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A Republic of Korea air force aircraft taxis during nighttime operations for exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. FF 26-1 strengthens combined readiness by integrating joint and allied airpower in a dynamic training environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware)



FF 26-1

ROKAF Executes Night Sorties



A Republic of Korea air force aircraft takes off during a night sortie operation as part of exercise Freedom Flag 26-1, at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. FF 26-1 integrates U.S. and ROK forces to train to defend against surface-to-air and air-to-air threats, ensuring mutual understanding and trust between the two nations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

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Air Force, Space Force meet recruiting goals 5 months ahead of schedule

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Air Force and Space Force achieved annual recruiting goals five months ahead of schedule, enlisting 32,000 new active-duty Airmen and Guardians needed for the fiscal year.

To date, both services have sent nearly 25,000 active-duty recruits to basic military training, while the remaining personnel are scheduled to begin training by Sept. 30.

This year's achievement continues Air Force Accessions Center's trend in growing the largest Delayed Entry Program in over a decade, seeing a total of 18,000 recruits awaiting training dates. The DEP allows individuals to enlist in the military and postpone basic training for up to a year, giving future service members time to finalize personal affairs, prepare physically and mentally, and secure a job reservation.

"The Air Force and Space Force continue to set records, build momentum, and consistently exceed their recruiting goals," said Secretary of the Air Force Troy Meink. "By reaching our annual target five months early and maintaining the largest DEP in over a decade, we are seeing a



Airmen, while using improved technology and onboarding nearly 400 additional recruiting personnel since 2023.

Additionally, the Air Force now offers qualified recruits up to \$40,000 in bonuses upon entering active-duty service, particularly for critical roles in maintenance, cyber and special operations.

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truly inspiring pipeline of dedicated volunteers who are eager for their chance to serve. Now, we take up the task of growing them, training them, and maintaining that talent across the services."

The Space Force exceeded its FY26 recruiting goal and has met its goals every year since its inception in 2019. The service continues to attract highly skilled and educated candidates, with more than one in five new Guardian recruits holding a college degree.

Established last year, the first Space Force Recruiting team continued its mission of sustaining a long-term Guardian pipeline, leading to the service enlisting 730 active-duty Guardians.

The Air Force also met its goal to enlist 32,750 active-duty

Air Force advances secure AI capabilities with IL5 approval for VIA's eJARVIS

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Department of the Air Force has awarded Via Science, Inc., a leading provider of AI technologies, Impact Level 5 Authority to Operate for its eJARVIS application.

The eJARVIS application (a USAF-configured version of VIA's dual-use commercial Share Less, Ask More Artificial Intelligence solution) delivers fast, secure data access for rapid installation energy, utility and resilience data analysis.

"The Department of the Air Force is committed to responsibly accelerating AI integration to strengthen operational readiness," said Nancy Balkus, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Infrastructure, Energy

and Environment. "Ensuring the availability and resilience of installation energy data is critical to DAF's power projection, and eJARVIS allows us to provide warfighters with access to this critical information in minutes rather than weeks, speeding decisions without compromising security."

IL5 is a designation for storing and processing specialized types of Controlled Unclassified Information that require a higher level of protection than standard CUI. The increase to IL5 expands the range of data that eJARVIS' generative artificial intelligence solution can analyze, increasing its reach and value beyond the IL4 capability awarded in May 2024.

In early 2024, eJARVIS achieved

a significant milestone when it became one of the early generative AI applications to achieve Authority to Operate.

Web3 technologies represent the next iteration of the internet, centered on decentralization and user ownership of data. VIA's Web3 blockchain technology enables a clear chain of custody for data, prompts and responses required for high-stakes decision making and after-action reviews. eJARVIS' architecture reduces the need to share data with AI large language models, ensuring sensitive information remains protected. Additionally, eJARVIS enables non-technical users to analyze datasets previously too large for LLMs, providing faster, more data-informed decisions.



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Osan celebrates Month of Military Child



Families eat lunch during the Month of Military Child Picnic at Osan Elementary School, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2026. The annual event transformed the school grounds into a shared space where families could step into their children's daily environment, enjoy lunch and strengthen connections between students, parents and educators. ▲

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Families gathered to celebrate the Month of the Military Child with a picnic honoring the resilience, strength and sacrifices made by children of service members at Osan Elementary School, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2026.

The annual event transformed the school grounds into a shared space where families could step into their children's daily environment, enjoy lunch and strengthen connections between students, parents and educators.

"Taking time to celebrate our kids and thank them for their resilience is incredibly important," stated Allyss Struhs, Osan Elementary School principal. "This picnic is a way to give back to the families, celebrate our kids and recognize everything they go through as military children."

In addition to the picnic, families were able to visit different booths where students showcased the artwork they created throughout the school year.



A family poses for a photo during the Month of Military Child Picnic at Osan Elementary School, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2026. The picnic highlighted the unique experiences military children face and the strength they demonstrate through constant change. ▲

Lori Dudley, Month of Military Child picnic attendee, and her son Liam Dudley, Osan Elementary School student, look at art at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2026. During the picnic, families were able to visit different booths where students showcased the artwork they created throughout the school year highlighting their growth and accomplishments. ►



"We love to display our students' work," expressed Struhs. "During the picnic, students can walk their families through what they've been working on. It's another way to celebrate their growth and accomplishments." Beyond activities, the picnic also highlighted the unique experiences military children face and the strength they demonstrate through constant change.

"Military children sacrifice in ways that aren't always visible," said Struhs. "They experience deployments, frequent moves and the challenge of starting over in new schools and making new friends. That's not easy, but they continue to adapt and thrive."

For students like Madison Sevold, the event offered a meaningful break from the school day and a chance to reconnect with family.

