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U.S. service members assigned to the Marine Wing Support Squadron 174, Marine Corps Base, Hawaii and the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, Chinhae, Naval Base, Korea, clear a crater as part of a joint-service Rapid Damage Repair training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. Joint RDR training is essential for integrating multi-services and their capabilities, enabling swift flight line restoration and ensuring continuous, coordinated air operations.



## Joint forces hone RDR training at Kunsan AB

**By Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman  
8th Fighter Wing**

**KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea** -- U.S. Airmen assigned to the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Marines assigned to the Marine Wing Support Squadron 174, Marine Corps Base, Hawaii and Sailors assigned to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, Chinhae, Naval Base, Korea, honed their skills in joint-service Rapid Damage Repair training on March 23, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

RDR focuses on assessing damage and restoring flight line functionality in a short time span with the goal to make it operational as quickly and safely as possible.

Teams begin by assessing the extent of the damage, identifying hazards and prioritizing repair zones. Debris clearance follows, including the removal of loose materials that could pose risks to aircraft. Crews then repair the crater, using rapid set concrete and compaction techniques to stabilize the surface. The final

phase involves surface finishing and inspection to ensure the runway can safely support aircraft operations.

Coordination and communication between branches is essential to enable swift flight line restoration and ensuring continuous air operations. When runways are damaged by attack or natural causes, the ability to restore them quickly can determine the success or failure of a mission.

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# SEAC 3 visits Wolf Pack



Retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, 3rd Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaks during his visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 7, 2026. Troxell offered insight and shared anecdotes with the Wolf Pack, opening opportunities to learn and discuss the foundational principles to become strong leaders and mentors. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ◀

Retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Wayne Troxell, 3rd Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, center, 3rd row, takes a group photo with members from the Wolf Pack during his visit to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 7, 2026. Troxell served in the U.S. Army for over 30 years and was chosen to be the third Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs from 2015 to 2019. He retired in 2020 and now spends his free time as an author, leadership consultant and spokesman for the health and wellness of enlisted personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▼



## Did You Know?

**H**onoring "The Star-Spangled Banner" is a sign of respect for our nation and the sacrifices made for our freedoms. Extending that same honor to the anthems of our allies is a powerful sign of our commitment to them. When outdoors during the U.S. and ROK national anthems, uniformed personnel are required to render a salute, while civilians should stand with their right hand over their heart. If you are in a vehicle on base, safely pull to the side of the road and stop until the music concludes. These customs are a daily opportunity to show honor for our country and our allies.

**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.



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# USAF and Army integrate air defense capabilities during Freedom Shield 26



By Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer  
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The

During the exercise, the 51st SFS and 35th ADA worked together to detect and respond to a simulated hostile drone approaching the installation, using a U.S. Army AN/TWQ-1 Avenger to identify, track and engage the simulated aerial threat.

"This training integrated Army air defense capabilities into the base defense plan," said U.S. Army 1st Lt. Ty Waits, Echo Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment Avenger platoon leader. "By working alongside Air Force security forces, we ensure we can rapidly respond to aerial threats and protect the installation."

The Avenger is a mobile air defense platform equipped with Stinger missiles designed to counter low-altitude threats, such as drones and aircraft.

Integrating the Avengers system into Osan's defensive posture strengthens the base's layered defense strategy.

"Our goal is to defend the installation against smaller aerial threats so higher-level systems can focus on larger threats," said U.S. Air Force

U.S. Army Private 1st Class Demetress Broughton, left, and Staff Sgt. Pablo Chapa, center, Echo Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment air missile defense crew members, and U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kadyn Cox, 51st Security Forces Squadron defender, target an unmanned aerial system during a joint training scenario as part of Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. FS 26 is a combined, joint, all-domain military training exercise that integrates ground, air, naval, space, cyber and information elements, enhancing readiness through realistic combat simulations. ▲



U.S. Army Soldiers inspect an Integrated Fires Protection Capability Increment 2 launcher during a joint training scenario as part of Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. IFPC launchers are mobile, ground-based weapon systems designed to defeat subsonic cruise missiles, groups 2 and 3 unmanned aircraft systems and other aerial threats. ▲

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Pablo Chapa, left, and Private 1st Class Demetress Broughton, center, Echo Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment air missile defense crew members, load Stinger missiles into a 51st Security Forces Squadron Humvee during conversion to a man-portable air defense team during a joint training scenario as part of Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. The training additionally emphasized the use of man-portable air defense teams, or MANPADs, if the Avenger platform becomes inoperable. Crews can remove the Stinger missile pods and deploy them as mobile teams capable of moving across the installation with security forces patrols. ►

Tech. Sgt. Christian Natal, 51st Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of wartime plans.

Natal emphasized the increasing prevalence of small unmanned aerial systems in modern conflicts, highlighting the importance that defenders train against them. Training scenarios like this ensure personnel can quickly detect, track and respond to potential unmanned aircraft incursions.

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This flexibility allows defenders to reposition quickly and maintain air defense coverage across the base.

Joint exercises like this strengthen coordination between U.S. Army and Air Force units and improve readiness against evolving threats.

"As drones and other unmanned systems become more common on the battlefield, training like this ensures we are prepared to defend the base and protect the mission," Natal said. "Continued joint training helps ensure forces remain ready to respond to emerging threats in a dynamic security environment."



