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1st Lt. Sean Cahill, 80th Fighter Squadron pilot, speaks with Mrs. Kay Yeager, representative from Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas, about his experiences as a first-assignment F-16 Fight Falcon pilot on the Korean Peninsula during a tour April 25, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Airmen from each of the three mission sets of the Wolf Pack – “Defend the base, Accept Follow-on Forces, Take the Fight North” – provided details about the capabilities of their area of expertise and how their piece falls into the greater mission of the Pacific Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Brittany Curry)



CSAF's Civic Leaders visit the Wolf Pack, Republic of Korea Air Force

By Staff Report
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Air Force's Civic Leader Tour visited with the Airmen of the Wolf Pack April 25, 2018, to familiarize themselves with the mission as part of a greater Pacific Air Force command tour.

Accompanied by Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Stephen Wilson, and his wife Mrs. Nancy Wilson, the Air Force Civic Leaders experienced an array of mission sets displaying

the Wolf Pack's overall capabilities to “Defend the base, Accept follow-on forces, and Take the Fight North”.

The Air Force Civic Leader program consists of unpaid advisors, key communicators and advocates for Air Force issues and Airmen across the service. They also provide timely, pertinent information on subjects of general Air Force interest, especially those which have particular application in a Civic Leader's local area.

“We have a duty to the American public, to help them understand the vital mission their

U.S. Airmen at Kunsan—and across the Korean Peninsula as a whole—undertake to safeguard peace in the region,” said Gen. Wilson. “As a service, one of the ways we help facilitate this flow of information is to bring our civic leaders, who help convey the unique missions, needs, and voices of our Airmen, out to bases where maybe the Airmen don't have a direct link with U.S. citizens who very much care about their profession.

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Courtesy story by 1st Lt. Kevin Long

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- "This is actually a lot of fun!" exclaimed a Korean middle school student after launching her first simulated rocket into space. This is the type of reaction you hope for when teaching young students about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and even more so when a language barrier is involved.

Over the last few weeks, the MiG Alley Air Force Association Chapter located in the Republic of Korea has been conducting a space camp for 20 Korean and American middle school students. The space camp falls under the chapter's Korea Science & Technology Education Platform (KSTEP), a STEM outreach program the chapter recently stood up for local

students. Every Saturday morning a group of volunteers from the chapter meets in the Osan Air Base library and conducts a two-hour class covering the basics of flight, aerodynamics, and physics. The camp is a seven-week course designed around the Kerbal Space Program computer game with the final week consisting of a competition where scholarships and other prizes will be given out. Throughout the duration of the course, the students learn how to build a multistage rocket, put a payload into orbit, and then return the capsule safely to Earth.

A local AFA member and volunteer instructor, 1st Lt. Kevin Long, explains, "The goal of the program is to show students that science is cool and inspire them to pursue a career in a STEM field." He added, "The bonus is that we get to bring students from both countries together to interact and

learn, strengthening the US-ROK alliance."

The chapter is aiming to teach students the importance of problem solving, goal setting, and team building in an environment that is unlike anything most middle school students experience. The intangibles these students are learning just by working side-by-side students from a different country and who speak a different language are immeasurable.

The MiG Alley Chapter plans to make this program a continuous effort, with their next class scheduled to being in June 9, 2018. The class is open to middle school aged ROK and U.S. students from local military bases and the surrounding communities.

For more information about the program contact U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jorge Rullonrodriguez at 0505-784-5995.



A student launches simulated rockets during space camp held at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 24, 2018. Volunteers from the MiG Alley Air Force Association Chapter conducted a free space camp for 20 students from the base and local community. (Courtesy photo)



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brandon White, air traffic controller assigned to the 8th Operations Support Squadron, poses for a photo in an Avon M50 gas mask at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 26, 2018. When operating in a contaminated environment, members must don the Avon M50 gas mask to protect themselves from airborne chemicals. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmonet D. Jackson)

Pig Snouts: Air traffic controllers communicate through new voice projection device

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



KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Air traffic controllers rely on their superior communication skills to communicate from ground to aircraft and vice versa. These highly trained Airmen manage the flow of aircraft through all aspects of flight, ensuring efficiency of traffic on the ground and air while monitoring numerous variables. Their vigilance is key to keeping bases, airspace and Airmen all over the world safe.

This alone requires focus and clear, concise communication, so when regular military training necessity brought its own challenges to the communication process, ATC Airmen with the 8th Operations Support Squadron faced those challenges head on.

Through regular training and evaluation, Airmen test their abilities to quickly don various levels of gear associated with the Mission Oriented

Protective Posture, commonly referred to as MOPP levels. One of the common components associated with MOPP levels is the Avon M50 gas mask, which protects the wearer from airborne chemicals.

Though verbal communication is possible through the M50, typically the person wearing the mask must shout to clearly articulate what they need to say. This is where members of the 8th OSS found a solution to overcome this shouting match. One that is now being adopted by other units across the Air Force.

"We were using something called a 'Y-cord' while using our gas masks, which was getting the job done, however, once the 'pig snouts' came about, we played with them and noticed an immediate difference," said Staff Sgt. Brandon White, 8th OSS air traffic controller.

The voice projection unit plus

microphone, also known as the "pig snout," is a battery operated, two-part system, connected to the Avon M50 gas mask. This device consists of a small voice transmitter within the gas mask along with the detachable transmitter on the outside, [the pig snout], and is used for projecting one's voice and communicating with increased clarity through a gas mask.

After testing this device for a few weeks, ATC Airmen and Kunsan's F-16 fighter pilots put it to the real test during a routine base exercise with outstanding results in communication.

"Clarity of voice is a big one," said Staff Sgt. Brandon White, 8th OSS air traffic controller. "Now, with the pig snouts, it's a lot better for projecting our voice to communicate with one another."

Observers without masks stood by, ready to interject and safeguard

lives but the tests proved highly successful.

"With the pig snouts, you don't have to exert nearly so much energy just trying to get your message across through our gas masks, especially if we are a few feet away from each other," said Tech. Sgt. Bruce Black, noncommissioned officer in charge of air traffic control. "You can pretty much have a normal conversation."

Kunsan's air traffic controllers are some of the first to employ these voice projection units at this time, with hopes to making this a mainstream tool across the Air Force.

"Hopefully we provide enough feedback and information to the rest of the Air Force, so they can start issuing this device to Airmen who participate in exercises like us and wear gas masks often," said Black. "Not only for exercise purposes, but for real world, and so on."



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Because Air Force Civic Leaders explain and interpret Air Force programs, positions, and other areas of interest to the general public they represent, experiencing missions across the service provides first-hand knowledge and understanding to aid members of the Civic Leader program in their discussions with those outside of the military.

Air Force Civic Leaders meet with Airmen from the Wolf Pack to discuss their mission and help advocate for positive impacts to issues across the Air Force. While diplomacy remains the primary and preferred means to deal with the threats within the Pacific area of operations, the tour demonstrates how that diplomacy is backed by credible combat power. Observing the Wolf Pack's capabilities enabled the Air Force Civic Leaders to visualize not only the lethality of the unit's mission, but also the strength of the ROK-US alliance – a key focus area for many people in the U.S. and abroad at this time.

During their time with the Wolf Pack, Gen. and Mrs. Wilson along with the Air Force Civic Leaders spoke with Airmen from across the base.

"The Air Force has multiple resources to help," said Mrs. Wilson. "It's your job to make facilities aware if the classes or amenities that they offer are within reach or not. Be the demand, if there is a class they provide, but you or your Airmen cannot attend; let it be known."

Air Force Civic Leaders meet with Airmen

Lt. Gen. Thomas Bergeson, 7th Air Force commander, provides a contextual brief of the Korean Peninsula's history and military involvement to the Air Force Civic Leaders during a tour April 25, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. While diplomacy remains the primary and preferred means to deal with the threats within the Pacific area of operations, the tour demonstrates how that diplomacy is backed by credible combat power. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Brittany Curry)



Air Force Civic Leader Mrs. Vickie McCall and Chief Master Sgt. Reeko Meeks, 8th Fighter Wing command chief, pose for a photo in front of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Patriot Battery during a tour April 25, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Wolf Pack Airmen and leadership provided the Air Force Civic Leaders and Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Stephen Wilson a first-hand look at the capabilities of the wing to showcase not only the strengths, but also the areas of improvement where the Civic Leaders can provide assistance and influence. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Brittany Curry)

from the Wolf Pack to discuss their mission and help advocate for positive impacts to issues across the Air Force. The tour finished with a meeting between the Civic Leaders and the leadership of the ROK Air Force's 38th Fighter Group, which is co-located with the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan.

