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ROK President awards 7 AF Presidential Unit Citation

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Lt. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, Seventh Air Force commander, accepted from Republic of Korea President Park Geun-Hye the Presidential Unit Citation to Seventh Air Force on Oct. 1 as part of the Korean Armed Forces Day celebration at Seoul Air Force Base, Republic of Korea.

Seventh Air Force received the award for longstanding achievements in operational readiness and force employment.

Standing at the end of a long line of Korean military leaders receiving the same citation on behalf of their units, Jouas' presence as the sole American in that line highlighted 7 AF's contribution to the defense of the Republic of Korea and the strength of the ROK-U.S. alliance.

"It was an honor to accept this award from President Park on behalf of all Airmen in Seventh Air Force," Jouas said.



Republic of Korea President Park Geun-Hye presents the Korean Presidential Unit Citation to Lt. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 7th Air Force commander, during the ROK Armed Forces Day celebration at Seoul Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 1. Seventh Air Force received the award for longstanding achievements in operational readiness and force employment. The award was last issued to a U.S. unit in 2011 when the Army's 2nd Infantry Division was recognized for their support for Korea over the preceding 60 years. (ROK Ministry of National Defense photo)

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Most AF civilians to return to work

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- In accordance with a memo Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel released Oct. 5, the Air Force will recall most of the nearly 104,000 Air Force civilian Airmen placed on emergency furlough due to government shutdown. However, a significant number will not yet be able to return.

In his memo, Hagel stated that immediately after President Barack Obama signed the Pay Our Military Act into law, he directed DOD's Acting General Counsel to determine whether he could reduce the number of civilian personnel furloughed due to the shutdown.

After consulting with attorneys from the Department of Justice and the Department of Defense, the secretary said the Pay our Military Act does not permit a blanket recall of all civilians.

However, he said, DOD and DOJ attorneys conclud-

ed that the law does allow the DOD to eliminate furloughs for employees whose responsibilities contribute to the morale, well-being, capabilities and readiness of service members.

According to DOD guidance for implementation of the Pay our Military Act, in addition to already excepted civilians, civilian Airmen who contribute to the morale, well-being, capabilities, and readiness of service members should also be removed from furlough status. Previously furloughed employees that fall in this category will return to work beginning Monday. Upon return to work, they may only perform "excepted" duties which encompass those duties necessary for the protection of life and property, so there will continue to be ongoing impacts due to the government shutdown.

"You've heard that we are bringing back many of our civilian teammates, but a significant number of them will not return. That is not what we or OSD wanted; however, the DOJ/OMB/DOD negotiated posi-

tion on the interpretation of the law does not eliminate furloughs all together and leaves many of our civilian Airmen left behind," said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning. "Everyone's work supports our Airmen, but the mechanics of the legislation is the driving force of who comes back, not the value of the work. This is unfair and simply a disruptive situation for you and your families. From day one, our primary focus has been to rapidly get as many people back to work as soon as possible; and we will continue those efforts. We are a team, a family -- always have been. We will not be a fully-functioning organization until the last member returns."

Today supervisors began notifying Air Force civilian employees who will return to work next week. The Air Force is utilizing all possible means of communication including supervisor contact, social media, Air Force Personnel Center and AF.mil.

For current government shutdown information, visit AF.mil's Government Shutdown page, the Air Force Portal and/or contact the Air Force Personnel Center Total Service Center at 800-525-0102.

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PACAF commander issues shut-down message



Gen. Herbert Carlisle Pacific Air Forces commander (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

By Gen. Hawk Carlisle
Commander, U.S. Pacific Air Forces

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-
HICKAM, Hawaii -- Fellow Airmen,

We face very challenging times as we navigate the effects of a partial government shutdown, which has furloughed many of our civilian Airmen, and the initial impacts of sequestration. The outlook for next several fiscal years will demand the most out of every Airmen, dollar and program. These challenges have affected each of us in unique ways, and those ways could affect our essential performance in defending the Nation.

If ever there was a time we need leadership, it is right now . . . at all levels. We must keep focused on the mission, remain heads-up and move forward with integrity, character, and bold leadership. Maintaining stability and security throughout the Asia Pacific region is our responsibility, one we will continue to carry out with excellence.



Now more than ever, we must continue to be mutually supportive Resilient Airmen, recognizing the shared burden of our Airmen and military families. To the Airmen who are experiencing furlough, the break in employment I know feels like a breach of faith, and I sincerely apologize for the hardships that you've endured this year and that continue at this very moment. You are critical to our mission and your absence is certainly felt throughout the command.

PACAF Resilient Airmen, your dedication and professionalism continue to amaze me. You are, and will continue to be, our asymmetric advantage. You are the reason we are still the greatest fighting force in world. Thank you and your families for your continued sacrifice and selfless service to our Nation.



By Chief Master Sgt. Steve K. McDonald
Pacific Air Forces Command Chief

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii -- I recently heard a story of a young man who woke up every day and asked himself what he had to live for. Most would think that was a fairly common question. For this young man however, the difference was the number of reasons he could come up with to live for determined the number of bullets he would put into the clip of his handgun. If he could think of 15 reasons to live, no bullets would make it into the clip. This was his way of deciding if life was worth living.

When I was 16 years old, my older brother was faced with that thought and however he looked at it, he decided life wasn't worth it.

My brother hung himself and took his life. He took away his future. He took away the possibility of growing up and meeting his wife and having a wonderful family. He took away my older brother and I have often asked why.

I could probably think of a few things

Hope in the darkest hour

that contributed to him getting to that point in his life. There were some life experiences that probably left him a little confused. Unfortunately, I wasn't there with him so I will only say what I know to be true; that my 18 year-old brother had a moment on a Sunday morning in Columbus, Georgia where he made the decision that life wasn't worth living.

I have often thought about what my darkest hour would look like. Would it be when I couldn't think of a single reason to continue living? Would it be when all that I hold dear is snatched away or if there was a tragic accident and I lost my family? What if something happened to me and I was unable to provide for my family? What if I messed up very badly and was faced with legal problems? What if I did something that would cause extreme public humiliation for me and my family?

The honest truth is I don't know what my darkest hour will be but I do know that I had better be prepared for and ready to deal with it. Therein lies the dilemma. How do I prepare for something when I don't know what it is?

My answer is "HOPE." I am not talking about wishing your life will never have serious, life-altering issues. I am talking about having a hope.

Ask yourself the question "What in life is worth living for no matter what else happens?"

What can you believe in that can't be taken away by circumstances? What purpose can you hold on to no matter life's circumstances? This is definitely an in-

dividual question with an individual answer. I can't answer the question for you. I can only answer it for me.

I have a hope. Even though I don't know what my darkest hour would be, I know that I have a hope in life that there is something worth living for.

The Air Force has made great strides in the area of resiliency and expressing the importance of being able to deal with life's stressors and setbacks. Being emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually fit are essential to a healthy and stable life. Air Force resiliency can even help you identify the good things you have in life.

I thought my brother had a lot going for him in life. From all outward appearances, he seemed like a pretty resilient young man. But in his darkest hour, he ran out of reasons for living. He did not have a purpose. He did not have a source of hope.

Hope is generally not a good strategy but at our darkest times, it might be the only strategy. Please think about what your hope is before your darkest hour. Think about it today.



(U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kristopher Levasseur)



Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander UNC/CFC/USFK

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson
U.S. Forces Korea PAO

YONGSAN GARRISON, SEOUL, South Korea – In a change of command ceremony co-hosted by the U.S. Secretary of Defense and the Republic of Korea Minister of Defense, leadership of United Nations Command, ROK – US Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea changed hands Oct. 2 during a ceremony at Knight Field.

Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti assumed command of the UNC, CFC and USFK, replacing Gen. James D. Thurman, who has served as commander since July 2011.

“This ceremony is yet another affirmation of the enduring strength of this alliance,” said Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. “It’s an opportunity to recognize the contributions of every man and woman in uniform that stands watch here on freedom’s frontier. Today we thank all the service members of this storied command, both Korean and American, who keep this country strong, prosperous and free, and help preserve peace and stability in northeast Asia and stand prepared against any aggression from the North.”

Hagel and ROK Defense Min. Kim Kwan-Jin passed the colors of the Combined Forces Command from Thurman to Scaparrotti, symbolizing the transfer of leadership of the wartime command responsible for more than 700,000 South Korean and U.S. forces. In the event of hostilities, the CFC would provide a coordinated defense through its Ground, Air, Naval, and Combined Marine Forces Component Commands and the Combined Unconventional Warfare Task Force.

U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey transferred the colors of the United Nations Command from Thurman to Scaparrotti, symbolizing the transfer of leadership of the command responsible for maintaining the 1953 Korean War Armistice Agreement and for managing the participation of the sixteen U.N. Sending States, including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Adm. Samuel Locklear III, com-

USFK holds change of command



Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti assumed command of the UNC, CFC and USFK, replacing Gen. James D. Thurman, who has served as commander since July 2011. (From left to right) Defense Sec. Chuck Hagel; ROK Defense Min. Kim Kwan-Jin; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey; Adm. Samuel Locklear III, commander, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. James Thurman, outgoing commander, UNC/CFC/USFK; Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, incoming commander, UNC/CFC/USFK, render honors to the colors. (U.S. Army photo/Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson, U.S. Forces Korea PAO)

mander, U.S. Pacific Command, passed the colors of the U.S. Forces Korea from Thurman to Scaparrotti, symbolizing the transfer of leadership of the command responsible for the 28,500 U.S. forces serving in South Korea. USFK is the joint headquarters through which American combat forces would be sent to the CFC’s fighting components. Major USFK elements include the Eighth United States Army, U.S. Air Forces Korea (Seventh Air Force), and U.S. Naval Forces Korea.