U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron search for unmanned aerial systems during a joint training scenario as part of Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. ▲



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Pablo Chapa, Echo Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment air missile defense crew chief, searches for an unmanned aerial system during a joint training scenario as part of Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. The Avenger is a mobile air defense platform equipped with Stinger missiles designed to counter low-altitude threats, such as drones and aircraft. ▲

U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Security Forces Squadron pose for a group photo after a joint training scenario as part of Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. Joint exercises like this strengthen coordination between U.S. Army and Air Force units and improve readiness against evolving threats. ►





# A1C Allison Hinkle

By Staff Sgt. Cedrique Oldaker  
8th Fighter Wing

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Allison Hinkle, 8th Communications Squadron radio technician, poses next to a flyaway satellite communication terminal at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 1, 2026. Hinkle was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 30-April 3 due to her achievements within her career field and her impact on the readiness and well-being of the Wolf Pack. ▲

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Allison Hinkle, a native of Cape Coral, Florida, and a 8th Communications Squadron radio technician, was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 30 - April 3 for the accelerated impact she has made at Kunsan as her first duty assignment from technical school.

As a radio technician, Hinkle quickly established herself as an integral member of the 8th CS, obtaining her skill level upgrade six months ahead of her peers. She utilized her knowledge gained to develop a new, modernized standard operating procedure for radio use and instructed three squadron training courses, educating 104 personnel on proper radio etiquette during readiness exercises.

Hinkle devoted 65 hours to Kunsan's Red Cross program, processing over 300 lbs. of donations for 8th Fighter Wing personnel, gift packages for recruitment events, and promoted the family reading program. Later, she was selected by her peers as the First Term Enlisted Center's "Distinguished Leader" during the week-long introductory course.

Finally, she strived to advance the 8th FW's line of effort, "Defend the Base" by managing three peers to program 10 tactical radios and configure four stationary ground-to-air base stations. Her efforts forged a new command-and-control solution for 110 soldiers and validated a joint missile defense concept of operations across two readiness exercises.

Thank you, Airman 1st Class Hinkle, 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 Airman 1st Class Allison Hinkle, 8th Communications Squadron radio technician, sets up a flyaway satellite communication terminal at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 1, 2026. Hinkle was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 30-April 3 due to her achievements within her career field and her impact on the readiness and well-being of the Wolf Pack. ▲



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# Jordan Jacobs: Building connection, strengthening readiness



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

Jordan Jacobs, left, American Red Cross regional program manager and 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron key support liaison, offers free CPR classes at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. Jacobs leads the Red Cross program at Osan, managing a volunteer-based team that supports military members and families across the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AFNS) -- For many families, Osan Air Base may be their first overseas assignment, often having to deal with the overwhelming stress of a new country, new culture and having to create a new support system thousands of miles from home.

For Jordan Jacobs, making sure those new families don't feel alone and are supported has become both a passion and a purpose.

Jacobs, an American Red Cross regional program manager and a 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron key support liaison, has dedicated her time to Osan by building connections, strengthening community and ensuring families know exactly where to turn when they need help.

Jordan Jacobs, second from right, American Red Cross regional program manager and 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron key support liaison, and Red Cross volunteers offer free CPR classes at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. Jacobs has dedicated her time at Osan to building connections, strengthening community and ensuring families know exactly where to turn when they need help. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ►



Jordan Jacobs, American Red Cross regional program manager and 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron key support liaison, provides a brief at the 51st LRS newcomers at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 26, 2026. Jacobs rebuilt the KSL program within the 51st LRS, bringing together a team of volunteers and creating resources designed to make life easier for incoming families. From detailed welcome packets to deployment support guides, her goal has always been to remove uncertainty and replace it with support and connection. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer) ►

Jacobs was recently recognized as the 51st Fighter Wing and Seventh Air Force Key Support Liaison of the Year and was nominated for Pacific Air Forces due to her impact reaching far beyond programs and events.

"I'm not the type to just sit around," Jacobs expressed. "I want to help. I want to be involved and I want to make sure that people feel supported, especially here where being far from home can make it harder."

What started as a way to connect and quickly get involved grew into something much bigger. Jacobs rebuilt the KSL program within the 51st LRS, bringing together a team of volunteers and creating resources designed to make life easier for incoming families. From detailed welcome packets to deployment support guides, her goal has always been to remove uncertainty and replace it with support and connection.

She also helped create opportunities for families in the 51st LRS to feel part of the mission through events like squadron immersion tours which allowed families to get a firsthand look at what their Airman does everyday. "It helps families feel connected to what their spouse or parent does," said Jacobs. "When they can actually see and understand it, it makes it real and that connection matters more than people realize."

That connection can make all the difference, especially in moments of uncertainty. In one instance, a concerned parent reached out after not hearing from their Airman. Because of the relationships and communication systems Jacobs put in place, the KSL team was able to step in and coordinate a wellness check to ensure the Airman's safety. Alongside her work as KSL, Jacobs leads the Red Cross program at Osan, managing a volunteer-based team that supports military members and families across the installation.

Originally joining to occupy her dog with something to do, she quickly fell in love with everything the Red Cross did. Jacobs continued to invest her time into the Red Cross, getting more involved and eventually turned her volunteer involvement into a career rooted in helping others.

"I've always been mission-driven," stated Jacobs. "I need to know that what I'm doing actually matters and that it's helping people, not only improving their situation but also making a real difference in their lives."

Whether she's coordinating volunteers, sharing resources across squadrons or helping families navigate challenges, Jacob is constantly working behind the scenes to strengthen the Osan community.

"I'm really grateful that what the team and I have done is being recognized," Jacobs expressed. "But it's really about the people and making sure they have what they need. There are so many opportunities here at Osan to make someone's life a little easier and it's always worth being part of that."



Jordan Jacobs, American Red Cross regional program manager and 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron key support liaison, discusses the LRS contact sheet at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 26, 2026. Jacobs was recently recognized as the 51st Fighter Wing and Seventh Air Force Key Support Liaison of the Year and was nominated for Pacific Air Forces due to her impact reaching far beyond programs and events. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer) ▼



Jordan Jacobs, American Red Cross regional program manager and 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron key support liaison, cleans up the Red Cross table at Rush Park, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 18, 2026. Jacobs has dedicated her time at Osan to building connections, strengthening community and ensuring families know exactly where to turn when they need help. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams)



# Osan's third annual Four Chaplain's Memorial Ruck

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

OSAN AIR FORCE BASE, Republic of Korea -- Ruckers participate in the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 28, 2026. More than 1.2K participants from three nations gathered to honor the sacrifice of the four chaplains and celebrate the spirit of unity, endurance and resilience.

