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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Mason Cherry, 51st Security Forces Squadron defender, reviews entry procedures with Republic of Korea air force military police members, at Osan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 5, 2026. U.S. and ROKAF strengthened security through increased combined training and standardized entry control procedures aligned with United States Forces Korea regulations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams)

## Combined US-ROK training strengthens Osan security

**By Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams**  
**51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- The first people most visitors encounter when entering the base are gate defenders, serving as both the face of the base and the first line of defense. U.S. Air Force security forces and Republic of Korea air force military police members work side by side at Osan's installation entry points daily to ensure authorized

personnel gain access while maintaining the safety and security of everyone on the base.

In order to strengthen security, U.S. and ROKAF have increased integration of combined training and standardized procedures at entry control points. "Installation security is a shared responsibility," said an Air Force Operations Command representative. "By training together and operating under a single set of procedures, we reduce vulnerabilities and improve our ability to

protect the entire installation.

Previously, the U.S. and ROKAF operated under separate procedures, so both parties worked together to establish a unified set of entry procedures. The changes were developed through coordination and negotiation between U.S. and ROKAF leadership, with both sides contributing to procedures that support overall safety and security of Osan.

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## Air Force announces updates to dress and appearance regulation

### Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Air Force released guidance on its dress and personal appearance policy Jan. 9 providing updated standards for Airmen.

The new guidance memorandum for DAF Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Department of the Air Force Personnel, clarifies rules on mandatory uniform items and personal appearance while adding visuals to reduce ambiguity.

The reinstatement of duty identifier patches is one of the most significant changes, intended to honor the skills and heritage within the force. A list of approved duty identifier patches and qualification tabs can be found here.

"I've decided to bring duty identifier patches back because the Air Force is made up of many different specialties, each with a unique role in our mission to generate airpower," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ken Wilsbach. "We are a unified force working together to win."

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David R. Wolfe emphasized that the patches are a visible symbol of an Airman's contribution to the larger mission.

"Your expertise matters. These patches are a reflection of the skills you earned, and every patch tells a story that ends with AIRPOWER," Wolfe said. "They connect your role to the larger mission. We trust you to wear them correctly and help your wingmen do the same — we owe each other accountability every day."

Additional key updates in the new guidance include the following: Operational Camouflage Pattern



uniforms: There is no longer a requirement for all officers to maintain a full set of OCPs. Only those individuals performing assigned duties and mission requirements that necessitate OCPs must maintain a full set.

Earbuds: The wear and use of an earpiece, headphones, or any Bluetooth wireless technology while in uniform, indoors or outdoors, is only authorized for official duties. The use of personal electronic media devices, including earpieces, speaker phones or text messaging while walking in uniform is limited to emergencies or when official notifications are necessary. Exceptions include, but are not limited to, authorization of headphones and earphones during travel on public transportation and while wearing the physical training gear during individual or personal fitness training. Military customs and courtesies take precedence.

Eyewear: Authorized frames for eyeglasses and sunglasses include black, brown, white, dark blue, gray or transparent material, or gold or silver wire. Authorized sunglass lenses must be traditional

gray, brown, or dark shades. Authorized eyeglass lenses must be conservative, clear, slightly tinted, or photosensitive lenses. It is unauthorized to wear mirrored lenses or smart glasses with photo, video or artificial intelligence capabilities while in uniform.

Bags: The new standardized list of colors for authorized bags includes solid black, brown, dark blue, olive drab green, and OCP-patterned. The full details on authorized bags are published here.

Watch cap: The watch cap may be worn during Oct. 1 to March 31, cold weather conditions, or as determined and approved by the installation commander. It will be solid black or coyote brown knit or fleece material and not include rank insignia. The black watch cap may be worn with Class A and B uniforms, OCPs, or PT gear. The coyote brown watch cap may be worn with the OCP uniform or PT gear.

These updates are designed to uphold military professionalism and recognize the specialized contributions of Airmen, directly supporting a more effective and mission-ready force.

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**T**he military salute is a tradition of respect believed to date back to medieval knights, who would raise their visors to identify themselves and show an empty weapon hand. Today, this custom continues as a vital sign of mutual respect between allies. U.S. military personnel are required to render proper salutes to superior officers of the Republic of Korea (ROK) Armed Forces, and ROK forces extend the same courtesy in return.



# From duty to dominance: 51st SFS defender represents Osan at world competition



Tech. Sgt. Vincent Cavazos, 51st Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of force protection, takes a picture with 51st SFS defenders before a night ruck at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2025. Cavazos routinely brought swing-shift and night-shift Airmen with him on late-night rucks, demonstrating that fitness and readiness weren't personal pursuits—they were responsibilities of military leadership. (Courtesy Photo)

By Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** After surviving a six-story fall that left him with severe injuries, Vincent was left with an uncertain future wondering if his military service was over and if he could ever live a normal life again.

Ten years later, after a long road of recovery and determination, Vincent has become one of the world's top adaptive athletes, earning back-to-back podium finishes at the 2024 and 2025 CrossFit Games.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Vincent Cavazos, 51st Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of force protection, who competes in the lower-extremity adaptive division, said he never expected to return to competitive athletics after the 2014 assault that left him with two broken legs, spinal damage, a traumatic brain injury and months of rehabilitation.

"I had to learn to walk, talk and eat again," he said, recalling the long recovery and years of occupational, cognitive and physical therapy. "I never thought I'd get back to this level. I just wanted to be better than I was that day."

His road to the CrossFit Games began years later, when he was classified as an adaptive athlete and



Vincent Cavazos receives treatment after an assault that led to a fall from a 6-story building in New York City, Jan. 2, 2014. Cavazos had two broken legs, spinal damage and a traumatic brain injury, resulting in his enrollment in the Wounded Warrior program. (Courtesy Photo) ▲



Vincent Cavazos poses for a photo with family members during his rehabilitation in San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 8, 2014. Ten years later, after a long road of recovery and determination, Cavazos has become one of the world's top adaptive athletes, earning back-to-back podium finishes at the 2024 and 2025 CrossFit Games. (Courtesy Photo) ▲

entered the global CrossFit Open. Early attempts fell short—including one season cut short by a torn quad—but he eventually qualified for the Games in 2024, finishing second in his division.

This year's competition, he said, proved even tougher. After the first day, he sat near the bottom of the standings. But he rallied, winning key events—including a lifting workout he dominated by 50 pounds—and pushed through a painful knee injury suffered during a surprise single-leg squat movement late in the competition.

"I didn't want to let my coach down. I didn't want to let my unit down," he said. "So I told myself: leave it all out there."

He finished second overall for the second straight year.

Cavazos credits his leadership at Osan for enabling him to train and compete while supporting one of the Air Force's highest-tempo missions.

His commander approved his request to compete "without hesitation," he said, even though the base's security forces mission is among the most demanding in the service.

Even as he trained for elite-level athletic competition, he prioritized the mission. Upon arriving at Osan, he began rucking daily—not for the Games, but to set the tone for his Airmen.

"If we ever have to respond to something like an active shooter, I don't want the cold or the fatigue to be what slows me down," he said. "You prepare now so you can protect your people later."

He routinely brought swing-shift and night-shift Airmen with him on late-night rucks, demonstrating that fitness and readiness weren't personal pursuits—they were responsibilities of military leadership.

While he enjoys competition, he said his greatest sense of success comes from mentoring younger Airmen and showing them resilience through action.

He regularly leads group workouts, encourages Airmen to push past their perceived limits, and shares his story when asked—something he once found difficult.

"The Games are an accomplishment, and I'm proud of them," he said. "But that's not my definition of success. True success is how much you impact others along the way."



Tech. Sgt. Vincent Cavazos, 51st Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of force protection, performs an exercise during the 2025 Adaptive CrossFit Games in Las Vegas, Sept. 13, 2025. Cavazos pushed through a painful knee injury suffered during a surprise single-leg squat movement late in the competition to rally enough points to achieve second-place during this year's competition. (Courtesy Photo)



Tech. Sgt. Vincent Cavazos, 51st Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of force protection, performs an exercise during the 2025 Adaptive CrossFit Games in Las Vegas, Sept. 13, 2025. Cavazos pushed through a painful knee injury suffered during a surprise single-leg squat movement late in the competition to rally enough points to achieve second-place during this year's competition. (Courtesy Photo) ▲





# Air Force updates fitness test requirements

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Air Force announced an update to its physical fitness assessment standards and implementation timeline.

Changes from the September 2025 announcement include a shortened physical fitness diagnostic testing period to end in June and the option for either the 2-mile run or the 20-meter High Aerobic Multi-shuttle Run every six months.

