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A Republic of Korea Air Force KF-16 assigned to the 111th Fighter Squadron, prepares for takeoff during Buddy Squadron 26-2, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2026. The recurring training event strengthens partnerships and ensures both forces remain ready to defend the peninsula and execute the Fight Tonight mission.

Buddy Squadron 26-2 enhances interoperability at Osan

By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron hosted Republic of Korea Air Force pilots from the 111th Fighter Squadron during Buddy Squadron 26-2 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 9-13, 2025.

The bilateral training event focused on defensive counter air tactics, strengthening interoperability and enhancing combined combat capabilities between allied forces. U.S. Air Force pilots flew F-16 Fighting Falcons alongside ROKAF pilots operating KF-16 aircraft, integrating tactics and refining coordination in realistic training scenarios.

The 111th Fighter Squadron,

arriving from Kunsan Air Base, joined the 35th Fighter Squadron for mission planning, briefings, and flight operations designed to improve shared understanding of tactics, techniques, and procedures. Through integrated sorties and collaborative execution, both units strengthened their ability to operate seamlessly in high-end environments.

"It's a great opportunity to work with our Korean partners," said U.S. Air Force Captain Eric Murray, 35th FS F-16 pilot. "By briefing, flying, and debriefing together all week, we're building experience across cultural and language barriers and learning how to operate as a more effective fighting force."

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Collaborative Combat Aircraft program progresses through deliberate weapons integration testing

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

AURORA, Colo. (AFNS) -- The Air Force has entered the next phase of developmental testing for its Collaborative Combat Aircraft program, initiating disciplined weapons integration and captive carry evaluations using inert test munitions to validate airworthiness, safety and systems performance.

This milestone represents a deliberate step forward in integrating CCA into the Air Force's future force design. Captive carry testing with inert weapons evaluates the aircraft's ability to safely carry external stores, validates structural integrity and aerodynamic performance, and confirms compatibility between the aircraft and its weapons systems prior to any live employment considerations.

"We are following the same detailed approach used in every other aircraft developmental test program to validate structural performance, flight characteristics and safe separation," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ken Wilsbach. "This ensures the CCA can safely integrate inert weapons before future employment."

The CCA program is designed



to deliver affordable, risk-tolerant aircraft that operate as part of a human-machine team, extending the reach, survivability and effectiveness of crewed platforms in contested environments.

CCA program officials emphasized that this phase remains developmental and focused on safe systems integration — not operational employment. The use of inert test weapons allows engineers and test pilots to evaluate performance characteristics and separation safety in a controlled environment without live ordnance.

"CCA is a critical part of a larger, integrated system-of-systems that will give our warfighters the overwhelming advantage," Wilsbach said. "This program is about

delivering a network of effects that will sense, strike and shield our forces in contested environments. We are empowering our teams to take smart risks and deliver this capability faster, ensuring we can deter, and if necessary, defeat any adversary."

Throughout development and testing, a human retains authority over weapons release decisions. CCA is designed to operate within established command structures and legal frameworks that govern all Air Force weapons systems.

By advancing weapons integration testing in a deliberate and transparent manner, the Air Force continues to modernize its force to deter aggression, defend the nation and uphold its commitment to responsible innovation.

Fatal drop zone survey investigation results released

PACAF Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii -- Pacific Air Forces released the results of its investigation into a drop zone survey where an U.S. Air Force officer died in Indonesia, April 22, 2024.

On 22 April 2024, U.S. Air Force Major William Walker, assigned to the 3d Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, led a drop zone survey team to assess the viability of a proposed drop zone location in the vicinity of Bandung, Indonesia in support of exercise Super Garuda Shield, scheduled for 26 August - 6 September 2024. The team assessed whether the area was safe for parachuting because there was no recent evaluation of the site to identify hazards and ensure the

safety for personnel participating in the future exercise.

During the inspection, the team split up into two survey teams to cover more ground. Walker and one of these teams later further split up at which point he proceeded alone to survey the eastern boundary of the drop zone. At approximately 1315, Walker texted the survey teams that he would not continue the survey and directed them to return to the rally point where he would meet them.

After not hearing from Walker for approximately an hour and a half, the survey teams conducted a brief search of the area before notifying the U.S. Embassy and a search party was organized. Walker was found unresponsive at approximately 0040

on 23 April and declared deceased by medical personnel. An autopsy later determined the cause of his death to be exertional heat injury with acute renal insufficiency.

In accordance with AFI 51-307, Aerospace and Ground Accident Investigations, this Ground Accident Investigation Board conducted a legal investigation to inquire into all the facts and circumstances surrounding this Air Force ground accident, prepared a publicly releasable report, and obtained and preserved all available evidence for use in litigation, claims, disciplinary action, and adverse administrative action.

A copy of the full report may be viewed at www.afjag.af.mil/AIB-Reports/.



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Defenders assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron discuss defense strategies after an ambush scenario during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2026. The exercise involved various scenarios designed to simulate real-world threats and enhance defensive capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick)

Exercise BEVSENT 26-2: Wolf Pack reinforces ATSO capabilities

By Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman
8th Fighter Wing

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea
-- The 8th Fighter Wing sharpened combined readiness and enhanced its defensive posture while squadrons experienced 24-hour operations during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10-13, 2026.

BEVSENT 26-2 is a recurring combat readiness exercise to test the ability of the Wolf Pack to survive, operate, and defend the base in a simulated, contested environment.

This iteration of BEVSENT focused on base defense, challenging participants with scenarios that featured infiltration, sabotage, non-conventional drone operations, and ground attacks by opposing forces. To counter this, defensive measures such as the general arming of all personnel and the use of ready reserve forces bolstered the 8th Security Forces Squadron's fire teams.

Prior to exercise kick off, the 8th FW Inspector General office and the 8th SFS held a road-to-war brief to lay the groundwork of how



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron and Republic of Korea Army soldiers perform a building security sweep as part of exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 12, 2026. During BEVSENT 26-2 the ROK Army was embedded with the 8th SFS to get after interoperability, share tactics and procedures and strengthen alliances. This iteration of Ability to Survive and Operate training emphasized base defense, featuring infiltration and sabotage operations by opposition forces and more. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing report to muster zones as part of a rapid response force recall during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2026. The 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron individual protective equipment element worked with 8th Security Forces Squadron defenders to oversee the distribution of weapons, ensuring adherence to all procedures for arming Kunsan AB personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

to integrate with defending forces. The brief included refresher training in weapon efficiency and handling, maneuvers, and manning defensive fighting positions.

"When GENARM happens and the defense force commander activates the RRF, there is nothing else that matters other than defending the base," explained U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Jacob Duresky, 8th SFS assistant operations security officer. "It is no longer defenders and non-defenders; it becomes everybody on base is a defender."



Airmen assigned to the 8th Security Forces Squadron join a Wing Inspection Team member for feedback after a training scenario during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 10, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ryan "Sheriff" Kiggins, 8th Security Forces Squadron commander, leads 8th SFS Airmen through room clearing procedures during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2026. (Courtesy photo by Airman First Class Rayland Green) ▲



Airman First Class Jenny Rivera Molina, 8th Security Forces Squadron entry controller, fires blank rounds as part of a drone defense strategy during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

Firefighters assigned to the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron stage fire suppression equipment during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2026. Firefighters maintained heightened situational awareness of potential opposing forces while conducting fire suppression to protect critical Kunsan assets. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Karissa Dick) ▶



Using techniques like GENARM and RRF gave the Wolf Pack the opportunity to strive to reach another level of being mission ready with the mentality that no matter what job, position or title, every Airman at Kunsan is responsible for their ability to defend themselves, defend others and defend assets.

“It was a unique experience,” said Senior Airman Caleb Thompson, 8th Comptroller Squadron cashier. “I’m not usually in situations that require me to man a DFP or use a weapon. I learned how to call over the radio with correct terminology, hold my weapon for long periods of time, and how to sweep for enemies.”

Frequent repetition under high-pressure situations ensures every member of the pack knows their role, trusts their team and can execute the mission without hesitation. This exercise showed faster execution, tighter coordination, and accountability across the board coupled with a reduction of friction points, an improved command and control and elevated the sense of urgency.

