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A U.S. Airman assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron fire and emergency services flight observes as U.S. Air Force and South Korean firefighters combat a simulated aircraft fire during an exercise at the Korean National University of Welfare in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2018. Such training opportunities benefit Airmen by allowing them to experience first hand what it is like to work alongside foreign service members, and learn how to overcome any language barriers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)

Friendships forged in fire

**By Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

PYEONGTAEK, Republic of Korea -- Airmen assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron fire and emergency services flight teamed up with their off-base counterparts to conduct joint training at the Korea National University of Welfare in Pyeongtaek, May 17.

The exercise was one of many held annually to familiarize the two services with each others' equipment and techniques.

"We have mutual aid agreements with all of the surrounding cities around Osan Air Base, so we like to make sure that we all train together,"

said Staff Sgt. Krystopher Morgan, 51st CES FES crew chief. "We get out, we get with our Korean counterparts, we train together so in case we ever do have something real-world off base, we already know how to work together."

This exercise was a large-scale scenario involving a crashed aircraft, buildings that had caught on fire and multiple victims, said Tech. Sgt. Gary Schmidt, 51st CES assistant chief of training. The mutual aid agreement tells each agency what they need to provide for each other in situations just like these, which makes it important for the two forces to learn to cooperate and augment each others' strengths.

According to the scenario, defined by real-world constraints, the local fire department would arrive

on scene first and U.S. firefighters would follow after as backup once the call was received.

"For a new Airman to come to Korea and actually work with people that they've never worked with, with the language barrier and everything, this helps them to understand how we operate together and how it's not much different from back home, stateside," said Schmidt.

Not only did 51st CES Airmen assist in putting out the fires, they also supplied the 'downed' aircraft for the exercise: a propane-fueled structure that spews flames for the firefighters to safely practice their skills on.

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Air Force Cross Airman honors Intelligence Squadron legacy

By Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes
70th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs



Master Sgt. Robert Gutierrez Jr., Battlefield Airmen Training Group standards and evaluation, poses for a portrait May 18, 2018 in Laurel, Md. Gutierrez is a combat controller who was on the team in Afghanistan in 2009 that conducted ad high-risk operations that eventually captured the second most powerful leader of the Taliban in that region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) -- Heritage. It doesn't have to be something tangible handed down, it can also be something that gives a sense of pride and belonging. In September 1944, the 11th Photographic Technical Unit was constituted, and on May 18, 2018, an Air Force Cross recipient, Master Sgt. Robert Gutierrez Jr., assisted the 29th Intelligence Squadron with honoring the unit's legacy at their Heritage Day ceremony.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Robert Vidoloff, 29th IS commander, said this year's Heritage Day was meant to be specific.

On May 18, 1959, the 432nd Reconnaissance Technical Squadron was inactivated after a tour in which their Airmen, using reconnaissance aircraft, provided the 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing support for ground troops. The unit is also the one from which the 29th IS was derived.

"We have a fantastic Airman who came to share his story with us," Vidoloff said of the events keynote speaker. "He has had 13 combat deployments and has been a combat controller since he entered the Air Force in 2002."

From 2008 to 2009, Gutierrez

was part of the 321st Special Tactics Squadron. While he was on a routine patrol in Afghanistan, his unit was suddenly attacked. Using intelligence that was given to him and his convoy by ISR Airmen, he was able to find cover and coordinate needed air support.

The Airmen of the 29th IS clapped as the combat controller walked to the podium, standing not behind it but in front of it, smiling ear-to-ear with a sense of Airmanship. Gutierrez, currently a member of the Battlefield Airmen Training Group, began with just a few words, "Thank you for this opportunity. Coming from an operator, we need each other, and thank you for how you support our efforts."

"As one of four living and serving Air Force Cross recipients, I am afforded the wonderful opportunity to speak to our Air Force and reinforce the importance of our Air Force core values in our everyday duty and lives," Gutierrez said.

"The significance of the 29th IS is intel," Gutierrez explained. "In my profession, we drive and take the fight to the enemies through a plethora of information via signals intelligence, human intelligence or other avenues. Intel plays a monumental role in our fight against

our nation's enemies, and the future adversaries we will be challenged by. I was brought in (today) to explain, from a ground warfighter's (perspective), the importance of the 29th IS's role in supporting our forces across the globe with (intelligence) to help our warfighters and air assets."

As the event continued, Airmen heard about the impact they have, and are continuing to have, on a daily basis. Not just within their "bubble," but assisting warfighters downrange.

"Times and technology have changed," Gutierrez said. "We're better, we're smarter and more efficient. It cost me a lot physically, but what matters more is getting the job done. What you do is important and it helps people like me stay alive."

Gutierrez concluded with some parting words that seemed to resonate with the Airmen in the audience.

"It's my honor to serve with such great team members," he said. "I value our most cherished and important asset in the Air Force, which in my opinion is our people. Without our hard-working Airmen, we wouldn't be the world's greatest Air Force."

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I-WEPTAC delivers innovations to Air Force leaders



2018 Installation and Mission Support Weapons and Tactics Conference attendees read about one of the four mission area working group chairmen who led a team to think innovatively in tackling one of the Air Force's toughest agile combat support challenges during the San Antonio event out-brief. The May 16 out-brief presented proposed solutions to about 1,000 senior Air Force leaders and members of the installation and mission support community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez)

By Debbie Aragon, AFIMSC Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – Innovation was alive here this week, as senior leaders heard proposals May 16 to address some of the greatest challenges facing the agile combat support community at the conclusion of the 2nd Annual Installation and Mission Support Weapons and Tactics Conference, hosted by the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center.

Four teams presented innovative recommendations for infrastructure investment, resilient and agile support operations, and development of multi-function combat Airmen to a packed auditorium of nearly 1,000 Airmen from across the force and Joint Base San Antonio.

The out-briefs culminate a process that began in late 2017 when warfighters from across the Air Force submitted more than 50 challenges in need of solutions. Leaders narrowed the list to the four most critical topics and four teams, called mission area working groups made up of more than 100 Airmen and joint service members from dozens of functional communities, convened in January to tackle them.



Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy John Henderson lauds the hard work of mission area working group chairmen and their members at the 2018 Installation and Mission Support Weapons and Tactics Conference in San Antonio May 16. The four MAWGs were tasked with finding innovative solutions for pressing issues in the area of agile combat support and presented those solutions during the event out-brief attended by Henderson and about 1,000 other senior Air Force leaders and members of the installation and mission support community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez)

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Col. David "Wolf" Shoemaker, 8th Fighter Wing commander, present arms during a retreat ceremony May 18, 2017, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The ceremony was the last official event, ending National Police Week at Kunsan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)

Kunsan's defenders honor the fallen during National Police Week

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

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 8th Security Forces Squadron held a number of events in honor of the U.S. nationally recognized Police Week 13 – 19 May.

Police week first began in 1962, established by President John F. Kennedy to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

"This gives us all who are currently serving a chance to remember those before us," said Staff Sgt. Michael Sayre, 8th SFS dog handler. "It's also a fun way for us to get a lot of people from our unit together to show the rest of the base what we do here."

The 8th SFS held multiple events during the week including, a military working dog demonstration, a donut run, a combat arms training and maintenance demonstration and finished off the week with a softball game over the weekend.

The defenders of Kunsan also held a Memorial Retreat ceremony, reciting the names of fallen law enforcement officers as retreat played throughout the base.

"I think that the week as a whole was a success," said Master Sgt. Sean Fetke, 8th SFS non-commissioned officer in-charge of operations. "Each calendar year we lose an average of 150 law enforcement officers in the U.S. What we did here was not only raise awareness of the fallen officers, but we also raised funds for their families that are left behind."



