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Team Osan Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary During Liberty Fest

By Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Airmen, families, and community members participate in the Liberty Fest Freedom 250 celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 3, 2026. Liberty Fest commemorated the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by bringing the Team Osan community together to celebrate the nation's history, enduring values, and future at a moment's notice.

Performers demonstrate Taekwondo during the Liberty Fest Freedom 250 celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 3, 2026. The demonstration celebrated both American independence and the close partnership shared between the United States and the Republic of Korea. ▲

A U.S. Airman assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing rings the historic Osan Liberty Bell during the Liberty Fest Freedom 250 celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 3, 2026. The Liberty Bell ringing commemorated 250 years of American independence and honored the enduring values of freedom, service and national pride. ▼



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Airmen support Freedom 250 Salute to America celebration

Airmen supported the Freedom 250 Salute to America celebration on the National Mall and Capitol Grounds July 4th as part of the nation's semi-quincentennial commemoration.

Throughout the celebration, the Department of the Air Force showcased its unmatched global reach with a series of flyovers and aerial demonstrations featuring heavy aircraft, Air Force Special Operations Command assets, fighter formations, the Tri-Bomber formation, Air Force One, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and an F-22 Raptor demonstration.

This photo gallery captures Airman and Guardians supporting one of the nation's largest Independence Day celebrations while highlighting the airpower and people behind the mission.



A B-2 Spirit flies over the National Mall during the HUGE 1 flyover in Washington, D.C., July 4, 2026. The aerial portion of Salute to America 250 was a dynamic showcase of American airpower, featuring military aircraft demonstrations, formation flyovers and fleet reviews from every military branch. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mary Bowers) ►



A VC-25B Bridge assigned to the 89th Airlift Wing takes off in preparation for a Freedom 250 flyover from Joint Base Andrews, Md., July 4, 2026. The 2026 celebrations observed the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Julia Lebens) ◀

The United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" perform a practice demonstration and site survey over the National Mall in support of Salute to America 250 at Washington, D.C., July 2, 2026. The Thunderbirds honor America's history while continuing to make history. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Yendi Borjas) ▼



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Air Force physician promotes trusted, patient-centered care at Osan Air Base



U.S. Air Force Maj. Shawn Kim gives a speech during a ceremony celebrating his promotion to the rank of major at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, April 2026. (Courtesy photo by U.S. Air Force Maj. Shawn Kim) ▲

By Maristela Romero
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. -- One Airman's recovery from obesity, diabetes and fatty liver disease became more than a clinical success at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. It exemplified how trust, teamwork and patient ownership can restore readiness - an approach that earned U.S. Air Force Maj. Shawn Kim recognition as an Air Force Medical Service Trusted Care Hero.

As the sole internal medicine physician assigned to the 51st Medical Group at Osan Air Base, Korea, Kim manages complex chronic diseases affecting Airmen's health and readiness.

The patient's first appointment with Kim lasted nearly 90 minutes - longer than a typical clinic visit. Before discussing medications, Kim focused on understanding the patient's health, lifestyle, career, motivations and barriers to lasting change.

"A treatment plan cannot succeed if the patient is a passive participant in their own health," Kim said. "The patient has to understand where their health stands, what medications they are taking, why those medications matter, and how diet, exercise, sleep and consistency affect the bigger picture."

Seeing the need for a multidisciplinary approach, Kim partnered with specialists in nutritional medicine, pharmacy and disease management to develop a comprehensive plan tailored to the patient's needs.

"Good medical care requires recognizing that different disciplines see the patient from different angles," Kim said. "When those perspectives come together, the treatment plan becomes much stronger."

Rather than focusing on a single diagnosis, Kim said the team approached the patient's health as a long-term journey.

"We talked about the fact that this would be a marathon, not a quick fix into perfection," he said.

The patient's insulin therapy was eventually discontinued following significant weight loss and reversal of fatty liver disease.

U.S. Air Force Col. Amanda L. Siangco, 51st Healthcare Operations Squadron commander, credited Kim's patient-centered approach with restoring the Airman's health, reducing future medical risk and

U.S. Air Force Maj. Shawn Kim participates in the Freedom Shield exercise as a physician to train for mass casualty scenarios at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, March 2025. (Courtesy photo by U.S. Air Force Maj. Shawn Kim) ►

strengthening Air Force readiness for the individual and the unit.

"My advice is simple: Do not become complacent. We still have a responsibility to the patient in front of us. We may not be able to fix the entire system, but we can still choose to practice with integrity, better ourselves with continued learning and refuse to let frustration turn into indifference."
— U.S. Air Force Maj. Shawn Kim

"For an active duty member, improving obesity, diabetes and fatty liver disease is not just about better lab numbers," he said. "It can improve energy, confidence, physical performance, long-term health and readiness. When we do this well, we are not only treating disease; we are helping restore the patient's ability to function and perform."

The case also reaffirmed Kim's perspective on practicing medicine in a demanding military healthcare system.

"There is a lot of burnout in medicine, especially in military medicine," he said. "Military providers are often balancing clinical care, administrative requirements,



readiness demands, staffing limitations, and frequent system changes."