It's really important for the civic leaders to see this mission, especially since we're on the only base where we share fighter aircraft with our ROK partners," said Gen. Wilson. "Shared learning, common understanding and trust are vital to the future of the iron-clad partnership with our Korean allies."

Republic of Korea Air Force Col. Jeon Jae Kyun, 38th FG commander, echoed the sentiment by discussing the many successes that have brought the two nations' Air Forces closer together.

"If you look back 60 years from now, you would see a lot of differences in Korea, and we would like to thank the U.S. Air Force, because we would not be where we are now as a flying branch without their support and guidance," said Jeon.

The Air Force Civic Leader's visit will continue on from Kunsan as part of a greater Pacific Air Forces showcase, aiming to demonstrate why modernization is vital in countering threats; communicate why and how today's budget forces tradeoffs between readiness and modernization, how those tradeoffs could pose a threat to U.S. national security; and explain how capabilities degrade over time if modernization is not properly funded.



Capt. Joy Johnson, 8th Civil Engineering Squadron, fields questions from Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Stephen Wilson and Air Force Civic Leaders regarding the base's infrastructure during a tour April 25, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Immersions with various missions of the service provide vital context to Air Force Civic Leaders who explain and interpret Air Force programs, positions, and other areas of interest to the general public they represent. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmonet Jackson) ▲

Air Force Civic Leaders, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force Stephen Wilson, and senior leadership from the Wolf Pack and Air Force shout "Katchi Kapshida" with Republic of Korea Air Force leadership during an immersion tour April 25, 2018, at Kunsan Air Base, ROK. The phrase "Katchi Kapshida," a ROK-US motto, translates to "We Go Together" and represents the continued dedication of the alliance to strive for security on the Korean Peninsula. Observing the Wolf Pack's capabilities and relationship with its ROK partners enabled the Air Force Civic Leaders to visualize not only the lethality of the unit's mission, but also the strength of the ROK-US alliance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jasmonet Jackson) ▼



USO Spring Tour performs for troops in Korea



Comedian Jon Stewart and Ultimate Fighting Championship featherweight champion Max Holloway, talk to an Airman's family via Skype during an Airman's surprise birthday celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 23, 2018. The USO provides a birthday surprise service for families to make a request and donation through the USO. In an effort to boost our military's morale, the USO regularly teams up with our country's biggest stars to stage comedy shows, concerts, meet-and-greets, unit visits and other interactive events for our service members and their families stationed stateside and overseas. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton)

By Staff Sgt. William O'Brien, Joint Base Charleston Public Affairs

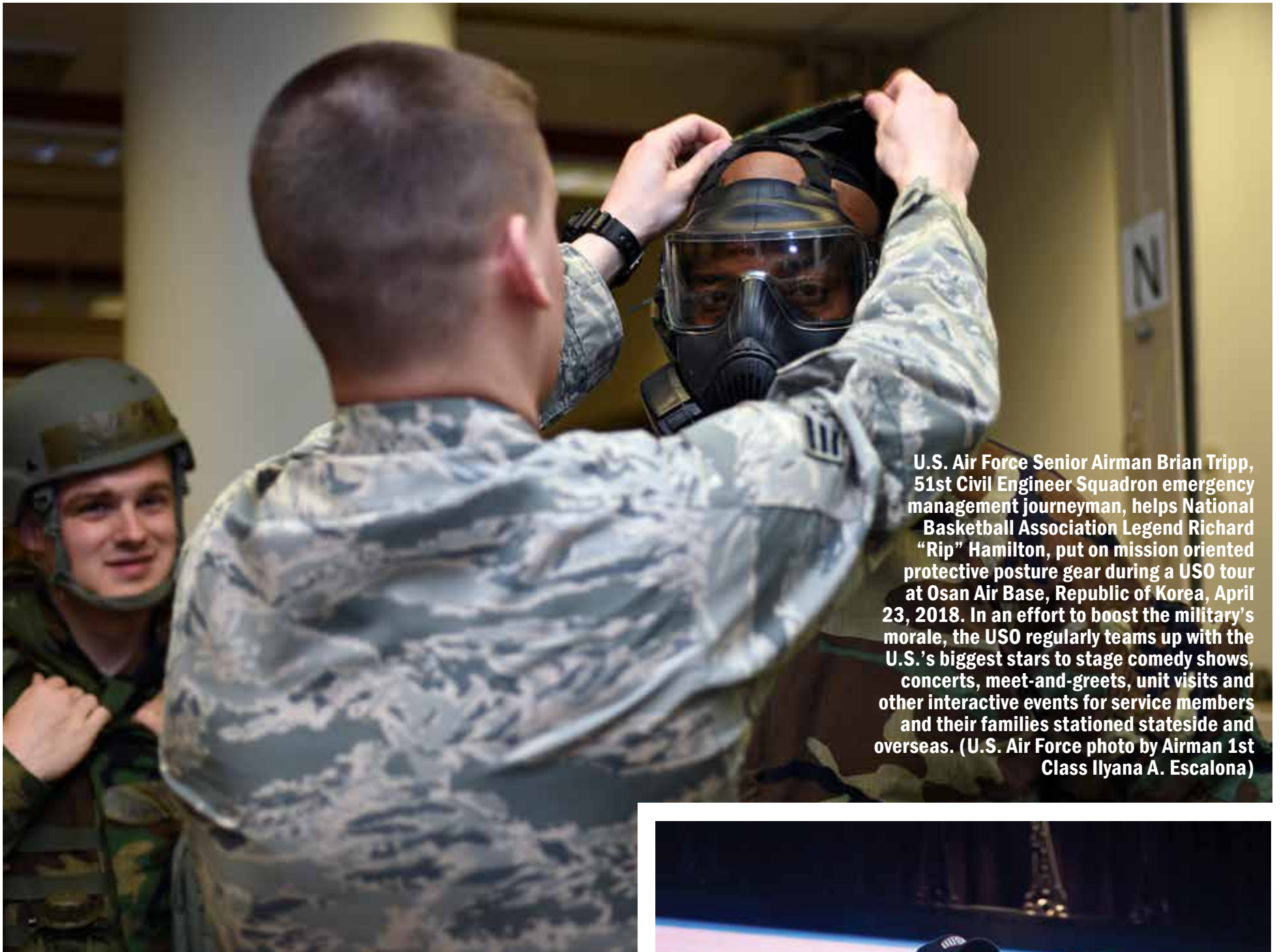
OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The USO Spring Tour, hosted by U.S. Air Force Gen. Paul Selva Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited Osan Air Base, April 23, bringing a day of comedy, cooking and sports to the U.S. troops.

The tour brought comedian Jon Stewart, country music artist Craig Morgan, Ultimate Fighting Championship fighters Paige VanZant and Max Holloway, National Basketball Association Legend Richard "Rip" Hamilton and celebrity chef and talk show host Robert Irvine to the base to perform and express gratitude to U.S. military members and their families for their service and sacrifice in support of the joint force mission.

"The men and women faithfully serving here and throughout Korea are incredibly important to the

Ultimate Fighting Championship fighter Paige VanZant answers questions from a USO videographer during a tour at Osan Air Base, April 23, 2018. For more than 77 years, the USO, a private, non-profit organization, has served the men and women of the U.S. military and their families throughout their service - from the moment they join, through their deployments and as they transition back to their communities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton) ▼





U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Brian Tripp, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman, helps National Basketball Association Legend Richard "Rip" Hamilton, put on mission oriented protective posture gear during a USO tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 23, 2018. In an effort to boost the military's morale, the USO regularly teams up with the U.S.'s biggest stars to stage comedy shows, concerts, meet-and-greets, unit visits and other interactive events for service members and their families stationed stateside and overseas. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona)



Award-winning country music singer and U.S. Army veteran Craig Morgan performs before a crowd during a USO tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 23, 2018. The tour brought comedian Jon Stewart, country music artist Craig Morgan, Ultimate Fighting Championship fighters Paige VanZant and Max Holloway, National Basketball Association Legend Richard "Rip" Hamilton and celebrity chef and talk show host Robert Irvine to the base to perform and express thanks to U.S. forces and their families for their service and sacrifice in support of the joint force mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton)

United States and its allies," said Selva. "Their efforts have helped maintain a level of stability in the region that benefits nearly every nation on Earth, and we're here to thank these service members, civilians and family members for their willingness to serve so far from home to keep us safe."