"I'm really excited because I get to see my mom and dad," expressed Sevold. "We get to eat together, play and just enjoy time as a family. My favorite part though is seeing everyone enjoying time with their families and friends." Sevold smiled as she shared her experiences embracing the opportunities that often come with the lifestyle of a military child.

"I feel amazing and really grateful to be a military child," she said. "I've been able to move around the world, see places a lot of people don't get to see, and meet so many new friends."

Sevold's perspective reflects the resilience and adaptability celebrated during the Month of Military Child, which recognizes the vital role military children play in supporting service members and the mission. At Osan Air Base, that recognition is reflected through events like the picnic, reinforcing the strong sense of community that supports readiness across Team Osan.



A parent signs in during the Month of Military Child Picnic at Osan Elementary School, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2026. Month of Military Child recognizes the vital role military children play in supporting service members and the mission. ▲

Madison Sevold, Osan Elementary School student, spends time with her family and friends during the Month of Military Child Picnic at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8, 2026. The event offered a meaningful break from the school day and a chance to reconnect with family. ▲



Staff Sgt. Heather Otte

By Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman
8th Fighter Wing

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Heather Otte, 8th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate noncommissioned officer in charge of civil law, stands in a courtroom at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8th, 2026. Otte was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 6-10 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 Staff Sgt. Heather Otte, a native of Ventura, CA and the 8th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate noncommissioned officer in charge of civil law, was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 6-10 for her outstanding dedication to mission readiness, her ingenuity, and her commitment to building team morale.

Within her first week on station, Otte showed her exceptional leadership skills to other Airmen during exercise Freedom Shield. Her proactive integration continued as she joined the 5/6 council and volunteered for its fundraisers to better the Wolf Pack community. Further, she volunteered for the vital role of Unit Project Officer for the Air Force Assistance Fund to better the Air Force mission of supporting our Airmen.

Otte directly improved Wing-wide processes and earned her early acclaim by command teams. She designed and implemented a Kunsan Discharge Worksheet, a tool that is actively assisting in the streamlining of administrative processes eliminating common processing errors. Otte also furthered her efforts and created a page that provides real-time discharge processing visibility for the Military Personnel Flight, greatly reducing processing times.

She took on the responsibility of redesigning the unit's morale jersey with input from all ranks within her team, cultivating a renewed sense of ownership and pride within the legal office.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Otte 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. Heather Otte, 8th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate noncommissioned officer in charge of civil law, poses for a photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 8th, 2026. Otte was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of April 6-10 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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8th OSS weather flight immerses with U.S. Marine Corps follow-on forces



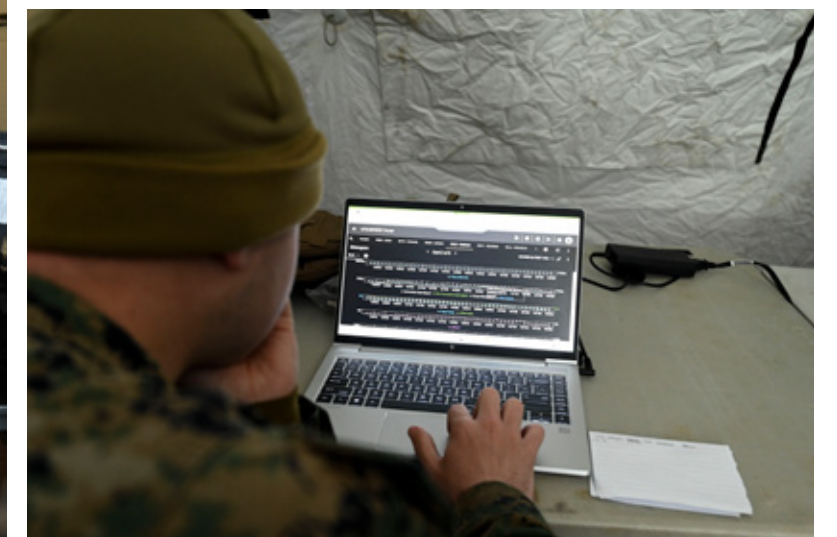
U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Damian Burke, 8th Operational Support Squadron airfield weather operations non-commissioned officer in charge, inspects a local sensor subsystem and remote sensor subsystem during a unit immersion with U.S. Marine Corps follow-on forces at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 14, 2026. Burke immersed with the Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Air Traffic Control Company Lima to learn about their equipment and daily operations in the field. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Karissa Dick) ▼

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Vicente Lopez, meteorology and oceanography chief, and Lance Cpl. Jonathan Valdez, meteorology and oceanography forecaster, both with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Air Control Group 18, Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Air Traffic Control Company Lima, explain the advanced meteorological satellite system dish to U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Damian Burke, 8th Operational Support Squadron airfield weather operations non-commissioned officer in charge, during a unit immersion at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 14, 2026. Deployed from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, MACS-4 provides combat-ready forces capable of conducting continuous all-weather, radar, non-radar and tower air traffic control services, and collection, analysis and dissemination of weather information at forward operating bases to conduct anti-air warfare operations and control of aircraft and missiles. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Karissa Dick) ▲



U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jonathan Valdez, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Air Control Group 18, Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Air Traffic Control Company Lima, meteorology and oceanography forecaster, shows Tech. Sgt. Damian Burke, 8th Operational Support Squadron airfield weather operations non-commissioned officer in charge, satellite imagery from their advanced meteorological satellite subsystem during a unit immersion at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 14, 2026. As the mission at Kunsan continues to evolve, the support for follow-on forces, such as the U.S. Marine Corps, ensures that our combined forces remain ready to respond to regional threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Karissa Dick) ►