Kim said providers can make the greatest impact by remaining focused on the patient in front of them.

"This case was a reminder that sometimes the best way to improve access and outcomes is to slow down enough to get the care right the first time," he said. "High-quality care may take more time up front, but it can prevent complications, reduce unnecessary visits and improve long-term readiness."

Kim hopes his experience encourages fellow military healthcare professionals to pursue excellence regardless of the challenges.

"My advice is simple: Do not become complacent," he said. "We still have a responsibility to the patient in front of us. We may not be able to fix the entire system, but we can still choose to practice with integrity, better ourselves with continued learning and refuse to let frustration turn into indifference."

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51st SFS welcomes new commander



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Daniel Evans, outgoing 51st Security Forces Squadron commander, relinquishes command of the 51st SFS to Col. Jeff Elliott, left, 51st Mission Support Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 26, 2026. The 51st SFS is the largest Security Forces unit in the Pacific Air Forces, defending and guarding more than \$18 billion dollars in Protection level 1 through 4 resources and over 13,000 personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Megan Cusmano) ▲

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Shane Watts, right, incoming 51st Security Forces Squadron commander, accepts command of the 51st SFS from Col. Jeff Elliott, 51st Mission Support Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 26, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Megan Cusmano) ◀

51st Logistics Readiness Squadron welcomes new commander



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Justin Jacobs, outgoing 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, renders his final salute to members of the 51st LRS during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 26, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Mun) ▲

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Bryan Ingram, right, incoming 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, accepts command of the 51st LRS from Col. Jeff Elliott, 51st Mission Support Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 26, 2026. The 51st LRS provides sustained and agile logistical support to enable total force readiness such as fuels management, material management, distribution, deployment support and vehicle management. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jessica Mun) ►



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U.S. Airmen and Sailors Conduct B-2 LRASM Live-Fire Sinking Exercise



Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM, Hawaii -- The Pacific Air Forces successfully conducted a live-fire Sinking Exercise using the B-2 Spirit north of the Mariana Islands. The B-2 deployed the Long Range Anti-Ship Missile, targeting the decommissioned amphibious transport dock USS Juneau, demonstrating enhanced ability to achieve strategic objectives within range of potential threats.

The LRASM is an anti-ship missile designed to detect and destroy enemy ships at long ranges. Developed by the United States, it's a key component in the US military's

A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber, assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing and an F-15E Strike Eagle, assigned to the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron participate in a live-fire sinking exercise (SINKEX) as part of Valiant Shield 2026 over the Philippine Sea, June 27, 2026. Exercises like Valiant Shield allow Pacific Command Joint Forces the opportunity to integrate forces from all branches of service and with our allies to conduct precise, lethal, and overwhelming multi-axis, multi-domain effects that demonstrate the strength and versatility of the joint force and our commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Blake Wiles) ►



A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber, assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing, deploys an AGM-158C Long Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM) to support a live-fire sinking exercise as part of Valiant Shield 2026 over the Philippine Sea, June 27, 2026. For Exercise Valiant Shield 2026, the B-2 flew into the Mariana Island Range Complex to successfully employ the AGM-158C LRASM and demonstrated flexibility across the globe and hold maritime vessels at risk. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. Thomas Barley) ▲



Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force submarine fires a torpedo at the decommissioned USS Juneau in support of a live-fire sinking exercise as part of Valiant Shield 2026 while underway in the Philippine Sea, June 27, 2026. The exercise targeted the former amphibious transport dock (LPD) ship USS Juneau - which saw action in the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm before decommissioning in 2008 - more than 200 nautical miles off the coast of Guam, and brought together air, surface, and subsurface assets in coordinated strikes, allowing crews to sharpen critical skills in weapons employment and target engagement under realistic conditions that no simulator can fully replicate. Valiant Shield is a biennial, multilateral field training exercise conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces and partner nations in the Western Pacific focusing on joint, cross-combatant integration operating seamlessly across sea, air, land, and cyberspace. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Anthony Vilardi) ▲

U.S. Airmen from the 393rd Bomb Generation Squadron prepare to load an AGM-158C Long-Range Anti-Ship Cruise missile (LRASM) onto the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber at Whiteman Air Force Base, June 22, 2026. As part of Exercise Valiant Shield 2026, the B-2 conducted a live-fire strike of a maritime vessel in the Pacific utilizing the AGM-158C LRASM, demonstrating the ability to conduct operations against enemy naval forces and maintain the decisive edge over regional adversaries. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Bryce Moore) ►



counter-maritime strike operations, providing a decisive edge against adversaries.

"The B-2's impressive performance underscores the US military's commitment to adaptability and flexibility in the face of emerging security challenges," said General Kevin B. Schneider, Commander, Pacific Air Forces. "By prioritizing counter-maritime strike operations, we can maintain a decisive edge over adversaries, protect our national interests and ensure the free and open Pacific that underpin our global security."

With the deployment of the LRASM from the B-2 Spirit, the Pacific Air Forces takes a major step forward in countering maritime threats. This milestone showcased impressive high-end innovation reinforcing the US military's commitment to safeguarding national interests and maintaining global security.

