

Crimson Sky

7th Air Force Vice Commander: Ready to Serve on the Peninsula Again



Brig. Gen. Kurt F. Neubauer

By Maj. Eric Badger
7th Air Force Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – After transitioning Joint Base Balad to the Iraqi government in the closing months of 2011 as the 332nd Air Expeditionary

Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Kurt F. Neubauer is now settling in to his assignment as the new 7th Air Force vice commander. Recently, the general sat down with the Crimson Sky staff to communicate with Airmen throughout the peninsula and express his top priorities as second-in-command.

Brig. Gen. Kurt F. Neubauer is the Vice Commander, 7th Air Force, Air Forces Korea, and Chief of Staff, Air Component Command, Osan Air Base, South Korea. The 7th Air Force mission is to organize, train, and equip air forces supporting the Air Component Command assigned to the Combined Forces Command; and perform missions that support United Nations Command armistice maintenance.

Crimson Sky: What is your first message to the Airmen of 7th AF?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: My first message is simple – Believe in your mission, trust in your brothers and sisters, make peace with your maker, and fight with a happy heart.

Crimson Sky: What will you expect from the warriors here in Korea?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: Do your duty. Our purpose – defense of the peninsula – is very well defined. We know who the enemy is, where they are, and what the stakes are. So be ready – body, mind and spirit.

Seize the day. This is a great assignment – we enjoy an excellent fitness center, great clubs, a huge exchange, and superb chapel programs. There are opportunities off base as well – touring the countryside, meeting the Korean people, culture tours, etc.

The catch is striking a balance between complacency

and crisis. It's easy to get complacent because we have it pretty easy here. So my advice is to seize every opportunity the assignment offers, but don't forget why we're here.

Crimson Sky: What is the Vice Commander vision/perspective you bring with you for the 7th AF?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: My vision is to be the best second I can for Lt. Gen. Jouas. I'll do my best to anticipate his needs, those of his subordinate commanders, and create opportunities for our Airmen to succeed. As our Airmen get the job done, they'll enable the commander to lead us all with clarity.

Crimson Sky: What are your top priorities during this assignment?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: My top priority is to ensure that the commander's vision, intent, priorities and focus are implemented by officer and NCO leaders in each subordinate wing, group and squadron.

Crimson Sky: So far what is your assessment of 7AF personnel (including 51FW and 8FW) and their mission readiness?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: It's too early for me to assess readiness, but I have no doubt every subordinate outfit in 7th Air Force can get the job done.

Crimson Sky: What are your impressions of the Korean people and the ROK- U.S. Alliance?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: The ROK-U.S. Alliance is very solid. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the peninsula again with our Korean allies. From a professional standpoint, they embody the martial virtues crucial to creating a spirit of teamwork.

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Local leaders show support for Wolf Pack during annual event

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Local leaders from Gunsan City, Republic of Korea, and members of the Wolf Pack joined together Feb. 14, 2012, during the Korean and American Friendship Council Annual Friendship Night.

The banquet took place at the Rits-Plaza Hotel in Gunsan City, where 60 top Korean government officials from Gunsan City and local civic leaders showed their support and appreciation to the men and women stationed at Kunsan Air Base, ROK.

Photo: Moon Dong-Shin, mayor of Gunsan, Republic of Korea, and Col. Scott Pleus, 8th Fighter Wing commander, greet each other during the Korean and American Friendship Council Annual Friendship Night, Feb. 14, 2012. The banquet took place at the Rits-Plaza Hotel in Gunsan City, where 60 top Korean government officials from Gunsan City and local civic leaders showed their support and appreciation to the men and women stationed at Kunsan Air Base, ROK (Courtesy photo by Gunsan City Hall)



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The Value of Presidents Day



By Col. Christopher Lauritzen
51st Dental Squadron commander

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Presidents Day is a day we honor all American presidents past and present for their achievements and service to the American people.

Roughly half of American presidents had been given the title of military veteran before they became Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Armed Forces. Considering the vast majority of Americans have not served in the armed forces, the fact that so many men with military experience became president speaks volumes to the intellectual and leadership development provided by the military that can be used to provide service to the American people in other ways.

It is interesting that Presidents Day

falls in the month of February. The fact is, all the American presidents born in the month of February served in the military; Lt. Gen. George Washington, Maj. Gen. William Henry Harrison, and Captains Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. Reagan was one of two presidents who also had ties to the Air Force. Ronald Reagan was in the U.S. Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1945, and Lieutenant George W. Bush was in the Texas Air National Guard from 1968 to 1974.

Perhaps the reason the U.S. military has such a great track record in high office is the leadership training that is given from the first day of service. Perhaps it is the toughening of mind, body and spirit that military members gain by going through adversity together as a unified team. Or maybe it is the notion that the military simply attracts the best, and the best naturally rise to the top. I believe the bottom line is this -- in the military we are taught to internalize fundamental principles and positive character traits that are not mere abstractions. They become a way of life for us.

Take the Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. The actions and behaviors of many of our U.S. presidents can serve as examples for us trying to live the Air Force core values.

Both Presidents Washington and Lincoln were well known for their integrity. Washington served without pay as the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army for eight years, yet still kept meticulous records of his expenses, because of his integrity. He wrote in a letter to Gen.

Henry Knox, "Integrity and firmness is all I can promise...(and) never shall forsake... although I may be deserted by all men".

Presidents George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush all were very wealthy and influential. They all could have easily avoided military service and stayed out of harm's way. All of them volunteered to serve in the military during wartime, and most were heroic. Roosevelt was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the 1898 Spanish-American War. Clearly, these men believed in 'Service Before Self.' In Kennedy's inaugural address, he exhorted Americans to, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country."

As a career army officer, Dwight Eisenhower was an affable leader who demanded excellence. He showed those same traits as the President of Columbia University, and later as President of the United States. His intelligence, his manner, and his adherence to excellence brought overwhelming success to the Allies in World War II, Columbia, and eventually the entire country. Never compromise on quality and excellence. Lyndon Johnson, who volunteered for naval service during WWII stated, "The noblest search is the search for excellence."

Integrity, Service, Excellence. Internalize these core values like many of our presidents did in and out of the military. You will not only go far in the Air Force, but you may actually get the ultimate promotion.

OSAN AIR BASE UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT		
Rank	Offense Description	Punishment Imposed
A1C	Violated: Art 92 – Dereliction of Duty Art 112a- Distribution of a Controlled Substance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced to AB w/ Reduction below Amn (suspended) 30 days extra duty 45 days Restriction Reprimand
SrA	Violated: Art 86 – Failure to go Art 91- Insubordinate Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced to Amn w/ Reduction below A1C (suspended) 30 days Restriction Reprimand
SrA	Violated: Art 121- Larceny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced to A1C 30 days Restriction Restriction from Alcohol Establishments 30 days Extra Duty (suspended) Reprimand
SSgt	Violated: Art 92- Failure to Obey Art 128- Assault Consummated by Battery Art 134- Drunk and Disorderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction to SrA Reprimand
SSgt	Violated: Art 91- Insubordinate Conduct Art 128- Assault Consummated by Battery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced to SrA (suspended) Forfeiture of \$200 x2 15 days Restriction 15 days Extra Duty Reprimand
TSgt	Violated: Art 128- Assault Consummated by Battery Art 134- Drunk and Disorderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced to SSgt (suspended) Forfeiture of \$1506 x2 w/ 1 month (suspended) Restriction from Alcohol Establishments Reprimand

It's Breaking the Law!

This week's Feature 15 had a pure heart, empty head moment when he decided to share four different types of prescription medications with a friend. While this may seem like a kind act, in reality it is very dangerous and oh yeah...illegal. One night at a local bar, our Feature 15 decided to take on the role of late night pharmacist by dispensing prescription meds to a local national. Thanks to his generosity this Korean national was rushed to the hospital for an almost lethal overdose. Despite what pop culture would have you believe, it does not matter if you slept in a Holiday Inn Express last night - if you're not a doctor then don't give out drugs! For his lapse in judgment, our Feature 15 received a reduction to airman with reduction below airman first class suspended, 30 days restriction, and a reprimand. Only authorized medical professionals are legally able to prescribe drugs and they may only be consumed in strict accordance with the doctor's orders. So, no sharing Osan!

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Korean media focus spotlight on Kunsan



Sung-Bum An, Defense Times Korea chief editor, interviews Col. Scott Pleus, 8th Fighter Wing commander, during a base tour at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2012. Kunsan Airmen will be featured in the March issue of Defense Times Korea. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Journalists from Defense Times Korea visited the Wolf Pack, Feb. 10, highlighting Kunsan's unique mission within the Peninsula.

During the group's visit, the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department and 8th Medical Group demonstrated their response and medical treatment capabilities. They also received a tour of the 35th Fighter Squadron and had a special interview with the 8th Fighter Wing commander.

Kunsan Airmen will be featured in the March issue of Defense Times Korea.

Right photo: Photojournalists from the Defense Times Korea take photos of 1st Lt. Candice Milone, 8th Medical Support Squadron, as she dresses a wound at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2012. Kunsan Airmen will be featured in the March issue of Defense Times Korea.



Photojournalists from Defense Times Korea take photos of Airmen from the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron's fire department, during a drill at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2012. Kunsan Airmen will be featured in the March issue of Defense Times Korea.



Staff Sgt. Samuel Mericle, 8th Medical Support Squadron bioenvironmental technician, performs an unknown radiation and chemical agent detection demonstration for photojournalists from Defense Times Korea at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2012. Kunsan Airmen will be featured in the March issue of Defense Times Korea.

Team Osan member selected for Tops in Blue

By Airman 1st Class Michael Battles

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- What started as one Airman's passion for singing has blossomed into a chance of a lifetime.

Senior Airman Robin Elrod, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, was recently notified by Air Force Entertainment on her selection as a member of Tops in Blue.

Tops in Blue is an all active duty unit comprised of talented service members selected for their performing abilities.

"I've been involved in music ever since I can remember -- doing elementary school talent shows and singing in the choir..." Elrod said. "It's always been a part of my life, and it's something I wanted to explore further. I just didn't know what avenue I would be able to do that. I found Tops in Blue, and I knew it was a perfect fit."

For the online audition, Elrod submitted a song titled "My Sweet Song," which earned her a spot in the 2012 Air Force Talent Search competition held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 9 - 16.