"We care about the long-term health of our Airmen and that starts with physical fitness," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ken Wilsbach. "The habits Airmen build by working out daily directly impact their quality of life in and out of uniform. I am confident our commanders will continue to implement a culture of fitness so our warfighters are healthy and ready."

The components of the updated bi-annual PFA offer Airmen a choice between traditional and alternative exercises:

- **Cardiovascular:** 2-mile run or 20-meter HAMR.
- **Strength:** One minute of push-ups or two minutes of hand-release push-ups.
- **Core:** One minute of sit-ups, two minutes of cross-leg reverse crunches, or a timed

forearm plank.

- **Body Composition:** Waist-to-Height Ratio measurement.

From March 1 through June 30, 2026, all fitness tests will be diagnostic to provide Airmen time to adapt to the new standards. Beginning July 1, 2026, the Air Force will resume official testing under the new PFA standards.

Fitness testing is currently paused to facilitate the transition to the updated program.

Per the Secretary of War's guidance, PFA scores will be included in officer and enlisted performance briefs beginning in February 2026. The first groups to be affected by this change will be colonels in February 2026, then lieutenant colonels, majors, and chief master sergeants in May 2026. Senior airman EPBs closing out in in March 2026 will not include PFA scores.

The most recent PFA score included on an Airman's performance brief may include tests accomplished on previous standards.

"Your physical health is important to us, not just as a readiness metric but as a human being as well," Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David R. Wolfe said. "When you're physically healthy, you are not only happier, but in a better



position to excel at your job."

Updated fitness score charts incorporating feedback from the field and a thorough review of score distributions will be released soon. Additionally, an updated AFMAN 36-2905, Air Force Physical Fitness Program, will be published soon.



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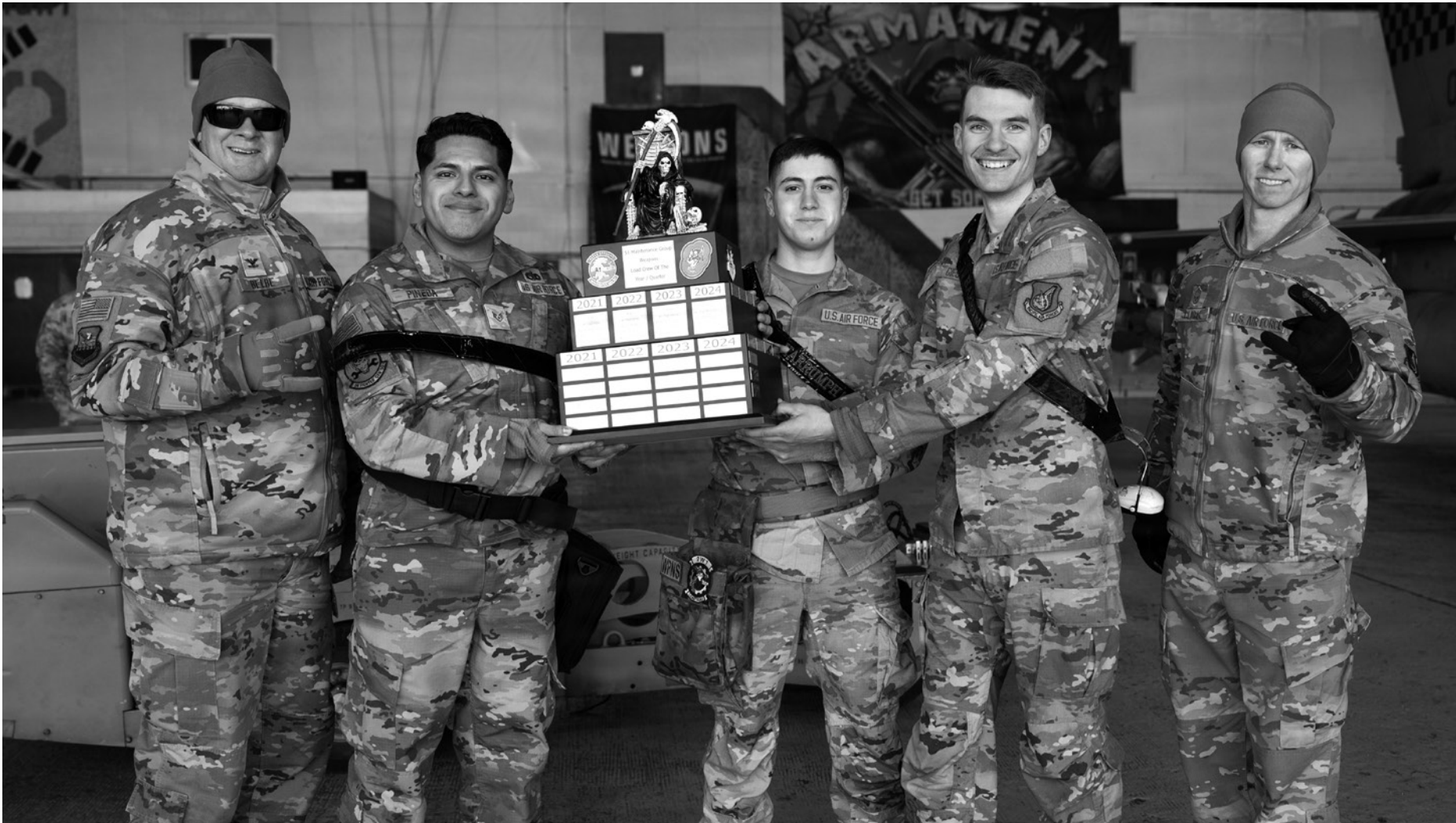
Members assigned to the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron load an AIM-9X onto an F-16 Fighting Falcon during the 4th Quarter Ammo Bomb Build and Loading Competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2026. In this iteration of the competition, the 35th FGS competed against the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▲

# 4Q Ammo Bomb Building and Loading Competition

Spectators observe a member from the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron write a report during the 4th Quarter Ammo Bomb Building and Loading Competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2026. The competition is a quarterly and annual event where teams are evaluated on how quickly and efficiently they can load munitions to their aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▼



Members assigned to the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron load a bomb onto an F-16 Fighting Falcon during the 4th Quarter Ammo Bomb Building and Loading Competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2026. The competition is a quarterly and annual event where teams are evaluated on how quickly and efficiently they can load munitions to their aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Kenneth Beebe III, 51st Maintenance Group commander, far left, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Clark, 51st MXG command chief, far right, pose with load winners of the 4th Quarter Ammo Bomb Building and Loading Competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2026. Winners from this iteration will have their name added to the trophy and be recognized for their mastery of their craft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▲

Members assigned to the 36th Fighter Generation Squadron assemble a GBU-31 during the 4th Quarter Ammo Bomb Build and Loading Competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2026. The competition is a quarterly and annual event where teams are evaluated on how quickly and efficiently they can load munitions to their aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ►



A member assigned to the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron selects tools during the 4th Quarter Ammo Bomb Build and Loading Competition at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 8, 2026. The competition is a quarterly and annual event that encourages Airmen to display mastery of their craft against other teams. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dustin Braaten) ▲

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U.S. Airmen and industry partners test software during the Department of the Air Force's third Advanced Battle Management System Cross-Functional Team Decision Advantage Sprint for Human-Machine Teaming, or DASH, experiment in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 24, 2025. By demonstrating how human-machine teams can reduce decision time and expand options for battle managers, DASH set the foundation for the Air Force's next generation of command and control. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nesbitt) (Paper blurred for security purposes.)

# Human-machine teaming in battle management: A collaborative effort across borders

By Deb Henley, 505th Command and Control Wing Public Affairs  
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NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. (AFNS) -- The 2025 series of the Decision Advantage Sprint for Human-Machine Teaming marked a significant step forward in the integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning into battle management operations. Through a series of groundbreaking experiments, including the recent DASH 3 iteration, the U.S. Air Force, alongside its coalition partners, Canada and the United Kingdom, tested and refined AI's potential to enhance decision-making, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen interoperability in the face of growing global security challenges.

