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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Angelica Range, conventional maintenance crew chief assigned to the 8th maintenance squadron, takes out used chaff barrels from a chaff box at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2018. Munitions Airmen handle, store, transport, arm and disarm munition systems to ensure the safety of Airmen and the success of the Wolf Pack mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmonet D. Jackson)



The ladies of Ammo are booming

By Staff Sgt. Jasmonet D. Jackson
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- As a representation of the small few in a career dominated by men, the women working in munitions maintenance ensure they bring their "A-game" when it's time to handle, store, transport, arm and disarm munition systems to ensure the safety of our Airmen and the success of our missions.

With a high level of attention to detail and extreme care, these Airmen take part in the great responsibility of assembling and processing the most advanced munitions in the world.

"It's one of those things where it's kind of

rewarding because you are in a job where you stand out more," said Airman 1st Class Haley Johnson, conventional maintenance crew chief assigned to the 8th Maintenance Squadron. "You get to choose whether it's in a good way or bad."

Being the only female in the midst of 10 to 15 males at any time has been the norm for Johnson since joining the military, even during technical school. Always aiming to give her best and learn as much as she could at her job, she simply stood out like a sore thumb for some time.

"I really latched onto this female Tech. Sgt. when I got to my first base, because initially, I was the only female for a while," said Johnson. "She taught me that, I could do and learn just as much as anyone—if not more, and that's what stuck with

me ever since."

Ammo works together in essentially everything, but due to the presence of only a sprinkle of women across the career field the ladies look out for and mentor each other.

"Johnson stepped in without hesitation when I first arrived to Kunsan," said Airman 1st Class Angelica Range. "This being my first base, I definitely needed a little guidance on how to navigate in my new job and she did that without question."

Building munitions is a huge part of ammo, however, they have their hands in many other parts of the munitions system.

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U.S. Air Force Airmen wait in line to get served during dinner, Jan. 24, 2018, at Kunsan Air Force Base, Republic of Korea. The dining facility staff are responsible of serving nearly 2,000 U.S. service members and any cash paying customer on a daily basis. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)

8 FW DFAC staff fuel the fight

By Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Morning, noon, or night, the U.S service members and the Korean counterparts are always working hard inside the 8th Fighter Wing dining facility beyond the customer service hours.

The hours might say that they're only open during the meal hours, however they [WJDTUP8F1] are constantly prepping and cooking the food in order to feed the nearly 2,000 service members that come through every day.

Serving that many people is no small task, and no one knows better than the man responsible for keeping everyone on the same page.

"The people that work here are hard at work," said Tech Sgt. Alvester Johnson, DFAC manager. "We know working here makes for a lot of early mornings and late nights, and sometimes we don't always get our weekends or holidays off, but we know that it's just what we have to do to complete the mission."

These resilient members know that it takes almost non-stop work throughout the day and every day, and even then their routine can hit a few unexpected challenges during a shift. One of those challenges being the language barrier between the service members and some of the civilian employees.

"We work in one of the most

diverse shops on base," said Johnson. "Local employees make up about half of the staff here. It's what makes our team special."

This special blend of team work is one of the team's great values and supports another unique feature. The 8th Fighter Wing is in a remote location, there are limitations to what can be accomplished here, but their special blend results in a menu that you won't find anywhere else.

"We try to accommodate as many needs as we can," added Johnson. "Some items just can't be shipped here making it tough to make some meals. What we

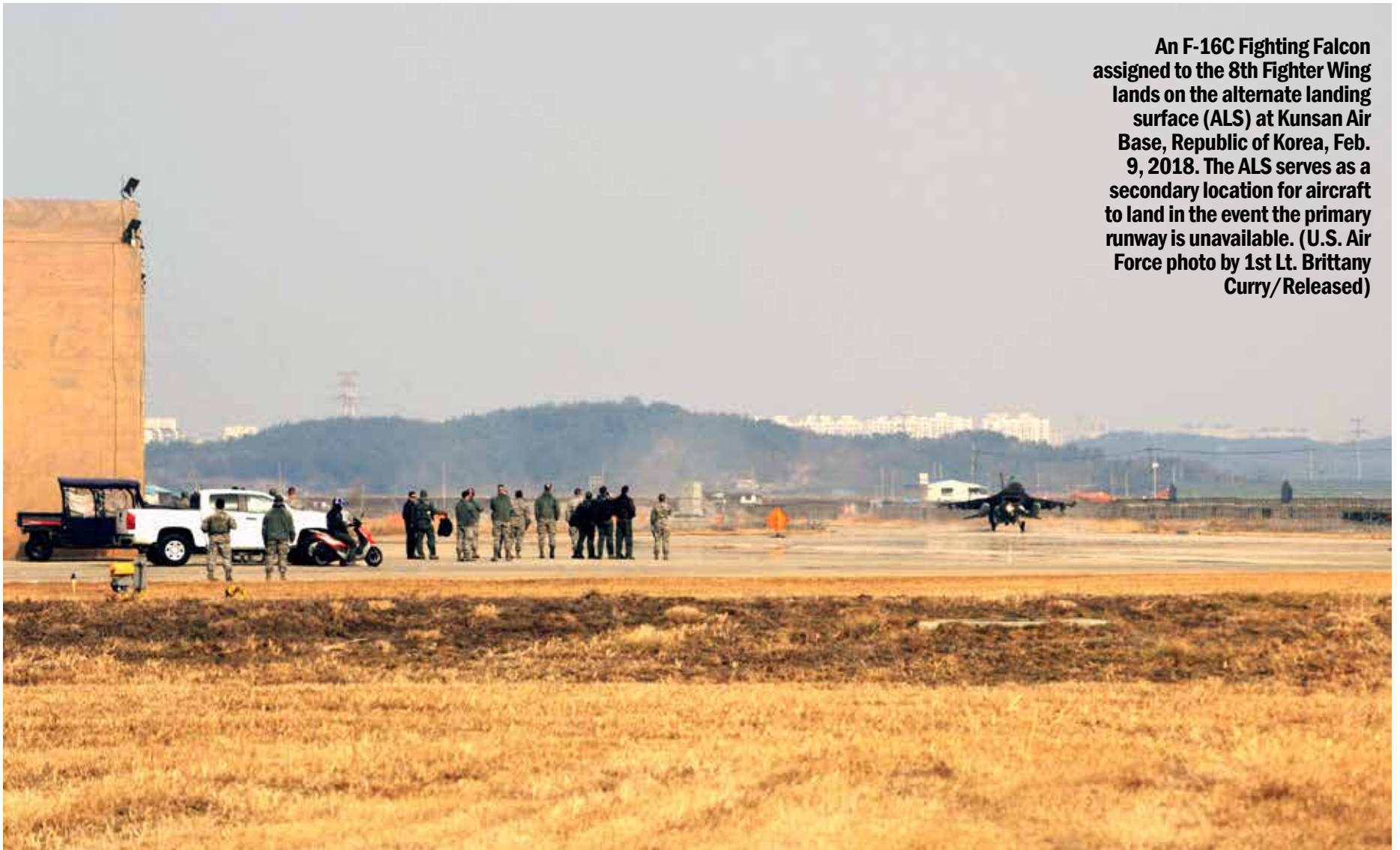
do have that sets us apart are the traditional Korean dishes made by our staff here. I think a lot of people really enjoy that."

If you wanted to see something in addition to these meals or you have questions for the service of the staff members, there are comment cards that can be filled out and will be read by the staff on duty.

"I would prefer for people to leave their emails when filling out comment cards," said Johnson. "It helps us give better, more personal answers to questions that might get asked. We appreciate it, and love the feedback we get about our service."



Contracted employees from the 8th Force Support Squadron, serve a service member during lunch, March 22, 2018 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The dining facility has more than 50 Korean Department of Defense and civilian employees staffed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)



An F-16C Fighting Falcon assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing lands on the alternate landing surface (ALS) at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 9, 2018. The ALS serves as a secondary location for aircraft to land in the event the primary runway is unavailable. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Brittany Curry/Released)

Cross-functional teamwork key to F-16 landings, broader Wolf Pack vision

By 1st Lt. Brittany Curry, Staff Sgt. Victoria Taylor, 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Two F-16C Fighting Falcons (commonly referred to as Vipers) assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing successfully landed on the alternate landing surface at Kunsan Air Base, February 9, 2018.

Although the challenge of landing on a surface area half the width of the runway depends heavily on the skill and training of the pilots, the overall success of the operation stemmed from cross-functional teamwork.

Consideration and emergency planning for use of alternate landing surfaces on base or off is common throughout the U.S. Air Force. However, the activation and execution of the capability is less common.