During the eight-day competition, participants were not only judged on their vocal and dance talent, but also on their personality, personal interviews and team work.

"Senior Airman Elrod will be a tremendous addition to Tops in Blue," said Lt. Col. Curtis Madeley, 303rd IS commander. "Her professionalism, dedication, and passion for the Air Force and singing make her a perfect ambassador for our Air Force. We are all very excited and proud of her accomplishments, and look forward to seeing her perform with the group."

This is the first time Elrod auditioned for the Air Force's premiere entertainment group. After nearly a month of waiting, the official announcement was made Jan. 31 that Elrod was a Tops in Blue cast member.

When asked what she expects from



Senior Airman Robin Elrod, 303rd Intelligence Squadron and Maj. Christopher Burch, former Tops in Blue cast member, perform with other contestants at the 2012 Air Force talent search competition banquet at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 9 - 16. (U. S Air Force photo)



Senior Airman Robin Elrod, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, performs "How Do I Live" by Leann Rimes during the 2012 Air Force talent search competition final performances held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 9 - 16. This is the first time Elrod has auditioned for the Air Force's premiere entertainment group. (U.S Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Sonya Bryson)

the tour, Elrod said, "I expect very little sleep, a lot of long days, and a lot of work. What I'm really looking forward to is forming friendships and bonds with the rest of the Tops in Blue family."

According to the official website, Tops in Blue serves as an expeditionary entertainment unit to provide quality entertain-



Senior Airman Robin Elrod, 303rd Intelligence Squadron, stretches in preparation for the dance session of the 2012 Air Force talent search competition held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Jan. 9 - 16. This is the first time Elrod has auditioned for Tops in Blue, the Air Force's premiere entertainment group. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Christopher Burch)

ment from within Air Force resources for the Air Force family, with priority to Air Force personnel stationed worldwide at remote and deployed locations while simultaneously promoting community relations, supporting recruiting efforts and serving as ambassadors for the United States of America and the U. S. Air Force.

"The whole program is about giving back to military members, their families and the civilians we fight to defend every day," the female vocalist said. "Just being a part of something that devotes everything members have to giving back; I think is amazing. I can't believe I get to be a part of it."

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From a personal standpoint, the Korean people are warm, friendly -- very patient with our lack of Korean language skills -- an admirable people.

Crimson Sky: Having been stationed in Korea twice before, how do you expect to grow during your tour?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: This time around I will have the chance to see the issues and challenges our Combined Forces Command headquarters leadership deals with every day. I will also enjoy a closer working relationship with my Korean counterparts, which I didn't have in my previous two assignments at Kunsan.

From a personal standpoint, I'd like to see more of the peninsula than I have in the past. I'm looking forward to sightseeing in Seoul, visiting historical landmarks, skiing, hiking, touring the

national park system. That sort of thing.

Crimson Sky: What advice/words of wisdom have served you well throughout your career?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: There have been so many positive, inspirational Airmen I've looked up to over the years, and they've all taught me of the importance of leadership. Leadership can come from anyone, regardless of rank or specialty.

Leaders create belief, and belief is powerful stuff. Just ask a chaplain -- if you ask a chaplain about belief, you get an "Amen!" Belief uncorks other virtues -- trust, loyalty, and action.

Our resources are limited, and we face some very tough challenges ahead. But the one thing we have plenty of is energy. All it takes is a little nudge, and that's where leaders come in. That

nudge comes from creating belief -- in the mission, in each other, in oneself. Belief releases energy in people. With belief, you create trust. When there's trust, you inspire loyalty. And when you have loyalty, you unleash action. Anybody can do it. I don't care if you've got a stripe on your sleeve or stars on your collar. Anyone of us can inspire. So go out and create belief, because your leaders believe in you.

To build a solid foundation, Airmen must train their bodies, minds and spirits for the unknown and unknowable challenges they face. We must use physical training to warm the body, martial skills to sharpen the mind, and heritage to nourish the spirit. The virtues of fitness -- accuracy, agility, balance, coordination, endurance, flexibility, power, speed, stamina, and strength -- are mar-

tial virtues. They augment the martial skills learned in the Airman's Manual, shown on the flightline, honed in the air and practiced on the ground. Heritage nourishes the spirit by reminding us of the courage, devotion, and valor of our forebears. Seventh Air Force, the Wolf Pack and the Mustangs all have a tremendous heritage. We should all know it, add to it and imprint it on our Airmen.

Crimson Sky: What are your thoughts on being nominated for promotion to Major General?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: I am grateful beyond words for the opportunity to keep serving.

Crimson Sky: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Brig. Gen. Neubauer: I'm fired up to be here, and look forward to serving with the Airmen of 7th Air Force.

Passenger travel putting Kunsan on the map

By Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- While many logistics Airmen deal directly with vehicles, transportation and supply missions, the traffic management flight works directly with service members to ensure a smooth move and facilitate an easy transition to Kunsan life.

The traffic management flight tries to make the stresses of moving as seamless as possible while taking care of military members on a daily basis. The flight uses military and commercial transportation to move personnel, eligible dependents, material and property across the globe to meet Air Force mission requirements, which includes packaging, classifying

and arranging cargo from one place to the next.

TMO works under three distinct sections to get the job accomplished: cargo movement, personal property and passenger travel.

"We counsel personnel and their eligible dependents on their travel arrangements," said Senior Airman Shonda Hooper, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron passenger travel operations manager. "In so doing, we review their official travel orders and determine their transportation entitlements."

TMO's passenger travel is tasked with maintaining and issuing transportation documents. Hooper said a huge part of what they do is preparing passenger related travel documents.

"We mostly book personnel on the Pa-

triot Express," she said. "But sometimes due to mission requirements or space availability, we assist them in booking commercial travel from Seoul."

Anything and everything having to do with passenger travel, these Airmen do it and according to their section chief, Master Sgt. Shane Dalkey, they do it well.

"I'm very proud of all the hard work Airman Hooper and others in her section do on a daily basis to ensure our Wolf Pack Airmen are taken care of, both professionally and personally," he said. "After all, this is the Wolf Pack, this is Kunsan; we're the closest base around -- as close as family."

Without what passenger travel provides the base, members would not be able to move to their next duty station; they just wouldn't have the means to get

there.

"Without us, the member just can't leave," Hooper said. "I've been here for more than six months now and I really do enjoy meeting new people and assisting them with their various Permanent Change of Station-related issues."

However, the PCS process isn't the only place these Airmen can be found. Hooper said they also actively participate in the many Kunsan exercises.

"We brief passengers and follow-on forces as they come through," she said. "We're also instrumental during the noncombatant evacuation operations as everyone needs a flight out of here who won't be taking the fight north."

[Editors note: This story is part three of a three part series highlighting the 8th LRS's TMO flight.]

OPSEC: The difference between mission success, failure

By Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Every day, U.S. service members use operational security measures to identify critical information within their units, helping to determine if mere friendly actions can be observed and used by adversaries.

Officials from the Combatant and Joint Force Commands identify this key for Airmen and Soldiers serving in a country, which is technically still at war.

"OPSEC is the difference between an adversary gaining information versus not," said 1st Lt. Christina Kulp, 8th Fighter Wing deputy chief of plans and programs.

In an effort to inhibit this ongoing threat, Kunsan maintains a 100 percent shred policy for everything. This is especially important in Korea where adversaries are waiting for the slightest slip of operational information to leave the base.

Monthly dumpster dives are conduct-

ed to check if units and personnel are adhering to this 100 percent shred policy. These dumpster dives are accomplished by Kulp and her team of unit OPSEC managers from all across base.

"More often than not we find training manuals, addresses and social security numbers," she said. "We have a 100 percent shred policy to ensure this information does not get into the wrong hands."

The 8th Force Support Squadron's OPSEC manager, Senior Airman Joshua Fox, said he and 12 others from his unit recently completed a dumpster dive and the results were astounding.

"It was quite frankly surprising what we found," Fox said. "The base has one collection point everything funnels through. So we went out there with gloves on and dug through the mess. It wasn't hard to find items."

Of the 30 some bags Fox and his crew rummaged through, 22 of them contained questionable items. These items included anything from aircraft technical orders to direct deposit information to even a member's tax documents.

"It has made me second guess what

I throw out," he said. "If you're ever stumped and don't know, just shred it."

If shredders in the office are an issue for units, the post office has several big shredders. The post office can be reached during normal duty hours at 782-5514 to schedule a time for mass shredding.

Not only can the enemy track troop movements, obtain operationally hazardous information, and commit identity theft by simply perusing the trash, they can also acquire similarly useful information through social media, officials said.

Whether in the states or in Korea, Airmen and Soldiers of all ranks must keep operations security in mind at all times with everything they do.

"Eighty percent of the information an enemy needs to get is open source," said Kulp. "That is the nature of living and being in a free country. The difference is how easy we make that for them. It is imperative that anyone associated with sensitive information be cognizant of that."

Most service members make good use of available social networks to stay in touch with family while serving overseas. However, officials advise to be careful of

the details, text, photos and video posted to profiles on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.

"Your actions are your choice, but believe me, our enemies are banking on your dismissal of this simple, but imperative policy," she said. "I can say that it is essential - but the difference is the average Airman knowing this and incorporating it into his or her everyday life."

All Airmen and Soldiers serving overseas are U.S. ambassadors in some form or another and as such should act on this great responsibility; Kulp says, "It's also our job."

"Our job defines who we are," she said. "It is the burden of service. Your burden also involves perception and station in a foreign country. What you do stands out, whether you realize it or not. Again, the choice is yours. Neither I, nor anyone else can control your actions in your off-duty time; but your fellow service members only deal with the consequences of it."

"It's an individual responsibility," she added. "Your choice determines other's outcomes."

