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U.S. Air Force Col. Kristen Torma accepts command of the 51st Maintenance Group from Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster)

Osan welcomes new MXG commander

By Senior Airman Megan Cusmano
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen, civilian employees, family members and distinguished guests gathered for the 51st Maintenance Group Change of Command Ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2026.

During the ceremony, Col. Kenneth Beebe relinquished command of the 51st Maintenance Group to Col. Kristen Torma. Presiding over the event, Col. Ryan Ley formally transferred authority and responsibility for the group, signifying the continuation of leadership within an organization

responsible for generating and sustaining combat-ready airpower in support of the 51st Fighter Wing mission.

As commander, Beebe led the 51st Maintenance Group through a period of continued operational readiness and mission execution, overseeing maintenance operations that ensured aircraft and equipment remained ready to support the defense of the Korean Peninsula. The ceremony recognized his leadership, service and contributions to the Airmen of the group during his time in command at Osan.

"It has been an honor to serve alongside the Airmen, civilians and contractors of the 51st

Maintenance Group," said Kenneth Beebe. "There is no finer team anywhere in the world, and I am proud to have been a part of it."

Torma assumes command of the 51st MXG following a distinguished career of leadership and service across multiple maintenance and operational assignments. As the group's new commander, she will lead hundreds of Airmen responsible for aircraft maintenance, munitions, logistics and support functions critical to ensuring the wing remains ready to execute combat operations at a moment's notice.

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8th OG welcomes new commander

By Senior Airman Dylan Maher
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Col. Gerald J. Ferdinand assumed command of the 8th Operations Group from Col. Ruben R. Amezaga during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. Col. John G. DeLion, 8th Fighter Wing commander, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by leaders and Airmen from across the 8th FW and the Republic of Korea Air Force's 38th Fighter Group.

"Team Wolf Pack, I can't believe how fast this year has gone, and how much we've done in a short amount of time," Amezaga said. "There is no other place that I've been a part of in my 46 years of existence that rallies behind a common purpose than here at the Wolf Pack. All I ask of you is to support [Col. Ferdinand] so that we can, as a wing, defend the base with the strides that we're making in air defense, better support follow-on forces, and finally take it north by increasing the readiness and mentality of the Pantons and eventually the Juvats."

During the ceremony, Amezaga received the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments and commitment as the 8th OG commander. Additionally, ROKAF Col. Lee Kyeong-Soo, 38th FG commander, presented Amezaga with a certificate of commendation in recognition of his dedicated service in protecting the airspace of the Republic of Korea.

U.S. Air Force Col. Gerald Ferdinand, 8th Operations Group incoming commander, renders his first salute to U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Matthews, 8th Operations Support Squadron commander at the 8th OG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The first salute represents the official transfer of authority, mutual respect, and the assumption of the ultimate responsibility to lead the unit. ▶



U.S. Air Force Col. John G. DeLion, left, 8th Fighter Wing commander, passes the 8th Operations Group guidon to Col. Gerald J. Ferdinand, incoming 8th OG commander, during the 8th OG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. Change of command ceremonies reflect a long respect for military tradition, dating as far back as the Roman Empire. ▲



Rooted in military tradition dating back to the Roman era, change of command ceremonies symbolize the formal transfer of authority and responsibility while reinforcing continuity of leadership, mission readiness, and trust within the unit.

"To the men and women of the 8th Operations Group, this year will be sporty, but will also be rewarding," Ferdinand said. "It's important for us to remain focused on flight discipline as we bring our fighter operations back to the Wolf Pack and employ our weapon systems at their highest level of effectiveness."

The 8th Operations Group provides the aircrews who fly the wing's F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft and the support personnel who enable the flying mission.



Republic of Korea Air Force Col. Lee Kyeong-Soo, left, 38th Fighter Group commander, presents a ROKAF letter of appreciation to U.S. Air Force Col. Ruben R. Amezaga, outgoing 8th Operations Group commander, during the 8th OG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The 8th OG supports the generation of air power for the installation and follow-on forces. ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Ruben R. Amezaga, outgoing 8th Operations Group commander, delivers remarks during the 8th OG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. During his speech, Amezaga thanked the personnel he led for their dedication and work ethic throughout his command, and welcomed the incoming 8th OG commander. ◀

Hill 180 playground grand opening

By Senior Airman Jessica Mun
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Osan community members gathered to celebrate the Hill 180 playground grand opening at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 12, 2026. The playground was developed under tour normalization efforts to expand family-oriented facilities at Osan.



U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, participates in a basketball tournament during the Hill 180 playground grand opening at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 12, 2026. The playground serves as an important community asset, giving military families a place to spend time together, connect with fellow residents and enjoy the benefits of living on base. ▲



Osan community members celebrate the Hill 180 playground grand opening at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 12, 2026. The playground provides a dedicated space for military housing families to connect, build relationships and strengthen their sense of community. ▲

Members of the Osan community spectate a basketball tournament during the Hill 180 playground grand opening at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 12, 2026. The playground serves as an important community asset, giving military families a place to spend time together, connect with fellow residents and enjoy the benefits of living on base. ◀



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kylie Bitton, left, 51st Security Forces Squadron entry controller, and Master Sgt. Roy Carter III, 51st SFS plans and programs, pose for a photo at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 16, 2026. Bitton followed her father's example by pursuing a career in Security Forces and now serves alongside him in support of installation security operations.

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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- While securing one of the Air Force's most forward, permanently based wings, a father and daughter are creating memories few military families experience: serving together in the same squadron.