“It’s about progression and getting better for the future each and every time,” stated U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ryan “Sheriff” Kiggins, 8th SFS commander. “We need to recognize that no matter where we are in the world, we need to be capable of defending our location and we can also bring the fight to the enemy. We are all responsible to be ready and stay ready.”



U.S. Air Force 8th Security Forces Squadron defenders complete a perimeter sweep as part of exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 11, 2026. BEVSENT 26-2 is a recurring combat readiness exercise that tests the ability of the Wolf Pack to survive, operate, and defend the base in a simulated, contested environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲



Airmen assigned to the 8th Medical Group transport a litter with a simulated patient during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2026. 8th Medical Group Airmen demonstrated their ability to triage mass casualty patients and provide appropriate treatment in a fast paced environment. (Courtesy photo by Airman First Class Rayland Green) ▲

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Wendy Updegrave, 8th Medical Group flight medicine technician, instructs her team on how to triage injured personnel during exercise Beverly Sentinel 26-2 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Feb. 13, 2026. The exercise involved various scenarios designed to simulate real-world threats and enhance our defensive capabilities. (Courtesy photo by Airman First Class Rayland Green) ▶



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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Ross Gearhart, center, 673d Security Forces Squadron senior combatives instructor, teaches a course during the Mission Ready Airman training portion of the Professional Development Center's Noncommissioned Officer Foundation Course 500 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 6, 2026. As the first program of its kind within Pacific Air Forces, MRA training reinforces warfighting skills for junior enlisted, NCO and Senior NCO students.

JBER debuts a PACAF-first Mission Ready Airman program

By Senior Airman Hunter Hites
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- Thirty-four U.S. Air Force noncommissioned officers participated in Security Forces-focused Mission Ready Airman training Feb. 6, a first-of-its-kind program in the Pacific Air Forces that aims at increasing lethality and readiness across the force.

The training, conducted at the 673d Security Forces Squadron warehouse, was integrated into the NCO Foundations 500 course and led primarily by Security Forces instructors. The initiative is a PACAF-level first and is currently unique to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

"Our training was mission ready airmen," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Taylor Davis, 673d SFS counter-small unmanned aerial system noncommissioned officer in charge. "It brought together a couple topics from security forces, like use-of-force, combatives, land navigation, communications with land mobile radios, and also some c-sUAS awareness and active shooter training.



Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Airmen practice striking during a combatives class in the Mission Ready Airman training portion of the Professional Development Center's Noncommissioned Officer Foundation Course 500 at JBER, Alaska, Feb. 6, 2026. The MRA training is the first in Pacific Air Forces, allowing foundation course students to refresh their knowledge of warfighting skills, such as combatives, land navigation, use-of-force and land mobile radio systems. ▲

Airman 1st Class Joshua Jerome, 673d Security Forces Squadron basic combatives instructor, teaches a course during the Mission Ready Airman training portion of the Professional Development Center's Noncommissioned Officer Foundation Course 500 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 6, 2026. The MRA training marks a first in Pacific Air Forces, giving foundation course students hands-on refreshers of core warfighting skills. ►

"The MRA training gives the framework for these key leaders, our NCO corps, to think strategically and then apply that at a tactical level," Davis continued. "And that flows directly into lethality because it's not just [security forces] that carry weapons systems that need to be able to support the fight."

The training placed Airmen in scenarios that typically fall outside the normal scope of their primary career fields, exposing them to warfighting skills they may not routinely practice in day-to-day duties. By reinforcing foundational combat, communication and decision-making skills across diverse specialties, the program ensures Airmen can operate effectively in hostile environments.

Participants said the training reinforced the importance of shared responsibility across the force. U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Vincent Ruiz, 673d Logistics Readiness NCOIC of heavy equipment, said the experience helped break down career field barriers.

"I think it's great to come back together and realize we're one fighting force and how that plays a huge factor when you go into a theater [of operations]," Ruiz said. "The training sharpened skills not often practiced in daily duties. I think we'll be much more lethal after this training and more trainings like it."

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Brandi Jordan, the Professional Development Center superintendent, said the program bridges the gap between professional military education and operational execution.

"The MRA training directly enhances the lethality and readiness of the force by translating classroom concepts into tactical proficiency," Jordan said. She emphasized that offering the same training across enlisted tiers strengthens the force. "Whether it's a first-time introduction for a junior member or a refresher for a senior leader, this continuous cycle of training ensures the entire team can operate effectively."

Mission Ready Airman training is now embedded in all Professional Development Center Foundations courses at JBER, including Junior Enlisted Foundations 300, NCO Foundations 500 and Senior NCO Foundations 700, reinforcing the installation's focus on Ready Airmen, Ready Base and a lethal, prepared force.

"I do hope to see other bases take this on," Jordan said. "I'm sure with more resources and ideas we can all come up with a better way forward for future classes.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Alexis Walker, 611th Civil Engineer Squadron operations manager, uses a map during the land navigation training of the Mission Ready Airman training portion of the Professional Development Center's Noncommissioned Officer Foundation Course 500 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 6, 2026. Land navigation exercises prepare Airmen to maintain mission effectiveness when GPS or communications are limited. ►



Airman 1st Class Tanner Buesser, 673d Civil Engineer Squadron basic land navigation instructor, teaches a course during the Mission Ready Airman training portion of the Professional Development Center's Noncommissioned Officer Foundation Course 500 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 6, 2026. The MRA training is the first in Pacific Air Forces, allowing foundation course students to refresh their knowledge of warfighting skills, such as combatives, land navigation, use-of-force and land mobile radio systems. ▲



War, Energy Departments team up to advance future of nuclear power, military base energy security



By C. Todd Lopez
Pentagon News

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- At March Air Reserve Base, California, Feb. 15, a next-generation nuclear reactor was loaded aboard a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for transport to Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The reactor will eventually head to the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab for testing and evaluation.

The Ward 250 is a 5-megawatt nuclear reactor that fits into the back of a C-17 aircraft could theoretically power about 5,000 homes.

For military use, such a reactor could provide energy security on a military base ensuring the mission there need not depend on the civilian power grid, and in military operations overseas, such reactors would mean U.S. forces could operate without concern that an enemy might cut fuel supplies.

A reactor such as the Ward 250 also means greater energy security for the entire United States. It is firmly in line with President Donald J. Trump's executive orders to reshape and modernize America's nuclear energy landscape.



Airmen assigned to the 452nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Aerial Port Flight at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., support loading operations of a next-generation nuclear reactor onto a C-17 Globemaster III in support of Operation Windlord, Feb. 15, 2026. The mission was conducted in coordination with Airmen from the 15th Airlift Squadron, 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C., and the 62nd Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. The aircraft transported the reactor to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, in support of a Department of War and Department of Energy partnership focused on nuclear energy testing and evaluation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wendy Day) ▲

A containerized nuclear power reactor sits secured within a reinforced steel transport frame at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., Feb. 13, 2026. The system is part of an interagency demonstration evaluating the feasibility of rapidly deploying nuclear power using strategic airlift. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Monique Bright) ▶



The president signed four executive orders designed to advance America's nuclear energy posture, May 23, 2025. Those include "Reinvigorating the Nuclear Industrial Base," "Reforming Nuclear Reactor Testing at the Department of Energy," "Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission," and "Deploying Advanced Nuclear Reactor Technologies for National Security."

Michael P. Duffey, the under secretary of war for acquisition and sustainment, said the partnership between the War and Energy Departments is critical to advancing the president's nuclear energy initiatives.

"It's clear to me that advancing President Trump's priority on nuclear energy depends on close coordination between the Department of Energy and the Department of War," Duffey said. "This partnership ensures advanced nuclear technologies are developed, evaluated and deployed in ways that strengthen energy resilience and national security."

The future of warfare is energy-intensive, he said, and includes AI data centers, directed-energy weapons, and space and cyber infrastructure. The civilian power grid was not built for that, and so the War Department will

need to build its own energy infrastructure.

"Powering next generation warfare will require us to move faster than our adversaries, to build a system that doesn't just equip our warfighters to fight, but equips them to win at extraordinary speed," Duffey said. "Today is a monumental step toward building that system. By supporting the industrial base and its capacity to innovate, we accelerate the delivery of resilient power to where it's needed."

Secretary of Energy Chris Wright said that with small reactors like those transferred from March ARB to Hill AFB, the United States is aiming for a

nuclear energy renaissance.