Kunsan bodybuilders compete for best physique



Friends, family and coworkers of those participating in the Kunsan Bodybuilding Classic at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 18, 2012, cheer as the competitors flex. Participants in the competition were judged as a single group instead of weight categories because of the smaller field of competitors. Winners of the competition: Men's Overall: 1st place: U.S. Army 1st Lt. Jonathan Reid, Yong-san Garrison. 2nd place: Senior Airman Marshall Boykin, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron. 3rd place: Staff Sgt. Jordon McPherson, 8th Communication Squadron. 4th place: Senior Airman Brian Johnson, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Women's Figure: 1st place: Staff Sgt. Vanessa Wyatt, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron. Women's Bikini: 1st place: Staff Sgt. Maureen Edobor, 8th Communication Squadron. 2nd place: Staff Sgt. Eduviges Mendez, 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brigitte N. Brantley)

Wolf Pack gets United Through Reading



Left above: Staff Sgt. James Blaylock, 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron aircrew flight equipment, reads a book aloud and shows the photos to the camera while being recorded on DVD to send to his family at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 21, 2012. United Through Reading is a USO program that offers service members the chance to read a book aloud while being recorded on DVD for their child. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen here were given the opportunity to take part in a special USO program, United Through Reading, which records servicemembers reading children's books on DVD to send back home.

In partnership with the Kunsan Air Base Library, several servicemembers were able to make DVDs and send a book home to their children. The program helps keep parents and kids connected through the impact of storytelling. It also gives children important face time with a mom or dad while they are away. This service is available at many USO centers.



Osan Airmen support Exercise Cobra Gold 2012

By Tech. Sgt. Eric Petosky
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Four Airmen from the 621st Air Control Squadron here deployed to Korat Air Base, Thailand, with the III Marine Expeditionary Force out of Okinawa, Japan, to support Exercise Cobra Gold 2012.

Master Sgt. John Jones and Staff Sgt. Marcel Wright, weapons directors, and Master Sgt. Christopher Johnson and Staff Sgt. Nicole Koether, command and control specialists, traveled from Okinawa to Thailand with the III MEF by ship. They will participate in the multinational Cobra Gold exercise until Feb. 17.

"Your Airmen are doing simply out-

standing," wrote Marine Lt. Col. Eric O'Harra, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 commander. "They eagerly and without prompting assisted in setup of the entire Theater Air Operations Center site. Every time I see them, they are actively engaged in training. I had the opportunity to observe some of the flights they were involved in controlling, and they were doing a superior job.

"Their high level of expertise has been beneficial in improving my Marine's training through information and tactics, techniques, and procedures exchange," O'Harra continued. "Thus far it has been a 100-percent, out-of-the-park win having them here. It is a pleasure working with such professionals."

The exercise is an annual, combined joint training exercise held throughout

the Kingdom of Thailand. It is the United States' largest multilateral exercise in the Asia-Pacific region, and it offers critical training opportunities to more than 20 participating countries to improve interoperability.

In its 31st iteration, Exercise Cobra Gold demonstrates multinational commitment to allied forces in the Asia-Pacific region and focuses on regional partnership, prosperity and security commitments.

Events during the exercise include a computer-simulated command-post exercise, field training operations, and humanitarian and civic assistance projects that increase the standard of living for the Thai people in surrounding communities.

Osan Airmen and Marines working

together is not new, according to Lt. Col. Michael Thomas, 621st ACS commander, and he hopes training opportunities continue to grow in the coming months. Currently, a Marine Liaison Officer trains alongside Airmen every six months.

"This is the result of two commanders sitting down and making it happen," Thomas said. "The goal is not to be able to tell the difference between a Marine and an Airman when controlling aircraft. Cobra Gold is a perfect opportunity to do that. In the big picture, we operate in a joint environment. We might as well do it now, and further improve Pacific Command's joint capability."

(Some information courtesy III Marine Expeditionary Force/Marine Corps Installations Pacific)

Sports mouth guards to protect your beautiful smile

By Capt. Wah-Yung Tsang
51st Dental Squadron

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Mouth guards help prevent injury to the teeth, lips, cheeks and tongue. Dental injuries in sports are primarily due to tooth-to-tooth contact. An accidental chin bump with an elbow is not what directly causes most dental injuries. It's the collision of the lower teeth with the upper teeth after the bump that causes the damage. A mouth guard worn on the upper or lower teeth cushions the blow to protect both the upper and lower teeth. Even athletes who use helmets or

face masks should wear mouth guards because they also protect against head and neck injuries by cushioning blows that could otherwise cause concussions or jaw fractures.

Prevention of oral injuries

- More than 200,000 injuries to the jaw and mouth occur each year due to sports injuries, accidents, or casual recreation.

- The cost of repairing your teeth and follow-up dental treatment can cost thousands of dollars and many hours in the dental office.

- Athletes are 60 times more likely to suffer damage to the mouth when not wearing a mouth guard.

How to take care of your mouth guard:

- Wash your mouth guard with soap and warm water and rinse thoroughly or soak it in mouthwash before storing. Never brush it with toothpaste.

- Thoroughly dry the mouthguard before placing it in a plastic storage container. It is important not to bend the mouthguard during storage since it may distort.

- Mouth guards can wear out. Check its condition from time to time to see if it needs replacement. Tears and perforations can irritate the teeth and mouth. Worn out mouth guards loses their effectiveness in protecting against dental, jaw,

and concussion injuries.

- No matter what age you are, mouthguards are cost effective, easily obtained, and go a long way in preventing serious injury to the head and mouth. For this reason, no person engaged in any contact sport should be without one.

At Osan Air Base, mouthguards are required in all contact intramural sports. For information regarding mouth guards, contact the dental clinic at 784-2108 or simply schedule an appointment for a custom mouth guard. Mouth guards are also available at the Osan Air Base fitness center front desk.

Child becomes Pilot-for-a-Day



Madelyn Ray looks through binoculars in Osan Air Base's air traffic control tower as part of a Pilot-for-a-Day program Feb. 17, 2012. Her tour consisted of learning to fly from a flight simulator and viewing the cockpits of an A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 25th Fighter Squadron, and an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 36th FS. Her visit also allowed her to watch A-10s take off and land from Osan's air traffic control tower, where a wave to an incoming pilot landed her a return wiggle-waggle from the Thunderbolt. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres)

By Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Standing just over 4 feet tall, Madelyn Ray walks through the fighter squadron with a big smile as she prepares herself to become an honorary Pilot-for-a-Day here Feb. 17.

Touring two fighter squadrons and an air traffic control tower, and shooting

the enemy in the flight simulator where she was eluded to as a "natural" were all a part of her big day as a flyer.

For her father, Master Sgt. Jerry Ray, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Management NCO in charge, his hopes are for her to take back the sense of responsibility Air Force members carry every day and to show her a part of the base not everyone gets to travel.

"This is not a part of the base that we

see on an everyday basis," he said. "I believe it's a good experience for her to come over and see what our pilots do."

In only its second run, the program here is tailored to motivate school age children who may be struggling in school, which has been successful in the past, explained 1st Lt. Lance Tucker, 36th Fighter Squadron scheduler.

"We hope that it inspires them to realize that their goals could be limitless,

and they can do whatever they put their mind to," he said. "The teachers from our last Pilot-for-a-Day said that his grades really turned around, especially in math, which is the class he was struggling in. So our goal is to give kids inspiration to do better in school."

Tucker worked with 1st Lt. Erik Gonsalvez, from the 25th FS, to put together the day-long program where the children receive their own flight suits, squadron patches and their own set of pilot wings.

Her tour consisted of learning to fly from a flight simulator; and viewing the cockpits of an A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 25th FS, and an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 36th FS. Her visit also allowed her to watch A-10s take off and land from Osan's air traffic control tower, where a wave to an incoming pilot landed her a return "wiggle-waggle" from the Thunderbolt.

With two impressive aircraft at her reach, her favorite plane, the A-10, left an impression, but it was the 36th FS's motto that made her want to change her name.

"My new name is going to be 'Harumph,'" said Madelyn. "I thought it was pretty awesome I got to do this. It's kind of scary with how big the planes are and to see how high they can go. I feel kind of happy about all the stuff I've learned, and I can't wait to tell my class about everything."

The 10-year-old was picked from her 4th grade class after her name was submitted in a drawing.

"I was excited, kind of nervous, and really happy that I got chosen," she said.

However, being a pilot is going to take a back seat for now as she continues to go to school and work on cheerleading, even though Tucker feels she is well on her way.



Above: Madelyn Ray waves hello to an A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot while visiting Osan Air Base's traffic control tower Feb. 17, 2012. Madelyn is an honorary Pilot-for-a-Day, which consisted of touring the flightline and learning about the combat capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10. Madelyn toured two fighter squadrons and the air traffic control tower, and flew in a simulator as part of her day.

Left: 1st Lt. Lance Tucker, 36th Fighter Squadron scheduler, shows Madelyn Ray around the A-10 Thunderbolt II during Osan's Pilot-for-a-Day program Feb. 17, 2012. Madelyn toured two fighter squadrons and an air traffic control tower, and flew in a simulator as part of her day.

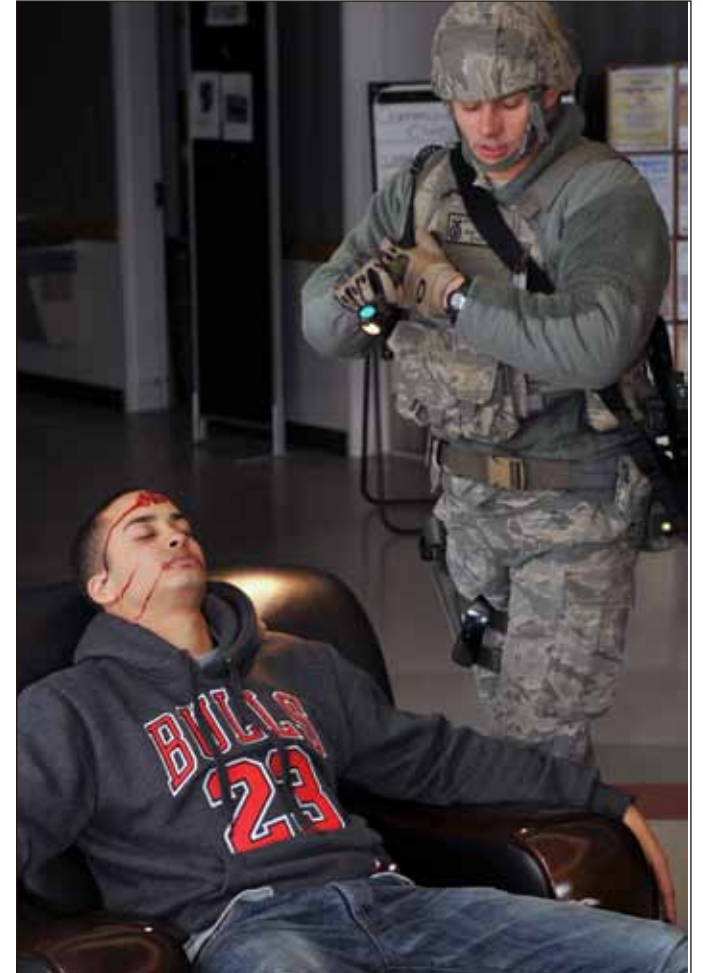
Base defenders react during active shooter scenario



