

# Crimson Sky

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## AFAF kicks off at Osan

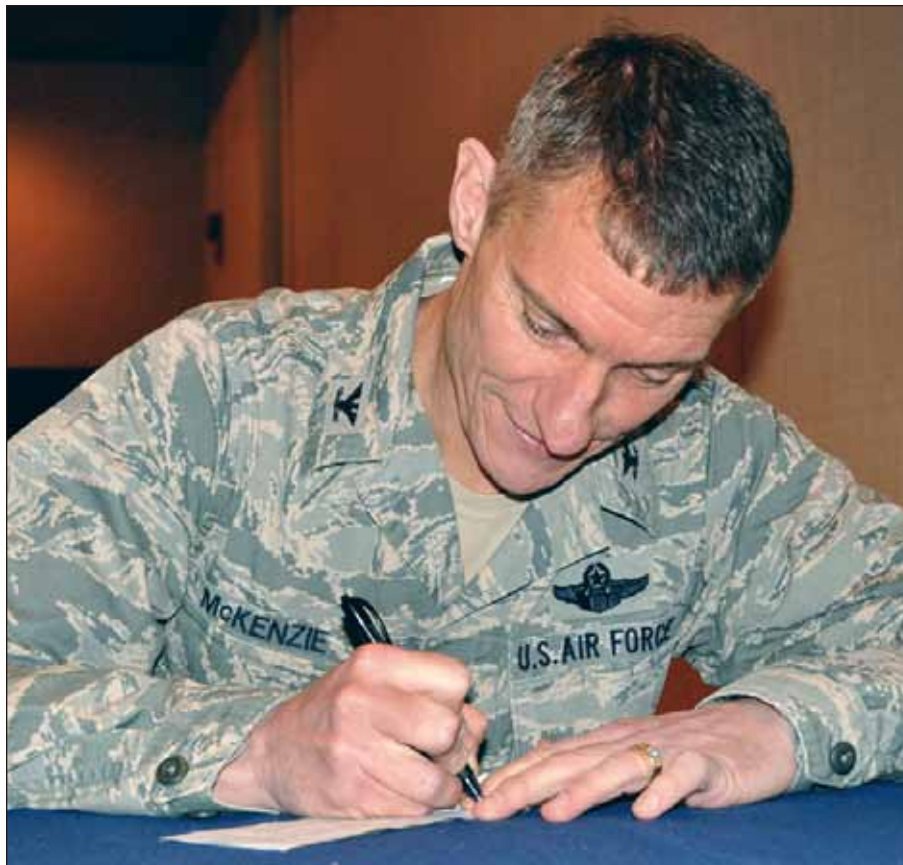
**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Every year the Air Force sets aside six weeks to raise money for charities that allow Airmen to help other Airmen in critical need of support. The Air Force prides itself on the wingman concept, and the AFAF is built on the foundation of giving back.

Osan Air Base kicked off the AFAF campaign that will run from Mar. 5 to April 13, 2012, with a total goal of raising \$100,841.

"I appreciate the time and effort you are giving for this foundation," said Col. Patrick McKenzie, 51st Fighter Wing commander during the kick-off breakfast. "Our focus is not on giving more to Airmen, but for more Airmen giving."

The AFAF is made up of charities whose benefits are only available to those in the Air Force family. The Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Village, and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provide benefits to Airmen and their families in various ways. Approximately 95 cents of every dollar goes to the foundation of choice, and can be made by cash, check or payroll deduction.

"This is an annual effort of support to our Air Force family," said Maj. Erich Wanagat, 51st Fighter Wing AFAF officer.



Col. Patrick McKenzie, 51st Fighter Wing commander, contributes to the Air Force Assistance Fund during the kick-off breakfast here, Mar. 6, 2012. Every year the Air Force sets aside six weeks to raise money for charities that allow Airmen to help other Airmen in critical need of support. Osan's 2012 goal is to raise \$100,841. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres)

AFAF has provided worldwide emergency assistance since 1942. It offers more than \$10 million in emergency grants and interest-free loans to eligible Airmen and their family members since inception, whether it is through death in the family, car repairs or basic living expenses.

The Air Force Enlisted Village helps spouses of retired enlisted Air Force members who are homeless or living in less than desirable conditions. AFEV also offers a home to mothers of active duty and retired military members and provides temporary housing to surviving spouses of Airmen who have died on active duty.

The LeMay Foundation awards grants to enlisted and officer retirees' spouses. Primary beneficiaries include stalwart widows who supported their families and active duty spouses, but whose incomes falls below the poverty line. The foundation also gives one-time grants for those needing wheelchairs or prosthetics.

The Air Force Village is a retirement community that cares for retired Air Force officers' widows who need financial assistance. AFV has provided over \$13 million in confidential support to approximately 500 widowed spouses since 1970.

For information on how to donate, contact your unit AFAF representative.

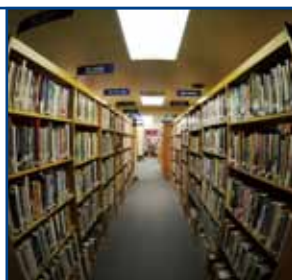
## Wolf Pack kicks off AFAF with celebration



Col. Stephen Williams, 8th Fighter Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Scott Delveau, 8th FW command chief, fill out an Air Force Assistance Fund form during the kickoff event at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 5, 2012. Kunsan's goal for this year's AFAF campaign is \$43,000 and this year's theme is "Commitment to Caring." To find out your unit representative, call Master Sgt. Arturo Ayala at 782-5550. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)



Senior Master Sgt. Shawen Stolz, 8th Security Forces Squadron, donates money to the Air Force Assistance Fund during the AFAF kickoff at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 5, 2012. Kunsan's goal for this year's AFAF campaign is \$43,000 and this year's theme is commitment to caring.



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## More than just books: Library offers wealth of information

By Senior Airman  
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**Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea**  
-- If you're not supposed to judge a book by its cover, then you probably shouldn't judge a library by its walls.

It's small compared to most libraries, no special paintings, tiles or landscaping grace the overall structure of the Rosenblum Memorial Library here - but it's what's inside that counts, right?

Let me illustrate.

Walk inside and your first instinct may be to jump on one of the 27 commercial access computers. Walk a little further and discover rows of DVDs - more than 3,000 actually.

Venture to the next room and you'll find reference sections with study and lounge areas tucked quietly away for use. Feel like taking a quick rest? Too bad, keep walking; you'll have time for that later.

This time something very familiar - library book stacks -- like a flashback from high school. It'll make you wonder how you ever wrote a research paper without the internet. Do kids these days even know what the Dewey Decimal System is?



One of the several book aisles open to service members at the Rosenblum Memorial Library on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 29, 2012. Open since the late 1950s, the library works to keep an updated selection of reading material available for Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Hines)

Moving on.

This is where the library gets high tech, video chat computers - in their own private booths. Ok, I wasn't even expecting that.

Now to one of my personal favorite spots: the magazine section. The library has subscriptions to nearly 79 periodicals, that's one less than me - just kidding. With magazine prices these days, let someone else pay the yearly fee.

On the way back to the front now, don't forget to check out the wall of music CDs - yeah, it's not exactly iTunes, but still.

Here we are at the circulation desk; don't forget to register to become a library member. That will give you access to all that you've seen (or read) here along with access to the library's online foreign language courses.

On your way home, be sure to check out the 24-hour Library Annex in the Community Activities Center.

Whether you're just looking for a quiet place to get away, read, or study - the Rosenblum Memorial Library has something for everybody.

But you don't have to take my word for it.

## Kunsan Top 10: Information for newcomers

By Senior Airman  
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**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- It's never easy being the new guy, especially when it's overseas.

Whether it's an Airman's first tour overseas, or 100th, no place is quite like the Wolf Pack. Airmen navigating through a sea of cellphone plans, baggage and Hangul probably have more questions about Kunsan Air Base than their state taxes.

We understand.

So we thought back to when we were young cubs in the pack, asked around and did a little digging to come up with Kunsan's Top 10 recommendations, tips or advice newcomers should know (or we wish we had known).

**1. Not all cellphone plans are created equal.** We know just how much you love that brand-new smart phone, but adopting the international phone plan that goes with it is probably more hassle (and money) than it's worth. South Korea has a buffet of cellphone plans and carriers, many of which cater to military members' one-year tours or less. Whether you want the full spectrum 3G service, or a simple pay-as-you go, rest assured you'll find a plan that fits your lifestyle. (Personal tip: to save even more money, check the Airman's Attic for turned-in cellphones)

**2. There's more than one way to call home.** The internet is a marvelous thing, between email, social media, video or voice calling, you can keep in contact with family and friends back home more

than ever before. Just make sure your mom, dad, spouse and kids know how to access it before you leave.

**3. You don't have to say goodbye to all your favorite sites.** Yes, not all American websites are available in South Korea, but that doesn't mean you can't get to them or find alternatives. Search around for similar sites, and if all else fails, an internet protocol scrambler may be your solution. Be advised, such services do slow down overall internet speeds.

**4. Size matters.** Consider stocking up on a few more pairs of your favorite jeans, undergarments or other clothing items if you tend to have hard-to-find sizes.

**5. A legal affair.** Realizing you never got a passport or designated a power of attorney before you left home isn't something you want to tackle once you're out of the country. Yes, if need be, anything is possible and those items can be procured once you're on station. However, the last thing you probably want to do on your weekend off is take a trip to the U.S. Embassy to obtain a passport for that mid-tour trip to China. So before you leave, ask yourself if there are any loose legal ends that may need to be addressed, better to be safe than sorry.

**6. Sleeping on a bare mattress is about as exciting as sleeping on the floor.** Unless you're flying commercial, chances are you will be arriving at nighttime on the rotator and will checking into your dormitory late at night (unless you are in lodging). Check with your sponsor to see if they can get you some bed sheets and a pillow for your room before your arrival. Another option is to pack a sheet

set with you in your checked baggage.

**7. Don't be that guy.** We're talking about the guy who packed important documents and uniforms in their personal property shipment, which won't reach Kunsan Air Base for at least a month. All servicemembers are authorized two free checked baggage items on their flight over - pack wisely.

**8. Baby, it's cold outside.** It's South Korea, not Hawaii; it can get both very cold and very hot here. If you have cold weather gear, bring it.

**9. Self improvement.** Two of the greatest opportunities servicemembers have while stationed in Korea are education and travel - take advantage of both. You can accomplish a lot in one year, consider this your year to set the bar a little higher and go after that associate's or bachelor's degree. Also, your chances to travel Asia are unparalleled; consider what's available and start a savings plan to help get you there.

**10. Never can say goodbye.** For those with a spouse, fiancé or boyfriend/girlfriend, the hardest part of an unaccompanied tour can be separation. Mid-tours give servicemembers a couple options for reuniting with loved ones while stationed in Korea. Many choose to go home, while others choose to have their significant other visit them. Start monitoring airline prices and once you're here be sure to check with your unit to see when mid-tour dates are available.

Hit the ground running! Get ready for a fast-paced, challenging and rewarding experience. Any assignment is what you make it. Expect the unexpected and prepare for what you know.