Hagel highlighted Thurman’s leadership in Kosovo and in two deployments in Iraq, and enumerated several key accomplishments during his time in command.

“Gen. Thurman assumed this command during a time of great challenge and uncertainty here on the peninsula,” said Hagel. “The transition of power in Pyongyang and the continued provocations by that desperate and isolated regime presented a series of challenges and crises, all of which Gen. Thurman navigated skillfully and successfully.”

During the ceremony, Hagel presented Thurman the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, and presented Thurman’s wife Delia the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Distinguished Service Award.

Thurman, a native of Marietta, Okla., said during the course of his 38 years of service, and ten commands, that leading UNC/CFC/USFK was the most challenging and rewarding experience of his career.

“To the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, civilians, and family members of this great multinational, joint, and combined team, I give my heartfelt thanks for the support and dedication that you have given me during my time as the commander of the United Nations

Command, Combined Forces Command, and the United States Forces Korea,” said Thurman.

“Whether you are from the ROK military, a member of the United Nations Command Sending States, the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission, or from the U.S. military, you made a difference every day and have kept this Alliance strong,” he said. “Even during North Korea’s period of prolonged provocation earlier this year, we have remained strong and vigilant, and have shown the world that we are ready to defend the Republic of Korea and defeat any aggression.”

During Thurman’s tenure, North Korea’s leader, Kim Jong-Il died in Dec. 2011, and his son Kim Jong-Un took over as Chairman of the National Defense Commission.

Thurman oversaw the UNC/CFC/USFK through several North Korean provocations.

In December 2012, a North Korean rocket launch put a satellite into orbit, a violation of a U.N. ban on North Korean ballistic missile tests. In February 2013, North Korea carried out a third nuclear test. In April 2013, North Korea announced it would restart all facilities at its main Yongbyon nuclear complex and withdrew its workers from the joint Kaesong Industrial Park. North Korea tested four short-range missiles in May 2013. Finally, in September 2013, North and South Korea reopened the Kaesong Industrial Park.

“Their long range missile launches, the third nuclear test, cyber terrorism and the declaration of the annulment of the Armistice all pushed the peninsula security situation right up to the edge,” said ROK Def. Min. Kim Kwan-Jin “And every time, I consulted with Sec. Hagel,

(U.S.) Ambassador (to Korea Sung) Kim and Gen. Thurman, and we were able to successfully deter North Korea and maintain the highest combined watch and readiness posture.”

Gen. Dempsey said the Alliance has evolved and grown stronger over time.

“For 60 years we’ve endured three generations of constant provocations together and we’ve never backed down,” said Dempsey. “For sixty years we have lived together, we have trained together, and we have grown together, and, today, no one can doubt that if it becomes necessary to fight on the Korean peninsula, we will go together.”

The strength of the Alliance is in our common goals, said Dempsey.

“This is more than a partnership, it’s a living and enduring alliance – an alliance based on common values, mutual trust and a shared vision of a peaceful peninsula,” said Dempsey.

Scaparrotti introduced himself to service members and civilians of the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, and outlined his priorities.

“As your new commander, my priorities are straight forward,” said Scaparrotti. “First, sustain and strengthen the Alliance. We will continue to be committed to each other to make our Alliance better. Second, maintain the Armistice. We will be ready to ‘Fight Tonight.’ We will continue to deter and defeat aggression. Third, transform and achieve Strategic Alliance 2015. Fourth, sustain force and family readiness. We must always remain mission ready and maintain healthy command climates and comprehensive fitness. Fifth, enhance the team of the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea.”

Med Dogs respond with care



Staff Sgt. Jamilei Long, 8th Medical Operations Squadron, talks to her fellow medics while observing an injured patient during exercise Beverly Midnight 13-04 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 3, 2013. Exercises ensure the Wolf Pack medical staff is always prepared to respond in any situation.



Senior Airman David Tierney, 8th Medical Operations Squadron, focuses while applying pressure to an injured patient's wounds during exercise Beverly Midnight 13-04 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 3, 2013. Exercises ensure the Wolf Pack medical staff is always prepared to respond in any situation. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Jessica Haas)

CES lights up the night



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron make final connections on an expeditionary runway lighting system at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2013. The 8th CES took advantage of a break in the flying schedule to inspect a system not fully tested here in more than seven years. This system ensures the Wolf Pack can operate around the clock, even during a power outage. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)



Eighth Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen inspect a runway lighting kit at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2013. The kit allows Airmen to create an expeditionary runway with proper lighting for both night and daytime operations, even during a power shortage.

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"They, along with all the members of our combined and joint Airpower Team, made this recognition possible. Together we continue to strengthen our alliance and enhance its ability to deter aggression, defend the Republic of Korea, and if necessary, defeat any attack against this nation."

The award was last issued to a U.S.

unit in 2011 when the Army's 2nd Infantry Division was recognized for their support for Korea over the preceding 60 years.

As this award is outside of normal Department of Defense channels 7th AF officials are working with the Air Force Personnel Center to determine the criteria for the proper wear of the

award. Regardless of whether they can wear it or not, 7th AF Airmen were touched by the gesture.

"I feel very appreciative of the ROK President's gesture with this recognition," said Staff Sgt. Justin Bernal, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron Commander's Support Staff NCO-IC at Camp Red Cloud. "It truly exem-

plifies the unique partnership between the American military and the South Korean military. The award says a great deal about my contributions here on the peninsula, and the receipt of the ROK Presidential Unit Citation lets me know my role here is recognized and appreciated."

NEO exercise tests noncombatant readiness



Above left: Tech. Sgts. Yolanda Heyward, 51st Comptroller Squadron quality assurance manager, and Jennifer Hunt, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron chief of unaccompanied housing, man the embarkation check point during a noncombatant evacuation operations exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. Embarkation was one of the last stops for exercise participants, and was a final measure to guarantee all passengers on the simulated mode of emergency transportation were accounted for. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Ashley J. Thum)

Above right: Tech. Sgt. Scott Brown, 7th Air Force personnel readiness NCO in charge, scans identification bracelets as part of a noncombatant evacuation operations exercise at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. The process is designed to update the NEO Travel System with proof that participants have completed each phase of the NEO process and are ready to board the designated mode of emergency transportation.

Left: Senior Airman Elena Storr, 51st Munitions Squadron munitions systems journeyman, screens a noncombatant evacuation operations exercise participant with a metal-detecting wand at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. In the event of an emergency, an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 noncombatants would follow the same steps as a NEO exercise participant to leave the peninsula.



A Noncombatant Evacuation Operation warden assists a noncombatant evacuee during the Courageous Channel NEO exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 26, 2013. The primary focus of NEO is to move non-combatant evacuees safely and quickly away from danger, should it ever be required. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jessica Haas)

NonCombat Evacuation Operations Marshaller Tech. Sgt. Robert Hotzfeld, Det. 2, 18th Intelligence Squadron, reviews a simulated evacuee's NEO folder at the Evacuation Control Center at Osan American High School during Exercise Courageous Channel on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. Approximately 50 people processed through the NEO line Sept. 25 as a practice run for the larger lines expected when they open Sept. 27. Courageous Channel exercises the ability to move non-essential personnel out of danger zones on the Korean Peninsula in the event of hostilities or natural disasters. For more information about participating in Courageous Channel 2013, please call your NEO Warden or the Area V NEO Program Manager at 784-5440. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Thomas J. Doscher)

AMXS loads it up during BM 13-04

By Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales
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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Wolf Pack 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron practiced their ability to load munitions onto an F-16 Fighting Falcon under the simulated threat of chemical and biological weapons. The training was part of exercise Beverly Midnight 13-4.



Above: Staff Sgt. Trebor Lindstamer, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron load crew chief, ensures a missile is connected during an exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 2, 2013. During exercise Beverly Midnight 13-04, Airmen from the 8th AMXS trained to continue the mission under a simulated chemical and biological attack. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)

Left: Senior Airman Katie McFerran, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron load crew member, lifts a missile into place at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 2, 2013. McFerran, along with other load crew members from the 8th AMXS, practiced loading weapons on F-16 Fighting Falcons in full mission oriented protective posture gear during exercise Beverly Midnight 13-04.

Fire, smoke no match for fire dogs

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Haas
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department extinguish multiple fires during a training scenario, Oct. 1, 2013. This training was part of exercise Beverly Midnight 13-04 and ensures the fire dogs are always ready for any situation.



Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department extinguish a fire during an aircraft fire training scenario at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 1, 2013. This training was part of exercise Beverly Midnight 13-04 and ensures the fire dogs are always ready for any situation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jessica Haas)

Air Defense commander meets Pyongtaek mayor

By Spc. Shawn Denham
35th Air Defense Artillery Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Col. Thomas Nguyen, commander of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, met with Kim, Sun-Ki, mayor of Pyongtaek City, Republic of South Korea here, Oct. 1.

This meeting served as the introduction for the two leaders and both offered invitations to future events in order to foster the ROK/U.S. relationship.

