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New 7th AF commander assumes command



Lt. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas (right) accepts command of the 7th Air Force from Gen. Gary L. North during a change of command ceremony Jan. 6 at Osan Air Base, South Korea. Gen. Gary L. North is the Pacific Air Forces Commander . (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daylena Gonzalez)

By Airman 1st Class Michael Battles 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The leadership of 7th Air Force changed hands during a change-of-command ceremony here Jan. 6.

Lt. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas assumed command from Lt. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington as Army Gen. James D. Thurman, the U.S. Forces Korea commander, and Gen. Gary L. North, the Pacific Air Forces commander, presided over the ceremony.

As the 7th AF commander, Jouas assumes the roles of

deputy commander, United Nations Command Korea; deputy commander, U.S. Forces Korea; commander, Air Component Command, Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command; and commander, 7th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Jouas is also the U.S. representative to the joint committee for the Status of Forces agreement between United States and South Korea. Jouas previously served as the director of Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Upon assuming command, members of the 7th AF

rendered their first salute to the new commander.

“Fellow Airmen, I am honored to serve as your commander, and proud to be a member of this team of warriors,” Jouas said. “I have the utmost confidence that each and every one of you is prepared to execute our mission and ready, willing, and able to fight and win tonight.”

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How we communicate to our neighbors directly reflects relationship built



By 1st Lt. Sara Greco
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Good communication is the key to any relationship -- a normal piece of advice given to boyfriends, girlfriends, and married couples -- but how well does this advice work for a relationship between the Air Force and the public?

More specifically what can Osan Airmen do to maintain the healthy relationship we have with the Pyeongtaek and Songtan community?

In public affairs, communication is the most important part of what we do. It's

important we communicate to our leaders when we see problems, and get that information out to the base populace to make sure those problems don't fester and grow.

Good communication is the key to any healthy relationship, and it is the wing's public affairs' role, with you, the Airman, as our primary agent to communicate and interact with the public.

Basically, PA is the government's version of public relations. When military members are participating in media engagements such as the movie "Transformers" and television shows like "The Price is Right," PA personnel are there because these types of events show purpose to what the Air Force does on a larger scale.

It is positive public engagements that foster public support and trust, which in turn builds and maintains a stable relationship between the public and the Air Force.

In an international community, like at Osan, community relations is a key tool to building this positive relationship. We are continually working together with the local community to solve problems and create events that military and Koreans can enjoy.

These events can range from a squad-

ron dinner hosted by a generous Good Neighbor, a Korean DV who sponsors a squadron or group, to Osan Air Base's annual two-day air show, Air Power Day. Events such as this foster a great partnership between the base and the local community.

Earlier, I mentioned that the public affairs office works to build the relations, but with Airmen as our voice. Airmen, like you, are the primary agent because you interact with the local community on a daily basis. The Air Force has stated that every Airman is a sensor and a communicator.

At all Air Force bases, every Airman is a public affairs representative. Overseas, every Airman is an ambassador of the United States. When you go downtown to hang out with friends, you are interacting with the local community and maintaining the Air Force's reputation with the community. Get a bit further from Osan, and you might be the only American a Korean citizen will ever meet; therefore, you might be the only impression they ever get of an American.

Without you, the Airman and ambassador of the Air Force, the relationship between the Air Force and the public would not exist. What can you do today to help maintain that relationship?

OPERATION BOLO: The Wolf Pack gets its name



Col. Robin Olds, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, greets his Airmen after successfully completing Operation Bolo Jan. 2, 1967. During Operation Bolo, Colonel Olds dubbed the wing the Wolf Pack because of its aggressive tactics and high degree of teamwork. (U.S. Air Force photo)

By Howard E. Halvorsen
7th Air Force Historian

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Operation Bolo was born within the context of Operation Rolling Thunder, which went on from March 2, 1965 to Nov. 1, 1968.

Operation Rolling Thunder was the most intense air and ground battle waged during the Cold War period and was fought during the Vietnam War. During the last months of 1966 the MiG-21s of the Vietnam People's air force became very active and were successfully intercepting the F-105 Thunderchiefs', or "Thuds", formations of the U.S. Air Force which were flying missions for Rolling Thunder. The number of F-105 supersonic fighter-bomber planes lost to the MiGs worried the U.S., so the Air Force decided to make an important effort to neutralize the MiG threat: the effort

known as Operation Bolo.

The idea and planning of this operation was the masterpiece of a living legend among the U.S. F-4 Phantom pilots in Southeast Asia: Col. Robin Olds.

He was a P-38 Lightning and P-51 Mustang Ace during World War II, credited with 12 kills against the German Luftwaffe in 1944 and 1945, and now - at 44 years old - he was the commanding officer of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing.

He was an old-fashioned fighter pilot: impulsive, rough, hard-drinking, but a natural leader and an intuitive tactician. It was said the sign over his door read, "Peace Is Not Our Profession", in mocking reference to Strategic Air Command's motto. His vice commander was Col. Daniel James, who went on to become not only the Air Force's first African American four-star general, but in any American military service. In those less-inhibited times, the men of the 8th TFW openly referred to this great duo as "Blackman and Robin."

Olds realized the F-105 and F-4 formations used the same approaches time after time, and that the signals intelligence analysts in Hanoi had become experts in identifying the more vulnerable F-105s from the F-4s by their radio frequencies and call signs. Olds decided to fly a large F-4 formation using the same routes, altitude, and call signs as the F-105s. By doing this, he hoped the MiG-21s would be guided toward them expecting to find slower Thunderchiefs, and when they realized the truth it would be too late. To further convince the enemy, the wing modified its

aircraft to carry electronic countermeasures pods previously used only on the F-105s.

The operational plan was presented to Gen. William Momyer, 7th Air Force commander, on Dec. 22, 1966. Momyer approved the plan, which was assigned the code name "Bolo" after the cane-cutting machete that doubled as a Filipino martial arts weapon. Sharp and deadly, the Filipino bolo does not appear to be a weapon until the opponent is drawn in too close to evade. This was the intent of the plan - to draw the MiGs into the Phantoms' kill zone and strike while the VPAF were still expecting to find the less-dangerous F-105s.

The D-Day of Bolo was Jan. 2, 1967. Olds presented the plan to his pilots as being one where they would be wolves in sheep's clothing. His last words to them were, "alright you Wolf Pack, let's go get 'em."

The attack was an unprecedented success and was the most successful aerial battle of the war. Flying with call signs derived from American cars of the period; Ford, Rambler, and (inevitably for the CO's flight) Olds, the 8th TFW caught them completely by surprise. Assistance was given by the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, who was covering possible MiG withdrawal routes.

Between seven and nine enemy MiG-21s were shot down that day, depending on who did the counting. The VPAF was grounded for several months for fear of losing all their planes while teaching their pilots updated tactics. Bob Hope, while on tour, referred to the 8th TFW as the "greatest distributor of MiG parts in the world."

The 8th TFW has been known as the Wolf Pack ever since.

Spouse orientation flight at Kunsan

By Senior Airman Jessica Hines
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



Lorelei Hinsvark, wife of Lt. Col. Brian Hinsvark, 8th Mission Support Group deputy commander, and See Vang Lopez, wife of Maj. Andres Lopez, 8th Security Forces Squadron deputy commander, wait for takeoff as pilots of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, perform final checks Dec. 28, 2011 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. As part of a joint effort between the 80th Fighter Squadron and the 909th ARS, military spouses visiting the area were given the opportunity to fly on the air refueling aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Hines)

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- A group of spouses visiting their military husbands and wives stationed in the Republic of Korea were treated to a special flight, Dec. 28 here, as part of a refueling mission between the 80th Fighter Squadron and the 909th Air Refueling Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

The group boarded a KC-135 Stratotanker and departed on a two hour refueling mission off the coast of Korea where they were able to see firsthand how aircraft are refueled during flight. Watching from beside the boom operator, a few spouses were able to see their husbands from the cockpit of their F-16 Fighting Falcons as they maneuvered below the KC-135.

Many military members have unaccompanied tours while serving in the ROK and don't get to share their work with the families. Because of the orientation flight, husbands and wives were able to better understand the Air Force mission and the work their spouses do every day.

The flight also served as training for pilots and crew members from both units, who require regular training to keep sharp on such maneuvers.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 80th Fighter Squadron coasts beside a KC-135 Stratotanker of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, as part of a refueling training mission off the coast of the Republic of Korea, Dec. 28, 2011. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Hines)



A KC-135 Stratotanker of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, refuels an F-16 Fighting Falcon during a training mission off the coast of the Republic of Korea, Dec. 28, 2011. As part of a joint effort between the 80th Fighter Squadron and the 909th ARS, military spouses visiting the area were given the opportunity to fly on the KC-135 during the aerial refueling. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

Osan Air Base UCMJ Disciplinary Actions - December

Operation Nicotine Fix

Let's face it, if you're a drinker, you've experienced the phenomenon of "drunken cravings." Some crave a more specific taste ... like a burger with a side of cigs. Unfortunately for today's feature 15, a technical sergeant, this odd combination craving came at an inopportune time. After a night on the town, he and his buddies headed to their "place of dwelling" for the night - just in time for curfew to kick in. As they began indulging in their greasy treats, one of our feature 15's

subordinates realized he had forgotten the essential part of his meal, cigarettes. Our feature 15 carefully drew his subordinate a tactical map that would steer the Airman past town patrol and safely to the 7-11. Mission was a go. Imagine the senior airman's surprise when he was intercepted by town patrol! Now, it's important to remember the cover up is almost always worse than the crime. Once the senior airman was caught, the unit instituted a recall, but the other cigarette commandos

didn't respond, fearing their leadership would discover their involvement in the curfew violation. Our feature 15 sprang into action and immediately began plotting his next scheme to conceal his involvement as NCOIC of Operation Nicotine Fix. Of course, his cover was blown and the mission failure landed him a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, 1/2 forfeiture of pay for two months, 20 days extra duty, 20 days restriction and a reprimand.

Airmen recognized for gallant efforts during bus crash

By Tech. Sgt. Chad Thompson
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Five Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron were recognized for their gallant efforts in response to a vehicle accident that occurred on base Nov. 22, 2011.

Col. Patrick McKenzie, 51st Fighter Wing commander, presented certificates to three of the five Airmen in a commander's call held Jan. 3, 2012.

"It's nice to recognize someone for doing an amazing job," McKenzie said. "These Airmen went above and beyond the call of duty and performed extremely well."

Tech. Sgt. Justin Pederson, Senior Airman Robert Farmer, Senior Airman Richard Turner, Airman 1st Class Mark Penn and Airman 1st Class Tylor King are the Airmen who were recognized.

Farmer, Turner and Penn were traveling Perimeter Road at about 10 a.m. the day of the accident when they noticed the bus.

Using skills honed during an

Operational Readiness Exercise the week prior, the Airmen immediately assessed the scene and radioed for help. They provided self-aid-and-buddy care to the passenger in the vehicle. The other was trapped under the steering column.

They tried helping the trapped individual but knew they would have to wait for the fire department to arrive. Pederson and King were two of the firefighters who were called to the scene.

"We just got back from an in-flight emergency when we got the call for this crash," King said. "There is a moment of excitement when we respond to something and not knowing what to expect."

He said when they arrived on the scene and saw the damaged bus they realized they would need to cut the bus driver out using the Jaws of Life.

There was no door on the driver's side, so they made one, King said.

From there they continued to cut around the dashboard until they could get the driver out.

Not only was this a rare incident



Col. Patrick McKenzie, the 51st Fighter Wing commander, addresses Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron during a commander's call Jan. 3, 2012, at Osan Air Base, South Korea. He took time to recognize five Airmen who went above and beyond during a response to an on-base bus crash. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chad Thompson)

to have on base but this was his first extraction he has performed, King said.

The Airmen were also recognized and

coined by the director of the 51st FW Safety office, Lt. Col. Jason Cockrum, for their quick action.