Above: Staff Sgt. Byron Price, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, directs a hostage to a more confined area, Feb. 22, 2012. Price acted as a role player during an Emergency Management Exercise here. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Craig Cisek)

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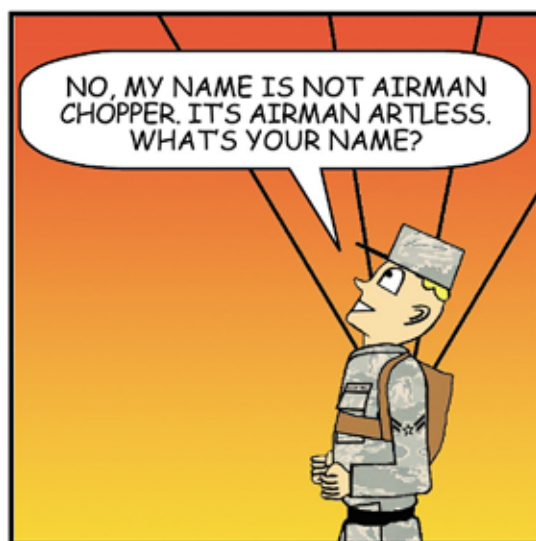
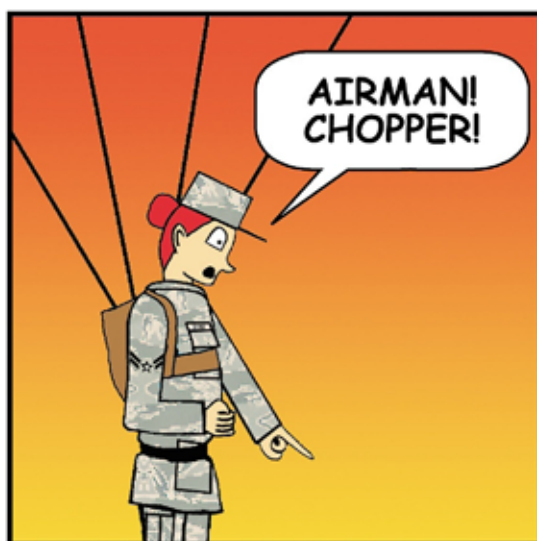
OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- 51st Security Forces Squadron Airmen responded during an Emergency Management Exercise here, Feb. 22, 2012. The EME went over roles and precautions of a potential active shooter scenario.



Right: Staff Sgt. Perry Vitali, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, verifies a simulated active shooter is dead after performing a self protection measure known as flick the eyeball, Feb. 22, 2012. Vitali was participating in an Emergency Management Exercise used to practice the roles and precautions of a potential active shooter scenario.

AIRMAN ARTLESS

by Ben Schneider



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Wolf Pack celebrates African American History



Anointed Praise, a gospel dance group, performs during the African-American history luncheon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 17, 2012. The theme for the 2012 African American History Month is exploring African-American women and their roles and contributions to America. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

By Senior Airman
Brigitte N. Brantley
 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

File taxes for free through April 17

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- For Airmen, retirees and contractors looking to get their taxes filed for free, the 8th Fighter Wing Legal Office is currently hosting a Tax Center on the third floor of Bldg. 755.

Customers will be helped on an appointment-only basis until the April 17 filing deadline set by the Internal Revenue Service.

"For a lot of people, taxes can be a little bit daunting," said Staff Sgt. Michelle Barto, paralegal and the center's NCO in charge. "If you have tax questions, a lot of our volunteers can actually answer them for you instead of you maybe having to go online to find an answer."

While most of the appointments are in the afternoon, Barto said the volunteers will work with mid- and swing-shift workers to accommodate their schedules.

"I've gotten my taxes done on base before and I was satisfied with the service," said Staff Sgt. Christeen Hodge, Tax Center volunteer. "I've learned there are a lot of Airmen of all ranks who aren't comfortable doing taxes on their own. Here, they know their stuff is covered and double-checked."

Customers will need to bring their most recent W-2s and proof of other amounts they want to claim, including interest dividends and deductions.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 782-4283.



Staff Sgt. Christeen Hodge, Tax Center volunteer, helps a customer file his taxes Feb. 15, 2012, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. To make an appointment to get your taxes done, call the 8th Fighter Wing Legal Office at 782-4283. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brigitte N. Brantley)

Senior Airman Christopher Niederhauser



Senior Airman Christopher Niederhauser, 36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Eric Petosky)

36th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

Job Title: Integrated Avionic Systems Technician

Job Description: As an Avionic Sys-

tems Technician, I am responsible for maintaining all avionic systems on the F-16. These systems are responsible for fire control radar, navigation, instrumentation, communication, penetration and weapons accuracy.

Time in the military: 32 months

Time at Osan: 3 months

DEROS: November 2012

Family: I've been married for 2 years and have a 5 ½ month old daughter.

Hometown: Fletcher, Okla.

Hobbies: I love to read, spend time with friends, and play paintball, soccer and video games.

Why did you join the military? I joined the military to see the world, interact with new cultures and to receive the education benefits the military provides.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? I see myself with a degree, another child and after that, it's unknown. I take what life gives me and make the best of it.

What do you do for fun here? I spend time with friends and try new foods.

What is your favorite Air Force memory or story? Truck talks -- you can learn some interesting things when you have a truck full of people while launching aircraft.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Nothing compares to being with my wife while she was giving birth to my daughter.

Who are your role models? My wife and my father are huge inspirations for me. There have also been a select few sergeants over the course of my career that have mentored me to help me understand some of the things we do and why we do them.



51st Logistics Readiness Squadron

Job title: Traffic Management Journeyman

Job description and its impact on the mission: Performs traffic management activities such as movement of personnel, eligible dependents, material, and property via military and commercial means. Provides transportation support for more than 3,000 personnel at Osan Air Base and surrounding area.

Time in the military: 5 years, 4 months

Time at Osan: 3 months

DEROS: October 2012

Hometown: Kennewick, Wash.

Hobbies: Playing sports, reading and dancing.

Why did you join the military? I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to travel the world, meet new people and to pursue my educational goals. Joining the military has enabled me to establish discipline for myself as well.

Where do you see yourself in 10 to 20 years? Having completed my degree and married with kids. Career wise I see myself either as a senior NCO, officer or working for the United Nations.

What do you do for fun here? I love to travel and take advantage of the culture. Korea has many sites and areas to explore.

What would you like to change about Osan? The opportunities for Airmen to meet and mingle on base are limited. If I had the power, I would initiate more

Senior Airman Linette Nosim



Senior Airman Linette Nosim, 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Michael Battles)

programs designed for single Airmen to socialize and network with one another.

What is the best part of being at Osan? I love my job and the camaraderie within my section, and I take pride in providing top-notch customer service to those I serve.

What is the most memorable moment of your tour here, so far? Experiencing Seoul during New Year's Eve festivities

is a memory that will stay with me for a lifetime. The energy, the excitement; just to be a part of such a huge audience was awesome.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? Deploying and working side by side with the Army in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I took pride in knowing I was in direct support of the mission and the overall objective.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? The firewall five's I have received due to my hard work and dedication to the job, deploying and the achievements I have garnered by doing so.

Who are your role models? My mother, Oprah Winfrey, and other women who have overcome adversity and obstacles to pursue their dreams and accomplish their goals.

Staff Sgt. Angel Alexander & Airman 1st Class Jonathan Pears



Col. Scott L. Pleus, 8th Fighter Wing commander, presents Airman 1st Class Jonathan Pears (middle) and Staff Sgt. Angel Alexander, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technicians, with Kunsan's Pride of the Pack award, which recognizes the outstanding work Airmen do every day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Omar Villarreal)

Staff Sgt. Angel Alexander

Unit: 8th Civil Engineer Squadron

Duties: Maintenance, repair and sustainment of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems

Hometown: Enfield, Conn.

Hobbies: Sports, mainly football and basketball, reading

Favorite music: Rhythm and blues

Follow on: Kadena Air Base, Japan

Last good movie you saw: Immortals

Best thing you've done here: Expanding my skills as an HVAC Technician.

Airmas 1st Class Jonathan Pears

Unit: 8th Civil Engineer Squadron

Duties: Maintenance, repair and sustainment of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems

Hometown: Montgomery, Ala.

Hobbies: Sightseeing

Favorite music: Hip hop

Follow on: Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

Last good movie you saw: Notebook

Best thing you've done here: Enjoying Korean night-life.

Reason for nomination: "Staff Sgt. Angel Alexander and Airman 1st Class Jonathan Pears distinguished themselves as 8th CES HVAC and refrigeration craftsman. Sergeant Alexander and Airman Pears expediently troubleshot and repaired a damaged heat coil at the CES administration facility, brazing 15 leaks caused by below freezing temperatures. Furthermore,



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Pears, left, and Staff Sgt. Alexander Angel, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technicians, clean a boiler Feb. 15, 2012, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The pair was named the "Pride of the Pack" for the 110 hours of overtime they put in to ensure Airmen had heat and hot water. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brigitte N. Brantley)

they diligently worked 54 hours to install a new boiler unit for the same facility. They threaded 25 feet of pipe and ran 15 feet of electrical wiring ensuring critical assets were protected from freezing temperatures during the Peninsula Operation Readiness Exercise. Additionally, Sergeant Alexander and Airman Pears identified a damaged water tube inside the water boiler for the Company Grade Officer dormitories. They worked over 30 hours during normal off-duty time to

install a new water boiler. Sergeant Alexander and Airman Pears brazed and threaded 15 feet of copper, black iron pipe and replaced a defective two inch domestic hot water supply valve. Their actions ensured that 80 CGO dormitory residents had hot water. In all, Sergeant Alexander and Airman Pears have worked in excess of 110 hours this past week restoring heat and hot water to Kunsan, truly making them Pride of the Pack!" - Tech. Sgt. Alejandro E. Gonzalez, 8th CES.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN

Chapel Bldg. 501 and 510

Sunday

9 a.m. Catholic Mass
(Bldg. 501 - Main Chapel)

9 a.m. Protestant Liturgical Sacramental Worship Service
(Bldg. 510 - SonLight Inn)

10 a.m. Protestant Sunday School
(Bldg. 510)

11 a.m. NEW! Church of Christ Service / Sunday School (Bldg 510).