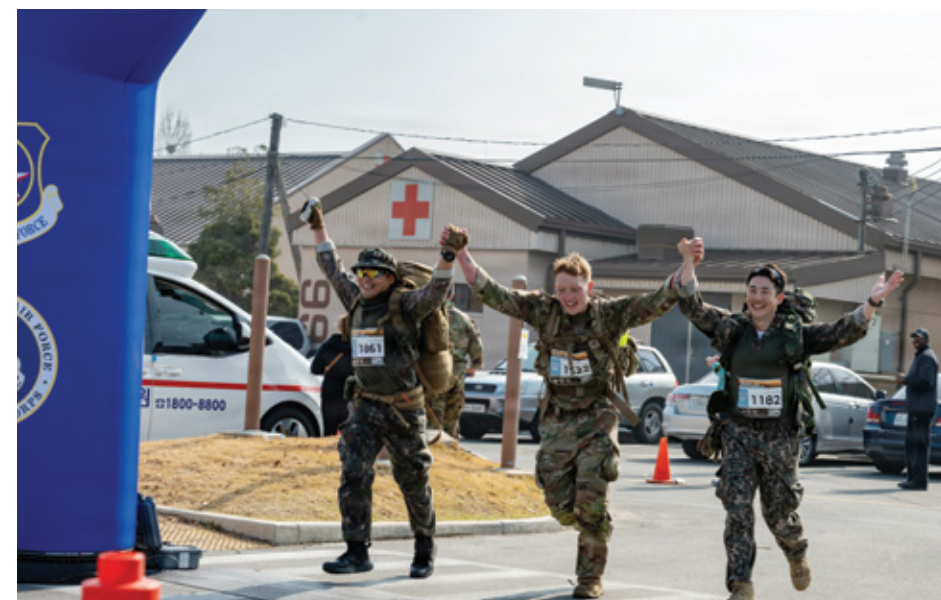
Ruckers begin the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 28, 2026. The NFM is a long-standing military event that challenges participants to march 18.6 miles while carrying a minimum of 25 pounds, completing the ruck within the time set for their age group. ▶



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Onlookers cheer for ruckers during the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 28, 2026. The event honored the sacrifice of four chaplains that helped panicked soldiers to safety after a U.S. Army transport ship was hit by a torpedo during World War II. ▲



Ruckers cross the finish line during the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 28, 2026. More than 1.2K participants from three nations gathered to honor the sacrifice of the four chaplains and celebrate the spirit of unity, endurance and resilience. ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, congratulates participants after completing the Norwegian Foot March at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 28, 2026. Those who completed the march earned the Norwegian Foot March badge, which can be worn on military uniforms as a symbol of discipline, strength and endurance. ▲



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Operations Support Squadron and the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron place a lighting system on a minimum operating strip during exercise Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. The exercise demonstrated interoperability between two units to rapidly establish and operate a makeshift runway if the primary airfield is degraded or unusable. FS26 provides a demanding training environment designed to enhance combat readiness and response capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware) ▲

## 51st Fighter Wing tests contingency landing zone capability during Freedom Shield 26

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea – U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron and the 51st Operations Support Squadron integrated their capabilities during Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026.

During the exercise, they tested a new method of restoring airpower if Osan Air Base's primary runway becomes unusable during combat operations.

*"Freedom Shield provides the perfect venue to test novel concepts and validate emerging capabilities. CES and OSS were able to combine our two capabilities, without any prior coordination, to get Osan back in the fight."*  
— MSgt Kyle Ralston,  
51st OSS ATC training NCOIC

The exercise scenario simulated a major attack that rendered the runways inoperable as sunset approached. The Wing Operations Center was tasked with identifying a solution that would allow aircraft operations to continue despite the damage.

Civil engineer Airmen surveyed the runway and established a minimum operation strip, the portion of the airfield capable of supporting aircraft operations despite damage. Engineers then marked the area with airfield panels and boundary indicators to clearly define the operational landing surface.

With the operation strip established, the 51st Operations Support Squadron Landing Zone Safety



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 51st Operations Support Squadron and the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron test a lighting system on a minimum operating strip during exercise Freedom Shield 26 at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 11, 2026. The two squadrons integrated capabilities to establish a makeshift runway, maintaining sortie generation. FS26 provides a demanding training environment designed to enhance combat readiness and response capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware) ▲

Officer team moved in to prepare the site for aircraft operations. Using lighting systems, navigation aids and portable radios, the team set up guidance and communications for incoming aircraft.

Working together, the two teams transformed a damaged runway into a functional contingency

landing zone, allowing pilots to safely land and continue operations.

The training reinforced the wing's commitment to its "Fight Tonight" mission, ensuring Team Osan remains ready to generate airpower and deter threats across the Korean Peninsula.



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 731st Air Mobility Squadron render a salute for the arrival of Eighteenth Air Force Leadership at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 31, 2026. The visit reinforced the importance of leadership presence in understanding and supporting Airmen at the tactical level. ▲

# 18th Air Force Leadership Visits Osan Air Base

By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster  
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Patrick Winstead, Eighteenth Air Force deputy commander, and 18th AF leadership visited the 731st Air Mobility Squadron at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 31-April 1, 2026. The visit provided an opportunity for senior leadership to engage with Airmen and gain insight into daily operations supporting the mission at Osan AB.