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Roy Carter III, 51st Security Forces Squadron plans and programs, has been stationed at Osan Air Base since February 2023 with his family. During his time here, Carter saw his daughter Kylie off as she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

However, the separation was short-lived as now Airman 1st Class Kylie Bitton, 51st SFS entry controller, returned to the very place she enlisted from after technical training. Together the father-daughter duo work to accomplish the 51st Fighter Wing's mission.

"It was a surprise. I didn't have a chance to do my dream sheet so it was all luck of the draw," said Bitton. "Coming back to Osan where I shipped out of and getting to work with my father is special. I feel like it's a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Bitton saw firsthand the opportunities the job provided through her father, inspiring her to follow in his footsteps.

"It makes me proud," said Carter. "I always tell her I want her to have a better career than I had, so I feel incredibly lucky to be able to help guide her or at least give her some of the tools to help figure out her path."

Though Carter has stepped away from entry control duties due to his position in plans and programs, he could not pass up the chance to work side-by-side with his daughter.

"It's very nice to go back to the roots and fundamentals of security forces, getting to smile and laugh and engage with Kylie and the public. It's truly enjoyable," said Carter.

Reflecting on the careers past and future, both Carter and Bitton are thankful for the time they will have serving together.

"I think it's not that common. I'll be going on my own and creating my own path so it's pretty special getting this chance before he retires," said Bitton.

SFS family legacy continues at Osan



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kylie Bitton, left, 51st Security Forces Squadron entry controller, and Master Sgt. Roy Carter III, 51st SFS plans and programs, perform gate duties at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 16, 2026. Bitton followed her father's example by pursuing a career in Security Forces and now serves alongside him in support of installation security operations. ▲



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Osan welcomes new MDSS commander



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Joy Spillers, outgoing commander of the 51st Medical Support Squadron, renders her final salute to members of the 51st MDSS during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 22, 2026. The final salute recognizes the outgoing commander's service and marks the conclusion of their leadership of the squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ▲

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jacob Williams, right, incoming commander of the 51st Medical Support Squadron, accepts command of the 51st MDSS from Col. Amanda Siangco, 51st Medical Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 22, 2026. A change of command ceremony formally transfers authority and responsibility from one commander to another, ensuring continuity of leadership and mission readiness within the Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams) ►



36th Fighter Squadron welcomes new commander



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Eric Foster, outgoing commander of the 36th Fighter Squadron, delivers remarks during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The ceremony marked the conclusion of Foster's time as commander of the 36th FS. ▲

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Kirk Smith, right, incoming commander of the 36th Fighter Squadron, accepts command of the 36th FS from Col. Kurt Distelzweig, left, 51st Operations Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Mun) ◀

35th Fighter Squadron welcomes new commander

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Mark Marshall, right, assumes command of the 35th Fighter Squadron from U.S. Air Force Col. Ruben Amezaga, 8th Operations Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, June 12, 2026. The 35th FS projects "Fight Tonight" combat airpower to deter adversaries, helping to secure the Korean Peninsula and provide stability across the Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Paczkowski) ►

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Joseph Basala, 35th Fighter Squadron commander, right, receives the Meritorious Service Medal from U.S. Air Force Col. Ruben Amezaga, 8th Operations Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, June 12, 2026. The 35th FS's mission is to plan and execute combat operations in defense of the Korean Peninsula, to include air interdiction, suppression of enemy air defenses, defensive counter air and close air support missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Paczkowski) ▼



Osan hosts master sergeant release party



U.S. Air Force master sergeant selects pose for a group photo during a master sergeant release celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 12, 2026. The event recognized Airmen selected for promotion to master sergeant and celebrated their achievement as they prepared to join the senior noncommissioned officer tier. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Megan Cusmano)

Air Force advances future of air superiority with CCA contracts



A YFQ-42A Collaborative Combat Aircraft takes off during flight testing at a California test location. The aircraft was developed in partnership with General Atomics as part of the Air Force's effort to accelerate delivery of affordable, semi-autonomous aircraft. (Courtesy photo) ◀

A YFQ-44A, part of the Air Force's Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) program, undergoes an undated captive carry test at a California test location. This test phase uses inert munitions to methodically validate weapons integration, structural performance and safety, ensuring the platform can safely carry external stores. The CCA program is a critical part of a larger, integrated system-of-systems designed to extend the reach and effectiveness of crewed aircraft, giving U.S. warfighters an overwhelming advantage in future conflicts. (Courtesy photo) ▼

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Department of the Air Force awarded several contracts for the Collaborative Combat Aircraft program, including Increment 1 air vehicles as well as mission autonomy software, in a push to rapidly field advanced combat capabilities.

These distinct efforts validate acquisition transformation principles to secure a critical operational advantage: decoupling hardware from software. By treating mission autonomy as “software sold separately,” the Air Force ensures that the warfighter receives state-of-the-art physical platforms alongside agile, easily updatable software, effectively breaking traditional procurement molds.

Building upon decades of responsible, semi-autonomous flight development, CCA represent the next critical evolution of airpower. CCA are designed to seamlessly integrate with crewed fighters to extend reach, awareness and survivability in contested environments. This human-machine teaming will serve as a powerful deterrent, signaling to adversaries the futility of challenging U.S. airpower.

“Collaborative Combat Aircraft change how we project power and generate mass in highly contested environments,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ken Wilsbach. “Delivering this capability to our warfighters faster ensures our forces maintain the tactical edge required to deter and, if necessary, defeat any adversary.”

The Hardware: Accelerating physical mass

The Air Force awarded engineering and manufacturing development and production contracts to General Atomics, FQ-42, and Anduril,



FQ-44, for CCA Increment 1.