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Damian Burke, 8th Operational Support Squadron airfield weather operations non-commissioned officer in charge, learns about the daily operations of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Air Control Group 18, Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Air Traffic Control Company Lima, during a unit immersion at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 14, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Karissa Dick) ▼



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FF 26-1: 31 AEW CC greets ROKAF Operations Command CC at Gwangju AB



U.S. Air Force Col. Brad Dvorak, left, 31st Air Expeditionary Wing commander, greets Republic of Korea air force Lt. Gen. Jun Sun Cha, right, ROKAF Operations Command commander, during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, ROK, April 15, 2026. The U.S.-ROK Alliance remains at a high level of readiness and continues to maintain a robust combined defense posture to protect the Republic of Korea against any threat or adversary. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

Seventh Air Force

GWANGJU AIR BASE, South Korea (AFNS)

-- Lt. Gen. Jun Sun Cha, commander of South Korea air force Operations Command, met U.S. Air Force Col. Brad Dvorak, commander of the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing, during the first week of exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, South Korea, April 15.

The meeting between the two military leaders occurred after Cha flew an F-15K Slam Eagle during combined training operations between U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marines Corps, and South Korea air force fighter aircrew. The mission was part of FF 26-1, a regularly scheduled training event designed to prepare joint and combined forces for combat to defend South Korea.

The commanders met on the flight line, shook hands, exchanged coins, and reaffirmed the critical partnership between the South Korea and U.S. armed forces.



U.S. Air Force Col. Brad Dvorak, 31st Air Expeditionary Wing commander, observes sortie operations during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1, at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. FF 26-1 integrates U.S. and ROK forces to train to defend against surface-to-air and air-to-air threats, ensuring mutual understanding and trust between the two nations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

Pilots from the Republic of Korea air force and the U.S. Marine Corps, pose for a photo with two ROK F-15K Slam Eagles and two U.S. Marine F/A-18 Hornets in the background during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, ROK, April 15, 2026. FF 26-1 supports combined military readiness by bringing U.S. and ROK forces together to plan missions and practice integrating air operations to deter regional aggression, with more realistic training contributing to more effective joint and combined forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲



"Freedom Flag is about forging the trust and tactical sharpness that makes us a lethal, agile, and combined fighting force with our South Korea allies," said Dvorak during a joint assembly of U.S. and South Korea military personnel at the start of the exercise. "The work we do here has a lasting impact. It will bolster our alliance and contribute directly to the peace and stability of this region."

Freedom Flag integrates U.S. and South Korea airpower in dynamic training missions including air-to-air and surface-to-air scenarios, ensuring mutual understanding and trust between the two nations. This large-scale employment training enhances U.S. and South Korea interoperability and fortifies the alliance in terms of capability and commitment.

Cha and Dvorak, who also serves as Deployed Forces Commander at Gwangju for the duration of the exercise, were joined on the flight line by pilots and personnel from the South Korea air force 1st Fighter Wing and U.S. Seventh Air Force, 31st Air Expeditionary Wing, 8th Material Maintenance Squadron, and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232 alongside two South Korean F-15K Slam Eagles and two U.S. Marine F/A-18 Hornets.

The current iteration of Freedom Flag continues as U.S. and ROK forces execute complex missions, including offensive and defensive counter-air, close air support, and air interdiction.



U.S. Air Force Col. Brad Dvorak, 31st Air Expeditionary Wing commander presents a coin he received from South Korea air force Lt. Gen. Jun Sun Cha, South Korea air force Operations Command commander during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, South Korea, April 15, 2026. FF 26-1 is a joint and combined military exercise between U.S. and South Korea armed forces that fosters trust, understanding and interoperability between allied forces through challenging, realistic scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

Service members from the U.S. Air Force, the Republic of Korea air force and the U.S. Marine Corps pose for a group photo during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, ROK, April 15, 2026. The U.S.-ROK Alliance remains at a high level of readiness and continues to maintain a robust combined defense posture to protect the Republic of Korea against any threat or adversary. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▼



Kicking off exercise FF 26-1 at Gwangju AB



A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron taxis to the runway during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1, at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 13, 2026. FF 26-1 is a routine, regularly scheduled training event designed to prepare joint and combined forces for combat to defend the ROK. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ◀

A U.S. Airman assigned to the 31st Combat Air Base Squadron finishes refueling operations during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1, at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 13, 2026. FF 26-1 is an advanced, large-scale tactical exercise between the U.S. and allied partners dedicated to the protection of regional peace and stability through the adaptation of novel and collaborative training methods, ensuring readiness against a wide range of threats. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▼



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joseph Dunivan, standing, and Staff Sgt. Kyle Bilodeau, F-16 Fighting Falcon avionics craftsmen assigned to the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron, conduct post-flight system maintenance during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1, at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 13, 2026. FF 26-1 is a joint and bilateral military exercise between U.S. and ROK armed forces that fosters trust, understanding and interoperability between allied forces through challenging, realistic scenarios. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

A welcome sign is displayed at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 13, 2026. Gwangju AB is a joint civil-military airfield serving as a key ROK air force base. It hosts ROKAF fighter units and serves as a collocated operating base for U.S. forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▶



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joseph Dunivan, F-16 Fighting Falcon avionics craftsman assigned to the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron, gathers tools during post-flight system maintenance during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1, at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 13, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▼



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- Battery Fire Hazards**
Most PTDs are powered by lithium-ion batteries, known for their high energy density. However, when damaged, improperly charged, or exposed to heat, these batteries can undergo thermal runaway, resulting in intense fires or explosions.
- Residential Fire Risks**
With more users charging devices indoors, particularly in multi-family residential buildings, the risk of rapid fire spread increases. Fires that start during nighttime charging can go undetected, making early evacuation and containment difficult.
- Key Risk Factors**
 - Charging near combustible materials.
 - Use of unofficial or damaged chargers.
 - Overcharging or unsupervised charging.
- Fire Safety Recommendations**
To mitigate fire risks, the following safety practices are recommended:
 - Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
 - Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
 - Do not charge overnight or while unattended.
 - Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles and keep them away from children and liquids.
 - Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
 - Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Contact HazWaste Office, Building 833 at 784-6508/6714.