Timely in-process a matter of importance

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Ladson
51st Fighter Wing AFSSO21 office

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The days of two and three weeks in-processing at Osan Air Base will soon be a thing of the past and for good reason.

With the direction of Col. Mark DeLong, 51st Fighter Wing vice commander, AFSSO21 conducted a Rapid Improvement Event on the base in-processing procedures last week.

The ultimate goal of the RIE was to find waste in the in-processing procedures for active duty members and civilians. In addition, the RIE allowed each subject matter expert to look at each step taken and eliminate anything that wasted time or tax-payers dollars.

According to DeLong, the motto here is "Ready to Fight Tonight."

"In order to accomplish our mission of defend, execute and receive, we must have mission ready Airmen and we must have them tonight...not in two weeks,"

DeLong said. "We have a critical need to evaluate the in-processing procedures to give our commanders their Airmen as soon as possible after arrival."

DeLong went on to say, "One of the main goals in any evaluation of a process is to eliminate waste. This Rapid Improvement Event will do just that."

The overall goal of this evaluation will be to take a process that used to take two weeks and reduce it to 48 hours, he said.

For three days, 20 members assigned to Osan put their thinking caps on and at the end of the rapid improvement week an implementation plan was briefed to wing leadership as a guide to follow.

The approved plan will be monitored by the assigned process manager to ensure the direction and plan is fully followed.

The team had good ideas, and everyone realized the RIE would have a positive impact within their organizations.

"From a unit member's point of view the less time spent in-processing helps them feel comfortable with their environment,



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said Chief Master Sgt. Tamara Olson, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron chief enlisted manager. "I recently arrived at Osan and would have welcomed a shorter timeline for in-processing".

Overall everyone needs to understand

why they should care about the base in-processing procedures and why it's important to be ready to fight tonight.

Once the in-process system is in place, the timeframe of getting Airmen to their units should have an effect base-wide.

US Forces Korea commander extends curfew

U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs

SEOUL, Republic of Korea -- Gen. James D. Thurman, U.S. Forces Korea commander, is extending the curfew for military personnel on the peninsula until further notice.

The purpose of the curfew is to ensure continued mission readiness and to assess the current operational environment. The new off-installation curfew begins Jan. 7 at 1 a.m.

The hours of the curfew are from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. seven days a week, a modification of the previous policy.

"We must remain focused on our primary mission here, which is to deter against external aggression and

if required, defend the Republic of Korea side-by-side with our ROK counterparts," he said. "I anticipate and expect that our service members will continue to maintain the highest standards of individual readiness and professionalism while they serve in the Republic of Korea."

The curfew applies to all U.S. service members in Korea, whether permanently assigned or here temporarily. The policy does not apply to military personnel attached to the U.S. Embassy or Joint U.S. Military Affairs Group - Korea. Military family members, DoD civilians, and DoD-invited contractors/technical representatives, and their respective family members and visiting guests are encouraged to abide

by this policy.

U.S. law enforcement personnel throughout Korea will continue to work closely with their Korean National Police counterparts for assistance with curfew monitoring and enforcement.

Thurman made the decision to extend the curfew after consulting with service component commanders. He will continue to assess the USFK operational and mission readiness of the command.

Additionally, the command's curfew policy provides commanders the flexibility to implement a more restrictive curfew policy or supplement it with other measures due to current conditions, force protection concerns, or other mission requirements.

Quality assurance Airmen ensure aircraft maintenance success



The quality assurance flight, or QA, contributes to the Wolf Pack's mission at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, by evaluating the quality and accuracy of all maintenance performed by flightline and back shop personnel, and by ensuring the facilities are in inspection order at all times. (U.S. Air Force graphic by Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton)

By Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- From training Kunsan's maintainers to evaluating weapon's standards, the 8th Maintenance Group's behind-the-scenes Airmen are entrusted with many mission-essential tasks, but one flight, ensures the quality of workmanship here.

"Our office has the responsibility to ensure maintenance standards are being met," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Crossley, 8th Maintenance Operations Squadron aerospace ground equipment quality assurance inspector. "It may seem oversimplified, but I view my job as making sure the NCOs are doing their job."

The quality assurance flight, or QA, contributes to the Wolf Pack's mission by evaluating the quality and

accuracy of all maintenance performed by flightline and back shop personnel, and by ensuring the facilities are in inspection order at all times.

"We are the eyes and ears of the maintenance group commander," said Tech. Sgt. Barry Armstrong, 8th MXG weapons QA inspector. "Each of us is a sensor and an extension of his will and policy. We are charged with providing him with an accurate sight picture of how strictly his maintainers are following their technical manuals."

Armstrong went on to explain how QA effectively facilitates the safe and successful completion of the Wolf Pack's mission.

"Without properly maintained aircraft, we cannot defend the base," he said. "If our maintenance facilities are improperly outfitted or distributed, we cannot accept follow-on forces. And if the personnel aren't doing their jobs exactly as written, we cannot take the fight north."

During either an inspection or an evaluation, QA doesn't simply write the offender up, but instead they provide feedback.

"If I find an individual responsible for a documentation error I try to find that person, show them what they did wrong and provide training to mitigate it from happening again," Crossley said.

"The evaluations we perform are looked at by all levels of supervision within the maintenance group," added Armstrong. "Immediately after an inspection is performed, an on-shift supervisor is briefed of the pass, fail and discrepancy criteria. After it goes through our database, it is reviewed by the shift lead and the chief inspector, and gets sent out at the aircraft maintenance unit level the following day."

Armstrong said this gives the AMU a chance to review and moderate the evaluation before it gets briefed to the squadron and group leadership at the end of the month.

"Having everyone from the lowest Airman to the group commander involved in the inspection raises awareness

and is vital to correcting negative maintenance trends and assisting in the root cause analysis and operational risk management processes," he said.

But according to Armstrong, there is the potential for issues in any unit. He said working in QA at Kunsan has been the best opportunity the Air Force has extended him in his more than 14 years of service.

"Only when the process actually breaks does anyone care to fix it or improve it," he said. "As a member of the quality assurance team, we identify these types of issues on a daily basis. Whether it's a technical manual that is unclear and needs revision, an Air Force Instruction missing a vital procedure because the new changes were not edited properly, or simply a new piece of equipment we haven't seen before, we are involved every step of the way."

However, Armstrong said Kunsan QA is unique and consists of only the finest maintenance professionals.

"This is not a place for the faint of heart or the weak of mind," he said. "The high operations tempo and personnel turnover rates at Kunsan demand that anyone coming into this job be the best and brightest their career field has to offer."

As evident by an "Excellent" rating in last year's operational readiness inspection and a continued strive for excellence in all Kunsan maintainers do, those involved in the training, evaluations and inspections of the 8th MXG facilitate a culture of compliance.

"A keen intellect and the ability to remain flexible through all of the additional taskers, extracurricular activities and interactions with all levels of wing leadership are all necessary to the performance of our mission," Armstrong said. "We make sure the 8th MXG are the best and proudest professionals in the Wolf Pack."

[Editor's note: This is part three of a three part series highlighting 8th MXG flights charged with ensuring Kunsan maintenance Airmen are completing the mission in compliance with set Air Force standards.]

DOD releases sexual assault report, announces new policies

By Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Defense Department officials released the "Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies" on Dec. 27, covering the academic year from June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2011.

The report shows an increase in reports of sexual assault, with 65 reports of sexual assault involving cadets and midshipmen, compared to 41 reports in the previous academic year.

"One sexual assault is one too many," Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said in a DOD news release.

"Whether it's in our academies or our ranks, at sea or ashore, there's no place for this unacceptable behavior," Panetta continued. "We treat each other with dignity in this institution. I expect everyone in this department to live up to that high standard."

In the release, Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog, the director of the department's sexual assault prevention and response office, stressed the importance of accountability and victim support.

"We know that the military academies are similar to college campuses around the country in that sexual harassment and assault are challenges that all faculty, staff and students need to work to prevent," Hertog said. "However, when it does occur, we owe it to those who have been victimized, and to every cadet and midshipman, to do everything possible to provide needed support and to hold those who commit sexual assault appropriately accountable."

During the comprehensive review outlined in the report, defense officials visited the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. They reviewed each institution's policies, training

and procedures, and held focus groups with cadets and midshipmen.

Officials found that most academy programs fulfilled or surpassed the requirements of existing DOD policies and directives.

"We also identified areas for improvement to enhance programs and ensure compliance with the department's policies," Hertog said. "In our oversight role, my office will follow up with the academies every six months to ensure the necessary improvements are implemented in a timely manner."

One required improvement is that academies evaluate and measure their sexual harassment and assault prevention programs.

Defense officials also announced two new policies relating to sexual assault Dec. 27.

One allows a service member who makes an unrestricted report of a sexual assault to request an expedited transfer to a new

duty station. A restricted report, which is confidential, allows a victim to seek medical aid and counseling but is not communicated to the chain of command.

The second new policy standardizes retention periods for sexual assault records across the military services to ensure victims have extended access to those documents.

"This is a leadership issue, first and foremost, so I also expect us to lead with integrity and with energy to eliminate sexual assault and harassment from our culture," Panetta said. "I'm confident the steps we are taking are the right ones, but we must continue to improve."

The annual report is required by the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, which directed the DOD to annually evaluate sexual harassment and sexual violence policies, training and procedures at the military service academies. The academies participated in the assessment.

Dietary supplements removed from Exchanges due to health concerns

U.S. Army Medical Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Department of Defense has implemented a temporary moratorium on the sales of products containing DMAA within military facilities.

The moratorium will remain in effect pending further review of relevant scientific evidence and reported events, officials said.

Recent reports show that two Soldier deaths and additional adverse health effects in other service members may be related to the use of dietary supplements containing DMAA, which is also known as dimethylamylamine.

"We support the decision of the Military Exchanges and

Commissaries to remove products containing DMAA from their shelves until we can make a further determination about the safety of this ingredient," said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, the deputy director of Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs with the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness.

DMAA is sold as a single supplement and in combination with multiple other ingredients. In particular, it is often combined with caffeine, a legal, natural stimulant. Stimulants may accelerate metabolism, heart rate and blood pressure, which may increase the body's production of heat, especially in hot and humid conditions.

"We are concerned about reports of heat illness, kidney

(and) liver damage, and sudden death in service members who reportedly used products containing DMAA," Kilpatrick said.

The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Jonathan Woodson asked the surgeons general of the military services to conduct a review of available scientific evidence and adverse event reports to better understand any potential relationship between DMAA and these events. Recommendations from this review will guide further decisions, officials said.

"We take the health of our service members and families very seriously, and believe this action is necessary as a precautionary measure until we can learn more," said Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, the Army surgeon general.

Kunsan CSA chosen to join AF Thunderbirds

By Senior Airman Jessica Hines

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Travis Kennison, 8th Communications Squadron client systems assistant NCO in charge, was recently named one of the newest members on the Air Force's premier aerobatic demonstration team, the Thunderbirds.

Chosen for his expertise and knowledge on computer systems and virtual private networking, Kennison will serve in one of only a few select positions assisting Thunderbird crew team members and commanders with all their client systems administrator needs.

Made up of 12 pilots and more than 120 enlisted members, the premier demonstration squadron requires the commitment and expertise of a broad range of career specialties. Setting up VPNs allow commanders and staff the ability to access e-mails and important documents while on the road, and with the Thunderbirds extensive travel commitments, proper and secure networking capabilities are a must.

During the lengthy application process, Kennison submitted a formal application package and took part in a phone interview to determine his qualifications.

"They're high profile, you have to have your stuff straight," said Kennison. "It's going to be a challenge, but I'm looking forward to it."

Kennison, a former broadcast maintenance technician, has nearly finished his one year tour at Kunsan Air Base and feels confident in all he has learned since joining the career field.

"He was my first choice to be the assistant NCO in charge of the CST shop," said Tech. Sgt. Heather McConaghy, 8th CS CST NCO in charge, making note of his ability to handle many tasks and under strict deadlines with persistence, integrity



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and a strong work ethic.