"Cross-functional coordination amongst [multiple] agencies [and] four groups, is what made activating the Alternate Landing Surface a success and proved that the Wolf Pack is a fierce team, which in turn fortifies our combat capabilities," said Senior Master Sgt. Kristin Schott, 8th Operations Support Squadron air field manager.

Ensuring different units are working and coordinating among each other is one of the key focus areas among Wolf Pack leaders, and measurements of success were not limited to solely standing up the ALS.

"In the Air Force we often use stovepiped functional expertise to solve problems", said Col. David "Wolf" Shoemaker, 8th Fighter Wing commander. "The strength of the Wolf Pack is our

ability to cross-functionally solve problems. The ALS directly relates to our ability to 'Take the Fight North', and Airmen from all corners of the Wolf Pack had a hand in this leap in capability."

An ALS, as stated in its name, is not the primary surface for landing and is narrower in comparison to the primary runway. While still capable of recovering an aircraft, additional measures for safety must be taken and employed with coordinated efforts between different agencies on base.

"This was a huge test of teamwork for everyone involved, and all who took part were critical in us successfully landing Vipers on the ALS," said Lt. Col. Paul Davidson, 8th OSS commander. "The most important thing about actually landing was the ability to build a plan as a team, put it into action, and see what worked and what needs to be refined. We have lessons learned that will last us years to come."

However, before the aircraft ever lined up on the final approach, pilots took time in the F-16 simulator to practice their technique and conducted several real approaches under the watchful eyes of the tower controllers. Thus, both the air traffic controllers and fliers prepared for the real deal.

The 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron ensured the aircraft were mission capable the day of the flight, while the 8th Operations Support Squadron monitored weather conditions and other flightline considerations which they then communicated to the pilots.

To ensure further safety measures, the 8th Civil Engineering Squadron's power production section

oversaw the certification and functionality of the aircraft arresting system. This safety system provides pilots with a capability to arrest, or slow down, an aircraft that lands without the ability to stop on its own.

"You don't want to have to deal with an in-flight emergency, but it's better to be prepared with the necessary tools and training if there is an issue," said Davidson of the prep work for the ALS landing.

Engineers and airfield managers worked together to ensure there was a clear flight path for the F-16s to land, by identifying and removing any structures, like trees and towers, that were in the way.

With the final go-ahead, Airmen with the 8th Security Forces Squadron secured the ALS, limiting ground traffic to primarily air field management and emergency vehicles.

Each of these sections, and the many other unnamed, enabled the two F-16s to land on the ALS without a hitch and, with many eyes watching, the success of their endeavors was felt by all.

"Maintaining our mission capability is our biggest priority here at the Wolf Pack, which means everyone working together to launch and recover jets safely," said Shoemaker. "The success of our teamwork over the course of many months culminated in live aircraft landing on the ALS for the first time in years. I will always remember driving down the ALS congratulating and high-fiving Airmen from so many Wolf Pack organizations after the successful landings. Every Airman at Kunsan directly impacts our mission daily, and this was a win for the entire team."



U.S. Airmen rescue Thai man, rescuer presented awards for heroism

U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron pose for a photo at Misawa Air Base, Japan, April 25, 2017. The 35th LRS personnel pictured from left to right, Senior Airman John Proctor, Staff Sgts Scot Boone, Brent Bowes and Kyle Cherry, all vehicle operator dispatchers, and Tech. Sgt. Canaan Hatcher, not pictured, a quality assurance evaluator, rescued a Thai man February 19, 2017 who was stuck upside down in snow at Niseko Mountain, Japan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany A. Chase)

By Senior Airman Brittany A. Chase, 35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -- People from around the globe travel to Northern Japan for what some consider the best backcountry snowboarding and skiing in the world.

Many, unfortunately, underestimate the skill level needed to shred unmarked and off course areas—often getting stuck in tree wells and falling victim to snow immersion suffocation.

On Feb. 19, the worst possible situation happened when Thailand national, Vaseen, from Bangkok, made the decision to snowboard in the back woods.

“I noticed a board upside down,” said Senior Airman John Proctor, a 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator dispatcher. “My first thought was someone got mad and threw their snowboard. After inspecting it, it started moving and I noticed a person attached to it.”

Once Proctor saw Vaseen attached to the board, he reassured him he was safe and help was on the way. He then flagged down the rest of his group and they jumped into action, attempting to remove Vaseen as quickly as possible, all the while trying not to sink into the hole his body occupied.

The group consisted of Proctor and 35th LRS personnel Tech. Sgt. Canaan Hatcher, a quality assurance evaluator, Staff Sgts. Brent Bowes, Scot Boone and Kyle Cherry and Senior Airman John Proctor, all vehicle operator dispatchers.

“Once everyone reached him, we each grabbed a limb and pulled the guy straight out,” said Proctor. “The hole he had been stuck in had to have been four feet across and about 15 feet deep, leading straight into rocks.”

Proctor and Hatcher attributed being able to assess the situation and react with no hesitation of what they needed to do because of the Air Force’s self-aid buddy care and combat life-saver training they had to attend, making saving Vaneer second nature.

“I knew this guy needed help so I reacted; once I arrived, I provided first aid and made sure the individual was alright,” Hatcher explained.

After working as a team to make sure he was free of any noticeable injuries, both Hatcher and Proctor escorted Vaseen down the mountain. They ensured his stability and consciousness by keeping him talking.

“When we were talking, he [Vaseen] said he was upside down for so long with all of his weight on his neck; he contemplated giving up,” said Proctor. “Especially when every time he yelled out for help, snow kept falling down on top of him.”

Vaseen recalled hearing other boarders pass by. He started feeling helpless and with every cry for help, came more snow, packing him farther and farther down, crippling his hope of being rescued.

“It was getting late in the day and starting to snow again when we found Vaseen,” Hatcher recounted. “I think it’s a very real possibility if no one else would have seen the board he would have

died there.”

According to <http://deepsnowsafety.org>, 90 percent of people involved in tree well/snow suffocation hazard research experiments could not rescue themselves. If a partner is not there for immediate rescue, the skier or rider may die very quickly from suffocation—in many cases, he or she can die as quickly as someone can drown in water.

“It was an eye-opening experience,” expressed Proctor. “It made me appreciate that we went as a group and had a game plan to stick together throughout each run. We took the extra steps for safety, like making sure we head counted before we continued to the next difficult area.”

After all was said and done, Vaseen was able to go home with his friends due to the heroic efforts of Hatcher, Proctor, Cherry, Bowes and Boone.

“I would like to thank you all for saving me,” said Vaseen. “Stuck in that hole, in that helpless position was like waiting to die. That group of guys literally saved my life, and I’m so grateful for that.”

While the knowledge that he saved a man’s life was reward enough, Pacific Air Forces also recognized one of the rescuers, Cherry, with the 2018 Noncommissioned Officer Association Vanguard Award, highlighting an NCO who has performed a particularly heroic act that resulted in the saving of a life. PACAF also recognized Cherry with the 2018 Air Force Sergeants Pitsenbarger Award, which is presented annually to an Air Force enlisted member who performed a heroic act and saved a life.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Haley Johnson and Airman 1st Class Angelica Range, conventional maintenance crew chiefs assigned to the 8th maintenance squadron, inventories new and used chaff and flares at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2018. Although a largely male career field, Johnson and Range work in conventional maintenance with a total six females. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmonet D. Jackson)

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Staff Sgt. Ilene Clemens, precision guided missile crew chief, previously worked in various phases of the bomb making process—the production side of the house to be exact. The production flight consists of: conventional maintenance, storage, trailer maintenance, line delivery, and precision guided missiles.

Clemens recollects her similar memories to what Johnson experienced.

“I could only remember working with a total of three females at one time, throughout my four years of being in the Air Force,” said Clemens. “It’s scary for some, but not out of the ordinary for me.”

Although only a small number of women make up the career field filled with men, Clemens says that doesn’t change a thing.

“This is something that I most definitely would have chosen even if I’d known how it would turn out still,” said Clemens. “You can’t trade the experiences—the challenges, adversities, the fire! It turns you into a certain type of person and that’s who I wanted to be.”