Though Osan Air Base, home of the Dragon Brigade, is named for Osan City, it is actually within Pyongtaek City boundaries and shares direct ties with the city. This connection brings Soldiers in direct contact with the local Korean populace of Pyongtaek City on a daily basis.

Both Nguyen and the mayor are members of the ROK - U.S. Friendship Council, consisting of senior U.S. military leaders in the area and local political leaders, said Kim, Hyong-Uk, community relations officer with the Dragon Brigade.

The council works to strengthen the ties between service members and their Korean hosts through such events as cultural tours of historical sites, museums and other venues, all hosted by Pyongtaek City.

First proposed by the mayor in 2012, the ROK-U.S. Friendship Council was established in March of this year.

Soldiers should interact with the local populace to build better relationships, the mayor said.

"I hope Soldiers will contribute to cultural exchanges [in the future]," said the mayor.

"I think it went well," said Nguyen, of the meeting, where he answered the mayor's questions concerning the role of the 35th ADA on Osan AB.

"We're one of the few Army units which operate



Army Col. Thomas Nguyen, commander of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, visits with Kim, Sun-Ki, mayor of Pyongtaek City, at the mayor's office, Oct. 1, 2013. Nguyen and Kim spoke for the first time together concerning future plans for the Republic of Korea-U.S. Friendship Council, designed to strengthen bonds between the local populace and U.S. Soldiers. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Shawn Denham, PAO, 35th ADA)

with the Air Force almost all the time," Nguyen explained.

Following the meeting the Mayor presented Nguyen with a miniature Korean drum as a token of apprecia-

tion and friendship.

The large number of U.S. service members in Pyongtaek area make the relationship between these two neighbors especially important, said Kim.

51st SFS, ROKAF MPS defend Osan together



Lt. Col. Jason Beck, 51st Security Forces Squadron commander, and Republic of Korea air force Lt. Col. Gyu Hwan Lee, Military Police Squadron commander, trade copies of the Air Force and ROKAF Agreement for Base Security and Law Enforcement while signing them on Osan Air Base, ROK, Sept. 24, 2013. The document ensures both squadrons operate cohesively in order to perform entry control and law enforcement duties for the base. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Ashley J. Thum)

By Capt. Tamara Fischer-Carter
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Security Forces Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Jason Beck, and the Air Police Squadron commander, Republic of Korea air force Lt. Col. Lee Gyu Hwan, signed a base security and law enforcement agreement here Sept. 24.

The agreement serves as a pillar to

solidify law enforcement efforts between the 51st SFS and the host-nation ROKAF military police.

"We rely on our ROKAF Air Police counterparts to help us not only conduct law and order operations in and around Osan Air Base, but to defend the base during contingencies," said Beck.

The agreement, which was last signed in 2008, aligns the requirements for both squadrons to perform their duties in a joint manner.



Republic of Korea air force Capt. Yoo Jin Kyoung, Military Police Squadron operations officer, ROKAF Lt. Col. Gyu Hwan Lee, MPS commander, Lt. Col. Jason Beck, 51st Security Forces Squadron commander, and Capt. Joseph Schneider, 51st SFS operations officer, celebrate the signing of the Air Force and ROKAF Agreement for Base Security and Law Enforcement on Osan Air Base, ROK, Sept. 24, 2013. Safeguarding equipment and protecting and serving base personnel and their families are top priorities for both squadrons.

"Even though Osan Air Base is not a joint base, we do serve in a joint environment between our two nations," said Bryan Kwasniewski, 51st SFS chief of plans and programs. "This includes protecting and serving personnel, equipment, employees, and family members from both countries that now share a unified installation to support the mission. We hope that together we can develop mutually agreeable procedures and guidelines that improve the security

of Osan and meet the requirements of our service components."

Overall, the signing of the agreement reaffirms the two sides' willingness and ability to fight and win tonight.

"The signing of the law enforcement agreement solidifies how we conduct these operations on a daily basis," Beck said. "We are extremely fortunate to have such a strong working relationship with our ROKAF Air Police counterparts."

USFK holds 2013 'Good Neighbor Program' award ceremony

By Capt. Tamara Fischer-Carter
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) Command recognized and honored 13 awardees of the Good Neighbor Program during a ceremony and reception held at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Yongsan, central Seoul, Republic of Korea, Sept. 23, 2013.

Senior Airman Clarissa Granger, 51st Maintenance Squadron Accessories Flight training manager, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, ROK, won in the Individual (U.S.) category as the Ambassador for the Alliance Good Neighbor.

"This ceremony is a small token of appreciation to our volunteers for their selfless service and volunteer efforts with Korean friends and neighbors who have generously given their time and efforts to support activities that foster good will, mutual respect and better understanding between our two great nations," said General James D. Thurman, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/USFK commander. "The men and women of USFK salute and hold their 'Good Neighbors' in high esteem."

The GNP award ceremony has recognized individuals and organizations for exceptional contributions resulting in a better quality of life for military members and/or enhancement of Korean-American relations since 2003.

"Senior Airman Granger is a true

ambassador for the alliance," said Col. Brook Leonard, 51st FW commander. "It is really special to not only build professional relationships, but to also take personal time and effort to better relationships between the U.S. and the ROK."

"It's an honor to be able to recognize and appreciate efforts to foster goodwill between the U.S. and ROK through outstanding community service," the 51st FW commander continued. "It truly makes a difference and the GNP stands as a cornerstone of successful ROK-U.S. relations."

Volunteers gave their time, talents and energy in an effort to enrich the quality of life in the Korean-American communities which contributed to strengthening the bonds of friendships between nations.

"Collectively, U.S. service members, civilian employees and their families in the ROK are or have already reaped great benefits from the ROK-U.S. alliance and with the implementation of the USFK GNP, the 60-year-old alliance will continue to flourish and grow," Thurman said.

The GNP encompasses a wide array of programs that actively engage the local community, government, media, business, schools and military for better public understanding and appreciation of the USFK mission on the peninsula.

"Ever since she arrived in Korea, she's been active in the community," said Master Sgt. Quincy Tucker, 51st



Gen. James D. Thurman, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea commander, presents awards to civilians and service members in recognition of their contributions in time in an effort to build strong bonds between the Korean people and service members of USFK on United States Army Garrison Yongsan, Republic of Korea, Sep. 23, 2013. (U.S. Army Photo/Sgt. Brian Gibbons)

MXS AF chief and Granger's supervisor. "Through her own initiative, she contributed 13 hours to the Language Exchange program; she has learned Korean and taught English through the Study Buddy group at the International Community Center; she's active with the Osan Junior Enlisted Council and is a member of the Pyeongtaek Officials Crazy for English program. She is also involved in the Relay for Life, Easter Egg Hunt, Combined Federal Campaign, Main Gate fund

raiser, and Troops for Trash events and programs."

Granger arrived in Korea in November 2012 and has since taken full advantage of her opportunity to assist and immerse herself in the local Korean community any way possible.

"Just jump right in," said Granger. "Immerse yourself in it. Check your emails. Check out public announcements because there is always something out there for you to do."

Osan leadership tours base, meets fellow Airmen



Above: Senior Master Sgt. Kathlina Racine, 303rd Intelligence Squadron superintendent, learns how to apply stitches to a wound while visiting the 51st Medical Group during a Mustang Immersion tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 26, 2013. The Mustang Immersion tour aimed to promote cohesion among members of Team Osan. (U.S. Air Force photos/1st Lt. Kay M. Nissen)

By 1st Lt. Kay M. Nissen
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- More than 100 Osan commanders, first sergeants and superintendents participated in the Mustang Leadership Im-

mersion here Sept. 26.

During the immersion, command teams from the 51st Fighter Wing, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and other Osan tenant units visited different missions across the base in order to promote cohesion among Osan team members.



Right: Staff Sgt. Matthew Stroud, 51st Medical Operations Squadron computerized tomography scan technician, briefs base leadership during a Mustang Immersion tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 26, 2013. The Mustang Immersion tour aimed to promote cohesion among members of Team Osan.

"This day is about the team and building the team itself," said Col. Brook Leonard, 51st FW commander.

Airmen from the 51st Operations Group, Maintenance Group, Mission Support Group and Medical Group highlighted their mission to leaders outside of

their Air Force Specialty Code.

"It gives us an opportunity to see what our counterparts across the base go through every day," said Senior Master Sgt. Kathlina Racine, 303rd Intelligence Squadron superintendent. "The more we understand the other units, the better we understand our role... [The immersion] will enable me to explain to my Airmen in intel (intelligence) how their role allows the fighter squadron to put bombs on target."

Many of the leaders participated in hands-on training with Airmen from different units, and were exposed to unique mission skill sets. For example, the 51st Munitions Squadron Airmen instructed leaders on how to build inert bombs on the flight line.

"To a lot of people, there's a mystery of what's behind the gates here. They see the bombs on the flight line, but not how they get here," said Master Sgt. Kimberly Waldrop, 51st MUNS flight line section chief. "This lets [leadership] see our part of the mission and how we are contributing."

Immersion between units across the base are planned to continue throughout the year.

"This is a priority for us here at Team Osan...readiness and team building," said Leonard. "At the end of the day, if you learned someone else's name, it was a success...if we got better at learning how to fight and continue mission readiness, it was a success."