"We are all very excited for him and know he will do an awesome job!" she added.

Kennison leaves for Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., in February, home of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, where he will be joined by his wife and children for a three year commitment to the team.

"I still have a lot of unanswered questions myself," said Kennison, referring

to all the details of the position he will be holding and all of his responsibilities as a CSA with the Thunderbirds. "I'm just going into it with an open mind."

Kennison had the full support of his office and leadership when he applied for the job, which was apparent in his commander's recommendation to the Thunderbirds.

"Travis's accomplishments speak for themselves ... bottom line: He is a proven

and recognized manager and top NCO leader in multiple fields," said Maj. Brian Snyder, 8th CS commander.

Unabashedly, Kennison admitted to doing a cartwheel when he saw the news of his acceptance through an email.

"I just stood straight up and did a cartwheel in the middle of the room," said Kennison. "My supervisor didn't even have to ask why; she just said, 'you must have been accepted to the Thunderbirds.'"

Osan systems migrating to Air Force Network

By Airman 1st Class Michael Battles
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Beginning Jan. 16, 2012, Osan Air Base becomes the third Pacific Air Force base to transition e-mail and network services to a central Air Force Network.

The migration is part of a service-wide effort to convert cyber operations and consolidate network applications for Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard bases.

"The U. S. Air Force has initiated the consolidation of base-level network infrastructure to improve security, reduce cost, and enable new capabilities like persistent e-mail and centralized management," said Lt. Col. George Kinney, 51st Communications Squadron commander.

During a 6-week period, technicians will migrate Osan's workstations, network users, and e-mail accounts into AFNet.

For the majority of Osan AB computer users, most of the changes will be transparent and shouldn't cause any interruption to network access or normal day-to-day operations. For the Air Force, the migration represents a major change to how computer networks are managed.

Until now, major commands and other Air Force organizations operated their own independent networks, driving unique and unit-specific requirements.

Over the years, this approach led to standardization and security problems, high operation and maintenance costs, and a lack of enterprise-wide situational awareness.

The AFNet migration project addresses these issues, and places Air Force cyber operations under the operational control of a single commander.

The migration also adds a significant improvement in the Air Force's ability to fight daily virus activity and malicious intrusion attempts.

Additionally, the AFNet migration centralizes services like e-mail and data storage, significantly improving network security and standardization.

"The most visible change Osan users will see is the format of the e-mail address," said Alston Quimby, 51st CS Plans and Implementation Lead Program Manager. "Original users' e-mails followed the first.last@osan.af.mil, which will be replaced with a first.last@us.af.mil format."

The new e-mail address is permanent for the duration of a user's career regardless of permanent changes of station, deployments and temporary duty

assignments as long as members are affiliated with the Air Force.

"Airmen will have 24-7 access to e-mail and applications during TDY, deployment or PCS," Kinney said.

Sites such as Air Force Portal, Air Force Personnel Center and Defense Finance and Accounting Service will also remain easily accessible regardless of duty location.

As Osan approaches its projected start date, a team of AFNET Integration Center, 690th Network Support Group and 51st Communication Squadron technicians are preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration for almost 9,000 users.

"For most customers, the transition will be seamless," said Kinney. "However, if a customer experiences any issues during the actual migration, there will be a team of technicians standing by to restore service as soon as possible."

To ensure a smooth transition to the AFNet, look for future Osan AB eAdvisories for additional migration related information.

For more information, contact 51st CS Focal Point at 784-2666 or e-mail: OsanCommFocalPoint@osan.af.mil.



Senior Airman Kenny Warren, 8th Maintenance Squadron precision and measurement equipment laboratory journeyman, shows Airman 1st Class Kayleigh McGill, 8th MXS PMEL apprentice, the proper way to use a piece of equipment during her upgrade training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 5, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

PMEL Airmen train to be the best

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 8th Maintenance Squadron's precision and measurement equipment laboratory completed upgrade training here Jan. 5.

From fighter jets to rockets, PMEL specialists

are responsible for calibrating equipment used in virtually every phase of maintenance for nearly every piece of equipment the Air Force operates. They also ensure precise accuracy and tolerance of intricate electronic and physical dimensional test equipment used throughout the Air Force and Department of Defense.



Airman 1st Class Kayleigh McGill, 8th Maintenance Squadron precision and measurement equipment laboratory apprentice, reviews her career development course study materials during her upgrade training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 5, 2012. Precision and measurement equipment laboratory specialists are responsible for calibrating equipment used in virtually every phase of maintenance for nearly every piece of equipment the Air Force operates.



Aviation resource managers from the 80th Fighter Squadron pose for a photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, recently. Not pictured is one member from the 80th FS and the aviation resource managers from the 35th Fighter Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo illustration/Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton)

By Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The aviation resource managers of Kunsan seem to do many things, but most importantly, they make sure the pilots of the 8th Fighter Wing can fly and complete their mission.

The host aviation resource management and wing scheduling offices do many things, but when it comes right down to it, some would say they're too far from the squadrons.

Lucky for the team, that's alright; as the Air Force has ensured each squadron under the wing have their own

SARM: Where the rubber meets the road

"one charlies" to assist as the pack takes the fight north.

"We have a very crucial component of the Air Operations supporting the Wolf Pack mission," said Master Sgt. Kalana Murdock, 35th Fighter Squadron superintendent. "We ensure pilots are fully qualified to fly."

Sound familiar? Well it is in a sense, but what the squadron aviation resource managers do is much more personable. Staff Sgt. Darius Williams, 80th Fighter Squadron aviation resource management NCO in charge, said he gets to interact with the pilots and maintainers more.

"We're actually in there with the pilots," the sergeant said. "We have to learn more about the aircraft and the lingo involved."

"This is where everything happens," added Senior Airman Mauricio Murcia, 80th FS ARM journeyman. "HARM is like the hub and we're where the day-to-day operations take place."

Tying it all together, SARM not only interacts directly with core HARM responsibilities, but also with those of wing scheduling as well.

"The SARM office is also utilized in the process of tracking flying hours that are used to determine (for the fiscal year) what the squadron will ultimately receive in funding by the Air Force to conduct flying operations," said Senior Airman Sterling Williams, 35th FS ARM journeyman. "The SARM offices are also the main focal point for dispersing information to third parties such as maintenance, wing scheduling, base operations, and other parties involved in getting pilots to their jet to complete the mission and return back safely in order to complete future missions."

Completing future missions and saving the Air Force valuable resources is very important, especially this day in age. And according to the 35th's Williams, SARM is at

the front, leading the pack.

"Working in the SARM gives 1Cs a great opportunity to be at the 'tip of the spear' in flying operations," he said. "Our career consists of understanding what the pilots need in order to fly. For example, we track life support equipment training and intelligence briefings for 'Go or No-Go' to fly requirements."

"As a 1C you are actually part of the fight directly," Murdock added. "We support the war fighters in either checking flying currencies to working as the focal point of squadron operations [operations desk]."

As put by many of those working in SARM, they are the "eyes and ears for flying and training operations".

"We ensure there are checks and balances in reference to aircrew training requirements are in line with Air Force Instructions," said Master Sgt. Kevin McFadden, 80th FS operations superintendent. "Our job is to inform the director of operations of the status of our pilots."

The SARM office is used for tracking information and resources such as ground training, flying training, types of sorties and missions that have been completed, etc. Having the SARM office also helps document what the squadron has done so far (missions, etc.), and is essential for the training and evaluations offices. For example, both sections use our data to determine if the squadron is on the right path to being combat ready.

"Working in SARM really has given me a full-circle look at the mission," said the 80th's Williams.

"What we do directly influences the mission readiness of our pilots, and ultimately the safety of our country," Murcia added. "We ensure our pilots are fully capable and trained to provide for and defend our country."

[Editors note: This article is part three of a three-part series highlighting the three aviation resource management sections at Kunsan.]

Kunsan reflects on past, ready for future – A look at 2011

By Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The year 2011 brought about much change and progress for the Wolf Pack.

Most notably, in May and throughout the spring, a new wing leadership team took the helm after the previous command lead the wing to an "Excellent" overall rating during the year's operational readiness inspection.

This set the Wolf Pack up for success after several more quarterly and peninsula-wide operational readiness exercises in preparation for the 2012 dual-ORI and unit compliance inspection that will be known as a combined unit inspection.

Other notable achievements include updating and upgrading the bowling alley, constructing a new running track, completing new maintenance facilities, being host to numerous distinguished visitors and music artists, the demolition of more than two condemned dormitories, beating out rival Osan Air Base at the annual sports day and accomplishing many wing warrior runs in the hunt for physical fitness.

Keeping in step with long-standing Wolf Pack traditions, Kunsan also performed above the mark by hosting several joint and bilateral training exercises, pausing and reflecting on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, supporting both operations



Volunteers unload comfort kits to be used in case the base houses authorized voluntary departing family members from Japan at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2011. The American Red Cross delivered 1,500 comfort kits to Kunsan which included items such as shampoo, toothpaste, wash cloths and other various items. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Pomeroy/Released)

Tomodachi in Japan and Pacific Angel in Cambodia, cycling more than 100 miles for cancer awareness, completing two Marine combat fitness tests, successfully hosting more than 100,000 Korean nationals for the biennial air show and spreading Christmas cheer to orphans and the elderly of Gunsan City.

In May, at his assumption of command,

Col. Scott Pleus, 8th Fighter Wing commander, had this to say as he began his tenure as Kunsan's "Wolf":

"What we do at Kunsan is very important," Pleus said. "I wholeheartedly believe Kunsan is the best assignment you can get in our Air Force and I can't wait to get started!"

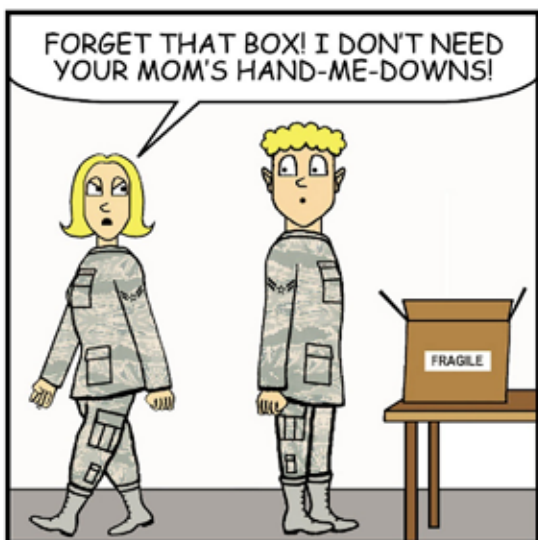
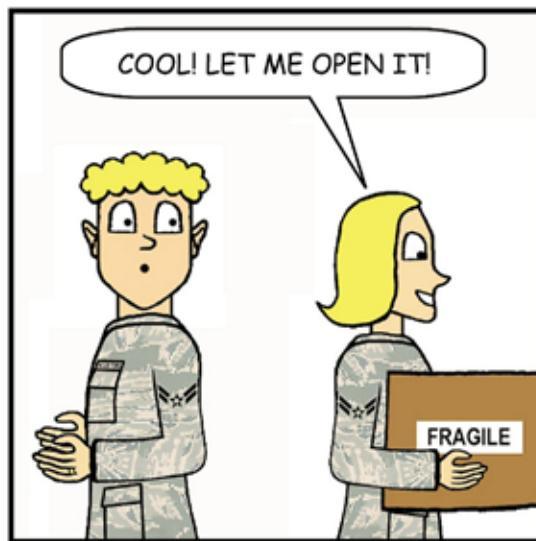
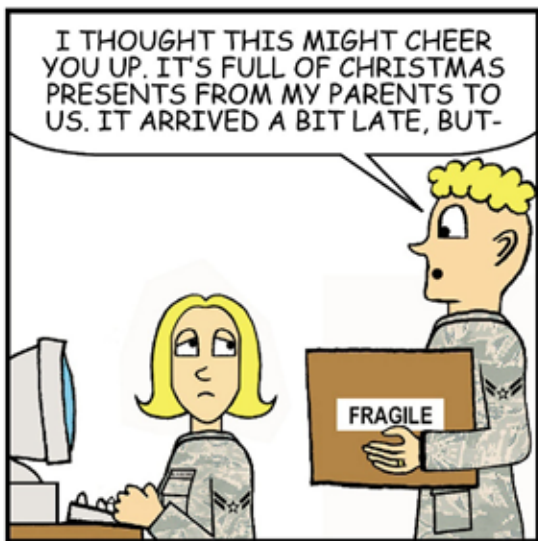
The then new commander explained

how the Wolf Pack was to accomplish all the milestones it had in its path and how these accomplishments would prepare Kunsan for whatever 2012 and beyond has in store.