# The bigger picture: US, ROK forces show off air power

By Senior Airman  
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**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Not even the sun had a chance to rise before Airmen here began their work during a combined combat generation exercise, March 2, 2012, between United States and Republic of Korea Air Forces.

“The purpose of the exercise today is to test the ability of our team to execute our combat mission at a moment’s notice,” said Col. Craig Leavitt, 8th Operations Group commander.

“This shows the resolve that we have as a team, the United States and the Republic of Korea forces, to defend the Republic of Korea at any time,” he added.

From start to finish, aircraft were generated as they would be for wartime operations. The exercise helps Airmen practice how several pieces of a much larger puzzle are brought together in one swift motion, representing a cycle of events paramount to the overall defense of the region.

Describing it as a “bilateral event,” Col. Stephen Williams, 8th Fighter Wing vice commander, noted the long hours spent behind the scenes that produced the combat air power seen between the five units. In all, the exercise included aircraft from the 35th and 80th Fighter Squadrons from the 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, ROK; the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from the 388th FW at Hill Air Force Base, Utah; the 55th EFS from the 20th FW at Shaw AFB, S.C.; and the 38th Fighter Group of the ROK Air Force.

“Airmen from all the groups are par-



F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 35th and 80th Fighter Squadrons of the 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron of the 388th FW at Hill Air Force Base, Utah; the 55th EFS from the 20th FW at Shaw AFB, S.C.; and from the 38th Fighter Group of the ROK Air Force, demonstrate an “Elephant Walk” as they taxi down a runway during an exercise at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 2, 2012. The exercise showcased Kunsan AB aircrews’ capability to quickly and safely prepare an aircraft for a wartime mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

ticipating - the entire Wolf Pack - and they don’t always get to see the tail end of this,” said Williams.

A befitting finale, the “tail end” event was ushered in by the roaring sound of fighter jets as they glided down the runway as a combat-ready procession.

This isn’t the first time the Wolf Pack has exercised full combat generation, and certainly isn’t the last, but working with host country air power defenses has brought a more personal association to the importance of the exercise.

“This is their [Koreans] homeland,”

said Williams, reminding Airmen that the Wolf Pack is part of a vested interest in defending the Republic of Korea from enemy forces.

“The more we work together, the better we’ll be if called upon to take the fight north,” said Williams.



Above: Col. Craig Leavitt, 8th Operations Group commander, is interviewed by local Korean media March 2, 2012, during a combat generation exercise on Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The exercise, referred to as an “Elephant Walk,” brought together fighter aircraft from five combined units from both American and Korean Air Forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Hines)

Left above: A formation of F-16 Fighting Falcons progresses down the flight line at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 2, 2012, in a show of power called an “Elephant Walk.” The highly-maneuverable F-16s can reach a speed of 1,500 mph and are used for air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brigitte N. Brantley)

Left below: A formation of F-16 Fighting Falcons progresses down the flight line at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 2, 2012, in a show of power called an “Elephant Walk.” The exercise showcased Kunsan AB aircrews’ capability to quickly and safely prepare an aircraft for a wartime mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

# ROK forces participate in CBRN training



Left: Two members of the Republic of Korea Army remove each other's boots during counter chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive training led by 8th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness and emergency management flight at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 29, 2012. Joint training with ROK Forces happens twice a year. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld)

Left below: Republic of Korea Air Force and Army personnel use an M295 decontamination packet during counter chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive training led by 8th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness and emergency management flight at Kunsan Air Base, ROK Feb. 29, 2012. Joint training with ROK forces happens twice a year.

Right below: Republic of Korea Air Force and Army personnel participate in counter chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive training led by 8th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness and emergency management Airmen at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 29, 2012. The training involved joint post attack chemical, biological and radiological reconnaissance operations to determine the extent of CBRN hazards to the installation.



## OSAN AIR BASE UCMJ DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (1 - 15 March 2012)

NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT		
Rank	Offense Description	Punishment Imposed
SSgt	<b>Violated:</b> Art. 92 Dereliction of Duty; Art. 107 False official statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction to Senior Airman</li> <li>• Reprimand</li> </ul>
SrA	<b>Violated:</b> Art. 89 Disrespecting An Officer; Art. 91 Disobey NCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction to Airman First Class (suspended)</li> <li>• 30 days restriction</li> <li>• 30 days extra duty</li> <li>• Reprimand</li> </ul>

thought he could take some short cuts with his job performance right before his scheduled departure from active duty. He was supposed to fully inspect an air craft ejection seat, but haphazardly crossed off the checklist without doing the proper inspections. When asked by his leadership if the seat was good to go, he replied "seat is ready to be installed." Upon closer inspection, it was determined the ejection seat was definitely not "ready to be installed." In fact, the seat would have put the pilot's life in danger. Putting any one's life in danger is a tragedy, but when that person is your unit's commander that's an EPIC failure! The feature 15 is now losing a stripe before he ejects out of active duty into the reserves. Although the feature 15 thought he had a golden parachute in the reserves, he did not extend his commander the same courtesy. Remember, it's not over until the fat lady sings.

### Nope, the fat lady is NOT singing

When you're reaching the end, whether to PCS or head to civilian life, sometimes it's hard not to catch the "itis." You know, that "short-itis." When you're singing

"It's the final countdown..." and times just ticking by until the day ends. This week's feature 15 proves avoiding "short-itis" is definitely worth your while. Our Airman

# Radiology staff provides rapid response at Osan

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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Patients in critical condition are limited on time. For internal injuries impossible to see with the naked eye, they rely on the 51st Medical Operations Squadron radiology department for results.

Providing more than 200 to 300 diagnostic scans each week, radiology proves that with proper training and the right equipment, patients with broken bones, head injuries and pregnancies can be in and out of the department in minutes.

"We deal with patients 24/7," said Staff Sgt. Casey Grizzard, 51st MDOS diagnostic imaging technologist. "It's very rewarding when you can help a patient, especially someone who's critical. You're a step in the process of saving their life. Those minutes are critical, and our imaging helps the doctors diagnose what's wrong so they can properly treat (patients) and quickly."

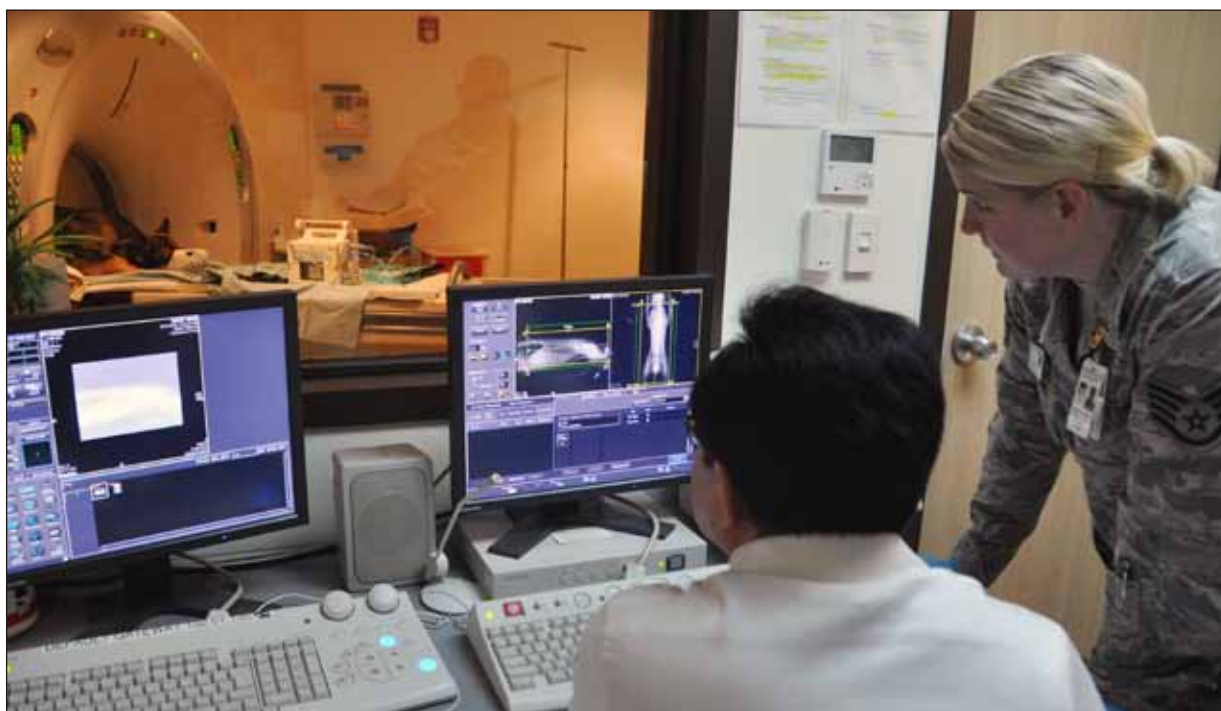
With the capabilities at Osan, technicians can do regular X-ray, ultrasound, computed tomography, and C-arm with fluoroscopy, which is capable of identification of foreign objects inside the body, Grizzard explained. One top-of-the-line machine here that helped saved a significant amount of time is the 64 slice scanner, a machine delivered to several bases in Pacific Air Forces.

"This machine is a lot faster," she said. "There is a quick turnaround time and essentially no delay in patient care because the machine does not need a cool down period. We can take one patient right after the next."

Also unique to the radiology department is the type of patients they treat. As members of the Air Force, military working dogs also get first class treatment.

"The military puts in a lot of money into our working dogs, and they get the same health benefits as our service members," Grizzard said.

Timing is also important for animals as body scans require them to be completely still for a clear picture.



Mr. Hwan Hyung and Staff Sgt. Casey Grizzard look over back scans of Woby, a military working dog, Mar. 2, 2012, while he lays in a 64-slice computed tomography scanner. The 51st Medical Operations Squadron radiologists provide doctors more than 200 to 300 human and animal diagnostic scans a week. Hyung is an X-ray and computed tomography technician, and Grizzard is a diagnostic imaging technologist with the 51st MDOS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres)

The machines in the clinic are able to process images in minutes, and they can be sent to other bases in a timely manner if needed.

"The times of carrying big scans in your hands are over," she said. "With our technology, we can send the scans over the computer, or we can just put it on a CD."

For Staff Sgt. Gilbert Martinez, as a diagnostic ultrasound technician, the pressure to be quick can be quite a challenge but nothing the department can't handle.

"Sometimes you get a patient who is in a lot of pain," he said. "We have to figure out what's going on and make sure the doctor gets the correct image from us."

He often sees patients with liver, kidney or abdominal problems and provides doctors with a clear picture.

However, even through the busy schedules, it's all worth it when he works with obstetric sonography.

"It never gets old telling a parent whether they are having a boy or girl," he said. "It's just a great part of my job."

Even during training, the radiology department performs double time as they participate in exercises and real-world simultaneously.

"We can get very busy here, but we adapt," Grizzard said. "It's all a part of our job."

# Osan forecasters critical to mission efficiency

By Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres  
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**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Flying fighter jets is at the forefront of Osan Air Base's mission, and weather plays a big piece in flying missions, so it's better to stay ahead of the game. This is where the members of the 51st Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight come in.