Members of the 8th Security Forces Squadron, retire a U.S. Flag during a retreat ceremony May 18, 2017, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The ceremony was the last official event, ending National Police Week at Kunsan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)



A member of the 8th Fighter Wing wears a bite suit during a military working dog demonstration ceremony May 17, 2017, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The demonstration was one of the events held during National Police Week at Kunsan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Colby L. Hardin)

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“Obviously there’s a language barrier that comes into play whenever we’re dealing with foreign nationals, but firefighting is a pretty universal language,” said Morgan. “It’s always good to see that even though they have a little bit different equipment than we have, the technique’s the same, and (this training) helps us make sure that if we ever encounter them on a fire scene we can integrate perfectly into what they’re doing.”



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron fire and emergency services flight assist South Korean firefighters in combating a simulated aircraft fire during an exercise at the Korean National University of Welfare in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea, May 17, 2018. The exercise, one of many held annually, was a large-scale, multi-victim scenario that included a downed aircraft and multiple building fires. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kelsey Tucker)

Staff Sgt. Kyle Shea (front), 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief, and U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kyle Hodge, 86th AMXS assistant crew chief, pose for a photo inside the C-130J Super Hercules they maintain on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, May 18, 2018. Shea and Hodge worked together to achieve a 'black letter' aircraft. Black lettering means there are no maintenance issues in or on the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bass)



86th MXG Airmen achieve perfection

By Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bass,
86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) -- Airmen assigned to the 86th Maintenance Group on Ramstein Air Base, launch C-130J Super Hercules aircraft every day.

But it's been three years since they launched one like this.

The 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's responsibility is maintaining the 86th Airlift Wing's fleet. The 86th Maintenance Squadron works to maintain all the support equipment and individual parts needed to maintain the fleet.

May 18, 2018, the maintainers launched a 'Black Letter' aircraft, a plane with zero maintenance issues from nose to tail, inside and out.

"To black letter an aircraft you have to sign off on every discrepancy on the aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Kyle Shea, 86th AMXS dedicated crew chief.

Many aircraft have simple superficial issues which are noted on an inspection but still maintain operational status and are safe to fly. But on Shea's Herc, every issue was resolved thanks to the hard work of both the 86th AMXS and the 86th MXS.

Shea hasn't seen a black letter in his nine years of fixing Hercs.

"This is very important for the maintenance group and the airlift wing," Shea said. "Our aircraft need to be in top-notch shape for the missions we support all around the world. But to get them there is a lot of hard work."

To make this happen Shea and his assistant crew chief, Airman 1st Class Kyle Hodge, worked countless hours and spent many long days working on tail 5822, Hodge said.

"We had a lot of dedication and support from

the 86th AMXS and 86th MXS to be able to get to where we are now," he said.

Shea said that this wasn't a quick fix. They have worked on tail 5822 since January to obtain all the needed parts and correct all the issues, no matter how small.

"The 86th AMXS and 86th MXS worked hard together to make this happen," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Paradis, 86th MXS isochronal inspection section chief. "The 86th AMXS knows they can count on us and we'll do whatever we can to get the mission accomplished."

Shea and Hodge are the first crew chiefs for their plane, which they nicknamed "The Yeager Express," in honor of retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager.

For their efforts, Shea and Hodge flew with the aircraft on its initial black letter flight.



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“Our most innovative ideas really come from the field,” said John Henderson, assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and energy, “and we don’t get a chance to link those ideas up unless we bring people together, we discuss them and we bring our senior leaders in to see what those solutions are and how they might influence policy. I-WEPTAC is extremely important for the Air Force enterprise.”

“What’s great about this event is that it’s a forum for innovation,” said Maj. Gen. Brad Spacy, AFIMSC commander. “Our goal is to get ideas from our Airmen into action. We know the ideas are out there – our Airmen are coming up with them.”

The teams developed their proposed courses of action in a lean environment that wasn’t “top heavy with bureaucracy,” said Marc Vandever, senior mentor for this year’s working groups and a member of the AFIMSC Expeditionary Support Directorate.

This allowed them to find answers to challenges in relatively quick succession.

“Left to other means, it may take years to do, and we’re doing it in weeks and months,” he added.

That type of dynamic wouldn’t have been possible without cross-functional teams.

The diverse group of Airmen around the table allowed each person to “think differently and invest differently within our infrastructure,” said Capt. Brendan Dorsey-Spitz, a working group chairman and member of AFIMSC’s Expeditionary Support Directorate.

The innovative ideas developed in his group coupled with available technologies “allowed us to get after the problem sets,” he said.

By bringing in “the folks who are doing the mission right now and having them think creatively and collaborate collectively to come up with the best ideas, I truly believe what comes out of I-WEPTAC will ensure the agility of combat support in the future,” said Lt. Col. Steve Thomas, AFIMSC Plans and Analysis Division chief and this year’s conference chairman.

Air Force leaders will now take the teams’ proposals under consideration for action. They selected 17 recommendations from the inaugural I-WEPTAC in 2017. Those are now staffed for further analysis and action.

“Having our senior leaders involved is important, because these are the people who are going to digest the ideas presented here today and figure out if and how they should work in the policy guidance for the Air Force,” Spacy said. “They might not turn out on the ground exactly as presented. There may be elements pulled from problem sets being brought from other parts of the enterprise. That’s the exciting part of this forum and energy.”

AFIMSC activated in 2015 and centralized more than 150 major command and Headquarters Air Force agile combat support capabilities under a single headquarters at JBSA-Lackland. That consolidation served as the springboard for I-WEPTAC because of this enterprise-wide view the Air Force didn’t have before. AFIMSC comprises its headquarters, 10 detachments and six subordinate units that operate at more than 70 locations across the globe.



Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Commander Maj. Gen. Brad Spacy talks about the importance of the 2018 Installation and Mission Support Weapons and Tactics Conference to senior Air Force leaders and members of the agile combat support community. “What’s great about this event is that it’s a forum for innovation,” Spacy said May 16 in San Antonio. “Our goal is to get ideas from our Airmen into action. We know the ideas are out there – our Airmen are coming up with them.” (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez)



Capt. Brendan Dorsey-Spitz, one of four mission area working group chairmen, talks about his group’s approach to installation investment to an audience of about 1,000 senior Air Force leaders and members of the installation and mission support community. The briefing May 16 signaled the conclusion of the 2018 Installation and Mission Support Weapons and Tactics Conference in San Antonio May 6-16. (U.S. Air Force photo by Armando Perez)

National Police Week 2018

By Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona,
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Team Osan observed National Police Week May 14 through 18, culminating in a retreat ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

National Police Week was established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to pay tribute to law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

"President Kennedy established May 15th as National Policeman's Day, and since then it has morphed into a full week where [security forces] get together and take part in different events that honor the fallen who have given their lives in the line of duty," said Master Sgt. James Howard, the 51st Security Forces Squadron superintendent of air base defense and intelligence.

The week is comprised of various events from a 5k run to an Elementary Level Excellence-In-Competition match.