"The American nuclear renaissance is to get that ball moving again, fast, carefully, but with private capital, American innovation and determination," Wright said. "President Trump signed multiple executive orders that have unleashed tremendous reform of all the things that stopped the American nuclear industry from moving."

Part of that effort, he said, will mean that by July 4, the administration expects three small reactors will be critical — or running smoothly.

"That's speed, that's innovation, that's the start of a nuclear renaissance," Wright said.

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Chief of Staff of the Air Force Ken Wilsbach speaks at the Air Force Association Warfare Symposium Feb. 23, 2026. Wilsbach spoke about readiness, unit and personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Stuart Bright)

Wilsbach outlines strategy for confronting adversaries, Air Force success

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

AURORA, Colo. (AFNS) -- In his first major address since becoming Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Ken Wilsbach used personal examples of stellar performances from pilots, maintainers, health care workers and others to highlight readiness and how the service is responding to a strategic environment that is "complex and ambiguous."

"Our adversaries are designing their strategies around speed - speed of decision, movement and mass," Wilsbach said in his keynote address, Feb. 23, at the Air and Space Forces Association's 2026 Warfare Symposium.

"They believe they can move faster than we can respond, complicate our choices and force us into reaction instead of initiative," he said. "They are betting that distance, complexity and bureaucracy will slow us down. It is a serious challenge, and it demands urgency and unity of effort."

Wilsbach suggested that the service can meet the challenge and ensure that it can fulfill its primary purpose of "flying and fixing" if it excels at three priorities: readiness, modernization and "taking care of our Airmen and families."

None of those priorities are new or novel. Yet Wilsbach, who has been serving as the Chief of Staff since November, presented his recipe for meeting those standards to a standing-room-only crowd of several thousand that included active duty, industry and national security experts.

Like his predecessors, Wilsbach said the service must modernize to update a fleet that has too many "aircraft with an average age of most grandparents."

When it comes to modernization, he said, "We are making deliberate, long-term decisions that secure our dominance. These decisions must be fully resourced, to prevent us from passing today's readiness challenges to tomorrow's Airmen."

The goal hangs on two prongs. "First, we will ensure we have fight-tonight capability" which means a more efficient and focused acquisition process "so getting platforms from concept to employment as quickly as possible is our focus."

At the same time, he said planners will take a longer view as well. That requires "building agility and adaptability into these programs so

they can stay relevant for a future fight."

While the effort is complicated, expensive and historically hard to predict, Wilsbach noted specific projects that are "reaping the benefit of this approach" and already showing results. "The F-47, the world's first 6th-generation fighter, remains on track to fly soon. The B-21 was delivered on schedule and will be on the ramp at Ellsworth in 2027, he said.

Wilsbach noted the progress of the Collaborative Combat Aircraft as well as the introduction of the T-7 into service and that the Sentinel ballistic missile program has overcome problems and "is now moving in the right direction."

Wilsbach built this address around his favored catch phrase. "As an Air Force, flying and fixing aircraft is the most important thing we do."

"... When we fix, we can fly. It allows us to get the reps and sets we need to build proficiency and combat credibility. And when our Airmen are prepared, we provide a deterrent value. If that deterrence fails, we are ready to fight and win decisively," Wilsbach said.

Meeting that goal, he said, means more than pilots and maintainers. In his view, it demands

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Ken Wilsbach speaks at the Air Force Association Warfare Symposium Feb. 23, 2026. Wilsbach spoke about readiness, unit and personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Stuart Bright) ▶

"daily competence" and relentless drive. The Air Force, at every level and in every career field must have "professionals who refuse to accept average as 'good enough.'"

"Flying and fixing is about the maintainers generating aircraft, the weapons troops loading with precision, intel sharpening the picture and defenders securing the flight line," he said. "It's tankers extending their range, planners stitching the timeline together, command and control assets communicating clearly and providing timely information to our shooters."

"It's Airmen doing hard work, so when the nation calls, we don't improvise, we fall back on our training and we execute," Wilsbach said.

With that, he devoted a large chunk of his speech to highlighting Airmen - by name - who show that that "the Air Force doesn't just win because one person is exceptional. We win because every Airmen executes discipline all day every day."

Among them was F-16 squadron commander Lt. Col. William "Skate" Parks, winner of both a silver and bronze star, who "understands that it's far more than the F-16 pilot that ensures mission success. Instead, it was the collective effort it took to launch one combat sortie."

He acknowledged a pair of missileers, Lieutenants Harrison Martin and Alyssa Vasquez.

"They prove their competence and hold each other accountable daily. I saw it back in November when I was at F. E. Warren," Wilsbach said, referring to the base in Wyoming that became the nation's first operational ICBM base in 1958 and today operates Minuteman III ICBMs on full alert 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

"The missileers up there and throughout our Air Force know their stuff and make the difficult look routine," Wilsbach said.

He highlighted the work of Master Sgt. Dylan Ashley and his team who repair and maintain airfields and their critical link to readiness and Tech. Sgt. Nikolis Hyatt, a maintainer at Barksdale Air Force Base who Wilsbach said was a "superstar" for his work keeping ancient B-52s ready and flight worthy.

"Tech. Sgt. Hyatt thrives on turning broken jets into fully mission capable aircraft," Wilsbach said. And about Master Sgt. Ashley, he pointed out that Ashley "doesn't just direct, he leads from the front. Dylan always feels at home getting the job done with his fellow 'Dirt Boyz.'"

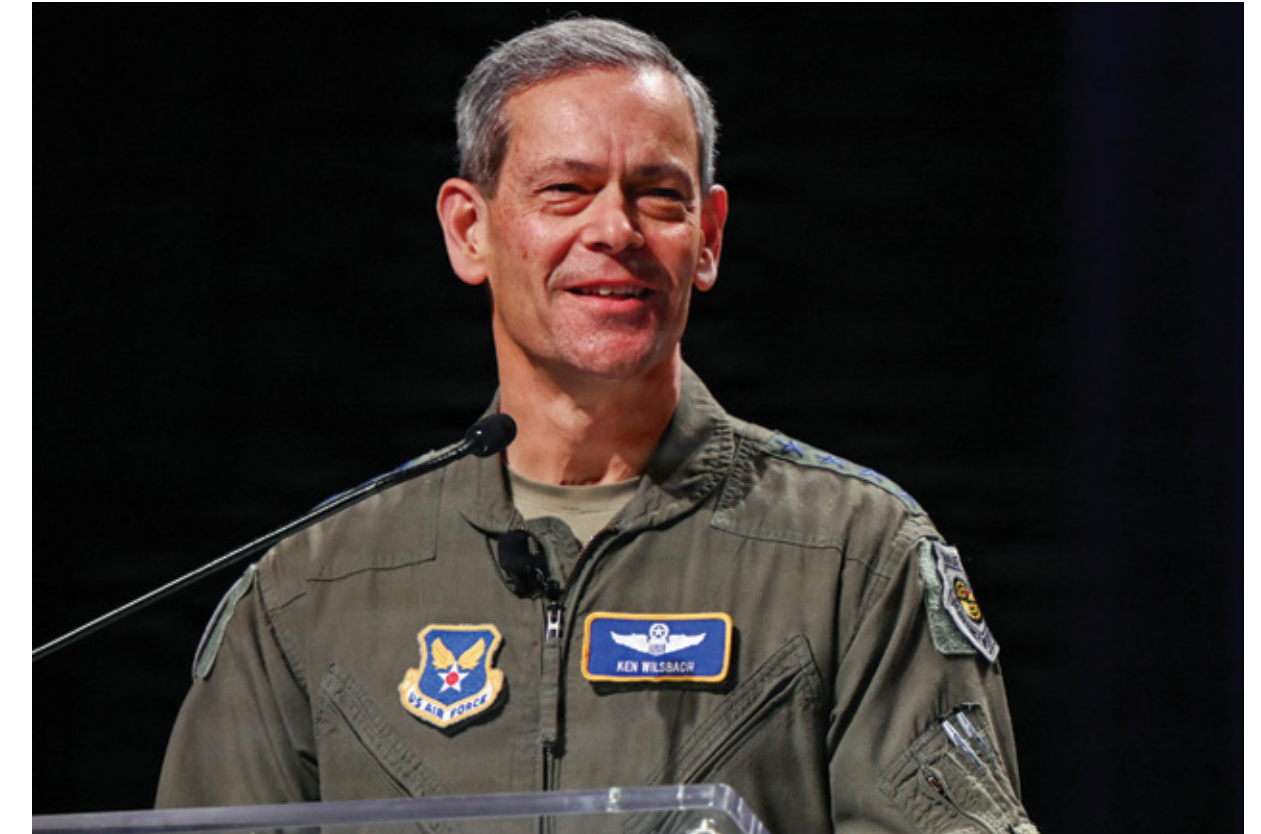
Wilsbach's idea of "fixing" extends beyond machines. To illustrate that point, he pointed to laboratory technicians at Kadena Air Base, Capt. Jessica Yett and Staff Sgt. Duy Dang.