With multiple computer systems and manual readings to work with, the forecasters here keep pilots informed on the most up-to-date information which keeps them safe, explained Master Sgt. Brian Nuss, 51st OSS Weather Flight chief.

"In the weather flight, our job is to give the pilots and commanders decision-grade weather information to help them exploit the weather for battle," he said. "The mission is very high paced. With the enemy as close as they are, we always remain on top of things."

However, the enemy is not the only challenge these Airmen are presented at Osan, he explained. Just like anywhere in the world, the weather is unique to the country, and forecasters have to meet the requirements for both reading the weather and understanding the aircraft the base have, explained Senior Airman Clarissa Stofferan, 51st OSS weather forecaster.

"There are different rules we have to

follow for different aircraft," she said. "We usually look out from a six to nine hour period. The best thing about my job is that it requires a lot of thought process. It allows me to exercise my brain every day."

The tools they work with are also different than tools in the United States, and the overall data in the surrounding areas limits their visibility spectrum. Yellow dust also becomes a nuisance as it rolls in from the dunes of China and attaches to the moisture in the area.

"The weather here is tricky," Nuss said. "It changes quickly, and the fog will roll in from nowhere, which can make it very difficult to predict. We also have sparse data from the Sea of Japan and China. It's much more challenging because in America, you can look at the computer models and see a thunderstorm about an hour out. You can also look at the surrounding states and see what is coming your way. For us here, there are very few locations that actually give us good weather data, so we are a little limited."

Like any good weather forecaster, according to Nuss, being able to visualize the atmosphere in 3-D is usually what it takes to get the job done.

"A good forecaster can time the weather within 10 minutes of when it's going to happen. They need to know



Senior Airman Clarissa Stofferan, 51st Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, analyzes a radar for potential thunderstorms March 1, 2012, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The forecasters here keep pilots informed on the most up-to-date weather information to keep them safe. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres)

what happens from the surface through every slice of the atmosphere all the way up, and a good forecaster can think outside of the box."

Osan's 13 weather forecasters are separated into three sections: the staff, airfield services and the mission weather element. Each element comes together

to make a definitive decisions on the weather in order to give the commanders immediate feedback if something changes.

Although met with Osan's challenging weather, there are positive outcomes.

"The people are the best part," said Nuss. "We have a great team here."

# AF expands drug testing to include abused prescription drugs

By Jon Stock

Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force and other military services will expand their drug testing to include testing for commonly abused prescription drugs beginning May 1, 2012.

On Jan. 31, 2012, the Secretary of Defense gave a 90-day advance notice of the drug testing expansion which aims to counter the nation's growing epidemic and encourage those abusing prescription medications to seek treatment before official testing begins.

"Abuse of prescription drugs is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States, and unfortunately, this trend is reflected in the military services," said Maj. Gen. Thomas W. Travis, Deputy Air Force Surgeon General. "While pain medications are highly effective in alleviating suffering from injuries, they are dangerous and potentially addictive when used outside medical supervision."

Taking controlled medications in a manner other than how they were prescribed poses a risk to the person's health and safety and can put others at risk as well.

Prescription medications should be taken only for the purposes for which they were prescribed and at the dose and frequency prescribed. Additionally, Airmen are reminded never to take a medication prescribed to someone else.

"Members who need help discontinuing use of these drugs are encouraged to seek care at a military treatment facility immediately," said Maj. Gen. Travis.

The policy being addressed is not new

to Air Force personnel. In accordance with Air Force guidance and existing law, the knowing use of any prescription or over-the-counter medications in a manner contrary to their intended medical purpose or in excess of the prescribed dosage may have negative health consequences and may also violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

AFI 44-121, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Program provides limited protections under certain circumstances for voluntary disclosure of prior drug use or possession to unit commanders, first sergeants, a substance abuse evaluator, or a military medical professional. Once an Airman has been ordered to provide a urine sample as part of the drug testing program, any disclosure is not considered to be voluntary.

"There are no changes to procedures that will directly affect drug testing collection sites and military members who are selected for testing," said Lt. Col. Mark Oordt, Chief, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Drug Demand Reduction. "The changes will occur at the Drug Testing Labs where the standard panel of substances each specimen is tested for will be expanded."

The scope of the problem

- The Centers for Disease Control report 52 million Americans age 12+ y/o had used prescription meds non-medically in 2009, with 7 million Americans having done so routinely.

- Prescription medications appear to be replacing marijuana as the top "gateway drug." Six of the top 10 abused substances among high school seniors are prescription drugs; 20% of high school



(U.S. Air Force graphic by Sylvia Saab)

students have taken prescription medications without a prescription.

- Military data also suggests increases in prescription drug misuse. The DoD Health Behaviors Survey shows self-reported misuse of pain meds for non-medical purposes by Service Members (all Services) increased from 2% in 2002 to 7% in 2005 to 17% in 2008.

How to dispose of prescription drugs

"Patients are encouraged to dispose of prescribed medications once they are no longer needed for their prescribed purpose," said Lt. Col. Oordt. "The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) prohibits pharmacies from taking back controlled substances. However, the Services collaborate with law enforcement agencies in the DEA drug take back days which occur several times each year in most communities."

For more information on drug take back days visit [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/)

The Food and Drug Administration also offers guidance on disposal of prescription drugs before consumers throw them in the garbage.

- Take the medication out of their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as coffee grounds or kitty litter. The medication will be less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through your trash.

- Put medications in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the medication from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

- For more information on how to properly dispose of medications: Prescription Drug Disposal

# Yellow Sand Symptoms Can Be Prevented



(Courtesy photo)

From Staff Reports

51st Aerospace Medicine Squadron Public Health Flight

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- March and April on the Korean Peninsula bring a break between the winter-bearing Siberian air mass and the

summer swelter that flows from Southern Asia. But, just to keep things interesting, spring in Korea also means yellow sand storms from the Gobi Desert in Northern China, Inner Mongolia, and Manchuria.

These sand storms kick up huge clouds of dust that can travel all the way

to Korea. When that happens, the Korean Meteorological Association's weather officials may issue "Yellow Sand" health advisories or health warnings. The level of warning depends on how much sand, measured by the number of dust particles, is in the air.

Click here for information on health advisories and warnings.

Osan's Public Health and Weather officials monitor the Yellow Sand level and provide continual updates as conditions warrant.

The greatest health risks associated with Yellow Sand are respiratory problems especially for those with allergies, asthma, emphysema, or other forms of chronic respiratory disease. These problems may include congestion, eye irritation, coughing, phlegm, chest discomfort, wheezing, and shortness of breath.

If you or a family member has one of these conditions, click here for more information.

During the Yellow Sand advisories and warnings, the best preventive measure is staying indoors with doors and windows closed. Those with allergies or respiratory disease should avoid outdoor

activities.

The following additional measures can also help:

- Limit outdoor activities
- Wear glasses instead of contacts
- Wash exposed skin after returning indoors

- Wear long sleeves
- Cover mouth and nose
- Do not drink or eat food outside
- Drink water frequently
- People with lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion

Health Advisory - Moderate Level Recommendations:

- People with health conditions should avoid or minimize all outdoor activities.

- People without health conditions should not conduct outdoor physical training.

Health Warning - High Level Recommendations:

- All personnel should remain indoors as much as possible. Keep physical activity levels low if you must go outside.

For more information regarding Yellow Sand, call Public Health at 784-4494/5229.

# 4-war veteran still serving



Above: Retired U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Evert "Sarge" Carter takes a break from telling his life story to explain why he loves interacting with current Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, Feb. 8, 2012, at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport USO. Sarge has been volunteering at this USO for 13 years. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brigitte N. Brantley)



Right: Retired U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Evert "Sarge" Carter displays his original World War II notched dog tags at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Feb. 8, 2012. As a four-war veteran, he has a unique historical perspective because of his participation in certain units and fights, including the "Bushmasters," Battle of Saipan and Battle of Osan.

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

SEATTLE -- By the time service members traveling to Korea and Japan are done checking in their bags at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport USO, many have befriended someone who has walked the path before them.

Retired U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Evert "Sarge" Carter, a USO volunteer and veteran of four wars, exemplifies the phrase "Still Serving."

"Airborne all the way, man," Sarge sounds off to an active-duty Soldier passing through the airport.

"Alright, first sergeant, feet and knees together!" replies the Soldier -- a common reply among Army airborne brethren.

The 88-year-old veteran retired in 1974 after serving more than 30 years in combat and support roles during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Cold War.

"When I originally joined, volunteering was the thing to do. We wanted to fight the Japanese, fight the Germans," said Sarge, who still wears his original notched dog tags. "Everyone wanted to get in. I saw guys cry because they couldn't."

He wasn't the only member of his family to serve during WWII -- his father served in the Navy, his mother in the Coast Guard and his sister in the Women's Army Corps. His son would later serve as a medic during the Vietnam War.

The then-18-year-old Army recruit who had already served two years in the Merchant Marine as an engine room wiper was sent across the Pacific Ocean

to serve under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as part of the 158th Regimental Combat Team, better known as the "Bushmasters" for their jungle-fighting techniques.

The day of July 2, 1944, found his unit making an amphibious assault landing on the island of Saipan.

"The first thing to do on the beach was for the two-man color guard to get the American flag up," said Sarge. "A sniper got one of the men doing it, so the other grabbed it and got it up."

Sarge was on the fourth wave of tanks making the approach, which coincided with low tide and exposed the tracks to coral reefs, causing them to abandon the tank. Gunfire from the coast was moving closer, starting 100 yards out but soon going right over his head.

"Reese, the guy right next to me, got shot by a sniper through the helmet," said Sarge. "Somehow he didn't die then, so we dragged him with us as we swam away from the tank. We weren't 15 feet from the tank when it was hit."

Only five of the 17 Soldiers onboard made it alive to shore. With no tank to maintain, Sarge and the four others worked to set up defenses. All of a sudden, nearly 100 Japanese soldiers poured out of a cave just 200 yards away, their officer in charge leading the way with a saber and a pistol.

"It was supposed to be safe ... we hadn't expected problems there," said Sarge. "The gunner got taken out, so I took over the gun and started shooting."

The team proceeded to kill the enemy and secure the area, then eventually the entire island. After World War II, Sarge took a short break in service and attended a stenographer's school. This is when a classmate introduced him to his future

wife.

"My friend kept telling me about his sister, so I said, 'Boy, I sure want to meet this little sister,' and I went home on break with him," said Sarge. "There was a 1935 Chevy with yellow wheels in the driveway, and she had the rascal jacked up and she was under the car working on those yellow wheels."

"I said, 'That's the girl for me.' She's only 4 feet, 9 inches, but dynamite comes in small packages. I proposed after eight dates, but she told me to hold on."

"Now, we've been married 65 years," he added.

1950 found him stationed in Japan when word came that units were being sent to prevent North Korean forces from moving southward. Task Force Smith was sent to stop the advance of troops from the communist country, becoming "the first U.S. ground battle of the Korean War," according to army.mil.

But during the Battle of Osan, the Americans were heavily outnumbered and didn't have the necessary tools to delay the advancing tanks for very long. They ended up retreating. Dozens on the task force were killed, captured or wounded, but Sarge lived to fight another war.