Award-winning artist Craig Morgan, is a former U.S. Army veteran who was once stationed in South Korea where he won the Army Male Vocalist of the Year. He said he joined the military to be a part of something bigger than himself, and that performing for troops is a humbling and rewarding experience.

"I'm humbled by the men and women we get to spend time with," Morgan said. "There are struggles for me sometimes having spent so much of my time in the military. I miss it, but I'm grateful for the opportunity. I know and appreciate that because I do what I do now. I get to do probably more for the military as an entertainer than I could when I was a soldier. It's the best of both worlds for me."

While at Osan, the

entertainers toured the 25th and 36th Fighter Squadrons, experienced a military working dog and medical decontamination demonstrations, made a surprise appearance to celebrate an Airman's birthday and performed at the Enlisted Club.

"The troops keep telling us thank you for coming out, but it's the least we could do was come out, hang out and put some smiles on [their] faces," said UFC fighter Paige VanZant. "We thank you, and we're always thinking of you."

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(Center) Dr. Lisa Charles, Pacific Air Forces Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Manager, receives a certificate and proclamation from (left) Ann Kobayashi, Honolulu City Council member, and (right) Roy Amemiya, Honolulu city managing director, at Honolulu City Hall April 18, 2018. The Sexual Assault Awareness Month Ceremony honored community members who have been instrumental in the fight against sexual assault. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles)

City council honors military contributions to combat sexual assault

By Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

HONOLULU, Hawaii -- The Honolulu City Council honored Dr. Lisa Charles, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Manager, along with other community action team representatives from around the state during the Honolulu Mayor and City Council Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Ceremony at Honolulu City Hall, April 18, 2018.

“We are really fortunate because here on Oahu we have all branches of service available,” said Charles. “This is a beautiful relationship with our community partners. Commanders and leaders throughout the Pacific are doing a fantastic job with amazing and creative efforts in bringing awareness to sexual assault and doing their part to eradicate it in the ranks.”

Six individuals received honorary certificates and proclamations recognizing their contribution to a better Hawaii free from sexual violence. These individuals focused on providing education and raising awareness to their respective focus groups.

“The fight to end sexual assault in Hawaii is something we must all support, and the only way to do this is by working together as one,” said Roy Amemiya, Honolulu City Managing Director. “The perpetrators of sexual assault lose their power when we stand up united and let them know that we won’t accept their actions.”

April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Throughout the year and emphasized during SAAM, people are reminded that regardless of



Roy Amemiya, Honolulu City managing director, provides opening remarks at Honolulu City Hall for the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Ceremony April 18, 2018. The ceremony honors community members who have been instrumental in the fight against sexual assault. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles)

experience, job or location, they can intervene in situations that may lead to sexual assault and spread a culture that rejects inappropriate and offensive behavior.

“It’s a month where we can educate and highlight that sexual assault is still an ongoing issue.” said Charles. “It would be a beautiful world where we no longer have these months and campaigns because that means that we have eradicated sexual assault.”

The united effort of each action team allows the community as a whole to take a stand against sexual assault. The Military Community Action Team consists of representatives from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Hawaii Air National Guard and Hawaii National Guard. Military leaders from around the island attended the ceremony to show their support for the award winners.

Throughout the year, PACAF will continue to combat sexual assault with the help of communities and sister services throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

If you have questions, concerns, or want to report a sexual assault, please call the DoD Safe Helpline at (877) 995-5247 or visit www.sexualassaultpreventionresponse.af.mil.

Military leaders from around Hawaii are presented with leis and thanked by community leaders at the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Ceremony at Honolulu City Hall April 18, 2018. The Military Community Action Team is supported by representatives from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Hawaii Air National Guard and Hawaii National Guard. The service members have been instrumental in the fight against sexual assault. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles) ▶



Members of the Honolulu City Council, local service members and community action team members pose for a group photo during the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Ceremony at Honolulu City Hall April 18, 2018. The ceremony honored community members who have been instrumental in the fight against sexual assault. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel Robles) ▲



Military Health System Nurse Advice Line launches in Japan and South Korea



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The Nurse Advice Line is available to all TRICARE beneficiaries in the U.S., except those enrolled in US Family Health Plan. Beneficiaries who live overseas can call the Nurse Advice Line for health care advice while traveling in the U.S., but must coordinate care with their Overseas Regional Call Center. For more information, call Call 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), Option 1. (TRICARE Communications graphic)

TRICARE Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. -- The Military Health System Nurse Advice Line (MHS NAL), a service available to TRICARE beneficiaries living in the U.S. and Europe since 2014, is now available to those living in Japan and South Korea.

The MHS NAL allows you to speak with a registered nurse 24/7 for no cost. A registered nurse will help you choose the right level of care for yourself, your child or other family member, schedule military hospital or clinic appointments,

and much more. If you are enrolled to a military hospital or clinic, the MHS NAL will send a note to your patient-centered medical home team to let them know how you’re doing. If a health concern arises and your local hospital or clinic is closed or if you are not sure whether your health concern warrants a visit to a health care provider, you now have the option to call the MHS NAL.

In Japan, you can reach the MHS NAL at 0066-33-821820. In South Korea, you can reach the MHS NAL from DSN by dialing 94-888-901-7144 or 888-901-7144. The MHS NAL toll-free

number for South Korea is coming soon.

The MHS NAL is not for emergencies. If you have an emergency, contact your local emergency medical service or go to the closest emergency room or emergency care facility.

The new MHS NAL Beneficiary Portal also gives you the option to discuss your health concerns with a registered nurse in a secure web chat or video chat.

The next time you need help making immediate decisions about your health needs, remember that the MHS NAL is just a phone call or click away. Learn more about MHS NAL.



An MC-130H Combat Talon II with the 15th Special Operations Squadron and two CV-22 Ospreys with the 8th Special Operations Squadron, perform a flyover during a remembrance ceremony on the 38th anniversary of Operation Eagle Claw, April 24, 2018, at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Operation Eagle Claw was an attempted hostage-rescue mission in 1980 that resulted in five Airmen and three Marines sacrificing their lives when two of the aircraft involved collided at Desert One, the staging site for the mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Conroy)

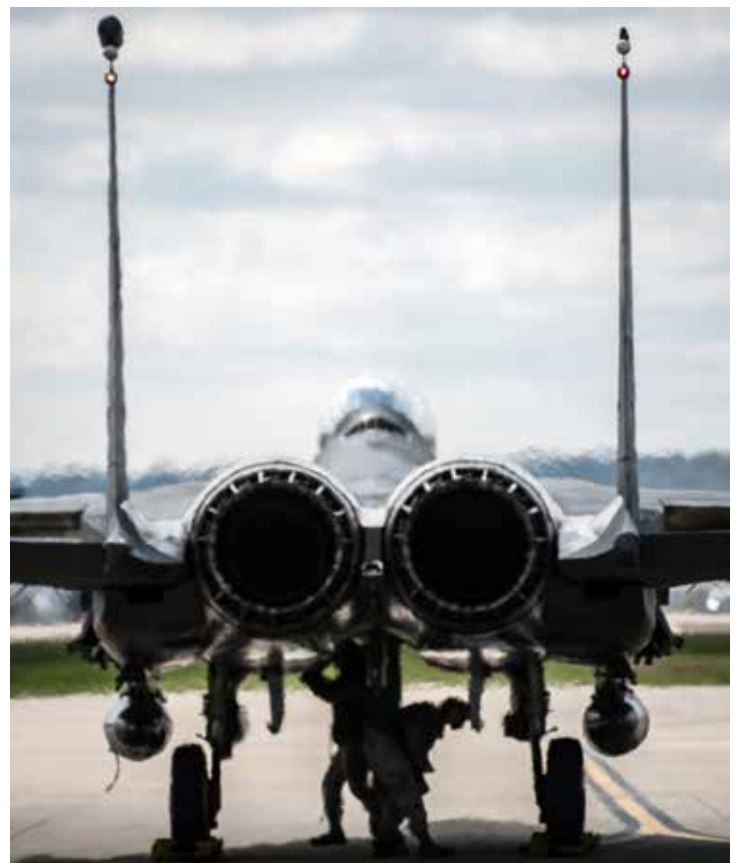
An F-16C Fighting Falcon assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron taxis to the end of the runway during a regular training sortie at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, April 17, 2018. The aircraft are generated daily by various maintenance professionals at the 8th Fighter Wing to ensure the F-16 fleet and pilots at Kunsan AB can train to meet Seventh Air Force requirements on the Korean Peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Christopher Mesnard) ►