U.S. Air Force Col. Patrick Winstead, right, Eighteenth Air Force deputy commander, greets Lt. Col. Matthew Tegeler, 731st Air Mobility Squadron director of operations, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 31, 2026. The visit provided an opportunity for senior leadership to engage with Airmen and gain insight into daily operations supporting the mission at Osan Air Base. ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Patrick Winstead, center, Eighteenth Air Force deputy commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Arce, right, 18th AF command chief, receive a brief from Staff Sgt. Rasheed Singleton, 731st Air Mobility Squadron passenger service supervisor, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 1, 2026. Leadership engagements like this strengthen communication and ensure alignment across units supporting the mission at Osan. ▲

U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 731st Air Mobility Squadron attend a lunch with Eighteenth Air Force leadership at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 1, 2026. The engagement allowed leadership to observe operations and discuss how Osan Airmen contribute to the defense of the Korean Peninsula. ►



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  - Appropriate shields are used
  - Combustible floors wet down, covered with damp sand or fire-resistant shields
- Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Hot work is essential in many industries but requires strict safety measures to prevent accidents. By following proper procedures, using the proper PPE, and implementing fire prevention strategies, workplaces can minimize risks and ensure a safe working environment.

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## The Crossword

By Jon Dunbar

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**ACROSS**

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20 918-1392 dynasty  
22 Lotte Mart competitor  
24 Japanese noodle  
27 Opposite of had  
29 Seoul Metro Line 4 terminus  
30 Zilch  
31 Local currency  
32 Jacobs and Allmendinger  
34 Computer programmer  
36 Pump attendant

42 "Skyfall" singer  
43 Gwang-jo and Sumi  
47 Anticipate  
48 Panmunjeom site  
49 Japanese drama style  
51 Pale booze  
52 Largest continent  
55 Waegwan neighbor  
58 Clare or Fowler  
59 Raw fish meal  
61 Adage  
63 Goes with Shallow or gooo  
64 Japanese soybean dish  
66 Zones  
70 The day before  
71 Dangerous gas  
72 Subway  
73 Fisherman's tool  
74 G-string  
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**DOWN**

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2 Colony insect  
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4 Adjust  
5 Western Seoul district  
6 Guri neighbor  
7 Covered in vines  
8 Nikon competitor  
9 Concealed  
10 Or \_\_\_  
11 UAE city  
12 Prize  
13 Jamaican musical style  
21 Greek letter  
23 Russian capital  
24 Open a vial  
25 Semiconductor  
26 The \_\_\_ days  
28 \_\_\_ Mahal  
31 Small brown birds

33 Hill or Hex  
35 Actor Wood  
37 1990s www connection  
38 Hyundai competitor  
39 Jazz pianist Diana  
40 Actress VanCamp  
41 Cassie or Lucky  
46 Not happy  
50 Opposite of non  
52 Covered in soot  
53 Smooth  
54 Like Dokdo  
56 Jetsons dog  
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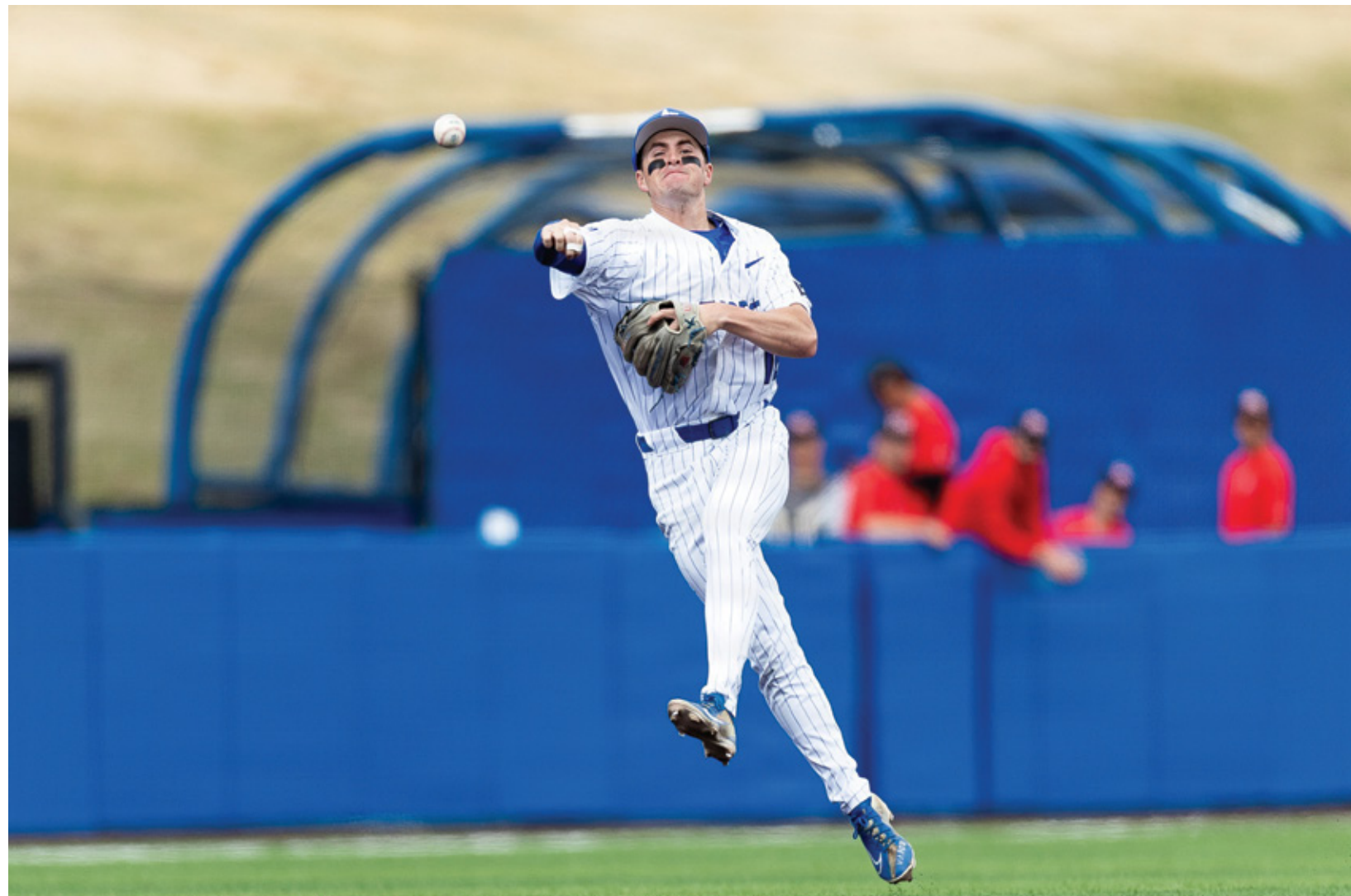
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**A**rctic tactics: Tactical Air Control Party Airmen assigned to the 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron maneuver during arctic training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, March 10, 2026. TACPs integrate with joint forces to deliver precision airpower in austere environments. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Owen Davies) ▼