"They have a combined 37 years of service taking care of Airmen and use that experience to resolve issues before they become big problems," he said, adding that they process 450 "specimens" a week.

"That's what 'taking care of Airmen and families' looks like; solving problems and building conditions for sustained readiness," he said.

Each of the Airmen is an example of what the service needs to succeed, Wilsbach said.

"Quiet professionals who simply showed up every day and did difficult things. They didn't start extraordinary. They became extraordinary through discipline, grit and commitment," he said.






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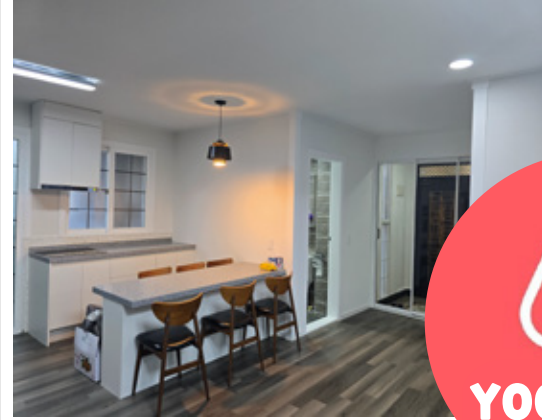
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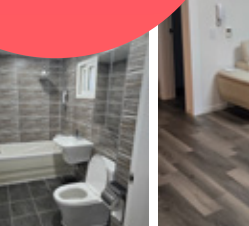







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Smoking & Home Fire Safety

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Smoking is not only a health hazard but also a significant fire risk. In fact, smoking materials, such as cigarettes, cigars, and pipes, are a leading cause of fires.

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:

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- 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.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-3370/ 4741

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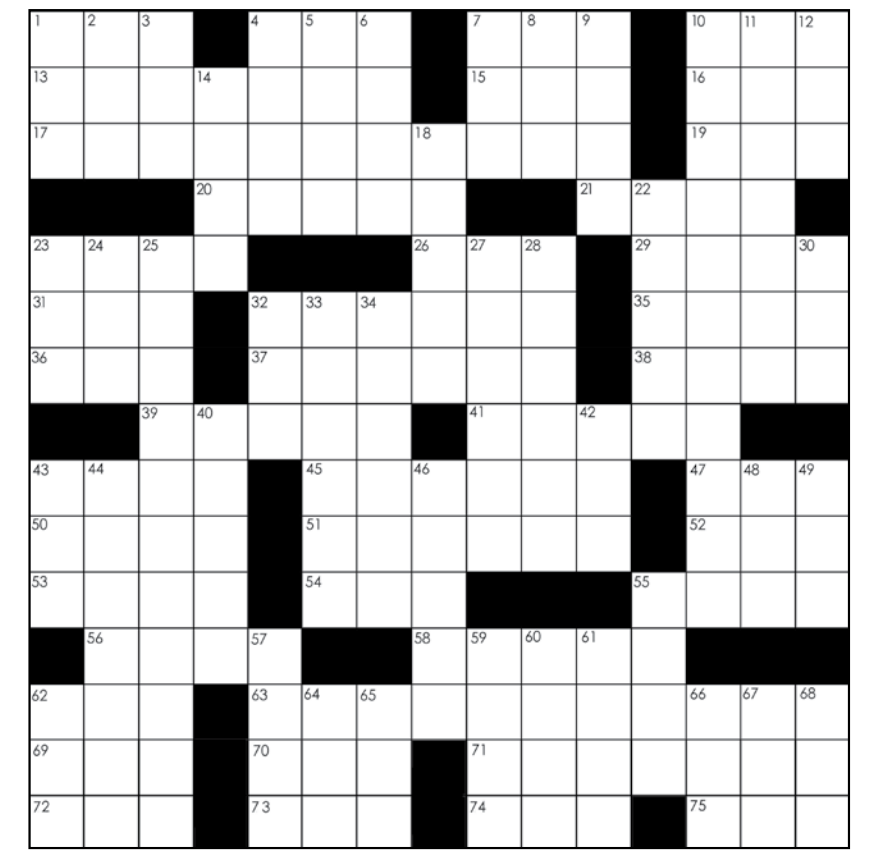
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The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar



- ACROSS**
- 1 Golf tournament
 - 4 Goes with bell or head
 - 7 Battering ____
 - 10 Dish cloth
 - 13 Important street in Seoul
 - 15 Inner energy
 - 16 Big bird
 - 17 Winter Olympic host in 2022
 - 19 Offensive in Vietnam
 - 20 Make a fire burn more
 - 21 Playfight
 - 23 In eye, with rods
 - 26 Consumed
 - 29 Holocaust survivor Wiesler
 - 31 Old name for Tokyo
 - 32 Main course of a meal
 - 35 Velvet Underground female singer
 - 36 Big tree
 - 37 Cupboard
 - 38 Indian flatbread
- DOWN**
- 1 Type of rally or talk
 - 2 Opposite of gal
 - 3 Dark or pale beer
 - 4 Rapper Verbal ____
 - 5 Jason's ship
 - 6 Dwayne Johnson's alias
 - 7 Former US electronics company
 - 8 Cheol-soo or Eak-tae
 - 9 USSR fighter jets
 - 10 Reprisal
 - 11 Lead country of UNC
 - 12 Shamanic ritual
 - 14 Canseco or San
 - 18 Listens to
 - 22 Cylindrical pasta
 - 23 Company leader
 - 24 Development aid
 - 25 HBC subway station
 - 27 Pain for baby
 - 28 Weirder
- ACROSS**
- 39 Goop
 - 41 Himalayan country
 - 43 War dead recovery agency
 - 45 Similar to gasket
 - 47 No ____, ands, or butts
 - 50 European mountain range
 - 51 Shadowy characters in "Lost"
 - 52 ____ Wan Kenobi
 - 53 "Those were the ____"
 - 54 Paul Nakasone's organization
 - 55 Group of soldiers
 - 56 Glowing sign
 - 58 The chicken clucked, the cow ____
 - 62 Yoko ____
 - 63 Subway system
 - 69 Man cave
 - 70 Pair
 - 71 Smiled
 - 72 Unit of work
 - 73 Arrival time
 - 74 Japanese money
 - 75 Internet-connected appliances

Answers to Previous Crossword

19 TEEN	45 LISA	69 EYRE	12 JEET	44 YONGSAN
20 SEDATED	46 NODULES		13 URNS	45 LINEAGE
22 THRUSTS	48 NOTICES		21 TOW	47 LAS
24 ROE	50 BAG		23 RCA	49 TON
25 OCN	51 NON		26 ILSAN	52 ROVE
26 ITAEWON	52 REFUSAL		27 TOKYO	53 EDEN
30 UNAIRED	56 IGNEOUS		3 HAND	54 FORD
34 LORD	60 ODOR		4 SQUARED	55 LINE
35 LULLS	61 LIMOS		5 CHAEBOL	56 IOTA
10 PAJU	37 AURA		6 EYED	57 OBEY
14 IRAQ	38 SAKO		7 LOS	58 USER
15 HYORI	39 DOS		8 TROT	59 SAKI
16 EVER	40 NAM		9 SIPHONS	
17 AINU	41 AYES		10 PETUNIA	
18 AESOP	43 RELAY		11 AVES	
			42 SUBURBS	
			43 REGALES	



Stercentennial flyover: A joint formation of U.S. Air Force and Navy aircraft flies over Super Bowl LX in Santa Clara, Calif., Feb. 8, 2026. The flyover, which included Air Force B-1B Lancers and F-15C Eagles alongside Navy F-35C Lightning IIs and F/A-18 Super Hornets, commemorated America's 250th anniversary. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Shelby Thurman) ▼

Waiting for a ride: A U.S. Air Force 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dog, Ssilke, waits on a U.S. Air Force HC-130J Combat King II assigned to the 26th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Feb. 4, 2026. The 332nd ESFS MWDs play a vital role in daily operations by identifying hazards and ensuring the safety of aircraft and personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Travis Knauss) ▲



Returning home: Airmen assigned to the 55th Rescue Squadron walk toward friends and family at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Feb. 6, 2026, following a redeployment. Returning from deployment is especially meaningful, as it marks the safe completion of their mission and reunites service members with loved ones after months of separation and sacrifice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Samantha Melecio) ▲

Final approach: A C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron lands on snow during Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 7, 2026. Operating outside of a traditional runway setting, aircrews practiced delivering airlift capability in the contested environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Cayla Hunt) ◀



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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.

