truth of oneness. Even though we have strayed far from this truth, and it may seem difficult to return, we must shine the light of wisdom and follow it into the land of 'Chaos'. Only then will life and beings be at peace.

Reference and Citations Zhuangzi (book). WIKIPEDIA, https:// en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zhuangzi_(book)

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:

Protestant Service Sunday @ 0930

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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yes on the coast: Two F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 35th Fighter Squadron fly over South Korea's southern coast, April 2, 2024.
The 35th FS, assigned to Kunsan Air Base, delivers airpower and showcases the United States' commitment to the alliances and stability in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility. (U.S. Air Force

andlelight: Chaplain (Maj.) Kimberly Hall lights a candle in the sanctuary of the chapel at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., March 8, 2024. As spiritual leaders, chaplains are relied upon for faith and personal guidance, and they often consult with leadership on moral, ethical and quality-of-life issues. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jerry Saslav) ◀

un!!!: Airmen run during a readiness training exercise, March 19, 2024, at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The training focused on readiness and adaptability for future contingency missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Courtney Sebastianelli) ▼



nleash the Beast: Brig. Gen. Tim Donnellan, commander of the Idaho Air National Guard, swears in seven recruits joining the Idaho ANG as they take the oath of enlistment at the Professional Bull Riders - Unleash the Beast event in Nampa, Idaho, March 29, 2024. Staff Sgt. Rebecca King, from the 124th Fighter Wing, started the event by singing the national anthem. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur) ◀



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Kunsan AB equips future leaders

Dr. Robert Kelly, political analyst on international Korean affairs, briefs a Flight Commander Course about Korean and East Asian politics and culture at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 4, 2024. As part of the course coordinated by the 8th Operations Group, experts on the Korean Peninsula were brought in to give the course members a deeper perspective on t the political outlook of the area. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▼

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- A flight commander can come in many shapes and sizes but one thing must stay consistent; the ability to lead their Airmen. Kunsan Air Base equipped young leaders with the tools to sugged with the

to lead their Airmen. Kunsan Air Base equipped young leaders with the tools to succeed with the second iteration of its Flight Commander Course, held April 2-4.

The three-day course was built for individuals in or going into a flight commander position to



equip them with the tools and information they need to thrive and help their people while in command.

"The course is meant to give flight commanders a sense of confidence in themselves as leaders," said 1st Lt. Lindsay Dedrickson, 8th Operations Group executive officer.

Leaders assigned to Kunsan AB as well as guest speakers from across the Peninsula imparted their wisdom and knowledge gained from their careers to the class members.

Beyond learning the curriculum, the course provided a venue for students to meet peers that they might not interact with during their day-to-day positions, allowing them to network and learn from one another.

"Having the opportunity to work with one another and bounce ideas off each other has been very beneficial," said 1st Lt. Erinne Curtin, 8th Maintenance Squadron munitions supply commander.

Wolf Pack leadership plans for the course to be recurring, meeting the need for deliberate training despite the fast personnel turnover of a short tour.

Dedrickson spoke on how she helps the spark of confidence will allow these new leaders to create stability during their tenure as a commanders.

"This is the first time in command for many of these participants and they will have to work with and lead Airmen that may have 15 or more years in the service," said Dedrickson. "Being able to give them the tools to be more confident and have more faith in themselves will help everyone that they work with."





Capt. Aristide Badje, 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron bioenvironmental engineering officer in charge, participates in a practice scenario during a Flight Commander Course at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2024. During the course, there were multiple scenarios to challenge the participants in preparation for situations they could be presented with in their positions of leadership. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ▲

1st Lt. Erinne Curtin, 8th Maintenance Squadron munitions supply commander, asks a question during a Flight Commander Course at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 2, 2024. The course allowed members to exchange views and gain feedback from their peers on leadership practices. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Samuel Earick) ◀

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- Attend political fundraising functions, rallies and clubs during off-duty hours
- Serve as a non-partisan election official.
- Sign petitions for legislative action or to place a candidate's name on the ballot, if done as a private citizen.
- Donate money to a political party, organization or committee.
- Display one non-offensive bumper sticker on your personally owned vehicles.
- Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections in accordance with Office of Personnel Management requirements.
- Display or wear political signs, stickers, t-shirts or buttons when not onduty, in a government building or using a government vehicle.