Awarded four months ahead of schedule, these contracts signify that the FQ-42 and FQ-44 meet rigorous mission requirements and are ready for full-scale manufacturing. The decision follows a competitive source selection process, identifying the systems as the most capable and cost-effective solutions to maintain air superiority in an increasingly complex and contested global threat environment.

“By moving fast from competitive selection into full-scale manufacturing, we position ourselves to field highly credible and combat-ready semi-autonomous systems to stay ahead of the pacing challenge,” said Secretary of the Air Force Troy Meink. “These contracts reaffirm our confidence in the strategic path forward for the program to procure over 150 combat capable CCA by the end of the decade.”

The Software: Accelerated fielding and unmatched flexibility

Equally critical to the CCA ecosystem is the

mission autonomy software. The Air Force awarded mission autonomy production contracts to a pool of six vendors, establishing a competitive marketplace for the program.

The baseline, six-year contract vehicle provides the framework for continuous competition and rapid software development. The following vendors have been selected for this baseline contract pool:

- Anduril
- General Atomics
- Lockheed Martin
- Northrop Grumman
- RTX Collins Aerospace
- Shield AI

Additionally, the Air Force has competitively awarded production options to Anduril, RTX Collins Aerospace, and Shield AI, to accelerate the delivery of critical mission autonomy software. This targeted award, based on the vendors' ability to meet aggressive schedule and affordability requirements, will fund the first of two six-month competitive phases designed to speed the fielding

of operational software to the warfighter.

While the baseline contract establishes a continuous competitive arena, the competitive awards are designed to deliver capability faster. Following the initial six-month period, the Air Force will evaluate the vendors' progress and execute a second competitive award period. This performance-based competition will culminate in the selection of a primary mission autonomy provider for CCA Increment 1, with award planned for selection by summer 2027.

“Mission autonomy is the cornerstone of the CCA concept, and leveraging a competitive, multi-vendor environment ensures we capture the latest technology,” Meink said. “This approach guarantees our Airmen are equipped with state-of-the-art capabilities today but keeps the door open for the breakthroughs necessary to maintain air superiority.”

Furthermore, this software contract leverages a first-of-its-kind award fee exposure strategy, which enables operator feedback and combat performance to determine what the Air Force pays for mission autonomy. The Air Force will only pay the entire licensing fee if a vendor provides a combat capability aligned with warfighter needs and feedback. The licensing approach also allows the Air Force to award software licenses to any of the six vendors within the pool at any point over the next six years. This approach ensures the Air Force can procure the best-performing and most affordable solutions as technology evolves.

A Unified Evolution of Airpower

A key enabler of this strategy is the government-owned Autonomy Government Reference Architecture (A-GRA). Continuous A-GRA

compliance is required for all vendors and serves as the foundational open systems architecture that decouples software from hardware. This ensures that mission autonomy software from any vendor in the pool can be easily integrated, quickly updated, and ported across different physical aircraft platforms, giving the warfighter unparalleled operational flexibility to adapt to evolving threats.

“Open systems architecture is critical in modern warfare,” Wilsbach said. “It allows us to capitalize on the most advanced autonomy solutions to ensure we incorporate the best technology in our weapon systems.”

The Air Force intends to field approximately 1,000 combat-capable CCA, employing an acquisition strategy built on continuous competition to drive down cost over time while scaling fighter capacity.

Osan activates 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE. Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Airmen participate in the 35th and 36th Fighter Generation Squadron inactivation ceremony and the 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron reactivation and assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The ceremony marked the inactivation of the 35th and 36th FGS and the reactivation of the 51st AMXS, ensuring continuity of aircraft maintenance operations in support of the 51st Fighter Wing mission.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Lydia Hill, outgoing commander of the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron, delivers remarks during the 35th FGS inactivation ceremony and 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron reactivation and assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Kristen Torma, left, 51st Maintenance Group commander, presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Maj. Lydia Hill, outgoing commander of the 35th Fighter Generation Squadron, during the 35th FGS inactivation ceremony and 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron reactivation and assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. ►



U.S. Air Force Col. Kristen Torma, left, 51st Maintenance Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. Allana Gallant during the 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The ceremony transferred authority and responsibility of the squadron to Gallant following the unit's reactivation. ▲



8th MDG welcomes new commander

By Staff Sgt. Cedrique Oldaker
8th Fighter Wing

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Joshua Miller assumed command of the 8th Medical Group during an assumption of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026.

Col. John "Wolf" DeLion, 8th Fighter Wing commander, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by family members, 8th MDG personnel, and representatives from across the base.

Rooted in military tradition dating back to the Roman era, change of command ceremonies symbolize the formal transfer of authority and responsibility while reinforcing continuity of leadership, mission readiness, and trust within the unit.

"Survivability in the next conflict will depend directly on the skills, the critical thinking and the resilience of the men and women standing here," Miller said. "You are the safety net for our warfighters and your expertise is what will bring them home."

The 8th MDG remains devoted to optimizing Wolf Pack readiness in preparation for follow-on forces.

"My charge and my commitment to you as your commander is that we will act with deliberate intention to refine and redefine excellence every day," Miller added. "We will train for the worst-case scenarios, we will innovate, we will push our clinical limits, and we will refine processes. Excellence is not a static achievement, ladies and gentlemen, it is a daily pursuit."