Osan

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

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.

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 Britain 010-8354-1576, SSgt Ethan Troutman, 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 ac-

knowledging 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

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

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: SrA 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 or Sarah Reeves: 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.

Permanent Change of Station (CMT)
Mar 10 | 1500-1600 | Military & Family Readiness Center
Are you about to PCS from Osan AB? Have you been flagged by My Vector to complete the PCS CMT? Register to attend our next class by contacting the M&FRC at 784-5440 or osan.afrc@us.af.mil – Please include your DoD ID#!
POC Tina Madsen, Personal Financial Readiness Program Manager, 784-5440

Moving Out
Mar 12 | 1500-1700 | Military & Family Readiness Center
Are you considering Moving Out of the Dorms within the next 4 – 6 months? Register to attend "Moving Out" to determine if your finances are ready for the move!
Contact the M&FRC at 784-5440 or osan.afrc@us.af.mil to register – Please include your DoD ID!

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Off Base/Cell Emergency	063-470-0911	Nurse Advice Line	1-800-723-8255
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)	

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
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Buddy Squadron 26-2 enhances interoperability at Osan
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During the training, U.S. and ROK pilots executed defensive counter air missions designed to detect, identify, and counter simulated hostile aircraft and cruise missile threats. The scenarios required integrated formations, coordinated communication, and synchronized engagement tactics between F-16 and KF-16 aircraft. Mission planning was conducted jointly, with both sides briefing and debriefing together to refine tactics, techniques, and procedures. By combining their strengths and aligning their approaches to air defense, the two squadrons improved their ability to operate as a unified force in high-threat environments.

Our goal with this training is to improve our combined tactical ability between ROK and U.S. forces. By flying defensive counter air missions together, we strengthen how we operate as one team against potential threats.
 — ROKAF Capt. Jaeho Kang, 11th FS KF-16 pilot

Buddy Squadron serves as a recurring opportunity for U.S. and ROK Airmen to build trust, improve communication, and reinforce the longstanding alliance between the two nations. By training together in defensive counter air operations, both squadrons enhance their ability to defend the Korean Peninsula at a moment's notice.



A Republic of Korea Air Force KF-16 assigned to the 111th Fighter Squadron, prepares for takeoff during Buddy Squadron 26-2, at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 11, 2026. The bilateral training event enhances interoperability between U.S. Air Force and ROKAF Airmen while strengthening combined readiness on the Korean Peninsula. ▲

Republic of Korea Air Force KF-16 pilots assigned to the 111th Fighter Squadron, prepare to fly during Buddy Squadron 26-2 at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 12, 2026. The recurring training event strengthens alliance partnerships and ensures both forces remain ready to defend the peninsula and execute the Fight Tonight mission. ▼



Republic of Korea Air Force KF-16 pilots from the 111th Fighter Squadron, arrives during Buddy Squadron 26-2 at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 9, 2026. Buddy Squadron reinforces the enduring U.S.-ROK alliance by fostering cooperation, shared tactics, and operational cohesion in support of regional stability. ▲

U.S. Air Force and Republic of Korea Air Force pilots attend a brief during Buddy Squadron 26-2, at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 12, 2026. The training event provides opportunities for integrated flight operations, mission planning, and tactical exchanges designed to improve combat effectiveness between allied forces. ►

A Republic of Korea Air Force KF-16 assigned to the 111th Fighter Squadron, arrives during Buddy Squadron 26-2 at Osan Air Base, ROK, Feb. 9, 2026. ▼



The Warfighter's Spirit

Hope as the Antidote



Ch, Lt Col, Matt Henry

In the weeks after the holidays, life often grows quieter. Decorations come down, routines resume, and the mission's steady tempo returns. For many, this transition brings relief. For others, it carries unexpected heaviness, an unspoken sense of fatigue, isolation, or longing that lingers beneath the surface. In moments like these,

hope can feel less like a lofty idea and more like a fragile necessity. Yet hope isn't reserved for extraordinary seasons or perfect circumstances. It's most powerful when it shows up quietly, meeting people exactly where they are and reminding them that they are not alone.

Recently, two commemoration ceremonies at Osan Air Base and in Gwangju invited us to reflect on a moment from our shared history when hope was anything but abstract. Seventy-five years ago, on 20 December 1950, Operation Kiddy Car unfolded amid the uncertainty of war. Faced with a humanitarian crisis, Chaplain Russell Blaisdell and his Chaplain Assistant, Staff Sergeant Merle Strang, chose compassion over caution and action over indifference. Their response helped move more than a thousand vulnerable children to safety. What endured wasn't only the success of an operation, but the legacy of individuals who understood that hope must be

carried forward through decisive, human connection.

These moments matter because they remind us that hope is not passive. It doesn't wait for conditions to improve before making an appearance. Hope moves. It listens. It notices. It crosses boundaries and closes distances. Whether in history or in daily life, hope becomes real when someone chooses to step toward another person rather than turning away. Often, the most meaningful acts are not dramatic. They are simple gestures of care, a willingness to remain present, or the courage to reach out when silence might feel easier. Over time, those small acts shape a legacy far greater than any single moment.

That lesson is especially relevant now. Across our installations and communities, people carry burdens that may never be visible in uniform or in conversation. Some are navigating transitions, separation

from loved ones, or the quiet weight of responsibility. Others may simply feel disconnected in a season that emphasizes togetherness. In moments like these, hope becomes an antidote to isolation. It restores a sense of belonging and reminds us that no one is meant to shoulder life alone. Connection, genuine human connection, is often the first step toward healing and resilience.

Each of us has a role in carrying hope forward. A conversation, a check-in, an invitation to walk or talk, or a willingness to listen without needing to fix anything can make more of a difference than we realize. Hope grows when it's shared, and it multiplies when it's practiced. As we move into the months ahead, may we choose attentiveness over distance and care over convenience. In doing so, we do more than remember a legacy; we become part of it, offering hope as a steady and enduring antidote.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE

Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501

Catholic Holy Mass

Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)

Weekday Masses - Tuesday-Thursday at 1138 (Blessed Sacrament Room inside Chapel)

Protestant Worship

Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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

Sunday @ 1100-1125 (Blessed Sacrament Room)

Catholic Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday @ 1130 - 1200 (Blessed Sacrament Room)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Come to me class

Thursday @ 1900

Fellowship

Friday @ 1900

Earth-Based Meeting

Wednesday @ 1830 (Classroom 6)

For the most current updates and announcements, Please visit our "Osan AB Chapel" Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel>

HUMPHREYS

PROTESTANT

Sundays -

0900 Christ The King Liturgical Service - Pacific Victors Chapel

0930 & 1100 Agape (Contemporary Service) - 4CMC

1000 Burning Bush Gospel Service - Warrior Chapel

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

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (LDS)

Sundays -

1400-1600 Worship Meeting - Freedom Chapel

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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND MINISTRY AUXILIARIES

MON/WED 1830 Catholic Men of the Chapel - Freedom

TUES 1000-1200 Korean Ladies Bible Study (KLBs) - Freedom

TUES 1800-2000 Club Beyond Christian Youth Group - 4CMC

* Summer Break until 30 August

WED 0930-1145 Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) - 4CMC

* Summer Schedule: 1800-2030 (until 28 August)