This time, his service in Vietnam dealt with intelligence.

"I have lots of stories to tell, but I can't tell you any of them," said Sarge. "Everything was classified. I had a NATO secret clearance and when I retired, I had to sign three documents agreeing I wouldn't discuss what I had done."

During the Cold War, Sarge spent four years in Alaska as part of the 2nd Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division as a ski instructor at the Cold Weather and Mountain School.

"The Cold War wasn't as 'cold' as you think -- men were dying, but most people don't know that," he said. "We operated at up to 55 below zero and had to be able to operate the same on skis. We had to fire on target, herringbone around, shoot at bobbing targets, dig snow caves. You always traveled with at least two men."

Sarge spent time in other assignments before retiring in 1974 and having a second career as a master locksmith. Now, volunteering could almost be considered his third career.

Over the past 13 years, he has volunteered for 8,500 hours at the local Veterans Administration hospital and an additional 3,000 hours at the USO and Tahoma National Cemetery, where he serves as the sergeant-at-arms for their honor guard.

"Everyone buried there is a veteran, but most are not as old as I am and served during later wars," he said. "There are so many coming in, they only get half an hour for their final service. I do what I can to honor them."

Sarge said what he enjoys most about volunteering with the USO is getting to meet and interact with the in-transit Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

He wears his old military jacket and cap, covered in patches and pins of the units he served with and the conflicts he served in. His jacket pockets, what he calls his filing cabinet, hold proof of awards, pictures from his adventures, letters of appreciation for his lengthy service and membership cards for all the war associations he belongs to.

"I brag a lot, but I have a lot to show for it," he said. "I loved the military -- I made a home there. I enjoy being with the troops, and that's why I'm still serving."

# Jets require 'health' assessment to stay fit to fight

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

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- Airmen are required to be fit to fight, and same goes for aircraft.

Osan's F-16 Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt IIs are constantly flying. Just like Air Force members are required to get an annual health assessment, aircraft go through a similar process through the phase dock.

"Our aircraft go through an in-depth inspection after so many hours," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Torres, floor chief for the phase dock process. "During the phase process, we are looking at areas that we don't normally look at when (aircraft) are on a normal flying schedule."

Jets are taken through an extensive inspection that requires them to be taken apart and pieced back together in order for maintainers to view every detail of the aircraft.

"Once the jet comes in, they de-panel it, start removing parts and perform leak checks, and they also look for cracks and anything else on the aircraft that is not normally seen on the flightline."

Jets go through a lot of stressors and have some natural wear and tear, especially as aircraft parts get older, Torres explained. Often maintenance crews can patch up the planes and go, but for every 500 hours of flying, a more ex-

tensive maintenance process is required.

The aircraft go through two phases; phase dock teams are allotted five days in the first phase and 10 days in the second phase. Specialized equipment can be used to pinpoint problems that can't be physically seen as planes are disassembled and pieced back together.

Senior Airman William Lavender, 51st Maintenance Squadron non destructive inspection journeyman, uses electric currents to look for cracks that can cause structural problems later.

"The machine sends off what is called an eddy current, and if there is a crack, the current will come back and show it on the machine," he said. "We also X-ray certain parts and go through the sheet metal shop to see if we can fix it. We do what we have to in order to get the plane flying again."

Attention to detail is especially important when it comes to the safety of the aircrew and to keep the aircraft in good condition.

"There are critical inspection areas that we look at, and some areas have a higher chance for something to be wrong, so we pay close attention to that," Torres said. "Each piece is critical to the aircraft, so we make sure that those areas are good to go and that there's nothing damaged, broken or out of limits. So it's important to make sure that the aircraft are structurally sound and we continue to give aircrew safe,



Senior Airman Christopher Blackstone, 51st Maintenance Squadron phase crew chief, applies lubrication to the nose landing gear struts of an A-10 here, March 7, 2012. Blackstone is applying the lubrication to ensure points are able to maneuver freely without corrosion. (U.S. Air Force Photos by Senior Airman Adam Grant)

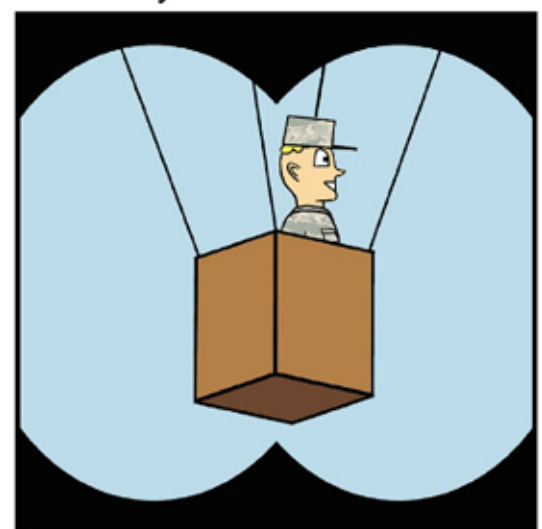
reliable airplanes."

After the process is complete, the jets are reintroduced to the flightline and

ready to fly again. Phase dock personnel then repeat the process with another aircraft due for a "health" assessment.

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# Mastering national anthems: Kunsan vocalist accepts the challenge

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

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- It was a joke at first -- Amanda "Mae" O'Brien belting out "Kansas City" in front of her middle school chorus class during auditions for a solo in the school play.

"I just got up and went for it. I didn't know I would be decent," the Chesterfield, Mass., native said, "but I got the solo."

Now a technical sergeant serving as the 8th Medical Group unit deployment manager at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, O'Brien uses her alto/soprano voice in a unique way -- singing the American and Korean national anthems.

Her talent helps ensure "The Star-Spangled Banner" and South Korean "Aegukga" are shown the same honors at events.

"While I don't think it is bad to have two people sing the songs, I think having one sing both represents another dimension of unity," said Maj. Joseph Rountree, a Korean-American 8th MDG patient advocate who helped teach O'Brien to minimize the effect of Hangul's elongated vowels while singing. "I think the ambassadorship is enhanced by her demonstrating the motivation and ability to sing both national anthems."

After landing that first middle school solo, O'Brien graduated from a performing arts charter school and got involved with music in other ways -- local town parades, church choir and karaoke lounges with her dad were ways her family bonded. Her father started his career as a radio announcer and now tours as a Roy Orbison ("Hey, Pretty Woman") impersonator.

"My daddy is without a doubt my biggest singing mentor," said O'Brien.

"It was evident that she was very musical at a young age," said Brian McCullough, who O'Brien credits as her biggest singing mentor. "She did a great deal of singing and dancing around the house whenever we spent time together. She developed favorites at a young age and often requested specific songs or singers from my collection."

The summer before her 16th birthday was spent with McCullough at a Six Flags in Texas where he was performing as part of Legends in Concert; she was taken with the performers, dancers and singers. She held a major role at another local Six Flags show after graduating, but made the decision to take her life in another direction -- joining the Air Force.

"I was initially concerned that her talent and training would be lost without having an outlet, but in typical Amanda fashion, she has found a way to have her cake and eat it too," said McCullough. "It gives me great pride to know of the contribution she is making performing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Aegukga," but I also cherish memories of the little



Then-Staff Sgt. Amanda "Mae" O'Brien, 8th Medical Group unit deployment manager, performs "The Star-Spangled Banner" at an event Feb. 17, 2012. O'Brien is known for being able to sing both the American national anthem and the South Korean "Aegukga." (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Auld, illustration by Senior Airman Brigitte N. Brantley)



A teenaged Tech. Sgt. Amanda "Mae" O'Brien performs at Six Flags during a singing and dancing children's show about the use of seatbelts and safe travelling. Now the 8th Medical Group unit deployment manager, the Air Force vocalist has performed in front of variously-sized crowds, the largest being 245,000 at an air show. (Contributed photo)

girl who sang in the back seat of my car."

The pride and patriotism O'Brien has is due in part from the influence of her maternal grandmother who had supported the World War II war effort and was president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"My grandmother was an amazing lady. Her brother had died as a tail gunner, but she was never bitter about it. She helped teach me that I was never entitled to anything," said O'Brien. "She definitely

helped instill that patriotism in me."

Now, the girl who wasn't known for getting the big parts in high school is performing for larger crowds on a consistent basis. She performs regularly at promotion and monthly observation ceremonies, most recently the 7th Air Force annual awards ceremony and even her own promotion ceremony in February.

Her biggest audience so far: a quarter of a million people at AirFest 2010 in San Antonio.

"I feel the national anthem is really my niche," said O'Brien. "I still get nervous every time I perform. People take it seriously. I take it seriously and I don't want to let people down."

"People sometimes change the key and over-personalize it to show the range of their voice, but it isn't about the singer, it's about the anthem. It's not an opportunity to showcase me -- it's an opportunity to use whatever talent I have to serve my country

**607th Support Squadron****Job title:** Project Manager**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** Manages, plans and integrates 7 Air Force systems, delivering on-demand Command, Control, Communication, Computer, and Intelligence (C4I) integration for the Korea Air & Space Ops Center (KAOC) Weapons System. Plans and executes 7AF and KAOC C4I projects and ensures accuracy and completeness of technical solutions to effectively support KAOC execution of campaign plan. Oversees C4I solution interoperability and secures Korean Theater of Operations (KTO) armistice and contingency funding.**Time in the military:** 9 years**Time in Korea:** 6 months**Family:** Wife, Lorraine; Father, David; Mother, Jeanette; Brother, Ryan**Hobbies:** Running, travel, gaming**Why did you join the military?** My father was in the Air Force, my brother was my recruiter, and my hometown was a black hole. It seemed like the best way I could provide a life for myself, and have an impact on something bigger than me.**Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?** In 20 years I hope to have retired from the Air Force and have moved on to a modest psychology practice.**What do you do for fun here?** I am an avid member of the Hash House Harriers, and I enjoy playing video**Staff Sergeant Benjamin J. Schneider**

games or traveling around Korea.

**What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?** My favorite memory has been two tours on Base Honor Guard at Little Rock AFB. Honor Guard is truly an experience that changed my heart and my view of what military service

truly means. I will never forget those that have paved the way for me to serve.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** Joining the Air Force. All the best things that happened in my life would not have if it weren't for the Air Force.**Who are your role models?** My family. My father for his dedication to providing for our family and his intelligence. My brother for his enthusiasm and honesty about his career. My mother for her unwavering bravery and resilience in the face of adversity.**Detachment 2, 607th Weather Squadron. USAG HUMPHREYS****Job title:** Battlefield Weather Forecaster**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** Provide rapid and accurate weather forecasts & information to enhance the safety and operational effectiveness of supported Army combat aviation, intel-collection, heavy-lift transport and medical evacuation air ambulance missions throughout the Republic of Korea.**Time in the military:** 8 years, 1 ½ months**Time at Korea:** 3 ½ months**Hometown:** Brooklyn, New York, I also spent some of my childhood growing up in Cape Town, South Africa.**Family:** I am a single father; my daughter is currently staying with her mother in New Jersey while I am serving in Korea.**Hobbies:** I like to remain active so I enjoy any sports or aerobic activity. Outside of that I enjoy art, music, and food.**Why did you join the military?** I know it's an urban cliché but I always tell folks I joined to give myself a way out.**What do you do for fun here?** I've taken a liking to the art scene in Seoul, and I am also particularly keen on the cultural tours offered by the USO.**Anathi Ndabesizwe Gumede****What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?** I met (Retired) Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Carlton Kent while stationed in Washington D.C. in 2007. He spoke to me at length about doing the right things in life and making sound decisions. I've always looked to that moment as being a pivotal moment in my life and being a professional Air-

man and now a junior NCO.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** I'm proud to serve with the folks here at DET 2; I always brag to my family that these are some of the smartest and sharpest people I've been around since entering the Air Force.**Who are your role models?** My professional role models are my CC & NCOIC

here at DET 2. I really buy into their program and show up to work with a refreshed enthusiasm towards my work because of their insight and leadership. My mother in Cape Town, South Africa continues to remain an inspiration for me, and always has been a strong pillar of support throughout my life and Air Force career.

**Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Aaron**

**Unit:** 8th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Duties:** Assistant NCO in charge, structures section

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Penn.

**Hobbies:** Golf, education

**Favorite music:** Rap

**Follow-on:** Ramstein Air Base, Germany

**Last good movie you saw:** Shawshank Redemption

**Best thing you've done here:** Getting married on Feb. 1

**Tech. Sgt. Christopher Allen**

**Unit:** 8th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Duties:** Assistant NCO in charge, water and fuel systems maintenance section

**Hometown:** Paulsbo, Wash.

**Hobbies:** Martial arts, swimming, family time

**Favorite music:** Everything except rap

**Follow-on:** Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

**Last good movie you saw:** Sherlock Holmes

**Best thing you've done here:** Visiting friends in Kwangju

**Reason for nomination:** "Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Aaron and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Allen distinguished themselves during an emergency weekend project to complete repairs on a water boiler at Bldg. 1305. It was determined that the boiler was not getting clean fuel from the below-ground tank. After a thorough inspection of the entire system it was discovered that there were two blocks of wood stuck in the fill pipe of the tank, 8 feet below ground.

During the next six hours, numerous attempts using different techniques were made to remove the blocks of wood from the pipe with little to no success. Undeterred, Aaron and Allen used their combined experience to fabricate several retrieval tools, which required welding different heads onto a pipe snake in an effort to finally retrieve the blocks from the pipe. With the use of a pipe camera and the pipe snake, they maneu-

**Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Aaron & Tech. Sgt. Christopher Allen**



Col. Stephen C. Williams, 8th Fighter Wing vice commander, presents Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Aaron, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, structures section assistant NCO in charge, with Kunsan's Pride of the Pack, which recognizes the outstanding work Airmen do every day. Aaron, along with Tech. Sgt. Christopher Allen, 8th CES water and fuel systems maintenance section assistant NCO in charge, were recognized for their work during an emergency weekend project to complete repairs on a water boiler on base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Omar Villarreal)

vered through two elbows and a bell reducer to finally secure the retrieval tool into the blocks of wood and remove them from the pipe.

Without their dedication to remove the obstructions from the fill pipe, the 6,000-gallon tank would only receiving 1,000 gallons of fuel, allowing the rest of the open space in the tank to condensate and contaminate

the fuel that fed the boiler and two emergency generators. If this condition had been allowed to continue, the boiler and two generators would have been fouled and extensive repairs or replacement would have to be performed, costing an estimated \$75,000 to \$80,000 in materials and man-hours," Senior Master Sgt. Albert Robin, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron.

**Staff Sgt. Anna Zyska Ereth**



Staff Sgt. Anna Zyska Ereth, 51st Comptroller Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Stefanie Torres)

**51st Comptroller Squadron**

**Job title:** Deputy Disbursing Officer (DDO)

**Job description and its impact on the overall mission:** As a DDO, I manage cash operations to include vendor payments for the peninsula, payroll for Korean civilians, and other dis-

bursements and collections to include overseas housing allowance advances. I work closely with the local Community Bank and Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Japan. The overall impact is to provide financial services and resources to support the U.S. Forces Korea war fighting mission and to allow Mustang warriors to be ready to fight and win tonight.

**Time in the military:** 5 years, 2 months

**Time at Osan:** 5 months

**DEROS:** Sep 2012

**Family:** Son Alexander - 4 years old

**Hometown:** Swidnik/Poland

**Hobbies:** Traveling, hiking, dancing

**Why did you join the military?** I always wanted to have a stable job that would allow me to travel, meet new

people, and offer professional growth opportunities. The U.S. Air Force provides not only all of those but also encourages learning, volunteering, and a healthy lifestyle.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years?**

In 20 years I see myself as a retired Air Force member with a Masters in Accounting and CPA certification working as a GS civilian in Budget and Accounting.

**What do you do for fun here?** One of my hobbies is traveling. Korea has so many beautiful sites to visit, so I try to spend any free moment exploring the scenery and culture.

**What's your favorite Air Force memory or story?** Since I joined the Air Force in 2007, my life has changed. I remember a lady who shook my hand and thanked me for my service after I graduated Basic Military Training. I will never forget meeting Robert Gates, former Secretary of Defense, during the Polish Officers visit on Maxwell Air Force Base in 2008. In 2010, I had the chance to observe a BMT graduation parade and eat lunch with a basic trainee at Lackland Air Force Base.

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** During my deployment to Oman in 2010, I ran my first half marathon. I trained for three months and my goal was to finish it under two hours. I was extremely happy crossing the finish line in one hour and 58 minutes.

**Who are your role models?** My personal role models are my parents. They taught me how to be responsible, independent, and treat others the way I want to be treated. My professional models are Col. Antonio Douglas and Senior Master Sgt. Gleny Kevelier. They are both true leaders who really care about their people and are focused on the mission and fitness at the same time.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### KUNSAN

#### Chapel Bldg. 501 and 510

##### Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Daily Catholic Mass

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

#### Thursday

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

Point of Contact:

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

### OSAN

#### Catholic Mass

##### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Mass 5 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

##### Reconciliation

Saturday, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

#### Protestant Services

Sunday

Traditional service - 10 a.m.

Gospel Service - 11:30 a.m.

Pentecostal - 2 p.m.

Contemporary service - 5 p.m.

#### Church of Christ Service

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

#### General Services

##### Joy Night (gospel)

Friday, 7:30 p.m.

##### Earth-based Service

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

##### Jewish Service

Second and fourth Friday, 6 p.m.

##### Muslim Service

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

#### Haven Ministry Center (Community Activity Center)

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

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

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

For other events, call 784-5000.



## Mustang Spiritual Charge

### Hope Beyond the Struggle



By Ch, Capt. Hoang Nguyen  
51 FW Chaplain

Growing up as a teenager in a new land was such a difficult time for me. I had to embrace not only the new culture and its language, but also find how to "fit in" and face the pressure of this new American life style. I complained a lot...thinking that life could be a lot easier if I could have just stayed in Vietnam instead. The village, in the central part of Vietnam, where I was growing up was poor and simple, but less sophisticated. Every time I tried to

talk to my mother about the struggles and challenges that I was facing daily with school, friends, and the new culture, she always smiled and responded with these gentle words, "son, it is ok. The challenges and struggles are good for you." I often got upset and angry at her. I could not conceive at that time how the challenges and struggles could be good to anyone! Perhaps... I was too young to understand what she meant. However, life continued to move on and I made it through those difficult times.

Even today when I go through my own struggles and challenges in life or ministry as a Catholic Priest and Chaplain, my mother's words continue to remind me to stay steadfast in faith, to keep pressing on, and to never give up hope in the people whom I am called to serve. I owe my mother a great deal of gratitude! I often asked my mother how she was able to raise her six children by herself. As always, with one simple answer, she said, "I always try to look beyond my struggles and it is there...I see hope."

My mother's gentle words also remind me of the story about the "cocoon and the butterfly." A man was walking down his normal path to his house and

found the cocoon of a butterfly. Day after day he would pass by the cocoon with no changes. One day as he was going down the path, he noticed a small opening had appeared in the cocoon; he stopped to check it out and he noticed movement. He ended up watching the cocoon for several hours as a butterfly struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making progress. It appeared as if the butterfly could go no further. Finally he decided to help the butterfly by taking opening the hole of the cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily; however, it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly expecting that at any moment the colored wings would dry out, enlarge, and expand to support the swollen body. He thought that in time the butterfly's body would be able to fly. Neither Happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle were required for the butterfly to be able to fly. It is a process. The butterfly must push its way through the tiny opening to force

the fluid from its body and wings. Only by struggling through the opening, can the butterfly's wings be ready for flight and reach its full potential.

Of course, the moral of the story is that life is full of processes that we must go through in order to reach our destiny and potential. Admittedly, the struggle is sometimes painful, but if we faint not, it will work out in the end. We must continue to drive on and never quit. I struggled early on in my transition to America, but today I am proud to serve my nation. We live in a time where our lives seem to be overwhelmed and filled with the trials of life's circumstances. The truth is some circumstances will give us joy, while others will drag us to the edge of hopelessness. Whatever the circumstances and struggles that you are going through at this present time, my prayer is that you will have the strength and courage to stay steadfast in faith, reach out, and be able to see hope beyond the difficulties and challenges of life. I once heard of this inspirational African saying "Smooth seas do not make great sailors!" May our struggles be a source of blessings and strength for each other as we continue to embrace our mission here in the great nation of South Korea.

# Osan maintainer participates in cycling camp, race

By Airman 1st Class

Michael Battles

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- A senior weapons system coordinator with the 51st Maintenance Operations Squadron participated in the U.S. Military Cycling Team Camp and 2012 Race for Humanity in Lutz, Fla. Feb. 6 - 12, 2012.

Staff Sgt. Bradley Williams finished 37th out of 81 competitors in the 51-mile road race held Feb. 11, 2012, and finished 1st place for the category 4 race held the following day.

"Coming from a triathlon background I have a lot to learn in the cycling world, so being surrounded by some of the top cyclists in the country gave me the opportunity to learn a lot," Williams said.

The U.S. Military Cycling Team, which primarily serves active duty members from all branches, also hosts reserve, guard and retired service members. During the week-long camp, participants received briefings that covered a variety of subjects including nutrition, race tactics, sponsor introductions and product orientation.

Throughout the five-day camp and two-day race Williams cycled approximately 450 miles.

Training for Williams' 2012 competition schedule began in early December 2011 with a rigid 12 - 15 hour a week workout routine. He rides with the Osan cycling group three to four times a week, and he also trains with a local trainer.

"After only brief interaction with Staff Sgt. Williams, I knew right away his



positive attitude and dedication would be a great addition to the U.S. Military Cycling program," said Master Sgt. Andrew Chocha, Air Force Global Strike Command B-2 Armament Systems manager.

Williams is currently creating a competition schedule for 2012. Throughout his endurance career Williams has competed in more than 70 marathons, triathlons and IRONMAN competitions combined.

Williams competed in roughly 20 competitions just in the last year including the 2011 Ford IRONMAN World Championships in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, which he hopes to compete in again for 2012 as an official military representative, he said.