Held at the unclassified location of the Shadow Operations Center-Nellis in downtown Las Vegas, DASH 3 set the stage for this collaboration, led by the Advanced Battle Management System Cross-Functional Team. The experiment was executed in partnership with the Air Force Research Lab's 71th Human Performance Wing, U.S. Space Force, and the 805th Combat Training Squadron, also



U.S. Air Force Col. Jonathan Zall, Advanced Battle Management System Capability Integration chief, participates in the Department of the Air Force's third Advanced Battle Management System Cross-Functional Team Decision Advantage Sprint for Human-Machine Teaming, or DASH, experiment in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 24, 2025. The event brought together operational warfighters and industry and Shadow Operations Center-Nellis software developers to prototype microservices designed to accelerate and improve decision-making in high-tempo battle management scenarios framed by the Transformational Model. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nesbitt) ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. John Ohlund, Advanced Battle Management System Cross-Functional Team (ABMS CFT) director, briefs Airmen and industry partners during the Department of the Air Force's third ABMS CFT third Decision Advantage Sprint for Human-Machine Teaming, or DASH, experiment in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 24, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nesbitt) ▲

A participant in the Department of the Air Force's third Advanced Battle Management System Cross-Functional Team Decision Advantage Sprint for Human-Machine Teaming, or DASH, experiment observes data compilation in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 24, 2025. By demonstrating how human-machine teams can reduce decision timelines and expand options for battle managers, DASH set the foundation for the Air Force's next generation of command and control. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nesbitt) (Computer screens blurred for security purposes.) ▼



known as the ShOC-N, further solidifying the commitment to advancing battle management capabilities for the future.

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### AI Integration into Operational Decision-Making

In the third iteration of the DASH series seven teams, six from industry teams and one from the ShOC-N innovation team partnered with U.S., Canadian, and U.K. operators to test a range of decision advantage tools aimed at enhancing the rapid and effective generation of battle course of actions with multiple paths. The goal of a Battle COA is to map sequences of actions that align with the commander's intent while overcoming the complexities of modern warfare, including the fog and friction of battle. Examples of Battle COAs include recommended solutions for long-range kill chains, electromagnetic battle management problems, space and cyber challenges, or agile combat employment such as re-basing aircraft.

U.S. Air Force Col. John Ohlund, ABMS Cross Functional Team lead overseeing capability development, explained the importance of flexibility in COA generation: "For example, a bomber may be able to attack from multiple avenues of approach, each presenting unique risks and requires different supporting assets such as cyber, ISR [intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance], refueling, and air defense suppression. Machines can generate multiple paths, supporting assets, compounding uncertainties, timing, and more. Machines provide a rich solution space where many COAs are explored, but only some are executed,

ensuring options remain open as the situation develops."

This ability to explore multiple COAs simultaneously allows for faster adaptation to unforeseen challenges and provides operators with diverse strategies to act upon as the situation unfolds. AI's integration into this process aims to not only speed up the decision-making cycle but also increase the quality of the solutions generated.

### AI Speeds Decision Advantage

The speed at which AI systems can generate actionable recommendations is proving to be a game-changer in the decision-making process. Transitioning from the manual creation of COAs that once took minutes to producing viable options in seconds was identified as a radical advantage in combat scenarios. Initial results from the DASH 3 experiment show the power of AI in enabling faster, more efficient decision-making.

"AI systems demonstrated the ability to generate multi-domain COAs considering risk, fuel, time constraints, force packaging, and geospatial routing in under one minute," said Ohlund. "These machine-generated recommendations were up to 90% faster than traditional methods, with the best in machine-class solutions showing 97% viability and tactical validity."

For comparison, human performance in generating courses of action typically took around 19 minutes, with only 48% of the options being considered viable and tactically valid. "This dramatic reduction in time and improvement in the quality of solutions underscores AI's potential to significantly enhance the speed and accuracy of the decision-making process, while still allowing humans to make the final decisions on the battlefield," Ohlund added.

The ability to quickly generate multiple viable COAs not only improves the speed of decision-making but also gives commanders more options to work within a compressed time frame, making AI an essential tool for maintaining a strategic advantage in fast-paced combat situations.

### Building Trust in AI: From Skepticism to Confidence

Skepticism surrounding the integration of AI in operational decision-making was common at the start of the DASH 3 experiment. However, participating operators saw a notable shift in their perspectives as the DASH progressed. U.S. Air Force First Lt. Ashley Nguyen, 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron DASH 3 participant, expressed initial doubt about the role AI could play in such a complex process. "I was skeptical about technology being integrated into decision-making, given how difficult and nuanced battle COA building can be," said Nguyen. "But working with the tools, I saw how user-friendly and timesaving they could be. The AI didn't replace us; it gave us a solid starting point to build from."

As the experiment unfolded, trust in AI steadily increased. Operators, gaining more hands-on experience, began to see the value in the AI's ability to generate viable solutions at an unprecedented speed. "Some of the AI-generated outputs were about 80% solutions," said Nguyen. "They weren't perfect, but they were a good foundation. This increased my trust in the system; AI became a helpful tool in generating a starting point for decision-making."

### Trust and Collaboration Across Nations

The collaboration between the U.S. and its coalition partners was highlighted throughout the 2025 DASH series. The inclusion of operators from the UK and Canada brought invaluable perspectives, ensuring that the decision support tools tested could address a broad range of operational requirements.

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This integration of human-machine teaming and coalition participation highlighted the potential for improving multinational interoperability in the command-and-control battlespace. “The involvement of our coalition partners was crucial, not just for the success of DASH 3 but also for reinforcing the alliances that underpin global security. DASH experimentation is intentionally a low barrier for entry from a security classification standpoint, enabling broad participation from allies and coalition partners alike,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Shawn Finney, commander of the 805th Combat Training Squadron/ ShOC-N.

Addressing Challenges: Weather and AI Hallucinations

The DASH 3 experiment was not just a test of new AI tools, but a continuation of a concerted effort to tackle persistent challenges, including the integration of weather data and the potential for AI “hallucinations.” These issues have been focus areas throughout the DASH series, with each iteration bringing new insights and refinements to ensure AI systems are operationally effective.

Weather-related challenges are a critical factor in real-world operations, but due to simulation limitations, they were not fully integrated in the DASH series. Instead, weather-related challenges were manually simulated by human operators through ‘white carding’, a method that provided scenario-based weather effects, such as airfield closures or delays, into the experiment.

“We didn’t overlook the role of weather,” explained Ohlund. “While it wasn’t a primary focus of this experiment, we fully understand its operational impact and are committed to integrating weather data into future decision-making models.”

The risk of AI hallucinations, instances where AI produces incorrect or irrelevant outputs, particularly when using large language models, was another challenge tackled during the DASH 3 experiment. Aware of this potential issue, the development teams took proactive steps to design AI tools that minimized the risk of hallucinations and organizers diligently monitored the outputs throughout the experiment.

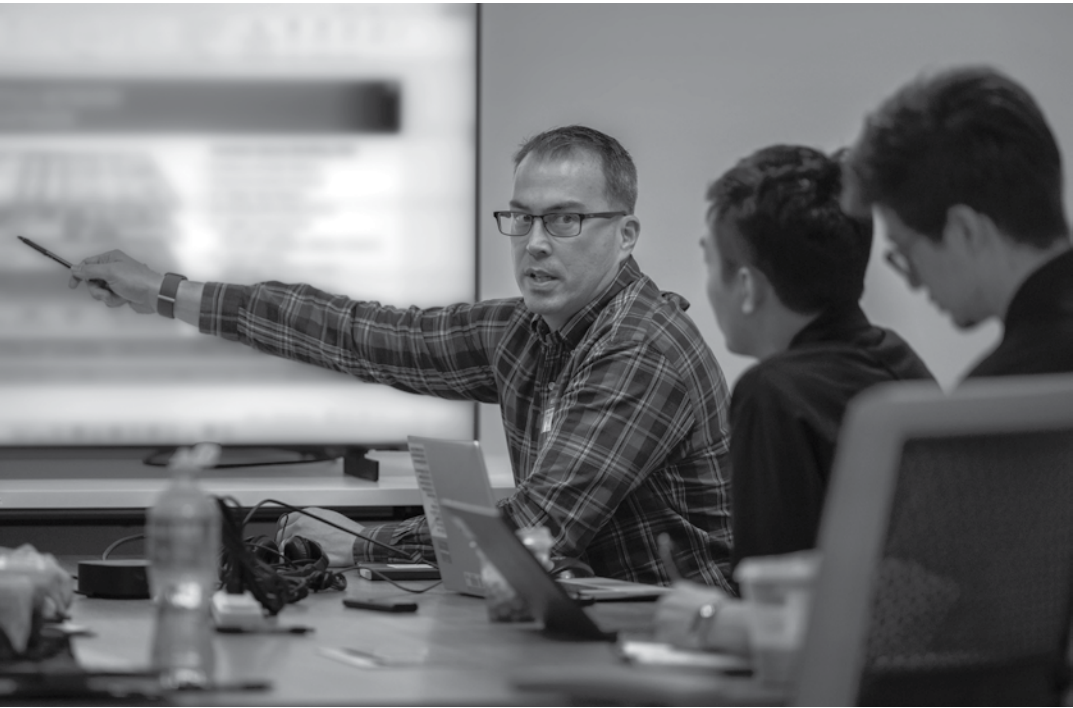
“Our team didn’t observe hallucinations during the experiment, underscoring the effectiveness of the AI systems employed during the experiment,” said Ohlund. “While this is a positive outcome, we remain vigilant about the potential risks, particularly when utilizing LLMs that may not be trained on military-specific jargon and acronyms. We are actively refining our systems to mitigate these risks and ensure AI outputs are reliable and relevant.”