Ben Seekell, Warrior Games athlete, goes into his discus rotation during a track and field session at the Air Force team's training camp at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., April 16, 2018. The base-hosted, week-long Warrior Games training camp is the last team practice session before the yearly competition in June. (U.S. Air Force photo by Samuel King Jr.) ▼





Tech. Sgt. Traci Keller, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs broadcast journalist, shares a moment with a local child after covering the delivery of emergency response vehicles through the Denton Program at La Aurora International Airport, Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 20, 2018. The Denton Program is a Department of Defense transportation program that moves humanitarian cargo, donated by U.S. based non-governmental organizations to developing nations to ease human suffering. The emergency vehicles were donated by the Mission of Love Foundation. They are the largest user of the Denton Program, having delivered medical, relief and humanitarian supplies to needy communities throughout the world. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Joey Swafford) ◀



AKC-135 Stratotanker, from the 434th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., flies in the Thunder Over Louisville air show in Louisville, Ky., April 21, 2018. The Kentucky Air National Guard once again served as the base of operations for all military aircraft, providing essential maintenance and logistical support. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Lt. Col. Dale Greer) ▲

Staff Sgt. Rodreques Boyd, and military working dog, Beni, assigned to the 673rd Security Forces Squadron, conduct aggression training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, April 9, 2018. Boyd performed the training with Beni to maintain their skills and operational readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Alejandro Peña) ▶



Crew chiefs from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., prepare one of the unit's F-15E "Strike Eagles" to shut down after the aircraft arrives at the Kentucky Air National Guard Base in Louisville, Ky., April 19, 2018, in preparation for the Thunder Over Louisville air show. The Kentucky Air Guard is once again serving as the base of operations for dozens of military aircraft participating in the show, providing essential maintenance and logistical support. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Lt. Col. Dale Greer) ▲

• BULLETIN •

The Republic of Korea Government has designated Wednesday, 13 June 2018, Local Government Elections Day, as a temporary public holiday.

IAW USFK Reg 690-1, Paragraph 6-4g, USFK Korean national (KN) employees will be excused from work on temporary holidays designated by the ROK Government without charge to leave or loss of pay.

USFK KN employees required to work on 13 June 2018 will be paid holiday premium pay, and no alternate day off will be authorized.

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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.



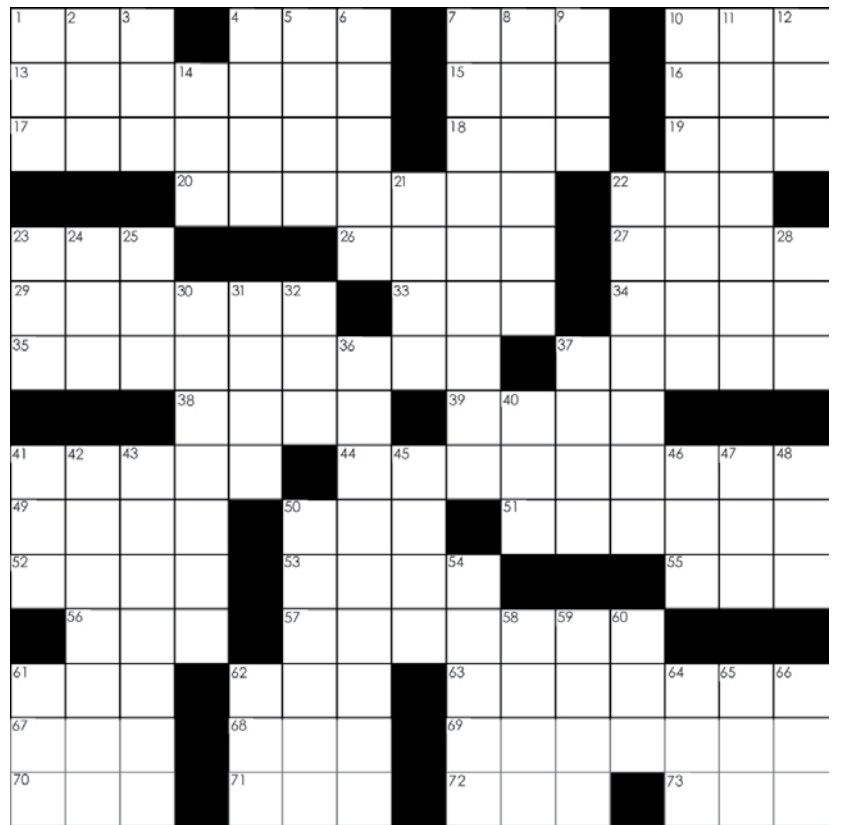
The program occurs every Thursday from 29 March to 26 July 2018 (TBD).

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.

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- 18 Are you a man ___ mouse?
- 19 Aliens
- 20 Japanese singing room
- 22 FBI agent
- 23 Korean basic cable channel
- 26 Ova
- 27 "Snowfall" actress Emily
- 29 Nick Fury's agency
- 33 Pothole
- 34 ___ uncertain terms
- 35 Goes with soap or Pez
- 37 Played a prank on Halloween
- 38 Helper

- 39 ___ boy!
- 41 Korea's official state car
- 44 Korean War ender
- 49 Sea bird
- 50 Hip-hop doctor
- 51 Common Korean plastic surgery target
- 52 Singer Marvin
- 53 E-commerce website
- 55 ___ Vegas
- 56 Rochester IATA code
- 57 Senior field grade military officer rank
- 61 K-pop group
- 62 Alias
- 63 D in DSLR
- 67 Urinate
- 68 Disney's "___ Fuhrer's Face"
- 69 Secret bride and groom
- 70 Title for married woman
- 71 Former Monterey Bay army post
- 72 Jazz guitarist Paul
- 73 Type of Talk

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- 1 Greenback
- 2 Opposite of he
- 3 Canadian singer Naked
- 4 Spanish island
- 5 Goes with church, movie, out
- 6 Korean singing room ___ bang
- 7 Gyeongju hermitage
- 8 Public strife
- 9 US gov't int'l broadcaster
- 10 Liberating
- 11 Exceeded
- 12 Korean beers
- 14 Goes with word, beat, peace
- 21 Troll cousin
- 22 Warship
- 23 DOD staff
- 24 Showtime drama "The ___"
- 25 Korean spy agency
- 28 Turf
- 30 Uniform decoration

- 31 Opposite of more
- 32 IP system
- 36 Opposite of port
- 37 Artsy e-commerce site
- 40 Draw
- 41 Goes with deviled or nest
- 42 25 percent
- 43 James Joyce novel
- 45 Opposite of fake
- 46 Sick
- 47 Pompeo's last post
- 48 Begley Jr or Wood
- 50 USFK first commander George
- 54 Austrian singing style
- 58 World's longest river
- 59 Psyches
- 60 Brim
- 61 Music speed
- 62 Much ___ About Nothing
- 64 1968 offensive
- 65 Where ___ you?
- 66 Acid

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5 SOFAS	38 ESL	66 NANO	11 HALO	45 HAMHUNG
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US, Mongolia air forces initiate steps for greater engagement

By Staff Sgt. Jack Sanders, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- U.S. and Mongolia air forces discussed opportunities for future engagement between the two services at a recent Land Forces Talks (LFT) in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia March 26-28.

The Mongolian Air Force Command (AFC), a newly separated force of the Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF), requested Airman to Airman (A2A) talks with Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) to bring the two air forces closer together and strengthen their skills and relationships.

PACAF holds A2A talks with partner nations to discuss, plan and coordinate goals, objectives and activities for the next three to five years. The talks provide an avenue to develop interoperability, foster military-to-military relations and improve bilateral cooperation. PACAF currently participates in bilateral air force talks with 13 nations.

Maj. Christine Carr, PACAF Mongolia country director, represented PACAF at the LFT and spoke with the Mongolian AFC about the potential for future talks.

"It has been a unique experience to work with the newly separated air force as we work toward common objectives," Carr said.

The MAF maintains an active role in world affairs focused on national defense, humanitarian aid and disaster relief, and peacekeeping operations. In support of the United Nations peacekeeper missions, they have deployed approximately 4,800 personnel in the last 13 years.

"The change [to an independent force] allows the air force to develop in the same manner as air forces of many other countries," said Mongolian AFC Col. T. Ganbat, chief of operations. "Within a very short period of time, we could develop our relationship with air forces of other countries."