"The 5k run kicks off the week and involves the entire base to coming out to participate," said Howard. "The middle of the week has events

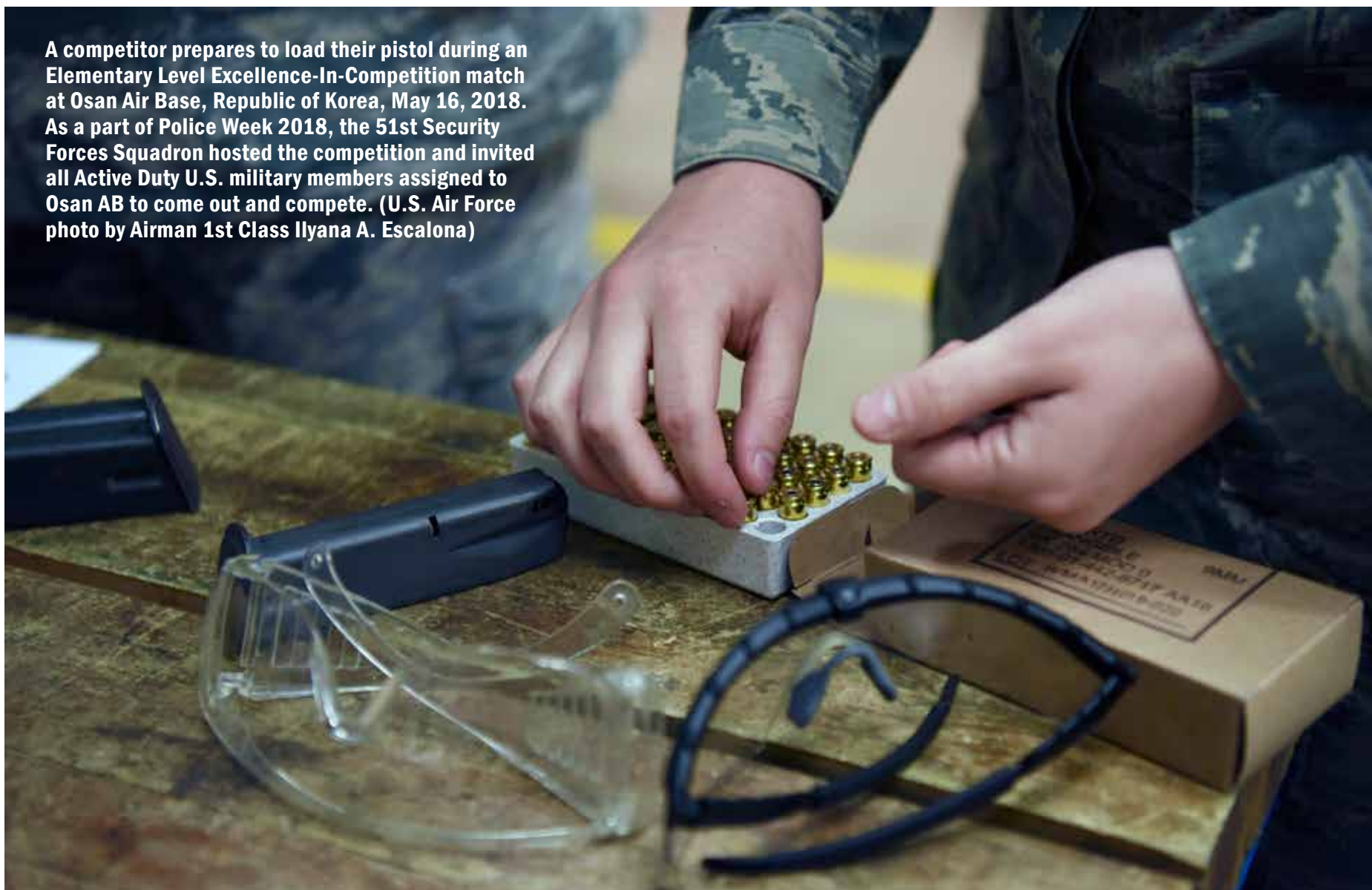


A security forces team performs a high crawl during a relay race at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2018. The relay race was hosted by the 51st Security Forces Squadron and was a part of the National Police Week 2018 events. The relay consisted of teams of performing various physical activities that mirror those of security forces training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona)



U.S. Air force and Republic of Korea Air Force honor guard members present their nation's flags during a retreat ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 18, 2018. The retreat ceremony concluded the events for National Police week, a week in which agents and officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty are honored annually. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona)

A competitor prepares to load their pistol during an Elementary Level Excellence-In-Competition match at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 16, 2018. As a part of Police Week 2018, the 51st Security Forces Squadron hosted the competition and invited all Active Duty U.S. military members assigned to Osan AB to come out and compete. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona)



including a soccer game with the ROKAF and a pistol competition hosted by the SFS for everyone to come out and build comradery.”

The week ended with a retreat ceremony to honor agents and officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Both Korean and American security forces were in attendance as well as leadership from Songtan Police station.

“Let us choose not to dwell on how they died or even why they died but rather, let us choose to focus on how they lived, for they served an honorable and most necessary profession,” said Lt. Col. Joseph Ringer, 51st SFS commander. “This is for the men and women who were unwilling to stand by while tyranny exists. Their lives which exemplify courage, toughness, valor, selfless service, provided and still provides hope to all citizens for the preservation of decency.”



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Hector Rivera Bonilla, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, performs a duck walk during a relay race at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 15, 2018. The relay race was hosted by the 51st Security Forces Squadron and was a part of the National Police Week 2018 events. The relay consisted of teams of performing various physical activities that mirror those of security forces training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona) ▲



U.S. Air force and Republic of Korea Air Force security forces members stand alongside each other in a formation at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 18, 2018. The formation took place during a retreat ceremony for National Police week in which agents and officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty were honored. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona) ◀



A Qatar Emiri Air Force C-17 Globemaster shoots flares during the Qatar Emiri Air Force Lahoub exercise at Al-Qalael drop zone, Qatar, May 9, 2018. The C-17 is able to operate on small, austere airfields previously limited to C-130s. The U.S. and Qatar work together to foster military cooperation to strengthen & expand contributions to the Coalition's fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Hook) ▲

An Airman watches aircraft flying by with his son during Tampa Bay AirFest 2018 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., May 11, 2018. Over a three-day span, approximately 150,000 attendees experienced aerial demonstrations and interactive static displays. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ashley Perdue) ►



US. Air Force Master Sgt. Kenny Griego hands out candy to kids after landing at a village during a Bilateral Air Contingent Exchange on April 27, 2018 in Cebu, Philippines. The exchange is the sixth iteration of U.S.-Philippine Air Contingent established by U.S. Pacific Command and executed by Headquarters Pacific Air Forces. These subject matter exchanges are important because they help promote interoperability, build upon the foundation of a strong U.S.-Philippine's alliance, and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Richardson) ▲

99th Security Forces Squadron K9 Unit members participate in a ruck march during National Police Week at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., May 15, 2018. Members from across Nellis participated in the four-mile ruck march to honor fallen K9s and their handlers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Andrew D. Sarver) ▶



Active duty Airmen assigned to the 3rd Wing, Reserve Airmen from the 477th Fighter Group and Alaska Air National Guardsmen from 176th Wing conduct a foreign object debris walk at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, May 18, 2018. The Airmen conducted the FOD walk to remove debris that could damage aircraft and hinder mission readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Alejandro Peña) ▼



Staff Sgt. Roberto Escabi assigned to the 156th Airlift Wing is consoled during the funeral for Master Sgt. Jean M. Audiffred Rivera at Puerto Rico National Cemetery May 22, 2018. Audiffred was one of nine Airmen who perished in a WC-130 crash earlier this month in Georgia. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Julio A. Olivencia Jr.) ▲

Rangers battle for a grappling position during a combative demonstration at the 6th Ranger Training Battalion's open house event May 5 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The event was a chance for the public to learn how Rangers train and operate. The event displays showed equipment, weapons, a reptile zoo, face painting and weapon firing among others. The demonstrations showed off hand-to-hand combat, a parachute jump, snake show, and Rangers in action. (U.S. Air Force photo by Samuel King Jr.) ◀