"The hard part about planning a race schedule is that the mission always comes first," Williams said. "We know, the mission changes day to day and week to week, so being flexible is key."

Williams' goal now is to support his Korean team and finish in a top spot during the 2012 Tour de Korea, an 800-mile endurance cycling competition throughout the Republic of Korea in April.

The U.S. Military Cycling Team is a non-profit privately funded organization not affiliated with the Department of Defense. The purpose of the team is to identify and prepare service members for national and international cycling competitions.

**Left: Staff Sgt. Bradley Williams, 51st Maintenance Operations Squadron senior weapons coordinator, stands on the winners podium after finishing 1st in the Category four race at the U.S. Military Cycling Team Camp and 2012 Race for Humanity in Lutz, Fla. Feb. 6 - 12, 2012. (Courtesy photo)**



**Above and right photos: Staff Sgt. Bradley Williams, 51st Maintenance Operations Squadron senior weapons coordinator, finished 37th out of 81 competitors in the 51-mile road race at the U.S. Military Cycling Team Camp and 2012 Race for Humanity in Lutz, Fla. Feb. 6 - 12, 2012. (Courtesy photo)**

# Women's History Month - The Real Charlotte Gray

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

Nancy Wake, one of the most decorated servicewomen during World War II, passed away just a year ago at the age of 98 years old. Code named "The White Mouse" by the Gestapo during the war, Wake died Sunday in a London nursing home, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard said. "Nancy Wake was a woman of exceptional courage and resourcefulness whose daring exploits saved the lives of hundreds of Allied personnel and helped bring the Nazi occupation of France to an end," Gillard said in a statement. Trained by British intelligence in espionage and sabotage, Wake helped to arm and lead 7,000 resistance fighters in weakening German defenses before the D-Day invasion in the last months of the war. While distributing weapons, money and code books in Nazi-occupied France, she evaded capture many times and reached the top of the Gestapo's wanted list, according to her biographer, Peter FitzSimons.

Nancy Wake was born the youngest of six in New Zealand in 1912, but the family moved to Sydney Australia in 1914. At the age of 16 she ran away from home and worked as a nurse. With 200 pounds inherited from a relative, she left for New York City, then London where she became a journalist. In the 1930s she worked in Paris and later for Hearst newspapers as a European correspondent. While in Europe she saw the rise of the Nazis and "saw roving Nazi gangs randomly beating Jewish men and women in the streets" of Vienna. In 1937 she met wealthy French industrialist Henri Edmond Fiocca, 14 years her senior and rich enough to indulge her taste for champagne, caviar, and the

good life. They married in 1939.

When the Germans invaded France she was living in Marseille and after France fell she became a courier for the French Resistance. Her ability to elude capture was such the Gestapo called her the White Mouse and eventually put a five million franc price on her head. Her work at the time largely involved helping downed RAF pilots and British soldiers left behind after Dunkirk on a journey over the Pyrenees under the noses of the pro-German French authorities. It was in 1943 she became the Gestapo's most wanted person and her network of resistance fighters and spies was betrayed. She was encouraged to flee Marseille while her husband stayed behind to eventually be captured, tortured and executed by the Gestapo. Nancy Wake did not find out about her husband's death until after France was liberated.

After leaving Marseille, Nancy Wake made her way to Britain. Instead of taking a well deserved vacation, in London she volunteered for Special Operation Executive French section. Despite reservations about her party-girl persona, she was trained in survival skills, armed combat, Morse code and surveillance. Six weeks before D-Day, she was parachuted into the heavy forests and mountains of Auvergne in central France to prepare local Resistance groups, the Maquis, for the job of harrying the Germans once the invasion began. The Maquis were 7,000 disorganized partisans who had little desire to take instructions from across the Channel, especially from a woman. They quickly learned her mettle.

A male comrade-in-arms in the French Resistance summed her up as: "The most feminine woman I know, until the fighting starts. And then she is like five men." She was so feminine that

one time, while escaping pursuers she was dressed in a frock, silk stockings, high-heeled shoes and a camel-hair coat, arguing she did not want to look like a hunted woman. It was in this outfit during this pursuit she jumped from a moving train into a vineyard. Shortly after being parachuted into France for the SOE, she disposed of a German guard with her bare hands. Nothing pleased her more than riding pell-mell through the countryside in the lead car in the front seat in the countryside, a Sten gun on her lap and a cigar between her teeth, in search of Germans to kill. When asked why she insisted in being in the lead vehicle, she said it was because she couldn't bear dust being thrown up in her face and nice clothes. Passionate and impulsive, with a tendency to draw attention to herself, she was not the ideal undercover agent. In one battle, her car was strafed by German fighter planes but she crawled out of the wreck hanging on to her prized possessions – a jar of face cream, a packet of tea, and a satin cushion. Her superiors did not think she would last long, but she most definitely proved them wrong.

After the war she was showered with honors including a British George Medal, the French Legion d'Honneur, and three Croix de Guerre. In time she remarried, returned to Australia, dabbled in politics, and then traveled back to Britain for the last time to retire in 2001. She resided at the Stafford Hotel in S. James' Place, near Piccadilly, formerly a British and American forces club during the war. She had been introduced to her first "bloody good drink" there by the general manager at the time, Louis Burdet, who had also worked with the Resistance in Marseilles. She celebrated her 90th birthday there and was so welcome at the hotel the owners absorbed most of the costs of her stay. In 2003



Nancy Wake circa 1945. (courtesy photo)

to the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Ex-Service Men and Women in Richmond, London, where she remained until her death in 2011 at the age of 98. Her remains were cremated and, following her wishes, her ashes were scattered across the Auvergne area of central France.

If you wish to learn more about Nancy Wake, in 1985 Wake published her autobiography, *The White Mouse*. The book became a bestseller and has been reprinted many times. In addition, her exploits inspired a book entitled *Charlotte Gray* by Sebastian Faulks which was later made into a movie of the same name starring Cate Blanchett. Lastly, two biographies were written; one by Russell Braddon in 1956 titled *Nancy Wake: The Story of a Very Brave Woman* and another in 2001 titled *Nancy Wake, A Biography of Our Greatest War Heroine* by Peter FitzSimons.



Colonel Robin Olds. (courtesy photo)

## Dear Hooch the Historian:

*"Why does the Air Force have Mustache March?"*

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

Thank you for your question. The United States Air Force, despite being the youngest American military service, has a few outstanding traditions. A few civilians vaguely know this tradition as an occasion used by some to raise money for charity. Many in our own military ranks only know Mustache March as "some damn pilot thing." Well, it is indeed that, and it comes from one of our greatest airmen, the first Wolf of the Wolf Pack, Robin Olds.

Born on Bastille Day, 1942, Robin Olds was a life-long maverick in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II and as a United States Air Force wing commander of the 8 Tactical Fighter Wing in the Vietnam War. Many pilots fighting in the Vietnam War

superstitiously had a "bulletproof mustache", but Olds used his as a "gesture of defiance. The kids on base loved it. Most everybody grew a mustache." He became the first Wolf when the 8 TFW became known as the Wolf Pack after their victorious air battle over the enemy known as Operation Bolo on January 2, 1967.

As a result of this battle, both Robin Olds and the Wolf Pack became famous. His famous and expansive mustache, quite out of regulation, came home with its owner after Olds' service in Vietnam was over. When he reported to Air Force Chief of Staff General John P. McConnell, the general walked up to him, stuck a finger under his nose and said, "take it off." Olds complied, of course, privately saying, "To tell the truth, I wasn't all that fond of the damned thing by then, but it had become a symbol for the men of the 8th Wing. I knew McConnell un-

derstood. During his visits to Ubon over the past year he had never referred to my breach of military standards, just seemed rather amused at the variety of 'staches sported by many of the troops. (It) was the most direct order I had received in twenty-four years of service."

Upon hearing the news, many of his fellow air warriors were stunned, but they kept a stiff upper lip – and put a rug on it. It was a touching display of masculine solidarity with aircrews worldwide growing mustaches, perhaps hoping to restore balance to a universe obviously going to hell in a handcart. This incident with the world's most famous manstache is given credit as the impetus for the Air Force tradition, "Mustache March", in which aircrew, aircraft maintainers, and other Airmen worldwide show solidarity by a symbolic, albeit good-natured "protest" for one month against Air Force facial hair regulations.

## Kunsan

### Wolf Pack Lodge

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

### Got an IDEA?

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

### Illmagwon Orphanage

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

### Friday Sonlight Dinner

Every Friday volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace lead by the chaplain. Meals range from "Breakfast for Dinner" to "Italian Cooking" to "Southern Style". For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

### Sponsor Training

Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

### Korean Language

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

### Ping Pong Tournament

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

### Eight Ball Tournament

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

### Kunsan Photo Club

Interested in sharing your photography experience with others and exploring Korea along the way? Have a camera, but want to learn how to use it more completely? Then join the Kunsan Photo Club as they delve into the finer qualities of photography where the key concept is: "It's not the camera that makes a great photo, but the photographer." If interested in joining, the group can be found on Facebook, just search for "Kunsan Photo Club".

### Explore Korea: Kunsan

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

## Osan

### Haven Now Open

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

### Bystander Intervention Training

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

### HAWC Classes

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

### One-stop Base Inprocessing

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

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

### Red Cross Volunteers

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

### United Through Reading Program

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

### Airman & Family Readiness Center

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

### Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

Emergency Services	911	Commander's Hotline	782-5224
Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	After-hours medical advice	782-4333
Crime Stop: (to report a crime)	782-5444	IG Complaints FWA Reporting:	782-4850 (duty hours) 782-4942 (anytime)
Base Locator: (after duty hours)	782-4743	Chaplain (After duty hours)	782-6000
Law Enforcement desk	782-4944	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	782-7272
Emergency Leave / Red Cross	782-4601 (on base) 1-800-733-2761 (anytime)		

### CRIME PREVENTION "It's Everyone's Responsibility"

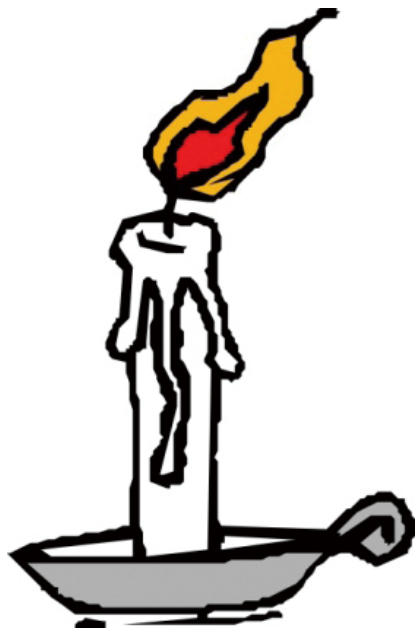
If you have a crime to report  
Contact a Security Forces member at the Crime Stop Phone Number  
**DSN: 784-5757**  
**Commercial: 031-661-5757**  
Callers can remain anonymous when reporting!!

#### Crime Prevention Tips

- \* Ensure purses, wallets, cell phones and other valuable items are not left unattended in vehicles
- \* Ensure that unattended vehicles and living areas are locked
- \* Be mindful and identify suspicious individuals in dormitories, housing and work areas
- \* Permanently mark your property and use locks to properly safeguard your valuables

## Fire Safety Article: Candle Safety

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



Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires.