For questions regarding Valiant Shield 26, please contact Valiant Shield Combined Joint Information Bureau at VS2026CJIB@gmail.com or contact US Pacific Fleet.



A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit aircraft takes off at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of VALIANT SHIELD, June 27, 2026. Exercises like VALIANT SHIELD allow Pacific Command Joint Forces the opportunity to integrate forces from all branches of service and with our allies to conduct precise, lethal, and overwhelming multi-axis, multi-domain effects that demonstrate the strength and versatility of the joint force and our commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua Hastings) ◀

8th MSG holds change of command ceremony



By Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman and Airman 1st Class Janro Lazaro
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Col. Lauren Guibert assumed command of the 8th Mission Support Group from Col. Timothy Frank during a change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, June 24, 2026.

Col. John 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.

The 8th MSG consists of the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, 8th Communications Squadron, 8th Force Support Squadron, 8th Security Forces Squadron 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 8th Materiel Management Squadron.

During the ceremony, Frank received the Legion of Merit for his achievements and commitment while leading the group. Additionally, ROKAF Col. Lee Kyeong-Soo, 38th FG commander, presented Frank with a Letter of Appreciation in recognition of his contributions to the combined partnership on base.

"All I've tried to do as Falcon is provide a clear vector, advocate for Airmen and aggressively clear the path so

U.S. Air Force Col. John DeLion, left, 8th Fighter Wing commander, presents the group guidon to Col. Lauren Guibert, incoming 8th Mission Support Group commander, during the 8th MSG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 24, 2026. The passing of the guidon signifies the formal assumption of command, placing the authority and responsibility of the group with Guibert. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲



From left, U.S. Air Force Col. John DeLion, 8th Fighter Wing commander, Col. Timothy Frank, outgoing 8th Mission Support Group commander, and Col. Lauren Guibert, incoming 8th MSG commander, salute during the playing of the Republic of Korea and U.S. national anthems as part of the 8th MSG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 24, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

you can get after the mission," Frank said. "Over the last year, I've given everything I have to the 8th MSG. Looking back, I'm incredibly proud of what we've done, more than the projects and exercises, I'm proud of the flock. I often think about what a privilege it's been to be referred to as Falcon."

The change of command is a traditional military ceremony that symbolizes the formal transfer of authority and responsibility from one commander to another, ensuring the continuity of leadership and mission readiness.

"There is no higher honor than command; I am humbled to have the privilege to do it again," Guibert said. "It is immediately obvious to me that I am inheriting an incredible team. I look forward to serving you and I am excited about all the amazing things we can accomplish together in the next year."



Republic of Korea Air Force Col. Lee, Kyeong-Soo, left, 38th Fighter Group commander, presents a Letter of Appreciation to U.S. Air Force Col. Timothy Frank, outgoing 8th Mission Support Group commander, during the 8th MSG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 24, 2026. The presentation recognized Frank's contributions to combined operations and partnership between the U.S. and ROK air forces during his tenure. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Lauren Guibert, incoming 8th Mission Support Group commander, delivers remarks during the 8th MSG change of command ceremony at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 24, 2026. Prior to arriving at Kunsan, Guibert served as the Logistics Building Partner Capacity Program Lead at Kelley Barracks, Germany. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ▲

Osan celebrates ALS class 24-B



Airman Leadership School graduates, instructors and mentors pose for a group photo following a graduation ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 25, 2026. ALS prepares Airmen to become effective frontline supervisors by developing leadership, communication and mission focused decision making skills. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Megan Cusmano)

694th ISRG welcomes new commander



U.S. Air Force Col. Billy Huffman, incoming commander of the 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, delivers remarks during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 26, 2026. Under new leadership, the 694th ISRG continues delivering intelligence capabilities essential to mission success and supports the Wing's "Fight Tonight" mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster) ▲



U.S. Air Force Col. Billy Huffman, right, incoming commander of the 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, accepts the guidon from Col. Kathryn Fitzgerald, commander of the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 26, 2026. Under new leadership, the 694th ISRG continues providing intelligence capabilities that enable U.S. and allied operations across the Korean Peninsula. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster) ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Fitzgerald, left, 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing commander, presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Col. Douglas Mabry, outgoing commander of the 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 26, 2026. The decoration recognized Mabry's leadership of the 694th ISRG's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission supporting U.S. Forces Korea, Seventh Air Force and national mission partners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster) ▲

51st HCOS Assumption of Command Ceremony



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Aquila Haney, right, incoming commander of the 51st Healthcare Operations Squadron, accepts the guidon from Col. Amanda Siangco, 51st Medical Group commander, during an assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 29, 2026. The 51st HCOS delivers patient-centered healthcare and operational medical support to ensure a medically ready force and healthy community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster) ▲

U.S. Air Force Col. Lt. Col. Aquila Haney, incoming commander of the 51st Healthcare Operations Squadron, receives the first salute during an assumption of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 29, 2026. The first salute marked the beginning of the commander's leadership of a squadron dedicated to delivering trusted healthcare and maintaining medical readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rome Bowermaster) ▼