According to Clemens and the rest of the ladies of Ammo, it’s not about their gender, but how well they do their job when it comes to their love for career field.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Angelica Range, conventional maintenance crew chief assigned to the 8th maintenance squadron, plucks out used chaff backs at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2018. Chaff and flares are used for defensive countermeasures by pilots during aerial missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmonet D. Jackson)



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 321st Special Tactics Squadron conduct freefall airborne operations near Kiruna, Sweden, Feb. 24, 2018. The Arctic winter training included four weeks of basic winter warfare exercises. (U.S. Army photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Matt Britton)

U.S. SOF conduct winter warfare training in Sweden

By Staff Sgt. Matthew Britton,
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KIRUNA, SWEDEN (AFNS) -- There's cold and then there's above the Arctic Circle cold. So cold that frostbite on exposed skin can occur within minutes. Not cold enough to stop special operations forces from operating in the environment.

U.S. Air Force Special Operations Forces assigned to the 352nd Special Operations Wing and U.S. Army Special Forces assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) conducted an Arctic Winter training course from February to March 2018.

The training consisted of realistic scenarios and classroom instruction that spanned the course of six weeks.

"The course included classes and practical exercises on survival in a cold weather environment," said a SOF operator. "We also trained movement on skis and snowshoes, advanced snow mobile movements and live-fire ranges. In Special Tactics, we need to have the ability to employ and project global access, precision strike and personnel recovery across the globe, regardless of



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 321st Special Tactics Squadron conduct movement to a support by fire position during Arctic winter training near Kiruna, Sweden, Feb. 23, 2018. The training included four weeks of basic winter warfare alongside U.S. Army Special Forces. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Britton)

environment.”

Combined training and the exchange of information is critical for successful joint military operations.

“Our success relies on interoperability between U.S. and European forces,” said a SOF operator. “We use common practices, but it is invaluable to integrate and train alongside our partners. This allows U.S. forces to gain credibility and build relationships that will continue during future engagements.”

The benefits of surviving and operating in the harsh conditions weren’t the only lessons learned from the course.

“Joint and combined training has been the most beneficial aspect of our trip to the Arctic,” said a SOF operator. “We have learned several tactics, techniques and procedures and standard operating procedures that we have adopted and trained to. These lessons learned not only add

to our survivability, but also increase the lethality of our forces.”

Training in the Arctic provides the U.S. and their partners the opportunity for future operations and strategic planning.

“The Arctic Circle holds strategic military, economic and geopolitical value,” said a SOF operator. “The intent of our training is to support our European partners across all environments in [United States European Command]. The High North provides an opportunity for us to collaborate with partner nations in winter warfare exercises and learn from past and present experiences.”

The training in the unforgiving environment expanded the capabilities of the tactical teams and left them with a new-found respect for the cold.

“Training in the Arctic is a very humbling experience,” said a SOF operator. “In the words of our partner forces, ‘In training, the enemy is simulated. The cold is real.’”



A U.S. Army Special Forces Soldier assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) conducts snow machine movement and evasive maneuver training near Kiruna, Sweden, Feb. 24, 2018. The Arctic winter training included four weeks of basic winter warfare exercises. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Britton)

Air Force Assistance Fund begins 45th year of helping Airmen, families

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-- The 2018 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign runs from March 26th through May 4.

Air Force bases worldwide participate in the AFAF campaign, which raises money for charities

that support Air Force active-duty members, Guardsmen and Reservists as well as spouses, immediate family members and veterans. The charities are: the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation and the



The 2018 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign runs from March 26 to May 4. The AFAF has four different charities: the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

“The four affiliate charities of the AFAF campaign exist for the sole purpose of taking care of Airmen and their families from induction into the Air Force through retirement,” said Bill D’Avanzo, Air Force fundraising chief at the Air Force Personnel Center. “These funds provide emergency financial relief, educational assistance and family support, and have a direct impact on the lives of Airmen and families.”

The Air Force Enlisted Village supports the Bob Hope Village in Shalimar, Florida, near Eglin Air Force Base. The fund provides homes and financial assistance to retired enlisted members’ surviving spouses who are 55 and older. It also supports Hawthorn House (also in Shalimar) which provides assisted living and memory care for residents, including limited nursing services when needed.

The Air Force Aid Society provides Total Force Airmen and their families worldwide with emergency financial assistance, educational support and various base-level community enhancement programs.

The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation supports independent assisted living and memory and nursing care for retired officers and their spouses, surviving spouses and family members. Communities are located in San Antonio, close to

Lackland Air Force Base and the San Antonio Military Medical Center.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides monetary grants for rent and other purposes to surviving spouses of officer and enlisted retirees. Grants include one-time payments to help with unexpected expenses and monthly assistance to help surviving spouses remain in their homes and live with dignity.

One-time donations are accepted by cash or check to one or more of these AFAF funds. Active-duty members and retirees can donate monthly from their military pay accounts to one or more of the funds. Active-duty members can choose to have payroll deductions for three to 12 months, while retirees can do so for 12 months. Under certain conditions, Guard and Reserve members can sign up for payroll deductions for three to 12 months beginning in June.

“The AFAF continues to be a major factor in our resiliency and readiness, even after 45 years of the campaign,” D’Avanzo said. “This year also marks 76 years of the Air Force Aid Society helping Airmen and 50 years of the Air Force Enlisted Village providing homes to surviving spouses.”

For more AFAF information, visit www.afassistancefund.org. Visit AFPC’s public website for more information about personnel programs.

U.S., ROK Air Force chaplains hold joint training



By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Charlotte C. Oliver
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Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Dondi Costin, U.S. Air Force chief of chaplains, and more than a dozen chaplains and chaplain assistants from U.S. Pacific Air Forces spent time with U.S. Airmen and their South Korean counterparts in a visit to the Republic of Korea March 20 – 23, 2018.

Costin and Chaplain (Col.) Sung IL Kim, Republic of Korea (ROK) air force chief of chaplains, led the first of its kind joint training and cultural exchange between the religious support teams. This training is part of a series of ongoing training bilateral engagements between the two nations.

The chaplains and their assistants worked together to build not only the resiliency of their respective forces but build upon their alliance and friendships as well.

The group shared ideas and experiences from both on and off the battlefield about how to better assist U.S. and South Korean forces in maintaining their spiritual fitness

as well as their mental and physical fitness.

“We’re here to help Airmen, help Soldiers, Sailors and Marines – our warfighters – and their families to get the job done,” said Costin. “The chaplain’s job is to walk alongside with the chaplain assistant, walk alongside the warfighters and their family members, through good times and bad times. We’re there for every Airman, whether a person is a person of faith or of no faith; the chaplain corps is there for them.”

Through joint training the chaplains from both nations were able to garner a better understanding of how each service approaches the same challenges and to better enable Airmen to be more resilient.

“The position of a chaplain is one that builds on spiritual resiliency,” said Chaplain (Maj.) David Sarmiento, from the 163d Attack Wing, California Air National Guard. “We’re able to be the sounding block for the Airmen because we have

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Dondi Costin, the U.S. Air Force chief of chaplains, and more than a dozen chaplains and chaplain assistants from U.S. Pacific Air Forces spent time with U.S. Airmen and their South Korean counterparts in a week-long visit to Daegu Korea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Charlotte C. Oliver)



Dondi Costin, the U.S. Air Force chief of chaplains, and chaplain (Col.) Sung IL Kim, Republic of Korea (ROK) air force chief of chaplains bow their head in prayer March 21, 2018, at Daegu Air Base, Korea. More than a dozen chaplains and chaplain assistants from U.S. Pacific Air Forces spent time with U.S. Airmen and their South Korean counterparts in a week-long visit to Daegu Korea. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Charlotte C. Oliver)

absolute confidentiality. We're there to serve in any way possible to encourage them, to look out for them emotionally, physically and most importantly, spiritually."

Resiliency is an individual's ability to recover readily from illness, depression, adversity or any other adverse condition.

Costin said that many Airmen may feel that the word resiliency eludes to another program and that they will tune it out. He and the chaplain corps are striving for Airmen and other warfighters to incorporate resiliency as part of a normal lifestyle.

"People talk about resiliency as being the ability to bounce back," said Costin. "We know from human experience that difficulties are going to come, we know that we're all going to have trouble, and the question is are we going to be prepared when these troubles come?"



A responsibilities the chaplains said they strive to achieve is ensuring Airmen are prepared for the trouble that comes and are given the tools they need to have a better chance at bouncing back and demonstrating their resilience regardless of their religious preference.

For those who don't observe a religion, one goal the chaplain corps strives to achieve is to help those Airmen take principals of different belief systems and apply them to improve their spiritual fitness.

Chaplains want to ensure that Airmen and other warfighters have the skill sets, attitudes, and capabilities required to be physically fit, to be socially fit, to be mentally fit and to be spiritually fit to carry out the mission.

"The most important thing about us is not the rank on our shoulders, but the symbol of our faith," said Costin about the chapel corps role in the mission.