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

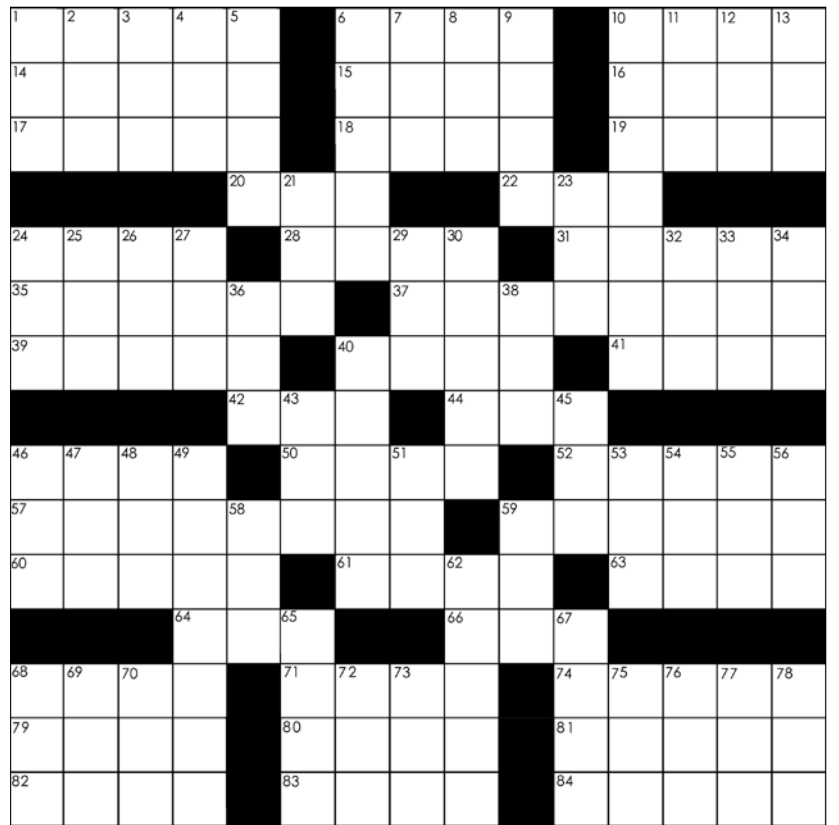
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



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Special Fest 'Dancing Carnival' which takes place this summer!

Taking a leap to become a representative fest beyond local festivals

2018 Korea-US Dancing Carnival

Dates and Hours_ June 29, 2018 (Fri) 7:30pm-10:00pm
Location_ Square of Youth, the front of Pyeongtaek City Hall

Qualification for Participation	- Anyone who can dance with music on the stage is welcomed! - Creative Dance including Modern Dance, Classical Dance, Samba, Zumba, Hip-hop, Cheerleading, Broadcast Dance, Freestyle Dance... within 5 minutes
Winner's Awards	- Grand Prize: ₩ 4,000,000 & Plaque (1 team), Gold Prize: ₩ 3,000,000 & Plaque (1 team) - Silver Prize: ₩ 2,000,000 & Plaque (1 team), Bronze Prize: ₩ 1,000,000 & Plaque (1 team) - Special Prize: Plaque (1 team)
Application Submission	- Drop Off Application_ Gyeonggi Province Pyeongtaek City Gyeonggi-daero 522 (Hyundai Motor 3F) - Application Submission_ website www.ptcn.co.kr or e-mail ptcnews@naver.com - Process of Pre-Evaluation_ Video Submission due by June 11, 2018 - Finalists will be notified individually.
Main Programs	- Opening Ceremony - Dancing Contest - Performance (Invited Singers : Park Miyoung, Kim Wanseon, 8th US Army Band, Electron String Band)

Sponsor_ Pyeongtaek City & Gyeonggi Province
Host_ Pyeongtaek Cultural Newspaper, Pyeongtaek City International Foundation, PTPI Pyeongtaek Chapter
Support_ Ginam Broadcasting
Information_ Please contact the festival committee of Pyeongtaek Cultural Newspaper at 031-651-7211-2



Photo by Hashi Jackson

USO TEMPLESTAY TOUR

Story by Ron Roman
Photos by Mr. Lee Ji Su (Jay)
(otherwise specified)

The USO at Osan AB gave a free overnight “Templestay” tour at Hwaseong City’s Yongjusa (“Dragon Bowl”) Temple in early May. (Templestay is a brief orientation to Korean-style Buddhism.) In all, 45 service members and civilians gathered early Saturday afternoon at 12:30 pm pronto at the USO for roll call by Ms. Hasi Jackson, USO field program manager. At 1 pm sharp our bus rolled out of the parking lot for Hwaseong arriving at Yongjusa about an hour later. Skies were overcast signaling a rainy weekend.

The Temple is in an urban setting, no secluded mountainside fortress here. The Temple complex is expansive and clean. Everyone headed inside the lodging building. It was showtime.

Inside we changed our shoes for slippers. (Lucky for me I hadn’t any holes in my socks.) We were handed two-piece Buddhist clothing. Ah, monks-in-the-making. After changing upstairs, we headed down again for an orientation to Templestay and Cheong-kyu (Buddhist etiquette). We were instructed in the fine art of bowing all the way to the ground. All 45 of us give it a go with our hands and heads (and knees and feet....).



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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).

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, 1:00 p.m.
 SunLight 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

Conviction

Robert Preston Taylor was an Army Chaplain in World War II. He was taken captive as a POW when the Philippines were captured by the Japanese and survived the Bataan Death March, POW camps, and the Hell Ships which transported captured American service members to mainland Japan. Chaplain Taylor became the 3rd Chief of Chaplains of the Air Force. Concerning conviction, he said, "You will always feel better tomorrow, if you live by your convictions today." That quote has been a great encouragement for me while serving in Korea, and now that my time is drawing to a close, I hope it will encourage you.

When it comes to convictions, have you considered yours? Let me define what I mean by that. A conviction is a firmly held belief or opinion. I will take this a step further and define an absolute conviction as something we feel so strongly about we are willing to fight for it, give our life for it, or suffer the penalty of imprisonment for it. In other words, an absolute conviction is something we could not and will not live without and are willing to risk everything to keep it or preserve it. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "A man who does not have something for which he is willing to die is not fit to live."

My strongest conviction is my faith. Second to



Ch, Capt Jamie Myers
8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB

my faith is my family, followed thirdly by freedom and service to my country. What are yours?

Moving down in order of priority, what other convictions do we hold to? In the areas of strongly held beliefs what are the moral battles we are not

willing to compromise on? I would hope integrity makes the list, even if it means we have to stay late at work because of a mistake that was found, we are not willing to budge on our convictions. If we witnessed somebody being mistreated, would we stand in the gap and do all that we could to ensure another human being was treated with dignity? I think most of us would hope somebody would do that for us, so let us be willing to do that for others.

Once the foundational elements of what etches our character and motivates us is established, we can seek to understand what our preferences are. Preferences are the things that are nice to have, but we should certainly have no problem compromising in these areas if need be. It is important we do not elevate our preferences to the level of a conviction because we only have so much energy and resolve to remain faithful to a few convictions.

Have you heard the term "making mountains out of mole hills"? That is exactly what we do when we elevate a preference, and when everything is most important, nothing is. Conversely, we must have clearly defined convictions because if we do not stand for something, we will fall for anything. In short, let us be willing to compromise on our preferences, but never on our convictions.

CST Airmen Team Up With Local Community for FBP

By Airman 1st Class Matthew Gilmore
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -- Freshly planted periwinkles resting in their new home at the foot of a tree bed beneath the bright pink banners lining Route 16. The sound of cars speeding by fill the air, hands covered in fresh earthy soil, the summer sun beaming down its light, shining through the lingering clouds leftover from an overcast morning. A bag of recently pulled weeds lay to the left, the original flower pots to the right, just another few city blocks of planting to go.