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 - 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.
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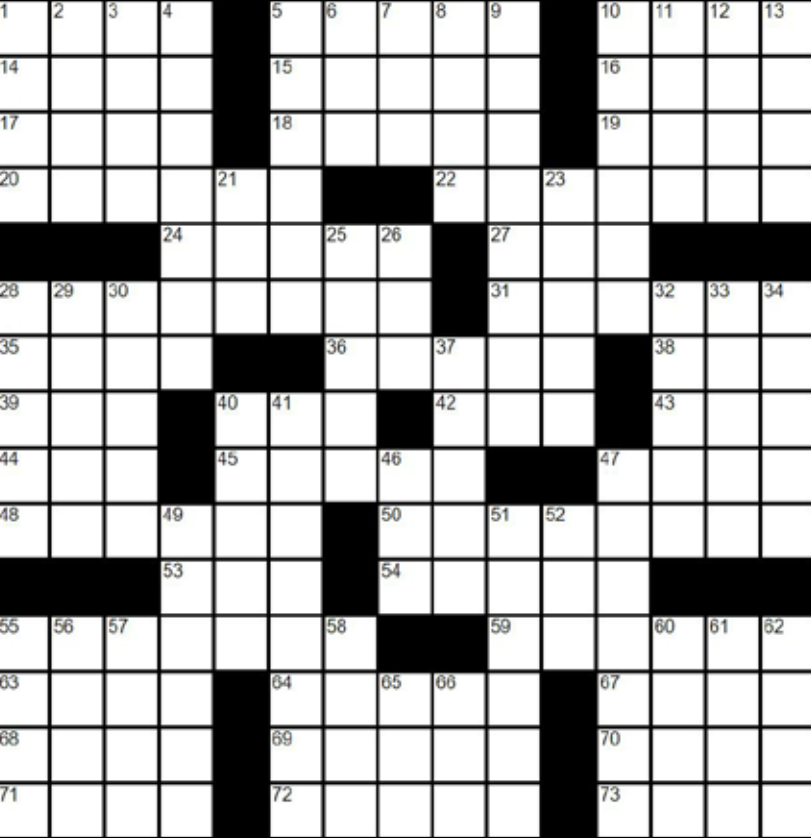
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Sights and sounds of freedom: U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and U.S. Navy Blue Angels aircraft fly in a rare Super Delta formation over Washington, D.C., June 14, 2026, during Freedom 250 activities commemorating the nation's approaching 250th anniversary. Flyovers are a time-honored way for the Air Force and Navy to connect with the American public—honoring the past, celebrating the present and inspiring future generations. (U.S. Air Force photo courtesy of UFC) ◀

Aloha, commander: U.S. Air Force members of the 15th Wing render a first salute to Col. Kyle Clinton, incoming 15th Wing commander, during the wing change of command ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, June 18, 2026. The salute represented the 15th Wing's recognition of Clinton's assumption of command. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Shelby Rapert) ▲



Winging it: The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform an aerial demonstration over Rickenbacker International Airport, June 21 2026, as part of the Columbus Air Show. This year's event featured more than 20 military and civilian planes and static displays, including a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 121st Air Refueling Wing, which served as the base of operations for military aircraft participating in the show. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mikayla Gibbs) ▶

Ugrading the office view: U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Justin M. Pendleton, F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team chief, conducts a cockpit tour for Airman Phyele Richardson, a public affairs specialist assigned to the 121st Air Refueling Wing, during the Columbus Air Show at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, Ohio, June 19, 2026. Richardson sat inside the cockpit of the fifth-generation stealth fighter while Pendleton highlighted the aircraft's advanced capabilities and instrumentation. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Samir Harris) ◀



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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.

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Osan Air Base Honor Guard
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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

Call for Volunteers - 2026 Q3 PIEF Talk Café
Jul - Sep | Tue/Thu: 1000-1200/1900-2100 | Songtan International Community Center
Looking to connect with local residents and experience cultural exchange? Join PIEF Talk Café, an English conversation program that brings together local residents and the USFK community. Share conversations, build friendships, and experience meaningful cultural exchange.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/dk-dr68JA6wVCToja7>
Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1DxAhPwUDK/>

Join the Osan Men's Varsity Basketball Team Management Team
July 2026 | Tue/Thurs | Osan Fitness Center

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The men's team practices every Tues and Thurs @ 1800 at the base fitness center!
POC: Manager Yashauna "Yoshi" Young, 784-0968

Members from the Osan community watch as the liberty bell is rung during the Liberty Fest Freedom 250 celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 3, 2026. The celebration honored the nation's founding ideals while recognizing the service of those who continue defending them today. ▶



Members of Team Osan gather during the Liberty Fest Freedom 250 celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 3, 2026. Team Osan gathered to celebrate America's Independence Day through entertainment, cultural performances and community engagement. ▲

Members of the Republic of Korea Air Force Band perform during the Liberty Fest Freedom 250 celebration at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 3, 2026. Members of the Republic of Korea Air Force joined Team Osan in commemorating America's 250th anniversary. ▶



