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By Senior Airman Jessica Mun
51st Fighter Wing

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Air Force Reserve expands international relationships at GASCC, RIAT 2026

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LONDON (AFNS) -- Chief of the Air Force Reserve and Commander of Air Force Reserve Command Lt. Gen. John P. Healy and Chief Master Sgt. Israel Nuñez, senior enlisted advisor to the chief of the Air Force Reserve, met with allied counterparts during the 2026 Global Air & Space Chiefs' Conference and the Royal International Air Tattoo 2026, July 16-17.

Throughout the events, senior leaders participated in bilateral engagements focused on strengthening interoperability and expanding international partnerships. The engagements included signing Terms of Reference with senior leaders from the United Kingdom, the Philippines and the Netherlands, formalizing future cooperation through the Reserve Allies & Partners Program, an initiative that strengthens relationships among international forces and enhances collective readiness.

Healy emphasized that strong partnerships begin with personal relationships, making forums like 2026 GASCC and RIAT 2026 important venues for military leaders to connect and exchange ideas.

"I get the opportunity to network and have a dialogue with every one of these air chiefs," Healy said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to build rapport and coalition, then from there discuss how we can help each other in the future."

As the Department of the Air Force continues to

emphasize Total Force Integration, the partnerships with allied partners create opportunities to share expertise, strengthen relationships and improve participating nations' ability to operate together during future operations and contingencies.

"The sum of the parts are better than the individuals every time," Healy said. "Whenever we're able to build that interoperability, we're able to leverage what we know and what they know in order to make both of our units stronger and more effective in the future."

The bilateral engagements also reinforced the value of international collaboration by giving allied leaders an opportunity to exchange lessons learned, share best practices and build on one another's operational experience.

"We want them to learn from our successes and our failures," Nuñez said. "We're not saying what is correct but sharing how we employ in our capacity."

The agreements mark a step toward institutionalizing long-term cooperation among allied forces through recurring engagements and shared professional development.

"This solidifies a way forward for us to ensure that each year we're doing exercises and mil-to-mil engagements together," Healy said. "That same interoperability and those same interconnections we're trying to solidify to make them deliberate, not accidental."



U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Healy, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, third from left, stands alongside Lieutenant General Arthur M. Cordura, Commanding General, Philippine Air Force, fourth from left, and other senior military leaders from the U.S. Air Force and Armed Forces of the Philippines following the Terms of Reference signing during the annual Global Air and Space Chiefs' Conference in London, July 15, 2026. The signing further strengthens the countries' commitment to bilateral cooperation as established through the U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty and reflects shared values, priorities, and operational goals. This effort is intended to build a lasting cooperation between the countries' military forces by focusing on practical and achievable steps that advance interoperability and readiness. Areas of cooperation could include participation in exercises and training, personnel exchanges, operational knowledge sharing, subject matter expert exchanges and additional activities of mutual interest to both countries. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. DeLauna Carriere) ▲



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COMACC visits Team Osan



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

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Gen. Adrian Spain, commander of Air Combat Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Unterseher, ACC command chief, visited the 694th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 607th Air Operations Center and 5th Reconnaissance Squadron at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. Spain engaged with Airmen at the leading edge of the Pacific region, seeing firsthand how Airmen are postured to meet the region's strategic challenges.

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Trenton Holbrook, left, 5th Reconnaissance Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, briefs Gen. Adrian Spain, right, commander of Air Combat Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Unterseher, ACC command chief, on the full pressure suit and physiological support for U-2 Dragon Lady pilots during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. The Physiological Support Detachment combines two enlisted specialties to ensure the serviceability of full pressure suits providing crucial life support functions for U-2 pilots flying at more than 70k feet. ▲

U.S. Air Force Gen. Adrian Spain, left, commander of Air Combat Command, discusses maintenance infrastructure and supply with Col. Charles Stretch, center, 51st Fighter Wing deputy commander, and Col. Kristen Torma, 51st Maintenance Group commander, during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. The visit offered 51st FW leadership an opportunity to share current priorities, as well as key successes, challenges and long-term readiness goals. ▼



U.S. Air Force Gen. Adrian Spain, commander of Air Combat Command, talks with 5th Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. The visit allowed Spain to engage with Airmen, discuss theater priorities and recognize outstanding performance. ▲