8 MDG: Med Hawks...Keepin' the Pack...Fit-to-Fight



U.S. Air Force Col. John DeLion, left, 8th Fighter Wing commander, passes the 8th Medical Group guidon to Col. Joshua Miller, incoming 8th MDG commander, during an assumption of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The 8th MDG provides preventive health services and outpatient medical care to more than 2,800 base personnel. ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Moon Gonzales, 8th Medical Group pharmacy noncommissioned officer in charge, unveils Col. Joshua Miller's name on an ambulance during the 8th MDG assumption of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The 8th MDG provides preventive health services and outpatient medical care to more than 2,800 base personnel. ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Joshua Miller, incoming 8th Medical Group commander, renders his first salute to Airmen of the group during the 8th MDG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. The first salute is a traditional military custom that signifies the assumption of leadership and the transfer of authority to the incoming commander. ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Joshua Miller, 8th Medical Group incoming commander, speaks during the 8th MDG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 18, 2026. An assumption of command ceremony represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility to the new group commander. ▲



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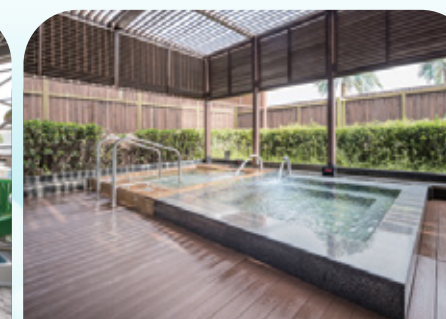
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 - Grills, smokers, and gas fryers shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from buildings when in use and 50 feet from areas subject to having flammables. (Exception, gas grills/barbeques may be used on the balconies of the Military Family Housing towers, Building 211, 1014, and 1015)
 - At no time will grills, smokers, or gas fryers be used indoors or under overhangs, canopies, or carport unless specifically approved by Fire Prevention Office.
 - Only approved type charcoal lighter fluid (combustible liquid only) shall be utilized.
 - Charcoal residue both hot/cold shall be disposed of in a safe manner.
 - Propane bottles will not be stored inside any base facility. Propane should be stored outside at least 20 feet away from any source of ignition.
 - All outdoor cooking appliances will be monitored at all times.
2. Open Flame:

 - Open burning, outdoor open flame fire places, and fire pits are allowed in designated locations approved by and coordinated with the Fire Prevention Office.
 - Only fire wood will be utilized for in the burn pit.
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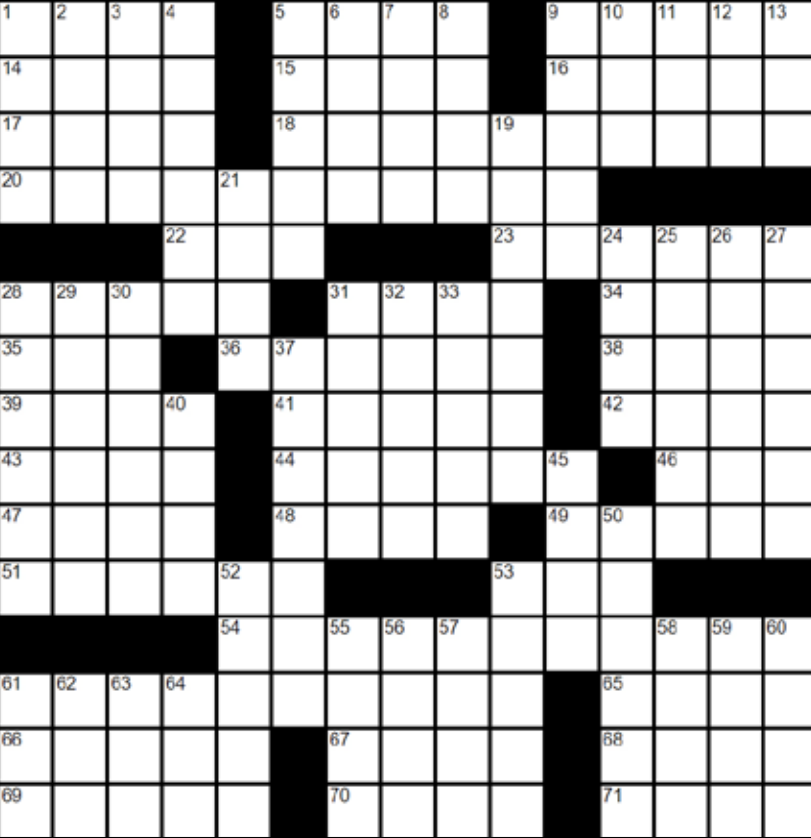
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5 "Loser" singer

9 Actor Orlando

14 Atomic physicist Niels

15 Honolulu island

16 Caterpillar or maggot

17 Goes with black or Quebécois

18 Francis of Assisi's monk order

20 Canadian superhero team

22 Heard at a wedding

23 UK comedian Eddie

28 Ancient Greek sorceress

31 Better ____ Ezra

34 Bon ____

35 Body Spray brand

36 Desert illusion

38 Small horse

39 Zero

41 Wanders

42 Location

43 Handmade e-commerce site

44 Before the headliner

46 Opposite of night

47 Level

48 Bird's bed

49 Grocery store passageway

51 Shriek

53 Haglund and McLean

54 Fluffy white treat

61 Place to scribble in book

65 Volkswagen Group member

66 Hathaway and Boleyn

67 Plays on words

68 Hammer target

69 Data

70 NCOs

71 Showdown
- DOWN

1 "Dancing Queen" band

2 Rock and ____

3 Denny's competitor

4 Riverdale redhead

5 Hit show

6 James ____ Jones

7 Tea

8 ____ fu

9 WWII attack on UK

10 ____ Vegas

11 Tolkien monster

12 Eggs

13 Not woman

19 Mandarin speakers

21 Eve's partner

24 Does up a fly

25 Dodges

26 Not owned

27 Minor vision problem

28 "Olympia" and "The Luncheon on the Grass"