Developing an air force is one of U.S. Pacific Command's priorities for greater engagement with Mongolia, and part of the command's overall goal to assist the Mongolian Armed Forces pursue their defense reform priorities.

"Mongolia endures as a small, yet strong, partner in Northeast Asia and continues to demonstrate staunch support for U.S. regional and global policy objectives," said Adm. Harry Harris, PACOM commander in his written posture statement Feb. 14, 2018.

PACAF will send another delegation to Mongolia later this spring with the goal of formalizing the A2A Talks and hopefully scheduling the first meeting in 2019 at <http://culture.af.mil/leap/index.html>

U.S. Air Force Maj. Christine Carr, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Mongolia country director, briefs members of the Mongolian Armed Forces during the Land Forces Talks (LFT) at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, March 27, 2018. Carr represented PACAF at the LFT and spoke with the Mongolian Air Force Command about the potential for future Airman to Airman talks. (Courtesy photo) ▲



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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



Free Cultural Immersion Program

Sponsored by 7th AF Public Affairs and Pyeongtaek University

This is a two day event. You may enroll in one or both days.

Day 1: 14 May 18 Jun 25 Jun

0820 ~ Meet bus just outside of main gate. Travel to Pyeongtaek University
 0900 ~ 1020 Intro to the Korean Language
 1030 ~ 1120 Intro to Korean History and Culture
 1130 ~ 1150 Traffic Regulations presented by Pyeongtaek Police Dept
 1200 ~ 1300 Free Lunch (Bulgogi)
 1300 ~ 1630 City tour via public transportation: You will be given a transport card and shown how to use it. You will also be given a 10,000 won coupon to use in the Pyeongtaek International Central Market
 1630 ~ Return to Osan AB

Day 2: 15 May 19 Jun 26 Jun

0820 ~ Meet bus just outside of main gate. Travel to Pyeongtaek University
 0900 ~ 0930 Briefing on US and ROK Military Alliance
 0930 ~ 1020 Helpful information about Korea
 1030 ~ 1120 Free Cooking class (traditional Korean dish)
 1130 ~ 1630 Tour of the Korean Folk Village (admission is free)
 1630 ~ Return to Osan AB

Available to any DoD card holder age 12 and older.

To register, email your name, desired tour date(s)
and date of birth to:

chet.garretson@us.af.mil

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

-Community Service @ 1030

-Gospel Service @ 1230

Regular Occuring Ministries:

PYOC: (Middle School & High School Students)

- Mondays—1830-2000 @ Chapel Spiritual Fitness Center.

PCOC: (AWANA)

- Wednesdays @ Chapel. Age 3 to 6th grade meet 1800 -1930 & grades 7th-12th meet 1700-1800 .

PMOC: (Men)

- Tuesdays - 1830 @ Chapel Annex.

PSOC: (Singles & Unaccompanied)

"Osan Hospitality House"

- Bible Studies:

*Saturdays - 1900 @ Hospitality House.

Dinner is provided.

Sundays - 1700 @ Community Center, Classroom #3.

- Game Night:

*Fridays - 1900 @ Hospitality House. Dinner is provided.

*Van pickup: Fridays: Chapel @ 1730, Mustang CTR @ 1735.

Saturdays: Chapel @ 1830, Mustang CTR @ 1835.

PWOC: (Women) "PWOC Osan AB"

- Mondays 1800-2000, Tuesdays 0845-1100 @ Chapel Annex (Child Watchcare provided) & Sunday 1600-1730 @ Posco Apartments .

MOPS: Join us for OSAN MOPS!

- Meet twice a month on Wednesday @ the Chapel Annex

Contact: osanmops@gmail.com<mail to: osanmops@gmail.com>

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/OsanAB-Chapel>

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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

Contentment

Do you consider yourself a contented person?

As a chaplain I get to visit with many service members in our community and we engage in all kinds of conversation. One common question that gets asked a lot is, "Where is your next assignment?" I don't think there is anything wrong with looking forward to a new assignment, but when that is all we think about, it can certainly subtract from the potential enjoyment of our current situation and lead to what I like to call, "Assignment Envy."

Assignment Envy involves thinking that some assignments are inherently better than others because of the mission, location, or some other reason and conversely some assignments are not as desirable and will never be good. You can tell that others think you have a bad assignment because they say something like, "Oh, I'm sorry" when you tell them where you are going or where you came from. You might have Assignment Envy if you get a little upset that somebody gets to go to your "dream assignment" and you do not. If this describes you, at least a little, consider that you might be discontent.

Socrates (super Greek philosopher from 400 B.C.) said, "He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented with what he would like to have." Contentment is not based on our environment or circumstances (though they can certainly be contributing factors), but has



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Kunsan AB

everything to do with our response and attitude to our environment and circumstances.

A great missionary said, "...For I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need."

As the father of young children (and a former child myself), I testify that being content is not something that comes naturally to most people. Another challenge is, it's hard to learn contentment on our own. It is good to be mentored by people who are further along on the journey and have learned how to be content. Thinking of how things could be worse is of some value, but making the most of the situation we are in is of much more value. Being mindful of reasons you have to be thankful also strengthens our contentment. Getting out of our comfort zone and serving others and seeking to better our immediate environment will certainly elevate our spirits. Above all, making a conscious decision to make the most of every opportunity will help train our hearts to be content.

I really hope you get what you want, but I hope it's for the right reasons and that you learn to be content no matter where you find yourself. Moreover, if the quality of an assignment is shaped by the kind of people who are there, let us evaluate what kind of impact we are having in our workplaces and home life as it is influenced by the our character and attitude.

In short, don't count the days ... make the days count.

Lake used to practice for Pearl Harbor now unites U.S. and Japan



By Airman 1st Class Collette Brooks, 35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Ebina Ikuko, a Lake Ogawara volunteer, serves soup to attendees at the Lake Ogawara Appreciation event in Tohoku Town, Japan, April 15, 2018. The community engagement event signifies the close relationship between Team Misawa members and the people of Tohoku Town. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Collette Brooks)

TOHOKU TOWN, Japan -- Tohoku Town, Japan, welcomed Americans and Japanese alike to the Lake Ogawara Appreciation Event in Hohko-kan April 15, celebrating the two nations' friendship and enjoyment of seasonal festivals including the lake's local cuisine.

"Many Americans come to your town and enjoy seasonal festivals such as the cherry blossoms, lake festival, the Wakasagi marathon and the Lake Ogawara park camp site as well as special gourmet foods" said Col. R. Scott Jobe, the 35th Fighter Wing commander, addressing Tohoku Town residents during the event.

Although the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service units at Misawa Airfield used the lake to practice for the attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II, its shores now serve Misawa Air Base, home to both the 35th FW and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's 3rd Air Wing, and, through celebrations such as the Lake Ogawara Appreciation



Bowls of clam soup offered participants warm respite from the chilly breeze at the Lake Ogawara Appreciation event in Tohoku Town, Japan, April 15, 2018. While Tohoku offers a wide variety of popular foods such as shagimi, smelt, ice fish, yam and garlic, the menu particularly highlighted clams. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Collette Brooks)

U.S. Air Force Col. R. Scott Jobe, the 35th Fighter Wing commander, thanks community members for their support of Misawa Air Base during his speech at the Lake Ogawara Appreciation Event in Tohoku Town, Japan, April 15, 2018. Although Lake Ogawara was used by Imperial Japanese naval forces to practice for the attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II, today it unites the U.S. and Japan through cherry blossom festivals, marathons and camping. The Lake Ogawara Appreciation Event serves as a symbol for just how much the U.S.-Japan alliance has grown over the last seventy years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Collette Brooks)

Event, the lake is now bringing U.S. and Japan together.

Americans and Japanese alike said care and appreciation were mutual feelings shared by all in attendance. This event signifies the close relationship between Team Misawa and Tohoku Town city members.

“The partnership of local communities is vital to the U.S. and Japan friendship,” said Jobe. “Local community relations are fundamental to our alliance.”

Misawa AB residents said they look forward to joining their Japanese neighbors in more events in the future.



Building Better Airmen

Courtesy Story by Building Better Airmen Working Group

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Bottom Line: We have a solemn daily duty to Build Better Airmen for our Air Force, as well as certify them as mission-ready within just 30 days of hitting the Korean peninsula to ensure we stand ready to guard the freedom of 51 million people in the Republic of Korea. Were you aware documented initial feedbacks via Airman Comprehensive Assessment worksheets must be accomplished within 30 days (vs. 60 days) of date arrived station at Osan Air Base IAW 51 FW Ready Mustang Program? We Build Better Airmen by providing deliberate, timely and honest feedback. Initial feedbacks are very important to this initiative, especially during a 1-year tour.