Kunsan supports "Providers"

Right: Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Alex Foncham, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30, Detachment 5, signals to the pilot while preparing a C-2A Greyhound for takeoff at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 1, 2013. The "Providers" delivered mail and cargo to the USS George Washington (CVN 73) off the coast of the Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Clayton Lenhardt)



Left below: Sailors from the Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30, Detachment 5, salute Lt. Cmdr. William Chard as he taxis a C-2A Greyhound down the runway at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 1, 2013. Chard delivered mail and cargo to the USS George Washington (CVN 73) off the coast of the Republic of Korea.

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SFS trains during BM13-4

By Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Eighth Security Forces Squadron

members practiced skills not typically used during normal exercises. These skills included convoy operations, land navigation, self-aid buddy care and mission-oriented protective posture gear use.



Above: Tech. Sgt. Kristy Horton, 8th Security Forces flight sergeant, bandages Airman 1st Class Kyle Creech, 8th SFS journeyman, during a classroom demonstration at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2013. The Airmen learned and refreshed their self-aid and buddy care skills in and out of fire as part of a wing-wide Beverly Midnight 13-8 exercise. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)

Left: Airmen from the 8th Security Forces Squadron conduct land navigation training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 30, 2013. The Airmen were taking part in Beverly Midnight 13-4, training and honing skills to effectively defend the base.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Frasca



building and crew shacks.
Time in the military: Nine-and-a-half years
Time at Osan: 18 months
DEROS: Feb. 2014
Family: My wife Mami, and my daughter Aimi
Hometown: Belleville, Ill.
Hobbies: I enjoy working, home brewing, archery, music, and playing with my family.
Why did you join the military? I joined because I wanted to travel the world and help make a difference in people's lives.
Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? In 10 or 20 years I will be retired and starting a brewery or I'll be a teacher.
What do you do for fun here? I like to spend time with my family.
What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? My favorite memory is meeting my wife while on leave in Okinawa, Japan, because I would not have met her if it wasn't for the Air Force.
What accomplishment are you most proud of? I am most proud of the fact that, while deployed to Afghanistan, I was sent to a French FOB to repair a battle-damaged HH-60 Pave Hawk. I repaired a T-701C motor that had taken multiple AK-47 rounds to the engine. I helped repair a propeller blade and a hydro pump all within 24 hours. This just happened to be the same day that Osama Bin Laden was killed.
Who are your role models? I try to be my own role model, but look up to my leadership.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Frasca, 25th Aircraft Maintenance Unit building NCO in charge, ration monitor, information assurance officer and record custodian, poses in front of the 25th AMU's symbol at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 11, 2013. Frasca is this week's Airman Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Emerson Nuñez)

51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Job title: 25th Aircraft Maintenance Unit building NCO in charge, ration monitor, information assurance officer, record custodian

Job description and its impact on the overall mission:

I fix buildings to ensure that the aircraft are protected from any attacks and are mission ready, keep our main building up and running properly, and improve the functionality of the

Senior Airman Teya Vickers

51st Force Support Squadron

Job title: Recreation assistant

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: I orchestrate base-wide community events and programs impacting more than 7,500 base personnel. Some examples include the upcoming Oktoberfest, USO Sesame Street Tour, and Osan's Got Talent events. We also host various language classes, piano lessons, excel classes, and much more.

Time in the military: Almost three years

Time at Osan: Two months

DEROS: July 2014

Family: My mom, Danielle, and little sister, Melanie

Hometown: Rocklin, Calif.

Hobbies: I enjoy reading, hiking, cooking and exploring.

Why did you join the military? I joined for education benefits and traveling.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? In 10 or 20 years I see myself having my degree and hopefully settling down close to my family to start one of my own; after seeing most of the world, of course.

What do you do for fun here? Here, I like to find new places to eat.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? When I was deployed, my wing commander was talking me up to a general about all of the volunteer work I was doing. It was really nice to be noticed by someone like that.



Senior Airman Teya Vickers, 51st Force Support Squadron recreation assistant, poses for a photo at the Community Center on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. Vickers is the week's Airman Spotlight winner. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Siuta B. Ika)

What accomplishment are you most proud of? I'm most proud of overcoming what I have and being a better person for it.

Who are your role models? My role models are the women in my family.

Wolf Pack slices their way to savings



Left above: Tech. Sgt. Marvin Burton, 8th Maintenance Squadron Crash Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team chief, saws into the tail of a crashed F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 29, 2013. Crashed assets at Kunsan were taking up room in storage, which affected the base's ability to accept follow-on forces. Burton and his team supported the effort to free up space by cutting the Falcon into manageable and shippable pieces. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)

Right above: Crash, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery Airmen from the 8th Maintenance Squadron prepare to move part of an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 29, 2013. The Airmen cut a downed aircraft into smaller pieces to create more space on the Kunsan flightline. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)



Airmen from the 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron load up the cut pieces of a crashed F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 4, 2013. After the Crash Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team had cut up the airplane it was packed and shipped back to the U.S. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jessica Haas)

By Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Recently, the 8th Maintenance Squadron dismantled two aircraft to ship

back to the states to create more space on the Kunsan flightline. Several years ago, two F-16 Fighting

Falcons crashed. After being recovered, the Falcons underwent a salvaging process and were stored at Kunsan. The 8th MXS, Crash Damage Disabled Aircraft Recovery team and 8th Logistic Readiness Squadron joined together to free up space for accepting follow-on forces, one of Kunsan's missions.

"The crashed assets here at Kunsan were taking up valuable real-estate, which has a direct effect on our ability to accept follow-on forces," said Tech. Sgt. Marvin Burton, 8th MXS CDDAR team chief. "The faster I am able to get these shipped out, the better off we'll be in our contingency war-fighting effort."

The CDDAR team also continued to save the Air Force money by lowering transportation costs of the two 19,700 lbs aircraft.

"It is more difficult for us to ship the aircraft in big bulky pieces," said Airman 1st Class Joshua Gurd, 8th LRS Traffic Management journeyman. "Bigger pieces require a crane in order to be picked up, more wood packaging materials and not to mention the cost of the vehicles."

The solution to the oversized pieces came from the CDDAR team with the necessary resources to cut, split and breakdown an aircraft.

"The bottom line is that without CD-DAR breaking down the jet, we couldn't get the jets out in a timely manner," said Gurd.

After cutting, fragmenting and shattering 39,400 pounds of aircraft into manageable and transportable pieces, the CDDAR can breakdown a jet, a skill set rarely practiced and hopefully not needed, said Burton.

"Planes don't crash every day, but I know that we can effectively complete our mission at any given moment because of the knowledgeable and dedicated Airmen we have," said Burton.

Wolf Pack Volunteers in Jeonbuk



Eighth Fighter Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bryan Hochhalter, top left, and Chaplain (Capt.) Mario Rosario, 8th FW, bottom left, talk with Sister Bernadette and Father John Choi during a Family Day at the Mount Saint Joseph Home for the Aged in Haewol-ri, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2013. Airmen from the 8th Fighter Wing visited with the residents and treated the group to a variety of American food. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Alex Griffin)



Technical Sgt. Terrance Tarleton, 8th Maintenance Group, middle, and Senior Airman Demetrius White, 8th Maintenance Group, right, serve hamburgers to guests during the Mount Saint Joseph Home for the Aged Family Day in Haewol-ri, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2013.