Care in the air: Teams deliver patient care in challenging environments

By Shireen Bedi, Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- The back of an aircraft is a challenging place to deliver medical care. For Air Force medical crews, treating patients in the air is just part of the job.

Crews transporting seriously ill or injured patients, called critical care air transport teams, are uniquely qualified and prepared for the challenges flight places on patients. While critical care in the air is different from the traditional hospital setting, CCATS deliver en route care that is just as effective.

"It's dark in the back of a cargo plane during flight," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Daniel Cox, medical director for the Air Force Medical Service En Route Medical Care Division. "It's noisy, there's significant vibration, and the temperature can change quickly. Oxygen concentrations and pressure in the air change when you change altitude. That all affects the patient."

CCATTs account for these environmental factors when monitoring the severity of a patient's conditions. Often, a minor issue on the ground can quickly become a life-threatening event in the air.

"For example, a patient who has a small amount of air in his chest that causes a collapsed lung is usually not much of a problem in a hospital setting," said Cox. "But because air expands as you rise in altitude, this

can quickly become life-threatening during AE."

The environment at altitude also affects how medics treat certain health issues. Some medications require different dosages, and some conditions need different treatments during air transport.

"Treating pain on the ground, when patients are usually stationary on a bed, is much simpler than in the air," said Cox. "On an aircraft, vibration and temperature extremes can increase the dosage required for the patient. Patients may even need more IV fluids because there is lower humidity in the air at altitude."

There are times where the team's efforts to control the impact of flight can only go so far and they have to make life-saving decisions with the aircrew.

"Some intensive care patients require a cabin altitude restriction be placed within the aircraft to keep a patient stable in flight," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Marie McIntee, Chief of Physical Standards and Development for the Air Force Medical Service. "In those cases, the aircraft may have to adjust its flight plan and fly at a lower altitude."

Assessing a patient's medical status becomes more challenging during flight, requiring different assessment methods and tools.

"Medics have to find ways to assess the patient in this environment

where you have limitations not encountered on the ground," said Cox. "If I have an intensive care patient on a ventilator and her oxygen level drops, I can't assess the patient the way I would in the hospital. I can't listen to their lungs because the aircraft is too loud, and I am working with a different kind of ventilator. I have to work around the limitations and rely on what is available on the aircraft."

Constant training and pre-mission planning are critical for CCATTs to maintain mission readiness and to deliver care under difficult and

limiting circumstances.

"I give a lot of credit to these teams and what they do," said McIntee. "It is already a high stress situation when treating a critical patient in a hospital room that is well lit. To be able to deliver that same care in the air is just incredible." Airmen and 50 years of the Air Force Enlisted Village providing homes to surviving spouses."

For more AFAF information, visit www.afassistancefund.org. Visit AFPC's public website for more information about personnel programs.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Arik Carlson, 10th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation flight critical care air transport team (CCATT) nurse, explains the role of CCATT to Partnership Flight Symposium participants at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Jan. 17, 2018. The CCATT's mission is to operate an intensive care unit in an aircraft during flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rachelle Coleman)



Col. Stanley Martin, 379th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander, wears a protective coat while Leonard, a military working dog with the 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, performs a controlled aggression tactic during a demonstration at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, March 12, 2018. The dogs are trained to detect explosives and narcotics as well as perform controlled aggression tactics when detaining suspects. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Patrick Evenson) ▲



Airman 1st Class Andre Brown, 2nd Audiovisual Squadron, operates a camera rig during a video shoot for an Air Force Space Command production called "Space Superiority", March 20, 2018, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. (U.S. Air Force photo by R. Nial Bradshaw) ▲



A 100th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter extinguishes a fire inside a mock aircraft, as part of annual proficiency skill training at a burn pit at RAF Mildenhall, England, March 21, 2018. All firefighters are required to conduct live-fire training at least twice a year to stay proficient and keep their qualifications current. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Nuñez) ◀

Paratroopers assigned to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, jump from an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III during airborne training over Malemute drop zone, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Ala., March 22, 2018. The Soldiers belong to the only American airborne brigade in the Pacific and are trained to execute airborne maneuvers in extreme cold weather and high altitude environments in support of combat, training and disaster relief operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Javier Alvarez) ►



Senior Airman Latrell Solomon, 41st Rescue Squadron, inspects the rear propeller of an HH-60G Pave Hawk during a simulated combat search and rescue mission at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., March 15, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Eugene Oliver) ▲



An Air Force pararescueman, assigned to the 83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, communicates with an Army Task Force Brawler CH-47F Chinook during a training exercise at an undisclosed location in the mountains of Afghanistan, March 14, 2018. The Army crews and Air Force Guardian Angel teams conducted the exercise to build teamwork and procedures as they provide joint personnel recovery capability, aiding in the delivery of decisive airpower for U.S. Central Command. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gregory Brook) ▲

ARoyal Netherlands Air Force F-16 and U.S. Air Force F-15C Eagles fly in formation together behind a U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker during an aerial refueling training mission March 21, 2018, over the Netherlands. Nearly 260 Airmen from the 142nd Fighter Wing deployed with F-15Cs operating from Leeuwarden Air Base, Netherlands, as part of a Theater Security Package in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Luke Milano) ◀

• BULLETIN •

OSAN AIR BASE, ROK -- SrA Anthonycarlo Rusconi, stationed at 607th Support Squadron Osan AB, Pyeongtaek, ROK, recently passed away.

Anyone with a claim for or against his estate should step forward at this time by contacting Capt Tom Stortz, reachable by telephone at 010-3034-1786 or by email at thomas.stortz.2@us.af.mil.

Direct all questions to Capt Stortz.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

Osan City's English Program for Middle School Students

As part of the Good Neighbor Program, 7 AF Public Affairs has been supporting the conversational English program organized by the Osan City Mayor for middle school children in Osan city. The program is in need of American volunteers who will assist and teach conversational English to the students for the first semester of 2018.

The program occurs every Thursday from 29 March to 26 July 2018 (TBD).

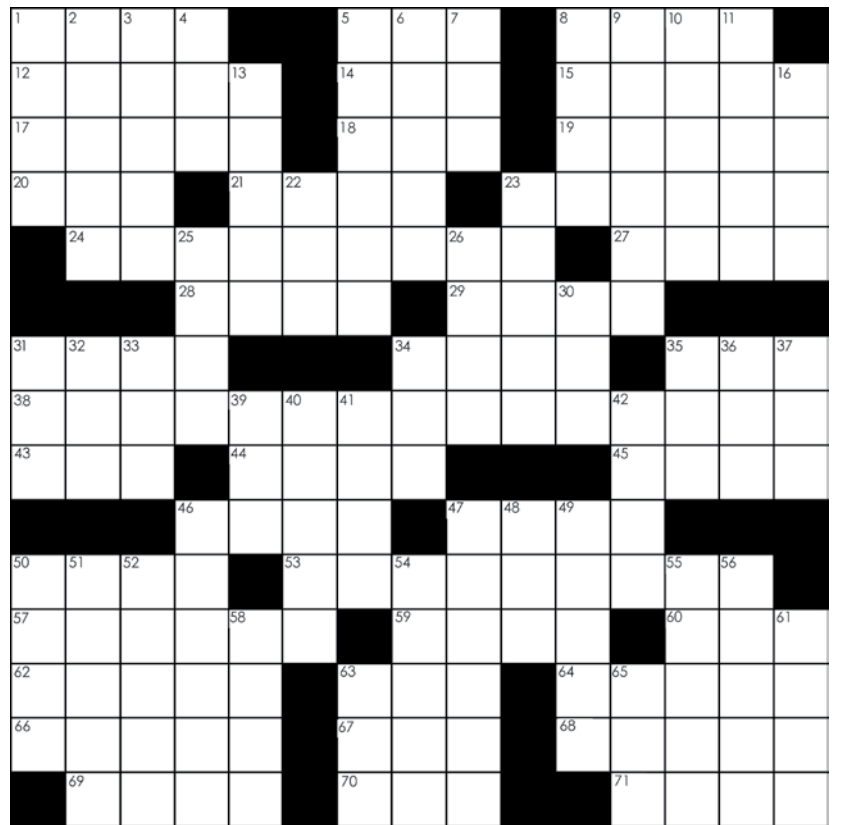
Transportation is provided; two mini buses depart from Checkertails at 1530 and return to Checkertails at approximately 1800 each Thursday.

The program's goal is to improve Korean children's English language skills by allowing them to spend time with our service members in their Korean school classrooms. Spouses are welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in this "Adopt-A-School English Tutoring Program", please contact 7 AF/PA Ms. Yom, Kyong Suk via email kyong_suk.yom.kr@us.af.mil or DSN 784-4724, cell: 010-4736-7979.