11 a.m. Protestant Contemporary Worship Service (Bldg. 501)

1 p.m. Protestant Gospel Worship Service (Bldg. 501)

2:30 p.m. Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Sacramental Service/Sunday School (Bldg. 510)

Please note: The Sunday before every exercise, the Gospel and Contemporary Services will combine into one service at 11 a.m. in the main chapel. Catholic Mass and Protestant Liturgical schedules will remain the same.

Daily Catholic Mass

Tues., Wed., Thurs. at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Thursday

7 p.m. Earth-based religions gathering, Holy Grounds Coffee House (Bldg 510)

Point of Contact:

Chaplain (Maj.) Christine Blice-Baum, 782-4300

OSAN

Catholic Mass

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Protestant Services

Sunday

Traditional service - 10 a.m.

Gospel Service - 11:30 a.m.

Pentecostal - 2 p.m.

Contemporary service - 5 p.m.

Church of Christ Service

Sunday, 10 a.m. in the Elementary school cafeteria

General Services

Joy Night (gospel)

Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Earth-based Service

Thursday, 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Annex

Jewish Service

Second and fourth Friday, 6 p.m.

Muslim Service

Friday 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Haven Ministry Center (Community Activity Center)

Wed / Thurs / Sun: 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Fri / Sat: 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all services are held at the Osan Chapel.

For other events, call 784-5000.

Mustang Spiritual Charge

Pursuing Peace



By Ch, Capt. Peter Ma
51 FW Chaplain

Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning peace. In the Jewish culture it is not uncommon to say “shalom” to greet people or bid them farewell. This isn’t surprising considering that the Hebrew Scriptures tell us that shalom is a blessing from God you enjoy as God turns his face toward you with favor (Numbers 6:24-26). Paul, one of

the writers of the New Testament scriptures, calls Christians to pray that they will have “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding” (Philippians 4:6-7). Buddhism teaches that there is a way to find cessation of suffering, thereby ushering in a new and lasting peace.

Regardless of your religion or lack thereof, everyone wants to have peace. Having peace probably will not get you everything you want, but without peace, having everything you’ve ever wanted means nothing. To quote Gandhi, “Peace is its own reward.” Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for us to struggle with finding peace as we face various trials that come our way. However, it is also possible to learn to be at peace even when storms are raging in our lives.

The Serenity Prayer, by Reinhold Niebuhr, is a prayer that comes to my mind when I think about peace. The first few lines of the prayer go like this: “God grant me the serenity to accept the things

I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. It may take a good amount of humility and wisdom to enjoy the serenity that Niebuhr mentions in his prayer but the result will be a life that is progressing and being filled with hope.

I recently watched a humorous video clip in which the captain of a large ship stubbornly demands over the radio that another vessel immediately change its course to avoid a collision with his ship. The Captain angrily emphasizes that the small vessel he sees through the dark waves is no match for his mighty vessel. The voice at the other end is just as unwavering and demands that the captain change his bearing. They keep going back and forth but at the end the captain hears this last transmission, “This is the lighthouse. It’s your call.”

There are circumstances in life that we cannot do anything about. There is no use being frustrated or feeling helpless; However, when

we recognize our limitations as a finite person and accept the things we cannot change, then perhaps we can focus our energy on solving the issues that we do have control over. Those of us who are religious or spiritual can turn to our faith to help us trust that there is good, divinely-ordained purpose for everything, even if we are not happy with the situation at the time. Life is too short to let the unchangeable things keep us from finding contentment and happiness. So let’s accept the things we cannot change but have the courage to start changing what we can. And may peace be our reward.



Metals tech sparks an interest

Below: Senior Airman James Turner, 51st Maintenance Group aircraft metal technology journeyman, uses a plasma cutter to cut a piece of excess metal Feb. 12, 2012. The Plasma Cutter works by sending pressurized gas through a small channel which contains negatively charged electrodes. Once power is applied and the tip of the nozzle is applied to metal the connection creates a circuit. As the inert gas passes through the channel the spark heats the gas until it reaches the fourth state of matter in which the reaction creates a stream of directed plasma, approximately 30,000 degrees.



Above: Sparks fly as Senior Airman James Turner, 51st Maintenance Group aircraft metal technology journeyman, uses a grinder Feb. 12, 2012. The grinder is used to remove poisonous or corrosive deposits located on the metal. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Adam Grant)

Bottom left: Senior Airman James Turner, 51st Maintenance Group aircraft metal technology journeyman, welds a piece of metal Feb. 12, 2012. Airman Turner is able to weld the small parts of aircraft together with tungsten which is used for smaller metals and is easier to control.

Bottom right: Senior Airman James Turner, 51st Maintenance Group aircraft metal technology journeyman, uses a plasma cutter to cut thick pieces of metal Feb. 12, 2012. The Plasma cutter is used to cut pieces of metal that are thick that a saw is unable to penetrate.



US Air Force A-10s in Korea Complete 30 Years of Service

By John A. Okonski
51st Fighter Wing Historian

Although President Obama's FY 2013 Department of Defense (DOD) budget proposal recently presented to Congress calls for inactivation of five of 16 A-10C squadrons from the US Air Force active, reserve, and air national guard inventory, the 25th Fighter Squadron (FS) at Osan Air Base (AB) will remain a vital air asset in the defense of the Republic of Korea (ROK).

The 25 FS became the last A-10A unit of the US Air Force active, reserve, and air national guard components to complete conversion to the A-10C in 2011. But, more importantly, the A-10 in the ROK recently reached an important milestone. Thirty years ago on 28 January 1982, the first two A-10As assigned to the 25 FS landed at Osan AB. These aircraft served as trainer aircraft for maintenance crews as the ROK Government completed construction of facilities at Suwon AB to serve as the main operating base for the A-10A.

A little more than a month later, on 3 March 1982, the first six operational A-10As landed at Suwon AB to begin a new era of deterrence and offensive firepower of the US Air Force in the ROK. By January 1983, the 25 FS was equipped with 26 A-10As to include the two trainer aircraft.

The A-10 was the first US Air Force aircraft specially designed and built for close air support of ground forces. Its development resulted from the deadly experiences of numerous jet fighters and US Army helicopters being shot down over South Vietnam in support of ground forces. The US Air Force consequently initiated a design study in 1967 for a low-cost attack aircraft that could have long loiter time, low-speed maneuver-

ability, massive cannon firepower, and extreme survivability. Fairchild-Republic, which was awarded the contract on 1 March 1973, built the aircraft essentially around its 30mm GAU-8/A Gatling gun that can fire 3,900 rounds a minute. Coupled with a large ordnance capacity, the A-10 is particularly effective against enemy armor and tanks.

Discussions between the US and ROK Governments to base an A-10 squadron in the ROK had been ongoing since the mid 1970s as the A-10A entered the US Air Force inventory on 20 March 1976 with the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Two 355 TFW A-10As deployed to Osan AB 15 months later on 19 June 1977 to participate in a combined ROK-US exercise to demonstrate its capabilities. Col Ralph E. Adams, 355 TFS vice commander, had the distinction of landing the first A-10A in the ROK.

Earlier as the aircraft was being built, the US experienced an inglorious withdrawal of military forces from South Vietnam in April 1975 followed by the fatal USS Mayaguez incident off the coast of Cambodia in May 1975. These events greatly affected the American public, and in 1976, elected Jimmy Carter as president who, among his foreign affairs positions, advocated for withdrawal of all US military forces from the ROK. Unlike the Vietnam setback, debate within Congress ensued during the next 3 years over this course of action. Later events proved the deliberate debate fortuitous regarding the long-standing US military role in the ROK.

In early 1979, Soviet Union military forces entered Afghanistan. This event resulted in the Carter Administration reversing its position, and rethinking

its military strategy in the Pacific and Far East. At the 12th ROK-US Security Consultative Meetings held in Seoul in October 1979, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown announced that the US would base an A-10A squadron in the ROK by the early 1980s with Suwon AB selected as the bed-down site.

The announcement resulted in Pacific Air Forces activating the 25th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS) on 1 February 1981 in an unmanned status with assignment to the 51st Composite Wing (Tactical) CW (T) at Osan AB. This move was preparatory to arrival of the A-10A. As the date neared for arrival of the A-10A on the ROK, the 25 TFS became fully manned with Maj Harry J. Keiling Jr as the first 25 TFS commander at Suwon AB. He flew the second A-10A into Osan AB on 28 January 1982 after Col Eugene G. Myers, 51 CW (T) commander, landed the first A-10A on that date. Both members later flew the first two operational A-10As into Suwon AB.

Between 3 March 1982 and 30 September 1989, the 25 TFS operated with the 6151st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Suwon AB. On 23 September 1989, the 25 TFS flew its last A-10A sortie from Suwon AB. Earlier, the squadron transferred 13 A-10As to the 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron (TASS) between January and March 1989. The 19 TASS, assigned to the 5th Tactical Air Control Group at Osan AB, had been flying the OV-10 Bronco which, in turn, transferred its aircraft to stateside units. After 30 September 1989, the 25 TFS returned to unmanned status, and finally was inactivated on 31 July 1990.

The 19 TASS later was assigned to the 51st Operations Group on 1 October 1990 as part of the service-wide "Objective Wing" reorganization directed by

Air Force chief of staff, Gen Merrill A. McPeak. Refinements to the "Objective Wing" concept continued over the following 3 years. General McPeak further advocated that the most historic units replace newer unit designations. As a result, the 25 FS, which had been a charter unit of the 51st Fighter Group before World War II, replaced the 19 TASS designation on 1 October 1993.