On average, a candle fire in the home is reported to a U.S. fire department every 30 minutes. Roughly one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom. More than half of all candle fires starts when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

(Ref: National Fire Protection Association)

The burning of candles and incense in dormitories and billeting facilities is prohibited because a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn. In addition, use of candles and incense may affect the operation of smoke detectors.

According to the AFI 32-6005 (Attachment 7, 9 Oct 2008), storage of flammables is prohibited. Flammables include but are not limited to gasoline, kerosene, candles, incense or any open flame.

If you have any questions, please call Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834 or 4835.

Thank you.

### Civilian Personnel Office

**Parliamentary Election Day:** The Republic of Korea Government has designated 11 Apr 2012, Parliamentary Election Day, as a temporary holiday. In accordance with paragraph 6-4g of the USFK Reg 690-1, USFK Korean employees will be excused from work on 11 Apr 2012 without charge to leave or loss of pay for the number of hours for which they are normally scheduled. Korean employees required to work on that day will be paid holiday premium, and an alternate day off will not be authorized. Questions regarding the holiday should be directed to Ms. Kim, Son I of the Civilian Personnel Office at 784-4434. (51 FSS/FSMCE)

**The 51st Fighter Wing Civilian Employee Of The Quarter Awards:** The 51st Fighter Wing Quarterly nominations are due to 51 FSS/FSMCE (Ms. Kim, Son I), no later than 6 Apr 12, 1200 hours. To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must meet the criteria for the respective category below:

1. Manager/Supervisor/Professional Category: The nominees must be either a GS-8, KGS-8, or NF-IV equivalent and above. In certain circumstances, NF-III employees may be considered in this category. If in doubt, please contact the Civilian Personnel Office.
2. Administration/Technical Category: The nominees must be a GS-7, KGS-7, NF-III (unless circumstances provide for the NF-III employee to be considered for the Manager/Supervisor/Professional category) and below, and all NAF CC positions.
3. Trades/Crafts/Laborer Category: The nominees must be a WG, WL, WS, KWB, NA, NL, or NS (blue-collar employee)
4. Associate Units Category: The nominees are U.S. and KN civilian employees at all grades assigned to the associate units.

Group and wing staff may nominate one individual in each category. Associate units(not including 7 AF) may nominate one employee in the Associate Units Category. Please ensure that nominations are submitted on an AF Form 1206 (IMT-V5), in bullet format. Nominations will be limited to 12 lines of achievement (15 w/headings) that occurred during the quarter specified (1 Jan 12 - 31 Mar 12).

Electronic copies submitted via e-mail are acceptable. Questions concerning civilian nominations should be directed to Ms. Kim, Son I, 51 FSS/FSMCE, at 784-4434. Thank you.

### 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 (6200 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
Ar. Humph	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	---	1450	1550	---	1750	---	1950	2120	2240	2340
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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



## First Spring Flowers Expected to Bloom on March 17



### Korean Tourism Organization

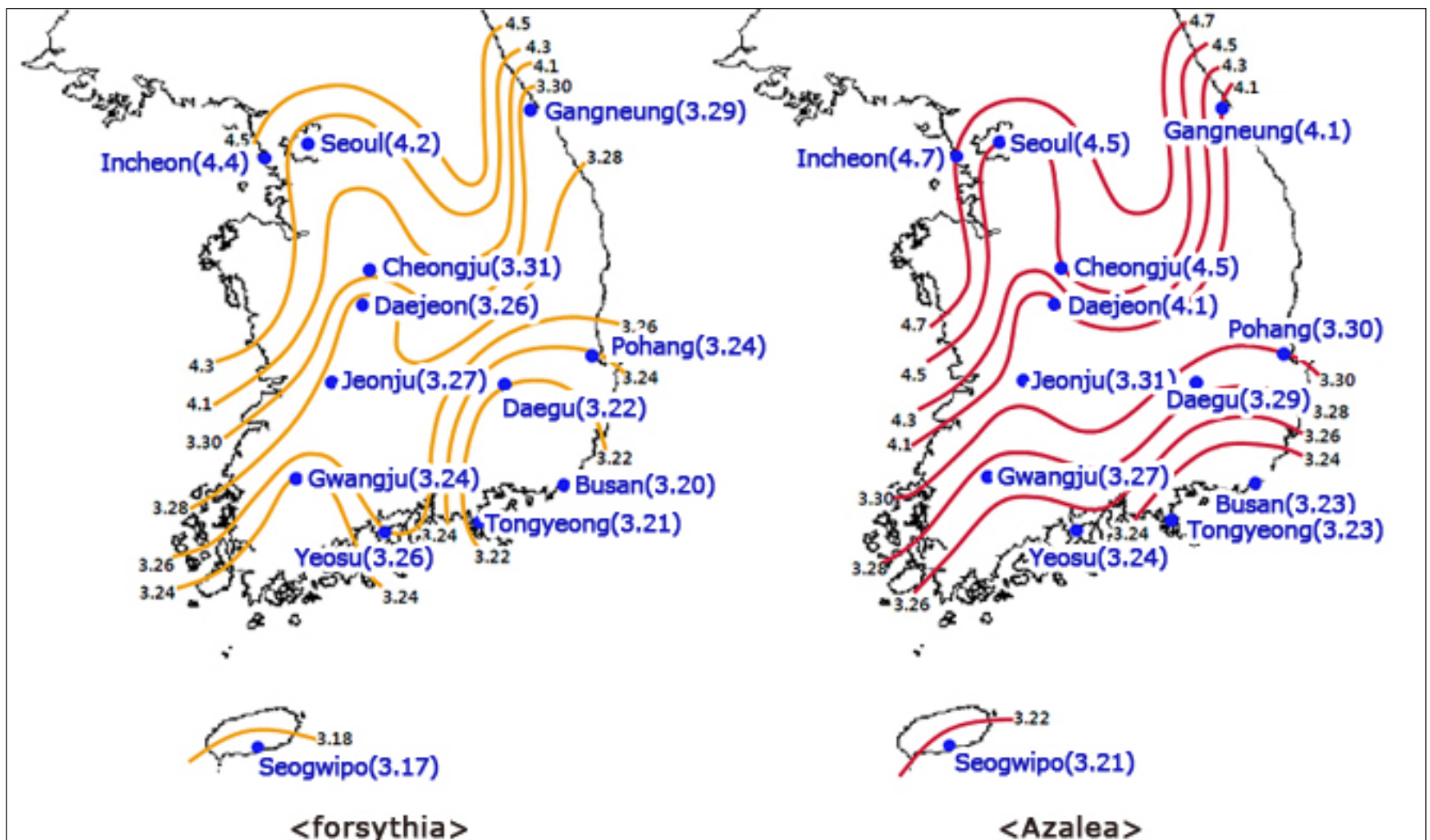
With the spring expected to arrive 2-4 days earlier than last year, the warmth of spring can already be felt in the air.

Accordingly, forecasters have been trying to predict when the flowers will first bloom on the

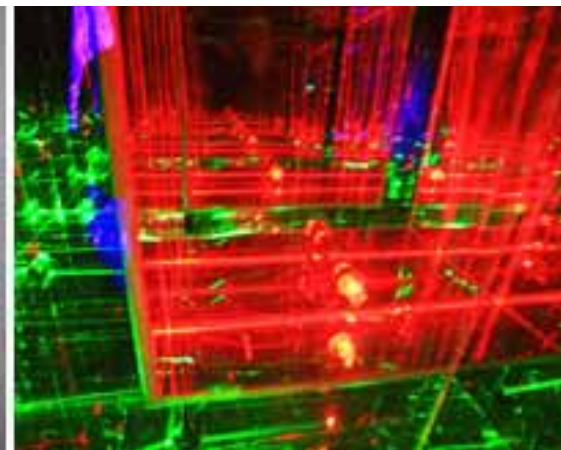
Korean peninsula. The blooming of flowers begins in the southernmost reaches of Korea such as Jeju-do, and works its way up north. As such, forsythias and azaleas will begin blooming on March 17th and March 21st, respectively, in Seogwipo, Jeju-do, and on March 26th and April 1st, respectively, in Seoul.

As it takes about a week for flowers to peak, forsythias and azaleas will peak on March 24th and March 28th, respectively, in Seogwipo, Jeju-do, and between April 2nd and the 11th, and between April 8th and the 11th, respectively, in Seoul.

*Courtesy of Korea Meteorological Administration*



# NJP Art Center Celebrates Two Great Artists



## Korean Tourism Organization

An exhibition that commemorates birthdays the late Korean video artist, Nam June Paik (1932-2006), and the late American composer, John Cage (1912-1992), is scheduled to run from March 9th to July 1st at the Nam June Paik (NJP) Art Center.

Titled “x\_sound: John Cage, Nam June Paik and after,” the exhibition will showcase a unique type of sound art that combines Paik’s installations and

Cage’s music. As many as 14 artists from home and abroad, including Haroon Mirza and Susan Philipsz of the United Kingdom, Zimoun of Switzerland and Otomo Yoshihide of Japan, have collaborated in the exhibition.

Meanwhile, the Nam June Paik Art Center has been established with a view to preserving and promoting Paik’s legacy and work.

More Info

x\_sound : John Cage, Nam June Paik and after

- Period: March 9 - July 1, 2012
- Venue: Nam June Paik (NJP) Art Center
- Opening Hours: 10:00 – 20:00 (Closed every 2nd & 4th Monday of each month)
- Admission: Adults 4,000 won, Students 2,000 won, Children (under 7) Free
- Homepage: [www.njpartcenter.kr/en/](http://www.njpartcenter.kr/en/) (Korean, English)

*Courtesy of Nam June Paik Art Center*

# Around the World with Yeosu Expo Passport



## Korean Tourism Organization

Yeosu Expo passports, souvenir books for collecting stamps at exhibition halls and pavilions during the Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea, will go on sale starting April.

Expo passports, which first started at the 1967 International and University Exposition, are one of the highlight programs of the World Expo.

Yeosu Expo passports come in three types: adults, youth, and children. They are issued by the Korea Minting & Security Printing Corporation, the official producer of Korean passports, and will be available for purchase at souvenir shops.

Meanwhile, the Yeosu Expo, scheduled for May 12th through August 12th, will

host 6 country exhibitions, 106 national pavilions, 9 international organization centers, and 23 local government exhibitions.

More Info

Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea

\* Period: May 12 – August 12, 2012

\* Venue: New Port Area, Yeosu-si, Jeollanam-do

\* Homepage: Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, French)

*Courtesy of EXPO 2012 Yeosu Korea Organizing Committee*



# The National Theater to Hold Monthly Traditional Classical Music Concert

## Korean Tourism Organization

The National Theater of Korea will be staging a traditional musical concert every month from March through December at its KB Haneul Youth Theater.

Titled the Middy Concert, the concert series will present diverse performances featuring Korean and Western classical music, ancient opera arias, and traditional dances.

Each concert will start at 11 a.m. on a designated day of each month, and last about an hour. A brief reception with snacks and beverages will follow afterwards in the theater lobby.