The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



ACROSS

- 1 Small island
- 5 Rejected diplomat Victor
- 8 Hoover and Cheongpyeong
- 12 Type of clock
- 14 To be sick
- 15 Mayo and garlic
- 17 Bus alternative
- 18 DNA component
- 19 By hook or by ____
- 20 Game, ____ and match
- 21 Tested the line
- 23 Damyang forest plant
- 24 Korean landmass
- 27 Sports TV channel
- 28 Flying saucers
- 29 Airbase in Pyeongtaek
- 31 Goes with grand or dunk
- 34 Epidermis
- 35 AOL rival

- 38 March sporting event
- 43 M113 or GTK Boxer
- 44 Floater
- 45 Actor Devon
- 46 Anglerfish bait
- 47 Top choice
- 50 Actress Roseanne
- 53 Opposite of soldiers
- 57 Korean Air rival
- 59 Elderly
- 60 ____ glance
- 62 Wash
- 63 Goes with bird or shot
- 64 Legolas and Arwen
- 66 Wise one
- 67 Anonymous browser
- 68 Polish APCs
- 69 Opposite of shakes head
- 70 How ____ you?
- 71 Small valley

DOWN

- 1 Pet food brand
- 2 Slumber
- 3 Espresso and milk
- 4 Make a mistake
- 5 Cuddle
- 6 Indian religious person
- 7 Pie ____ mode
- 8 Dreamers act
- 9 Flyboys
- 10 Fat man's chest
- 11 Type of sailboat
- 13 Pattern or concept
- 16 YG boy band
- 22 Yoko ____
- 23 Boot camp training
- 25 Early Moldovan meme word
- 26 Thor's brother
- 30 Hulk director Lee
- 31 Like a jjimjilbang or sauna
- 32 Cat's seat
- 33 ____ de Triomphe

- 34 Undercover agent
- 35 Combat sport
- 36 Stitch up
- 37 Fort Meade-based intelligence agency
- 39 KGs alternative
- 40 Flat nuke test site
- 41 Easter Island head
- 42 Not at port
- 46 Deleted
- 47 Number or important person
- 48 Dark beer
- 49 YouTube content
- 50 Pubs
- 51 Oriental
- 52 Beatles' Starr
- 54 Heroism
- 55 Type of base
- 56 Korean memorial slab
- 58 Goes with Loch or Eliot
- 61 Similar to a co-op
- 63 KORUS agreement
- 65 Gas alternative

Answers (3-23-2018)	37 INHERENT	80 ECHO	13 FAN	49 LONGPIG
ACROSS	39 OBOES	81 UNITE	21 SAM	51 SEC
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1 IPSOS	41 MENU	83 ETAS	24 GMO	54 EGG
6 EPIC	42 EDU	84 PARSE	25 RUB	55 LEE
10 USAF	44 EXO	DOWN	26 USO	56 DRS
14 POPUP	46 AWOL	-----	27 BEE	58 MSN
15 MAMA	50 PTSD	1 IPA	29 OIL	59 REP
16 NADA	52 FIELD	2 POW	30 ENDED	62 NAXOS
17 AWARE	57 CHROMITE	3 SPA	32 GEE	65 RHEE
18 ALPS	59 RANGER	4 OUR	33 INN	67 COUP
19 IRON	60 LOANS	5 SPEC	34 CTU	68 ADT
20 CSI	61 ACNE	6 EMAIL	36 USE	69 SEW
22 HOF	63 AGES	7 PAL	38 HEX	70 ALI
24 GRUB	64 GNR	8 IMP	40 OUTTA	72 OCT
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Hammer time! Girl Scouts learn metalwork

**By Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Troop 50 Girl Scouts earn badges while learning life skills and toured the 51st Maintenance Squadron on Mar. 28, 2018, to learn about safety and the fundamentals of working with metal.

During the tour, four girls and two troop leaders learned how to safely mark, cut, punch and bend metal fragments which provided them some of the basics of safety, engineering and construction.

"My goal is to show these young ladies some of the things we do, so they can gain experience for the future," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Edward De Alejandro, 51st MXS aircraft structural maintenance section chief. "We want them to know the mindset of what we do here. There's a chance that possibly in the future one of these young ladies may join the Air Force and become a structural maintainer."

The tour highlighted simple tools, such as hammers and scribes, which leaves a permanent mark on metal. They learned about rivets and how to install them. After the tour, they took home a small aluminum box with their name etched into it and experience of training in metalwork.

According to the Girl Scouts of America, "Everything a Girl Scout does centers around STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), the outdoors, development of life skills and entrepreneurship, and is designed to grow with her experiences. Whether she's building a robotic arm, coding her first app, building a shelter in the backcountry or packing for her first hike, a Girl Scout has an exciting array of opportunities at every age."

Stacie Pollock, a Troop 50 leader, echoes the Girl Scout's empowering sentiment and wants an educational push for girls into STEM fields.

"People may not necessarily associate girls with woodworking and metalworking, but they love it," she said. "My daughter loves working with her hands, and she helps her father build furniture every time we move. She loves math and science. You can see what sparks their interest. I want them to try different things. I don't want her to think, 'I shouldn't do that because people don't think I should.' I want her to have a, 'Go try it, even if you're a little scared,' mentality."

What's next for Troop 50? Pollock said her scouts can look forward to a STEM fair at the Osan Middle High School.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Eugene Travis, 8th Air Maintenance Squadron crew chief, prepares to launch a jet while participating in the "Job Swap" event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 12, 2017. The week-long event was to give 8th SFS defenders a better look at the assets that they are protecting day in and day out. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor)



A Girl Scout from Troop 50 cuts a piece of metal during a maintenance tour on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Mar. 28, 2018. During the tour, the girl scouts learned about safety equipment and the fundamentals of working with basic tools. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton)

Kunsan

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

Wolf Pack Lodge
Lodging Space A Policy
Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? You can book lodging rooms on a space available basis up to 120 days in advance for a maximum of 30 days depending on availability. You can also book reservations for the holiday season (November and December) up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of 15 days. (Depending on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday!

Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844 FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

Sunday Sonlight dinner
Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to

"Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-HOPE.

Sponsor training
Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

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

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

Osan

Airman and Family Readiness Center programs

***Bundles for Babies** - A workshop for expectant parents who want to learn more about parenting and support programs here at Osan. The class also offers you a finance piece that focuses on budgeting for your new baby from conception to college years and a chance to meet other new parents. Additionally, you'll receive a free "bundle" from the Air Force Aid Society.

***Separation & Retirement Benefits** - This is an optional workshop where separating and retiring members can learn about their benefits- includes briefings by MFLC, TMO, CPO, Finance, Tricare and SBP.

***Spouse Orientation** - This is a great opportunity for spouses to learn about the 51st Fighter Wing Mission, Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) process, and receive a protective (gas) mask demonstration. Spouses will also have an opportunity to meet key base representatives and learn about Korean Culture. As a bonus, a community information fair will end the day.

Anthem Singers
Sopranos, altos, tenors and bass vocalists are needed to sing the US and ROK National Anthems at various events on base. Practice is held at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chapel Annex. For more information, send an e-mail to: nicholas.smith.21@us.af.mil or ric.rebulanan.1@us.af.mil

***Volunteers' Training** - The goal is to ensure all our volunteers are registered and they receive all tools and information to keep them informed of volunteer opportunities. For more information, call [784-0119](tel:784-0119).

Volunteers for USFK Civilian Employees Appreciation Week
Each year, the USFK Commander takes time to recognize civilian employees for their accomplishments, contributions, and dedication to the USFK mission. This year, General Brooks has designated 11-15 September as USFK Civilian Employees Appreciation Week. We are currently seeking volunteers (US/LN Civilians, Active Duty Military, and Spouses/Family members) to assist in the planning and execution of this wonderful event. If you would like to volunteer to serve as a committee member, please contact Ms. Kim, Min Kyo, min_kyo.kim.kr@us.af.mil or Ms. Precious Clermont, precious.clermont@us.af.mil at [784-4434/8177](tel:784-44348177).