1830-2030 PWOC Evening Study - 4CMC

WED 1000-1200 Korean Catholic Women Bible Study - Freedom

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

1st SAT/Month 0830 Knights of Columbus - Freedom

CATHOLIC - Freedom Chapel

1600-1700 Adoration (Saturdays)

1600-1700 Reconciliation/Confession (Saturdays)

1640 Rosary/Benediction (Saturdays) * 1730 Vigil Mass (Saturdays)

0900 Mass (Sundays) * 1730 Daily Mass (M-F)

POC: usaghcatholiccoordinator@gmail.com

JEWISH

2nd and 4th Fridays - 4CMC

1800-2100 Shabbat Evening Service

POC: CH (CPT) Daniel Kamzan; daniel.j.kamzan@mail.mil

ISLAMIC - Pacific Victors Chapel

Fridays: 1200-1330 Jumrah Service

Sundays: 1300-1500 Islamic / Arabic classes

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

PAGAN Traditions

Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship

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@mail.mil



Joint drop: Army paratroopers from the 11th Airborne Division descend from an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III during exercise Palmetto Reach over Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Jan. 23, 2026. The joint operation highlighted the seamless integration between Army paratroopers and Air Force aircrews to rapidly deploy ground forces anywhere in the world. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Luke Hirsch) ▲



Lighting it up: An F-22A Raptor from the 154th Wing, Hawaii Air National Guard, deploys flares during exercise Sentry Aloha 26-1 over the Hawaiian Islands, Jan. 22, 2026. Flares are defensive countermeasures designed to decoy infrared-guided threats by creating an intense heat signature for a missile to follow, drawing it safely away from the aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Michael Swingen) ▼



Graduating with honors: Senior Airman Ever Quintanilla Ramos, 96th Logistics Readiness Squadron, holds the American flag close during the Honor Guard graduation ceremony Jan. 30, 2026, at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The performance included flag detail, rifle volley, pallbearers and bugler for friends, family and unit commanders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Samuel King Jr.) ▲

Tucked in: Airmen assigned to the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron attach engine covers to a C-17 Globemaster III during a post-flight inspection at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Jan. 21, 2026. These covers protect critical components by preventing foreign object debris, wildlife and other contaminants from entering the engines during ground operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Luke Hirsch) ▼





Participants pose for a group photo recently as part of the Pyeongtaek K Bridge Program, a cultural exchange initiative designed to help U.S. service members and families adapt to Korean culture and strengthen local community ties. (Photo Credit: MUN CHONG)

K-Bridge Program builds lasting bonds

By Mun Chong

PYEONGTAEK, South Korea — More than 160 Camp Humphreys community members joined Pyeongtaek citizens on four Saturdays in January to participate in the Pyeongtaek K-Bridge Program, a cultural exchange initiative designed to help U.S. service members and families adapt to Korean culture and strengthen local community ties.

The Pyeongtaek Institute for Security and Alliance under Pyeongtaek University and Pyeongtaek City hosted the program.

The program aims to support a “people-centered living alliance” by fostering meaningful interactions between residents of Pyeongtaek and the Camp Humphreys community.

Byung Seok Ahn, a retired four-star general in the Republic of Korea army and former deputy commander of the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command, said bolstering the alliance requires more than military cooperation.

“The ROK-U.S. Alliance is a strategic military alliance, but strengthening it requires



Participants pose for a group photo after taekwondo practice recently as part of the Pyeongtaek K Bridge Program, a cultural exchange initiative designed to help U.S. service members and families adapt to Korean culture and strengthen local community ties. (Photo Credit: MUN CHONG) ▲

a community mindset centered on people,” he said. “I believe the alliance becomes more sustainable and resilient when it is grounded in human relationships.”

He added that the institute developed the K-Bridge Program to serve as a bridge between Pyeongtaek citizens and Camp Humphreys, the core of Korea’s national defense and the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

The four-session program rotated through three cultural themes — learning taekwondo, making traditional Korean stamps, and experiencing samulnori percussion — and included shared Korean meals that allowed participants to experience local cuisine as part of the cultural exchange.

Each session brought together 40 Pyeongtaek citizens and 40 Camp Humphreys community members, creating opportunities for natural conversation and cultural interaction.

Sgt. 1st Class Tonga H. Tukumoe’atu, trombone player in the 8th Army Band, said the program offered a meaningful introduction to Korean culture.

“It engaged all aspects — from music and food to martial arts. It was a good variety of experiences in Korean culture,” he said. “The instructors were very engaged and wanted us to learn their topics well.”

Tukumoe’atu said the program also helped build connections between the two communities.

“It does make a bridge because we met Korean participants and were able to learn together,” he said. “There are so many enlightening and symbolic meanings in Korean culture, and continuing this program would help the Humphreys community better understand and adapt to life here.”

He added that he believes the cultural experience programs and tour opportunities offered to the Camp Humphreys community help make Korea an assignment of choice for U.S. service members, noting that events like this allow people to truly experience why Korea is one of the best places to serve in the U.S. military.



Participants learn and practice samulnori percussion recently as part of the Pyeongtaek K Bridge Program, a cultural exchange initiative designed to help U.S. service members and families adapt to Korean culture and strengthen local community ties. (Photo Credit: MUN CHONG) ▲



Participants practice taekwondo recently as part of the Pyeongtaek K Bridge Program, a cultural exchange initiative designed to help U.S. service members and families adapt to Korean culture and strengthen local community ties. (Photo Credit: MUN CHONG) ▲



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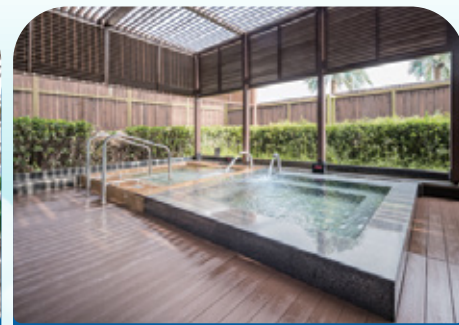
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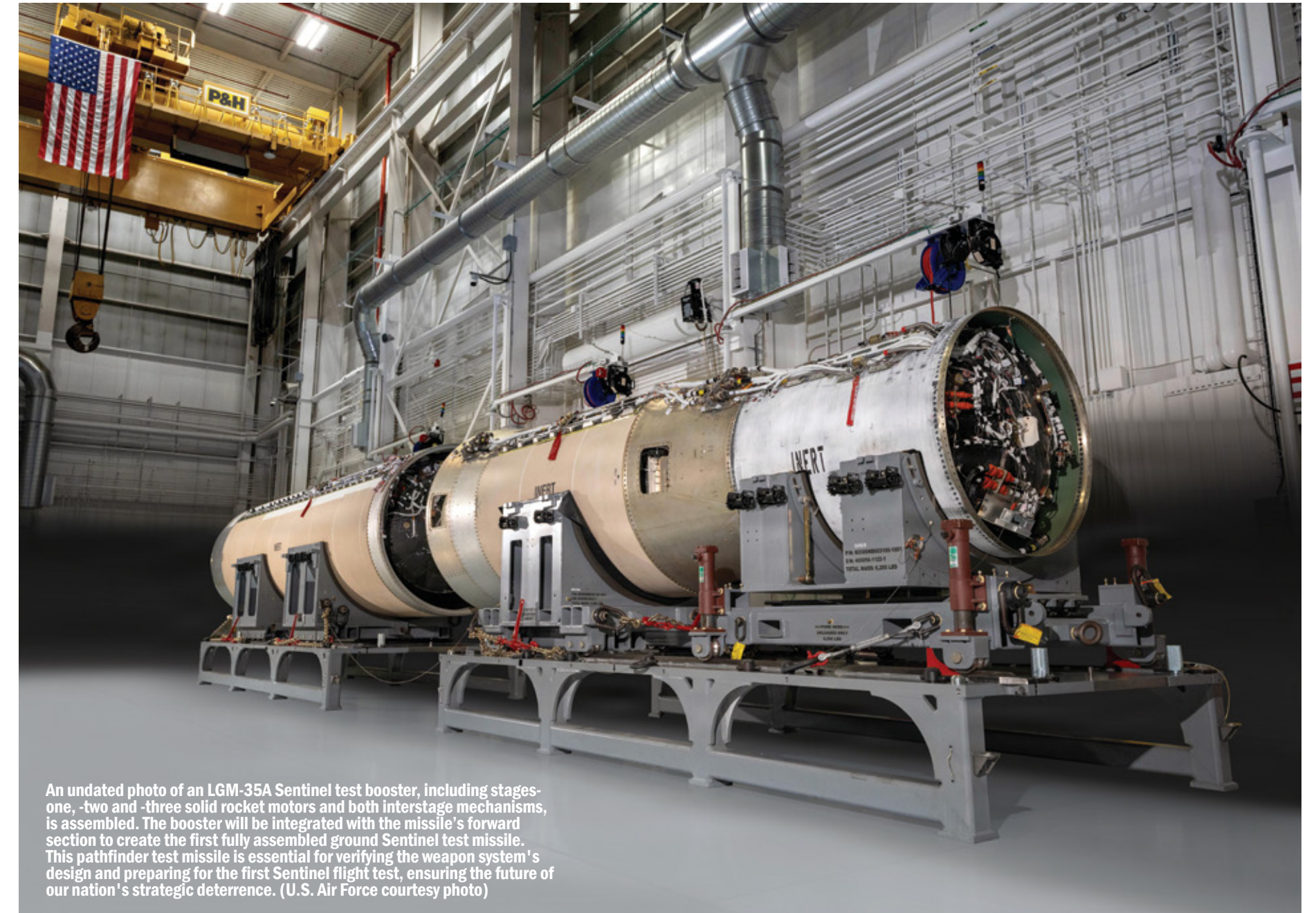
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An undated photo of an LGM-35A Sentinel test booster, including stages-one, -two and -three solid rocket motors and both interstage mechanisms, is assembled. The booster will be integrated with the missile's forward section to create the first fully assembled ground Sentinel test missile. This pathfinder test missile is essential for verifying the weapon system's design and preparing for the first Sentinel flight test, ensuring the future of our nation's strategic deterrence. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