U.S. Air Force Gen. Adrian Spain, left, commander of Air Combat Command, is briefed by Lt. Col. Jennifer Nolta, 5th Reconnaissance Squadron assistant director of operations, on U-2 Dragon Lady capabilities during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. Spain saw the mission firsthand at the most forward, permanent-based location, seeing how Airmen accomplish theater priorities. ▲

U.S. Air Force Gen. Adrian Spain, commander of Air Combat Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Unterseher, ACC command chief, talk with Airmen during lunch at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. Spain engaged with Airmen at the leading edge of the Pacific region, seeing firsthand how Airmen are postured to meet the region's strategic challenges. ◀

U.S. Air Force Capt. Domenick Stumpo, left, 51st Operations Support Squadron wing weapons officer, briefs Gen. Adrian Spain, commander of Air Combat Command, on regional fighter adaptations and readiness posturing during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. Stumpo discussed the 11 regionally focused missions the 51st Fighter Wing executed in the past year. ▼



Chief Master Sgt. Jeremy Unterseher, command chief of Air Combat Command, meets with 5th Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen during a tour at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 13, 2026. Unterseher engaged with Airmen at the leading edge of the Pacific region, seeing firsthand how Airmen are postured to meet the region's strategic challenges. ▲



Frontline Leadership Course Develops Joint Leaders at Osan Air Base



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Dave Womack, United States Forces Korea chief of staff, speaks to Frontline Leadership Course participants at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 14, 2026. The 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group and USFK J2 staff hosted the three-day course for 52 Airmen from Osan Air Base and Camp Humphreys. Spaghetti towers displayed on the tables were constructed during a hands-on project management exercise focused on project management, teamwork and adaptability.

By Master Sgt. John Jenkins
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- 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.

Mock enlisted force distribution panels, hands-on project management exercises and realistic leadership scenarios gave 52 Airmen a hands-on alternative to traditional professional development during the sixth Frontline Leadership Course.

The 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group and United States Forces Korea J2 Staff hosted the three-day course, July 13-15, 2026, at the Osan Air Base Chapel Fellowship Hall. Including the most recent class, the grassroots initiative has now reached 159 Airmen and Soldiers from Osan Air Base and Camp Humphreys.

The course replaces a lengthy slideshow with shorter academic sessions, allowing more time for learning in a leadership lab built around realistic scenarios, practical exercises and facilitated

discussions. Instructors from organizations across Osan volunteered to share their experience and help participants practice leadership skills they could immediately apply within their units.

The course included instruction on various categories, allowing participants to complete or reinforce up to 39 Air Force Supervisor Job Qualification items such as emotional intelligence, management skills and tools, and force development and writing.

During the project management module, participants planned and constructed towers using spaghetti and limited materials. The exercise challenged teams to divide responsibilities, manage resources, communicate effectively and adjust their plans when their initial approaches did not work. Furthermore, in the middle of the exercise, teams were instructed to swap towers with other teams, effectively simulating picking up a new project midway through its lifecycle.

Participants also worked through scenarios involving perceptions of favoritism, misconduct, burnout and competing mission requirements. The course also held a mock Enlisted Forced Distribution Panel to provide insight into how performance records are evaluated and how

supervisors can better prepare Airmen for future opportunities.

Senior leaders have also supported the course by sharing their experiences and perspectives with participants. U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Carl Vogel, 51st Fighter Wing command chief, served as the guest speaker during the previous iteration while U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Dave Womack, USFK chief of staff, addressed participants during the July 2026 course.

The course began in 2025 in response to concerns identified through the 6th Intelligence Squadron's 2024 Defense Organizational Climate Survey. Feedback from the survey highlighted a desire for more tier-based professional development opportunities. The course was held quarterly throughout 2025 before transitioning to a twice-yearly schedule in 2026.

What began as a response to squadron feedback has grown into a joint, multi-base professional development opportunity connecting service members, instructors and senior leaders. The Frontline Leadership Course equips emerging leaders with practical tools to develop their people, manage resources and strengthen their mission readiness throughout the Korean Peninsula.



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Air Force conducts live-fire test for Collaborative Combat Aircraft program



A YFQ-44A Collaborative Combat Aircraft flies over the Mojave Desert after conducting live-fire testing over the Mojave Desert. The live-fire test of the YFQ-44 aircraft is the latest milestone in the rapid development of safe and effective CCA operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jennifer Healy)

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Department of the Air Force conducted live-fire testing of a YFQ-44A Collaborative Combat Aircraft, firing an AIM-120 weapon at a digital target in secluded airspace over the Mojave Desert.