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Mongolian-Born Soldier Returns in U.S. Army Uniform



U.S. Army Sgt. Munk Munkhzaya, center, poses for a photo with his parents and fellow Soldiers following his reenlistment ceremony inside a traditional Mongolian ger at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia, July 2, 2026. Reenlisting in his homeland while supporting Exercise Khaan Quest 2026 marked a meaningful milestone in his nearly four years of Army service. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alexcia Rupert)

By Sgt. Alexcia Rupert

FIVE HILLS TRAINING AREA, Mongolia -- Fourteen years after leaving Mongolia to pursue higher education in the United States, U.S. Army Sgt. Munk Munkhzaya, a finance technician assigned to the 125th Finance Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, returned home wearing the uniform of the country he now serves. During Exercise Khaan Quest 2026, he will also reenlist in the U.S. Army in his native country, making the ceremony a full-circle moment in his military career.

Assigned to support Khaan Quest 2026 as a translator and cultural liaison, Sgt. Munkhzaya helps strengthen relationships between U.S. and Mongolian forces by bridging language and cultural differences throughout the multinational exercise.

Growing up in Ulaanbaatar, Sgt. Munkhzaya dreamed of building a future through education. After graduating from high school, he moved alone to the United States to attend California State University, Sacramento. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in business before entering the workforce. Although he had civilian career opportunities, he wanted something different.



U.S. Army Sgt. Munk Munkhzaya, a finance technician assigned to the 125th Finance Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, recites the Oath of Enlistment during his reenlistment ceremony inside a traditional Mongolian ger at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia, July 2, 2026. Reenlisting in his native country marked a full-circle moment in Munkhzaya's Army career while supporting Exercise Khaan Quest 2026. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alexcia Rupert) ▲

U.S. Army Sgt. Munk Munkhzaya, a finance technician assigned to the 125th Finance Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, speaks during his reenlistment ceremony inside a traditional Mongolian ger at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia, July 2, 2026. The ceremony highlighted Munkhzaya's unique journey from growing up in Mongolia to serving in the U.S. Army while supporting Exercise Khaan Quest 2026. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alexcia Rupert) ►

"I joined the Army because I wanted the military lifestyle," Sgt. Munkhzaya said. "I wanted more discipline. I thought it would help me grow as a person." Nearly four years later, that decision brought him back to Mongolia, not as a student or tourist, but as a U.S. Soldier participating in one of the Indo-Pacific region's largest multinational military exercises.

Khaan Quest, co-hosted by the Mongolian Armed Forces and U.S. Army Pacific, brings together military personnel from across the globe to improve peacekeeping capabilities, strengthen interoperability and build lasting partnerships through realistic training and cultural exchange.

"Khaan Quest gives service members from multiple nations the opportunity to meet each other, share cultures and build relationships," Sgt. Munkhzaya said. "It also strengthens Mongolia's partnership with the United States while supporting United Nations peacekeeping training."

Although Sgt. Munkhzaya serves as a finance specialist, leaders selected him to support the exercise as a translator because of his fluency in both English and Mongolian. Throughout the exercise, he has translated for logistics teams, coordinated with contractors and helped U.S. and Mongolian Soldiers communicate more effectively. As one of the few Soldiers returning for a second Khaan Quest, he has become a trusted resource.

His role extends beyond translating words. He explains military customs, traditions and procedures to both sides, helping soldiers understand each other's perspectives and build stronger working relationships.

"I explain why the U.S. Army does things a certain way, and I also explain the Mongolian perspective," Sgt. Munkhzaya said. "It helps connect both forces."

Returning home in a U.S. Army uniform initially made him nervous.

"I didn't know how people would react," he said. "But everyone welcomed me and supported me. They thanked me for sharing the Mongolian side with the U.S. Army, and that made me feel comfortable coming back this year."

Outside the training lanes, Sgt. Munkhzaya enjoys introducing fellow Soldiers to Mongolia's culture. During one of the exercise's cultural events, he accompanied Soldiers on a horseback riding excursion, giving many of them their first opportunity to experience one of Mongolia's most recognizable traditions.

For Sgt. Munkhzaya, moments like those highlight what makes Khaan Quest unique. While soldiers improve their tactical skills, they also build friendships, exchange ideas and develop mutual respect that lasts long after the exercise ends.

As he prepares for his next assignment, Sgt. Munkhzaya remains grateful for the opportunity to return to the country where his journey began while wearing the uniform of the Army that helped shape him.