For the members of Team Yokota who volunteered their time to join members from the neighboring city, Fussa, for the Fussa Beautification Project, this was their two day long adventure into the world of gardening.

Sixteen Airmen from the 374th Communications Squadron Operations Flight took it upon themselves to team up with local nationals over two days to do something special, planting flowers throughout Fussa, Japan, May 14 and 17, 2018.

"As I was kneeling down in the dirt planting my flowers" said Amy Kristoffersen, 374 CS OF client systems technician journeyman.



Airman 1st Class Hunter Lobb, 374th Communications Squadron Operations Flight client systems technician apprentice, plants a flower for the Fussa Beautification Project outside of Yokota Air Base, Japan in Fussa May 17, 2018. The project, an event that members of Team Yokota routinely participate in, gave volunteers the chance to plant flowers throughout the Fussa area. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Gilmore)



Senior Airman Amy Kristoffersen, 374th Communications Squadron Operations Flight client systems technician journeyman, pulls weeds from a tree bed during the Fussa Beautification Project outside of Yokota Air Base, Japan in Fussa May 17, 2018. Sixteen Airmen from the 374 CS OF volunteered their time to help give back to the local community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Gilmore)



Airmen from the 374th Communications Squadron Operations Flight work with volunteers from the local community to plant flowers for the Fussa Beautification Project outside of Yokota Air Base, Japan in Fussa May 17, 2018. Sixteen Airmen from the 374 CS OF volunteered their time to help give back to the local community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Gilmore)

“Cars would pass by, and with each passing car came a set of eyes peering out at me and my fellow volunteers. Those eyes were almost always accompanied by a smiling face.

“It felt really good to be able to make so many people happy all the while making friends with our fellow neighbors as we made the community a prettier place.”

The event allowed individuals a chance to give back to their home away from home, for others it boiled down to simply being the right thing to do.

“I think the FBP was a great chance to show the people in the local community that we care about them,” said Staff Sgt. Stephan Mimms, 374 CS OF client systems technician craftsman. “Even though we are just coming through for a

few years we can still take the time to make a positive impact. That is exactly what we had in mind when we decided to team up with the city for this event.”

With that positive impact made, the volunteers from both Yokota and the city saw firsthand what they were capable of when they worked together.

“Together we came out and really made a difference,” said Haley Ellis, 374 CS OF client systems technician journeyman. “We may not have shared a common language but we undoubtedly had a common goal. That common goal led us to accomplish our goal rather quickly and left us all feeling incredibly gratified.”

Despite some of the volunteers time in Japan

coming to a close as they prepare to move on to their next duty station, the flower planting offered them an opportunity for a final thank you and farewell.

“Japan has just meant so much to me on a personal level,” said Kristoffersen. “I will always appreciate the Japanese culture, how the people are so sweet and trustworthy and how safe I have always felt in this country.

“I hope today was good for the local community. Even after I leave here, I’ll always feel a sense of pride when I think of the flowers, knowing full well we planted them together. If anything I wish I could have done more while I was here to help repay the hospitality that has been shown to me. Japan, thank you for being my home away from home.”



Volunteers from Yokota Air Base, Japan and the city of Fussa carry bags of weeds to be disposed of immediately following the Fussa Beautification Project in Fussa, May 17, 2018. The event gave members of Team Yokota a chance to team up with the local community to plant flowers and make the area a more beautiful place. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Matthew Gilmore)

RAF Warrant Officer leads renovation of 1st Lt. Jarvis Offutt's grave

By Charles Haymond
55th Wing Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AFNS) -- The recent restoration of 1st Lt. Jarvis Offutt's grave was sparked when a Royal Air Force rivet joint specialist, assigned to RAF Waddington's 56 Squadron visited the grave to pay respects to the former squadron member in December 2017, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Nebraska.

Offutt had been a part of the 56 Squadron for approximately a day before he died in flight over France.

Master Aircrew Keith "Nutty" Wing, 56 Squadron rivet joint specialist, visited the grave during a visit to Offutt Air Force Base as a liaison with the 55th Intelligence Support Squadron. Wing works in an operational test and evaluation role, in which he gathers data on RC-135 aircraft to provide information for RAF leadership, allowing them to make informed decisions.

Wing comes to Offutt AFB three or four times a year in a liaison capacity. The first time Wing visited Offutt's grave was to lay a wreath on behalf of his squadron the day before he was due to return to the United Kingdom. Whilst there he noticed the grass had overgrown the gravestone and used his aircrew knife to trim it. This field cleanup revealed an inscription, which had been buried because the stone had sunk about five inches into the ground over many years.

Wing returned in February 2018 with Kenneth Bauer, 55th Wing Plans, Program and Requirements international program officer, with tools to clear away the ground and make the inscription more legible, but the frozen ground prevented them doing as complete a job as he had hoped. The two even enlisted the assistance of two somewhat bemused ground maintenance workers to lend some stronger tools.

"Lt. Offutt was a member of my squadron on the day he died,"



The gravestone of U.S. Army 1st Lt. Jarvis Offutt surrounded by dirt from the process of raising the stone May 1, 2018, at Forrest Lawn Memorial Park, Nebraska. Since the stone's original placement it had sunk to the point where the inscription was mostly hidden. (Courtesy Photo)



Royal Air Force Master Aircrew Keith Wing, 56 Squadron Rivet Joint specialist, places a wreath at the gravesite of U.S. Army 1st Lt. Jarvis Offutt Dec. 18, 2017, at Forrest Lawn Memorial Park, Nebraska. When Offutt died he was a member of 56 Squadron. (Courtesy Photo)

Wing said. "We have a saying on 56 Squadron - the emblem of 56 Squadron is the phoenix, so they are known as 'The Firebirds' - and once a Firebird always a Firebird. It doesn't matter that he'd only been with us one day, he was one of us. I would like to think someone would do something similar for me."

Bauer and Wing work together during his liaison visits. When Bauer learned of Wing's actions to improve the gravesite he began taking steps to improve it further.

"I told Nutty, 'today I am honored and saddened,'" Bauer said. "Here you stand, a member of a foreign Air Force, making certain that a comrade's grave is fit and proper for a man that was in your squadron for 24 hours, while the base named after him has apparently not been out here to see him for quite some time. I told Nutty that the RAF often comes to us saying that they are 'cap in hand,' but I would disagree. The RAF brings

with it nobility, Esprit De Corps, a sense of history and teamwork that we seem to have lost. I promised that when the ground was no longer frozen I would have the headstone made proper. Today that was completed for Lt. Jarvis Offutt and the headstones of his whole family."

The work to raise the headstone was completed May 1, 2018.

Wing was thrilled to hear that the gravestone had been preserved for the future. Now the full inscription of the headstone can be read, "First Lieut. U.S. Army Attached to 56th Squadron British Royal Air Force. Died Aug. 13, 1918—Valheureux, France."

"That came as a big surprise when I found that out literally last week," Wing said. "I was sat with Mr. Bauer in his office when he got a phone call from the cemetery to say that it had been done. That was unexpected. I've been back to the grave since it has been raised, and it looks so much better."



Royal Air Force Master Aircrew Keith Wing, 56 Squadron Rivet Joint specialist, uses a hammer and crowbar to reveal the inscription on U.S. Army 1st Lt. Jarvis Offutt's grave February 2018, at Forrest Lawn Memorial Park, Nebraska. Wing prompted the process of having the gravestone raised to make the full inscription legible. (Courtesy Photo)

Osan Airman receives AFSA Legislative Award

By Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Senior Master Sgt. James Kent, Osan chapter AFSA president, presents Staff Sgt. Roxanne Berg, 607th Air Support Operations Group non-commissioned officer in charge of group intelligence training with a certificate of appreciation at Osan Air Base, republic of Korea, May 18, 2018. Berg is the Legislative trustee of the Osan chapter and won the Air Force Sergeants Association Legislative Award at the division level. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ilyana A. Escalona)

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Roxanne Berg, 607th Air Support Operations Group non-commissioned officer in charge of group intelligence training, won the Air Force Sergeants Association Legislative Award at the division level.