**M**ighty Hercules: A C-130J Hercules assigned to the 815th Airlift Squadron, Air Force Reserve Command, sits on the flightline, while attending the Advanced Tactics Airlift Tactics Training Center, based in St. Joseph, Mo., has provided advanced tactical training to airlift aircrews from the Air National Guard, AFRC, Air Mobility Command, U.S. Marine Corps and 17 allied nations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Patrick Evenson) ▲



**C**hase mission: Lt. Col. Tyler Keener and Senior Airman Yendi Borjas fly in Thunderbird 7 over the Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz., March 23, 2026. Thunderbird 7 is the photo chase aircraft that captures aerial imagery of the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sebastian Romawac) ▲

**D**iamond defense: Air Force's Ben Niednagel throws to first base during a game against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Erdle Field in Colorado Springs, Colo., March 13, 2026. Air Force defeated UNLV 16-5 to open conference play. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Bahner) ◀



## Kunsan

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

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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 Brittain 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 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

**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

**Language Enabled Airman Program Briefing**  
Apr 15 | 13:00-14:00 | PDC Auditorium, Bldg. 788  
Do you speak or are you learning a foreign language and its culture? Do you want to support global missions, engage with international partners, and develop your language skills while getting paid for language training, and overseas immersions? Join our Osan LEAP Chapter briefing and learn how to become a LEAP Scholar.  
POCs : TSgt Jiang, Zhuo DSN: 784-

0934, Email: zhuo.jiang@us.af.mil  
SrA Jordanpulgarin, Laura DSN: 784-6717, Email: laura.jordan\_pulgarin@us.af.mil

**Osan AB April All-Star Basketball Tournament**  
April 17 & 18 | 1700-1930 Day 1 & 1200 -1430 Day 2 | Mustang Gym Basketball Court

Osan AB's April All-Star Basketball Tournament presented by the Osan AB Rising IV & Osan AB 5/6 Council is bringing the whole community together for two days of competition, energy, and squadron pride. Airmen & Soldiers will face off against NCOs, enlisted will challenge officers, & SNCOs will take on both officers & lower enlisted in a series of fast-paced matchups designed to showcase talent and build camaraderie. The event also features a three-point contest, a half-court shot challenge, P. I.G game, food, prizes, and multiple informational stations as part of a private organization membership drive. This is the place to be !! Whether you're playing, cheering, or just enjoying the atmosphere. Volunteers and team signups are open, and all are encouraged to come out, support, and be part of the action. (FYSA only paying members of their respective rank affiliated private orgs can play on the basketball teams).

### Kunsan's emergency phone numbers

Emergency Services	911		
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)	

### 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

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U.S. service members assigned to the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Marine Wing Support Squadron 174, Marine Corps Base, Hawaii and the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, Chinhae, Naval Base, Korea, clear a crater as part of a joint-service Rapid Damage Repair training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. ▲



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**Joint forces hone RDR training at Kunsan AB**  
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“Increased integration is crucial to improve interoperability,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Uriel Ortiz, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and equipment supervisor. “Many practices and procedures do not translate from one branch to another, so getting the opportunity to interoperate with sister services increases communication understanding. Every time CE units from other branches conduct exercises on our base, we attempt to integrate with them. Every opportunity we get, we take.”

During the training, personnel were expected to adapt quickly and become well versed in each other’s damage repair process. Safety remains a priority, with procedures in place to mitigate high-tempo operation risks such as loud noise exposure, getting struck by machinery, overhead obstacles, the use of sharp tools and material exposure. Hands-on experience and combined instructions between military services can strengthen their understanding of branch-specific terminology and



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. William Hayes, left, Marine Wing Support Squadron 174 combat engineer and Senior Airman William Johns, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and equipment operator, level out rapid set concrete during a joint-service Rapid Damage Repair training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. ◀

U.S. service members mix rapid set concrete during a joint-service Rapid Damage Repair training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. Maintaining proficiency in airfield recovery ensures service members can quickly repair a runway that may have been damaged in an attack or natural disaster to resume flight operations. ▼



A wheel saw is used during a joint-service Rapid Damage Repair training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. RDR encompasses all actions required to quickly repair runways to recover operations on an airfield after an attack. RDR may be conducted during conditions such as inclement weather, chemical, biological, radiological, and degraded environments. ▲



gain familiarity with various equipment models. “Training together is important because it helps strengthen the trust and communication between branches,” explained Senior Airman Jakhi Brown, 8 CES pavements and equipment journeyman. “In real world situations we aren’t out there by ourselves, we’re expected to depend on each other to make sure we can effectively complete our mission.”

Ultimately, RDR training highlights a fundamental principle of military readiness, the ability to adapt and respond quickly under pressure. Through coordinated efforts across multiple branches, service members ensure that even in the face of disruption, critical operations can continue.