Even though the A-10 proved its worth in combat during Operation Desert Storm in 1991, some US Air Force planners wanted to retire the aircraft given extensive reductions in the military during the post-Cold War period. However, the A-10 survived these efforts, and served exemplary during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

During the 1990s, one measure the US Air Force took to provide a more cost effective force structure given funding constraints was to inactivate a number of combat squadrons, but increase the number of aircraft in its remaining units. In 1995, the 25 FS went from a 12 primary aircraft authorized (PAA) unit to an 18 PAA squadron. Four years later in 1999, the 25 FS again increased in PAA to 24. With the conversion to the A-10C, the squadron is now a 21-PAA unit.

Although the A-10 has been in the US Force inventory for more than 35 years, the US Air Force periodically initiated efforts to extend its service life and improve combat capabilities. The A-10's structural frame has been strengthened and its service life through FY 2028 with wing replacement program and the Service Life Extension Program. Its combat capabilities have been upgraded recently with the latest weapons and avionics technology through precision engagement (PE) modifications. This program resulted in all A-10As being redesignated as A-10Cs.

Lieutenant General Matthew B. Ridgway Takes the Fight North

By Howard E. "Hooch"
Halvorsen
7th Air Force Historian

Where we left off in our discussion on the Korean War, it was Christmas 1950 and the Eighth Army commander, Lieutenant General Walton Walker was dead. The war had started the previous June with waves of North Korean Army troops, the Immun Gun, pushing the outnumbered and outgunned South Korean Army and American contingents all the way to what became known as the Pusan Perimeter. The famous Inchon landing provided the impetus for the breakout that pushed the front lines through Seoul, above the 38th parallel, and seemingly to the end of the war at the Yalu River with the Korean peninsula reunified. Instead, an enormous mass of Chinese troops stormed over the Yalu, pushing outnumbered and surprised allied United Nations forces ever southward past the 38th parallel again and even south of Seoul. It was here near the end of December Lt. Gen. Walker met his death in an icy crash while establishing a defensive line from which to start a hoped-for counterattack.

Lt. Gen. Matthew Ridgway took over command of an Eighth Army that had started the war untrained, sent in piecemeal, and had been through a lot. It was strong but was no longer sure of itself

with the latest wave of defeats. Ridgway proclaimed, "There will be no more discussion of retreat. We're going back!" Seventy-five miles below the 38th parallel, along a stalled line between Pyontaek on the west coast and Samchok on the east coast, the United Nations forces would never move south again, except under local pressure, for the balance of the war. The Chinese juggernaut, having had nothing but success, planned to do what the North Koreans had failed to do in 1950; drive the allied forces into the ocean. United Nations forces were surrounded by elements of three Chinese Field Armies that employed parts of five Chinese Communist infantry divisions. The U.S. 2d Infantry Division's 23rd Infantry Regiment faced a grim situation but successfully fought off the hordes in what was the first decisive victory by UNC forces over the CCF and helped turn the tide of the war in Korea. Credit for the successful defense of Chipyeongni rightly belongs to the soldiers on the ground, but the contributions of Airmen in the skies overhead was an important force multiplier, force sustainer and key enabler to the victory. This was the high water mark for the Chinese just as Gettysburg was the high water mark during the American Civil War.

As the soldiers fought the hard fight, airmen in the skies above and working

around the clock at the air bases across the theater ensured that friendly forces enjoyed all the advantages that result from achievement of air superiority. Far to the north and unseen from the battlefield, F-86 Sabre fighters on daily patrol in MiG Alley kept communist air forces at bay, well away from the battlefield. A variety of bombers and fighter-bombers interdicted enemy supply and transportation routes, making it difficult for the Chinese to move even what little artillery they had and indirectly limiting Chinese military resources available for the battle. In and near the immediate battle area, air reconnaissance denied the enemy surprise, and provided friendly ground forces critical situational awareness. Aerial resupply delivered 420 tons of supplies and ensured the troops could continue the fight once it began, while aeromedical evacuation speedily removed the most seriously wounded to give them the best chance of surviving, even amidst a siege. Aerial illumination missions enabled the 23rd to see in the night and effectively engage the enemy. Close Air Support punished and demoralized the enemy and helped ensure they could not benefit from any tactical gains they achieved on the battlefield. It is probable that without the contributions of these many facets of airpower that the 23rd RCT might eventually have been overwhelmed by superior

numbers of Chinese forces at Chipyeongni. But with airpower stunning the dragon in this combined forces battle that did not happen and the Chinese suffered their first significant defeat from the UNC in the Korean War.

Ridgway summed it up by saying, "I shall speak briefly of the Twenty-third United States Infantry Regiment, Colonel Paul L. Freeman commanding, [and] with the French Battalion... Isolated far in advance of the general battle line, completely surrounded in near-zero weather, they repelled repeated assaults by day and night by vastly superior numbers of Chinese. They were finally relieved... I want to say that these American fighting men, with their French comrades-in-arms, measured up in every way to the battle conduct of the finest troops America and France have produced throughout their national existence." The battle offered an incredible boost to the morale of the Eighth Army in regards to the allegedly invincible Chinese juggernaut. That boost was given by the will of their new commander, "Old Iron Tits", so named because of the way he taped grenades on the front of his harness (what we now call web gear). Soon afterwards, Operations Killer and Ripper were launched, driving the Chinese north of Seoul for the last time. Eventually, this led to the start of peace negotiations in July 1951.

Kunsan

Public Notice

It is with deep regret that the commander of the 8th Fighter Wing announces the death of Technical Sgt. Thomas E. Grace Jr. Any person having claims for or against the estate of Technical Sgt. Thomas E. Grace Jr., please contact 1st Lt. Yoshio P. Adachi, Summary Court Officer, at the 8th Security Forces Squadron at DSN 782-2253.

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!

Got an IDEA?

Do you have a great idea on how to improve your job or Air Force operations? Do you have a cost effective way to improve the morale of DOD personnel? Do you have a more efficient idea of doing things? Then you might like to know that the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program is an initiative that offers cash awards from \$200 to \$10,000 for approved ideas. For more information, contact Ms. Kang Nan Hui, IDEA Program Manager, 782-4020.

Illmagwon Orphanage

Join Airmen from across 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 lead by the 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.

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.

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".

Explore Korea: Kunsan

Looking for a way to share your travels with the Wolf Pack but haven't found the right medium? The base public affairs office is always looking for your imagery and stories. To find out how your name and photos and/or stories can be highlighted on the base public website and Facebook page, call public affairs at 782-4705. [Please note: The public affairs office, according to its editorial policy and AFI 35-107, will review all submissions and post content which adheres to their guidelines.]

Osan

Haven Now Open

"Haven," a brick-and-mortar Culture of Responsible Choices program, offers a non-alcoholic, pressure-free environment for unaccompanied or single military people to partake in free food and cappuccino. It is open five nights a week in the McPherson Community Center. The hours are: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. This chapel-sponsored program has been offered at other Air Force installations, and the idea has migrated to Osan. For more information call 784-5000.

Bystander Intervention Training

Bystander Intervention Training (BIT) is a mandatory class for all military personnel (AD, ANG, and AFRC) and civilians who supervise military. All personnel must be trained by the end of June 2012. If you still need to receive BIT, please log onto the Osan Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Community of Practice page to see class dates and to register. <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=26052>. For more information call the SARC office at 784-2832, and for emergencies please dial the 24 hour hotline at 784-SARC (7272)."

HAWC Classes

Osan's Health and Wellness Center staff is offers a variety of classes to improve physical fitness, reduce stress and support a healthier lifestyle. Some of these classes include Nutrition 101, Stress Management, Running 101 and Training to pass the Air Force PT test. For more information contact the HAWC at 784-1830.

One-stop Base Inprocessing

Personnel arriving Osan AB are required to inprocess the base within 24 hours of arrival. Inprocessing is conducted daily at the MPS (Bldg 936) at 0730 and 0830 for all Active Duty Air Force personnel reporting to Osan AB. At this briefing they are assigned to attend a Friday inprocessing brief where they will receive the Wing Commander's welcome and all other mandatory base inprocessing briefs for Osan spe-

cific information to include signing-up for LRS chalks to receive their IPE gear. This new briefing will combine the previous Wing Commander's welcome brief and the "Mustang Brief" for a one stop shop for all Osan Newcomer's orientation information. For more information call 1st Lt Benjamin Quigley at DSN 784-1091.

Red Cross Volunteers

The American Red Cross is looking for disaster casework volunteers to assist with the Osan Emergency Family Assistance Control Center. The ARC will provide the following classes free of charge: ARC Orientation, Introduction to Disaster, Fulfilling Our Mission, and Casework Training. The total time for all four classes is eight hours. The Casework Training session is not the full Case Management class but an abbreviated class to fit the needs of Osan. For more information, call the ARC at 784-1855.

United Through Reading Program

The Osan-USO United Through Reading program helps alleviate the stress of separation by having geographically separated parents read children's books aloud via DVD for their child to watch at home. This program is available to all military and civilian personnel. It provides parents a chance to make powerful and lasting connections with their children from afar. The program is available Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Osan USO and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the base library. For more information, call 784-3491 or 784-0469.

Airman & Family Readiness Center

The Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) is the service organization and focal point for Air Force Airmen and family matters. The staff serves all single and married Active Duty, DoD Civilian Personnel and their Eligible Family Members, to include Guard and Reserve Members while on Active Duty, other Eligible Uniformed Members, Military Retirees, and their Eligible Family members. They have a variety of classes to suit your needs. For more information call 784-5440.

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

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)		

Osan Announcement

The installation commander has approved new guidance changing the restricted parking and Exception to Policy program on base. The new policy is to restrict vehicles from parking where congestion is a major problem. The specific locations for prohibited parking are: base exchange, post office, theater, Chili's, Turumi Lodge, wing safety, chapel, Officer's club, Force Support Squadron, Finance, Legal, 7th Air Force headquarters complex, bank, Information, Tickets and Travel, Checkertails, Library, Community Center, Mig Alleys Bowling Center, Broadway Blvd from Turumi to Burger King, Burger King and Popeyes, 51st Fighter Wing headquarters, and KCO-

IC/KAOC/ B1096 parking lots.