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The Warfighter's Spirit

Stronger Together



By Chaplain, Capt. Daniel Kim

There is a certain kind of quiet that settles over a base far from home, arriving after the duty day ends, when phone lines grow still and the people we love are beginning their morning. For those on an unaccompanied tour, that quiet can feel especially heavy, because it lives in the missed

birthdays, the video calls that freeze mid-sentence, and the holidays with an empty chair. Yet it visits accompanied families too, for even with a spouse across the table and children down the hall, many still ache for aging parents, old friends, and the rhythms of home. Wherever you fall on that spectrum, an overseas tour asks something of the heart that no checklist can prepare you for. It asks for resilience. Not the kind printed on a poster, but the kind we practice quietly, a little each day. We often describe resilience as bouncing back, as though the goal were simply to return to who we were before hardship arrived. But after years of walking with Airmen, Soldiers, and their families through their proudest and most painful moments, I have come to see it differently. Hard seasons change us whether we welcome it or not, so the question is not if this tour or a long separation will leave a mark, because it will. But the

real question is what kind of mark will it leave? The hope is that this season leaves you more patient, more grounded, and more tender toward the people beside you. The old pines on these hillsides offer a lesson, for they endure the monsoon rains and typhoon winds not because they are unbreakable, but because their roots run deep and they never stand alone. We are much the same. Our strength grows from being rooted in something: our values, the daily habits that steady us, and whatever faith, tradition, or philosophy gives our lives meaning. For some, that anchor is prayer or scripture, while for others it is meditation, family, a personal code, or loyalty to the person standing beside them. We do not all draw from the same well, nor do we need to, but each of us should know where our well is and return to it often. Just as important, no pine weathers a storm alone. It

stands within a forest, where the trees around it break the wind. Trees, it turns out, are stronger together and so are we. None of us were meant to carry this life alone, whether we arrived with a household of loved ones or a single duffel bag. Some of the strongest people I have known were not the ones who never needed help, but the ones brave enough to ask for it or to admit that things have been hard. So as this season unfolds, let me offer a simple encouragement: tend your roots, and lean on your forest. Make time for whatever restores you, look out for the neighbor standing in the wind, and let others look out for you. Wherever you turn, whether to a friend, a mentor, a counselor, reaching for help is strength, never weakness. No storm lasts forever, and skies clear even on the far side of the mountain. Until they do, we will hold the line and hold on to one another, because we are always stronger together.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN AIR BASE	OSAN AIR BASE	HUMPHREYS
Weekly Worship Services @ Bldg #501	Osan AB Chapel (Building 780)	
<u>Catholic Holy Mass</u> Sunday at 0900 (Chapel)	<u>Protestant Service</u> Sunday Worship Service Sunday @ 0930	<u>PROTESTANT</u> - 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
Weekday Masses - Tuesday-Thursday at 1138 (Blessed Sacrament Room inside Chapel)	Children's church Sunday @ 0945	1200 Christ The King Eucharist Service - Pacific Victors Chapel 1800 KATUSA Service - Pacific Victors Chapel
<u>Protestant Worship</u> Sunday at 1100 (Chapel)	Halftime Bible Study Monday - Friday @ 1100 (Classroom 5)	<u>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (LDS)</u> - Sundays - 1400-1600 Worship Meeting - Freedom Chapel POC: CH Droge; 010-8685-2976; shawn.a.droge@mail.mil
<u>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</u> Sunday at 1300 (Chapel)	<u>Catholic Mass</u> Catholic Sunday Mass Sunday @ 1130	<u>RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND MINISTRY AUXILIARIES</u> 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
Point of Contact: Kunsan Chapel, 782-HOPE	Confession Sunday @1100-1125 (Blessed Sacrament Room)	<u>CATHOLIC</u> - 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
Visit us on SharePoint: https://kunsan.eis.pacaf.af.mil/8FW/HC	Catholic Daily Mass Monday - Thursday @ 1130 -1200 (Blessed Sacrament Room)	<u>JEWISH</u> 2nd and 4th Fridays - 4CMC 1800-2100 Shabbat Evening Service POC: CH (CPT) Daniel Kamzan; daniel.j.kamzan@mail.mil
	<u>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints</u> Come to me class Thursday @ 1900	<u>ISLAMIC</u> - Pacific Victors Chapel Fridays: 1200-1330 Jum'ah Service Sundays: 1300-1500 Islamic / Arabic classes POC:CPT Anouar Bencheqroun 010-3382-7231 anouar.k.bencheqroun@mail.mil
	Fellowship Friday @ 1900	<u>PAGAN Traditions</u> Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship POC: CPT Ryan S. Robinson; ryan.s.robinson14@mail.mil
	<u>Earth-Based Meeting</u> Wednesday @ 1830 (Classroom 6)	<u>BUDDHIST</u> Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri@mail.mil
	For the most current updates and announcements, Please visit our "Osan AB Chapel" Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/OsanABChapel	



Allied integration: Military aircraft from the Czech Republic, Sweden and France, fly in a square formation over Finland during exercise Ramstein Flag, June 16, 2026. Ramstein Flag 2026 is a complex, large-scale, tactical level exercise which demonstrates NATO's determination to counter modern and emerging threats through distributed operations. (U.S Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Sarah M. McClanahan) ▲

Taking the kids to the Capitol: A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit leads four F-35A Lightning II aircraft during a formation flyover above the National Mall during a Freedom 250 event in Washington, D.C, June 24, 2026. Flyovers are a time-honored way for the Air Force to connect with the American public - honoring the past, celebrating the present and inspiring future generations. (Department of the Interior photo by Lowell Whitman) ◀



Pulling together: U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Giavanna Vicario (left), U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Nicole Favuzza (center), and U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Kim Yen Soto (right) prepare to compete in the indoor rowing competition during the Warrior Games, San Antonio, Texas, June 18, 2026. The Warrior Games celebrate the determination, strength, and resilience of wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans. The 2026 Warrior Games take place 13-20 June 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) ▲

Senior Airman Haniah Bright

By Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea
-- U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Haniah Bright demonstrated exceptional leadership by stepping up to lead her flight for two weeks during the concurrent temporary duty absence of her flight chief and flight commander.