This event is part of a deliberate, phased test progression that began with inert carriage evaluations earlier this year. The initial inert weapons captive carry flights focused on collecting in-flight data to verify the aircraft's handling. Subsequent evaluations validated the data link integration between the aircraft and the weapon system, ensuring operator commands were executed precisely by the platform in a simulated environment.

"This live-fire test is an important next step in the development of Collaborative Combat Aircraft," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ken Wilsbach. "We're one step closer to delivering capabilities to the warfighter."

A foundational principle of the CCA program is the retention of human oversight. CCA will not autonomously employ weapons. The decision to release any weapon system remains exclusively with a human operator, who maintains command and control of the platform at all times.

"Moving from inert carriage earlier this year to this weapon release demonstrates program maturity, allowing us to validate our digital

A YFQ-44A Collaborative Combat Aircraft fires an AIM-120 weapon in secluded airspace over the Mojave Desert. The live-fire test of the YFQ-44 aircraft is the latest milestone in the rapid development of safe and effective CCA operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jennifer Healy)



integration models with actual data," said Gen. Dale White, Department of War direct reporting portfolio manager for Critical Major Weapon Systems. "These tests provide operational validation that Collaborative Combat Aircraft can execute the weapon employment sequence autonomously within pilot-defined parameters, accelerating capability delivery to the warfighter."

The live-fire test was performed in coordination with the 412th Test Wing's Air Dominance Combined Test Force, a team consisting of active-duty military, government

civilians, and government contractors, who worked to refine and validate the models required for a safe live-fire execution. This latest milestone continues the rapid pace of developmental testing for safe and effective CCA operations.

The Air Force's CCA program continues to move with pace and break traditional procurement molds to field combat-ready, semi-autonomous systems that will extend reach, awareness and survivability of American airpower in contested environments.

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Seventh AF immerse ROKAF interpreters in Osan mission

By Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer
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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Seventh Air Force and the 51st Fighter Wing gave Republic of Korea air force interpreting officers a tour of Osan Air Base, ROK, July 1, 2026. The tour provided ROKAF interpreters firsthand knowledge of operations at Osan to learn more about Osan's capabilities for future collaborative endeavors.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Octayvia Swanson, 51st Operations Support Squadron radar approach control technician, briefs air traffic control capabilities during a tour of Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 1, 2026. ▲

U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to Seventh Air Force, 51st Fighter Wing and Republic of Korea air force interpreting officers pose for a group photo during a tour of Osan Air Base, ROK, July 1, 2026. Immersion tours enhance bilateral relationships and support understanding of Seventh Air Force's mission and Osan's capabilities. ▲

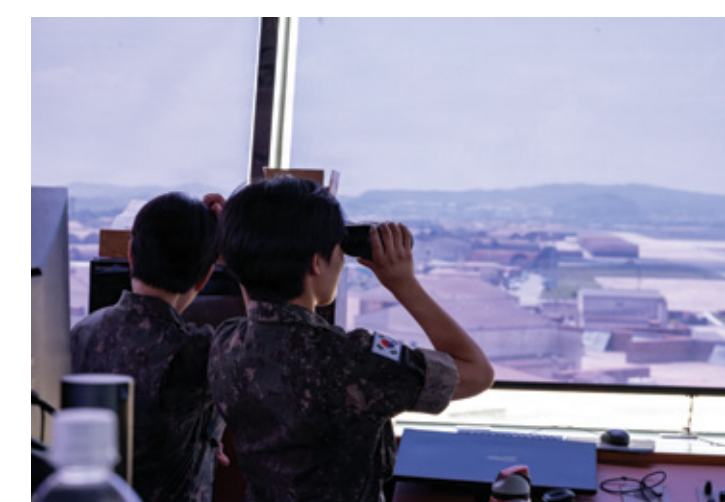
U.S. Air Force Capt. Jacob Hoppe, 35th Fighter Squadron pilot, briefs F-16 Fighting Falcon capabilities to Republic of Korea air force interpreting officers during a tour of Osan Air Base, ROK, July 1, 2026. This tour is an example of continued collaboration and integration efforts that enhance the combined force's capabilities to operate and defend the peninsula. ▼