As supervisors and leaders, one of our biggest challenges is guiding and mentoring our people. We have a “Professional Obligation” to train our Airmen as competent technicians in their Air Force Specialty Code, as

well as a “Moral Imperative” to develop our Airmen as military professionals. Without doubt, feedback (formal and informal) is our most critical tool, providing us with a broad mechanism that, when used properly, results in substantial gains on many levels. Unfortunately, we do not appropriately utilize this mechanism as often as required. Additionally, we as supervisors often lack appropriate training and mentorship ourselves outside of our small Professional Military Education snapshot. Moreover, as people, we often let personalities, ego and emotion cloud our judgment.

There is no one silver bullet to solve our feedback dilemma. By dilemma, I’m referring to the constant struggle to both seek and provide feedback appropriately. Supervisors and subordinates alike often miss the point of feedback. Feedback is far more than simply sitting down with a subordinate and running through some check

boxes on a form. Feedback is about establishing a foundation of conduct and performance based on objective and measurable standards, identifying minimum expectations and laying out individual and team goals. It is an opportunity to readdress those same points over a period of time, to review a member’s performance over that period and to provide an honest opportunity to help a member correct course if or when necessary in a timely manner.

Let me foot-stomp that to Build Better Airmen, a conscious “investment” from both the supervisor and subordinate must be shared because feedback is not just a supervisor responsibility. The supervisor and subordinate relationship is the most important relationship in our Air Force and requires a relationship built on trust. Often with feedbacks, we do not make time for the honest and hard to have conversations with our Airmen because we are concerned with hurting each other’s feelings.

Instead, we focus on hitting the feedback target dates vs. truly staying connected and openly and honestly communicating throughout the entire feedback process.

Building Better Airmen is something we should be “Extremely Passionate About!” I believe in planting seeds at the beginning of Airmen careers. Airmen should have an expectation to want feedback, as well as be receptive to the feedback given to them. If they feel they are not getting proper feedback, then they need to up-channel their concerns without fear of reprisal. If we are to leave the Air Force better than we found it, we must absolutely do our best to train and prepare our replacements and Build Better Airmen. I honestly believe the vast majority of our supervisors and subordinates want to better themselves. They simply lack proper guidance and direction; something we cannot fall short on when mission-effectiveness and our “Fight Tonight” readiness posture are on the line!



Senior Airman Kory Girouard, a Reserve flight engineer assigned to the 439th Airlift Wing, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., monitors the gauges of a C-5M Super Galaxy during a recent mission. Air Force Reserve Command officials are hoping a new program called High School to Flight School will help the command attract more flight engineers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

High School to Flight School

By Staff Sgt. Jack Sanders, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFNS) -- Officials at Air Force Reserve Command headquarters, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, are hoping an innovative new program will help the command meet its need for flight engineers.

A flight engineer is the enlisted member of an aircraft's flight crew who monitors and operates its myriad complex systems. Flight engineers sit at a station near the pilots and work in close coordination with them during all phases of flight. In addition to monitoring all systems, they are required to diagnose, and where possible, rectify or eliminate any faults that may occur. They also compute and apply aircraft weight, balance and performance data, among other duties.

For years, AFRC filled most of its flight engineer positions with Airmen who were leaving active duty. Recently, that pipeline of prior-service flight engineers has started to dry up.

"Weapons modernization has eliminated the flight engineer position on a number of Air Force aircraft," said Chief Master Sgt. David Jones, AFRC headquarters career enlisted aviator functional manager. "For example, the active duty is flying only the newer C-130 J-model aircraft now while the Reserve's inventory consists of mostly legacy

C-130s. The legacy C-130s have flight engineers, while the J-model doesn't. As a result, we no longer have that pipeline of C-130 flight engineers making the switch from active duty to the Reserve."

In addition to the legacy C-130s, flight engineers are still required on C-5s, KC-10s and E-3s, three air frames operated in several locations by the AFRC.

Flight engineers must have a knowledge of electrical, communication, navigation, mechanical, hydraulic, fuels and pneumatic aircraft systems. Currently, Air Force regulations require that flight engineers have prior qualification at the 5- or 7-level in a variety of maintenance career fields.

"In the past, the typical career path for flight engineers was to work in maintenance for a few years and then retrain as a flight engineer," Jones said. "It would take several years for AFRC to grow an experienced flight engineer."

To help speed up this process and hopefully encourage more people to consider a career as a flight engineer, Jones and his colleagues in the Directorate of Operations at AFRC headquarters have come up with a program called "High School to Flight School."

"The basic idea behind High School to Flight School is to equip a non-prior service or prior service candidate who does not have the entry-level experience required by the AFECDD (Air Force Enlisted Classification Directory) with a

maintenance foundation that will prepare them to enter into the flight engineer career field.

"What we are hoping to do is take a brand new person off the street or a prior service person who doesn't have any maintenance experience and provide them the technical training required to be a successful flight engineer.

"Prior to a candidate's attendance at the flight schools required to become a flight engineer, we are going to send candidates to a qualifying maintenance course to give them the maintenance experience required to complete flight engineer training. We hope this will lead to a person better prepared to be successful in the flight engineer career field."

A non-prior service individual accepted into the Reserve through the High School to Flight School program would go through basic military training and then attend the 91-day Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems Apprentice Course at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

"If they successfully complete those two courses, they will continue on to Lackland (AFB, Texas) to enter into aircrew training," Jones said. "If for some reason they are not successful in completing the aircrew portion of training, they can continue service in their maintenance career field.

"That's important because our maintenance manning is critical as well. It's a win-win for both

operations and maintenance.”

Jones said that once new flight engineers have completed their initial qualification training, they will be placed on a full-time active status for two years to build up their experience in the position.

“Our desire is to get these individuals up to instructor status as soon as possible,” Jones said.

Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller, AFRC commander, has authorized the command to test out High School to Flight School on a small scale beginning immediately.

Jones said the test program will take place at two Reserve C-5 units, the 439th Airlift Wing at Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts and

the 433rd AW at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, and two C-130 units, the 302nd AW at Peterson AFB, Colorado and the 910th AW at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

The chief has worked closely with the AFRC Recruiting Service to get the program off the ground.

“We are excited about High School to Flight School and our recruiters in these test base locations are ready to go,” said Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Zwelling, AFRC recruiting manager. “We’re confident we can find young people with the right skill sets to be successful flight engineers.”

Jones said the command is hoping to get at least 10 flight engineer candidates during this initial

phase of High School to Flight School.

“If we can get at least 10 into the program and if we are successful, we’ll recommend further implementation to the commander. It’s not a quick process. It’ll be at least six months before we know if our new candidates are making a good transition into the program.”

Non-Reservists interested in the High School to Flight School program should contact their local recruiter. They may also call 800-257-1212 or visit afreserve.com. Current Reservists interested in the program should talk to their supervisor. For more information on the program, contact Jones at david.jones.53@us.af.mil.

51 MUNS recognized most effective in PACAF



Members of the 51st Munitions Squadron pose for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 30, 2018. The squadron won the 2017 Maintenance Effectiveness Award, recognizing the Airmen and their leadership for their outstanding performance within Pacific Air Forces Command. The team-award captures the mission accomplishments, innovative and effective use of maintenance resources, and personnel quality of life programs of a maintenance unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton)

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Munitions Squadron won the hard-earned Pacific Air Forces Command 2017 Maintenance Effectiveness Award, recognizing the Airmen and their leadership for their outstanding performance within PACAF.

The team-award captures the mission accomplishments, innovative and effective use of maintenance resources, and personnel quality of life programs of a maintenance unit.

“We have overcome many challenges in my 22 months here and it was truly an honor to have my team receive validation that their efforts were noticed and surpassed the other nine eligible

units,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Kochan, 51st MS commander. “Being named the best is truly an honor because we know how hard the Airmen work and the excellence that takes place at all locations throughout our force.”

Kochan attributes three keys of success to his award-winning unit: responsibility, teamwork and making a difference.

“My message is clear: there is no bench in our business. Every person in the munitions squadron is a starter and held accountable to that standard,” he said. “We focus heavily on ensuring each individual knows and completes their role, so we are able to divide and conquer. Each and every person in our unit can hold their head high knowing they had a part in our overall success and contributed to our win.”