Defenders KO combatives course



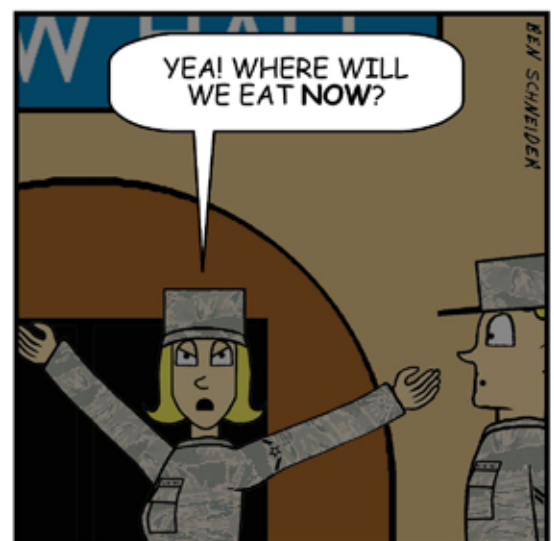
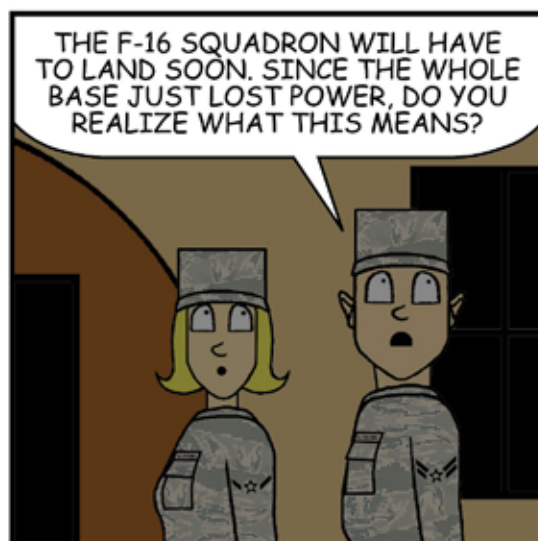
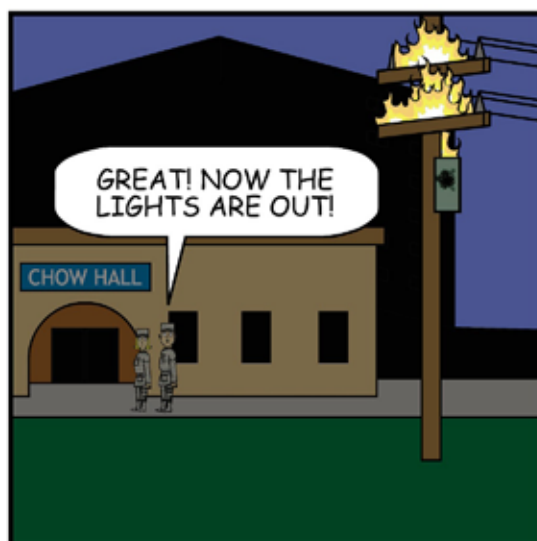
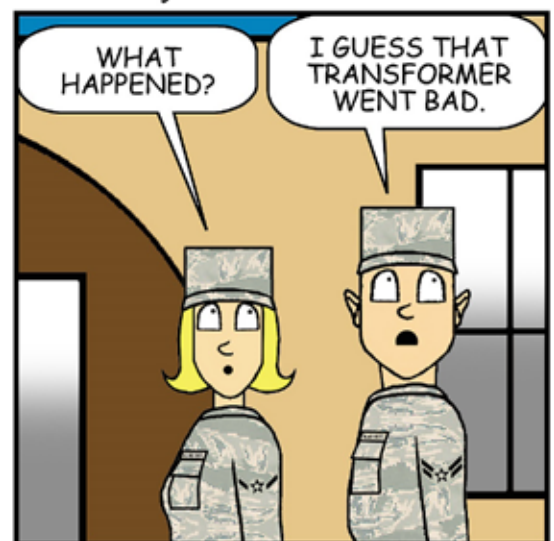
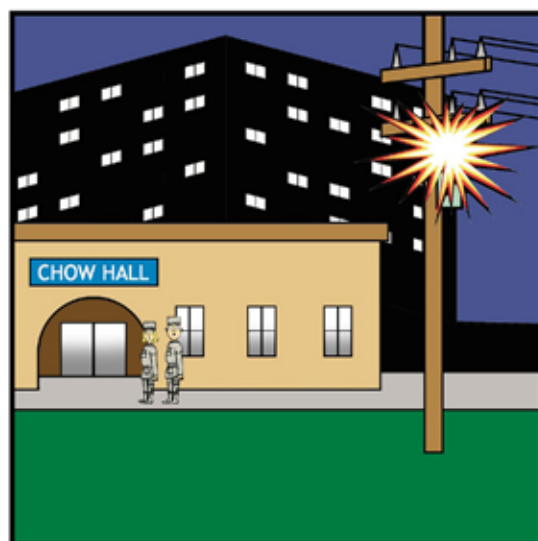
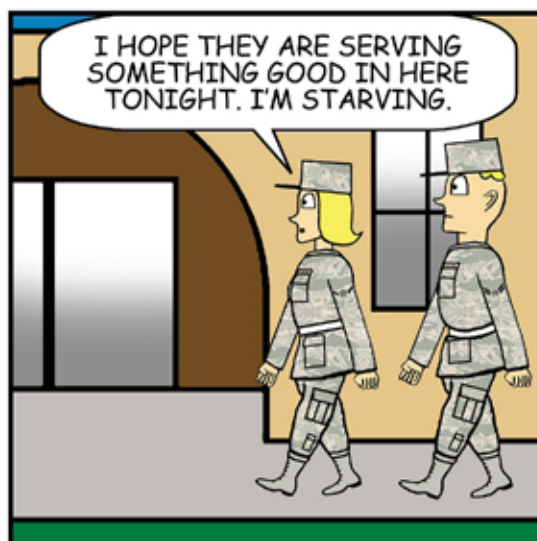
Above: Senior Airman Joel Barajas, 51st Security Forces Squadron area supervisor, grapples with another 51st SFS member during a combatives course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2013. During the combatives course, participants learned and utilized grappling techniques to use in neutralizing would-be attackers. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Sara Csurilla)

Left above: Tech. Sgt. John Miller, 51st Security Forces Squadron assistant delta flight leader, does kettle bell squats during a combatives course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2013. The course allowed 51st SFS members to showcase all of the non-lethal tools and techniques the defenders learned.

Left below: Senior Airman Joel Barajas, 51st Security Forces Squadron area supervisor, grapples with another 51st SFS member during a combatives course at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 18, 2013. The course is designed to instill confidence and help the defenders think and react under pressure.

AIRMAN ARTLESS

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CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN

Chapel Bldg. 501 and 510

Sunday

Catholic Mass, 0900 (Bldg 501 - Main Chapel)

Protestant Contemporary, 1100 Worship Service (Bldg 501)

Church of Christ Service /Sunday School, 1100 (Bldg 510)

Protestant Gospel Worship Service, 1300 (Bldg 501)

LDS Sacrament Service / Sunday School, 1430 (Bldg 510)

**Please note:

The Sunday before every exercise, the Gospel and Contemporary Services will be held at 11 a.m. as a "Combined Service". Catholic Mass will remain the same.

Daily Catholic Mass

Tues, Wed, Thurs at Sonlight Inn Bldg 510: 0730

General Service

Thursday

Earth-based religions gathering, 1900 Holy Grounds Coffee House (Bldg 510)

Point of Contact:

Kunsan Chapel, 782-4300
or visit us on Sharepoint

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Protestant Services

Friday

Joy Night (Gospel), 1930

Sunday

Traditional service, 1000
Gospel Service, 1130
Contemporary service, 1700

Church of Christ

Sunday, 1000 in the Elementary school cafeteria

Catholic Mass

Daily Mass

Tuesday - Friday, 1130
Saturday Mass, 1700
Sunday, 0830

Reconciliation

Saturday, 1600

General Services

Earth-Based Service

Saturday, 1730 in the Chapel Annex

Jewish Service

Second and fourth Friday, 1800

Muslim Service

Friday, 1230 Sunday, 1530

Unless otherwise noted, all services are held at the Osan Chapel. For other events, call 784-5000.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Contract position for Kunsan AB Korea, Catholic Worship Service Piano Accompanist:

The Kunsan Air Base Chapel is seeking to hire for the contract position of CATHOLIC WORSHIP SERVICE PIANO ACCOMPANIST who performs/practices during rehearsals, Sunday Mass, and Holy Days. A detailed Statement of Work can be picked up at the base Chapel. This is a paid position; sealed bids are due at the Chapel by 25 Oct 2013. Those individuals interested should pick up an application package consisting of a Statement of Work, Bid Schedule and Basis for Award of Contract based on Best Value. Bids with resumes will be accepted at the Chapel through COB on 25 Oct 2013, and interviews will be conducted beginning 29 Oct 2013. Specific details on the selection process are in the Basis of Award document. Call 782-4300 for questions.

Mustang Spiritual Charge

How much is enough?



Ch, Lt. Col. James Tims

Men who trap animals in Africa say that one of the hardest animals to catch is the ringtailed monkey. For the Zulu tribe from that continent, however, it's simple. They've been catching this agile little animal with ease for years. The method the Zulus use is based on knowledge of the animal.

Their trap is nothing more than a melon growing on a vine. The seeds of this melon are a favorite of the monkey. Knowing this, the Zulus simply cut a hole in the melon, just large enough for the monkey to insert his hand to reach the seeds inside. The monkey will stick his hand in, grab as many seeds as he can then start to withdraw it, but this he cannot do. His fist is now larger than the hole. The monkey will pull and tug, screech and fight the melon for hours. He cannot get free of the trap unless he gives up the seeds, which he refuses to do.

In our own lives, we take pride in our hard work and those things that we buy as a result. But how much is enough? It's a subtle and slippery slope when those things which we acquire begin to take over us. What are we to do? The answer is simply to give, to share, and to discover one of the great timeless truths: "It is more blessed

to give than to receive".

The Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther once said, "I have tried to keep things in my hands and lost them all, but what I have given into God's hands I still possess." Like they say, "You can't take it with you". God has entrusted each of us with wealth and blessings not simply for our own gratification but for the benefit of others. The happiest people in the world are those who have chosen to be a conduit of blessing - they have found their greatest joy in sharing with the many others who have so little.

As we embark on the Combined Federal Campaign and the holiday season, I pray that Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines will reach out and share with others. Mother Teresa once gave this sage counsel, "Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but people need your hearts to love

them. So, spread your love everywhere you go."

As St Augustine said nearly 1600 years ago, "Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure is, there is your heart; where your heart is, there is your happiness." God has placed within the heart of every human being, the desire to know happiness - and when we share from our abundance, and meet the needs of others, we experience another entirely deeper dimension of happiness.

An early American writer once visited the 19th century Polish Rabbi Chaim. Astonished to see that the rabbi's home was only a simple room filled with books, plus a table and a bench, the tourist asked, "Rabbi, where is your furniture?" "Where is yours?" replied the rabbi. "Mine?" asked the puzzled American. "But I'm a visitor here. I'm only passing through." "So am I," said Rabbi Chaim. May God bless you and make you a blessing!



Youth Soccer: Little feet, Big cheers

Kaitlyn Hsu, daughter of Capt. Chin Hsu, warms up before her team's first youth soccer game at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. Youth sports are made possible by dedicated volunteer coaches from the base community. If interested in volunteering for seasonal youth sports, contact the director of youth sports by emailing mthw.sharman@us.af.mil. (U.S. Air Force photos/1st Lt. Kay M. Nissen)



Right above: A member of the Crushers, from the age 5-6 division of youth soccer, prepares to throw a soccer ball inbounds during a youth soccer match at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013.