Conclusion
It is critical to balance their benefits with proactive fire safety measures. Awareness, regulation, and preparedness will be key to preventing injuries and protecting communities from PTD-related fire incidents.

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- Jung-hwa or Tae-goo
- Elementary particle
- India's New capital
- Chop off
- Location
- Egg meal
- WWII bomber Gay
- 1950 war site
- Korea's 1st 24h news channel
- 5mL spoonful
- Japanese broadcaster
- Sigma ____
- Before
- Korean river or war
- Actress Rossellini
- Pet ____

DOWN

- Defective bullet
- Esparza and Julia
- Coffee makers
- Iraq neighbor
- Corporal or sergeant
- Palestine terrorist group
- Hearing organ
- Competitor of KT
- Booby trap
- School room
- Korean financial group ____ Asset
- Alanis song
- Legal on Korean roads
- Suffer illness
- Coral island
- Principle
- Type of car fuel
- Sound
- Genre of Specials, Bosstones
- Salty water body
- Final score

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- HANAM
- NICHE
- DAM
- ENOLA
- AVAIL
- UWE
- STRIP
- MINDS
- BAN
- GORYEO
- EMART

DOWN

- WADT
- OIDO
- NIL
- WON
- AJS
- CODER
- GASJOCKEY
- ADELE
- JOS
- AWAIT
- ISA
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- ALE
- ASIA
- BAN
- GORYEO
- EMART

ACROSS

- SAYING
- HAI
- NATO
- AREAS
- EVE
- SARIN
- METRO
- NET
- THONG
- SEARS

DOWN

- IVIED
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- ELSE
- DUBAI
- AWARD
- MENTO
- RHO
- MOSCOW
- UNCAP
- DIODE
- OLDEN
- TAJ
- WRENS
- JONAH
- ELIJAH
- MAPPO

ACROSS

- KRAAL
- EMILY
- YATES
- SAD
- OUI
- ASHEN
- SUAVE
- ISLET
- ASTRO
- EATIN
- AGREE
- INST
- NAMS
- AH
- ETA
- ARR
- SOS



Wings of blue: U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Carter Beswick, a Wings of Blue parachutist, maneuvers during a demonstration jump at Feria Internacional del Aire y del Espacio (FIDAE) 2026 in Santiago, Chile, April 11, 2026. The team showcases discipline and strengthens international partnerships. (U.S. Air Force photo by Andrea Jenkins) ▲



Flares deployed: An F-15EX Eagle II releases flares over the Gulf Coast, Fla., April 3, 2026. Flares act as infrared countermeasures designed to distract and defeat heat-seeking missiles by creating alternate heat sources away from the aircraft. Test wings continue evaluating next-generation survivability, radar and sensor capabilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Thomas Barley) ▲

Starry Heights, Centcom Lights: A U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress receives refuel support from a KC-135 Stratotanker during Operation Epic Fury over the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, March 26, 2026. Aerial refueling extends global strike reach and ensures sustained bomber operations across the theater. (U.S. Air Force photo) ◀

Global engagement: Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ken Wilsbach and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force David Wolfe welcome Indian Air Force Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., April 8, 2026. The leaders met to strengthen bilateral cooperation and enhance interoperability between the U.S. Air Force and Indian Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Chad Trujillo) ▶



Kunsan

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

- WOLF PACK LODGE -
Lodging Space A Policy
Need a break? Got family visit-

ing and no room to house them? You can book lodging rooms on a space available basis up to 120 days in advance for a maximum of 30 days depending on availability. You can also book reservations for the holiday season (November and December) up to 30 days in advance for a maximum of 15 days. (Depending on availability) Book now for all of those relatives coming for the holiday!
Reservations – Front Desk-DSN 782-1844 or Commercial (82)63-470-1844 FAX: DSN 315-782-0633 Commercial (82)63-470-0633

- SPONSOR TRAINING -

Learn creative ways to assist newcomers reporting to Kunsan AB. Registration required. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

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

- 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

ROK-US Friendship Family & Children Taekwondo Exhibition Festival
May 1 & 2 | 1 May 1300-1800, 2 May 0700-0830, 2 May 0700-1800 | Osan Fitness Center
On behalf of the Foreigners Taekwondo Cultural Association and World Taekwon Headquarters Kukkiwon, we are seeking volunteers for the ROK-US Friendship Family & Children Taekwondo Exhibition Festival! Expecting 1000 participants, this festival provides a meaningful platform where Korean and American children,

along with their families, come together through Taekwondo to promote physical fitness, harmony, mutual understanding, and friendship. The event offers the opportunity to learn about and experience Korean culture firsthand, thereby strengthening the ROK-U.S. Alliance through cultural exchange and people-to-people engagement. To volunteer for set up & event support shift (1 May 1300-1800, 2 May 0700-1800), or escort shift (2 May, 0700-0830), contact A1C David L. Evans david.evans.67@us.af.mil

2026 National Police Week
May 4 - 8
Join us as the Defenders Association proudly hosts the 2026 National Police Week, a full week dedicated to honoring the sacrifices and service of those who came before us. The week will feature a Demo Day (May 5) with interactive displays and booths showcasing the capabilities our team brings to the fight, followed by the Defenders Challenge (May 7), where four-person teams will push their grit and endurance through a series of timed physical events. Participants can also put their marksmanship to the test in our Excellence-in-Competition Shooting Challenge (May 6). Ending in a 4-man scramble Golf Tournament! (May 8) For sign-ups, questions, or additional information, please contact SrA Creel at Richard.creel@us.af.mil.