Open Continuous Vacancy Announcement for Pacific West Educational Aide positions
Applicants who previously applied under the Open Continuous Vacancies will need to update their application and required documents under the new announcement numbers if they wish to be considered for the SY 17/18
PLEASE re-iterate to these interested applicants to have a complete resume attached. This includes but not limited to total employment period, i.e., starting and ending dates (month and year) and number of hours per week for each work experience, paid and unpaid. A description of duties and accomplishments for each experience, including volunteer. If a current or former Federal employee, highest Federal civilian grade held, job series, and dates of employment.
Here is the direct link to the 2017 school support positions.
Job Title: Educational Aide (GS-1702-04)
Job Announcement Number: 17-042-KO-LG-1981388
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/473464800>

Emergency Services	911	Commander's Hotline	782-5224
Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	After-hours medical advice	782-4333
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)	

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

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services
 Gospel Service
 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501
 Contemporary Service
 Sunday 5 p.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501

Catholic Services
 Sunday Catholic Mass
 Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
 Main Chapel, Bldg. 501
 Daily Mass and Reconciliation
 Please call the Chapel

Other Worship Opportunities
 LDS Service
 Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
 SonLight Inn, Bldg. 510

Point of Contact:
 Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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

OSAN AIR BASE

Protestant Services
 Gospel Service
 Sunday, 12:30 p.m.
 Chapel Sanctuary
 Community Service
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.,
 Chapel Sanctuary

Protestant Ministries
 Awana Children's Ministry
 Wednesday, 5 p.m., Grades 7-12
 Wednesday, 6 p.m., Pre-K to 6th Grade
 Chapel
 Osan Middle School
 Men of the Chapel
 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Chapel Annex
 Singles & Unaccompanied
 Thursday, 7 p.m., Mustang Center
 Friday, 7 p.m., Hospitality House
 Saturday, 6 p.m., Hospitality House
 Women of the Chapel
 Monday, 6:30 p.m./ Tuesday, 9 a.m.
 Chapel Annex
 Youth of the Chapel
 Monday, 6 p.m., Chapel Annex

Catholic Mass
 Daily Mass
 Tuesday – Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Chapel
 Reconciliation
 Saturday, 4 p.m (or by appointment), Chapel
 Vigil Mass
 Saturday, 5 p.m., Chapel
 Sunday Mass
 Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Chapel

Catholic Ministries
 Catholic RE
 Sunday, 10 a.m., Chapel Annex
 Korean Prayer Group
 Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
 Blessed Sacrament
 Bible Study
 Tuesday, 6 p.m., Chapel Annex Rm 4
 Women of the Chapel
 Meet Monthly, Please call 784-5000

Other Faith Groups
 Earth-Based (Contact the Chapel)
 Jewish (Contact the Chapel)
 Muslim (Contact the Chapel)
 Buddhist (Contact the Chapel)
 LDS Sunday, 1 p.m., Contact the Chapel

Point of Contact:
 Osan Chapel, 784-5000

Visit us on SharePoint:
<https://osan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/51FW/51FW-HC/default.aspx>

Visit us on Facebook (OSAN AB CHAPEL)
<https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

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Protestant Services
 Traditional Service
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
 Contemporary Service
 Sunday, 9 a.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
 K-16 Chapel
 Nondenominational Service
 Sunday, 11 a.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Gospel Service
 Sunday, 1 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Pentecostal
 Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Latter Day Saints (LDS)
 Sunday, 4 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702
 Seventh-Day Adventist
 Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel
 KATUSA
 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597

Catholic Mass
 Sunday, 8 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Saturday, 5 p.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 1st Saturday, 9 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 M/W/T/F, 11:45 a.m.
 Memorial Chapel, Bldg 1597
 Tuesday, 11:45 p.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

General Service
 Episcopal Service
 Sunday, 11 a.m.
 Brian Allgood Hospital Chapel

Jewish
 Friday, 7 p.m.
 South Post Chapel, Bldg 3702



Point of Contact:
 USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office, 738-3011
 Visit us on SharePoint:
<http://www.army.mil/yongsan>

SPIRITUAL CHARGE

Stop and Smell the Roses



**Ch, Capt Jennifer Ray
 Chaplain, 51st Fighter Wing**

Taking a moment to stop and smell the roses, may be a task that is too difficult and time consuming for the person who has a to-do list longer than the eye can see. We've all heard the popular saying "life is too short"... However, I submit to you that perhaps it is not the case that life is too short, but that we take too long to finally start our living. We can become so consumed with the next move and the next moment, that we neglect to live in the now.

There are many things that compete for our attention and are screaming at us, on a

daily basis, to cross them off of our to-do lists. I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage someone to stop for just a second, take a deep breath, and absorb the moment. What do you have to be grateful for? What small victories

can you celebrate?

Life can easily pass you by if you don't make the time to intentionally and purposefully pause and acknowledge the precious time we have been afforded. When we become too busy for this practice, we have allowed ourselves to become far too busy.

Before commissioning as an officer in the United States Air Force, I served as a hospice chaplain for 10 years. I had many conversations with folks on their death beds. It was a very challenging, yet meaningful and rewarding experience that I loved. Their wisdom and perspective, I found to be profound. A common thought that I encountered amongst those living their last days, was that no one knows what moment will be their last. To truly learn from that thought, causes one to pack their days with purpose. It becomes a little more foreseeable to take the time to grasp each day with a goal in mind, when you remember that tomorrow is not promised. Don't wait too long to live. Seize the day!

May your days be lived out to maximum potential, and may you ever find time to stop and smell the roses.



Royal Australian Air Force Aircraft Woman Jessica Knight, 13 Squadron air movements personnel, stands by a U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress with a bioenvironmental security kit during aircraft reception processing at RAAF Base Darwin, Australia, March 29, 2018. Two B-52s and U.S. Air Force Airmen are visiting Northern Territory's Darwin as part of the Enhanced Air Cooperation Initiative under the Force Posture Agreement between the U.S. and Australia. Aircraft arriving to Australia are required to be inspected to avoid transfer of invasive species to and from the continent. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander W. Riedel)

U.S. Air Force Airmen, B-52H bombers arrive in Australia to train with Australian counterparts



Royal Australian Air Force Leading Aircraftman Matt Van Der Vlies, 13 Squadron avionics duty crew member, left, coordinates an aircraft movement with U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Margino, avionics technician with the 36th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at RAAF Base Darwin, Australia, March 29, 2018. Two B-52 Stratofortress aircraft flew to Darwin to partake in the Enhanced Air Cooperation exercises with RAAF aircraft and ground personnel. The rotations enhance U.S. ability to train, exercise and operate with Australia and other allies and partners across the region, further enabling international militaries to respond more quickly to a wide range of challenges, including humanitarian crises and disaster relief, as well as promoting security cooperation efforts across the region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander W. Riedel)

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINTBASEPEARLHARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii
-- U.S. Air Force Airmen and B-52H Stratofortress bombers arrived at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin March 29 and have commenced training with the Royal Australian Defence Force as part of the Enhanced Air Cooperation (EAC) initiative shared between the two allied nations.

The B-52H aircrew and bombers departed from Andersen Air Force Base (AFB), Guam and are scheduled to remain in Australia through early April in order to train with Royal Australian Air Force F/A-18A Hornets and PC-9 aircraft as well as Joint Terminal Attack Controllers in designated military airspace near RAAF Williamtown.

The training is designed to exercise close air support scenarios, ultimately increasing the abilities of the two militaries to operate together and to enhance security cooperation in the region.

The B-52H's presence at RAAF Darwin marks the second EAC event of 2018. The first, held at Andersen AFB in February, tested and improved the aeromedical evacuation capabilities shared by the two air forces.

The EAC initiative, codified in 2014 by signature between the U.S. Secretary of Defense, U.S. Secretary of State, and their Australian counterparts, fosters greater integration between U.S. Department of Defense air elements and the Australian Defence Force to enhance interoperability across the full spectrum of operations.



A U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress, assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., opens its drag chute during its arrival at Royal Air Force Base Darwin, Australia, March 29, 2018. The detachment of U.S. Air Force B-52H bombers, aircrew and support personnel deployed to RAAF Darwin for EAC 18-2 enables the U.S. to train and increase interoperability with our Australian counterparts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander W. Riedel)

AF Fire Emergency Services test fire trucks in extreme cold



Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., lead firefighters Marcus Carpenter (left) and Patrick Stevens successfully operate a hand line in sub-zero temperatures during recent tests of discharge systems on their Fire Emergency Services fire suppression vehicles. Air Force Civil Engineer Center Fire Emergency Services division headquartered at Tyndall AFB, Fla., spearheaded the tests, proving the discharge systems will perform in extreme cold weather conditions. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

By Brian Goddin, AFIMSC Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) -- Air Force fire service professionals at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, recently spent a week in the coldest weather the country has experienced this year to test the discharge systems of firefighting agents on Air Force fire trucks.