Left above: Kaylee Turner, daughter of Master Sgt. John Turner Jr., dribbles the ball during her team's first youth soccer game at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. As a member of the Dragons, age 5-6 division, Turner learns basic fundamental skills and rules of soccer during the season.

Left: Youth Soccer players from the age 5-6 division run after a ball during a fast break play at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea Sept. 26, 2013. The players represented the Dragons (orange) and the Crushers (pink).

Captain Jeffrey Feinstein – Seventh Air Force - Last USAF Ace



Captain Jeffrey Feinstein beside an F-4 Phantom II at Udorn Royal AFB, Thailand. (Air Force Photo)

Articles by Robert Vanderpool 8th Fighter Wing – 7th Air Force Historian

On Oct. 13, 1972, an F-4 Phantom II flown by Lt. Col. Curtis D. Westphal and Capt. Jeffrey Feinstein downed a North Vietnamese MiG-21 while providing protection for a fighter-bomber assault over the enemy capital city of Hanoi. The F-4 initially picked up the MiG at approximately 17 miles out, but due to the close proximity of friendly aircraft in the strike force they

waited until closing to within a visual sight distance of about one mile before initiating their attack. Approaching the enemy aircraft from the side, they banked hard left once it passed and launched three AIM-7 Sidewinder heat-seeking missiles at the MiG. The missiles found their target striking the MiG in the aft section causing an explosion and forcing the pilot to bail out of the burning wreck as it fell from the sky. With that aerial victory Westphal had downed his first enemy aircraft of the conflict while Feinstein earned his 5th aerial victory making him the fifth and final ace of the Vietnam War, as well as the last American to achieve ace status to the present.

Describing the action, Lieutenant Colonel Westphal, who at the time was also serving as the squadron commander, later recalled: “The missiles went squiggling on out and it looked like a race to see which one was going to get there first. They impacted near his tail section. The MiG started trailing fuel like a light contrail. A few seconds later the airplane exploded and part of the right wing came off. He went into an almost vertical dive and we saw the seat come out.”

Feinstein earned all five of his aerial victories while flying in the second seat of the Phantom II as the Weapons System Officer. During the Vietnam War, both crewmembers in the F-4 received a full credit when they shot down an enemy aircraft instead of splitting the credit between them at the direction of then Air Force Chief of Staff General John D. Ryan. Of the five Americans who became aces during the Vietnam War, three did so from the second seat of the F-4, including the leading ace of the war, Capt. Charles DeBellevue, who finished the conflict with 6 aerial victories.

Feinstein earned his first aerial victory on April 16th, his second on May 15th, his third on July 18th, and his fourth on July 29th, before earning his fifth on Oct. 13 and becoming a Vietnam War ace. All of his aerial victories were over North Vietnamese MiG-21 fighters using both AIM-9 and AIM-7 air-to-air missiles. His two victories in July came with the same pilot at the helm of his F-4 while the other three aerial victories

came with three different pilots. None of the four pilots went on to earn another aerial victory without Feinstein in the cockpit.

At the time he earned each aerial victory, Feinstein was assigned to the 80th Tactical-Fighter Squadron, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, however, he was actually ‘detached’ and serving with the 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing when each MiG was downed. Both the 8th and 432nd were attached to Seventh Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Following the Vietnam War, Feinstein remained in the Air Force earning his pilots wings and transitioning to the front seat of the F-4. In addition to flying duties, Feinstein also served in several staff positions before returning to combat in the 1990-1991 Gulf War as an Airborne Command Element Director on board an E-3 Sentry. A 1968 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, during his Air Force career in addition to becoming an ace Feinstein earned the Air Force Cross, 4 Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses with Combat “V” device, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart.

Feinstein’s Air Force Cross was awarded for his actions on the same day he earned his fifth aerial victory. His Air Force Cross citation reads in part: “...while protecting a large strike force attacking a high priority target deep in hostile territory, Feinstein engaged two enemy aircraft and destroyed one as they attacked the vulnerable chaff-dispensing flight. Having destroyed one of the aircraft and realizing that his wingman was coming under fire, Feinstein continued his attack on the second enemy aircraft. This courageous and aggressive maneuver negated the immediate threat to his wingman and caused the second MiG-21 to flee the area in which he would constitute a threat to the strike forces. Through his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship, and aggressiveness in the face of hostile forces, Feinstein reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.”

Feinstein retired from the Air Force in 1996 as a Lieutenant Colonel after 33 years of active duty service.

U.S. Navy’s 238th Birthday Observance

In an official letter dated Nov. 15, 1781, General George Washington, Commander in Chief of the Continental Army and future first President of the United States, wrote: “It follows then as certain as that night succeeds the day, that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it, everything honorable and glorious.” Nearly 232 years later on October 13, 2013, the United States Navy will celebrate its 238th Birthday.

The United States Navy was born as the Continental Navy nine months before the “Thirteen American Colonies” declared themselves as an independent nation from Great Britain. On Oct. 13, 1775, The Continental Congress authorized “the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America.” By the end of the Revolutionary War the Continental Navy numbered more than 50 ships with approximately 20 of those vessels designated as warships. After independence was won, the Continental Congress proceeded to sell off all of the surviving vessels of the Continental Navy and released all of its seaman and officers from military service.

In 1789, the ratification of the new Constitution empowered the new United States Congress to “provide and maintain a navy.” Acting on this authority, Congress ordered the construction and manning of six frigates to be entered into service by 1794. Since then, the United States Navy has grown to serve its country admirably through 238 years of operations

performing a variety of roles and missions during times of war and peace.

The Navy played a significant role in the Korean War with more than one million Navy personnel serving in theater during the conflict. Throughout more than 3 years of active warfare the Navy transported men and materials to the Korean Peninsula, maintained an extensive blockade of the North Korean coast and adjacent seas, maintained sea superiority by destroying North Korean Naval assets, provided forward aerial combat and strike capability from the decks of its aircraft carriers, supported ground forces inland through the use of ship based naval artillery, and also employed special forces teams to carry out attack missions underwater as well as on the ground. The Navy provided extensive support during amphibious operations throughout the war during several troop withdrawal operations. The Navy also supported perhaps the Korea War’s best known amphibious landing at Inchon in September 1950. As a result of operations during the Korean War the Navy suffered 608 personnel Killed-in-Action with an additional 1,576 Sailors wounded. The Navy lost 5 ships sunk with another 87 damaged as a result of enemy action.

Since the 1953 armistice, the Navy has maintained a continuous presence in the waters around the Korean Peninsula, as well as at facilities on land, help-



Four Navy F-9 Panthers prepare to land on the aircraft carrier USS Boxer after returning from a mission over North Korea on June 23, 1951. (Navy Photo)

ing to foster the strong alliance which exists between the United States and the Republic of Korea through positive promotion of an environment of cooperation and team building. Today, the Navy continues to effectively maintain a high state of readiness and remains an important partner in the United States’ and Republic of Korea’s joint military efforts to maintain peace on the Korean Peninsula in order to be able to fight tonight and win.

With “Faith, Courage, Service true, with Honor, Over Honor, Overall,” happy 238th birthday to the United States Navy.

Kunsan

Wolf Pack Lodge

Accepting our own Kunsan PCS-in forces really helps our tour in Korea. We can help by reserving rooms in advance for PCS-in personnel. Sponsors, if you contact the dormitory and can't guarantee a room in the dorm for your inbound personnel give us a call. The Wolf Pack Lodge has nice rooms, but they are sometimes in short supply. You can make a reservation at 782-1844. We are here to support everyone assigned to the Wolf Pack!

PECI

Need some new equipment for your organization? No money? Your local Manpower office can help. The Air Force has funds available through the Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment Program (PECI). For more information please contact Ms. Kang at 872-4020. The last Peci project was awarded in 2009 to 8 FSS in the amount of \$37k and was used to purchase needed office furniture.

Illmagwon Orphanage

Join Airmen from across the base in a wing chapel-sponsored event as they travel down to the Illmagwon Orphanage in Gunsan City every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for an evening of playing games and learning more about the local culture. For more information, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

Friday Sonlight dinner

Every Friday, 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 782-4300.

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 cam-

era 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."

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.

Korean language

This one-time class teaches you how to read and write the Korean alphabet, and use basic travel expressions for shopping, dining, and using transportation. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Registration required. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

Ping pong tournament

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

Eight-ball 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.

Explore Korea: Kunsan

Looking for a way to share your travels with the Wolf Pack but haven't found the right way? The 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office is always looking for your photos and stories. To find out how your name and photos or stories can be highlighted on the base website and Facebook page, call Public Affairs at 782-4705. They will review all submissions and post content which adheres to their guidelines.

Paintball

No registration is required to play paintball from noon to 4 p.m. every Saturday near Wolf Pack Park. Cost is \$15 and includes marker, protective equipment and 100 paintballs. Additional paintballs are \$3 for each additional 100. For more information, call the CAC at 782-5213 or 4679.

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Volunteer photographers wanted

Seventh Air Force Public Affairs is looking for amateur shutterbugs to take photos of base events. If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity that will let you practice your photo skills and add to your portfolio, call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Doscher at 784-4724.