"We'll do this by focusing on professionalism, caring for our great Airmen, being the best stewards of our resources and planning for the future."

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Snow day at Kunsan

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Kunsan Airmen enjoyed their first snow day of the new year here Jan. 4 as they headed to work in temperatures ranging in the low to high 20s.

The average amount of snowfall for Kunsan is

more than 31 inches a year, with a record of 73.3 inches in past years. The snow season usually ends in March, but flurries can be seen all the way to April. Airmen are reminded to use caution when driving; operators must be aware of current road and weather conditions.

For current road conditions, call 315-782-7623.



Senior Airman Jacob Chance, 8th Security Forces Squadron operations center controller, builds a snowman in front of his dormitory at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 4, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)



Staff Sgt. Mark Bush, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, takes a break from validation training with Lian, 8th SFS military working dog, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 4, 2012. The Wolf Pack enjoyed their first snow day of the year.



Left: Lian, 8th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, takes a break from validation training with his handler at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 4, 2012. The Wolf Pack enjoyed their first snow day of the new year.



Right: Staff Sgt. Rasheen Douglas, 8th Fighter Wing public affairs photography NCO in charge, shovels snow at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 4, 2012.

Winter safety – Avoiding common mishaps this season

By Tech. Sgt. Chad Thompson
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- When it comes to winter one can't help but think of all the hazards - frigid weather, ice, snow and dangerous, slippery conditions - it's no wonder people tread softly this time of year.

Osan is no stranger to these winter hazards, and it takes time and care to negotiate any harsh condition, that's where the 51st Fighter Wing Safety office comes in.

Staff Sgt. Brian Miles, a ground safety officer here, said one of the best ways to get through a Korean winter is to slow down and be mindful of one's surroundings.

"It's slips, trips and falls when it comes to ... ice and snow," he said. "Be very mindful of where you're walking."

He said curbs are the enemy this time of year because snow can pile up quickly from freshly plowed roads. That snow can sit and become a dangerous mound of ice that anyone could slip on when stepping off the curb.

Each building custodian is responsible for the area 50 feet around the building, and they are there to make sure the sidewalks and walkways are free of snow and ice.

"If you're taking care of the icicles and the sidewalks it will greatly reduce all types of incidents that concerns snow," Miles said.

There are a lot of ways to get injured this time of year but that doesn't mean you can't have fun. He said using good situational awareness can make a huge difference in avoiding mishaps.

Dressing in layers and being ready for the cold is an important part of avoiding hypothermia if someone is going to be outside for extended periods, especially

children.

"If your kids are going to be (outside), make sure they're bundled up," Miles said.

Using the appropriate equipment for outdoor winter activities is also important, he said. People shouldn't construct a make-shift sled or snowboard out of other household materials because that's what sleds and snowboards are for.

"Don't try to use an old trash can lid for sledding, get a sled," he said. "If you're going to do some snowboarding, get a snowboard."

Miles said has witnessed first hand the painful results of people trying to get creative with equipment, such as using plates on their feet instead of snowboards

"I've seen all kinds of things in safety so just make sure that whatever you're doing, you're doing it the right way, safely," he said.

Tech. Sgt. Armando Soler II



51st Maintenance Operations Squadron - Quality Assurance

Job title: Quality Assurance Inspector
Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Perform quality verification inspections and personal evaluations on over 1,200 assigned maintenance tech-

nicians. Support assigned F-16 and A-10 aircraft valued at over 1.4 billion dollars in the execution of the 51st Fighter Wing's flying hour program. Develops and implement Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program to ensure quality and safety of maintenance performed. Initiates action reports when additional attention is required to resolve adverse maintenance training and/or trends.

Time in the military: 14 years and 4 months

Time at Osan: 19 months

DEROS: May 2012

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Hobbies: Softball, Darts, and watching movies.

Why did you join the military? I have always wanted to work on aircraft since I was a little kid. The Air force gave me the

opportunity to do just that.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? In 10 years I see myself as a senior master sergeant working my way towards chief master sergeant. In 20 years I see myself owning my own bar on the beach in Florida and relaxing.

What do you do for fun here? I like to take in the culture. I travel by train to different cities and just walk around observing the culture and heritage of this country.

What is the best part of being at Osan? Being in a foreign country. Not everyone can do and see the wonderful and historic things that we do. When my children get older and start learning about the different wars, especially the Korean War, I can show them pictures of the DMZ and the country.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? I was deployed and was able to launch an aircraft that carried Saddam Hussein to his first trial date. I literally stood 20 feet from him. It is something that I was proud to be a part of and will never forget.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? The things I am most proud of are my two children. No matter how many times I deploy or do a short tour they are very understanding of what it is I do and support me 100 percent. Without their support and love it would be hard.

Who are your role models? My role model is my father. He is the strongest, caring, and supportive person I know. I strive everyday to ensure that he will be proud of whatever I do.

51st Force Support Squadron

Job title: 51st Fighter Wing Honor Guard NCOIC

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Our primary mission and sole purpose is to render honors at military and civil ceremonies such as retirements, change of commands, and all official military functions. Also training sharp Airmen to become Ceremonial Guardsmen.

Impact- PROMOTES the Mission, PROTECT the Standards, PERFECT the Image, and PRESERVE the Heritage!

Time in the military: 6 years

Time at Osan: 7 Months

DEROS: May 2012

Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland

Hobbies: Boxing and playing the drums

Why did you join the military? To travel and for school.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? I see myself retiring in Florida maybe even heading back to Texas, and graduating with my Master's degree in Business Administration.

What do you do for fun here? I play basketball, coach the flag football team, and hang out with the guys at Osan lounge.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? Attending a very educational seminar with Gen. Norton

Schwartz and also being coined by him.
What accomplishment are you most proud of? My 2008 deployment when I established a secure communication line on my convoy teams SINGARS/Radios while we received small arms

fire traveling throughout Baghdad, Iraq to insure the safety of my team. Also in 2008 I returned from my deployment to a 2 month old baby girl!
Who are your role models? Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, Chief Mas-

ter Sgt. Matthew Lloyd (retired) and Maj. Gen. Alfred Flowers. These men taught me the importance of hard work and dedication. I thank you all for the many talks and mentoring sessions we had.

Staff Sgt. Donnel Carney



Senior Airman Jason Leaver



51st Operations Support Squadron

Job title: Weather Forecaster

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Primarily I work as a Weather Forecaster embedded within the fighter squadron.

Time in the military: 5 Years

Time at Osan: 6 Months

DEROS: July 2012

Hometown: St. Louis MO

Hobbies: Weightlifting, snowboarding, Rugby, technology

Why did you join the military?

Initially I walked into MEPS wanting to become a firefighter; I planned to take the skills learned into the civilian sector. I was told I had to pick six more jobs while I didn't plan on being a weather forecaster it has been an interesting experience to say the least. I do still plan on working as a volunteer firefighter upon reaching my gaining duty station.

Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?

My follow-on assignment is to Wheeler Army Airfield, HI. One of the unique things to my career field, is that we can work almost any AFB or Army Post. In supporting the Army I will deploy and work hand and hand with our brother branch. Having Spent the last five years trapped between a LCD and computer chair I am very much looking forward to the new experience. My experience working and deploying with the Army will determine if I decide to cross train into combat weather, in which case 10-20 years I see myself jumping out of air

planes as a portable weather station.

What do you do for fun here?

Rugby this last year was amazing. I built a strong camaraderie with the individuals I played with and against. Albeit this was my first year playing Rugby. I was voted the Co-Forward of the year for the base rugby team along with SSgt Levias who is a complete animal on the field and off. Being put on the same level physically with someone of his physical prowess is humbling to say the least. I plan to continue playing as long as my body is intact.

What would you like to change about Osan?

Having a car would be nice, even a golf cart. Although I find it hard to complain when I know so many individuals have it much worse. I guess that would make me a glass-half-full type of guy.

What is the best part of being at Osan?

Having the opportunity to live and work in a foreign country is always fun to do. Here at Osan it's a very high-tempo environment which offers a lot of challenges day to day. This is also the first opportunity I have had to work next to people outside my career field. This insight has really shown me that weather people aren't the only crazy ones.

What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?

The first day of basic training really set the tone for the weeks to follow. Before I even stepped foot on Lackland AFB, I sat at the San Antonio airport anxious for the events to follow. A man in a large

brimmed hat and metal taps ran up and YELLED at everyone on the benches "Get your bags and form 4 lines!" At first I was caught somewhat off guard but without hesitation did as he said. I found myself smack dab in the middle of the formation. At 6'4 I stood out like a sore thumb. The man in the brimmed hat was behind me when I heard in a deep southern accent "HEY YOU BIG GOOFY GUY!" I dare not look back, was I to acknowledge myself as the big goofy guy on the first day of basic training? No. I maintained my bearing and stared directly forward. Again "HEY TALL ONE!" In my head I thought "Wow this guy sounds pretty upset, I should probably see what he wants." As I looked back I will never forget the expression on his face, as I saw for the first time a Hispanic man turn beat red. "FRONT OF THE LINE!" He shouted and pointed to the front. Slightly upset at my own misfortune I immediately grabbed my bag from the ground and began to work my way toward the front of the formation. Before I could even make my way half way to the front, again he scowled "Never mind you're too stupid, back to the benches." I sat on that bench for nearly an hour until he returned. Sure enough when the clock struck 12 and the metal taps on his shoes rang through the tiled hallway. I assure you when he said form four lines I was standing in front.

I guess if this story has any meaning to it, it's to learn from your mistakes, which is a more effective training method as a Weather Forecaster than

anything else we do.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Planning, coordinating, and running the show as Mr. Vice during the Combat Dining Out was challenging and a lot of fun. I enjoyed putting the event together. While it was stressful the juice was worth the squeeze. Planning the event introduced me to members throughout the squadron. Having only worked specifically for other weather people it was interesting to get out and meet people from all walks of life.

Who are your role models?

Mark Downer was a student in the class behind mine throughout tech school. He was the black rope and the guidon bearer. Nearly every day for eight months I marched behind him. After completing his service to his Air Force Guard unit as a weather forecaster he cross trained into the Army as a combat medic. On August 5th of this year he paid the ultimate sacrifice as he was killed in Afghanistan. After hearing this news I began reflecting on my career in the Air Force, I asked myself "What have I sacrificed?" Mark was the strong, silent type, when he spoke it had meaning. This incident gave me incite and perspective on my career, you always have more to give until you have given it all. Life is delicate and precious, many have fallen before their time serving our country. Anyone willing to put themselves in harm's way and potentially sacrifice their life for the beliefs and ideas of our country is someone I look to idolize.

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. 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

8 p.m. Earth-based religions gathering at the Sonlight Inn 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.

Haven Ministry Center (Community Activity Center)

Wed / Thurs / Sun: 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri / Sat: 6 p.m. - 11 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.

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



Mustang Spiritual Charge

“The Hangover: Bouncing Back From the Holidays”



By Ch. Capt. Alexander Palomaria
51st Fighter Wing Chaplain

Now that all the holiday festivities are over, you may start to feel what some call the “post-holiday blues.” How do you bounce back from the holidays? Some of you are just now returning from your mid-tour and families weigh heavily on your mind. Yet others did not see family at all. I want to give you some tips on living a resilient life in 2012.