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center conducted

the tests in sub-zero weather in January and February to ensure functionality in protecting Airmen in extremely cold climates. AFCEC's fire emergency services division spearheaded the winterization tests of both the bumper turret and hand line discharge systems using the P-34 Rapid Intervention Vehicle as the platform.

"The weather was perfect for testing to see

if our FES trucks could discharge firefighting agents and perform as expected when they are needed to put out a fire in extreme cold temperatures," said Fred Terryn, Air Force Fire Emergency Services program manager.

"Most people think of 'winterization' as prepping a piece of equipment to be stored and not used during the winter months," Terryn said. "But in this specific case, it technically means just the opposite - we were verifying if the equipment could function at a desired level despite the influence of extreme cold weather."

The tests confirmed that Air Force firefighters are well-equipped to suppress fire in even the most brutal cold weather, said Dallas Perry, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center lead equipment specialist.

"It was so cold that when a gust of wind came up as one of the guys was discharging a fan of water from a hand line, the water that was blown back onto his jacketed chest was a sheet of ice within a few seconds," he said.

The team reviewed ARFF system's specifications. Despite the outside temperature year-round, AF FES vehicles are generally stored inside climate-controlled fire stations until they are needed. For the testing performed by the team, the vehicles were moved outside as the temperatures ranged from zero to negative 7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Each test conducted was based on the vehicle's capability to satisfactorily store firefighting agents and discharge them in a maximum condition of zero degrees Fahrenheit. Vehicles were tested by running engines at a high idle of about 1300 revolutions per minute.

The tests showed that the low heat of the vehicle's idling diesel engine during the tests created warm air that helped prevent freezing of the discharge system's piping and other components.

Fighter pilot takes inspiration to new heights



Lt. Col. Cheryl Buehn, 71st Fighter Training Squadron T-38A Talon instructor pilot, prepares for takeoff at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., March 13, 2018. Buehn commissioned through the U.S Air Force Academy and, while there, she was selected to train in the Euro-NATO Joint-Jet Pilot Training Program. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Natasha Stannard)

**By Emerald Ralston
633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. (AFNS) -- "I hear at times in my uniform out and about in daily life, 'do they let women fly?'" said Lt. Col. Cheryl Buehn, the only female instructor pilot in the 71st Fighter Training Squadron. "I don't think they realize they're asking a female fighter pilot. So I take a breath and I say, 'Absolutely. They let women fly fighters, tankers, RPAs, everything. Both men and women fly a lot of different platforms, and everyone is important to the fight right now.'"

Buehn has flown a number of aircraft in the Air Force, such as the F-16 Fighting Falcon, T-38C Talon and the E-11A Battlefield Airborne Communications Node. She currently flies the T-38A Talon in an adversary air role to help F-22 Raptor pilots train for combat. She said she loves the opportunity to challenge outdated stereotypes and inspire younger generations, including her own children.

"My kids used to think that all parents were pilots since my husband is a pilot too," she said. "They'd meet [other parents] and say 'what airplane do you fly?' It was the coolest thing that my kids believed that anyone could be a pilot."

Buehn's interest in flight came in part from her love of a challenge and conquering things other people said were too difficult.

"My first true interest and desire in becoming a pilot began while I was at the United States Air Force Academy,"



Lt. Col. Cheryl Buehn, 71st Fighter Training Squadron T-38A Talon instructor pilot, performs preflight inspections on a T-38A Talon at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., March 27, 2018. Buehn currently flies the T-38A Talon in an adversary air role to help F-22 Raptor pilots train for combat. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Steven Sechler)



Lt. Col. Cheryl Buehn, 71st Fighter Training Squadron T-38A Talon instructor pilot, poses in front of T-38A Talons at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., March 27, 2018. Buehn is currently the only female pilot for the 71st Fighter Training Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Steven Sechler)

she said. “There were a few really unique and interesting aviation programs in which I was able to participate.”

The expectation at the Academy is to develop pilots, but she said the real excitement came from earning the chance to attend the training program she wanted most - the Euro-NATO Joint-Jet Pilot Training, where NATO allies send their top candidates to develop them into fighter pilots.

“One of the neatest aspects of that program is that you have representatives from other countries all together in the same class,” she said. “They’ve proven their worth to represent their nation in a pilot training program that will serve throughout their professional aviation career.”

Buehn said being a part of this rigorous pilot training program further proved to her that tenacity, drive, determination and true passion were the main factors that contributed to success. It also showed her that the airplane is truly the greatest equalizer -- gender, race or background -- none of those things matter in the cockpit.

“There are different minorities throughout all facets of the Air Force, so I think the biggest point is that we find unity and share the ability to work together as a team regardless of what segregating factor you might have,” she said.

Buehn credits those who came before her who made it possible for her to be an Air Force fighter pilot.

The accomplishments of her role models, such as Amelia Earhart, the first female pilot to fly alone across the Atlantic; Bessie Coleman, the first African-American and Native-American woman to hold a pilot’s license; and the Women Airforce Service Pilots, who served an integral role flying military aircraft during World War II, inspired Buehn to never let any societal expectations hold her back.

Women’s History Month is just one opportunity to highlight the incredible women serving in many capacities, but being an inspiration to future fighter pilots is something Buehn said she hopes she does all year.

“There’s a natural confidence or comfort in seeing someone that looks like you doing something that you want to do,” said Buehn. “You’re able to envision that your dream can become your reality. I do the same job as my colleagues, but maybe I will inspire the next young aviator who didn’t realize it was even a possibility, and that is important.”



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Four Republic of Korea Air Force Airmen pose for a photo after a game of basketball during an intramural sporting event January 22, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Kunsan Air Base's intramural basketball season just recently wrapped up and this season marked the first time members of the ROKAF have participated in the Wolf Pack's unit versus unit competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Rosales)

Strengthening alliances in the paint

By Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Kunsan Air Base's intramural basketball season marked the first time members of the Republic of Korea Air Force participated in the Wolf Pack's unit versus unit competition.

A rule change within U.S. Air Force intramural sports guidance that now allows for other nationalities to participate as long as they are assigned to the base. The Wolf Pack's ROKAF partners took advantage of that change.

"This season we had eight teams participating in the league," said Staff Sgt. Dayne Griffiths, 8th Force Support Squadron sports coordinator. "Intramural Sports Program is a competitive intra-

squadron competition that has positive impact on unit esprit de corps as well as fitness and health,"

Intramural sports of all kinds, not just basketball, are commonly found on military bases world-wide and use friendly competition as a way to bring service members together.

"I received a lot of positive feedback from the other teams and coaches and they've really enjoyed having the ROKAF Airmen play in the league this year," said Griffiths.

In the U.S. the sport of basketball is widely played, but in South Korea it's not as popular. Some ROKAF players anticipated being at a disadvantage when playing their American



counterparts.

"It's a tough sport," said a ROKAF Airman assigned to Kunsan Air Base. "Many of the U.S. Air Force players have been playing since they were kids and most of us are still just learning the sport, but I'm still having fun and loving the experience."

Even though they may be opponents on the court, Airmen from both countries agree the game

of basketball helps them build upon an already "rock-hard" alliance.

"Everyone involved has been stating that it would be a good idea to have them participate in more intramural sports," said Griffiths. "I've deemed this basketball season a complete success and in turn will be reaching out again in hopes of more ROKAF members participating in our volleyball season come this April."

The 4 things you should remember when you drive in Korea

Don't

Drink & Drive



BAC	Criminal	Administrative
0.05-0.099%	Less than 6 months or ₩3 million (Max)	License is suspended for 100 days
0.01-0.199%	6 months-1 year or ₩3-5 million	License is revoked
0.2% or Higher Failure to Comply with Sobriety Test	1-3 years or ₩5-10 million	License is revoked

Respect

School Zone



Fines and penalty points are doubled for every traffic violation committed inside school zones.

(The speed limit in school zones is 30km/h)

Who can use

Bus-only Lane



Bus-only lanes are indicated by a blue line.

※ Fine of up to ₩70,000 / Penalty points : 30

City roads	Buses with at least 36 seats
Expressways	Buses or 9-passenger vans having at least 6 passengers

How to make

Left Turn



Unprotected left turn

This turn sign & Green signal

(You may need sufficient clearance between you and opposing traffic.)

※ The opposing traffic going straight has priority.

Protected left turn

Green left-turn arrow

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AFAF -- Lending a helping hand

By Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona,
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Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea -- The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, an annual, on-the-job fundraising promotion performed by Air Force personnel for Air Force personnel and their families kicks-off Mar. 26, 2018, and runs through May 4, 2018.