Looking Ahead: Building Trust in AI for Future Operations

As the U.S. Air Force moves forward with the 2026 series of DASH experiments, the lessons learned from 2025 iterations will serve as a crucial foundation for future efforts. The growing trust in human-machine collaboration, the strengthening of international partnerships, and the continuous refinement of AI tools all point to a future where AI plays an integral role in operational decision-making.

“The 2025 DASH series has established a strong foundation for future experiments, with the potential to further expand AI’s role in battle management,” said Ohlund. “By continuing to build trust with operators, improve AI systems, and foster international cooperation, the U.S. and its allies are taking critical steps toward ensuring they are prepared to address the evolving challenges of modern warfare.”

“This is just the beginning,” said Williams. “The more we can integrate AI into the decision-making process, the more time we can free up to focus on the human aspects of warfare. These tools are key to staying ahead of our adversaries and maintaining peace and stability on a global scale.”



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U.S. Airmen and industry partners observe data compilation during the Department of the Air Force’s third Advanced Battle Management System Cross-Functional Team third Decision Advantage Sprint for Human-Machine Teaming, or DASH, experiment in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 24, 2025. The two-week software sprint demonstrated how human-machine teaming can reduce decision-making timelines, generate more solutions under pressure and chart a repeatable path for future command and control capability development. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nesbitt) (This image was cropped to emphasize subjects.) ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Jonathan Zall, Advanced Battle Management System Capability Integration chief, directs Airmen and industry partners during the Department of the Air Force’s third ABMS Cross-Functional Team Decision Advantage Sprint for Human-Machine Teaming, or DASH, experiment in Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 24, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nesbitt) (Computer screens and computer information label blurred for security purposes.) ▲

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OSAN AB Smoking Regulations for Fire Safety.

- Designated Tobacco Areas (DTA) shall be controlled, designated, and approved by the unit/squadron commanders. All areas shall comply with appropriate regulations and policies IAW AFI 40-102, Tobacco Free Living.
- Smoking is not allowed except in DTAs or other areas specially designated by the installation commander.
- Smoking or striking of matches or using mechanical lighters will not be permitted in or within 50 feet of hangars, repair shops, paint/dope shops, gasoline storage, or dispensing areas, including the hydrant refueling systems and similar flammable liquid areas, dispensing vehicles or apparatus, motor pools or similar occupancies, or activities of extra hazardous nature.

### Fire Prevention Tips for Smokers

To minimize the risk of fires caused by smoking, follow these safety precautions:

- If you smoke, smoke at the designated area.
- Whenever you smoke, use deep and sturdy ashtrays. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.
- Fires have occurred while e-cigarettes were being used, the battery was being charged, or the device was being transported. Battery failures have led to small explosions. Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended. E-cigarettes should be used with caution.

By following these smoking safety practices, you can greatly reduce the risk of accidental fires. Smoking may seem like a personal activity, but its consequences can impact on others property damage and loss of life. A small act of caution can make a big difference in fire prevention.

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By Jon Dunbar

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ACROSS

1 Call to \_\_\_\_  
5 Tiffs  
10 \_\_\_\_ mater  
14 Goes with frog or year  
15 Divvy up  
16 Afrikaans speaker  
17 Goes with Kournikova or Kendrick  
18 Kim Ki-duk 2012 film  
19 Slips up  
20 Iron Man or Game of Thrones surname  
22 Fits with legislative and judicial  
24 Korean defense system  
26 Rapper One  
27 Aviator Earhart  
30 Opposite of fail  
32 Mp3s predecessor  
35 Jeans maker  
36 Sgts  
38 Man \_\_\_\_ town

DOWN

1 "\_\_\_\_ poor Yorick"  
2 Monthly payment  
3 Magical power  
4 "Korea \_\_\_\_"  
5 Tree fluid  
6 Folded with a needle-nose tool  
7 Jeopardy host Trebek  
8 Type of bag  
9 Heaps  
10 Aids  
11 Petty or Loughlin  
12 Griffin or Mosely  
13 Buttocks  
21 Cobra \_\_\_\_  
23 Major or minor constellation  
25 Operates  
27 Cover story  
28 Type of badge  
29 Captain America actor Chris  
30 \_\_\_\_ apart

40 Tehran country  
41 Type of renewable energy  
43 Taxi alternative  
44 Gambling for elderly  
46 Emilio Estevez film "\_\_\_\_ Man"  
47 Kinks song  
48 "\_\_\_\_ a small world"  
49 Greek god of war  
51 Having nerves of steel  
53 Vein of metal  
54 Group of animals  
55 1953 Korean War agreement  
60 Cheap place to spend the night  
64 Phantom Menace bad guy  
65 Particles of matter  
67 Last letter of phonetic alphabet  
68 Heap  
69 Comedian Thompson  
70 English college  
71 Toboggan  
72 Edit for print  
73 Viking symbol

Answers to Previous Crossword

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6 ICBMS  
9 CHUSEOK  
10 MRPPIZZA  
11 MEDAL  
12 NBA  
13 ORG  
14 BARENAKED  
17 AWAIT  
19 NAVEI  
20 KOREANWAR  
22 INC  
24 OUT

DOWN  
1 ASCOM  
2 THUNDER  
3 MRE  
4 TAKEN  
5 COMMANDER  
6 INPUT  
7 BAZOOKA

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28 OKINAWA  
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31 NEEDS  
32 KATHMANDU

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17 AHA  
19 VACCINE  
21 WAEGWAN  
23 BEARS  
25 TIBET  
27 MANDU  
30 LAM





**P**acific power: A U.S. Air Force F-16C Fighting Falcon assigned to the 119th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, deployed to Kadena Air Base, Japan, flies over the Pacific Ocean, Dec. 18, 2025. Known as the Keystone of the Pacific, Kadena AB serves as a pivotal hub for Agile Combat Employment, enabling units to project combat power alongside U.S. allies and partners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Arnet Tamayo) ◀

**R**ifle toss: Members of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team rehearse for the International Festival of Military Music and Marching in Doha, Qatar, Dec. 15, 2025. Established in 1950, the Drill Team showcases the discipline, precision and professionalism of Airmen through synchronized rifle movements and ceremonial routines performed worldwide. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Geneva Nguyen) ▲



**E**xplosive precision: U.S. Air Force explosive ordnance disposal Airmen assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron conduct a controlled explosion within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Dec. 31, 2025. The team practiced a technique used to ignite nearby terrain to impede the movement of approaching adversaries. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Norton) ►

**A**t the ready: U.S. Air Force Airmen prepare to load GBU-31 munitions onto F-15E Strike Eagles within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility in support of Operation Hawkeye Strike, Dec. 18, 2025. The operation involved U.S. forces conducting precision strikes against Islamic State targets to support regional security objectives. (Courtesy photo) ◀





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**- PING PONG TOURNAMENT -**  
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**- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -**  
Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the

Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-HOPE.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Every Tuesday and Thursday | 1700-1800 | Building 769, Resiliency Center Training Room  
For additional information and a point of contact, visit the AA in Korea website at [aainkorea.org](http://aainkorea.org)

**Tobacco Cessation Classes**  
Every Thursday | 0900-1100 | Building 1419, Human Performance Center (The building right behind the fitness center)  
Osan AB offers free tobacco cessation classes to all DOD id members. The health promotion coordinator is available to help you break this habit, through counseling, educational materials, and health coaching. Please make an appointment via her email, Troisha Busano, [troisha.d.busano.civ@health.mil](mailto:troisha.d.busano.civ@health.mil).