All Federal Civilian Employees CANNOT:

- Use official authority or influence to interfere with or affect an election.
- Solicit, accept or receive political contributions.
- Use an official title while participating in political activities.
- Engage in political activity while: on duty, in a government building or vehicle or wearing an official uniform.
- Become a candidate in a partisan election.
- Host or sponsor a political fundraiser (though merely attending one is permitted).

Less Restricted Civilians CAN:

- Volunteer to work for partisan political campaigns
- Attend and be active (including speaking) at political rallies and meetings
- Join and hold office in a political party or organization
- Work the polls on election day for a candidate for partisan political office
- Assist in partisan voter registration drives (but not in the workplace).
- Organize and speak at a political fundraiser (but cannot solicit or receive funds).

Service members are encouraged to review DoDD 1344.10 and Department of the Air Force Instruction 51-508, Political Activities, Free Speech and Freedom of Assembly to understand permissible political activity.

DoD civilian employees are encouraged to visit https://osc.gov/Services/Pages/HatchAct-Federal.aspx for more information on the Hatch Act.

All members are encouraged to review the Deputy Secretary of Defense's 15 February 2024 memorandum on Political activities, available at: https://dodsoco.ogc.osd.mil/Portals/102/Documents/Political%20Activities%20 Docs/2024%20DSD%20Memo%20on%20Political%20Activities.pdf

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51st Fighter Wing implements new vehicle fueling QR code system

By Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -

The 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron has been assisting the base's vehicle fleet in transitioning from vehicle identification link keys to a new QR code system, marking significant advancements in efficiency and logistics management at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

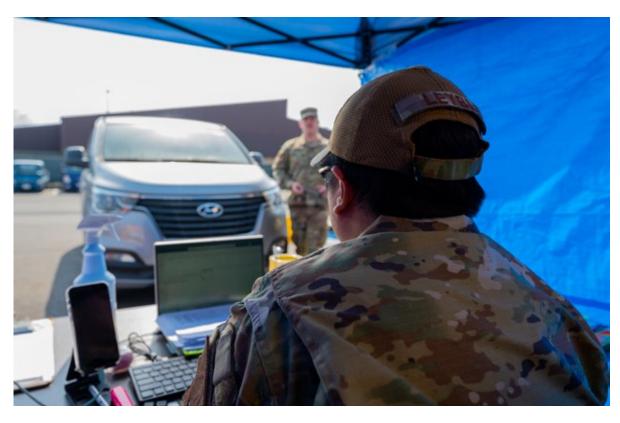
Coggins International EPoS Mobile Deployment Initiative utilizes QR codes that are specifically coded to each vehicle by fuel type. Necessary data can be pulled to identify the quantity by the type of fuel per vehicle. This allows the 51st LRS to determine fuel usage across the DoD and identifies vehicles with higher fuel usage.

"This initiative allows Osan to mobilize at a moment's notice," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Charles Cotton, 51st LRS noncommissioned officer in charge of the fuel service center. "We'll be ready to go at any given time and stay ready to 'Fight Tonight."

The previous process of obtaining vehicle identification took approximately 8-10 hours annually to validate and the cost of an individual key was about \$8. This initiative saves approximately \$51,000 and an average of 50 man hours across the 51st Fighter Wing. At the end of this initiative, Airmen of the 51st LRS will have serviced 840 vehicles.

"Vehicle control officers have played a crucial role in ensuring that units obtain their QR codes seamlessly," said Master Sgt. Michael Natallelo, 51st LRS fleet management and material control section chief. "The entire initiative has been successful only because of the collaboration of units across the installation."