During this period, Bright maintained seamless medical readiness and commander's support squadron operations, updating the appointed positions listings for 16 medical



contingency teams, and briefed the readiness status of 37 unit type codes. Additionally, she prepared Rehearsal of Concept drill slides for incoming command teams, effectively outlining the unit's readiness abilities to Pacific Air Forces.

Amidst these responsibilities, Bright earned her Resiliency Training Assistant certification and was selected to serve as secretary for the 8th MDG Booster Club Executive Council following a competitive interview process. Thank you, Senior Airman Bright, for your outstanding leadership, accomplishments and dedication to the Wolf Pack mission. Congratulations on being this week's Pride of the Pack!

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Haniah Bright, 8th Medical Group unit deployment manager, poses for a photo for the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 2, 2026. Bright was selected as PotP for the week of June 29 - July 3 due to her achievements within her career field and her impact on the readiness and well-being of the Wolf Pack. ▲

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Haniah Bright, 8th Medical Group unit deployment manager, holds a commander's coin she earned for being selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 2, 2026. ◀



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CMSSF visits Osan



Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John Bentivegna takes a group photo with Guardians at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 16, 2026. The visit provided an opportunity to engage with service members and gain insight into the missions that support regional security and stability.

By Staff Sgt. Sarah Williams
51st Fighter Wing

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John Bentivegna visited Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 15-20, 2026. The visit provided an opportunity to engage with service members and gain insight into the missions that support regional security and stability.



Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John Bentivegna, left, sits down with Seventh Air Force leadership at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 16, 2026. The meeting provided an opportunity for senior leaders to engage and discuss ongoing efforts across the air and space domains. ▲

Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John Bentivegna receives a demonstration on the joint commercial operations at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 15, 2026. The demonstration highlighted the collaborative efforts of U.S. and ROK service members who leverage commercial space capabilities to enhance shared awareness. ►



Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John Bentivegna conducts an all-call with U.S. Space Force Guardians at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 16, 2026. Bentivegna discussed the Space Force's mission priorities, readiness and the evolving role of space operations on the Korean Peninsula. ▲



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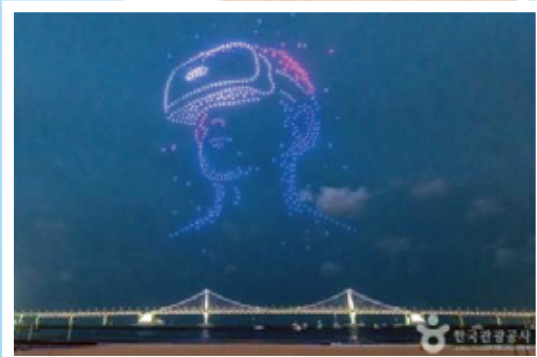
Located in Busan, Korea's leading marine city, Haeundae Beach is a white sandy beach with shallow waters, making it perfect for swimming! It is unlike other beaches in Korea in that the sandy shore stretches between the sea and tons of tall buildings, creating a beautiful view that becomes even more stunning when the sun sets!

The area around Haeundae Beach also has plenty of attractions, including Busan X the SKY observatory, Haeundae Blueline Park, and the lush forest of camellia and pine trees on Dongbaekseom Island.

- Address: 264 Haeundaehaebyeon-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan
- Directions: Walk for approx. 5 min from Haeundae Station (Busan Subway Line 2), Exit 3 or 5

Gwangalli

Gwangalli Beach is unique in that the horizon appears to be doubled, due to Gwangandaegyo Bridge. It features the Gwangalli SUP Zone for water sports, and is conveniently located next to Café Street and an alley of seafood restaurants, drawing in a steady stream of visitors. Gwangalli Beach is even more beautiful at night, with the lights of Gwangandaegyo Bridge twinkling on the horizon. On Saturdays, you can see Korea's largest drone show, the Gwangalli Marvelous Drone Light Show.



- Address: 219 Gwanganhaebyeon-ro, Suyeong-gu, Busan
- Directions: Walk for approx. 10 min from Gwangang Station (Busan Subway Line 2), Exit 3 or 5
- Gwangalli Marvelous Drone Light Show schedule: Saturdays only / March-September 20:00 & 22:00 / October-February 17:00 & 21:00

Uljin



Hujeong Beach, a hidden gem in Uljin, offers a perfect summer escape for those who enjoy less crowded areas. As you walk along Ocean Road 393, you are greeted by the Ocean Observatory, which lets you see 7 meters deep into the ocean without getting any water on you. Enjoy breathtaking ocean views from the Jukbyeon Coast Sky Rail as it passes various attractions, including "Heart Coast," a famous filming site, a lighthouse, and the Jukbyeon coastline. Stop by the nearby Jukbyeon Port for fresh seafood.