Delivering deterrence: Sentinel restructure to complete in 2026; initial capability timeline set

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- In direct response to the 2026 National Defense Strategy's call for urgency and speed, the U.S. Air Force rolled out its plan for the LGM-35A Sentinel program, which will deliver the nation's next-generation, modernized, land-based nuclear deterrent to America's warfighters. Leveraging considerable progress over the last 12-18 months, program officials are executing a transformed acquisition strategy paving the way to complete the restructure and achieve a Milestone B decision by the end of 2026, while delivering an initial capability targeted for the early 2030s.

To accelerate critical modernization efforts, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth established the Department of War Direct Reporting Portfolio Manager (DRPM) for Critical Major Weapon Systems (CMWS) in August of last year. Reporting to the Deputy Secretary of War, the DRPM role places program like Sentinel, MMIII, F-47, B-21 and other major Air Force weapon system programs under a single empowered leader. The DRPM is explicitly designed to cut

through bureaucracy and reduce decision latency across requirements, acquisition, infrastructure, and operational transition — ensuring the rapid delivery of capability at speed and scale.

"The DRPM has the direct authority to make decisions, informed by integrated inputs across the enterprise and in alignment with the mission priorities set by the Secretary of War and the Secretary for the Air Force," said Gen. Dale White, director, Critical Major Weapon Systems. "That construct allows us to resolve tradeoffs quickly and move with the speed required to deliver credible deterrence — while preserving the discipline this mission demands."

Under the newly established DRPM structure, U.S. Strategic Command remains the combatant command responsible for deterring strategic attack, Air Force Global Strike Command leads operational transition and readiness, and the Department of the Air Force executes acquisition and infrastructure delivery — all now synchronized through a single, accountable decision authority. This alignment enables faster resolution of cross-cutting issues that

historically required sequential coordination across multiple organizations.

Following a detailed review upon taking the position, White worked closely with the Sentinel team and determined the program is on track to complete the program restructure phase this calendar year. This comprehensive assessment, conducted in close collaboration with the program's requirements and readiness stakeholders to ensure critical capability is fielded as expeditiously as possible, also solidified the early 2030s as the firm target for delivering initial capability.

Maintaining momentum and proving the technology

Sentinel is a comprehensive, once-in-a-generation modernization of the entire land-based leg of the nuclear triad, a key component of the nation's integrated deterrence posture. It is a full-scale replacement of the missile, launch systems and command-and-control infrastructure with a new architecture designed with built-in adaptability for the digital era.

Throughout the restructuring process, the Air Force and its industry partners kept executing critical technical work on the system's air vehicle, command-and-launch systems, wing command centers and supporting infrastructure. These sustained efforts produced measurable progress over the past year, pulling technical risk left and informing future integration activities.

- Last fall, the program assembled Sentinel's first complete three-stage ground test missile, a digital model brought to life, which will be used for transportation and emplacement pathfinder activities to prepare for the first flight.

- The Air Force and Northrop Grumman successfully completed a full-scale qualification test of Sentinel's Stage-2 solid rocket motor in July 2025, which built on the successful Stage-1 qualification in March 2025 and a developmental test of the Stage-2 motor in January 2024.

- In September, the program completed the critical design review for the Sentinel Launch Support System, which will support all test and operational launches throughout the system's life.

Together, these achievements provide tangible evidence of technical maturity and underpin confidence in advancing program decision timelines, enabling the shift from development to preparing the warfighter for the operational mission.

"The Sentinel team did the hard work to demonstrate readiness to advance key decisions, and they brought forward the data to support it," said White. "The restructured Sentinel program is the product of a deliberate, data-driven process and embodies our commitment to transforming acquisition."

Preparing the warfighter for a seamless transition

While technology maturation continues, the Air Force is actively preparing missile wings for the operational transition to Sentinel. That preparation reached a visible milestone last fall when AFGSC took the first Minuteman III silo offline — a carefully sequenced step in planning and executing the transition from Minuteman III to Sentinel.

This effort is managed by Site Activation Task Force (SATAF) detachments established at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana; Minot AFB, North Dakota, and Vandenberg Space Force Base, California. These teams of experts are on the ground, integrating with local units to meticulously plan the deactivation of old sites, construction and fielding activities in a deliberate, phased manner.

"Our Global Strike Airmen operate the land-based ICBM force foundational to our nation's defense, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," said Gen. S.L. Davis, commander, Air Force Global Strike Command. "The activation of these SATAF detachments and turnover of the first Minuteman III silo is a clear signal: we are making real, tangible progress in accelerating the Sentinel program and fielding significantly improved long-range strike capabilities."

A smarter, more efficient path to fielding

The restructured program incorporates key lessons learned to ensure maximum efficiency. The decision to build new silos, for example, avoids the unpredictable costs and safety hazards of excavating and retrofitting 450 unique structures built over 50 years ago, and is a prime example of choosing a path that delivers capability with greater speed and less risk.

The program is also adopting an agile acquisition methodology, using a deliberate "crawl, walk, run" approach to its flight-testing campaign. This incremental strategy allows for earlier testing of key components, validating technologies sooner and ensuring a more reliable path to full system integration.

The Sentinel program remains one of the most complex modernization efforts in Air Force history. By executing this deliberate, data-driven strategy, the Air Force is committed to delivering on its promise: a safe, secure, reliable and credible deterrent that will provide a bedrock of stability for the nation and its allies for decades to come.

"The Sentinel program is moving forward with purpose and momentum," said White. "We have the right strategy, we are proving the technology, and we will deliver on our promise to provide our Airmen with the modern, credible system they need to deliver the unwavering deterrence our nation requires."

Looking ahead: from digital design to concrete reality

This program momentum will become even more visible in the coming year as digital designs are translated into concrete and steel.

- This month (February), teams will break ground on a prototype launch silo at Northrop Grumman's Promontory, Utah, site. This crucial effort will allow engineers to test and refine modern construction techniques, validating the new silo design before work begins in the missile fields.

- This summer, prototyping activities at F.E. Warren AFB will validate innovative utility corridor construction methods, which are key to streamlining the installation of thousands of miles of secure infrastructure and fielding the system faster.

- Meanwhile, foundational construction on permanent facilities is already well underway. The first of three new Wing Command Centers is taking shape at F.E. Warren AFB, and critical test facilities are being erected at Vandenberg SFB to support the future flight test campaign.

This methodical progress paves the way for the program's next major operational milestone: the first missile pad launch, planned for 2027.