An aircrew flight equipment technician assigned to the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron briefs the capabilities of the U-2 Dragon Lady pilot full-pressure suit to Republic of Korea air force interpreting officers during a tour of Osan Air Base, ROK, July 1, 2026. The tour provided ROKAF interpreters firsthand knowledge of operations at Osan to learn more about Osan's capabilities for future collaborative endeavors. ▲

A U.S. Air Force U-2 Dragon Lady pilot assigned to the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron briefs U-2 capabilities to Republic of Korea air force interpreting officers during a tour of Osan Air Base, ROK, July 1, 2026. Immersion tours enhance bilateral relationships and support understanding of Seventh Air Force's mission and Osan's capabilities ◀

A U.S. Air Force U-2 Dragon Lady pilot assigned to the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron briefs U-2 capabilities to Republic of Korea air force interpreting officers during a tour of Osan Air Base, ROK, July 1, 2026. ▼



A Republic of Korea air force interpreting officer uses binoculars to observe the flight line during a tour of Osan Air Base, ROK, July 1, 2026. The ROKAF interpreters learned about different mission sets at Osan to deepen understanding and better provide translation support to U.S.-ROK operations across the peninsula. ▲



2026 change of command season concludes

By Staff Sgt. Dylan Maher
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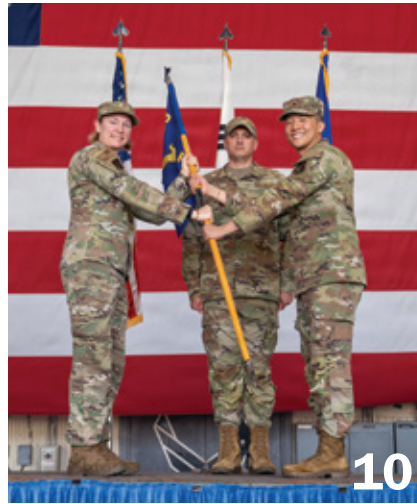
KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 2026 change of command season concluded with multiple leadership transitions across organizations located at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Spanning mission partners, tenant units and organizations, the ceremonies recognized outgoing commanders for their leadership and service while formally welcoming the new leadership:

1. The 8th Operations Support Squadron, formerly led by Lt. Col. James Davis is now commanded by Lt. Col. Robert Matthews.
2. The 8th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, formerly led by Lt. Col. Sarah Kelly is now commanded by Lt. Col. James Rutland.
3. The 8th Security Forces Squadron, formerly led by Lt. Col. Ryan Kiggins is now commanded by Maj. Adam Palmer.
4. The 8th Healthcare Operations Squadron, formerly led by Lt. Col. Irene Fernández is now commanded by Lt. Col. Ryan McGaughey.
5. The 8th Comptroller Squadron, formerly led by Maj. Teddy Oteba is now commanded by Maj. Baohan Huynh.
6. The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, formerly led by Lt. Col. Joseph

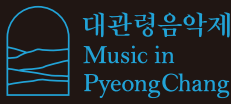
- Pickenpaugh is now commanded by Lt. Col. Katrina Maloney.
7. The 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron, formerly led by Maj. Elizabeth Stevens is now commanded by Maj. Anthony King.
 8. The 8th Communications Squadron, formerly led by Lt. Col. Stephen Perkins is now commanded by Maj. Ali Syed.
 9. The 8th Maintenance Squadron, formerly led by Maj. Dustin Woosley is now commanded by Maj. Michael Parkjung.
 10. The 8th Force Support Squadron, formerly led by Maj. Tawny Pelletier is now commanded by Maj. Kenneth Lee.
 11. The Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, formerly led by Capt. Anthony Perez is now commanded by Capt. Sidharth Kher.
 12. Finally, the 8th Maintenance Group activated the 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, now commanded by Maj. Ian Rohde.

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.