First, it begins with a positive men-

tal attitude. Take for example Naval Aviator Jeremiah Denton. He was shot down over Vietnam and spent the next eight years as a POW. Denton was determined not to let his circumstances dictate how he felt emotionally. As a matter of fact, when he was interviewed by a television crew as a POW he used Morse Code to spell the word torture by blinking his eyelids. America now knew the severity of his circumstances. Denton survived and eventually would be released. How about you? If you are facing life issues that you need help with, I encourage you to speak openly using the Wingman concept. If the situation dictates, call your First Sergeant and explain your circumstances. But by all means, do not remain a prisoner to your own emotions.

Second, have you tried living your life by faith? Not everyone has a faith, but everyone believes in something. You wouldn't be in Korea if you didn't believe in the United States Constitution and the freedom it provides so that others may live and worship freely in a democracy without persecution. My grandfather relied on his faith to overcome his captivity during the Bataan Death March in the Philip-

ines during WWII. He wasn't even a United States citizen, but he believed in the goodness of America and fought by her side. As if that wasn't enough, he transferred into the American Army after WWII and fought courageously in the Korean War. Though I only met my grandfather a handful of times before he died in 1992, I want to pass on to you what he taught me in his broken English: “Alexander, never give up. Always stand strong.” Profound words for a man who survived a 60 mile death march and the “Forgotten War.” He stood strong, though the odds were stacked against him. My grandfather taught me that dying would have been the easy way out. Living by faith through adversity is the hard part.

Third, share with your family members any struggles you may be facing. If you're married, your spouse is your best friend and confidant. If you're single, reach back to your family. Some believe that sharing struggles with family members is a sign of weakness. I respectfully disagree with them. You are someone's spouse, son, daughter or sibling. Nothing is stronger or shows more resilience than a family that sticks together through

thick or thin. My wife and I have been married for almost 19 years and we have three beautiful daughters. I was short noticed for this assignment with less than a two month notice. It wouldn't have been so bad if it wasn't for the fact that this is my second remote in less than two years. Naturally this disrupted our family life, but we accepted the fact that our faith was bigger than our circumstances. It also helps that we have caring parents on both sides of the family that took my family in. That speaks volumes about the love and care our families have for us in times of need.

Finally, I want to summarize what it means to live a resilient life for 2012. First, you are never alone though it may seem like it emotionally, keep a positive attitude. Jeremiah Denton spent nearly 8 years as a POW, but he demonstrated mental toughness and fortitude when faced with adversity. Second, faith can help catapult you over whatever obstacles that may come your way. Third, support from family members is perhaps your best resource when coping with life's challenges. Life is a journey, and resiliency is the fuel that will keep you going down the road of life.

New 7th AF commander assumes command



Members of the Osan Air Base Honor Guard present the colors during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 6, 2012. Lt. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas assumed command of the 7th Air Force from Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Remington. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Daylena Gonzalez)



Gen. Jong Heon Park, Republic of Korea chief of staff, presented Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Remington with The Order of the National Security Merit Gukseon Medal on behalf of South Korean President Myung-Bak Lee, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 6, 2012.



Members of the 8th Fighter Wing render a final salute to Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, former 7th Air Force commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 6, 2012. Remington retires after nearly 35 years of active duty service.

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The general also said the 7th Air Force will remain committed to the US-Republic of Korea alliance through mission readiness and never forgetting the many sacrifices made by the Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of both nations.

“Together, we will uphold that tradition and our readiness to take on and defeat the enemy whenever and wherever the battle takes place,” Jouas said. “We will dedicate ourselves to improve what is already the world’s most elite combined airpower. We will do all

this, because our nations’ deserve nothing less than our very best efforts.”

Before relinquishing command, Remington addressed Airmen one final time as commander and active-duty service member. He expressed his full trust and confidence in the abilities of the 7th Air Force’s 32nd commander since November of 1940.

“While my wife Machel and I promise to actively support all Air Force activities on the peninsula, our work here is now done,” he said. “But the mission

carries on. Lt. Gen. Jouas, and his wife Marion, will now lead this fight. They have followed us three times now. Trust me, I know they are ready.”

During the ceremony, members of the 7th AF unveiled the F-16 Fighting Falcon that will display Jouas’s name throughout his command tenure.

Jouas replaces Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, who retires after 34 years of service March 1.

(Maj Eric Badger, 7th Air Force Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)

Operation Carpetbagger and the Beginning of United States Air Force Special Operations

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

On January 4, 1944, American and RAF planes dropped arms and supplies to French, Belgian, and Italian partisans for the first time under the official codename Operation Carpetbagger. This operation had started before, in August 1943, and lasted until the end of the war in Europe mostly using specially modified B-24Ds in classified missions. In a joint venture between the Army Air Force and the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), pilots and crews flew planes with glossy black anti-searchlight paint to supply friendly underground forces throughout German occupied Europe. As directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in September 1943, the 8th Air Force formed the 801st Bombardment Group (Heavy) (Provisional) at Harrington Field, England, from elements of the inactivated AAF Antisubmarine Command. Redesignated the 492nd Bombardment Group in August 1944, this special unit became best known as the Carpetbaggers. In addition to the B-24Ds, they also flew C-47s, A-26 Invaders, and British de Havilland Mosquitoes. The Carpetbaggers flew into Europe spies called "Joes" and commando groups prior to the Allied invasion of Europe on D-Day and afterward, and retrieved over 5,000 officers and enlisted men who had escaped

capture after being shot down. The low-altitude, nighttime operation was extremely dangerous and took its toll on these Airmen. The first aircrews chosen for this operation came from the anti-submarine bomb groups because of their special training in low altitude flying and pinpoint navigation skills.

It was the alterations to the airplane, along with the bravery and skill of the pilots and crews, which made this all work. Most Carpetbagger flights were made by glossy black B-24 bombers flying on moonlit nights at low level to avoid enemy gunfire and to improve visual navigation. The nose guns were removed to further enhance visual navigation in which the crew used rivers, lakes, railroad tracks, and towns as check points. Drops were also made using radio-navigation equipment. The B-24s had their waist guns replaced with blackout curtains and the belly turret removed to create a drop opening, or "Joe Holes", for "Joes" and supplies. Supplies were also released in containers designed to be dropped from the existing equipment in the bomb-bay. Pilots often flew several miles farther into enemy territory after completing their drops to disguise the actual drop location in case enemy observers were tracking the plane's movements. Often operating in weather considered impossible for flying, the Carpetbaggers flew most of their missions to supply French partisan groups north of the Loire River in support

of the upcoming D-Day invasion, but also flew to other partisan groups – even as far north as Norway.

In addition to the dangers from German night fighters and flak, the Carpetbaggers always ran the risk of crashing into hillsides as they made low-level parachute deliveries to the resistance forces waiting below. From January 1944 to May 1945, they completed 1,860 sorties and delivered 20,495 containers and 11,174 packages of vital supplies to the resistance forces in western and northwestern Europe. More than 1,000 parachutists dropped through the B-24 "Joe Holes" into enemy territory. Also, because of their special skills, they were called upon to fly fuel to General George Patton's army when it outran its fuel supply. When this mission was completed, it was recorded that 822,791 gal (3,114,264 L) of 80 octane gasoline had been delivered to three different airfields in France and Belgium. Overall, twenty-five B-24s were lost and eight more were so badly damaged by enemy action and other causes that they were no longer fit for combat. Personnel losses initially totaled 208 missing and killed and one slightly wounded. Fortunately, many of those listed as missing had parachuted to safety and returned to their home base at Harrington, England with the help of the same resistance forces they had been sent to resupply. The Carpetbaggers have been generally recognized as the ancestors of today's Air Force Special Operations.



Dear Hooch the Historian:

In a recent brief, you told us that history can teach us lessons learned. Do you have a "Don't be that guy" example of this?

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Thank you for the question. Usually this type of question implies some tale of woe related to an excessive abuse of alcohol. If I may, I'd like to mention a lesson learned about an OPSEC failure that was an enormous scandal in its day. In 1910 the British Navy was the most powerful navy in the world. At that time the sun truly never set on the British Empire and the mighty battleships of the British Navy kept the sea lanes open and safe for trade. The greatest battleship in the world was named the HMS *Dreadnought*.

The HMS *Dreadnought* was revolutionary in design when she entered the service in 1906 and made nearly every other ship in the world obsolete. It was an all-big gun ship with heavy armor and was also the first capital ship with steam-turbine engines making it the fastest battleship in the world. With so many firsts in its design the British Navy wanted to keep much of the design quiet from rival navies, most notably the growing threat from Germany. However, the British Navy was used to hosting foreign dignitaries. So, when a note arrived - apparently through channels - that a foreign emperor from Africa (modern day Ethiopia), in the midst of a diplomatic visit, wished to see great *Dreadnought*, their manners did not fail them.

To tell the tale, I shall quote pages 489-490 of one of the great history books, *Dreadnought: Britain, Germany, and the Coming of the Great War*, by Robert K. Massie:

In February 1910 the Dreadnought, lying with the Home Fleet in Weymouth Bay, received word that the Emperor of Abyssinia with a small suite was on his way to visit the ship. The telegram was signed "Hardinge" (Sir Charles Hardinge was Permanent Under Secretary of the Foreign Office). The Emperor's party - four Abyssinians, a young man from the Foreign Office, and a European translator - were met by a red carpet and

a saluting naval officer at Weymouth Station. Escorted to Dreadnought, they found the battleship dressed with flags, lines of marines drawn up on deck, a band playing, and the admiral and his staff in gold-laced uniforms waiting to greet them. The visitors inspected the ship and saw the sick bay, the wireless room, the officers' wardroom, and one of the gun turrets, which was rotated and its guns elevated and depressed. The admiral wanted his explanations translated but the translator had difficulty. Told the difference between the marines in red uniforms and the marines in blue, he said, "I am afraid it will be rather hard to put that into Abyssinian, sir. However, I'll try." He turned to the Emperor: "Entaqui, mahai, kustufani." The Emperor nodded. "Tahli bussor ahbat tahl aesque miss," the translator continued. "Erraema..." The Emperor repeated a few of the words, nodding that he understood. The British officers were excellent hosts; one young lieutenant was particularly delighted at the astonishment of the native visitors when he switched on an electric light. At the end of the tour, the admiral invited his guests to remain for a meal, but the translator replied that "the religious beliefs of Abyssinia made it impossible for the Royal family to touch food unless it was prepared in special ways." With salutes, bows, and smiles all around, the Imperial party left the ship and returned to London.

A few weeks later, the Daily Mirror got wind of the story and the truth emerged. The "Emperor" was a young man named Anthony Buxton, disguised with greasepaint, a false beard, a turban, and robes. His suite, similarly costumed, was made up of friends, including the painter Duncan Grant. The language employed, after the first three words of impromptu Swahili, were the translator's adaptation, suitably mispronounced, of the Fourth Book of the Aenid, which he had memorized in school. The navy reddened with embarrassment; questions were asked in Parliament;

the hospitable admiral was followed through the streets by boys shouting "Bunga-Bunga!" When the hoaxers called on the First Lord and offered to apologize, Mr. McKenna frowned and bundled them out of his office. It was particularly mortifying that one of the costumed Abyssinians had been a woman. This was Virginia Stephen, who was to become Virginia Woolf.

Many of you were kind enough to comment on the recent article on the Kunsan Air Base website telling how the Wolf Pack got its name during Operation Bolo by being "wolves in sheep's clothing". It appears this prank was carried out due to a lack of fact-checking on a Woolf in sheik's clothing. In 1910 Great Britain was the greatest military power in the world. Over a hundred years later the United States is the greatest military power in the world. The lesson learned is that there is no perfect trust when it comes to our fellow man. Despite our strength we must always be thinking of OPSEC even when everything seems routine. Thank you again for the question.



'The Emperor of Abyssinia' and his suite (courtesy photo)

Kunsan

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.