College Fair Volunteers needed

The Republic of Korea Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Inc. is hosting its Annual College Fair at Yongsan Elementary School, Nov 16 - 10 am - 1 pm. Currently they have over 40 colleges, universities and academies represented however they are still looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in sponsoring a table, representing your alma mater, undergraduate and/or graduate institution or volunteering to assist, please contact Tiffany Pannell, College Fair Chair, tiffany.pannell@yahoo.com

Radio frequency coordination

Any government purchased devices that transmit radio frequency waves, such as wireless keyboards, phones and any type of radio, are required to be coordinated with the 51st CS Installation Spectrum Manager prior to being used on the installation. Any new or modified RF equipment should be coordinated through the ISM office to ensure compatibility to the existing RF infrastructure. Call Staff Sgt. Chaffin at 784-5532 for more information.

Osan soccer practice hosted

The Osan Fitness Center is currently hosting soccer practices at the Osan High School Field, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. All experience levels are welcome. Look us up on Facebook (FC OSAN) for the most up to date information regarding practices, scrimmages, games, tournaments and team outings. Questions or concerns, please contact Capt. Seville (Mario.Seville@us.af.mil).

Are you interested in improving your public speaking skills?

Are you interested in improving your public speaking skills? Then check out

the Mustang Mumbler! The Mustang Mumbler is Osan AB's chapter of Toast Master International. Through the Mustang Mumbler, members will improve on various types of public speaking as well as acquiring leadership skills. The Mustang Mumbler meet every Friday at the chapel annex from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please bring your lunch and check us out! For more information please contact Senior Airman Dorothy Wheeler, VP of Public Relations for the Mustang Mumbler.

Installation Security Section move

The 51st Security Forces Squadron Installation Security Section has relocated to Bldg 406 near main gate. Services for physical security, resource protection, police services and electronic security are now located together in Bldg 406. Customer Service hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday. The section is closed on weekends and U.S. holidays. Call 784-2265 for more information.

51 CES offers proper dumping

The Environmental Chief has requested a statement concerning the base-wide, unauthorized dumping of appliances, furniture, carpet, scrap wood and remodeling materials at trash and recycling dumpsters. These items need to be taken to large containers at the Recycling Yard (B-838), between Popeye's and the GSAMART. Questions can be referred to the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Service Contracts Office at 784-6644.

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard is charged as the elite unit to represent Team Osan and the United States Air Force in dignified ceremonies around the Republic of Korea. For more information about Honor Guard, or to sign up for the next training flight, call 784-8490 or visit the Osan Air Base Honor Guard Sharepoint at <https://osan.eim.pacaf.af.mil/51FW/51MSG/51FSS/HG/default.aspx> and click on Prospective Members.

Osan's emergency phone numbers

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

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

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| 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) | | |

Back-shop maintainers integral to F-16, A-10 weapons systems



Senior Airman Kelsey Shimmin, 51st Munitions Squadron aircraft armament systems and weapons technician, cleans part of an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. Shimmin specializes in inspecting, maintaining, and repairing parts of the F-16's weapons system. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Siuta B. Ika)

Staff Sgt. Michael Greer, 51st Munitions Squadron aircraft armament systems and weapons technician, services an A-10 Thunderbolt's 30-mm gun at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. The A-10's gun is capable of firing 3,900 rounds per minute to defeat a wide variety of targets, including tanks.



An element from an A-10 Thunderbolt's ammunition feeder awaits maintenance at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. Technicians in the weapons back shop perform scheduled and unscheduled maintenance tasks to A-10 and F-16 Fighting Falcon weapons systems in proper working order.

51st Munitions Squadron aircraft armament systems and weapons technicians repair F-16 Fighting Falcon parts at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 25, 2013. The F-16's armament includes one 20-mm gun, air-to-air missiles, conventional air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions, and electronic countermeasure pods.

Volunteers take stand against cancer, violence



Members of Team Osan man an information table as part of Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 1, 2013. Several events will be held throughout October, including a candlelight vigil and a 5K run, to promote awareness of and inform the base populace about these issues. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Ashley J. Thum)

Airmen stand in silence while holding cards showing statistics about breast cancer and domestic violence during a Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month flash mob at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 1, 2013. Approximately 25 people took a stand in the base Exchange food court to show their support for finding a cure for breast cancer and to encourage sufferers of domestic violence to speak out.

Emergency Management Airmen test skills



By Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Wolf Pack explosive ordnance disposal, emergency management and bioenvironmental flights conducted a joint training exercise to develop their abilities to respond and react to an emergency radioactive scenario.

Left: Staff Sgt. Salvador Gruny, 8th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering technician, left, and Staff Sgt. Lauren Greenwald, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management journeyman, search an area for radioactive signatures during a multi-agency exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. The two agencies, along with the explosive ordnance disposal team, helped hone Wolf Pack detection and response skills. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)

Right: Staff Sgt. Salvador Gruny, 8th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering technician, scans the area for radioactive particles during an exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 26, 2013. The exercise helped prepare several agencies, including emergency management, explosive ordnance disposal and bioenvironmental, by testing their skills.



Outdoor recreation serves Osan AB year-round



By Ron Roman
Outdoor Recreation Department

The Outdoor Recreation Department, located at Bldg. 1304 on MIG Alley Ave., is open six days a week to serve all Airmen and base-affiliated civilians with a complete menu of exciting outdoor activities and trips. Stop by the facility any day of the week except Mondays. Day trips range from ATV riding, deep sea fishing, paragliding, bungee jumping, zip-lining, scuba diving and swimming, to assorted weekend hikes, all reasonably priced. In fact, if you're a single Airman, be sure to sign up for your \$500 PLAYpass card while they last. Participate in assorted Outdoor

Recreation-sponsored trips at discounted costs--or even for free! (Visit the Airman and Family

Readiness Center at Bldg. 769 now. Just be sure to bring military orders. Log on to MyAirForceLife.com for further details.)

"We try to accommodate all our Airmen," said Manager Jason Barreuther. "We strive on getting Airmen outside the base to explore Korea. We offer year-round trips; this year we will be offering major discounted skiing/snowboarding throughout the winter. For single Airmen there is no excuse. PLAYpass offers a FREE \$500 to go on any trip!"

Special trips, customized for organizational units or individual participants, are available for the asking anytime, including trips for any weekday. A full schedule of additional fall hiking trips in the local area has been planned as well as weekend overnight beachside camping. (A complete array of camping equipment is available at all times.) Professional tour guides accompany all trips, day and overnight, to ensure every participant's convenience and safety.

"We also run discounted squadron trips for 15 or more people," Barreuther said. "Korean autumn is beautiful; there are truly four seasons. We have

a wide variety of equipment rentals: tents, sleeping bags, coolers, grills and bouncy castles."

Also, pavilions for individual picnics or organizational outings are available to rent at very reasonable rates as well as the Main Gate Food Booth for fundraising activity. Try your

hand in competing at paintball, too. Group discounts are given.

"We have two pavilions for squadron, birthday, or promotion parties," Barreuther added. "They can be scheduled two months in advance. We have the Main Gate Food Booth. New this year is the Paintball Range located next to Outdoor Rec which can be reserved any day of the week."

Sign up in-person or log in on-line at osanodr.com. And check out the Facebook page at

OsanODR. On-line go to <http://51fss.com/outdoor.htm>. Open Tuesday-Friday 10:00-18:00 and weekends and holidays 10:00-16:00. Phone 784-4007/1181.

Kunsan ultrarunners inspire



Master Sgt. Jesse Horton, 8th Security Forces Squadron command support staff member, right, runs with his squadron at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Aug. 28, 2013. Horton ran a 50K ultra-marathon, placing 96th overall out of 1,300 competitors. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)

By Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Many runners are inspired every day. Two Kunsan Airmen channeled their inspiration to accomplish an incredible feat.

The two Airmen ran the ultra, a race exceeding the normal marathon distance of 42K (26.2 miles), and finished within the top 100.

Maj. Elissa Ballas, 8th Medical Operations Squadron physical therapy and health and wellness center flights com-

mander, and Master Sgt. Jesse Horton, 8th Security Forces Squadron command support staff member, recently blasted through physical barriers to place 3rd and 96th, respectively, out of 1,300 participants in the Busan, Republic of Korea, Beach 50K (31.1 miles) ultra-marathon.

Ballas' running adventure began in the 5th grade during an intramural track program.

"Track was really big and everybody did it," said Ballas. "My dad ran track in college so he was excited when I took an interest in running. At the first meet, they told me I was going to run the 800 meter. At ten years old, 800 meters sounds like

a long distance. I ran my first race and I won. I was so excited and kept going from there."

Her father, who inspired her to pursue running, used to run five miles a day. Following his example, she went from running 800 meters to completing the Western States 100 mile marathon.

Ballas trained for both races by running an average of 60 miles a week. This training paid off at Busan when she came in first in her category at a time of 4 hours, 25 minutes, 9 seconds.

"The time commitment to train for any event is large with running almost every day and doing strength training to make sure I don't get injured," said Ballas.

During her running career, she participated in six ultra-marathons across the world. Ballas is always looking to inspire others to pursue a better lifestyle, not only as a physical therapist, but also as a runner.

"One thing about running is that there are a lot of people that love to do it that don't have a lot of experience," said Ballas. "Now that I have 23 years of experience and I am a physical therapist, I have found that I enjoy helping people who don't have that experience. I like to help them prepare for races and get them experience, especially in a foreign country where it's more intimidating."