AFSA is an independent, non-profit and politically non-partisan organization devoted to fighting for promised benefits and services for the enlisted force and their families.

There are four pillars that make up AFSA including Legislation, Membership, Communications and

Fraternity. Each of these pillars is exemplified across the seven divisions and 127 chapters AFSA has spread across the globe.

"Staff Sgt. Berg leads the legislative pillar and is the vector for AFSA," said Senior Master Sgt. James Kent, Osan chapter AFSA president. "She informs Airmen on military pay, benefits, and quality of life of all enlisted Airmen and their families."

Berg prevailed over members from the nine other locations within Division 5, including Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Japan,

Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

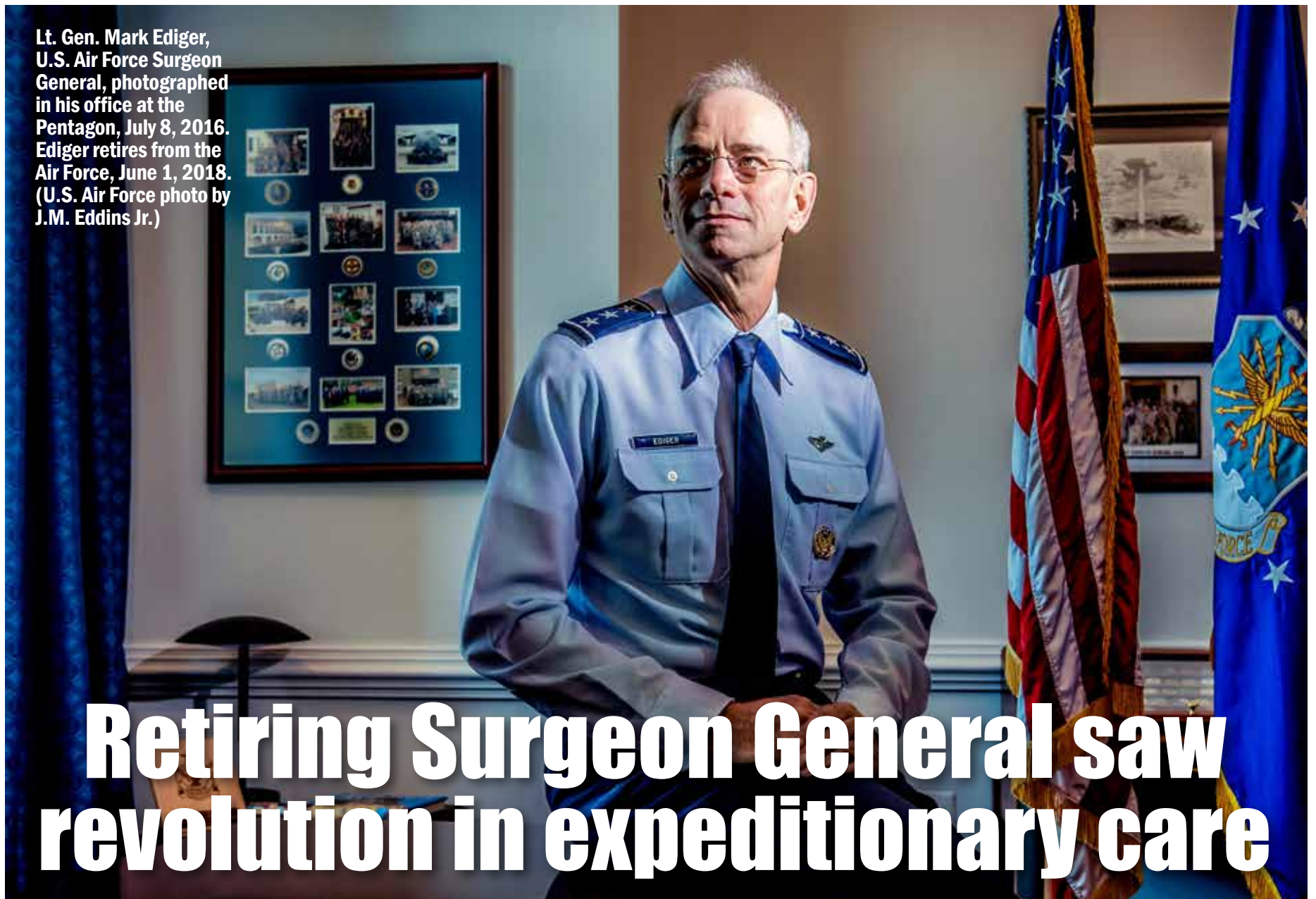
"I sent in my package not really knowing what to expect but I definitely did not expect to win," said Berg. "I was really excited to find out that I won the division level award because I really enjoy being the legislative trustee and I put a lot of work into it. It was fun to be recognized for what I put into it."

Berg is a key leader in many acts of volunteerism AFSA completes not only around the base but as well as the local community.

"AFSA is a great organization and we do a lot of volunteering on base as well in the community," said Berg. "We do a lot of fundraising and donate that money to worthy causes, especially causes that help Airmen and the enlisted force. We also donated money for a spring event at an orphanage in town here that we visit a lot. All of these activities are worthwhile and meaningful."

Berg will advance and compete at the international level where she will be up against six additional divisions comprised of 54 bases.

Lt. Gen. Mark Ediger, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, photographed in his office at the Pentagon, July 8, 2016. Ediger retires from the Air Force, June 1, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo by J.M. Eddins Jr.)



Retiring Surgeon General saw revolution in expeditionary care

By Peter Holstein, Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- FlyingFALLS CHURCH, Va. -- Air Force Medicine has changed significantly since 1986, when Lt. Gen. Mark Ediger left his family medicine practice in Missouri to join the Air Force.

Ediger, the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, retires June 1, after a 32-year career that took him around the world, through numerous postings and varied roles. Although Ediger rose to the highest position in Air Force Medicine, he says that was not his intended career path.

From rural to operational medicine

"It was never my plan to be a military doc," said Ediger. "When I finished medical school, I was pretty sure I wanted my career to be in rural family medicine."

After five years in family practice in Cass County, Missouri, Ediger was ready for a change. Seeking a greater diversity of medical experience, he joined the Air Force and remained on active duty ever since.

"Joining the Air Force was the right decision for me," said Ediger. "In the Air Force, I have had many opportunities to take on different roles and jobs I never considered when I first joined."

Ediger's first assignment was in family medicine at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Soon after, he attended Flight Surgeon School at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, and returned to Langley. Ediger says he found many parallels

between family medicine and flight medicine.

"Practicing flight medicine was an extraordinary experience, because I used my skills as a family physician, but with a major new operational component," said Ediger. "The challenges of aerospace medicine, like enhancing aircrew performance, managing their medical conditions to keep them flying, and providing medical support in remote environments, added a fascinating dimension."

That interest in operational medicine was a passion that led to some of the most rewarding opportunities of Ediger's career. While serving as the 16th Medical Group commander at Hurlburt Field, Florida, Ediger helped organize medical support for the initial response to the 9/11 attacks.

"I was part of the 16th Special Operation Wing [now the 1st SOW] when the attacks on 9/11 occurred," said Ediger. "Our Wing's Airmen were some of the first to go into Afghanistan to respond to the attacks. We had an extraordinary medical team that supported a large-scale special operations deployment in a very difficult environment."