**Ultimate Frisbee**  
Saturdays | 0900 | Mustang Field (Across from Outdoor Rec)  
Open to all AD, CIV, and Dependents w/ base access. Please join us on the field for 60 minutes of cardio-vascular exercise. All ages and experience levels welcome, even if you have never touched a frisbee. POCs – David Brittain 010-8354-1576, SSgt Ethan Troutman, [ethan.troutman@us.af.mil](mailto:ethan.troutman@us.af.mil), DSN 315-784-5657, CELL 010-5793-2467

**Osan Air Base Honor Guard**  
Every Monday & Wednesday | 1630-1730 | Bldg. 936 Rm. 211  
The Osan Air Base Honor Guard covers ceremonies across the peninsula acknowledging the achievements of our

fellow members in uniform and their families. An amazing way to serve the members in your community and build lasting connections between other service members. For any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to [OsanHonorGuard@us.af.mil](mailto:OsanHonorGuard@us.af.mil)

**Wingmen Helping Airmen Get Home**  
Saturdays | 2300-0400 | SED  
WHAGH is a new program inspired by AADD, whose purpose is to ensure the safety and well-being of Airmen within the Songtan Entertainment District by escorting members to their residences. The WHAGH team is looking for volunteers this weekend. There's no rank requirement to volunteer. All are welcome to help. If interested or for more information, please email 51fw.whagh.1@us.af.mil.

**Osan Air Base Rugby**  
Mondays and Wednesdays | 1700-1800 | Mustang Field  
Whether you're rugby-curious and want to learn, or a veteran player who wants to throw the ball around, come out to the Mustang Field for some fun touch rugby. Sessions will include basic drills, explanations of the game, and plenty of time to play, build camaraderie, and have fun! POC: Maj. Magana 784-9446

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Mustang community, if you are looking to volunteer checkout our newsletter for opportunities and use the QR code titled "Volunteer Form" Organizations that are looking for

volunteers, you can request them using the QR code titled "Organization Form." With the same form, you can put down your upcoming events/programs to be added into next month's issue. POC: Any questions or suggestions please email [osan.afrc@us.af.mil](mailto:osan.afrc@us.af.mil)

**Osan Air Base Soccer**  
Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1800-2000 and every Sunday from 1800-2000 | Mustang Soccer Field  
Osan Varsity Soccer wants you to join the fun of playing with us every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Open to players of all skill levels. We're focused on having a great time and developing camaraderie, all while we hone our skills and build our team to compete in the premier Seoul Saturday Soccer League. Follow the Osan Varsity Team on Facebook for daily updates. Open Tryouts. We want to see the Messi in you as we build a team to compete in the Seoul Saturday Soccer League. Our season begins August 30th. POCs: SR Jacob Carey and A1C Logan Gibson

**Kickstart Korea**  
2nd Thursday of the Month | 0900-1330 | PDC, Bldg 788  
POC - TSgt. Deans: 51FSS.OsanUni. [CommandSection@us.af.mil](mailto:CommandSection@us.af.mil) or Sarah Reeves: [reevespd55@gmail.com](mailto:reevespd55@gmail.com)  
Signup (encouraged, but walk-ins welcome): <https://tockify.com/osanu/detail/5/1762995600000/2>  
Whether you're new to Osan or just sick of the SED, Kickstart Korea is for

everyone! This fast-paced crash course shortens the learning curve of adjusting to your 'home away from home', so you can explore with confidence. You'll learn how to navigate neighborhoods in Pyeongtaek and beyond, discover your favorite new shopping and dining spots, and choose YOUR next adventure...from Art Museums to Zip Lines! You'll also explore the Community Directory (over 3000+ categorized pins) and plug into over 200 interest and hobby networks, making personalized memories that will last a lifetime. On-site and alternate scheduling available for flights/units on request.

**Wealthy Wednesdays**  
Jan 21 | 1700-1900 | Military & Family Readiness Center  
This month's topic is "Recovering from Debt". To register, please contact the M&FRC at 784-5440 or [osan.afrc@us.af.mil](mailto:osan.afrc@us.af.mil) and include your DoD ID#. POC: Tina Madsen, Personal Financial Readiness Program Manager, 784-5440

**Bundles for Babies**  
Jan 22 | 0900-1200 | Military & Family Readiness Center  
Are you expecting a little bundle of joy? Join us for a fun and informative session! Get information from the PFR Team, Child & Youth, Family Advocacy, Tricare, Passport/SOFA Office, etc. To register, please contact the M&FRC at 784-5440 or [osan.afrc@us.af.mil](mailto:osan.afrc@us.af.mil) and include all attendees DoD ID#. POC: Tina Madsen, Personal Financial Readiness Program Manager, 784-5440



Republic of Korea air force Airman 1st Class Kwon Jin, ROKAF military police, explains what to look for when conducting entry procedures at Osan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 5, 2026. All members are trained on installation entry ID requirements, Defense Biometric Identification System operation, escort and pass violation procedures, gate runner procedures, DUI enforcement, and random vehicle searches to ensure that both forces operate with the same expectations, standards, and responsibilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲

Combined  
US-ROK training  
strengthens  
Osan security

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Republic of Korea air force Staff Sgt. Lee Joe Goo, ROKAF military police, is evaluated on entry procedures at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 5, 2026. U.S. and ROKAF strengthened security through increased combined training and standardized entry control procedures aligned with United States Forces Korea regulations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲

A military police patch is displayed on a Republic of Korea air force uniform at Osan Air Base, ROK, Jan. 5, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ◀

Kunsan's emergency phone numbers			
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Base Locator: (after duty hours)	782-4743	Chaplain (After duty hours)	782-6000
Law Enforcement desk	782-4944	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	782-7272
Emergency Leave / Red Cross		782-4601 (on base) 1-800-733-2761 (anytime)	

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





U.S. and Sri Lankan servicemembers and locals unload humanitarian supplies at Jaffna International Airport, Sri Lanka, Dec. 8, 2025. Two C-130J Super Hercules aircraft traveled to several separate locations within Sri Lanka to provide critical supplies to those affected by Tropical Cyclone Ditwah. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Wood) ▲

# U.S. Forces deliver critical aid to Sri Lanka following Cyclone Ditwah

By Staff Sgt. Wren Fiontar  
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- U.S. military forces delivered critical disaster relief to Sri Lanka following the impact of Cyclone Ditwah, which made landfall on November 28.

The U.S. response leveraged the rapid deployment capabilities of U.S. forces in the Indo-Pacific by delivering a pair of C-130J Super Hercules carrying 79 personnel and relief supplies to conduct critical logistical support to communities isolated by the storm, allowing mainstay relief efforts to focus on areas easier to reach.

The deployers spent a week conducting 12 C-130J airlift sorties from Katunayake Air Base, delivering 377,150 pounds of aid to the hardest-hit regions that included Ampara, Anuradhapura, Jaffna, Mattala, Ratmalana and Trincomalee. Caches of food,

U.S. and Sri Lankan servicemembers and locals unload humanitarian supplies at Jaffna International Airport, Sri Lanka, Dec. 8, 2025. Two C-130J Super Hercules aircraft traveled to several separate locations within Sri Lanka to provide critical supplies to those affected by Tropical Cyclone Ditwah. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Wood) ►



Personnel depalletize, organize and transport humanitarian supplies at Anuradhapura Air Force Base, Sri Lanka, Dec. 8, 2025. The U.S. government remains in close coordination with the Sri Lanka government as it leads recovery and reconstruction efforts following Tropical Cyclone Ditwah. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Wood) ▲

drinking water, shelters, emergency first-aid items and communications equipment.

“Our ability to rapidly deploy and provide immediate assistance is a testament to the strength of our partnership with Sri Lanka,” said U.S. Air Force Gen. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Air Forces commander. “By working closely with our Sri Lankan counterparts, we were able to support relief efforts for communities affected by the cyclone and deliver critical assistance where it was needed most. This collaboration underscores our shared commitment to saving lives and supporting one another in times of need.”

Cyclone Ditwah displaced 205,238 people, caused 644 fatalities, and over 175 remain missing (as of December 31). At its peak, 1.2 million people needed humanitarian aid in the wake of the natural disaster.

The rapid deployment effort was made possible due to a recent landmark defense agreement between Sri Lanka and the United States that formalized cooperation under the U.S. State Department Partnership Program.

That new partnership realized its first real-world activation when the U.S. issued a \$2.1 million humanitarian relief package within 72 hours following the cyclone’s landfall. This package was delivered in the form of critical airlift and logistics equipment, such as fuel trucks, forklifts, lights, generators, parts and portable cargo-loaders that reinforced the Sri Lankan Air Force’s ability to rapidly receive, fuel, power, load and move relief supplies 24 hours a day.