Gunsan City Good Neighbor Tour

This half-day tour will introduce you to the local Korean culture. Learn how to use local transportation, how to take advantage of local community activities, and additional cultural awareness per IAW USFK. Registration required. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 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.]

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.



Osan

Thailand Travel Advisory

U.S. Mission Thailand requests that all non-official U.S. Government travel to Bangkok be deferred from Oct. 27 thru Nov. 10 due to the potential for widespread flooding in the city and possible disruption of services. During this period, the Chief of Mission (Ambassador) will approve all essential U.S. Government travel to Bangkok. If you have any questions please contact 51 FW/ATO at 784-3475/3915.

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)."

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 Wednesday inprocessing brief where they will receive the Wing Commander's welcome and all other mandatory base inprocessing briefs for

Osan specific information to include signing-up for LRS chalks to receive their IPE gear. This new Tuesday brief 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.

Fire Safety Article: Space Heater Safety

YI, KON, Fire Protection Inspector
51 CES/CEF, 784-4835

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters, causing more than 300 deaths.

Space heaters carry a much greater risk of causing a fire than central heating, such as furnaces. Space heaters present a greater potential for human error such as leaving them too close to combustible materials or failing to install, fuel, operate and maintain them properly. Safety must be a top consideration when using space heaters.

Safety Precautions

1. Space heaters must be tested by the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) or other qualified agencies. This will be identified by a clearly visible label somewhere on the unit.

2. Use of portable kerosene space heaters is prohibited in all OSAN Air Base facilities.

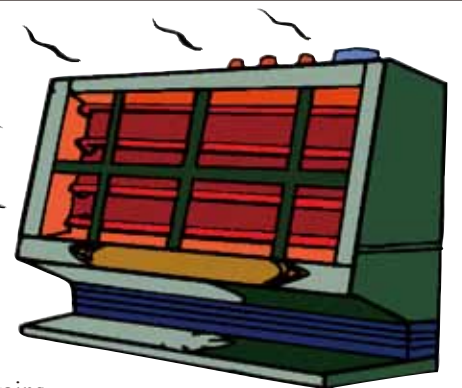
3. Space heaters must be equipped to shut off electric power to the unit when tilted or turned over.

4. Space heaters will be kept at least 18 inches away from combustible materials such as papers, furniture, or curtains.

5. The space heater must be plugged directly into an outlet.

Do not use a light-duty extension cord or a multi outlet strip/surge protector; it can start a fire with a high-wattage appliance.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4835.



Jaraseom Sing Sing Winter Festival Underway

Korean Tourism Organization

Enjoy ice fishing, sledding and other winter fun!

Jaraseom Sing Sing Winter Festival is a perfect family outing to experience winter activities including trout ice fishing and snow sledding. It is taking place from Jan 6-29 at Gapyeongcheon Stream in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do.

The pride of this winter celebration, which marks its 3rd anniversary this year, is trout ice fishing. Four ice fishing sites, each nine times as large as a soccer field, have been created on Gapyeongcheon Stream. The ice is as thick as 40 cm, allowing as many as 30,000 people to come and fish at the same time. You may also take the fish you catch to a grill or a cooking station nearby to savor the delicious and fresh taste of the winter fish either grilled or thinly sliced.

Near the ice fishing sites is a large snow sledding field a whopping 12,990m² in size. Here you may enjoy a variety of sleighs including a traditional sleigh, snow sled and snow-bike-pulled sleigh. You may also enjoy a super-sized sleigh which as many as 50 people can ride together, as well as ice slides. Other splendors of the festival include a snow castle which is 20m



in length and 5m in height, and a set of ice sculptures of the 12 animal gods of the Earth, each 1.5m tall. During the festival period, a dedicated radio station will play songs requested by visitors along with stories visitors want to share.

More Info:

- Period: January 6 (Fri) – 29 (Sun),

2012

- Venue: Gyeonggi-do Gapyeong-gun Gapyeongcheon Stream area

Ticket price for fishing hole: 13,000 won per person (upon purchasing the ticket, Love Gapyeong Coupon (a cash equivalent in Gapyeong area) worth 5,000 won will be provided)

(Note that different price rates are applied for snow and ice sledding fields depending on the facilities used and the service hours)

- Festival Homepage: www.singsing-festival.net (Korean)

Courtesy of: Gapyeong-gun

Daegwallyeong Snow Festival opens Jan 13th



Korean Tourism Organization

Daegwallyeong Snow Festival, one of the landmark winter celebrations of Gangwon-do Province, will take place at Hoenggye-ri, Daegwallyeong in Pyeongchang, the venue for the upcoming 2018 Winter Olympics. Celebrating the successful bid for the Winter Olympic Games, the festival will run from January 13th to 21st under the banner of ‘Soaring Higher, 2018 Pyeongchang.’

During the festival period, diverse events and programs will take place including snow/ice sleigh riding, snow rafting, snow racing, bobsledding, and an igloo village tour. Giant ice sculptures around the festival site will welcome visitors. Guests may also participate in unique hands-on experience programs such as making traditional

kites, masks, and arrows. Also organized are traditional folk games including jegichagi (similar to hacky sack) and neolttwigi (seesaw jumping).

Other splendors of the festival include an exciting winter tour to five different villages of the region where you may enjoy diverse leisure activities. Villages open for the tour include Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm and Uiyaji Wind Village.

More info

- Period: January 13 – 21, 2012

- Venue: Gangwon-do Pyeongchang Daegwallyeong Sheep Farm, Uiyaji Baram (Wnd) Village and Hoenggye-ri area

- Festival Homepage: www.snowfestival.net (Korean)

Courtesy of: Daegwallyeong Snow Festival Committee

Civilian Personnel News

The 51st Fighter Wing Annual Awards nominations are due to 51 FSS/FSMCE NLT Monday, 16 Jan 2012 at 1200 hrs. Please ensure you follow the guidelines provided below and include the required items upon submission.

Nominations not prepared accordingly or not received by deadline may not be considered for competition. Negative reply is required.

1. Category:

a) Manager/Supervisor/Professional Category: The nominees must be either a GS-8, KGS-8, or NF-IV equivalent and above.

b) Administration/Technical Category: The nominees must be a GS-7, KGS-7, NF-III and below, and all NAF CC positions.

c) Trades/Crafts/Laborer Category: The nominees must be a WG, WL, WS, KWB, NA, NL, or NS (blue-collar employee)

d) Associate Units Category: The nominees are U.S. and KN civilian employees at all grades assigned to the associate units.

2. A write-up, limited to total 30 lines(17-5-5) of achievement including the mandatory headings. Please cite only those accomplishments that occurred during the award period, 1 Jan through 31 Dec 11. A total of 5 ACRONYMS may be used, spell out these acronyms towards the bottom of the form.

3. Biography, limited to one single-spaced type written page. The attached format must be used.

The Wing Staff and Group may nominate one individual in each category and Associate units may nominate one employee in the Associate Units category.

Nomination packages must be prepared/ submitted on an AF Form 1206 (IMT-V5), in bullet format. Electronic copies submitted

via e-mail are acceptable.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE (SEOL-NAL) & CLOSURE: All KN civilian employees will observe 22, 23, and 24 Jan 12 as Seol-Nal (Lunar New Year) holiday. Those KN civilian employees scheduled to work on their observed holidays will be paid holiday premium pay. For KN civilian employees, if a holiday falls on a non-work day, no substitute observance day will be granted.

For U.S. civilian employees, all non-essential activities will be closed on Monday, 23 Jan 12, in honor of ROK custom and observance of Seol-Nal. They will be released from duty without charge to leave or loss of pay on this day. Since this is a closure, not a U.S. Holiday, U.S. civilian employees required to work are not authorized either holiday premium pay or a substitute day off.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY, 16 Jan 2012, is a legal holiday for U.S. civilian employees and the liberal leave policy will be in effect for Korean National (KN) non-essential civilian employees.

Supervisors should ensure the time and attendance card for KN civilian employees who wish to be off that day are properly coded to reflect the appropriate leave code, i.e., annual leave, etc.

Organizations with KN civilian employees that require supervision must ensure adequate supervision is available. If an office is going to be closed, KN civilian employees can be required to take annual leave but management must provide them with a 24-hour advance notice. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Kim, Song Won or Ms. Kim, Son I of the Civilian Personnel Office, 784-4434/8177. (51 FSS/FSMCE)

New Kyung Dong bus schedule (Yongsan - Osan - Humphreys)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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Lv. Yongsan	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1300	1430	1630	1720	1720	1900	2100	2200
Ar. 121st GH							1435						
Lv. Osan AB	0650	0810	0940	1119	1210	1410	1540	1740	1830	---	2010	2210	2310
Ar. Humph	0740	0850	1020	1150	1250	1450	1630	1820	1910	1850	2050	2250	2400

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Lv. Humph	---	0550	0700	0830	1000	1100	1230	1330	1530	1710	1910	2020	2200
Lv. Osan AB	0600	--	1750	0920	1050	1150	1320	1420	1620	1800	2000	2100	2240
Ar. 121st GH		0720	0850										
Ar. Yongsan	0710	0730	0900	1030	1200	1300	1430	1530	1730	1910	2100	2210	2340

- * Bus stops at Humphreys main gate
- ** Bus stops at Yongsan Dragon Hill Lodge
- *** Friday Only

- The last route (Departure Time 2200hrs) will be operated on Sunday
- When US Holiday is designated on Monday.
- The last route (Departure Time 2200hrs) will be operated on US Holiday.
- The weekdays bus schedule will be operated on the Training Holidays.

Fare (one way):
 Yongsan -> Osan: \$5.60 (5,500 won)
 Osan -> Humphreys: \$3.25 (3,200 won)
 Yongsan -> Humphrey: \$6.25 (6,200 won)

WEEKEND & U.S HOLIDAYS

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Lv. Yongsan	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1930	2100	2200
Lv. Osan AB	0810	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910	2040	2200	2300
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Lv. Osan AB	0700	0840	1010	1120	1220	1320	1400	1450	1620	1700	1750	1850	1950	2100	2240
Ar. Yongsan	0820	0950	1130	1230	1330	1430	1510	1600	1730	1810	1900	2000	2100	2220	2350

- * Bus stops at Humphreys main gate
- *** Saturday Only

POC for the bus schedule - Osan: 784-6623, Yongsan: 723-4499, Humphreys: 753-7354

Celebrating Seollal (Lunar New Year) in Korea: Glimpse of Local Seollal Customs



Korean Tourism Organization

Seollal (Lunar New Year; January 1 in lunar calendar) is one of the most celebrated national holidays in Korea. While many observe Sinjeong (Solar New Year; January 1 in solar/regular calendar), most celebrate Seollal, which usually lasts for three days: the day of, the day before, and the day after. This year, Seollal falls on January 23 in regular calendar.

More than just a holiday to mark the beginning of a new year, Seollal is truly a special occasion for the Korean people. Not only is it a time for paying respect to ancestors, but it is also an opportunity to catch up with other family members. Then, it is not unusual to see people in beautiful hanbok (traditional clothes) performing ancestral rites or playing folk games, to eat delicious traditional foods, and to hear stories and chatters well into the night. Read on to discover some of the highlights of Seollal.



Before Seollal > Gifts, Travel Arrangements & Food!

Seollal demands a lot of preparation, especially in terms of gifts, traveling, and food. Gifts are exchanged among family members and friends, so gift shopping before the holiday is essential. The most popular Seollal gifts of all time are department store gift cards and cash. Other popular gifts include ginseng, honey, health products, massage chairs, toiletries, and food gift sets composed of tuna, spam, hangwa, dried fish or fruits.

Another crucial part of Seollal preparation, especially for long-distance travelers, is travel arrangements. Many choose to travel by train, and reserve tickets accordingly well in advance,

in order to avoid heavy traffic that often doubles their travel time. Still, others insist on traveling by car or bus. Either way, journey home during Seollal can be as exciting as it is stressful.