When Horton heard of Ballas running career, he was inspired. She passed on her running techniques, schedules and nutrition advice to help him complete his first ultra. But Horton's initial inspiration came from his wife.

His first motivator came five years ago when his wife gave him a gift. The gift, a pair of running shoes, would later lead him to run the Busan Beach ultra in 6 hours, 31 minutes, 14 seconds.

Without knowing, Horton started preparing for the ultra the day he arrived at Kunsan.

"I woke up my first morning (at Kunsan) still jet-lagged, and it was snowing," said Horton. "I said, 'Man this sucks.' So what did I do? I went out and ran."

Horton learned early in his training with Ballas that it takes more than running every day to finish ultra-marathons.

"I got through it by trusting in my training," said Horton. "I knew I wasn't going to stop at any point; it was all mental. There were some miles where you just focus, others the opposite."

In the end, Horton made it across the finish line completing his first ultra with Ballas waiting for him.

"I was a bit worried because I didn't see him for a while," said Ballas. "I was so excited when I saw him cross the finish line though."

After completing one of his goals, Horton hopes to pay it forward by inspiring others like he was.

"I want to lead by example," said Horton. "I hope to inspire many other defenders or any Airman not only to run, but to be physically fit."

Ballas has confidence Horton will continue to inspire others. While it may not be to complete a full ultra-marathon, it can be to run more 5K races, sprints, laps or just stay physically fit throughout their Air Force careers.

Thrift shop helps Team Osan shop for less

By Staff Sgt. Emerson Nuñez
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Short on cash? Looking for some new clothes, electronics, toys or books?

As luck would have it, the Osan Thrift Shop boasts a large variety of gently-used clothes and other donated items - all at low prices.

Conveniently located in Bldg. 403, next to the Main Gate, the thrift shop is one of the many ways the Enlisted and Officer Spouses' Clubs make a difference in the Osan community.

"All proceeds go to both organizations, who then give the money to different military charity and scholarship programs," said Alysha Gilbert, Osan Thrift Shop assistant manager.

Other members of Team Osan can also be part of the shop's contributions. Anyone with access to the base can shop and volunteer at the thrift store. Volunteers may stop by any time the shop is open to help out as often as they like.

Items for sale at the thrift shop are donated by members of Team Osan. Donations are accepted by anyone who is able to shop there, and can be dropped off in the bin in front of Bldg. 403 or given to a volunteer during hours of operation.

A recent volunteer project included renovating the store and giving it a fresh layer of paint, creating a new look for customers to enjoy and an even more inviting atmosphere for networking.

"Meeting everyone in the community and giving back to them is my favorite part of volunteering at the thrift shop," said Jessica Larson, Osan Thrift Shop manager.

The shop is open from Monday through Wednesday, and on the first Saturday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 784-3435.



Jessica Larson, Osan Thrift Shop manager, helps Cora Mitchell, 2, daughter of Maj. Timothy Mitchell, 51st Operations Group standards and evaluations chief, look through a bin of books at the thrift shop on Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 24, 2013. The thrift shop is located in Bldg. 403, next to the main gate, and is open to anyone with access to the base for both shopping and volunteer opportunities. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Emerson Nuñez)

Friendship games strengthen partnership



By 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Service members from the U.S. and Republic of Korea air forces participated in a variety of activities during Korean and American Friendship Day, Sept. 27, 2013. The friendship day gave members of the base a chance to celebrate their partnership with international allies.

Left above: Service members from the U.S. and Republic of Korea air forces gather for the playing of both nations' anthems at a ceremony starting Korean and American Friendship Day at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. They participated in activities throughout the day to celebrate and strengthen the partnership shared by the ROK and U.S. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Clayton Lenhardt)

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Left: The Wolf Pack base soccer team chants during 2013 Korean and American Friendship Day with the U.S. team winning the game 4-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. Throughout the day, the allies came together to strengthen their partnership here through friendly competitions. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)



Above: Airmen from the 8th Mission Support Group compete in a tug-of-war match during Korean and American Friendship Day at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. The 8th MSG team beat the ROK air force team in this event, which was one of several activities held throughout the day to build camaraderie and partnership. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Clayton Lenhardt)

Left: Prior to their game, the U.S. Air Force and Republic of Korea Air Force base soccer teams shake hands at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 27, 2013. As part of the 2013 Korean and American Friendship Day, both teams had a friendly competition with the U.S. team winning the game 4 - 2. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales)

Gwangju Design Biennale Will Run through Nov. 3



Korean Tourism Organization

The Gwangju Design Biennale 2013 will run until November 3 at the Gwangju Biennale Hall in Buk-gu, Gwangju.

The excitement around the design festival, which started on September 6, is already very high. This is the 5th year of the Gwangju Design Biennale, which is an art festival that is held every other year. This year, 328 artists from 24 countries are coming to join the celebration and are showcasing around 600 pieces of art. Check out the art that encompasses traditional and contemporary styles while enjoying the exhibition production design that focuses on the interactive communication with spectators.

With autumn finally here, it is a great time to hit the road. Visit the Gwangju Design Biennale and recharge your artistic sensibilities and imagination. Admission fee is just KRW 10,000, 6,000 and 4,000 for adults, teens and children, respectively.

More info

<2013 Gwangju Design Biennale>

- Venue: Gwangju Biennale Hall in Buk-gu, Gwangju-si (Full address: 111 Biennale-ro, yongbong-dong, Buk-gu, Gwangju)
- Period: 9:00-18:00, September 6 – November 3, 2013
- Admission Fee: KRW 10,000 for adults / KRW 6,000 for teens / KRW 4,000 for kids
- Homepage:

Gwangju Design Biennale <http://www.gwangjubienale.org> (Korean, English)

Gwangju Culture & Tour <http://utour.gwangju.go.kr> (Korean, English, Japanese)

• Inquiries: +82-62-608-4222 ext. 6 (Korean, English)

• 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Courtesy of Gwangju Municipal Government, Gwangju Biennale Foundation

Gyeonggi Int'l CeraMIX Biennale 2013

Korean Tourism Organization



The Gyeonggi International CeraMIX Biennale 2013 will take place in

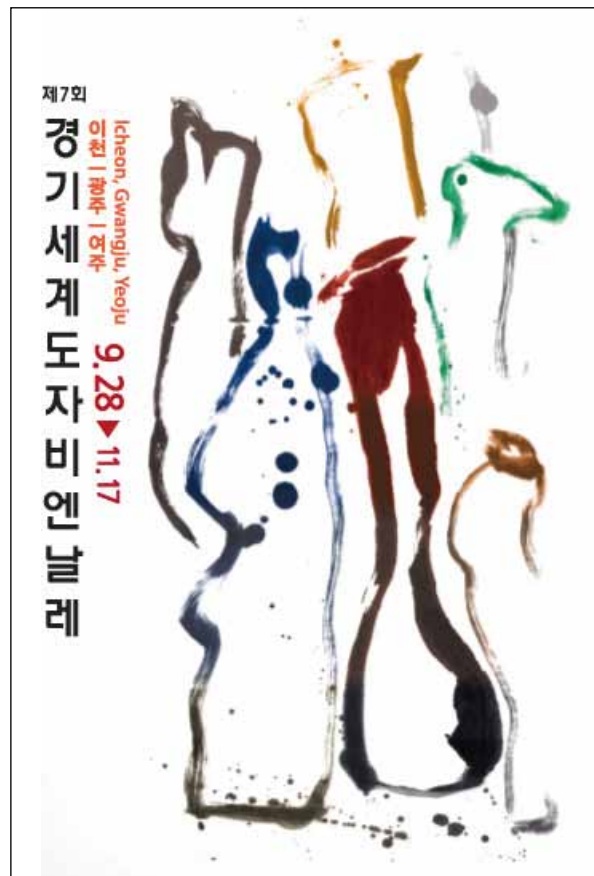
Icheon City, Yeosu City and Gwangju City in Gyeonggi-do from September 28 to November 17. Leading the main stream of world pottery, this biennale showcases the outstanding quality and beauty of Korean ceramics. The festival lets both artists and visitors participate in plenty of hands-on ceramic programs and events. The festivities are divided into four categories: exhibitions, conference & workshops, performances & events, and regional festivals. This year, the biennale has also included an international ceramic workshop, a clay workshop, a kid's biennale, firing of traditional kilns, the Icheon Ceramic Festival 2013 and the Yeosu Ceramic Festival 2013.

The three venues for the biennale – Cerapia (Icheon World Ceramic Center) in Icheon City, Konjiam Ceramic Park in Gwangju City, and Ceramic World in Yeosu City – all provide year-round attractions and pottery programs while the Theme Park will have a ceramic theme during the festival period.

More Info

<Gyeonggi International CeraMIX Biennale 2013>

• Period: September 28 – November 17, 2013



• Venue: Cerapia (Icheon World Ceramic Center) in Icheon, Ceramic World in Yeosu, and Konjiam Ceramic Park in Gwangju

• Homepage: <http://www.kocef.org> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

• Admission

* 8,000 won for all-in-one pass (Icheon, Yeosu, Gwangju)

* 5,000 won for Icheon only / 3,000 won for Gwangju and Yeosu

• Note: Admission tickets are sold at the entrance ticket booth from September 28 to November 17. Further inquiries can

be directed to the Korea Ceramic Foundation +82-31-645-0741~3 (Korean).

• 1330 Korea Travel Hotline: +82-2-1330 (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

Courtesy of Korea Ceramic Foundation