29 Foreign

30 Packed tighter together

31 Cliche

32 Not the have-nots

33 Secret ____ Man

37 Robert Downey Jr role

40 Bronte novel Jane

45 Indian ruler

50 Jeju or Hawaii

52 Improper

53 Gather

55 Makes hip-hop

56 Bullet

57 Clue

58 Hawaiian party

59 Garfield's dog

60 Last ____ and testament

61 Taco Bell's "Live ____"

62 Colonial insect

63 Genetic code

64 The ____ Up Kids

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A tribute from above: Paratroopers from the U.S. Air Force, Army and allied forces jump into a drop zone at La Fiere, France, June 7, 2026. D-Day 82 commemorates the courage and sacrifice of Allied forces who fought for freedom, reminding us of the enduring strength of alliances and shared responsibility. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Shawn White) ▼

Precision in the pod: U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Mendè Lahens, 351st Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, performs refueling operations in the boom pod of a 100th Air Refueling Wing KC-135 Stratotanker during Ramstein Flag 26 over Sweden, June 10, 2026. Aerial refueling extends the range and endurance of participating aircraft, supporting NATO Allied Air Command training objectives throughout RAFL26. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Aidan Martínez Rosiere) ▲



For Pedro 66: Airmen participate in the Pedro 66 Memorial ruck at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., June 5, 2026. Participants commemorated the sacrifice of the Pedro 66 crew members who were killed during a combat rescue mission in Afghanistan on June 9, 2010, and their commitment to saving others at all costs. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Samantha Melecio) ►

Viper unleashed: Maj. Taylor Hiester, F-16 Viper Demonstration Team commander and pilot, performs high-speed precision maneuvers during SkyFest 2026 at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., June 7, 2026. The event served as a platform to celebrate Fairchild AFB's military heritage, honoring the unique civilian-military bond with the Inland Northwest community that has supported the nation's defense for generations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Stephanie Orta Carranza) ◀



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- SPONSOR TRAINING -

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- 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

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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
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The Osan Air Base Honor Guard covers ceremonies across the peninsula acknowledging the achievements of our

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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
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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

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U.S. Air Force Col. Kristen Torma, incoming commander of the 51st Maintenance Group, delivers remarks during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2026. The ceremony formally transferred authority and responsibility of the 51st MXG to Torma. ►

Osan welcomes new MXG commander

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"I am most looking forward to serving alongside the incredible Airmen, civilians and contractors of the 51st Maintenance Group," said Torma. "Having previously served at Osan, this assignment feels like coming home. Korea holds a special place in my heart, and I couldn't be more excited to return to a mission-focused team that plays such a critical role in the Pacific Theater."

The 51st MXG plays a vital role in supporting the 51st Fighter Wing's mission by maintaining and generating combat-ready aircraft and equipment. Through the dedication of its Airmen, the group ensures the wing remains prepared to defend the base, project airpower and strengthen the U.S.-ROK Alliance.

U.S. Air Force Col. Kenneth Beebe, outgoing commander of the 51st Maintenance Group, delivers remarks during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 8, 2026. The ceremony marked the conclusion of Beebe's time as commander of the 51st MXG. ►



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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
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Col. John DeLion assumes command of 8th FW



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Kurt Helphinstine, Seventh Air Force deputy commander, Col. Kathryn Gaetke, outgoing 8th Fighter Wing commander, and Col. John DeLion, incoming 8th FW commander, salute during the playing of the Republic of Korea and U.S. national anthems during the 8th FW change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, June 11, 2026. Change of command ceremonies symbolize the formal transfer of authority, responsibility and accountability from one commander to another. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman)

By Staff Sgt. Joshua DeGuzman and Sgt. Taylor Scott Ellison AFN Kaiserslautern
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Kurt Helphinstine, Seventh Air Force deputy commander, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by family members of the incoming and outgoing commanders, members of the 8th Fighter Wing and civic leaders from Gusan.

Helphinstine noted a year of historic milestones for the outgoing command team, specifically citing major joint and combined exercises, elevated quality-of-life initiatives, and the arrival of Kunsan's first command-sponsored families.

"To the Wolf Pack, thank you for your grit, your innovation and your unwavering dedication," Gaetke said. "Never forget that what you do matters. You are part of something bigger. You are part of the Wolf Pack's proud legacy, and you will shape its heritage. It has been my greatest privilege to fly, fight and lead together with you."

During the ceremony, Gaetke received a Legion of Merit medal for her accomplishments and commitment as a commander of the 8th FW. Additionally, Gaetke was presented with the presidential watch and the Order of National Security Samil Medal by ROKAF Col. Lee, Kyong-



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Kurt Helphinstine, Seventh Air Force deputy commander, gives the guidon to Col. John DeLion, incoming 8th Fighter Wing commander, during the 8th FW change of command ceremony, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 11, 2026. Rooted in military tradition dating back to the Roman era, change of command ceremonies symbolize the formal transfer of authority and responsibility while reinforcing continuity of leadership, mission readiness and trust within the unit. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲



Members of the 8th Fighter Wing, civic leaders from Kunsan and friends and family of the outgoing and incoming commanders attend the 8th FW change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 11, 2026. The Wolf Pack has approximately 2,800 Airmen, rotational forces, Army soldiers, U.S. civilians and local national and non-appropriated fund employees on the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

Republic of Korea air force Col. Lee, Kyeong-Soo, 38th Fighter Group commander, presents the ROK Presidential watch and Order of National Security Merit Samil medal to U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Gaetke, outgoing 8th Fighter Wing commander, during the 8th FW change of command ceremony, Kunsan Air Base, ROK, June 11, 2026. The Wolf Pack has approximately 2,800 Airmen, rotational forces, Army soldiers, U.S. civilians and local national and non-appropriated fund employees on the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ◀

Soo, 38th Fighter Group commander, in recognition for her contributing service to the defense and security of the ROK.