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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YEONGWOL HIGHLIGHTS & EXPERIENCES FROM "THE KING'S WARDEN"



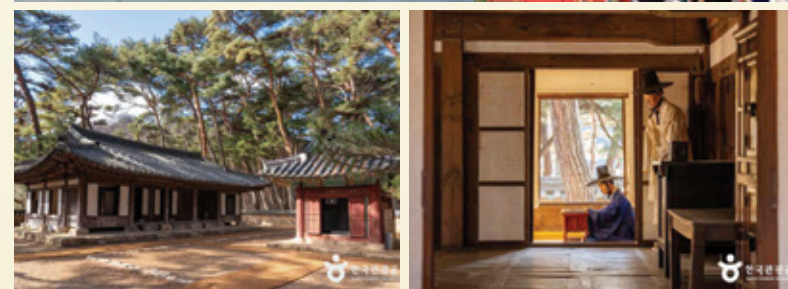
If you're looking for places to visit in Yeongwol, a journey tracing the footsteps of King Danjong is a great choice. Yeongwol in Gangwon State was where Danjong, the sixth king of the Joseon dynasty, was exiled, and it brings together historic sites such as Cheongnyeongpo Meandering Stream, Jangneung Royal Tomb, and Gwanpuncheon Hall with beautiful natural scenery. With many of the locations featured in the recently popular film "The King's Warden (2026)," it's also a great way to follow the king's final days.



Cheongnyeongpo Meandering Stream: The Place of King Danjong's Exile

Cheongnyeongpo Meandering Stream was where King Danjong was sent into exile. With a river on three sides and steep cliffs at its back, it is often called "an island on land." After crossing the river by boat, visitors reach Danjong's temporary residence, secluded in a thick pine forest and cut off from the outside world. Nearby stand the 600-year-old Gwaneumsong Pine Tree and Manghyangtap Pagoda, which Danjong is said to have built while longing for Hanyang, present-day Seoul. Together, they offer a poignant glimpse into the young king's isolation and profound loneliness. Even today, visitors honor his memory by building small stone towers throughout Cheongnyeongpo Meandering Stream.

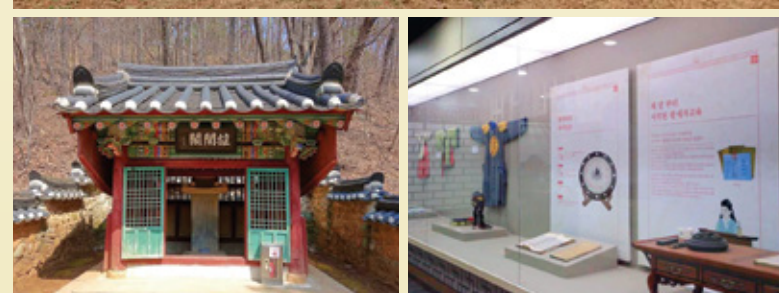
- Address: 190 Danjong-ro, Yeongwol-eup, Yeongwol-gun, Gangwon-do
- Operating hours: 09:00-18:00 (Last admission 17:30) / Closed Mondays
- Admission: Adults 2,000 won / Teenagers 1,500 won / Children 1,000 won
- * Free admission for senior citizens
- Estimated visit duration: Approx. 1 hr – 1 hr 30 min
- Inquiries: +82-33-374-4215



Jangneung Royal Tomb: King Danjong's Final Resting Place

Yeongwol Jangneung Royal Tomb is the resting place of King Danjong and one of the Joseon royal tombs designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the grounds are Commemorative Pavilion of Eom Heung-do, a commemorative pavilion built in honor of Eom Heung-do, who courageously recovered Danjong's body when no one else dared for fear of King Sejo's retaliation; Jangpanok Shrine, which houses the memorial tablets of the loyal subjects who gave their lives for Danjong; and altar, where memorial rites are held in their honor. What sets Jangneung apart is that it commemorates not only the king, but also the loyal subjects who tried to protect him—something rarely seen at other royal tombs. At the entrance, the Danjong History Museum offers a glimpse into Danjong's life and royal culture through exhibits including his portrait and court attire.

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FF 26-1: 31 AEW Airman marshals 35 FS aircraft

A U.S. Airman assigned to the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing observes an F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot entering an aircraft during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. Throughout the exercise, 31 AEW integrated U.S. and ROK elements into a cohesive force, enhancing interoperability, trust, and shared operational understanding. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware) ▲



A U.S. Airman assigned to the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing marshals an F-16 Fighting Falcon during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. FF 26-1 builds combined readiness and reinforces the ability to defend the Republic of Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware) ▲



A U.S. Airman assigned to the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing tests communications equipment during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware) ▲



A U.S. Airman assigned to the 31st Air Expeditionary Wing observes an F-16 Fighting Falcon undergoing a pre-flight inspection during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware) ▶



U.S. Airman 1st Class David Mao, F-16 Fighting Falcon assistant dedicated crew chief, 35th Fighter Squadron, communicates with pilots during exercise Freedom Flag 26-1 at Gwangju Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 15, 2026. The exercise enhances mission readiness through integrated joint and combined air operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Desiree Ware) ▲

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:

<https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC>

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 Jumah 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