U.S. service members assigned to the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Marine Wing Support Squadron 174, Marine Corps Base, Hawaii and the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, Chinhae, Naval Base, Korea, pose for a group photo during a joint-service Rapid Damage Repair training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 23, 2026. Joint RDR training such as this is essential for integrating multi-services and their capabilities, enabling swift flight line restoration and ensuring continuous, coordinated air operations. ▶

The Warfighter's Spirit

Religion in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (AI)



By Ch Capt Jo, Eun Sang  
5th Air Mobility Wing, Republic of Korea Air Force

Futurist Ray Kurzweil affirmed in his book, *The Singularity Is Near*, published in 2005, that humanity will be unable to predict the long-term future. He predicts that by 2045, rapidly accelerating Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, coupled with advances in nano technology and biotechnology, will bring about the AI singularity. The result being

a transformative restructuring of economies, societies and the labor force. Virtual neural networks in the cloud will dramatically reduce disease and affect aging.

The aforementioned predictions are actually happening. AI is now a key technology in full self-driving, health care, finance, and even in military. Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, asserted in an interview that we have already entered the Singularity, and human aging can be conquered, championing the idea of 'semi-immortality'. Humans could achieve significant lifespans, and death could even become a choice rather than an inevitable consequence.

In the age of AI, which is accelerating humanity toward a state of practical immortality, what does it mean to you that humanized AI could make immortality into a reality? Most people might assume that it would bring about an end of faith in God.

Matters dealt with through a religious foundation such as anxiety over survival, fear of illness and death, and uncertainty about the

future will be gradually resolved through scientific and technological progress. If AI could replace human labor, extend lifespan through AI-driven medicine, and surpass the limited capability of human beings, would it be still necessary to pray to God, or seek of transcendence at all?

However, religion has never existed merely to compensate for humans' deficiencies. It is not intended to answer these questions such as how long or how conveniently you will live. Rather, it asks and answers why we live and how we should live, and what it means to be human. While AI may dramatically expand the range of things what humanity can do, it still cannot determine for itself what humanity should do. Furthermore, AI cannot establish consistent moral standard for what out to be—the universal moral criteria for good and evil.

Today, the advent of AI technology presents a few fundamental questions for humanity. In an age of surpassing human intelligence—an era when

machines can imitate human thought, judgement, and even emotion, when memory and consciousness can be digitalized, and when the brain itself may be linked to machines—where can we find the human identity? If semi-immortality could be enabled by advanced technology, can the meaning of an ethical life be still retained?

And will AI be suitable as the supreme good that guarantees ethics and happiness for all humanity?

No matter how AI advances and transforms human existence, we cannot be released from absolute ethics. Rather, it is precisely in the age of artificial intelligence that the true essence of what religion has consistently proclaimed becomes more clearly revealed. Furthermore, it would rather prove the necessity of religion, and it may tell you what significant roles it has performed for human beings, not useless of it.

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

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

Visit us on SharePoint:

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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@mail.mil

PAGAN Traditions

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

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

BUDDHIST

Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service

POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri@mail.mil



Precision flight: The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, fly over the 56th Fighter Wing during preparation for Luke Days 2026, at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., March 19, 2026. The demonstration showcases the precision, discipline and teamwork required to operate advanced fighter aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Belinda Guachun-Chichay) ▲



L ightning show: Maj. Sean Loughlin, F-35A Demonstration Team pilot, performs aerial maneuvers at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., March 21, 2026, during Luke Days Airshow. The demonstration highlights the agility and capability of fifth-generation airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Rupiper) ▲



Mission-ready leaders: Airmen from Joint Base Charleston carry equipment during the Airman Leadership School field training exercise at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., March 17, 2026. The course develops mission-ready leaders through physically and mentally demanding scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Nahaku Takahashi) ▲



Military funeral: A horse-mounted honor guard draws the casket of Brig. Gen. Clarence "Bud" Anderson during his interment at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., March 30, 2026. Anderson, a WWII triple-ace fighter pilot, died May 17, 2024, at the age of 102. (U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Dietrich) ▲

# Joint skies, stronger Forces: Wolf Pack, Marines and ROKAF elevate warfighting capability



U.S. Airmen assigned to the 8th Operation Support Squadron Radar Approach Control Facility and Marines assigned to Marine Air Corp Station, Iwakuni, Japan, go over processes during an air traffic controller exchange program joint training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 27, 2026. Joint training like this gives opportunities to share expertise and experience as well as provide hands-on training on different equipment used within career fields. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ◀

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 8th Operation Support Squadron Radar Approach Control Facility, U.S. Marines assigned to Marine Air Corp Station, Iwakuni, Japan, and Republic of Korea Air Force service members go over processes during an air traffic controller exchange program joint training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 27, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▼



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joseph Hlavka, 8th Operations Support Squadron Radar Approach Control Facility watch supervisor, delivers a legal action recording to the console during an air traffic controller exchange program joint training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 27, 2026. Radar control operations involve using radar-derived information by air traffic controllers to identify, track, and manage aircraft within controlled airspace. These services ensure safe separation between aircraft in all flight phases. Radar operators use specialized equipment to maintain continuous identification and provide navigation guidance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

Service members from the Republic of Korea Air Force conduct precision approach radar during an air traffic controller exchange program joint training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 27, 2026. PAR approaches are high-accuracy, ground-controlled instrument approaches where controllers use radar to provide precise lateral and elevation guidance to pilots with the ability to monitor the aircraft's 3D position to update the pilots on course, glidepath and distance from touchdown until landing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▶



# Staff Sgt. Albert Corona

By Senior Airman Dylan Maher  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea --U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Albert Corona, a native of Los Angeles, California and 8th Operations Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of air traffic control training, was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 23 - 27 for managing a 42-member program for two facilities, establishing seven new tower position certification guides, refining 14 simulator scenarios and 1.6 thousand objectives on 555 tasks, closing a two-year discrepancy.