The positive result is the rest of the base is now open to all vehicles, including ETP restricted POVs. These vehicles can be taken to the Fitness Center, swimming pools, golf course, Mustang or Challenger Clubs, hospital, the military dining facilities, and many work areas. Members can visit friends in the dorms or towers. The restricted areas are active 24 hours a day and on weekends or holidays. At this time there are no immediate plans to open up the middle of the base at night or on the weekends.

Questions can be directed to the 51st Pass and Registration office at 784-4489.

SFS Airmen demonstrate hands-on training

By Staff Sgt. Craig Cisek and Senior Airman Adam Grant
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members from the 51st Security Forces Squadron participated in the combatives portion of a Combat Readiness Course here, Feb. 21, 2012. During the course, members participated in 3-minute matches that ended only by submission or time lapse. Points are awarded for good fighting habits while emphasizing the importance of dominant body positions. The course tests Airmen both physically and mentally with an overall goal of being ready to fight and win tonight.

Right: (Left) Senior Airman Antonio Johnson, 51st Security Forces Squadron combat readiness course instructor, speaks with both Airman 1st Class Joseph Bird and Allen Perry, both 51st Security Forces Squadron members, during the combatives portion of a Combat Readiness Course here, Feb. 21, 2012. Airmen had eight different ways to score points that range from take downs from the standing position, take downs from the seated position, passing the guard, sweeping, knee in the chest, reversal of submission, mounting and back mounting. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Adam Grant)

Below: Staff Sgt. Curtis Cain, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, holds his opponent in a submission move during the combatives portion of a Combat Readiness Course here, Feb. 21, 2012. Airmen are awarded points for good fighting habits and for emphasizing the importance of dominant body positions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Craig Cisek)

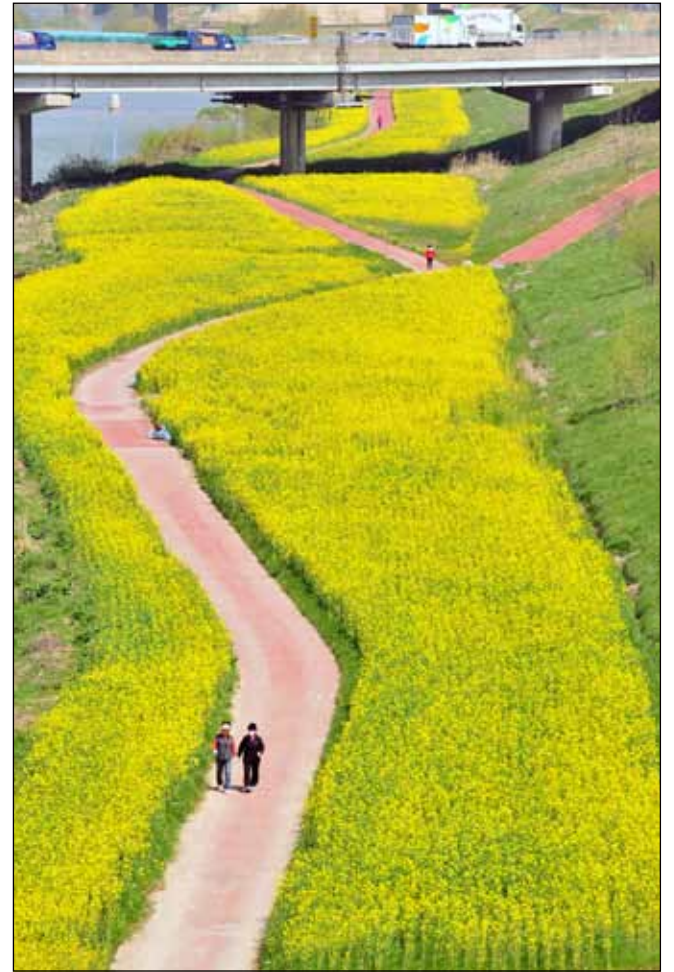
Bottom: Staff Sgt. Curtis Cain swings at his opponent Staff Sgt. Justin Clark, both 51st Security Forces Squadron members, during the combative portion of a Combat Readiness Course here, Feb. 21, 2012. The combatives portion of the CRC tests the Airmen's abilities to defend themselves when placed in threatening situations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Craig Cisek)



Below: Airman 1st Class Adam Shipley, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, pins down his opponent Senior Airman Joshua Davies, 51st Security Forces Squadron member, during the combative portion of a Combat Readiness Course here, Feb. 21, 2012. The combative portion of the CRC tests the Airmen's abilities to defend themselves when placed in threatening situations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Craig Cisek)



Jeju to Hold Spring Apricot Flower Festival



Korean Tourism Organization

The 2012 Hueree Spring Apricot Flower Festival will take place from March 1st to March 11th at Hueree Natural Park located on Jeju Island, the southernmost island of Korea.

The festival, which coincides with the first bloom of apricot flowers in Ko-

rea, celebrates the arrival of spring to Jeju Island. Visitors can enjoy a variety of events such as an animal show with black pigs and geese, an ox cart ride, and observation of insects. The festival also offers an opportunity to taste delicious local specialties such as grilled sweet potatoes, meat noodles, pajeon (Korean pancake with spring onions), and a rice

wine flavored with apricots.

More Info

2012 Hueree Apricot Flower Festival

* Period: March 1 – 11, 2012

* Venue: Hueree Natural Park, Seogwipo-si, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

* Admission Hours: 09:00~17:00 (Last admission is at 16:30 in winter)

* Admission Fees

Adults (age 19 and older): 7,000 won

Youths (ages 14 - 18): 5,000 won

Children (37 months – 13 years): 4,000 won

* Hueree Homepage: www.hueree.com (Korean)

Courtesy of Hueree Natural Park

Busan Cinema Center holds a Cinema Music Concert

Korean Tourism Organization

Busan Cinema Center, one of major venues of the Busan International Film Festival, is holding the Matinee Concert, a series of cinema music performances, on the second Tuesday of every month in 2012.

Categorized into four different themes – “Cinema Music Composers”, “Behind Cinema” showcasing behind-the-scene stories of movies, “Moviecals” featuring musical movies, and “Classical Music in Cinema” – the concert series is an opportunity to enjoy live performances by a strings quartet as well as commentaries by conductors, actors, and actresses. Concert tickets are available for purchase online and onsite.

More Info

Matinee Concert

- Schedule: Every second Tuesday, February - December (except October)

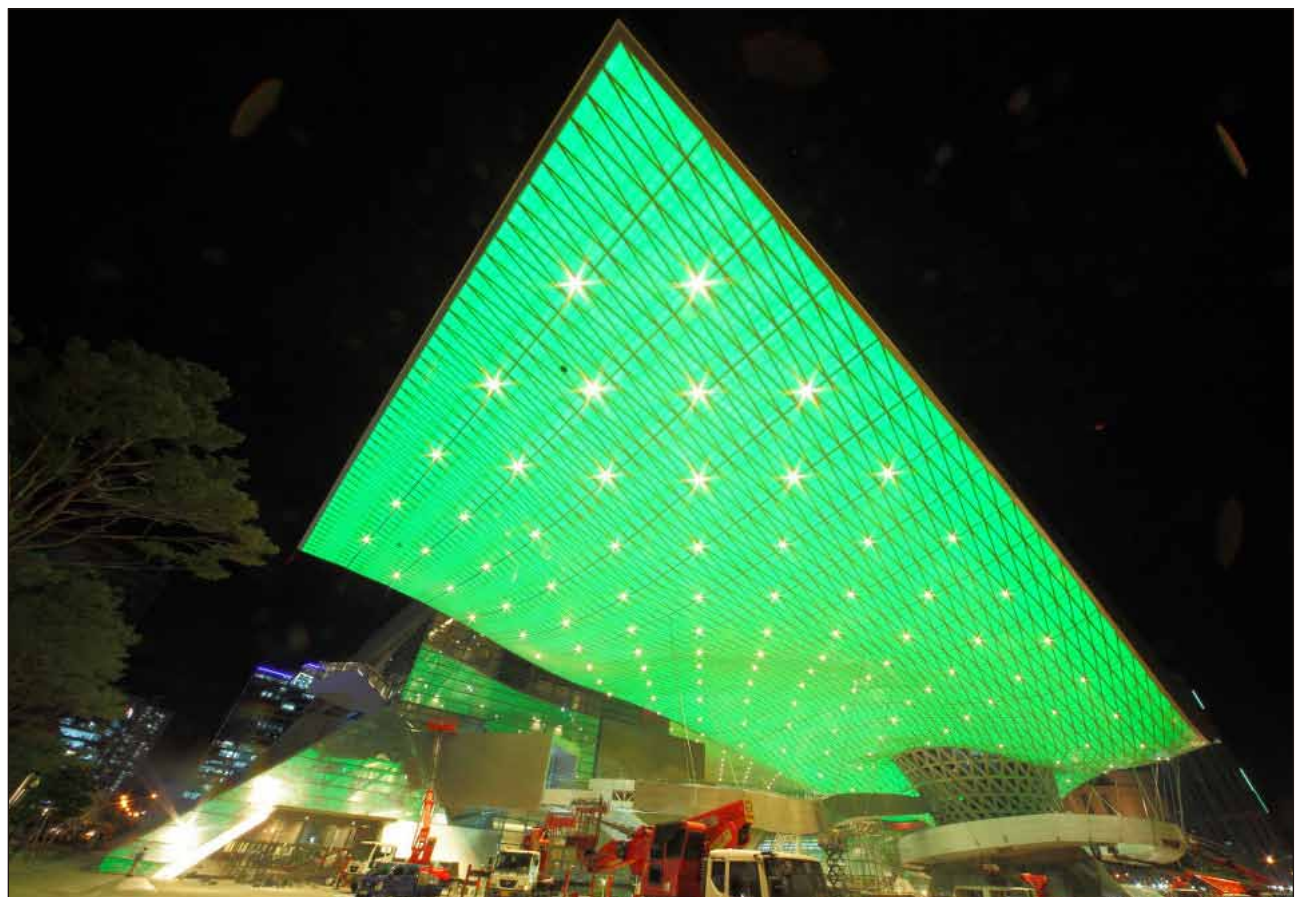
- Time: 11:00 (Duration: 70 minutes)

- Venue: Busan Cinema Center

- Admission: 20000 won

- Homepage: www.dureraum.org (Korean)

Courtesy of Busan Cinema Center



Snow Crab Capital to Celebrate its Specialty



Korean Tourism Organization

The town of Yeongdeok-gun in Gyeongsangbuk-do, better known as the ‘Snow Crab Capital of Korea,’ is set to hold the 15th annual Snow Crab Festival at Samsa Marine Park from March 8th through the 12th under the theme of “The Sensuous Taste of Yeongdeok Snow Crabs! A Colorful Well-being Festival!”