Rapid rescue: U.S. Air Force HH-60W Jolly Green II helicopter aircrew assigned to the 210th Rescue Squadron, 176th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard, hoist a simulated downed pilot during a full mission profile training exercise at Malemute Drop Zone, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, March 31, 2026. The training included search and rescue, high-altitude parachute drops, emergency medical response, personnel recovery and rescue hoist. (Alaska National Guard photo by Alejandro Peña) ▲

In step: Academy cadets march in formation during the annual Founders' Day Parade on The Terrazzo at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring, Colo., April 1, 2026. Founders' Day is a traditional celebration of the legacy and future of the USAFA and its founders. (U.S. Air Force photo by Trevor Cokley) ◀



Full honors: Honor Guard Airmen conduct full military funeral honors with escort for Col. Clarence "Bud" Anderson at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., March 30, 2026. Anderson was the last living American triple flying ace of World War II, a pilot who has downed at least 15 enemy aircraft, and had a career in service for 30 years. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser) ▲

Flag carry: U.S. service members assigned to units throughout the National Capital Region file onto the Nationals Park field in Washington, D.C., April 3, 2026. Service members were invited to present the flag before the game to celebrate the home-opener and honor their military service. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexis Redin) ◀



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. ▲

36th Wing Commander Surveys Damage, Highlights Readiness After Typhoon Sinlaku

By 36 Wing Public Affairs
36 Wing PASinlaku

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam -- U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Dan Cooley, 36th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Swistak, 36th Wing command chief, surveyed storm damage at Andersen Air Force Base following Typhoon Sinlaku, underscoring the installation's continued readiness and commitment to supporting the people of Guam.

"Our priority remains the safety and well-being of our Airmen, their families, and the Guam community," said Cooley. "Despite the impacts of Typhoon Sinlaku, the 36th Wing remains ready, resilient, and fully capable of executing our mission."

Cooley emphasized that Andersen AFB continues to play a critical role in both regional defense and disaster response operations.

"We train for conditions like this, and our Airmen have responded exactly as expected—quickly, professionally, and in close coordination with our local and federal partners," he said. "We are actively



Airmen across the 36th Wing are engaged in recovery operations including damage assessments, debris clearance, and logistical support to ensure rapid restoration of essential capabilities. ▲



assessing damage, restoring operations, and supporting response efforts alongside the Government of Guam, FEMA and Joint Task Force Micronesia."

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"Typhoon Sinlaku challenged our installation, but it did not compromise our ability to defend this region or support our community," Cooley added. "We will continue working hand-in-hand with our partners to ensure a swift recovery and a stronger, more resilient Guam."

The Department of War remains in a supporting role to civil authorities, providing critical capabilities as needed while maintaining operational readiness across the Indo-Pacific.



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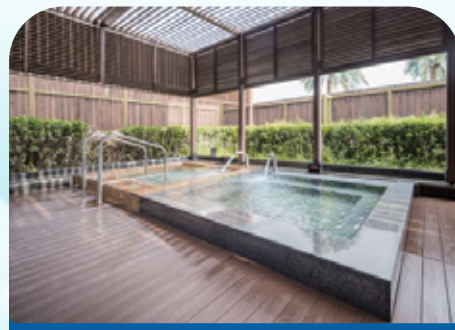
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Location

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English website



Korean website



Airman Alexander Sou

By Airman 1st Class Megan Cusmano
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Airman Alexander Sou, 51st Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance technician, initiates built in testing of the tail kit at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 14, 2026. Sou's daily responsibilities include testing and maintaining munitions to utilize on F-16 Fighting Falcons. ▲

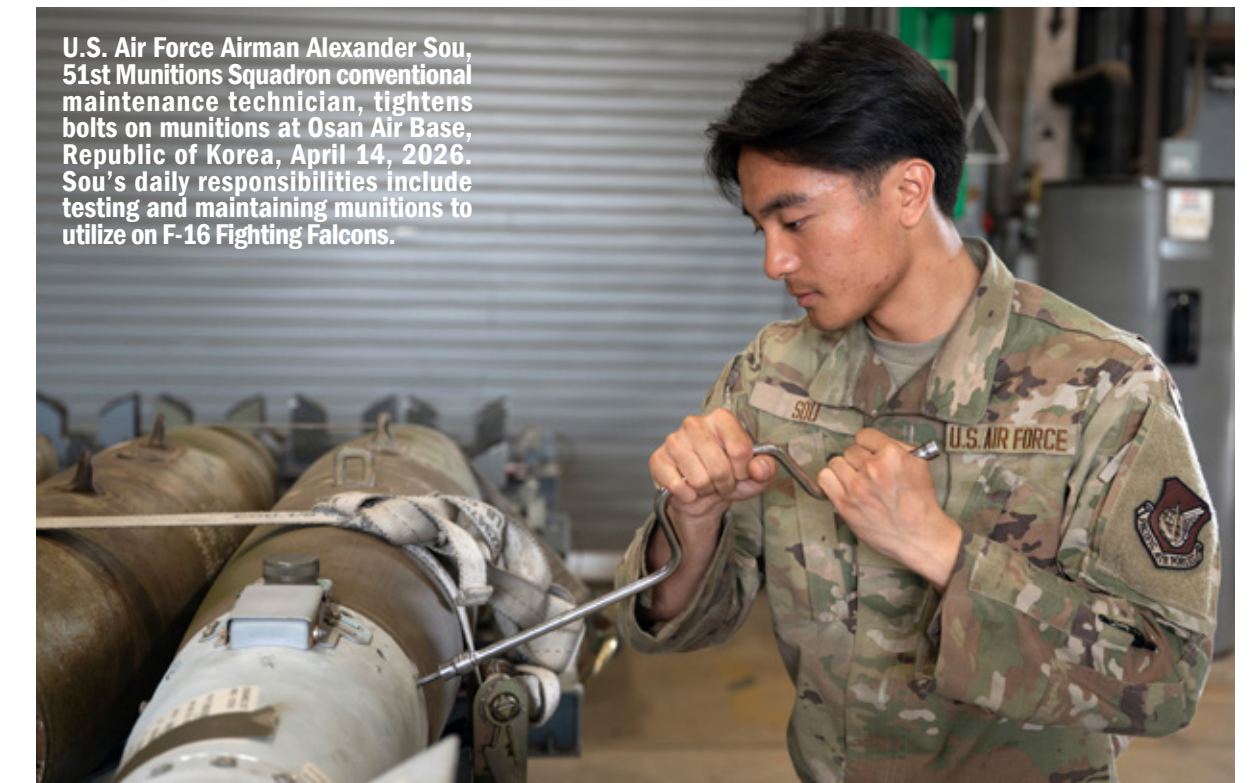
OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Airman Alexander Sou, 51st Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance technician, was recognized as Mustang of the Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 14, 2026.