The AFAF provides financial support to four partners including the Air Force Village Charitable Foundation (AFVCF), Air Force Aid Society (AFAS), Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) and the General & Mrs. Curtis E. Lemay Foundation (LEMAY).

Each partner provides help for various groups of military affiliates and can be accessed by those who are in need of financial relief in emergency situations.

"I used the Air Force Aid Society in 2006 as a Senior Airman," said Master Sgt. Susan Erdrich, 51st Medical Group first sergeant. "My sister-in-law became very ill while my family and I were stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. My husband, two step-daughters and I went on emergency leave to Phoenix to be by her side and gain custody of her son."

The AFAS offers both grants and loans to help pay for expenses such as plane tickets home for a family emergency. They also assist with cost for medical equipment used for various treatments.

"The cost of lodging, rental car and court fees became too much, and my first sergeant recommended that I go to the Airman and Family Readiness Center for assistance," said Erdrich. "I applied for and received a loan to cover the cost of the rental car and lodging."

Contributions to the AFAF can make lasting

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Susan Erdrich, 51st Medical Group first sergeant, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Mar. 26, 2018. The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign which is an annual fundraiser that provides financial support to Air Force Village Charitable Foundation, Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village and the General & Mrs. Curtis E. Lemay Foundation, kicks-off Mar. 26, 2018. Erdrich received assistance from the Air Force Aid Society to help cover expenses she incurred while helping her sister-in-law who became ill in 2006. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana Escalona/Released)



impacts on fellow Airmen in their time of need.

"You never know who among you will need help," said U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Kurt Tom, 51st Fighter Wing AFAF assistant installation project officer. "Everybody endures hardships at

some point in life. The AFAF provides peace of mind to know that help is available whenever you need it."

For more information about AFAF contact your unit's key worker or project officer.

Expanded childcare options support deployed, remote Airmen

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) -- The Air Force expanded the number of hours it will provide free child care for families of military members deployed or on remote assignments starting April 1, 2018.

The change provides 16 hours of pre-deployment, 16 hours each month during deployment or remote assignment, and 16 hours of post-deployment care per child. This increases free care from a maximum of 48 hours total for those same periods previously. For example, under the expanded program, an Airman with two children deploying for six months would be eligible for 256 hours of free care, 128 per child.

The change follows feedback from Air Force families and leadership, said Col. Donna Turner, Air Force Services Activity commander.

"This expanded care program will give our Airmen peace of mind that their families are taken care of throughout the deployment and remote assignment process. This will certainly enhance readiness and help build our Airmen's resiliency so they can better concentrate on executing the mission," Turner said.

The expansion is part of the Air Force Family Child Care program that offers free care in FCC homes. AFSVA manages the program.

In order to qualify, Airmen must be:
on active duty or in active status as a member of the Air Force Reserve or National Guard;
assigned to or working on the installation;
deployed in support of a contingency operation;
and deployed for a minimum of 30 calendar days or routinely deployed on a short-term basis (30 days in a six-month period).

To apply, Airmen must provide a copy of

deployment or permanent change of station orders and complete an Air Force FCC Expanded Child Care Request.

Airmen can access FCC Deployment Child Care Support once they have orders until 60 days after they return. Those using FCC Remote Assignment Child Care can do so every month they are on remote assignment.

"Deployments and remote assignments can be stressful for our Airmen and their families," said Anne Rasmussen, AFSVA Child Development Branch chief. "This change will help them during these times of separation."

In fiscal year 2017, the Air Force provided more than 4,400 hours of care to families of deployed or remote members.

Airmen can visit their installation family child care office for more information about this and other child care programs.

Korea's Springtime Destinations

After the cold and colorless winter, spring is a welcome sight. The various bright and colorful flowers throughout the country create a stunning view at every turn. The sweet scent of blossoms permeates the air in both the heart of the city and the quietest of rural villages, making spring the best time to visit Korea. To make the most of this magical time of growth and renewal, read on to learn about the best places to visit.



A perfect springtime walking path, Namsan Park's Circular Road

Namsan Park's Circular Road, which connects Namsan Library, Namsan Octagonal Pavilion and the National Theater of Korea in Jangchung-dong, is a beautiful scenic route lined with forsythias, azaleas, and cherry blossoms. Although it stands at 262 meters above sea level, Namsan Mountain is a fairly easy walk. The walk begins from Namsan Library and takes about 40 minutes to reach Namsan Octagonal Pavilion located at the top of the mountain.

Address: 109, Sowol-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul

Canola flowers bloom along the world's no. 1 Slow Road, Cheongsando Island

Located about 19 kilometers south of Wando in Jeollanam-do is Cheongsando Island [Slow City], also known as the Dadohaehaesang National Park. Cheongsando Island was designated as the first Asian "Slow City" in 2007 and is home to the world's first "Slow Road" as recognized by Cittaslow International. With the arrival of spring, yellow canola flowers, called yuchae in Korean, grow abundantly on the island and their fragrance fills the air. With its clear blue skies, turquoise sea, and bright yellow flowers, the island remains a favorite springtime filming location for movies, dramas and TV commercials.

Address: Areas of Cheongsan-myeon, Wando-gun, Jeollanam-do



A mountain covered with azaleas, Yeongchwisan Mountain

Famous for the surrounding blue sea and beautiful islands, Yeosu is another popular destination for viewing spring flowers. Starting in April, pink azaleas color the ridges of Yeongchwisan Mountain (Yeosu), creating picturesque scenes against the deep blue ocean. The mountain is a perfect place for family travelers to go hiking. Yeongchwisan Mountain is known as the first place in Korea where azaleas begin to bloom in the spring, and is one of the top three most famous places in Korea for azalea blossoms. In April each year, the azalea festival is held in the mountain. During the festival, visitors can enjoy various events and local foods.

Address: Areas of Sagnam-dong, Yeosu-si, Jeollanam-do



Pass through a cherry blossom tunnel at Jinhae's Yeojwacheon Stream

The city of Jinhae comes alive in spring when Jinhae Gunhangjae Festival takes place and approximately 360,000 cherry trees begin to bloom. Though the entire city is considered one of the top cherry blossom destinations, the most popular flower viewing areas are Anmingogae Hill, Jehwangsan Park, and Yeojwacheon Stream. In particular, approximately 1.5-kilometer long section of Yeojwacheon Stream is aligned with cherry blossoms, creating a tunnel of white petals. The sweet scent of canola flowers under the cherry trees will accompany visitors as they walk through the floral tunnel.

Address: Areas of Yeojwa-dong, Jinhae-gu, Changwon-si, Gyeongsangnam-do



Flowers gleam with vibrant yellow at Icheon Sansuyu Village

Icheon is home to a huge number of sansuyu trees. These wild trees, many over 100 years old, are spread all over the city and found most abundant in the Baeksa-myeon area, which is referred to as Sansuyu Village. The Icheon Baeksa Sansuyu Flower Festival is held at Sansuyu Village every spring when sansuyu flowers bloom, coloring the village with vibrant yellow. In particular, walking paths are prepared within the village, offering a magnificent view to anyone willing to take a walk.

Address: 17, Wonjeok-ro 775beon-gil, Baeksa-myeon, Icheon-si, Gyeonggi-do

Seoul's representative cherry blossom tunnel, Yeouido's Yeouiseo-ro Road (Yunjung-ro Road)

Yeouiseo-ro Road (formerly known as Yunjung-ro Road), located behind the National Assembly Building in Yeouido, Seoul, is one of the most popular destinations for viewing cherry blossoms. As cherry blossoms begin to fully bloom in early to mid-April, the 1.7 kilometer path lined with 1,800 cherry blossom trees transforms into a snow-white tunnel, accented with forsythia and other spring blossoms, just in time for Yeongdeungpo's Yeouido Spring Flower Festival. Traffic is restricted in certain areas of Yeouiseo-ro Road during the festival period, allowing visitors to enjoy the cherry blossoms to their hearts' content. day, family members play traditional folk games, eat food, and share stories.

Address: Areas of Yeouido-dong, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul



Take a romantic walk along Ssangyesa Temple Simni Cherry Blossom Road

The Simni Cherry Blossom Road is a 6-kilometer road that stretches from Hwagae Market to Ssanggyesa Temple in Hadong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do. The road is often called the "wedding path" due to a belief that says couples who walk along the road when the cherry blossoms are in full bloom will fall deeply in love with each other. In addition, the annual Hwagae Cherry Blossoms Festival takes place around this time when the cherry trees are in bloom, offering more attractions for people walking the path connecting Hadong Hwagae Market and Ssanggyesa Temple

Address: 15, Ssanggye-ro, Hwagae-myeon, Hadong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do