Last but not least, as is true on many occasions, food during Seollal is taken very seriously. Families spend the entire day before Seollal preparing food to be used as offerings to ancestors as well as to be served to the family members. The most representative food is tteokguk (rice cake soup); others include galbijjim (braised short ribs), japchae (glass noodles with sautéed vegetables), pancakes, hangwa (traditional sweets and cookies), as well as a dozen other side dishes made with various kinds of vegetables, meat and fish. Many Koreans believe that the taste and appearance of ritual foods determines their ancestors' level of satisfaction, and thus prepare them with great care. While food preparation has traditionally been women's work, more families today divide up the responsibilities among their members, or simply hire holiday catering services.



Seollal Day > Ancestral Rites and Traditional Games!

The morning of Seollal begins with an ancestral rite. Family members, dressed in brand new hanbok (traditional clothes), gather in front of the ritual table, and set it with an ancestral tablet and dishes of ritual foods according to the laws of ancestral rites. Once set, the rite begins with deep bows as greetings to the ancestor spirits, and proceeds with offerings and prayers, before ending with bidding farewell to the spirits.

Following the rite, everyone eats the ritual foods. Tteokguk (rice cake soup) is the main food of Seollal, and eating it is believed to add a year to one's age. People often ask each other, "How many servings of tteokguk have you had?" as a fun way to ask each other's age.

After the meal, the younger generations of a family pay respect to their elders by taking a deep bow, and by presenting them with gifts. The elders, then, offer their blessings and wishes for a prosperous year. Children often receive sebaetdon (New Year's money) as a Seollal gift. For the remainder of the day, family members play traditional folk games, eat more, and share stories.

What do people do for fun on Seollal?



Seollal is an opportunity for the entire family to engage in fun activities together. The most common activities are yutnori, a board game that involves throwing four wooden sticks, and go-stop, a card game that uses hwatu (flower cards) to score as many points as possible in order to win. Such traditional games as jegichagi (hacky-sack), neoltwiggi (see-saw), tuho (arrow toss), and yeonnaligi (kite flying) are also widely played at public and recreational parks. Finally, families wind down by going to a theater or watching Seollal Specials on TV.

Seollal Alternatives > Family Trips!



An alternative to practicing traditional Seollal customs is going on family trips during the holiday season. Some of the most popular Seollal destinations are spa and ski resorts. Additionally, such tourist sites as folk villages, royal palaces and amusement parks also hold special events for families on Seollal. Why is 2012 the "Year of the Dragon"?

Each year is represented by one of the 12 zodiac signs, which take the form of animals known as sibijisin, and the 12-year cycle rotates. When a new year dawns, people, especially the elders, analyze the relationship between their birth year zodiac sign and the new year's sign to find out their fortune. According to the zodiac system, the year 2012 is the Year of the Dragon.

Dragon, the fifth animal in the system, represents hope and courage. Though ostentatious at times, people born in the Year of the Dragon are active, adventurous, pioneering, romantic and generous. Their cheerful spirit is contagious and encouraging.

Extra Tip > Fun Family Events!



The Seollal holiday season brings peace and quiet in otherwise bustling cities, as most people leave them to return home or travel abroad. Streets become vacant, and restaurants and shops close.

However, recreational and cultural facilities such as amusement parks, national parks, and major palaces stay open to the public, and present various events for families. Once again, traveling to any of these facilities requires planning and arrangements well in advance.

Legendary 12 animals [sibijisin] in Korea

Korean Tourism Organization



2012 is the year of the dragon in Korea. Each year is named after an animal.

This originated from the idea of '12 gods.' The twelve gods are comprised of twelve animals: the rat (子), ox (丑), tiger (寅), rabbit (卯), dragon (辰), snake (巳), horse (午), sheep (未), monkey (申), rooster (酉), dog (戌), and boar (亥). They are also known as the 'twelve signs of the zodiac.' Let's find out some more about how they originated through legends.

The first legend about the 12 gods

Buddha called all the animals of the world when he was about to leave this world, and only 12 animals came. Buddha named each year after these animals in the order in which they arrived. The rat arrived first and the ox came next, followed by the tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and boar. They became the 12 gods we know today.

The second legend about the 12 gods

Once upon a time, god called on all animals and told them, "Pay a visit of respect to me on the morning of New Year's Day. The first to arrive will receive the first prize and so on, but the prizes will only be given to twelve animals." The ox was not sure about running and thought that it stood no chance against the boar or the rabbit, not to mention the horse, the dog, and the tiger. It decided to leave earlier than the other animals. The simple and honest ox started walking on the last night of the lunar month while the others were asleep. The quick-witted rat saw the ox and quickly hopped on top of it. The ox arrived at the palace of the god at dawn, but as the gate opened, the rat came down from the ox and quickly ran to the god to become the first to arrive. The tiger ran for miles without resting and came in third, and the fast runner, the rabbit, could have come earlier but it came fourth because it had a nap on the way. The rest of the animals came in the order of the dragon, snake, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and boar.

When we look closely, the twelve gods are animals with different characters. Let's find out about the typical character traits of each animal.

Character Traits by Zodiac Sign

Rat: People born in the year of the rat are sensitive by nature and strongly believe in the value of money. They never fail to notice the details and values of things around them. They are quite diligent, patient, and frugal. They are also perfectionists and afraid of failure. They pursue their goals without hesitation.

Ox: People born in the year of the ox

appear quite strict or as having little personality, but they do have warm hearts. They often enjoy favorable opportunities to make their family rich and happy, but too much greed and luxury can bring misfortune.

Tiger: People born in the year of the tiger value loyalty and justice by nature. They are intolerant to injustice. They are decisive and passionate and can lead many people by cultivating virtue. They are people suitable to become leaders in the political and financial worlds.

Rabbit: People born in the year of the rabbit have a relaxed and warm temperament and usually make a favorable impression on others. They are idealists born with a good nature and they also have an excellent sense of sensuality, with the spirit of an artist. They have a tender and intelligent attitude and are greatly respected and trusted by others. On the other hand, they can become quite cold for they are too sensitive.

Dragon: People born in the year of the dragon are generous, full of life, and are always moving forward. However, they are often self-absorbed, self-centered, dogmatic, capricious, demanding, and reckless. They have as many weaknesses as strengths, but the force of their liveliness gives energy to many other people. They are outgoing and nature-loving, and they have the disposition to be activists, travelers, and gifted speakers.

Snake: People born in the year of the snake have strong will power and they usually want to accomplish everything on their own. They often fail to yield to difficulties. They are the hard workers, and are very cautious people with liberal ideas.

Horse: People born in the year of the horse are full of life, and are popular and witty. Their easily changeable disposition is expressed as short-temperedness and stubbornness. Their independent spirit stimulates them to find jobs early in life. These quick-witted people understand their circumstances thoroughly and they are good at dealing with people and with things that happen. On the other hand, they can be impulsive and bigoted.

Sheep: People born in the year of the sheep are mostly genial, and this seems to be why they are characterized with the symbol of a gentle animal. However, sheep love to climb up high and are unreliable. Sometimes, they have negative character traits such as being frivolous and rash. They are also, surprisingly, sometimes very stubborn people.

Monkey: People born in the year of

the monkey quickly seize opportunities, have good judgment, and are quick-witted, sociable, and active. In other words, they are good at many things and have bright and positive characters. However, just as a good marksman may sometimes miss their target, they can get in serious trouble if they trust their talents too much.

Rooster: People born in the year of the rooster have strong trust in themselves and are up and coming, but they are conservative and stubborn. They have great foresight and great talent in gathering information and getting through with things. They are well prepared and scrupulous and do not make efforts in vain.

Dog: People born in the year of the dog are smart and intellectual and have a strong sense of confidence and responsibility. They are people that can accomplish anything. However, they need to learn to control their stubbornness and resistant spirit.

Boar: People born in the year of the boar are indefatigable until they reach their goal. They are not hasty, remaining calm and understanding of others. They tend to listen to others carefully rather than express their own ideas, and they try to understand others instead of cruelly pointing out even the inaccuracies they see. Their weakness is that they tend to hesitate and do not make quick decisions when they start things. They also take too much advice, as they tend to listen to others first.

What is your zodiac sign, then? The following shows the zodiac signs according to year of birth.

Rat: 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008
 Ox: 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009
 Tiger: 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010
 Rabbit: 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011
 Dragon: 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012
 Snake: 1940, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013
 Horse: 1941, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014
 Sheep: 1942, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015
 Monkey: 1943, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016
 Rooster: 1944, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017
 Dog: 1945, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018
 Boar: 1946, 1956, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019

Look for the year you were born in and find your zodiac sign.

Let's see how the characters described in each zodiac sign match the characters of famous Hollywood actors/actresses and pop stars that everyone knows.

Angelina Jolie, who announced that she will adopt even more children after already adopting three, was born in 1975, the year of the rabbit. She won people over for her good deeds in adopt-

ing children, and she seems tender and intelligent. It seems that the character described by her zodiac sign matches her image well.

The queen of talk shows, Oprah Winfrey, was born in 1954, the year of the horse. She never stops reading or her intellectual quest even in adverse circumstances. Eventually, she became a quick-witted broadcaster, showing a number of qualities common among people born in the year of the horse.

Actress Yun-jin Kim (1973) who plays Sun in the famous American TV series "LOST" became quite successful and is known for her genial personality and charisma. She seems to have many of the qualities of people born in the year of the ox.

TIP: What Is Sibijisin?

Koreans believe that there are twelve gods of the earth (Sibiji or twelve jisins) who take the form of twelve animals: the mouse, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, chicken, dog, and pig.

Before the arrival of the Western concept of time keeping, Koreans measured time according to the names of animals, for example myosi (the time of the rabbit) was between 5:00 and 7:00, and misi (the time of the sheep) was between 13:00 and 15:00. The whole day was divided into twelve sections, each of which was symbolized by one of the twelve animals. Various tales regarding the origin of these beliefs have been handed down through the generations, and the most common ones are indicated below. These animals were therefore seen as guardians of specific times and also of specific directions such as north or southwest. They were believed to be guardians against evil spirits, and can be seen surrounding royal tombs.

Symbols of Sibiji

Jasi (23:00-01:00) : The mouse is most active during this time.

Chuksi (01:00-03:00) : The cow ruminates its cud and prepares for the next morning's work in the field.

Insi (03:00-05:00) : The tiger is the most ferocious during this time.

Myosi (05:00-07:00) : Before the sunrise, a jade rabbit can be seen in the moon high in the sky.

Jinsi (07:00-09:00) : The dragon flies and prepares for the rain.

Sasi (09:00-11:00) : The snake is still sleeping so it will not harm humans

Osi (11:00-13:00) : As the yang of the earth turns to yin at this time, the horse gallops across the earth.

Misi (13:00-15:00) : The sheep must graze the field at this time so as not to harm the grass.

Sinsi (15:00-17:00) : The monkey cries the most at this time.

Yusi (17:00-19:00) : After a whole day of searching for food, the chicken finally goes to its nest.

Sulsi (19:00-21:00) : As the sun sets, the dog starts looking after the house.

Haesi (21:00-23:00) : The pig has the sweetest dream at this time.

One-day Trip along Namhangang River to Yeosu

Korean Tourism Organization

In the outskirts of Gyeonggi-do Province along the Hangang River, you'll find an unsung town with a range of attractions covering everything from historic landmarks from over 500 years ago to modern arts and the latest in designer fashion.

Located along Namhangang River, which flows from Gangwon-do to Seoul, Yeosu is a great place to replenish the body and mind and experience the many charms of Korean culture. Take your pick from our two recommended one-day travel courses for a tour of Yeosu you'll never forget!



**Birthplace of Empress Myeongseong

Empress Myeongseong Hwanghu (1851-1895) was the last empress of the Joseon Dynasty. During her reign she tirelessly advocated autonomous diplomacy and reform despite frequent provocation by foreign powers. In addition to the house in which the empress was born, there is a memorial with historical documents, relics, and various other materials perfect for teaching children history.