The forward presence and ready posture of U.S. military forces in the Indo-Pacific region was pivotal to the rapid and effective response to this cyclone. Foreign Disaster Relief actions demonstrate the continued commitment by the United States to its allies and partners when called upon to act during times of crisis.



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron offload cargo from a C-130J Super Hercules at Katunayake Air Base, Sri Lanka, Dec. 8, 2025. The agility of platforms like the C-130J Super Hercules allows for the delivery of supplies to locations across Sri Lanka with speed and precision, directly supporting those affected by Tropical Cyclone Ditwah. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Wood) ▲



U.S. Air Force Capt. Sarah Riggs, 36th Airlift Squadron pilot, poses for a photo with locals at Jaffna International Airport, Sri Lanka, Dec. 8, 2025. The agility of platforms like the C-130J Super Hercules allows for the delivery of personnel and supplies to locations across Sri Lanka with speed and precision, directly supporting those affected by Tropical Cyclone Ditwah. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Wood) ◀



The Warfighter's Spirit

The One and Only 'Me' in the Universe



Maj (Sel) Kim, Do Woong, Won Buddhism Minister, Mangho Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea Army

“Each of us is a unique being, one of a kind in this world and this universe”. I love this quote! It comes from a Won-Buddhist cleric I respect while he was giving a lecture to a group of soldiers. It means ‘Oneself’ or “I” is incomparable to anyone else; a unique, irreplaceable, and invaluable being. I could see the soldiers' eyes light up at that moment.

People in modern society often don't know themselves well. They compare their lives to others, develop a sense of inferiority, and mistakenly believe that state is who they truly are.

Instead of seeing themselves as they are, they worry about how others perceive them. It would be fine if it stopped at worry, but it simultaneously erodes their self-esteem.

Especially now, in an era where everyone, regardless of age or gender, frequently uses social media, we can all peek into the lives and daily routines of others. This makes comparing one's own life to others' even easier. Even regular TV broadcasts reflect the daily lives of celebrities and even their families, causing people to feel a sense of disconnect or envy towards their own lives, further diminishing their self-esteem.

Here, the self-esteem of this being called 'I' begins to shrink endlessly once more. But as mentioned in the introduction, since this being called 'I' is unique

in this universe, there is truly nothing to compare it to. Whether one has much or little money, a large or small house, if one strives to live their own life, the lives of others or the gaze of others will cease to matter.

There is no single perfect answer in life. Even if you were to step into the life of someone you envy, you would invariably face a new set of problems within it, yearning for yet another person's life and living a life that constantly tears you apart. So, if there is no perfect answer in life, but you recognize that there is this one and only being called 'I' in this world and this universe, what should you do? I will tell you a very simple method.

First, put yourself into a calm setting and assume a comfortable posture to make it easier to clear your mind. Then, make your mind whole. Wholeness is not sharp or angular, but a rounded mind. It is a mind that is neither noisy, foolish, nor wrong. Let go of thoughts and focus entirely on your own mind right now.

That focused being is precisely 'me'. Since I am the only one of my kind in this world and universe, I cannot compare myself to others. Because comparison is impossible, I must live my own life. I set aside the mind of comparison and tend to my true heart, untouched by anything. From this moment onward, I can gradually recover my self-esteem. To describe that feeling, I come to sense that 'my heart is alive.' It is about living with that very heart. Then, at last, I will be able to rightly find within myself happiness, sorrow, joy, regret, resentment, and gratitude.

The ancient sages taught that the root is the foundation of a tree, and the mind is the foundation of a person. Though invisible to the eye, the mind is the unseen inner organ that transforms and governs our lives. The path to finding the one and only true self in the universe is to find our own original mind. I cheer for your only one in the universe. Thank you!

Translated by Ms. Kim, Ohsung, Language Specialist, 51 FW/HC

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

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Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

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Sunday at 1300 (Chapel)

Point of Contact:

Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE

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OSAN AIR BASE

Osan AB Chapel (Building 780)

Protestant Service

Sunday Worship Service  
Sunday @ 0930

Children's church  
Sunday @ 0945

Halftime Bible Study  
Monday – Friday @ 1100 (Classroom 5)

Catholic Mass

Catholic Sunday Mass  
Sunday @ 1130

Confession  
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Friday @ 1900

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1100 Church of Christ - Pacific Victors Chapel  
1100 Common Ground (Traditional Service) - Freedom Chapel  
1300 Apostolic Pentecostal (Oneness) - Warrior Chapel  
1330 Spanish Service - Pacific Victors Chapel  
Wednesdays -  
1200 Christ The King Eucharist Service - Pacific Victors Chapel  
1800 KATUSA Service - Pacific Victors Chapel

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POC: CH Droge; 010-8685-2976; shawn.a.droge.mil@mail.mil

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TUES 1800-2000 Club Beyond Christian Youth Group - 4CMC  
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1730-1930 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom  
WED 1830-2000 Church of Christ Mid-Week Bible Study - Pacific  
THUR 0915-1130 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) - Freedom  
THUR 1800-2000 Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) - 4CMC  
\* POC: CH Underhill 010-8520-7217  
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POC: usaghcatholiccoordinator@gmail.com

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POC:CPT Anouar Bencheqroun 010-3382-7231 anouar.k.bencheqroun.mil

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POC: CPT Ryan S. Robinson; ryan.s.robinson14.mil@mail.mil

BUDDHIST  
Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service  
POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri.mil@mail.mil



**S**lick landing: An LC-130 Hercules assigned to the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing takes off in Antarctica in support of Operation Deep Freeze, Dec. 12, 2025. The 109th AW operates the ski-equipped LC-130 to provide heavy airlift capability supporting the National Science Foundation's U.S. Antarctic Program. ▲

**T**hanks for the lift: Airmen are lifted into a 413th Flight Test Squadron UH-1 Huey during a two-day mission-ready training event at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Dec. 12, 2025. Conducted by the 96th Mission Support Group, the training focused on weapons familiarization and tactical movement techniques designed to enhance coordination, readiness and response capabilities in realistic operational scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jose Garcia) ◀

**F**ire training: Rudy Roybal and Johnny Romero-Nunez, 432nd Mission Support Squadron firefighters, suppress a controlled fire during a mobile aircraft fire training exercise at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., Dec. 11, 2025. The training prepares firefighters to respond to real-world emergencies involving downed or damaged aircraft by simulating high-risk fire scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Victoria Nuzzi) ▼



**E**yes on target: Senior Airman Albert Aduna, 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron, peers around a corner during a two-day mission-ready training event at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Dec. 12, 2025. Led by the 96th Mission Support Group, the training focused on weapons familiarization and controlled movement techniques designed to enhance situational awareness and mission execution in complex environments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Samuel King Jr.) ◀





U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Trent Davis, left center, Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, right center, 51st Fighter Wing commander, unveil an Operation Kiddy Car plaque during an anniversary ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 17, 2025. Lt. Col. Russell Blaisdell, a chaplain, and Staff Sgt. Merle Strang commandeered several trucks at the port of Incheon, transporting more than 1,000 children to an air base in Gimpo, where they boarded 16 Douglas C-54 Skymasters and were evacuated to Jeju. The actions of Blaisdell and Strang exemplified courage, compassion, and decisive leadership in the face of crisis, showcasing the core mission of the Chaplain Corps by safeguarding innocent lives amid chaos and uncertainty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲

# Osan commemorates 75th anniversary of Operation Kiddy Car

By Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams  
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --** The 51st Fighter Wing gathered to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Operation Kiddy Car at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 17, 2025.

Operation Kiddy Car is a historic humanitarian mission that occurred on Dec. 20, 1950, when U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Russell Blaisdell, a chaplain, and Staff Sgt. Merle Strang worked together to rescue more than 1,000 Korean orphans and their caretakers from war-torn Seoul.

“It is an honor to be at Osan Air Base to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Operation Kiddy Car,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Trent Davis, Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Air Force. “The mission highlights the impact of Chaplain Lt. Col. Russell Blaisdell and Staff Sgt. Merle Strang, two members of the Air Force Chaplain Corps whose actions saved the lives of more than 1,000 Korean children during the Korean War. Honoring their legacy reminds us of the difference Airmen can make through courage and compassion.”