As the NCOIC of air traffic control training, Corona guided three members in the creation of the first Pacific Air Forces Federal Aviation Administration style ratings program, building a local knowledge guide & qualification program while slashing task volume by 95% posturing ATC for a 33% training timeline reduction.

He led an ATC Quick Reference Checklist overhaul project, validating guidance for 119 guides across 16 publications, rectifying seven non-compliant, 1st-step actions, as well as correcting oversights in aircraft emergency procedures between four base agencies.

As a 5/6 Professional Development lead, he partnered with two NCOs, conducting a five-day Airmen-4-Life course, providing mentorship on personal resiliency & stress management techniques, enhancing junior enlisted wellness for 20 members.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Corona, 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. Albert Corona, 8th Operations Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of air traffic control training, poses in front of the air traffic control tower at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2026. Corona was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 23-27 due to his achievements within his career field and his impact on the readiness and well-being of the Wolf Pack. ▲

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Albert Corona, 8th Operations Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of air traffic control training, communicates with members on the flight line from the air traffic control tower at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2026. Corona was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 23-27 due to his achievements within his career field and his impact on the readiness and well-being of the Wolf Pack. ▼



U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn "Wolf" Gaetke, left, 8th Fighter Wing commander, and U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Amanda "Wolf Chief" Aaron, 8th FW command chief, present the Pride of the Pack certification to U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Albert Corona, 8th Operations Support Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of air traffic control training at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 25, 2026. Corona was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of March 23-27 due to his achievements within his career field and his impact on the readiness and well-being of the Wolf Pack. ▲



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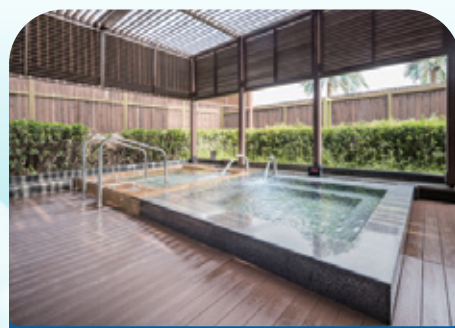
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# COMPACAF visits Team Osan

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Gen. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Katie McCool, Pacific Air Forces command chief, visit Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2026. Schneider and McCool are engaging with Airmen, Guardians, allies and partners at the leading edge of the Indo-Pacific, seeing firsthand how PACAF is postured to meet the region's strategic challenges.

U.S. Air Force Gen. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Air Forces commander, meets with Republic of Korea Air Force Gen. Seok-rak Son, Chief of Staff of the ROKAF, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2026. Schneider met with ROKAF leadership to discuss the U.S.-ROK alliance that is grounded in mutual respect, deep consultation, and a shared vision for peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. ▼



U.S. Air Force Gen. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Air Forces commander, discusses maintenance equipment with Tech. Sgt. Codey Lohbusch, left, and Master Sgt. Joseph Eliza, 35th Fighter Generation Squadron maintainers, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2026. Schneider is engaging with Airmen, Guardians, allies and partners at the leading edge of the Indo-Pacific, seeing firsthand how PACAF is postured to meet the region's strategic challenges. ▼

U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Thurman, 51st Civil Engineer Squadron heavy repair superintendent, briefs Gen. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Katie McCool, Pacific Air Forces command chief, on rapid airfield recovery at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2026. Schneider and McCool are engaging with Airmen, Guardians, allies and partners at the leading edge of the Indo-Pacific, seeing firsthand how PACAF is postured to meet the region's strategic challenges. ▲



U.S. Air Force Gen. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Air Forces commander, talks with Team Osan commanders at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2026. Schneider is engaging with Airmen, Guardians, allies and partners at the leading edge of the Indo-Pacific, seeing firsthand how PACAF is postured to meet the region's strategic challenges. ►

U.S. Air Force Col. Jordan Hrupek, 607th Air Operations Center current operations director, briefs Gen. Kevin Schneider, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Katie McCool, Pacific Air Forces command chief, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 20, 2026. Schneider and McCool are engaging with Airmen, Guardians, allies and partners at the leading edge of the Indo-Pacific, seeing firsthand how PACAF is postured to meet the region's strategic challenges. ▲



# A Wellness Day Trip in Seoul: Healthy Eats and OLIVE BETTER



Travel often means packed schedules and long hours on your feet, so fatigue can creep in quickly. If you're visiting Korea in spring, when temperatures swing widely from day to night, take a day to slow down and recharge. Enjoy seasonal organic dishes that leave you feeling light and refreshed, try traditional herbal drinks believed to boost vitality, and round out the day with some shopping and wellness experiences that suit your mood and energy levels.



## A Flower Blossom on the Rice: Healthy Dining at a MICHELIN Green Star Restaurant

A Flower Blossom on the Rice is a Korean restaurant that serves nourishing meals made with ingredients grown using eco-friendly farming methods. It has been recognized by the MICHELIN Guide with a Bib Gourmand for eight years in a row and a MICHELIN Green Star for five consecutive years, reflecting both its quality and its reasonable prices. Its signature dish is Bojagi Bibimbap, a colorful mix of brown rice and nutritious vegetables such as carrots, zucchini, and seasoned greens, all neatly wrapped in a thin egg crepe. The menu also includes a range of course options to suit different preferences, from grilled beef and antibiotic-free pork to a vegan course, offering a delicious introduction to Korea's diverse ingredients. Every April, the restaurant features a special spring course made with seasonal produce, making it an especially good time to visit.