Following the presentation of awards, Helphinstine led the traditional passing of the guidon, marking the official transfer of authority. The transition of command reflects the Wolf Pack's continued focus on readiness and deterrence as the 8 FW supports combined operations alongside the ROK within the Indo-Pacific region.

Prior to becoming the 8th FW commander, DeLion was the 57th Operations Group commander at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. He is a command pilot with approximately 2,000 flight hours and has possessed a variety of positions including operational and weapons evaluation roles and leadership positions at the squadron, group, and liaison levels.

"To the men and women of the Wolf Pack, I look forward to serving with you beside our ROK allies," DeLion said. "We defend this base, be ever ready to accept follow-on forces, and, if needed, take the fight North."



Children of U.S. Air Force Kathryn Gaetke, outgoing 8th Fighter Wing commander, sing the Republic of Korea national anthem during the 8th FW change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, ROK, June 11, 2026. The transition of command reflects the Wolf Pack's continued focus on readiness and deterrence as the 8th FW supports combined operations alongside the ROK within the Indo-Pacific region. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

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The Warfighter's Spirit

Too Many "Cool Rocks" in Your Hands?



By Ch, Capt Joseph C. Kim, 694 ISRG, Osan AB, ROK

Does anyone have a child who is obsessed with rocks and sticks? My eight-year-old son, Judah, used to bring them home by the handful. He'd stash them in his treasure box or, more often, forget them in his pockets. My least favorite

part was discovering them rattling around in the dryer. "What's that noise?" Yep. Judah's rocks.

A while back, while stationed at Hill Air Force Base, we were enjoying a family walk on a local Utah trail. True to form, Judah found more rocks—cool ones, at least in his eyes. The problem was his pants didn't have any pockets, a fact I was secretly thankful for. So, he scooped up as many as he could hold, filling both of his hands. He was proud of his collection, but he had his hands full.

As we continued our walk, it became clear he couldn't pick up anything else—no interesting walking sticks, no fallen leaves, not even a cooler rock. He couldn't climb a tree or even hold my hand.

When we stopped for a snack, reality hit him: he couldn't hold the rocks and the snack at the same time. He had a choice to make, and he chose to let the rocks go. Those fascinating treasures were hindering him from fully enjoying our family outing.

The world, much like that trail, offers us so many things that seem appealing, fascinating, and even necessary at first glance. We all have "rocks" that we choose to pick up and carry. These could be the desire for the perfect follow-on assignment, chasing after the latest tech or possession, or the pressure to maintain a certain "highlight reel" or "image" for others. We fill our hands, our minds, and our time with them. But how often do we stop to ask if

they are truly valuable? Or are they, like my son's stones, simply weighing us down and preventing us from embracing the things that really matter?

We know our time and energy are finite and limited resources. We have a mission to do and people who depend on us. It's a healthy exercise to pause and take inventory of the "rocks" in our own pockets. What are we carrying that might be hindering our journey? What could we accomplish if we freed our hands? Perhaps by letting go of what seems important in the moment, we can make room for what is truly valuable in the long run: our relationships, our physical and spiritual health, and our commitment to something larger than ourselves.

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.mil@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.mil@mail.mil

ISLAMIC - Pacific Victors Chapel

Fridays: 1200-1330 Jumrah Service

Sundays: 1300-1500 Islamic / Arabic classes

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

PAGAN Traditions

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

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

BUDDHIST

Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service

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



Vintage power, modern might: A P-38 Lightning and F-22 Raptor perform a heritage flight formation during the annual Dayton Air Show at the Dayton International Airport, Ohio, June 13, 2026. Heritage flights are symbolic aerial performances showcasing the past, present, and future of aviation and airpower. (U.S. Air Force photo by Daniel Peterson) ▲

Hey, neighbor: Airmen with the 138th Fighter Wing speak during a Combat Readiness Exercise at Camp Gruber, Okla., June 5, 2026. The exercise assessed and strengthened the 138th FW's ability to operate in a hostile deployed environment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Christian Corley) ◀

Sky sentinels: Airmen assigned to the 124th Security Forces Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard, participate in counter-drone training at Saylor Creek Range, Idaho, June 5, 2026. The training enhanced Airmen's ability to detect, identify and respond to unmanned aerial system threats in support of installation security and force protection missions. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jadyn Eisenbrandt) ▼



Strength in Action: Senior Airman Crystal Creek, U.S. Air Force Warrior Games competitor, prepares for her lift during the powerlifting portion of The Warrior Games. The games celebrate the determination, strength, and resilience of wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans. The 2026 Warrior Games take place June 13-20, 2026, in San Antonio, Texas, bringing together nearly 200 wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy/Coast Guard, Air Force/Space Force, and Special Operations Command to compete across multiple adaptive sporting events. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shawn White) ◀



SrA Lowen Lara

By Staff Sgt. Cedrique Oldaker
8th Fighter Wing

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Since arriving to the Unit, U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lowen Lara has been a game-changer for the Wing's Network Control Center. Shortly after familiarizing himself with Kunsan's network, he soon identified areas in which the installation's server configuration could be improved and coordinated four teams to establish two remote access tools to resolve these issues and safeguard a \$55 million enclave to directly support Operation Epic Fury.

He further leveraged relationships built during his tour to form a team to engineer an enterprise monitoring system. His efforts restored real-time network troubleshooting alerts on 210 critical systems across the installation and resolved an 8-month command and control deficit for a \$96 million flying hour program.