- Address: 72 Hujeong 2-gil, Jukbyeon-myeon, Uljin-gun, Gyeongsangbuk-do
- Directions: Take Bus No. 101 or 102 in the direction of Uljin for approx. 15 min from Jukbyeon Intercity Bus Stop.

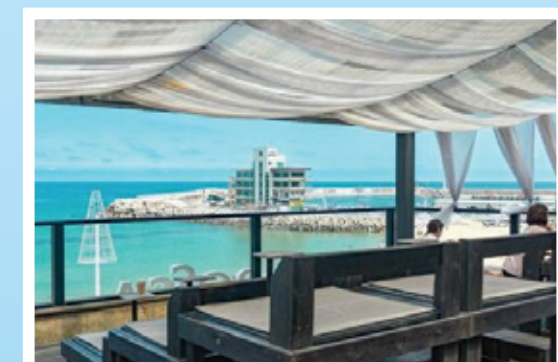
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Gangneung

Gyeongpo Beach, the largest beach along the East Coast, offers breathtaking views of both Gyeongpoho Lake and the East Sea. The lush forest of pine trees that grows along the sandy shore makes Gyeongpo Beach even more charming. Enjoy a leisurely stroll on the deck walking trail along the pine forest while soaking in the therapeutic Phytoncides.



Anmok Beach is well-known thanks to its proximity to Gangneung Coffee Street. The street is lined with coffee shop after coffee shop, each with its own unique ambiance. Whichever café you choose, you can enjoy the great views of the beach from the café and coffee prepared by an expert barista.



Gyeongpo Beach

- Address: 514 Changhae-ro, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 10 min from Gangneung Station or Gangneung Bus Terminal

Anmok Beach

- Address: 20-1 Changhae-ro 14beon-gil, Gangneung-si, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Take a taxi for approx. 15 min from Gangneung Station or Gangneung Bus Terminal

Sokcho



Sokcho Beach is popular among visitors all year round with a range of attractions, including a walking trail through a pine forest, parks, and scenic photo spots. The short distance from the downtown means you can also enjoy fresh seafood at Sokcho Tourist & Fishery Market in downtown Sokcho after visiting the beach. Additionally, Sokcho Eye, a famous local landmark, offers panoramic views of the vast blue East Sea and Seoraksan Mountain.

- Address: 190 Haeoreum-ro, Sokcho-si, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Walk for approx. 5 min from Sokcho Express Bus Terminal

Yangyang



Naksan Beach is known as the beach that BTS member V visited. It's a great spot to visit if you enjoy walking, as there is a forested trail that follows the beach. The beach itself has a shallow bay, suitable for swimmers of all ages. If visiting, be sure to include a stop at the nearby Naksansa Temple, one of the Eight Scenic Sites of Gwandong.

- Address: 59 Haemaji-gil, Yangyang-gun, Gangwon-do
- Directions: Walk for approx. 5 min from Naksan Bus Terminal

Jeju Island

Hamdeok

Hamdeok Beach is one of the best beaches to see the beautiful emerald-colored sea around Jeju. The beach is also popular among locals because of its fine sand and shallow waters. Seoubong Oreum Volcanic Cone rises up next to the beach to create a special landscape. If you follow the walking trail up Seoubong, you can take in the full view of the beach.



- Address: 525 Johamhaean-ro, Jeju-si, Jeju-do
- Directions: Take Bus No. 101 or 325 for approx. an hour from Jeju International Airport

Jungmun

With its wide white sandy shore and stable waves, Jungmun Saekdal Beach is a popular spot for marine leisure activities such as surfing, yachting, and water skiing. The beach is located next to Jungmun Tourist Complex, Jeju's representative resort area, surrounded by various beautiful natural attractions. In particular, Jusangjeolli Cliff and Cheonjeyeonpokpo Falls are known for their striking beauty and often regarded as works of art sculpted by Jeju's nature.



- Address: Address: Saekdal-dong, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do
- Directions: Take Bus No. 600 or 601 for approx. 60-90 min from Jeju International Airport

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607th ACOMS Change of Command Ceremony



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 607th Air Communications Squadron present a final salute to Lt. Col. Matthew Babcock, 607th ACOMS outgoing commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 25, 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. Tylir Meyer) ▲



U.S. Air Force Maj. James Baker, right, incoming commander of the 607th Air Communications Squadron, accepts command from Col. Jason Monaco, 607th Air Operations Center commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 25, 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. Tylir Meyer) ►

51st CS Change of Command Ceremony



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Terranova, right, incoming commander of the 51st Communications Squadron, accepts command from Col. Jeff Elliott, 51st Mission Support Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 17, 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. Tylir Meyer) ▲

Airmen assigned to the 51st Communications Squadron present a final salute to U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Justin Lyon, 51st CS outgoing commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, June 17, 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. Tylir Meyer) ▼





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