Kochan said that active-duty, Air National Guard, Korean national employees and Republic of Korea air force munitions technicians have integrated into the squadron for nearly six months to support U.S. forces around the peninsula.

“As we await to hear the Air Force-level results, we continue to press forward. As awesome as our results were in 2017, I couldn’t be more proud of where we stand today and where we are headed for the future. Without question, ‘Fight Tonight’ are not hollow words in our unit. They are what we live by as we build, maintain, and deliver combat lethal munitions and armament systems to the sentries standing guard and the aircraft being fed on the flight line. The 51st Munitions Squadron stands ready for any and all challenges.”

Research network works to combat number one disability claim among veterans



Approximately 100 members of the Collaborative Auditory Vestibular Research Network, or CAVRN, met at the 711th Human Performance Wing April 24-26, 2018, to collaborate on areas of hearing and balance issues that service members and veterans face as a result of their military service. CAVRN meetings allow the research community to expedite scientific advancements with greater efficiency through open communication and collaborations that ensue. Ultimately, this approach results in technical and knowledge product solutions in the hands of the warfighter and their medical providers faster. The CAVRN meets once a year at a site hosted by one of the member organizations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Richard Eldridge)

By Bryan Ripple
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) -- Military service often requires duty in noisy environments that can cause hearing loss and it doesn't just happen during combat operations at deployed locations far from home station.

From flight line operations to firearms qualification ranges, aircraft maintenance back shops, vehicle repair shops, civil engineering shops, or even Air Force Research laboratories where innovative and agile technologies are born, noise brings the potential of hearing loss if proper personal protective hearing equipment is not available or utilized.

"In fact, Veterans Administration records show that auditory conditions such as hearing loss and tinnitus are the number one and number two most prevalent disability claim in the VA," said Dr. Tanisha Hammill, research coordination branch lead at the Department of Defense Hearing Center of Excellence in San Antonio. "In terms of number of claims, this is the most prevalent injury among our veterans, so there is an obvious need to focus on reducing those injuries among our service members," she said.

In 2009, the Congressionally-mandated HCE was stood up to combat hearing and balance disorders. As part of the HCE, the Collaborative Auditory & Vestibular Research Network, or CAVRN was formed to bring together researchers with an auditory research focus to discuss current research efforts across the DOD and VA enterprises, providing unique opportunities for collaboration, Hammill said.

Annual CAVRN meetings are held at

federal facilities and are hosted by member organizations and this year, the annual meeting was held April 24-26 and was hosted by the 711th Human Performance Wing's Airman Systems Directorate, Warfighter Interface Division, Battlespace Acoustics Branch; the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine and the Naval Medical Research Unit – Dayton.

Brig. Gen. Mark Koeniger, 711th HPW commander, welcomed the CAVRN meeting attendees and cited numerous opportunities for collaboration with the 711 HPW.

"As you go forward, the Human Performance Wing wants to be part of what you all do to help Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines maintain their hearing so that hopefully in the future, hearing loss ceases to be the number one disability.

"The Air Force Chief of Staff's focus areas converge on a singular vision – to create healthy squadrons full of resilient and credible warfighters primed to excel in multi-domain warfare," he told them. "Certainly, nobody can do their job, or at least they would have a very difficult time doing their job if they couldn't hear well."

Hearing is a critical sense and is required for all service members to effectively communicate within dynamic and often chaotic environments.

"The ability to hear and communicate is critical to the safety of each warrior and their unit, and is central to command and control, and mission accomplishment," Hammill said.

The CAVRN aims to foster knowledge sharing and facilitate greater communication, coordination, awareness, and transparency between community members.

"The CAVRN promotes collaboration, translation, and best practices that influence

auditory-vestibular readiness, care, and quality of life for warfighters and veterans," added Hammill.

Hammill stated that as she toured the 711 HPW, she thought about all the tremendous crossover opportunities between auditory research and so many other disciplines within human performance. "We are a very interdisciplinary team and that's a big part of our growth – to discover and reach out to these other teams who are somehow focused on auditory or balance disorders," she said.

"When you bring these folks together, they end up having very meaningful conversations, they are able to incorporate perspectives of their colleagues, who are subject matter experts across the DoD and VA and incorporate their perspectives and really make smarter projects and make more multiservice projects."

Hammill explained that the CAVRN is built on a translational model, including bench scientists, clinician scientists, funding program managers, and public health experts, adding, "The whole scope from idea to application to practice, all in the same room so they can plan everything out together right up front."

"This is a complex issue. Losing your hearing is not a part of doing business in military service and there are a lot of smart people working diligently to come up with better solutions to protect their hearing, both from a personal protective equipment stance, but also efforts in noise reductions and efforts in communication enhancement while making sure they're able to do their job and have a reasonable quality of life after service," Hammill said.

For more information about the DoD Hearing Center of Excellence, visit <https://hearing.health.mil/>.

A ccording to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an estimated average of 4,440 structure fires per year involving equipment associated with hot work. These fire caused an average of 12 civilian deaths, 208 civilian injuries and \$287 million in direct property damage per year.



The heat produced by welding, cutting, or brazing can create a fire or explosion hazard. Because of this increased risk, safe practices must be observed at all times.

Prior to beginning any welding, cutting or brazing operation, welders and supervisors shall ensure to obtain a hot work permit from OSAN AB Fire Department. (51 CES/CEF)

Safety Precautions as follows;

- * **Combustible material and vegetation within 35 feet of the operation has been removed or separated using flame resistant/rated material (i.e. welding blanket, sheet metal, etc.).**
- * **Flammable materials within 50 feet of the operation have been removed and all flammable vapors in the immediate vicinity have been eliminated.**
- * **All potential hazards are eliminated from the immediate vicinity.**
- * **The proper type/class of a serviceable fire extinguisher is readily accessible.**
- * **All welding equipment is serviceable and in good repair.**

Welders and supervisors also must follow on AF Form 592 safety checklist issued by OSAN AB Fire Department. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835/4710.

2018 GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD CEREMONY (NOMINATION PACKET NLT 23 MAY)

The Seventh Air Force Public Affairs is soliciting nominations for 2018 USFK Good Neighbor Awards. The awards recognize ROK/US individuals and organizations for exceptional contributions resulting in a better quality of life for US service/family members and/or enhancement of ROK-US relations.

7AF HQ (including 7AF groups, COBs and others), 51 FW (including tenant units) and 8 FW may submit nominations in each of the categories.

Every unit is invited to nominate. Please encourage them to take the time to write a strong justification for the outstanding individuals or organizations that make a positive contribution to your units and the community.

Please provide a strong NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION using the format and example (Contact 7 AF/PA for these.) with Brief BIOGRAPHY or RESUME and DIGITAL PICTURE of the nominee (ID Photo) to 7AF/PA Mr. Park at do_young.park.kr@us.af.mil NO LATER THAN 23 MAY 2018.

AWARDS CATEGORIES:

- **Good Neighbor Award:**
@ KOREAN CITIZEN or @ KOREAN ORGANIZATION
- **Ambassador for the Alliance Good Neighbor Award:**
@ U.S. SERVICE MEMBER (E1-9, W1-3 or O1-3) or @ U.S. UNIT
- **Family Member Ambassador for the Alliance Good Neighbor Award:**
@ FAMILY MEMBER of U.S. Service Member or
@ FAMILY MEMBER of DOD Civilian
- **DOD Civilian Ambassador for the Alliance Good Neighbor Award:**
@ DOD CIVILIAN or @ KGS employees
- **Non-DOD Civilian Ambassador for the Alliance Good Neighbor Award:**
@ CONTRACTORS, FAMILY MEMBERS of CONTRACTORS,
EXPATRIATES,
FAMILY MEMBERS of EXPATRIATES

* USFK will convene a selection board to review and rank all nominations and forward the completed ranked list to the USFK Commander for the final selection of awardees. Those who win will be invited to attend the awards ceremony.

* POC for this event are USFK PAO Ms. Song, Min Kyong at 723-7669, min.k.song.ln@mail.mil and 7AF/PA Mr. Park at 784-4709, do_young.park.kr@us.af.mil.



Osan technician hand-picked for AFA's Outstanding Air Force Civilian Employee of Year Award nominee

Mr. Tyrone Thomas, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron electronics technician, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 18, 2018. Thomas earned the Pacific Air Forces 2018 nomination for the Air Force Association's Outstanding Air Force Civilian Employee of Year Award. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona)

By Staff Sgt. Jack Sanders, Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Each year the AFA recognizes four Air Force civilian employees for outstanding achievement in four categories: civilian wage employee of the year; civilian program specialist; civilian program manager; and civilian senior manager.