Finally, he displayed commitment to esprit de corps for the Wing, devoting 75 hours to setting up three gaming tournaments for 80 players and developing a no-cost technical solution for the event's closing ceremony, reinforcing a bilateral alliance for 2 thousand U.S. and Republic of Korea forces.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Kenia Miranda, 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, poses in a server room at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 17, 2026. Lara was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of June 15-19 June 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 Senior Airman Lowen Lara, 8th Communications Squadron systems administration technician, checks system information at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 17, 2026. Lara was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of June 15-19 June 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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Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness visits Osan Air Base



U.S. Air Force Col. Ryan Ley, 51st Fighter Wing commander, left, walks with the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness Anthony J. Tata during a visit to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2026. Tata serves as the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Secretary of War for force readiness, force management, health affairs, National Guard and Reserve component affairs, education and training, and military and civilian personnel requirements and management, including quality of life matters. ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Jeff Elliot, 51st Mission Support Group commander, briefs the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness Anthony J. Tata about command sponsorship numbers during a visit to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2026. The purpose of the visit was to meet with U.S. Forces Korea leadership on personnel initiatives including tour normalization, command sponsorship growth, force posture and quality of life. ◀



By Tech. Sgt. Mikaley Kline
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness Anthony J. Tata visited Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2026. Tata met with United States Forces Korea leadership to discuss personnel initiatives regarding tour normalization, command sponsorship growth, force posture, and quality of life issues. He also talked with parents and teachers at Osan Elementary School, whose mission is to educate, engage, and empower military-connected students to succeed in a dynamic world.

The Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness Anthony J. Tata talks to 51st Operations Group and 51st Maintenance Group members during a visit to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, May 14, 2026. The purpose of the visit was to meet with U.S. Forces Korea leadership on personnel initiatives including tour normalization, command sponsorship growth, force posture and quality of life. ►



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Gyeongju World in Gyeongju

Gyeongju World sits inside the Bomun Tourist Complex in Gyeongju and is known for its high-thrill rides. Home to the largest collection of roller coasters in Korea, it has become a favorite among serious coaster fans. It is also close to Gyeongju EXPO Grand Park, Seokguram Grotto and Bulguksa Temple, and the Gyeongju Historic Area, making it easy to combine modern theme park fun with Gyeongju's rich heritage.

► Must-Ride Attractions

Draken (Korea's tallest and fastest dive coaster), Phaethon (Korea's first inverted coaster, where your feet hang free), Sköll & Hati (Asia's first single-rail coaster, known for its speed), Time Rider (the world's tallest coaster wheel, offering a truly one-of-a-kind ride), and more.

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- Website: eworld.kr



E-World in Daegu

E-World is an easy-to-reach theme park in the heart of Daegu. It is packed with thrill-focused experiences, from rides with intense spins and drops to the 83 Tower. On Saturday, May 23, a fireworks show and live performances are scheduled, making it a great stop for a night out in Daegu along with nearby spots like Seomun Night Market and Dongsan Cheongna Hill.

► Must-Ride Attractions

Mega Swing 360 (a frisbee ride that spins a full 360 degrees for an open-air rush), Boomerang (a backward-launch coaster that delivers a strong sense of acceleration), Camelback (a roller coaster with a series of climbs and drops), and more

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LEGOLAND Korea in Chuncheon

LEGOLAND Korea sits by Uiamho Lake in Chuncheon and is packed with LEGO-themed attractions and experiences. The park is designed mainly for children, but LEGO-loving adults will also find plenty to enjoy, especially Miniland, where famous Korean landmarks are recreated with the bricks. On Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24, the park is scheduled to open at night and hold fireworks shows.

► Must-Ride Attractions

The Dragon (a family-friendly coaster that starts with a burst of speed), Driving School (a hands-on attraction where kids can get behind the wheel), LEGO Factory Adventure Ride (a dark ride that takes you inside the LEGO brick-making process), and more.

► Tips for Making the Most of LEGOLAND Korea

- Minifigure trading is one of LEGOLAND's signature traditions. If you spot a minifigure you like on a staff member's name badge, you can ask to trade it with one of your own. (Only genuine LEGO minifigures are accepted, and you can buy them at the gift shops.)
- To celebrate 15 years of LEGO NINJAGO, daily performances are held at the NINJA Stage in the circular plaza.

- Address: 128 Hajungdo-gil, Chuncheon-si, Gangwon-do
- Operating hours: Monday-Friday 10:00-17:00 / Saturday-Sunday 10:00-18:00
- Admission: (One-Day Pass) Adults 66,000 won / Children 56,000 won
- Website: www.legoland.kr



Gwangju Family Land

Gwangju Family Land is a theme park inside Uchi Park, with classic rides like a Ferris wheel, Viking ship, carousel, and bumper cars. The park also has a zoo, botanical garden, walking trails, and a caravan campsite, making it a favorite local spot for a day out with both rides and nature.

► Must-Ride Attractions

Chaos (a thrill ride with 360-degree spins and sharp turns), Big Eye (a 75 m Ferris wheel with views of Gwangju), and more

- Address: 677 Uchi-ro, Buk-gu, Gwangju
- Operating hours: 10:00-18:00
- Admission: (One-Day Pass) Adults 32,000 won / Teenagers 28,000 won / Children & Senior citizens 22,000 won / Birthday special 16,000 won during the week before and after your birthday
- Website: gjfamilyland.com

Jeju Shinhwa World

Jeju Shinhwa World is a character-themed park featuring Larva, the popular Korean animated series, along with many other characters. Set within the Jeju Shinhwa World resort complex, it is easy to enjoy alongside a hotel stay, shopping, and dining. Nearby attractions such as Sanbangsan Carbonate Hot Springs and Sagyehaebyeon Beach are also within easy reach. It is a great choice for travelers looking for a relaxed day out rather than big thrill rides.