- Address: 3-6 Insadong 16-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Operating hours: 11:30-21:00 (Break Time: 15:00-17:30)
- \* Closed on Seollal and Chuseok
- Website: [goodbabstory.imweb.me](http://goodbabstory.imweb.me)



## OLIVE BETTER Gwanghwamun Branch: Wellness Curation for Modern Life

OLIVE BETTER is a wellness-focused concept store created by OLIVE YOUNG, Korea's leading beauty and health retailer. Spread across two floors, it offers around 3,000 products grouped into six wellness themes: Eat Well, Nourish Well, Fit Well, Relax Well, Glow Well and Care Well. On the first floor, you will find a selection of convenient high-protein foods and health supplements that are easy to fit into a busy day. Recommended items include signature protein shakes and supplement sticks from their in-house brand ALL THE BETTER, available in convenient single-serve packets—perfect for sampling during your trip before committing to larger sizes. The second floor focuses on rest and recovery, with products for inner beauty, slimming, and improved sleep. There is also a Tea Bar, where a different tea is available to sample each month.

- Address: 1F-2F, 17 Jong-ro 3-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Operating hours: Monday-Friday 08:00-22:30 / Weekends & public holidays 10:00-22:30
- Inquiries: +82-1577-4887



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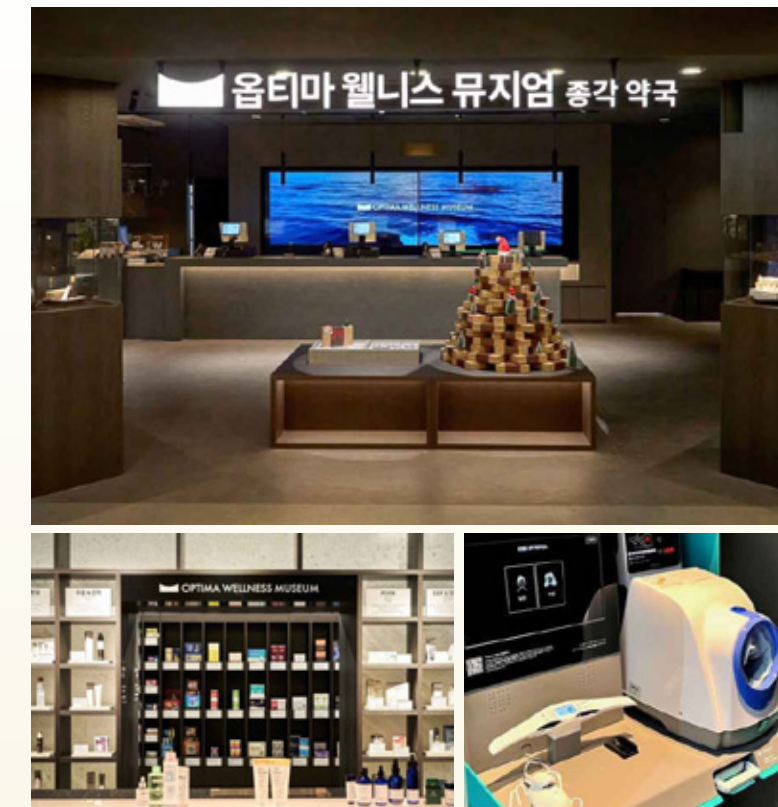
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**OPTIMA WELLNESS MUSEUM Jonggak Branch:  
Where Pharmacy Meets Smart Wellness**

OPTIMA WELLNESS MUSEUM (OWM) is a 264-square-meter healthcare space designed to feel like a museum. It offers around 2,500 medicines and wellness products, including a derma-cosmetics range focused on skin health. The shelves are organized by symptom and ingredient, and product information is available in English, Japanese, and Chinese, so international visitors can easily find what they need. If you want help choosing the right supplements, you can use the consultation service. After smart devices assess your skin condition, stress level, body composition, and other health indicators, a pharmacist recommends supplements tailored to your needs. There's also a service that sorts your supplements into daily packets, making it especially convenient for keeping up with your routine while traveling.

- Address: Yeongpung Bldg. B2, 41 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Operating hours: 10:00-21:30
- Inquiries: +82-507-1356-2962
- Website: owmpfarm.com

**Coffee Hanyakbang:  
A Relaxing Break in a Historic Setting**

Coffee Hanyakbang is a roastery café styled after a traditional herbal medicine shop that is filled with retro charm. Vintage touches like mother-of-pearl cabinets, herbal drawers, and a baduk board catch your eye throughout the space. The café stands on the former site of Hyeminseo, a state medical office from the Joseon dynasty. Only a stone marker remains today, but enjoying traditional herbal drinks here still makes for a uniquely restorative experience. Signature drinks include Café Cinnamon, a blend of coffee and sujeonggwa (cinnamon punch); and ssanghwatang, an herbal tonic brewed with 11 medicinal ingredients. The menu also features pour-over coffee, flower tea, and leaf tea, so there's something for every taste.

- Address: 16-6 Samil-daero 12-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul
- Operating hours: Monday-Friday 10:00-22:00 / Saturdays 11:00-22:00 / Sundays 11:00-20:00
- Inquiries: +82-70-4148-4242
- Website: coffeehanyakbang.com



**TIP: Seasonal food spots to round out your K-Wellness trip**

After spending the day exploring wellness spots in central Seoul, round out the experience with seasonal dishes that capture the flavors of spring. From fresh bomdong (spring cabbage) and fragrant minari (water parsley) to gosari (bracken) fresh from the mountains, Korea's spring vegetables are packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants to help boost your immunity and leave you feeling recharged. Here are a few food spots where you can enjoy the season at its best.

- **Yongmunsan Traditional Local Fare Village, Yangpyeong**  
Address: 640 Yongmunsan-ro, Yongmun-myeon, Yangpyeong-gun, Gyeonggi-do
- **Hanjae Minari Village, Cheongdo**  
Address: Hanjae-ro, Cheongdo-eup, Cheongdo-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do
- **Hwaom Nature Table Food Street | Gurye, Jeollanam-do**  
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