As a munitions technician, Sou is responsible for maintaining, inspecting and transporting munitions in support of F-16 Fighting Falcons. From ensuring equipment is properly tested to following technical orders, his work directly contributes to operational success and safety. "This job is very hands on, which is the fun part," Sou said. "It's definitely a challenge and a great learning experience, but knowing that what I do supports real world missions gives me a strong sense of purpose."

Sou is known among his peers for his dependability and strong work ethic. Whether completing routine maintenance or supporting time sensitive mission requirements, he consistently approaches every task with focus and accountability. He is determined to take initiative and ensure each job is done correctly by asking questions and working well with those around him.

Despite being early in his career, Sou has already distinguished himself through his professionalism, initiative and eagerness to learn.

"He's very mature, very well spoken and eager to learn," said Staff Sgt. Caleb Zaziv, 51st Munitions Squadron conventional crew chief. "He asks questions to be informed and works hard throughout the day to ensure he understands each task assigned to him, and that's something you



U.S. Air Force Airman Alexander Sou, 51st Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance technician, tightens bolts on munitions at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 14, 2026. Sou's daily responsibilities include testing and maintaining munitions to utilize on F-16 Fighting Falcons.

don't always see at his level."

Beyond his role as a conventional maintenance technician, Sou is known for his positive attitude and strong work ethic, earning the respect of those around him.

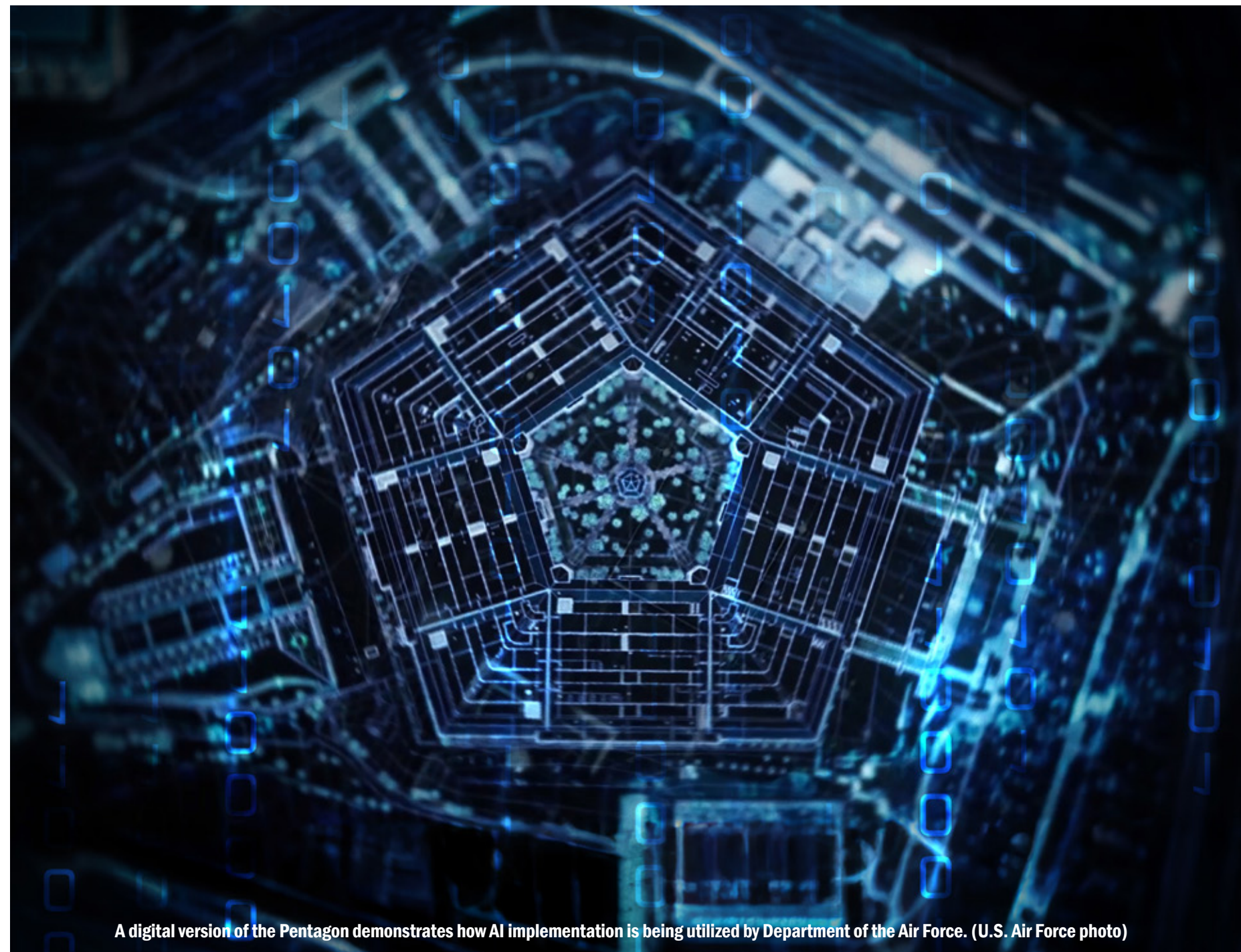
"There's not one person in the shop who doesn't get along with him," Zaziv said. "People naturally gravitate toward him because of how he carries himself."