► Must-Ride Attractions

Dancing Oscar (a spinning coaster with views of Jeju's scenery), Larva Space Adventure (a 3D shooting ride where you put on glasses and join the action), Rotary Park 4D Theater (Korea's first dome-screen 4D theater attraction), and more.

- Address: 98 Sinhwayeoksa-ro 304beon-gil, Andeok-myeon, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
- Operating hours: 10:00-20:00
- Admission: (One-Day Pass) Low Season (Jan., Feb., Nov., Dec.) 29,000 won / Regular Season (Mar.-Oct.) 39,000 won
- Website: www.shinhwaworld.com



Sapgyoho Amusement Park in Dangjin

Sapgyoho Amusement Park sits by the West Sea, making it a great spot for sunset and nighttime views. The area also has plenty to see nearby, including Sapgyo Hamsang Park and a seafood market. About 1 hour and 30 minutes from Seoul by bus, it works well as a day trip. It has also been featured as a filming location for K-dramas such as "Lovely Runner (2024)," "Duty After School (2023)," and "Nevertheless (2021)."

► Must-Ride Attractions

Ferris Wheel (a scenic ride overlooking Sapgyoho Lake and the West Sea), Sky Rail Car (an elevated ride that takes you around the park), and more.

- Address: 15 Sapgyocheon 3-gil, Sinpyeong-myeon, Dangjin-si, Chungcheongnam-do
- Operating hours: Monday-Friday 10:30-21:30 / Saturday-Sunday 10:00-22:00
- Admission: Ferris Wheel: Adults 7,000 won / Children 5,000
- * Rides: Adults 6,000 won / Children 5,000 won (one-day pass unavailable)
- Website: www.sghland.com



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Staff Sgt. Tin Phan

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tin Phan, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron base operational medicine clinic noncommissioned officer in charge, was recognized as Mustang of the Week at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 5, 2026.

"He's one of those Airmen who understands why we wear the uniform. He gives 100% everyday and is always looking for ways to support the mission and the people around him."
— Maj. Drew Lancaster, 51st OMRS flight commander

As BOMC NCOIC, Phan is trusted to oversee programs that directly support the medical readiness of Airmen assigned to Osan. His team's responsibilities include medical record reviews, deployment waivers, occupational health exams, and overseeing annual health assessments, ensuring military members remain ready to support the 51st Fighter Wing's "Fight Tonight" mission.

"When I got here, we had a significant backlog of medical record reviews," Phan stated. "I looked at what was working in other places and worked with the team to find a solution."

By reorganizing workloads and leveraging support from across the clinic, Phan helped reduce the backlog by more than half, allowing the team to identify potential medical concerns and ensure Airmen receive the care they need while maintaining readiness.

"A lot of what we do is making sure people are ready when the mission calls," said Phan. "Whether it's an overseas clearance, a deployment waiver or an occupational health exam, we're helping Airmen get where they need to be while making sure they're taken care of."

Apart from his dedication to his work, Phan is known to have a willingness to step up and lead with a positive attitude.

"One of the things that makes Sgt. Phan stand out is his energy," said Maj. Drew Lancaster, 51st OMRS flight commander. "Whenever the team needs someone to take on a challenge, he's usually the first to raise his hand. He brings that same energy and commitment every day."

While much of Phan's work takes place behind the scenes, his leadership skills were on full display during a recent Major Accident Response Exercise, where Phan served as the field response team chief. The exercise simulated a large-scale emergency, requiring responders to quickly assess casualties, establish control of the scene and coordinate medical care under pressure.

As one of the first medical personnel to arrive, Phan immediately began directing patients and



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tin Phan, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron base operational medicine clinic noncommissioned officer in charge, poses for a photo in an ambulance at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 10, 2026. Phan was recognized as Mustang of the Week for his commitment to service, supporting Airmen and strengthening mission readiness. ▲



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Tin Phan, 51st Operational Medical Readiness Squadron base operational medicine clinic noncommissioned officer in charge, poses for a photo in front of the flight medicine clinic, at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 10, 2026. Phan is trusted to oversee programs that directly support the medical readiness of Airmen assigned to Osan. His responsibilities include medical record reviews, deployment waivers, occupational health exams, and overseeing annual health assessments, ensuring military members remain ready to support the 51st Fighter Wing's "Fight Tonight" mission. ▲

organizing his team.

"Despite the noise, confusion and pace of the scenario, it was obvious who was in charge," Lancaster stated. "You could hear his voice directing the team and organizing patient movements. Even before the exercise was complete, I knew he was going to make a difference."

The confidence he displayed during the exercise reflects the same leadership style he brings to the clinic every day, where he works alongside his team to solve problems and support Airmen.

"I try to help people where I can," Phan expressed. "If someone is struggling, we all pitch in. If someone needs help, we find a way to support

them. That's what being part of a team is about."

Beyond his leadership, Phan's impact is rooted in a commitment to serving others. Whether helping Airmen navigate medical requirements, preparing personnel for deployments or supporting his teammates, he approaches each challenge with a focus on people first.

"He's one of those Airmen who understands why we wear the uniform," said Lancaster. "He gives 100% everyday and is always looking for ways to support the mission and the people around him."

It is that commitment to service, supporting Airmen and strengthening mission readiness that earned Phan recognition as Mustang of the Week.



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