"A modern, reliable ICBM force complicates an adversary's decision-making and provides the President with credible options — the very cornerstone of strategic deterrence," stated U.S. Navy Adm. Richard Correll, commander, U.S. Strategic Command. "The deliberate progress being made on Sentinel ensures, that for decades to come, there will be no doubt in the minds of our adversaries about the credibility and readiness of our nation's nuclear deterrent. That is the ultimate deliverable."



An undated artist rendering of an LGM-35A Sentinel. (Courtesy illustration)

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Best Five Attractions in Nonsan Popular on Social Media



Nonsan in Chungcheongnam-do is better known for its army training center than tourist attractions among Koreans. Recently however, hidden attractions have come to light on social media, highlighting the area as a popular travel destination. We introduce popular Nonsan attractions on social media from drama filming locations and new landmarks to beautiful forests and hanok houses.



Sunshine Studio

Sunshine Land is a multi-cultural complex with various experience programs and four attractions divided into a survival experience center, military experience center, 1950 Romance Studio, and Sunshine Studio. Sunshine Studio was the filming location for popular Korean drama "Mr. Sunshine (2018)."

Once you enter Sunshine Studio, it's like traveling back in time to the setting for the drama in the 1900s. The studio is made up of hanok and Japanese style old houses, very accurate for that time period. Also, many of the drama filming spots and props are available for viewing and taking photos.

For viewers of Mr. Sunshine, this trip will rekindle memories from the series, and for those who haven't, you can still enjoy the studio by trying on clothes from that period and taking beautiful photos.

- Address: 90, Bonghwang-ro, Nonsan-so, Chungcheongnam-do
- Directions: Take a taxi from Nonsan Station for approx. 25 min
- Operating hours: 10:00-18:00 (Last admission 17:30)
- Admission: Adults 10,000 won / Children 6,000 won

Tapjeongho Suspension Bridge

Tapjeongho Lake is a popular spot for enjoying the sunset over the water. The already famous attraction of Nonsan recently got a new landmark. Tapjeongho Suspension Bridge opened in November 2021 and stretches 600 meters with a width of 2.2 meters, making it the longest suspension bridge in Asia. With the opening of Tapjeongho Suspension Bridge, the lake immediately became a popular spot for taking photos during sunset and night time.

You'll definitely feel a thrill walking on the wooden decks and metal net of Tapjeongho Suspension Bridge. Take a break at the Sky Garden observatory, the center of the bridge, where it has a great view of both sides of the bridge.

There are also many attractions near the lake, such as a music fountain, ecological park, and cafés with a unique view of the lake. Tapjeongho Suspension Bridge is having a soft opening with free admission, so make sure to visit before its official opening with paid admission.

- Address: 665, Bujeok-ro, Nonsan-si, Chungcheongnam-do
- Directions: Take a taxi from Nonsan Station for approx. 20 min
- Operating hours: 09:00-18:00 (Closed on Wednesdays)
- Admission: Free



Onbit Recreational Forest

A particular attraction in Nonsan recently became popular over a few photos on social media. The photos were taken at Onbit Recreational Forest. Although it is not very well known, the image of the forest cottage has made it a must-visit among avid social media users.

After walking about ten minutes from the entrance, there is a yellow house in the metasequoia forest by a lake. The view is unlike anything found in Korea and the reflected scenery on the emerald lake is beautiful.

- Address: 494, Hwangnyongjae-ro, Nonsan-si, Chungcheongnam-do
- Directions: Take a taxi from Nonsan Station for approx. 20 min
- Operating hours: Open all year round
- Admission: Free



Ganggyeong Catholic Church

Ganggyeong in Nonsan is a place where you can feel the footsteps of Father Kim Dae-geon, the first Korean priest and martyr. In particular, Ganggyeong Catholic Church, where Father Kim Dae-geon first started his missionary activities, is not only a national cultural asset, but also a holy place for Catholics, so many people visit for pilgrimage.

Father Kim Dae-geon Memorial Hall at Ganggyeong Catholic Church is a quaint and elegant building. The building is for admiring the saint and has a serene beauty that is well-liked by all, whether Catholic or not. The church has great spots for beautiful photos both indoors and outdoors.

- Address: 13-3, Ongnyeobong-ro 27beon-gil, Nonsan-si, Chungcheongnam-do
- Directions: Take a taxi from Nonsan Station (Honam Line) for approx. 15 min
- Operating hours: 09:00-17:00 (Open all year round)
- Admission: Free



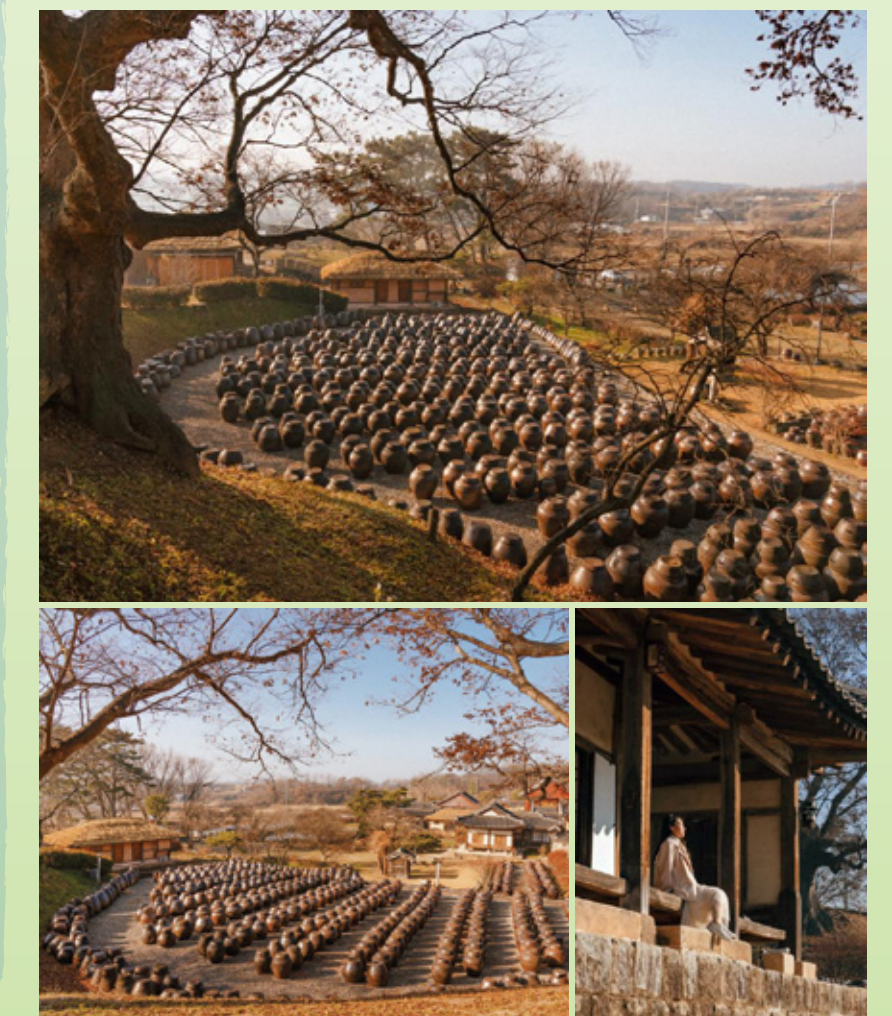
Myeongjae Historic House

Myeongjae Historic House is a typical aristocrat's house built in 1709. Although the house is very old, the descendants still reside here and take very good care of the premises. There are hanok stay programs as well as various cultural events held throughout the year.

The most eye-catching view at Myeongjae Historic House is the countless jangdokdae spread across the field. The hundreds of jangdokdae and the big zelkova trees create a unique scenery. The large field of the house and various types of trees illustrate a beautiful scenery all throughout the year. In spring, magnolia and royal azalea bloom, and in summer, crepe-myrtle bloom. Autumn foliage and snowfall in winter show the beauty of nature and hanok in harmony.

Due to COVID-19, reservations are required to visit the house and nearby facilities.

- Address: 50, Noseongsanseong-gil, Nonsan-si, Chungcheongnam-do
- Directions: Take a taxi from Nonsan Station for approx. 20 min
- Operating hours: 10:00-16:00
- Admission: Free





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