Outside of the mission, Sou demonstrates the same determination through his involvement in volunteer efforts and squadron initiatives.

He has already begun seeking opportunities to give back, including supporting base activities by joining his squadron's booster club, where he plans to contribute creative designs and help boost morale.

"I want to get involved and give back as much as I can," Sou said. "It's about making connections and being part of something bigger."

Through his dedication on and off duty, Sou exemplifies what it means to be a dependable Airman and a valuable member of the 51st Fighter Wing.



DAF takes steps for potential Alaskan AI data centers

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Department of the Air Force is moving forward with actions to potentially build and operate one or more advanced artificial intelligence data centers at three DAF installations in Alaska.

The DAF is offering approximately 4,700 acres of underutilized land across Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Eielson Air Force Base, and Clear Space Force Station.

The DAF released today a Request for Lease Proposal outlining the project requirements via the federal contracting website, SAM.gov.

On April 23, the service will host a virtual industry day to engage with industry partners to potentially build and operate one or more advanced artificial intelligence data centers at three DAF installations in Alaska.

The industry day will allow DAF experts to

engage with potential offerors and provide details about the proposal process.

Following the virtual event, interested parties will have the opportunity to tour the proposed sites in person. Site visits are scheduled for Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson on April 28, Clear Space Force Station on April 29, and Eielson Air Force Base on April 30.

This lease opportunity signals a strategic effort by the service to leverage its real estate portfolio for technological advancement while creating new economic opportunities. Under the Enhanced Use Lease model, the service leases non-excess property to partners for long-term commercial use. In return, the service receives at least fair market value in cash.

"This is a unique opportunity for a true public-private partnership," said Robert Moriarty,

deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installations. "By making this land available, we are supporting the growing demands of the AI industry while generating value that directly supports our missions and the readiness of our Airmen and Guardians."

Twelve parcels have been identified for potential development. The selected developer will be responsible for all aspects of the project, including financing, permitting, construction and long-term operation of the facilities.

Participation in the industry day and site visits are encouraged but not required for submitting a proposal. Firms interested in attending the virtual exchange or the site visits must RSVP to Alaska.eul@specprosvcs.com. Deadlines for registration are April 16 for the virtual event and April 20 for the site tours.



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Gwanpungheon Hall: Where King Danjong Spent His Final Days

Gwanpungheon Hall was a government guesthouse used by officials and visiting envoys during the Joseon period. After flooding hit Cheongnyeongpo Meandering Stream, where he had been exiled, King Danjong moved here and spent his final days. Nearby stands Jagyuru Pavilion, where he is said to have lamented his fate in verse. Although the current building is a reconstruction, it remains a meaningful place that preserves the memory of Danjong's final days. Located close to downtown Yeongwol, it is also well worth a stop if you want to take a short break and admire the vibrant decorative colors of traditional Korean architecture.

- Address: 61 Jungang-ro, Yeongwol-eup, Yeongwol-gun, Gangwon-do
- Operating hours: 09:00-17:00
- Admission: Free
- Estimated visit duration: Approx. 15-30 min



Bakgane: A Go-To Spot for Local Cuisine

Bakgane is a local restaurant in Yeongwol known for dishes made with eosuri, a regional specialty. Eosuri is a wild edible green whose name is said to mean "worthy of being served to the king," and its fresh aroma and pleasantly bitter flavor make it especially appetizing. According to local tradition, Danjong was fond of it because its fragrance reminded him of Queen Jeongsun. One of the restaurant's signature set menus, Danjong's Table, features eosuri rice, grilled deodeok, spicy stir-fried pork, and a spread of eleven side dishes, offering a rich taste of Yeongwol's local flavors.

- Address: 2F, 149 Jungang-ro, Yeongwol-eup, Yeongwol-gun, Gangwon-do
- Operating hours: 10:30-19:00 (Break time 15:00-17:00)
- Menus: Danjong's Table 18,000 won / Eosuri Bulgogi Set Menu 25,000 won
- Inquiries: +82-33-375-6900

Danjong Culture Festival: A Celebration Honoring King Danjong

The Danjong Culture Festival is Yeongwol's annual local festival honoring King Danjong and the loyal subjects who gave their lives for him. Now in its 59th year, it offers a lively way to experience the king's story. Every April, Yeongwol fills with things to see, from parades reenacting the royal funeral procession and wedding ceremony to musical performances and other festive events. This year's festival will be even more special, with a talk featuring director Jang Hang-jun of "The King's Warden" and a nighttime drone show.

- Event period: April 24-26, 2026
- Venues: Donggang Riverside Area (main festival venue), Yeongwol Jangneung Royal Tomb, Gwanpungheon Hall, and more
- Main programs: Royal Funeral Procession for King Danjong, Danjong Memorial Rite, Queen Jeongsun Pageant, and many more
- Inquiries: +82-33-375-6353



TIP: Your guide to Yeongwol travel: Yeongwol Tourism Center

Yeongwol Tourism Center provides information on the area's main attractions and a variety of visitor services. It is also a convenient stop for shopping local food and souvenirs, and its exhibition and hands-on programs will make your trip to Yeongwol even more enjoyable.

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