Nominees are hand-picked by their first line supervisors and those in their chain of command. Their leadership examines the nominee's past year for work they have completed, achievements they have accomplished, community service they

provided to the local community, and their overall work ethic on a daily basis.

"It's all about performing 100 percent and doing an outstanding job on every job that comes in your way," said Thomas. "Being able to get out into the field, meet the customers and get a feel of their representation of you after a job well done just feels nice. Before you know it, your name is everywhere and everyone knows who you are."

U.S. Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, PACAF commander, relayed a few words about his achievement.

"Your hard work and dedication are clearly evident," said O'Shaughnessy. "This recognition

is a significant accomplishment and is a reflection of your superb leadership and devotion to duty. I have no doubt that you will continue to do great things."

Thomas will advance and compete against civilian employees from various major commands at the Air Force level for the AFA Outstanding Air Force Civilian Employee of Year Award civilian program specialist category.

"I'm sure there are many applicants out there for it, but it would be great to accomplish this one as well," said Thomas. "If not, I made it to the PACAF level and that's a huge deal. I will continue to strive on and nothing will slow me down."

Quarterly FOD Prevention Poster Contest

Congratulations!

SSgt Joshua Rivera from the 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron won the 1st Quarter FOD Prevention Poster Contest. Every quarter the Jr FOD committee votes on the best poster submitted throughout the wing, the winner receives a certificate, their drawing in the Crimson Sky and they're coined by the 51FW/CV! To submit for the contest, the POC is MSgt Micah J. Wilson at 784-3027. Link to 51FW FOD sharepoint is https://osan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/51FW/51MXG/Quality%20Assurance/FOD%20Program/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/.





Eleven candles are lit and displayed during a remembrance service on Osan Air Base, April 12, 2018. The candles represent 11 million people murdered by Germany's Nazi regime between 1933 and 1945. From April 9 to 13, 2018, the base hosted an opening ceremony, a film screening of Conspiracy, a 5K run, and a remembrance service held at the chapel (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton)

Holocaust Remembrance: Forgiveness overcomes hate

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --

*First, they came for the Socialists and I did not speak out
because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists. I did not speak out
because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out
because I was not a Jew.*

*And then they came for me, there was no one left to speak for me.
-Martin Niemoeller*

The National Socialist German Worker's Party, led by Adolf Hitler, systematically exterminated between six and nine million European Jews in concentration camps throughout their regime beginning in 1933. By 1945, more than 11 million people in total are estimated to have been murdered by the Nazis.

More than 70 years later, Osan Air Base remembers the lives of the Jewish people who perished under the brutal dictatorship.

From April 9 to 13, 2018, the base hosted an opening ceremony, a film screening of Conspiracy, a 5K run, and a remembrance service held at the chapel.

U.S. Air Force Col. Daniel Walls, 51st Operations Group commander, delivered remarks at the opening ceremony April 9.

"Challenging times of social upheaval will come again. Perhaps we are



U.S. Army chaplain Michael Cohen, Holocaust Remembrance Week guest speaker, addresses an audience during a remembrance service on Osan Air Base, April 12, 2018. Cohen, a Nashville native, enlisted in the Army, served five years to become a Chaplain and pursued rabbinical studies as a reservist. From April 9 to 13, 2018, the base hosted an opening ceremony, a film screening of Conspiracy, a 5K run, and a remembrance service held at the chapel (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Raughton)

in the midst of such times already. We must reflect and consider that as a society, we must always guard against this behavior. Perhaps the scariest thing to consider is that the holocaust is not an isolated event in human history," he said. "Our remembrance should be about honoring the past, but also about ensuring this epic failure of humanity is never repeated."

So how could a young democratic government and its people undertake such atrocities?

Walls commented that in the 1930s, the German people were not evil, but it was a time of great social upheaval. It was a time when people were questioning the foundational principles of society and culture, governance and economics. It was a time where when people made choices.

"They perhaps were silent when they should have spoken up, and it set the stage for events that we are talking about today," Walls' said.

Remembrance Week organizers also invited in Larry Rosenberg, U.S. Army retiree and New York native, to be a guest speaker.

"In 1935, Germany passed the Nuremburg laws and institutionalized the racial ideology that barred people of Jewish descent from German society," said Rosenberg. "Concentration camps were built and Jews were beginning to be imported to ghettos, and from the ghettos to the concentration camps. Over the next 12 years, Hitler systematically murdered 9 million people, of which 6 million were Jews. That was over 33 percent of the European Jewish population."

Growing up in New York City, Rosenberg said that in his youth he

remembered people emigrating from Europe, and often wondered how the human spirit perseveres after witnessing such atrocities.

"There was a kind of silence that followed, as if there were no words that they could say to describe what happened to them. It was a part of their life they did not speak about," he said. "Much like the soldier returning from war. Children unaware of their past would inquire why do you have those numbers tattooed on your arms? Never knowing those numbers were to replace their names in countless books that the Nazis kept, chronicling each and every Jewish person that they planned to exterminate. Nine million souls were stolen from the world along with all their intellectual treasures they could have shared with us."

Rabbi Michael Cohen, U.S. Army chaplain, echoed Rosenberg's sentiment and added that the way forward is down a path of forgiveness.

"We are grateful for the precious time nine million had on this earth, and we must forgive those who committed the atrocities, all those who blindly follow orders without question, all those who were just following orders and all those who claim they had no other choice," he said. "We must forgive them, and not let hate poison our souls. We must forgive simultaneously, and never forget. We must learn from these events in order to inform our future actions. We must stand up for those who are being oppressed and we must see the sanctity of life as paramount and undeniable, and never again let an ideology of hatred and darkness sprout roots in any society."

AF announces changes to Courses 14 and 15

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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Effective immediately, Air Force officials have removed the requirement to complete Courses 14 and 15 for all Airmen serving in the active component. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will have the option to complete their enlisted professional military education through distance learning or in-residence attendance.

Airmen will no longer be required to complete distance learning prior to in-residence attendance at the noncommissioned officer and senior NCO academy. Active component Airmen will complete EPME in-residence, while Guard and Reserve Airmen can complete through DL or in-residence.

"Ultimately, Airmen are always encouraged to focus on their own self-improvement and life-long learning," said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. "However, because our enlisted members have a 100 percent opportunity to attend in-residence NCO and SNCOA, this change provides Airmen greater flexibility and reduces redundancy in professional military education."

All active component Airmen currently enrolled in Courses 14 or 15 may continue the course or disenroll. Guard and Reserve Airmen currently enrolled are encouraged to complete the course unless they are currently scheduled to attend in-residence.

"We want to ensure each level of EPME is meaningful to our Airmen and works to further develop them as professionals, warfighters and leaders," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright. "As we work to evolve

The infographic features a dark blue background with a large, stylized 'EPME' logo in the center, set against a background of a pair of wings. Above the logo, it says 'MAJOR CHANGES TO EPME'. Below the logo, it says '3 BIG TICKETS TO REMEMBER'. The three tickets are numbered 1, 2, and 3, each with a specific category and description:

- 1 ACTIVE DUTY**: Courses 14 & 15 removed. Will attend in-residence PME.
- 2 RESERVE & GUARD**: Option to complete via Distance Learning or In-residence.
- 3 TOTAL FORCE**: Promotion policy remains the same.

our EPME, we have to remain flexible, ensuring we have content and delivery models that work for everyone."

The decision was based on feedback from the 2017 Enlisted Professional Military Education Triennial Review Committee, EPME working groups, and EPME students and instructors.

The 2018 National Defense Strategy calls on all services to evolve their PME, emphasizing intellectual leadership and military professionalism in the art and science of warfighting, deepening our knowledge of history while embracing new technology and techniques to counter competitors.

"We are working with our teammates at Air Education and Training Command and Air University to enhance our EPME and ensure it meets the intent of our most senior leaders," Wright said. "We need to ensure that our EPME can evolve over time as technology changes, so to that end we're working to ensure our content and delivery evolves, too."

If Airmen choose to remain enrolled and complete the course, completion will be reflected in their personnel records along with the appropriate Community College of the Air Force credits awarded.

Additionally, the enlisted promotion policy remains the same and is not affected by this revision.

For more information, visit myPers. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions on the Air Force Retirees Services website.