**Silleuksa Temple

Built in the Silla Kingdom (BC 57-AD 935), Silleuksa Temple is more than a thousand years old. Located along the Namhangang riverbanks, it gives you a chance to not only take a peak at Korea's proud past, but also to enjoy the great outdoors. Inside are the splendid Geungnakjeon Hall, a multi-storied stone pagoda, and six other national treasures.

**Yejubo Weir

Yejubo serves as reminder of the era of King Sejong while standing in harmony with the Namhangang River and its living, breathing ecosystem. The pillars of the weir are made in the shape of dragons, a legendary animal symbolizing the king, while other facilities are representative of the great inventions of King Sejong. From the observatory you'll be able to get an open view of the river, which is even more breathtaking come sunset.

**Pasaseong Fortress

Pasaseong Fortress served as a strategic stronghold during the Three Kingdom Era (57 BC to 668 AD). The mountain fortress was built upon the summit of Mount Pasasan (250m above sea level) and trails down along the mountain ridges. From the top of the fortress, you'll see Namhangang River spreading out towards the horizon.



**Ipobo Weir

Seeking to reflect the harmony of man and nature through water, the weir was built in the shape of an egret rising up into the sky. There is a bicycle road and small park where visitors can take a rest after lunch.

**Gyeonggi International Ceramix Biennale

The Gyeonggi International Ceramix Biennale held in Gyeonggi-do is a major festival that celebrates the wonders of Korea's ceramics culture through various exhibits and hands-on programs. The event is held at three different locations: Bandal Art Museum in Yeosu, and venues in Icheon and Gwangju.

More info

* Transportation

Seoul -> Yeosu

1. Seoul Express Bus Terminal -> Yeosu Bus Terminal

First bus: 06:30 / Last bus: 22:00 / Interval: 30-40 min / Fare: 5,200 won / Travel time: 70 min

2. Dong Seoul Bus Terminal -> Yeosu Bus Terminal

First bus: 06:30 / Last bus: 22:30 / Interval: 30-60 min / Fare: 5,100 won / Travel time: 90 min

* Yeosu Tourism Information: www.yj21.net (Korean, English)

* Yeosu One-day Trip Reservations

Lotte Tour: +82-1577-3700 (Korean)

Hana Tour: +82-2-2222-2653 (Korean)

*Recommended Course 1: Tradition & Modern Fashion

Seoul -> Royal Tomb of King Sejong (Yeongneung) -> Birthplace of Empress Myeongseong -> Silleuksa Temple -> Yeojubo Weir -> Yeosu Premium Outlets

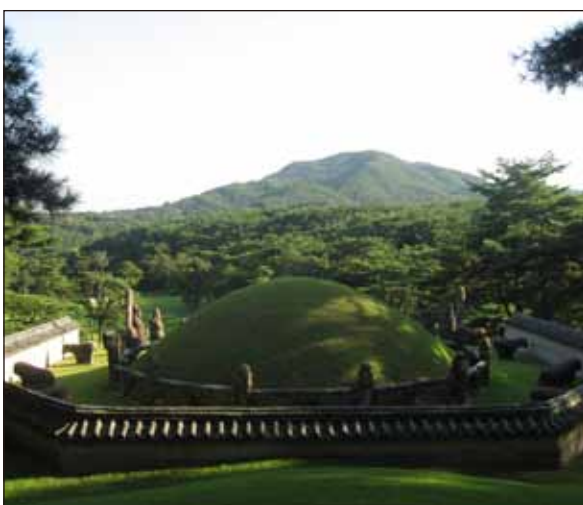
*Recommended Course 2: History Meets the Arts

Seoul-> Royal Tomb of King Sejong (Yeongneung) -> Pasaseong Fortress -> Ipobo Weir -> Gyeonggi International CeraMIX Biennale

Recommended Courses



**Royal Tomb of King Sejong the Great



This tomb (also known as Yeongneung) is the final resting place of the great King Sejong (1397-1450) of the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910) who created the Korean alphabet (Hangeul) and is still very much celebrated today. The tomb also contains the remains of King Sejong's wife, Queen Soheon Wanghu (1395-1446). Designated as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, the tomb is flanked by Namhangang River and Mount Chingseongsan and presents many attractions

such as artifacts from the king's reign and various inventions by the king.

설날, 새해 복 많이 받으세요

장미 공보관, 미 공군 제 8 전투 비행단 공보실

정월은 한해를 처음 시작하는 달로서 그해를 설계하고, 일 년의 운세를 점쳐보는 달입니다. 우리나라의 4대 명절(설날, 한식, 단오, 추석) 중 설이 있는 정월에는, 복을 빌고 풍년을 기원하며 공동체의 화목단결을 위한 세시풍속이 집중되어 있습니다. 며칠 앞으로 다가온 설을 앞두고 우리 민족 최대명절중 하나인 설날 이야기를 올려봅니다.

* 설

- 정의: 음력 정월 초하룻날
- 복식및 절식: 설날에 입는 옷을 '설빔'이라 한다. 설날에 무색(물색, 색 짙어 있는) 옷을 입는데 특히 어린이들은 색동저고리를 입는다. 설에 먹는 절식으로 우선 꼽히는 것은 설날의 떡국이다. 떡국의 기본 재료인 가래떡은 [동국세시기]에 상세히 기록되어 있는데,

"엿쌀가루를 찌서 안반위에 놓고 자루달린 떡메로 무수히 쳐서 길게 만든 떡을 흰떡이라 한다'. 떡국에는 만두를 빚어 넣기도 한다. 떡국이외에도 대표적인 설음식에는 시루떡이 있다. 고사를 지낼 때는 붉은 팔시루떡을 쓰지만 차례를 지낼 때에는 붉은색이 조상을 쫓는다하여 거피를 낸 팔을 사용하여 떡을 찐다. 이 밖에 인절미, 전유어, 빈대떡, 강정류, 식혜, 수정과등도 세찬(歲饌: 차례상에 오르고 명절에 시식하는 음식)으로 장만한다.

- 놀이: 설의 놀이는 이미 설달 그믐 무렵부터 시작된다. 연날리기는 설달그믐 무렵부터 시작하여 대보름까지 즐기나. 보름날의 연은 액연(厄薦)이라 하여 멀리 날려보낸다. 원래 보름날 이후에는 연을 날리지 않는다. 그 밖에 설날 무렵 윷놀이, 널뛰기, 승경도놀이, 돈치기등을 한다. 윷의 종류도 장작윷과 밤윷이 있고 놀이방법도 다양하다. 윷놀이를 통해 그 해 운

수를 점쳐보기도 하는데 [경도잡지]에 윷점에 대해 상세하게 기록되어 있다. 승경도(陞卿圖)는 승정도(陞政圖)•종경도(從卿圖)•종정도(從政圖) 등 여러 가지 이름으로 불리는데 주로 양반 가문의 젊은이들과 여자들이 즐겨 놀던 실내놀이로 관직이나 학업의 등급을 차례로 기입하고 주사위를 던져 나온 낱수대로 승진하거나 후퇴하는 방식으로 한다. 돈치기는 정초에 청소년들이 동전이나 동전모양의 쇠불이를 가지고 노는 놀이이다. 이처럼 설을 전후하여 세시풍속이 집중되어 있는 까닭은 정월이 농한기인데다 한 해가 시작되는 신성한 기간이기 때문이다. 신성한 기간에는 인간의 기원이 이루어진다는 믿음이 반영되어 있다. 설날의 명절음식인 떡국에는 쇠고기나 닭고기를 넣는데 원래는 꿩고기를 넣었다고 한다. 그러나 꿩고기가 구하기 어려워지자 손쉽게 구할수 있는 닭고기를 넣게 되었는데 "꿩대신 닭"이라는 속담은 이래서 시작되었다는 설이 있다.

- 현대의 설: 근대국가에 들어 우리나라에서는 한 때 음력설[舊正]과 양력설[新正] 두개의 설이 있었다. 음력설은 전통적인 명절, 곧 설날을 의미하며 양력설은 현재 일양력으로 사용하는 태양력에 의한 설이다. 그러나 전통명절은 역시 설날이며 구정이나 신정이란 용어 자체는 적절하지 않다. 1896년 1월 1일에 태양력이 수용되고도 우리의 전통명절인 설날은 이어졌지만 일제 강점기가 되면서 부터 수난의 역사가 시작되었다. 일본은 우리나라의 전통문화 말살정책에 의해 설날과 같은 세시명절마저 억압했다. 광복후 우리 정부가 들어섰지만 설에 대해 이중과세라는 낭비성만을 강조했다. 하지만 일반인들은 설날을 명절로 여겼다. 그래서 설날은 '민속의 날'이라는 어색하고 궁색한 이름이 붙여졌지만 1989년 음력 정월 초하루부터 본명인 '설날'을 찾게 되었다. 설



날 무렵이면 '민족대이동'이 화두가 되고 있고, 어른들이 자녀를 찾는 역류 현상도 일고 있지만 아직은 고향을 찾는 인구가 훨씬 많다. 그래서 오늘날 설은 전통문화를 보존한다는 측면과 만남을 갖는 절대적인 시간이 된다는 측면에서 대단히 소중한 설날

이면 온가족이 모여 차례를 지내거나 설날을 전후하여 성묘하는 세시풍속은 오늘날에도 전승되고 있고, 민속 박물관과 민속촌등 유관기관에서는 민속놀이판을 벌이고 있다.

자료출처: 한국민속대백과사전

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도로 상황: 적색

셔틀버스 및 개인용 군차량, 공문서 운송, 우편 및 식료품 운송 차량을 포함하는 모든 군차량들도 반드시 필요하거나 위급상황이 아니면, 운행을 할 수가 없습니다. 스케줄 운행표에 의한 버스운행은 도로 상황이 안전할 경우, 다음 정거장까지 운행할 수 있습니다. 고속도로 상황이 안전상 위험하게 되면, 버스 기사는 가장 가까운 군기지 사령관에게 보고해야 합니다. NAF를 포함하는 모든 미정부 차량은 얼음이나 눈때문에 발생한 적색 고속도로 상황에서도 운행할 필요가 있을때는 스노우 체인 또는 폭설 도로상황을 대비해서 고안된 다른 유사 장치를 사용해야 합니다.

개인차량, 부대 해강 택시, 그리고 부대 용역 버스들은 반드시 필요할때만 운행하도록 해야합니다. 이러한 차량들은 군기지를 출입하는데 제한을 받지 않을 것이나, 스노우 체인이나 눈이 많이 올때 사용하도록 고안된 유사 장치를 사용해야만 합니다. 군기지에서 운행하는동안

안전하게 운전할 수 없는 차량은 가장 가까운 주차 공간으로 이동해야하며, 운전자들은 도로 상황이 개선될 때까지 차량을 주차하라는 지시를 받게 될 것입니다.

도로 상황이 "적색"일 경우, 차량 운행을 승인할 수 있는 사람은 각 단위부대장, 중령 또는 그 이상의 장교, GS-13/KGS-13, 또는 그 이상의 민간인 감독자입니다.

도로 상황: 흑색

긴급출동 차량만 운행이 가능합니다. 눈이나 빙판때문에 도로 상황이 좋지 않다면, 스노우 체인이나 다른 유사 장비가 필요합니다 (예외 인정 불가).

기지내로 들어오는 개인소유 차량은 기지내에 있는 가장 가까운 주차 공간에 주차하도록 지시를 받게 됩니다. 지시 불응시, 기지 출입이 금지됩니다.

기지내에서 운행을 하고 있는 차량은 가장 가까운 주차공간에 주차하도록 지시를 받습니다. SOFA 번호판을 달고 있는 개인차량은 기지사령관이 실제로 기지 밖이 더 안전하다는 결정을 하지 않는한 기지를 벗어나서는 안됩니다.

대령 또는 그 이상의 계급에 있는 사령관만이 개인적으로 긴급 출동 차량의 사용을 허가할 권한이 있습니다.