During the Festival, visitors will have a chance to go fishing for snow crabs on water bikes, participate in a cooking competition, and buy snow crabs at lower prices through a public auction.

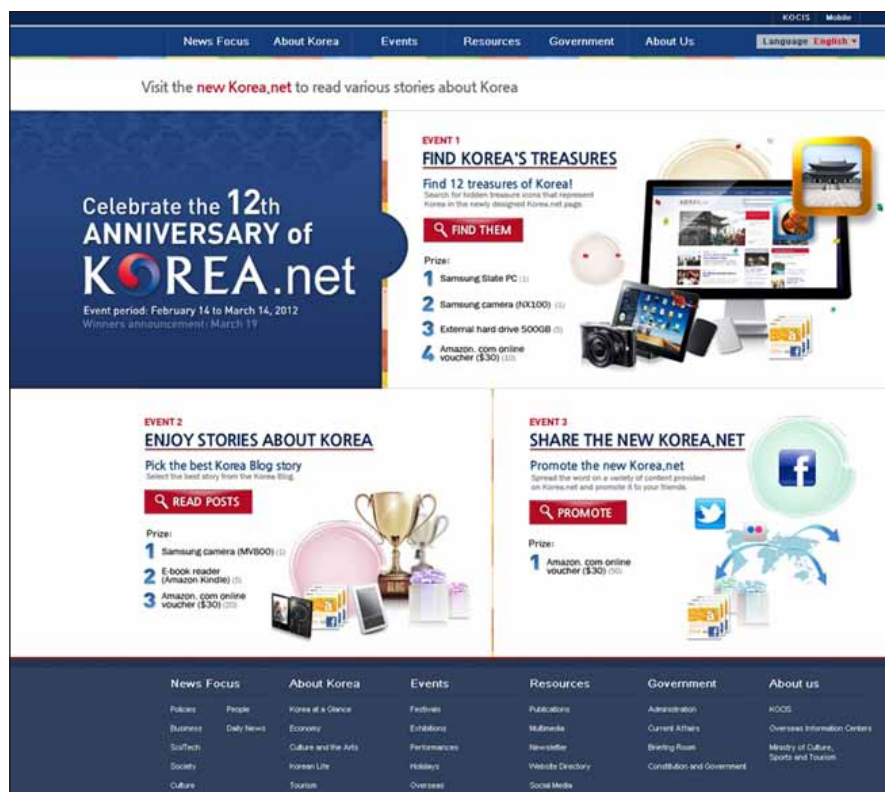
Moreover, the Festival also provides easy access to Yeongdeok Blue Road, a strolling path with scenic views of the East Sea.

More Info

2012 Yeongdeok Snow Crab Festival
 - Period: March 8 - 12, 2012
 - Venue: Samsa Marine Park
 - Homepage: <http://crab.yd.go.kr>

Courtesy of Yeongdeok Snow Crab Festival Promotion Committee

Korea.net Launches 12th Anniversary Events



Korean Tourism Organization

Korea.net, a website for promoting Korean culture, is celebrating its 12th anniversary by holding various online events from February 14 through March 14. The events involve navigating the newly designed Korea.net website, and promoting it via Social Networking Services (SNS). The event winners will receive fabulous prizes including a Samsung PC, camera and e-book reader.

[Events]

1. Find 12 Treasures of Korea!
 - Submit your contact information.
 - Find 12 hidden treasure icons, which represent Korea, on the Korea.net website.
 Those who find and click all of them will be entered to win a prize.
2. Pick the Best Korea Blog Post.
 - Select three of your favorite ‘The Korea Blog’ posts published in the past one year.
 - Explain your selection.
3. Promote the New Korea.net.

- Add Korea.net to Favorites on your browser. Capture the screen showing Korea.net on your Favorites list. Upload the captured image, and submit it with your contact information.

- Promote Korea.net via personal blog by clicking the green ‘Blog’ button, and publishing the html code. Or, promote via SNS by clicking one of the SNS icons. Then, enter the URL of your blog or SNS featuring your promotion, and submit it with your contact information.

For complete guidelines for participation in the online events, please visit Korea.net.

More Info

Korea.net Online Events

- Period: February 14 – March 14, 2012
- Winners Announcement: March 19, 2012 (The date is subject to change)
- Inquiries: info@korea.net
- Korea.net Homepage (English)

Courtesy of Korea.net

KTO Introduces 'Books on Korea'



Korean Tourism Organization

The Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) has launched a new section on its Visit Korea website that introduces

books on Korea.

The 'Books on Korea' section currently holds summaries and purchasing information for 78 books, which have been categorized into four differ-

ent groups of genres: Religion/History/ Foods/Language; Liberal Arts/Society/ Culture; Travel/Photo/Magazine; and Arts/Architecture/Literature.

Starting February 15, the books are

going on sale for a month at the Kyobo Bookstore (Gwanghwamun Branch). Anyone who makes a purchase of 20,000 won or more on these books will also receive a Korea Tour Guidebook or Map.

Moreover, Kyobo Bookstore is offering discounts on select books. Detailed information on the special discount event is now available on the official Kyobo Bookstore website.

More Info

- Books on Korea: Visit Korea (English-International) -> Main Menu -> Culture -> Books

"Books on Korea" Events

- Period: February 15 - March 15, 2012

- Sales venue: Kyobo Bookstore (Gwanghwamun Branch)

- Gifts: Korea Tour Guidebooks, Korea Tour Maps (Minimum 20,000 won purchase)

- Discount information: Kyobo Bookstore website (Korean)

Courtesy of Korea Tourism Organization

Radiohead and The Stone Roses to Perform at Jisan Valley Rock Festival

Korean Tourism Organization

The 2012 Jisan Valley Rock Festival will be headlined by the world-famous rock bands Radiohead and The Stone Roses.

Radiohead has released eight full-length albums since their first album, "Pablo Honey", debuted in 1992 and rose to worldwide fame for the hit song "Creep". The band's most recent album is "The King of Limbs" (2011). The Stone Roses is also a legendary band from the 1990s. The band broke up fifteen years ago, but recently reunited and is receiving support from fans across the world.

The rock festival is scheduled to take place from July 27th through July 29th at Jisan Forest Resort in Icheon-si City, Gyeonggi-do Province.

More Info

2012 Jisan Valley Rock Festival

- Period: July 27 - 29, 2012

- Venue: Jisan Forest Resort

- Jisan Valley Rock Festival Homepage: <http://valleyrockfestival.mnet.com>

Courtesy of CJ E&M

2012 JISAN VALLEY ROCK FESTIVAL
2012 지산 밸리 록 페스티벌

RADIOHEAD
THE STONE ROSES

And many more...

JULY 27(Fri)~29(Sun) Jisan Forest Resort

Preparation for EXPO 2012 Yeosu Korea in Full Swing!



Korean Tourism Organization



Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea
 - Period: May 12 – August 12, 2012
 - Venue: New Port Area, Yeosu-si, Jeollanam-do
 - Homepage: Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, French)

Courtesy of Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea Organizing Committee

Okjeongho Lake Wet Fog Path Gains Popularity



Korean Tourism Organization

The Mulangae-gil or the Wet Fog Path of Okjeongho Lake in Imsil-gun, Jeollabuk-do has emerged as a novel tourist attraction.

The 13-kilometer path, which curves around the upper Seomjingang River area between Unjong-ri and Maam-ri Towns, offers beautiful natural scenery. Now is the perfect time to visit the Mulangae-gil, as it is covered with snow that had fallen earlier this month. Moreover, the walk along the path takes approximately 4 hours.

Meanwhile, the nearby Imsil Cheese Village offers hands-on cheese making programs all year round (except Mondays and national holidays) to its visitors.



Seoul to Impose Fine on Smokers at Median Bus Stops

Korean Tourism Organization

Effective March 1, 2012, anyone caught smoking at median bus stops in Seoul will be fined 100,000 won.

As of December 2011, the city of Seoul has banned smoking at all bus stops located at median bus lanes. When the three-month grace period ends on March 1, 2012, a fine of 100,000 won will be imposed for any violation of the law.

Meanwhile, the smoke-free zones will expand to roadside bus stops by 2013.

Courtesy of Seoul Metropolitan Government

깨끗하고 아름다운 자연을 후손에게



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사람이 살아가는데 있어서 폐기물은 필연적으로 발생하게 되어 있습니다. 보다 더 편리한 생활을 영위하기 위해서는 많은 자원과 에너지가 필요하고 그에 따라 더 많은 폐기물이 발생합니다.

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영어공부방

-크림슨 스카이 편집실 제공-

Spring is already in the air.
벌써 봄기운이 완연하다

I have no appetite perhaps because
I have spring fever.
봄을 타는지 통 입맛이 없다

It's a lovely[nice], warm day.
날이 아주 맑고 포근하다

Spring weather is extremely changeable.
봄 날씨는 무척 변덕스럽다

The spring cold spell is particularly
severe.
꽃샘추위가 기승을 부린다

매섭던 추위도 누그러들고 어느새 봄이 다가왔습니다.
이번에는 봄에 관한 표현을 알아보겠습니다.

The daily temperature swings are pretty
wide, so be careful not to catch a cold.
일교차가 크니까 감기 걸리지 않도록
조심하세요

Yellow dust is getting worse year by year.
매년 황사가 심해지고 있다

In (the) spring, the air is so dry[the
humidity is so low] that you have to be
careful of fires.

봄에는 대기가 매우 건조하므로 화재가 나지
않도록 조심해야 한다

Barnyards are often muddy in the springtime.
헛간 앞마당은 봄이 되면 종종 질척거린다.



My mind wanders during the springtime.
봄에는 마음이 상송상송하다

(비유적)
드디어 내게도 봄날이 왔다
Better days have come my way, at last.

자초지종을 듣고 나서 그에 대한 오해가 봄눈
녹듯이 사라졌다
After hearing out the whole story, all the
resentments I had toward him vanished
instantly.