Ediger was also a part of delivering medical support to combat operations as a group commander during the initial months of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as the command surgeon in Germany leading aeromedical evacuation and en route care at Ramstein Air Base for casualties from Afghanistan and Iraq.

"As I look back, those are assignments that I really value," said Ediger. "Being part of the Air Force medical teams that responded to those

challenges, and having the opportunity to care for Airmen who are out executing the mission, I found that especially rewarding."

Evolving missions, evolving medical support

Ediger's career spanned several eras in Air Force Medicine. He saw it evolve from a time when deployments were relatively rare, to the development of expeditionary medical capabilities after Desert Storm, to the non-stop deployments following 9/11.

"There have been remarkable changes since I joined the Air Force," said Ediger. "We were still in the Cold War early in my career. Our deployment packages and equipment sets were large and difficult to set up. After Desert Storm, we evolved into an expeditionary Air Force, so our deployable medical capability changed with the creation of EMEDS [expeditionary medical support system] and mobile field surgical field teams.

"Now, after almost 20 years of continuous deployments, our medical force has unbelievable field experience and incredible new operational medical skills."

In the 32 years that Ediger served, Air Force Medicine kept pace with change in the rest of Air Force. Space-based operations became increasingly important. Remotely piloted aircraft and strategic reconnaissance are much bigger components of the Air Force mission, and use of special operation forces grew tremendously. These changing mission sets drove the evolution of operational medical support.

“One of the biggest revolutions in Air Force Medicine during my career was the creation of the CCATT [critical care air transportation team] under Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton’s [U.S. Air Force Surgeon General from 1999 to 2002] leadership,” said Ediger. “Moving critical care patients by air improved outcomes and reduced the medical footprint of deployed medical teams in a combat theater.”

Ediger praised the improvement of battlefield medicine in austere environments. Air Force medics now deliver advanced care techniques in the field that save lives and limbs.

“When I joined the Air Force, we had a very limited scope of clinical procedures we thought could safely be done in a field hospital,” said Ediger. “Now, we can safely and effectively do vascular interventions to stop hemorrhage and salvage limbs, and do neuro-surgical interventions in the field. We do just amazing things in a deployed setting now.”

Work to do

When Ediger became Surgeon General, he outlined four priority areas: Full Spectrum Medical Readiness, Integrated Operational Support, Air Force Medical Home, and Trusted Care. Ediger feels the AFMS has made significant progress in each area, particularly in Full Spectrum Medical Readiness.

“We took a tremendous step forward in medical readiness by developing and applying a new model for keeping medical teams ready to deploy,” said Ediger. “We established specific standards for their clinical currency, and our

commanders now manage to those standards.

“We are leveraging private-public partnerships like never before,” said Ediger. “We’ve seen steady growth in Air Force deployable personnel embedding in private sector health institutions to keep their skills current and ready for the deployed environment.”

The development of multidisciplinary medical teams that work directly with operational units outside the hospital or clinic is a significant accomplishment in the Integrated Operational Support realm. Ediger also highlighted improvements in meeting access standards and the adoption of a zero-harm culture as significant steps in Air Force Medical Home and Trusted Care.

“We’ve made great strides in each of the areas, but there’s still a lot of work to do,” said Ediger. “We have pilot programs in place for many of these initiatives, and we’re working to take them Air Force-wide.”

Looking to the future

Air Force Medicine is entering a time of significant change as all military treatment facilities are moving under the management of the Defense Health Agency. Ediger has been at the forefront preparing for that change, and is confident the AFMS will come out stronger and more capable of supporting combatant commanders.

“I believe we can meet the full intent of Congress and the DoD in a way that delivers effective operational support and readiness,” said Ediger. “We need to go about it very carefully and deliberately to ensure we are still achieving our



operational support and readiness missions while we institute reform.”

Ediger calls on medical Airmen to reconnect to their core mission during challenging times.

“As we implement reform, always remember why we are in uniform as medical professionals,” said Ediger. “We are here to support service members who are performing increasingly demanding missions, keeping them healthy and performing every day.”

“There are so many exciting opportunities available in Air Force Medicine. My career was so rewarding because I was willing to try new things and take on new responsibilities when I had the chance. Never lose sight of the fact that you are medics in the world’s greatest Air Force. That’s a special thing. Learn about and embrace the mission. Stay engaged with Airmen that we support, and step up where the mission needs our help.”

According 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.

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Air Force honors Maj. Ian Holt, Capt. Abby Hall as Athletes of the Year

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) -- Maj. Ian Holt and Capt. Abby Hall were recently named 2017 Air Force Athletes of the Year.

Holt, combat operations division space control branch chief for the 614th Air Operations Center at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, is a cyclist and past member of the World Class Athlete Program.

"As an Airman, it has been difficult to juggle a career with increasing rank and responsibility, family and inevitable aging," said Holt, who began cycling competitively at the U.S. Air Force Academy and who was also honored as the Air Force Male Athlete of the Year in 2009. "In many ways, being recognized as the 2017 Air Force Athlete of the Year is more special and satisfying in the twilight of my (sports) career."

Holt's competitive cycling career includes representing the U.S. Armed Forces Cycling Team at the 2005 Military World Championships and the U.S. at the 2016 Elite Track World Cycling Championships, where he finished 11th.

"As an Airman, I never would have had the opportunities and motivation to pursue the level of competition that I ultimately reached without the underlying theme of representing my country and the Air Force," said Holt.

Competing in an endurance sport

such as cycling requires extreme dedication and time commitment, as well as significant amounts of readiness and resiliency, he said.

Holt's readiness and resiliency were tested like never before during a life-threatening crash at the International Tour de Gila last year in New Mexico.

A freak accident sent Holt hurtling off a mountain at more than 30 mph into the Gila National Forest pine trees. He suffered severe bone bruises, tore both posterior cruciate ligaments in his legs and a finger was severed to the tendon.

Despite the injuries, the major managed to climb the 30 feet up to the road to seek help. He spent three hours in the emergency room to nurse his injuries, yet managed to make his flight home and report to his duty station the next day.

In October, he capped five months of rehabilitation with two bronze medals at the Masters Track World Championships.

"The character traits and requirements to be a great athlete are directly applicable to military service," Holt said. "Commitment, attention to detail, perseverance and honesty are the markers of great athletes and Airmen. The Air Force must embrace these traits and people because they have the ability to carry the service on their backs."



Maj. Ian Holt suffered life-threatening injuries at the International Tour de Gila last year in New Mexico. He recovered from his injuries to win two bronze medals at the Masters Track World Championships. (Courtesy photo)

Hall, an acquisitions officer was the AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile Program Office at Eglin AFB, Florida, helped the All-Air Force women's volleyball team win its first Armed Forces championship in five years last May. She then helped the All-Armed Forces team place second in the World Military Games, the highest finish in 23 years.

"As an Airman, I share this award with my teammates," said Hall, who starred at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, before she was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 2012. "Personally, it shows that my hard work and dedication on and off the court is paying off. Volleyball has and continues to open doors for me that I would not have known otherwise. The experience of playing for the Air Force and Armed Forces is more than I could have imagined, and I'm always thankful for the opportunity to grow and play in the sport that I love."

Hall's playing and coaching experience complemented her readiness and resiliency during the Armed Forces Tournament and the World Military Games.

Hall, normally an outside hitter, was asked by coach Nicki Holmes to play middle hitter during the Armed Forces Tournament. She not only filled that role, she thrived, as Air Force won five straight matches to win the gold medal.

"Middle hitter requires the

ability to read the game," Hall said. "Thankfully, with the coaching staff's help and pulling from my own coaching experience, knowledge, and familiarity of the game I was able to fill that role."