Pak Ki-Un, Operation Kiddy Car ceremony guest speaker, shares his personal experiences during the Korean War at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 17, 2025. Pak shared his personal experiences as an 8-year-old boy at the onset of the Korean War, offering firsthand insight into the fear, hardship and uncertainty faced during the conflict. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲

**U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Trent Davis, Chief of Chaplains for the U.S. Air Force, reflects on Operation Kiddy Car during a ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 17, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ►**

Initially, Blaisdell and Strang worked together to rescue displaced children from the streets, providing them with shelter and medical care. As the Korean War intensified and conditions worsened, the two Airmen coordinated the evacuation and safe transportation of the orphans to Jeju Island. Commandeering several trucks at the port of Incheon, Blaisdell and his team transported the children to an air base in Gimpo, where they boarded 16 Douglas C-54 Skymasters and were evacuated to Jeju.

Blaisdell and Strang’s actions exemplified courage, compassion and decisive leadership in the face of crisis, showcasing the core mission of the Chaplain Corps by safeguarding innocent lives amid chaos and uncertainty.

During the ceremony, Pak Ki-Un, Operation Kiddy Car ceremony guest speaker, shared his personal experiences as an 8-year-old boy at the onset of the Korean War, offering firsthand insight into the fear, hardship and uncertainty faced during the conflict.

“If there had been no war, I would have gone to school in Seoul, my father would still be with us, and my family wouldn’t have lost anything,” said Pak. “I used to be a very outgoing person, but the war and the orphanage changed me into a very quiet person. Looking back now, the first thing that remains deepest in my heart is how precious food is. The second is how valuable family is.”

Pak’s remarks provided a powerful reminder of the human cost of war and the lasting impacts of humanitarian efforts such as Operation Kiddy Car. He went on to express his gratitude for the humanitarian assistance provided during the war and for the continued presence of U.S. forces on the peninsula.

“I have carried this gratitude with me all my life,” expressed Pak. “Thank you for helping our country during the Korean War—not only during the war—but even now as U.S. forces remain here, I am grateful that you help keep peace in South Korea.”

The ceremony also highlighted how the actions of Blaisdell and Strang continue to inspire Religious Support Teams across the Korean peninsula, who provide care, counsel and support to those entrusted to them. The event further recognized the enduring bond between the U.S. and ROK, a partnership strengthened not only through shared defense but through shared humanity.

“Operation Kiddy Car reminds us that when Airmen recognize a need and act with courage and compassion, their impact can extend far beyond a single moment,” said Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander. “What began as Airmen advising leadership became a unified, Total Force effort, and seventy-five years later that same spirit of teamwork and partnership, ‘Katchi Kapshida, We Go Together’, continues to define how we serve on the Korean Peninsula.”

The legacy of Operation Kiddy Car continues to remind us that even in the most challenging moments, acts of courage and compassion can leave an impact far beyond the moment in which they occur and illuminate hope for future generations.




U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, delivers closing remarks during the Operation Kiddy Car 75th anniversary ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 17, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲




U.S. Air Force service members pose with the Operation Kiddy Car plaque during an anniversary ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Dec. 17, 2025. Lt. Col. Russell Blaisdell, a chaplain, and Staff Sgt. Merle Strang commandeered several trucks at the port of Incheon, transporting more than 1,000 children to an air base in Gimpo, where they boarded 16 Douglas C-54 Skymasters and were evacuated to Jeju. The actions of Blaisdell and Strang exemplified courage, compassion, and decisive leadership in the face of crisis, showcasing the core mission of the Chaplain Corps by safeguarding innocent lives amid chaos and uncertainty. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲





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**OCD25 wraps up:  
delivering holiday cheer,  
supplies to Pacific islands**

**U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Sara Woffford, 36th Airlift Squadron director of operations, stands before a formation of C-130J Super Hercules and C-130H Hercules aircraft from the U.S., Japan and Republic of Korea air forces participating in an elephant walk during Operation Christmas Drop 2025 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Dec. 13, 2025. Operation Christmas Drop highlights U.S., allies' and partners' capabilities to quickly mobilize and project power and airlift operations at a moment's notice. This multinational effort underscores a shared commitment of regional security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Samantha White) ▲**

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam --** Operation Christmas Drop 2025 came to an end at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Dec. 14, 2025.

This year marks the 74th iteration, bringing together service members from the U.S., Canada, Japan, and Republic of Korea for the Department of War's longest-running humanitarian airlift mission.

Around 270 bundles were constructed, filled and loaded onto C-130 Hercules aircraft, providing essential goods to 56,000 Pacific islanders across 59 remote islands in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau.

This year's Operation Christmas Drop extended humanitarian assistance reach, providing aid to a new chain of islands: the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"Operation Christmas Drop, at its core, is a story of people helping people", said U.S.

Air Force Capt. Nicolas Westrick, Operation Christmas Drop 2025 president. "It's about showing up for neighbors, separated by thousands of miles, but connected by compassion. It's about partnership across nations, cultures and communities."

Operation Christmas Drop not only provides critical aid, but also enhances aircrew training, fosters interoperability among allies and strengthens partnerships to ensure regional stability and humanitarian readiness.

"Teamwork isn't built on paper—you build it by flying, planning and solving problems as one," said Lt. Col. Matthew Buchholtz, 36th Airlift Squadron lead as part of the 374th Air Expeditionary Wing. "This year, we once again proved our international crews are synchronized and ready for any challenge. Seeing four nations flying together isn't just about humanitarian assistance—it's about showing the world our

partnerships are airborne and ready."

Through OCD25, the 374 AEW demonstrated Agile Combat Employment across the island chains by relocating the Pacific Air Force's tactical airlift capability from Japan to Guam.

"The Indo-Pacific is the world's most disaster-prone region, accounting for over 40% of global natural disaster events. An estimated 80% of those affected by such disasters have been in our region," said Col. Nathan Powell, 374 AEW commander. "Practicing dynamic airdrop delivery with our theater allies and partners demonstrates our unified purpose, strengthens trust with the communities we serve, and keeps us ready to respond when disaster strikes."

The success of OCD25 is a testament to the strong relationship and cooperation we have with our international allies, further solidifying the bonds between our nations.





# Staff Sgt. Jerica Batista

By Senior Airman Dylan Maher  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Staff. Sgt. Jerica Batista, 8th Maintenance Squadron stockpile management crew chief, poses in front of secured munitions at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2026. Batista was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of Jan. 6-9. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dylan Maher) ▲

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jerica Batista, a native of Queens, New York, and 8th Maintenance Squadron stockpile management crew chief, won the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack award for the week of Jan. 6-9, 2026, for coordinating and transporting vital munitions to support combat weapons training and Super Squadron Test Phase II.

As a stockpile management crew chief, Batista leads 12 Airmen, providing specialized equipment training, routine safety briefs, guidance in handling, storing, inspecting, and maintaining munitions.

Her team coordinated with 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 8th Security Forces Squadron Airmen, ensuring that \$63 million worth of joint air-to-surface standoff missiles were transported to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea to support the second phase of the super squadron test. This initiative aims to consolidate fighter operations and increase combat power on the Korean Peninsula.

Additionally, her team transported over 800 munition components to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, coordinating with Air Combat Command to supply essential equipment for U.S. and partner nation pilots and maintenance crews in preparation for combat weapons trainings.

Batista also serves as the squadron's facility manager, overseeing the operational integrity of 127 buildings. After 6 months in this role, she resolved 150 work orders,



U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn "Wolf" Gaetke, 8th Fighter Wing commander, and Staff Sgt. Jerica Batista, 8th Maintenance Squadron stockpile management crew chief, read a safety checklist for storing and transporting munitions at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2026. Batista was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of Jan. 6-9. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dylan Maher) ▲

ensuring the continued safety and security of stored munition assets.

Beyond her professional responsibilities, Batista cultivated camaraderie as the AMMO Booster Club president. She coordinated 8th MXS's unit Thanksgiving dinner and holiday party, providing food and morale to over 200 Airmen.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Batista, for your outstanding leadership and dedication to the Wolf Pack mission. Congratulations on being this week's Pride of the Pack!



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jerica Batista, 8th Maintenance Squadron stockpile management crew chief, secures munitions onto a trailer at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2026. Batista was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of Jan. 6-9. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dylan Maher) ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn "Wolf" Gaetke, 8th Fighter Wing commander, poses for a photo with Staff Sgt. Jerica Batista, 8th Maintenance Squadron stockpile management crew chief at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 7, 2026. Batista was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of Jan. 6-9. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dylan Maher) ►



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# 12 Ski Resorts to Spend an Exciting Winter in Korea

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With four distinctive seasons, Korea offers an ideal environment for winter sports. In particular, Gangwon State, known for heavy snowfall, and easily accessible regions on the outskirts of Seoul are great places to enjoy winter activities, with numerous ski resorts bustling with travelers throughout the season. Ski resorts in Korea offer slopes for all skill levels, from absolute beginners to experts, and are equipped with convenient facilities like ski lifts and rental shops. Many resorts also offer nighttime skiing for a full day of fun.