More Info

Middy Concert

\* Period: March 13 - December 11, 2012

\* Time: 11:00

\* Venue: KB Haneul Youth Theater,

The National Theater of Korea

\* Admission: 10,000 won (snacks and beverages included)

\* Reservations and Inquiries: +82-2-2280-4114

\* Homepage: [www.ntok.go.kr](http://www.ntok.go.kr) (Korean, English)

*Courtesy of The National Theater of Korea*

# Gyeongnam Goseong Dinosaur World Expo to Open



**Korean Tourism Organization**

The Gyeongnam Goseong Dinosaur World Expo will present the fascinating world of the dinosaurs starting March

30th. The event will run through June 10th at the Danghangpo Tourist Center and Sangjokam County Park in Goseong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do under the theme of "Raindrops Say Hello to Dinosaurs."

The Dinosaur World Expo is held annually in Goseong, a district well-known for its fossilized dinosaur footprints. The expo features a variety of exhibitions, displays, and hands-on experience pro-

grams that expand upon the theme of dinosaurs. In addition to the dinosaur exhibitions, this year's event will present unique interactive activities and installations featuring a raindrop theme, such as a 'raindrop pool', 'raindrop bathroom', and 'raindrop curtains' to awaken people to the importance of raindrops.

Some of the major attractions during the expo include eight exhibition halls (Korean Peninsula Fossilized Dinosaur Footprint Hall & Dinosaur Theme Science Hall, Dinosaur Garden, Dinosaur Character Hall, Laser Screen Image Hall, etc.), an exhibition of dinosaur-modeled lanterns, a dinosaur robot competition, and more.

**More Info**

- Period: March 30 - June 10, 2012
- Venue: Danghangpo Tourist Center & Sangjokam County Park, Goseong-gun, Gyeongsangnam-do
- Homepage: <http://eng.dino-expo.com> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

*Courtesy of Goseong Dinosaur World Expo Organizing Committee*

# ITX - Cheongchun High Speed Train Opens from Seoul to Chuncheon



**Korean Tourism Organization**

The ITX Cheongchun High Speed Train began operating at 06:00 on February 28. The ITX (Intercity Train eXpress) travels from Yongsan Station in Seoul to Chuncheon, Gangwon-do Province in 73 minutes.

The train has top speeds of 180km/hour. It departs Yongsan Station on every hour, and Chuncheon Station 10 minutes after every hour. The train stops at

four stations: Cheongnyangni, Pyeongnaehopyeong, Gapyeong, and Namchuncheon. It also stops at Sangbong Station in Seoul and Sareung and Maseok Stations in Namyangju during the rush hour on weekdays. Train tickets are available from the ticket machine located at each station. Ticket prices are 6,900 won for Yongsan-Chuncheon and 6,000 won for Cheongnyangni-Chuncheon.

The double-decker train also has convenient facilities

such as restrooms and a nursing room for mothers.

**More Info**

- ITX - Cheongchun High Speed Train
- \* Operating Hours: 06:00 - 22:00
- \* Fares: Chuncheon - Cheongnyangni 6,000 won, Chuncheon - Yongsan 6,900 won
- \* Route: Yongsan - Cheongnyangni - Pyeongnaehopyeong - Gapyeong - Namchuncheon - Chuncheon

*Courtesy of KORAIL*



# Seoul Bus and Subway Fares to Rise

**Korean Tourism Organization**

Starting February 25th, downtown Seoul bus and subway fares will increase by 150 won. Consequently, public transportation card holders will be charged 1,050 won on downtown (blue and green) buses as well as on subway systems; 1,850 won on red bus; and 750 won for maeul (town) buses. Accordingly, prices of Subway Commuter's Pass (for multiple journeys) and Single Journey Tickets will go up to 46,200 won from 39,600 won, and 1,150 won from 1,000 won, respectively.

The fare increase applies to adults only. Fares for children and senior citizens will remain the same.

*Courtesy of Seoul Metropolitan Government*



## Enjoying Spring in Korea

By Matt Kelley

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It's typically in March when the long and bitterly cold winter performs its last hurrah. Koreans call it "kkeot saem chuwi" – one final cold snap made by a jealous winter. While winter may envy the upcoming spring flowers, most of Korea's human residents share an entirely different emotion at this time of year: relief!

Having overcome another Northeast Asian winter, there's something invigorating and refreshing about the month of March. For the next few weeks, Korea enjoys crisp, sunny days that reawaken the slumbering landscape. Perhaps this is why it's not surprising that March is a month of changes. Be it natural ones brought on by the warmer weather, or changes at home, school or work, March is a month of new beginnings.



### \* A Month of New Beginnings

As each day grows a few minutes longer and each week a few degrees warmer, signs of a wholesale reawakening are taking place almost everywhere. After months of being pent up indoors, it's finally time to emerge and shed some of those thick layers. All over the country, singles, couples and groups, alike head out of doors to enjoy the fresh air and to exercise on outdoor tennis and basketball courts.

March is also a new beginning for Korea's students. After a short winter break, the nation's public schools are reopening their doors. Following a brief absence, the start of a new academic year means that buses and subway cars are once again filled each morning and afternoon with elementary school kids and college students on their way to and from the classroom. While the children study, their parents keep busy navigating transitions of their own. That's because spring is also a popular time for changes in employment. After the New Year holidays, workers frequently begin new assignments or jobs in the spring. What's more, this is also a popular time of year to change homes. Especially on auspicious days, which typically end with a "9" or a "0," moving trucks can be seen parked along residential streets. It's on these supposedly lucky "no-spirit days" when you can witness elevator ladders that transport furniture from ground level up ten stories or more right into the windows of new apartments.

### \* When Spring Begins

Depending on the calendar, there are two dates that mark the start of spring. In Korea, the traditional calendar calls this day "Ipchun," and in 2011 it fell on February 4th. According to the vernal equinox, however, spring won't arrive on the peninsula until March 21st. In lieu of these two specific dates, why not mark the change of season with an actual event – namely, the appearance of the year's first spring flowers?

According to the Korean Meteorological Administration, this year that event should occur any day now, which would be a few earlier than usual. Each March, the flowers start in the south when Jeju Island's volcanic soil yields fields of yellow canola flowers. From there, the spring color line hops to the mainland and moves quickly northward. The peninsula's first flowers are typically seen among the apricot trees of South Gyeongsang Province and the flowering dogwoods of South Jeolla Province. Over next three weeks, the ostentatious display makes its way to Gyeonggi Province and finally to Seoul, whose golden forsythia and pink azaleas should break bud during the last week of March. By then, Korea's most eagerly awaited blooms should appear. The flowering cherry or beotkkeot is predicted to start its all-too-brief show on Jeju Island starting on March 24th, and will debut in Seoul by April 9th.



### \*Korea's Spring Flower Festival

An enjoyable way to welcome the spring flowers is by attending one of Korea's many spring flower festivals. Although the nation hosts all manner of festivals year-round, perhaps none are as popular as those dedicated to spring color. Sadly, several of this year's events have been cancelled due to concerns over the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease (with this in mind, be sure to double-check festival websites before you go). Nevertheless, the beautiful displays of color will happen even if the festivals do not, so consider making the trek anyway.

By month's end, Korea's beotkkeot will start appearing on Jeju Island and the peninsula's south coast. South Gyeongsang Province's Hadong County is famous for its cherry trees, thanks to a scenic road located alongside the Seomjingang River. Each spring, a several kilometer-long stretch of the road becomes a virtual tunnel of pink, thanks to the hundreds of flowering cherries planted on each side.

But if you're truly a big fan of flowering cherry trees, no visit to Korea is complete without a trip to Jinhae. The South Gyeongsang Province port city boasts reportedly the world's largest concentration of flowering cherries, with an estimated 35,000 of them. As part of the annual Jinhae Naval Port Festival (April 1-10), over two million people are expected to make the pilgrimage to see the city burst into a virtual sea of pale pink blossoms. For the past 49 years, the hospitable residents have welcomed out-of-towners to their coastal city to enjoy the unique spectacle.



### \* Still More Events!

While Korea's flower festivals dominate the spring calendar, they aren't the only big events this month. March is also when crowds gather for the Seoul International Marathon (March 20) and the annual Cheongdo Bullfighting Festival in North Gyeongsang Province. Bullfighting has a long history in Korea. In fact, it was only a few decades ago that the nation was primarily an agrarian society. During that era, the bull was a farmer's most prized possession.

Since 1999, Cheongdo has kept the Korean bullfighting tradition alive through its popular festival. Over four days, huge bulls are brought together in a sand pit ring to snort and kick before butting heads in a spectacular fashion. But unlike bullfights in Latin America, don't expect to see much (if any) blood, gore, or matadors, for that matter. In Cheongdo, it's simply bull-on-bull (Once again, be sure to double-check festival details prior to your visit).



### \* Return of the Barn Swallow

By month's end, with the spring flowers in full bloom and the nation's office workers and students busy at school and work, another sure sign of spring will be seen across Korea. Among all these changes will include the return of the jebi, or barn swallow from its southern wintering grounds. According to the traditional Korean calendar, this annual event usually coincided with Samjinnal, an auspicious day when families would gather to enjoy small rice pancakes called hwajeon. The attractive snacks typically feature pink azalea blossoms attached by a honey glaze. Although most of us weren't as lucky as the swallow to spend Korea's cold season in the tropics, there's something about enduring the cold beauty of winter that makes Korea's colorful spring all the more enjoyable.

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Air Force Portal – IT E Learning: <https://www.my.af.mil>

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## 영어공부방

-크림슨 스카이 편집실 제공-

황사: yellow dust[sand], Asian dust

오늘은 황사가 매우 심하다  
The yellow dust is really bad today.

우리나라에 올해 들어 첫 황사현상이 나타났다

Our country has had its first yellow-dust storm of the year.

회화:

A: 한국에서는 봄철에 황사가 심하다면서요? 그럴 때는 어떻게 해야 하나요?

A: I heard the yellow dust is pretty bad in spring in Korea. What should I do when that happens?

이번에는 봄이면 어김없이 찾아오는 불청객인 황사에 관한 표현을 알아보겠습니다.

B: 황사가 심한 날에는 가급적 외출을 삼가고, 외출할 때는 선글라스와 마스크 등을 착용하는 것이 좋아요.

B: On a day with lots of yellow dust, try not to go out if you can help it. If you must, wear sunglasses and a surgical mask.

숙어:

황사경보를 발령하다  
issue a yellow-dust warning

고비 사막에서 불어온 황사  
sandy dust which blew here from the Gobi Desert

예문

Authorities issued a "yellow dust"

warning Monday.

당국은 월요일, 황사 경보를 발령했다.

A massive sandstorm had reduced visibility to less than 50 meters. 극심한 황사현상으로 가시거리가 50미터 이하로 떨어졌다.

Experts say the yellow dust problem is worsening at the source in two ways. 전문가들은 두 가지 이유에서 황사 문제의 근원이 악화하고 있다고 지적합니다.

He says this Saturday's yellow dust readings were the highest in four years. 그는 토요일 황사의 수치가 4년만에 최고에 달했다고 전했습니다.