Starting April 9, 2024, the physical keys used to refuel government vehicles will no longer work. For further information please reach out to your unit's VCO as well as the 51st LRS.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Marilou Leybel, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron fleet management and analysis, assists service members at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 1, 2024. Units replaced vehicle identification link keys with QR codes to streamline government vehicle refueling processes. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier) ▲



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Marilou Leybel, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron fleet management and analysis, and Tech. Sgt. Charles Cotton, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of the fuel service center, prepare a QR code to place on a vehicle at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 1, 2024. The 51st LRS vehicle management flight and the fuels management flight have worked closely to service government vehicles from many units across the 51st Fighter Wing, ensuring the readiness of the Airmen at Osan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier) ▲

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Marilou Leybel, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron fleet management and analysis, places the new refueling QR code at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 1, 2024. At the end of this initiative, Airmen of the 51st LRS will have serviced 840 vehicles, making the refueling process easier and more efficient for Airmen at Osan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaitlin Frazier) ◀

Kunsan holds 1st quarter load crew competition

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --Airmen of the 80th and 35th Fighter Generation Squadrons competed in a weapons load crew competition to test their skills and earned bragging rights as the best load crew at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2024.

These quarterly events are held by selecting one team for each quarter until winners from each quarter face off in the annual load crew of the year competition. In addition to a load crew portion of the competition, a dedicated crew chief team was awarded the DCC team of the quarter showcasing the best team of the two squadrons.



A member of the 80th Fighter Generation Squadron load crew team prepares to load munitions onto an aircraft during a 1st quarter load crew competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2024. Two teams were graded while completing tasks to determine the winner of the competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) 🛦



Members of the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron load crew team do a final checklist during the 1st quarter load crew competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2024. Teams finalized their time by looking over a checklist and verifying all tasks had been completed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



From left, Lt. Col. Rarawee Euaviiitearoon, 8th Maintenance Squadron commander stands with Airman 1st Class Jack Sheldon, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron crew chief, Airman Amari Crowley, 35th FGS crew chief, Staff Sgt. Miguel Guajardo, 35th FGS crew chief and Chief Master Sgt. Frederick Littles, 8th Maintenance Group wing weapons leader, after awarding the 1st quarter load crew competition trophies to members of the 35th FGS at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2024. Load crew competitions are held quarterly and winning teams from each quarter square off at the end of the year in an annual contest. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ▲



A member of the 80th Fighter Generation Squadron load crew team removes equipment during the 1st quarter load crew competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2024. Teams are responsible for tools and equipment storage after use, which is part of the scoring in the competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks)



Airman 1st Class Gracey Rink, right, 35th Fighter **Generation Squadron** assistant crew chief, left and Senior Airman Hillary Gonzalvesteixeira, 35th FGS dedicated crew chief stand with the dedicated crew chief award during a 1st quarter load crew competition at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 3, 2024. DCC competitions are held on a quarterly basis prior to the load crew competitions between the two squadrons. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jovan Banks) ◀







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35th ADA leaders get challenged physically and mentally during 2024 Command Team Conference

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- On April 8th, the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade held the 2024 Commanders Conference. This was a three-day event, which was held primarily at the brigade headquarters to educate, inform, and to build cohesion within our battalion and battery command teams.

The conference began with the Marine Combat Fitness test hosted by the Marine Forces-Korea (MARFORK). Each command team battled it out to see who the most physically fit command team was. Following the physical training session, each battalion sat through a quarterly training brief with Col. Kevin P. Stonerook, commander of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, to brief training objectives for the future.

The second day of the conference began with a cross-fit training session hosted by Col. Stonerook with only the battalion and battery commanders. Although this session was not a competition, it still tested the physicality of our brigade leaders. Following this event, the brigade went to an after-action review (AAR) for the Freedom Shield 24 Exercise to discuss lessons learned, and what they will do different moving forward to the next training exercise, which is Ulchi Freedom Shield. Following the AAR, the brigade hosted a "Hail and Farewell", which is an event to introduce all the newcomers in the brigade and to say our goodbyes to those who are departing the unit.

The last day of the conference was the brigade golf tournament. This tournament was open to everybody, and the only rule was to have fun. Following the ending of the tournament, Delta Battery, 6-52 ADA held a plaque presentation for 1st Sgt. Ryan Perez as he transitions to Echo Battery.



Air Defenders playing golf during the brigade golf tournament.

Capt. Lashondra Maddox-Phung (left) presents 1st Sgt. Ryan Perez (right) with a farewell plaque after the brigade golf tournament. ▶



U.S. Marine grades Capt. Gunnar Griffin (left) during the Marine Corp Combat fitness test. ▲



35th ADA commanders flex for a group photo after an intense cross fit workout session. ▲