Perhaps Air Force's most memorable match was against the U.S. Navy for the championship. Air Force led 2-0 and was down 24-12 in the third game, but reeled off 14 straight points to win the title.

Holmes approached Hall again and asked her to fill a setter role on the All-Armed Forces Team.

"He knew I could set because the previous year I was the setter for our USAFE team, but I never imagined I would be a setter at this level," Hall said. "Setter is like the quarterback of the team, so I had to be resilient and change up my leadership style to run our plays."

Hall said she learned more about herself as a volleyball player this past year than any other.

"It was frustrating, and my mental game was challenged," Hall said. "But as an Airman, when I was called, I knew my role and I was ready for the challenges."

"I come back to my duty station a better officer and leader with new tools in my belt," she added. "I think Air Force Sports is a great opportunity to continue to grow as an athlete but also as an Airman."

To learn more about the Air Force Sports program or to apply for a spot on one of the teams, visit <http://www.myairforcelife.com/Sports/>.



Capt. Abby Hall helped the All-Air Force women's volleyball team win the 2017 Armed Forces championship, its first in five years. (Courtesy photo)



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Though I work out regularly and am in good shape, bowing isn't in my routine. At my age joints creak; I found myself stiff as the base flagpole—especially when trying to sit lotus-style.

Slideshows and documentaries were shown condensing five millennia of Korean history into minutes, ranging from major historical dynasties, the unique formation of Hangeul (Korean language) by King Sejong (1443), and the artistic designs of various Korean cultural artifacts. After sitting locked-in lotus-style, we were eager to spring up and saunter outside to explore the complex on a walking tour led by our ever-conscientious Temple guide and interpreter "Jay," a pleasant Korean chap about 25 years old.

The premises are well-kept. Jay dutifully delivers mini-lectures on Temple history (back to 1790), stupas (stone towers functioning as Buddhist shrines), relic and artifact, building and bell.... I'm the sole visitor taking notes; there's too much to take in without doing so. Inside the ornate Daeungbojeon, main prayer hall housing the exquisite gold-plated Shakyamuni Triad (three sacred Buddhas), Jay interprets the lecture on Buddhist philosophy from the head sunim (monk). He struggles. Though his English is decent, explaining abstract metaphysical concepts in another language is no easy feat. Articulating such is difficult enough even to another native speaker, let alone to a foreign one: dharma,



karma, and schlarma.... Soon our own dharma demands everyone head on over to the main dining hall; we hadn't eaten lunch. Even for would-be ascetic monks, hunger beckons. We rush to the dining hall under gentle rain.

Everyone appears hungry to chow down on dinner, even if it is all-vegetarian. The head sunim tells us through Jay that what we consume is not as significant as how. The chowdown is preceded with recitation of the English translation of O-kwan-kay (Pre-Meal Chant). All of us dutifully hold up our plates over our heads and mouth the words. First off is hot seaweed soup (miyukguk: I always like to put plenty of rice in mine), followed by various vegetable dishes, kimchi and rice being mainstays of Korean cuisine. Bananas

serve as dessert. Everything is washed down with plain water. (That all Buddhist monks are vegetarians is a myth. In Tibet they're forced to eat meat; homegrown vegetables and fruits are rare.) Upon completion, we all go outside to clean our plates and utensils. It's now 7 pm. Time to go back to the main lodge and hone our meditation and breathing exercise skills with the head monk.

He instructs us in the fine art of breathing and tai-chi (moving meditation). My balance is terrible. In one stance I almost keel over like a drunken sailor. We slog on. At 9:10 pm we call it quits till 4 am the following day.

In pitch blackness, Jay turns on our dormitory lights. It's time to kick off the day with the traditional Buddhist 108 bows; this is

standard. It's a killer if you're over 40 or don't practice them routinely. We go downstairs to the big classroom. At 4:30 am in unison we perform the 1-o-8. Or try to. For every four bows, on the floor we thread a plastic lace through a small, almost tiny, bead. Fingers fumble. After 50-60 bows, it's not easy to steady the fingers. After about 70 bows I'm getting winded—and praying for a second breath, a third, a fourth.... I'm hardly the only one. Upon finishing, my body, at least the lower-half of it, is shot. Then Jay helps us in tying up our beaded laces into wristlets. Time for breakfast.

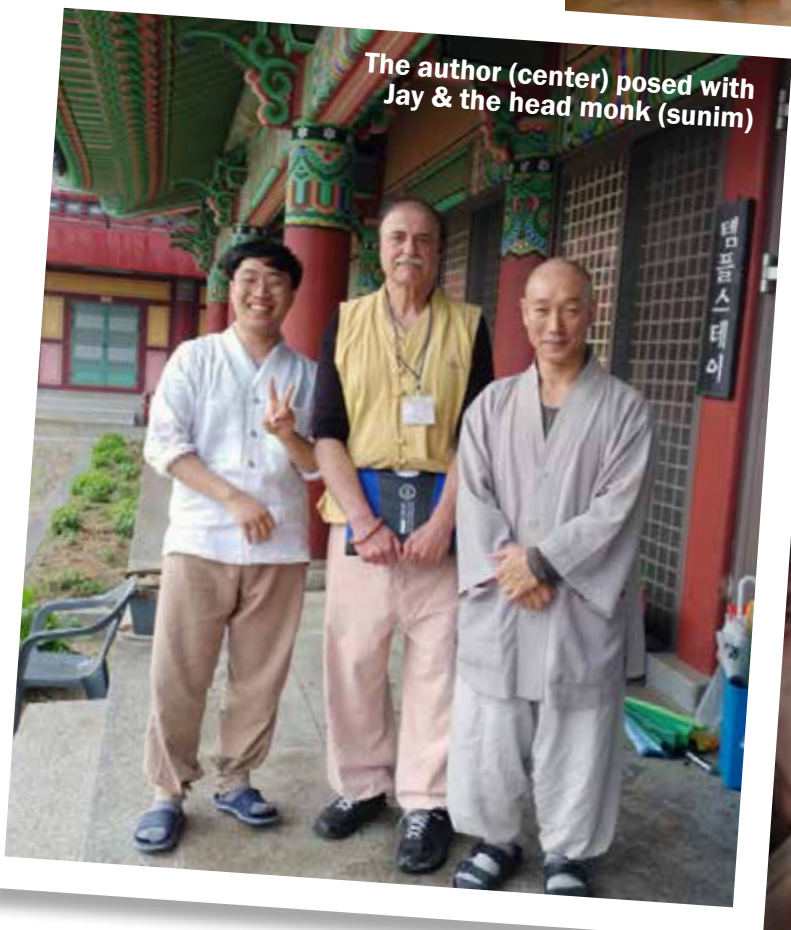
At about 8 am breakfast is served. It's still raining; our outdoor walking meditation is cancelled. Instead everybody is tutored in the fine art of Korean Buddhist-style tea preparation followed by musical recordings chosen by the sunim. He chooses a stirring duet by two male tenors in Italian (hmm...) and then a more soothing solo rendition of a love song in English. Next the sunim treats us to his own musical performance on the flute and a stand-up solo dance performance of Param Chum (Dance on the Wind). We would-be monks explode into applause. He follows this up with a lengthy Question-and-Answer session. We are reminded of the most important lesson in life according to Buddhism: Find One's True Self.

At noon we walk outside. Spring rain has now turned to a gentle drizzle. Time to say good-bye to the sunim, Jay, and the rest of the staff. We take photos together. We are tired and ready to hop on our bus and return to Base. It's been a productive weekend; a transformative time was had by all. And it's time to say kudos to the USO leadership and Yongjusa Temple staff for putting this all together.

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The author (center) posed with Jay & the head monk (sunim)