Most of the ski resorts also operate an indoor waterpark, sauna, café, and other facilities. Even if you're not into winter sports like skiing or snowboarding, you can spend your winter vacation by engaging in a variety of activities. During the peak ski season, from December to February, visitors are recommended to reserve accommodations and shuttle buses ahead of time. As the opening schedule and slope operation may vary depending on the weather conditions and snow maintenance, it is strongly recommended to check the official website before visiting.

## Taebaek O2 Ski Resort

Located in the pristine highlands of Taebaek, the O2 Ski Resort offers winter leisure activities at affordable prices. Its 12 slopes are suitable for everyone from beginners to advanced level skiers, and the sledding area makes it a popular choice among families as well. The wait time for lift is short, and you can take the lift directly from the guestroom wing area, making it convenient to move around. The highest peak, Eutteum Maru reaches an elevation of 1,408 meters, and because of the high altitude and low temperatures, be sure to dress warmly.



- Address: 266 Otu-ro, Taebaek-si, Gangwon-do
- Ski season: From December 5, 2025
- Operating hours: Day 09:30-16:30 / Night 18:00-21:30
- Website: [www.o2resort.com](http://www.o2resort.com)
- Inquiries: +82-33-580-7000 (Korean only)
- Directions: Take a taxi from Taebaek Station or Taebaek Intercity Bus Terminal for approx. 10 min
- Nearby attractions: Taebaeksan National Park, Taebaek Sangjang-dong Mural Village

## Chuncheon | Elysian Gangchon Ski Resort

If you are looking for a day-trip ski destination from Seoul by train, Elysian Gangchon Ski Resort is the place to go. You can reach the resort easily by taking a Gyeongchun Line train from Yongsan Station to Baegyangni Station for an hour and the free shuttle bus from Baegyangni Station to the resort. Eight of the ten slopes are suitable for beginners and intermediate skiers, and in general, the slopes are gentle and steady, making them ideal for beginners to perfect their techniques. Mark it on your map for a day full of winter leisure activities amidst the beautiful scenery of snowy mountains and the Bukhangang River.

- Address: 688 Bukhangangbyeon-gil, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do
- Ski season: From December 5, 2025
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-17:00 / Evening 18:30-24:00 / Night 18:30-03:00 (Next day)
- Website: [www.elysian.co.kr](http://www.elysian.co.kr) (Korean, English, Chinese)
- Inquiries: +82-33-260-2000 (Korean only)
- Directions: Take the free shuttle bus from Baegyangni Station (Gyeongchun Line)
- \* Shuttle bus schedule: [www.elysian.co.kr](http://www.elysian.co.kr)
- Nearby attractions: Gangchon Resort, Gugokpokpo Falls, Nami Island, Gangchon Suspension Bridge Park, Gangchon Theme Land, Gangchon Rail Park, etc.



## Wonju | Oak Valley Snow Park

Set against the backdrop of an oak forest, the Oak Valley Snow Park features a total of 11 slopes. In particular, the beginner-level slopes have gentle incline, suitable for people who are new to skiing and children, making them perfect to safely enjoy winter sports. Next to the ski resort, there are revolving sledding tubes, a snow playground with photo zones, and eight different walking trails to take in the picturesque scenery year-round.

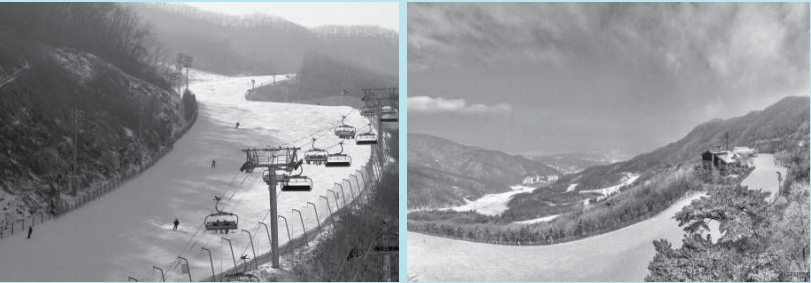


- Address: 58 Oak Valley 2-gil, Wonju-si, Gangwon-do
- Ski season: December 12, 2025 – February 20, 2025
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-16:30 / Evening 18:00-22:00
- \* Maintenance hours: 16:30-18:00
- Website: [www.oakvalley.co.kr](http://www.oakvalley.co.kr) (Korean only)
- Inquiries: +82-1588-7676 (Korean only)
- Directions: Take a taxi (approx. 25 min) or Wonju City Tour Bus from Wonju Bus Terminal
- Nearby attractions: Chiaksan National Park, Baegunsan National Recreational Forest, Gangwon Jurassic Land, Wonju Herb Farm, Wonju Rail Park, etc.

## Gwangju | Konjam Resort

Located in Gwangju, Gyeonggi-do, Konjam Resort is the largest ski resort in the vicinity of the Seoul metropolitan area, offering slopes with varying degrees of difficulty, as well as ski lifts. One of this resort's largest pro is that it offers wait-free services through the use of their mobile app, including slope tickets, equipment rental, season passes, and even ski lessons. With a high numbers of the slopes reserved for beginner/intermediate skiers and families, creating a safe environment for all visitors. Furthermore, the resort includes an arboretum, ecological river, spa and other auxiliary facilities.

- Address: 278 Docheogwit-ro, Gwangju-si, Gyeonggi-do
- Ski season: From December 10, 2025
- Operating hours: 09:00-02:00
- Website: [www.konjamresort.co.kr](http://www.konjamresort.co.kr) (Korean)
- Inquiries: +82-1661-8787 (Korean only)
- Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 10 min from Gonjam Station (Gyeonggang Line) to Konjam Resort
- Nearby attractions: Namhansanseong Provincial Park, Gyeonggi Ceramic Museum, Hwadam Botanic Garden, Konjam Bandy Woods, Ceramic Expo Sculpture Park, Yongin Recreational Forest, etc.



## Icheon - Jisan Forest Ski Resort

Located in Icheon, Gyeonggi-do, Jisan Forest Ski Resort is close to the metropolitan area, meaning that even if accommodations are fully booked, visitors can make a daytrip out to this beautiful ski resort. The resort has a number of slopes ready to accommodate skiers of varying skill levels. The beginner-level slope is relatively wide and features a conveyor ski lift (moving walkway), reducing the waiting time for the lift. Even though this particular resort is on a smaller scale, it is packed with convenient facilities at inexpensive prices. The resort is a great value for its price, thus providing visitors an affordable winter sports experience with great quality.

- Address: 267 Jisan-ro, Icheon-si, Gyeonggi-do
- Ski season: From December 12, 2025
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-17:00 / Evening 18:30-23:00 / Night 23:00-02:00 (Next day) / Night B 24:00-04:00 (Next day)
- Website: [www.jisanresort.co.kr](http://www.jisanresort.co.kr) (Korean, English, Chinese)
- Inquiries: +82-31-638-5940 (Korean only)
- Directions: Take Bus No. 12 from Icheon Intercity Bus Terminal
- Nearby attractions: Icheon Cerapia, Termeden, Deokpyeong Dinosaur Arboretum, Farm & Tree, Ooozoo Starlight Garden, Wow Dairy, Seolbong Park, etc.



## Muju | Deogyusan Ski Resort

Located within Deogyusan National Park in Muju, Jeonbuk-do, Deogyusan Ski Resort has long been a popular ski destination among both Korean and international skiers. The resort's Silk Road Slope, which starts from the peak of Deogyusan Mountain at 1,520 meters above sea level, is the longest slope in Korea, stretching for 6.1 kilometers. The course was designed for both beginner and intermediate skiers to enjoy. The resort is also known to have the steepest slope, called the Raiders Slope, which is sure to spark your drive for a challenge. For those who want a refreshing experience, try the outdoor hot springs after a day of skiing.



- Address: 185 Manseon-ro, Muju-gun, Jeonbuk-do
- Ski season: From December 5, 2025
- Operating hours: Day 09:00-16:30 / Evening 18:30-22:00 / Night 21:00-24:00
- Website: [www.mdysresort.com](http://www.mdysresort.com) (Korean only)
- Inquiries: +82-63-322-9000 (Korean, English)
- Directions: Take the free shuttle bus from Muju Tourist Center P1 Parking Lot to the resort.
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