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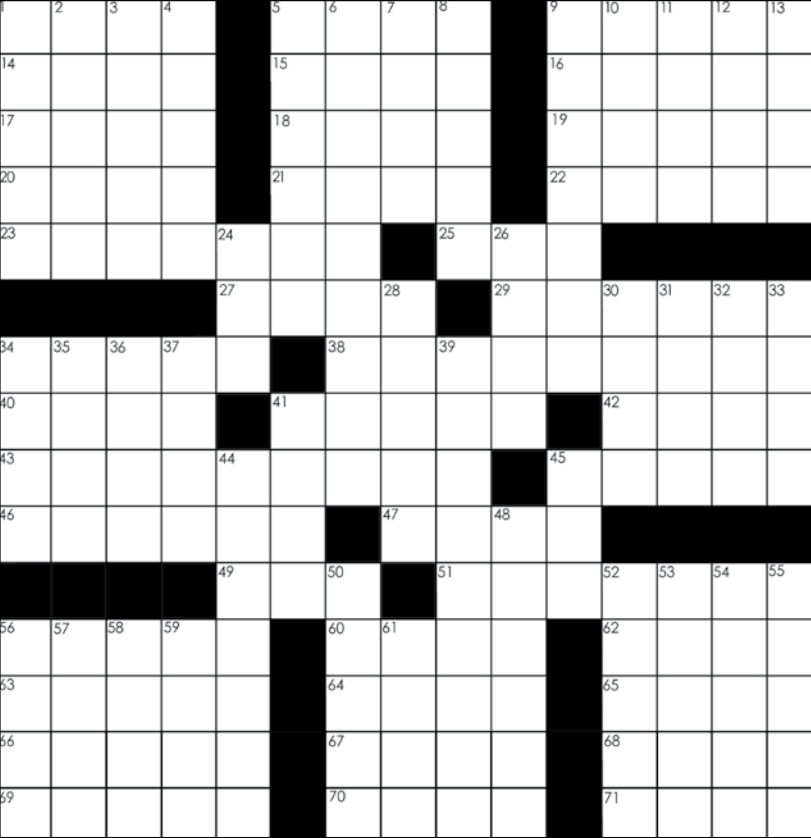
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Answers to Previous Crossword

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Buddy lift: Master Sgt. Daniel Stikeleather, a 212th Rescue Squadron pararescueman, and a simulated casualty are hoisted into an HH-60W Jolly Green II during the Arctic Thunder Open House 26 full-scale exercise at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 17, 2026. The exercise simulated the recovery of a pilot following an aircraft incident. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keola Vischi) ◀

Therapy support: Chaos, an American Red Cross therapy dog, sits on the flightline at Joint Base Charleston, S.C., July 8, 2026. Therapy dogs help create a relaxed environment where service members can reduce stress and improve resilience. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Braxton Grant Stokes) ▲



Dress rehearsal: The Air Force's VC-25B Bridge aircraft is escorted by F-22 Raptors assigned to the 1st Fighter Wing over Washington, D.C., June 26, 2026. The flight rehearsed the HUGE 1 flyover for the America 250 Independence Day celebration and demonstrated the coordination required for a large-scale aerial tribute. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Lauren Diaz) ▶

Precision shooter: Tech. Sgt. Brandon Clement, right, a Team Air Force competitor, prepares to fire his rifle during the air precision competition at the Warrior Games in San Antonio, Texas, June 19, 2026. The games celebrate the determination, strength, and resilience of wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Shawn White) ◀



Kunsan

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

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

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

- SPONSOR TRAINING -

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

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

- SUNDAY SONLIGHT DINNER -
Every Sunday, volunteers from a specific unit cook dinner for their fellow Wolf Pack members at the

Sonlight Inn. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. following grace led by a chaplain. Meals range from "breakfast for dinner" to "Italian cooking" to "Southern style." For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-HOPE.

Osan

Alcoholics Anonymous
Every Tuesday and Thursday | 1700-1800 | Building 769, Resiliency Center Training Room
For additional information and a point of contact, visit the AA in Korea website at aainkorea.org

Tobacco Cessation Classes
Every Thursday | 0900-1100 | Building 1419, Human Performance Center (The building right behind the fitness center)
Osan AB offers free tobacco cessation classes to all DOD id members. The health promotion coordinator is available to help you break this habit, through counseling, educational materials, and health coaching. Please make an appointment via her email, Troisha Busano, troisha.d.busano.civ@health.mil.

Ultimate Frisbee
Saturdays | 0900 | Mustang Field (Across from Outdoor Rec)
Open to all AD, CIV, and Dependents w/ base access. Please join us on the field for 60 minutes of cardio-vascular exercise. All ages and experience levels welcome, even if you have never touched a frisbee. POCs – David Brittain 010-8354-1576, SSgt Ethan Troutman, ethan.troutman@us.af.mil, DSN 315-784-5657, CELL 010-5793-2467

Osan Air Base Honor Guard
Every Monday & Wednesday | 1630-1730 | Bldg. 936 Rm. 211
The Osan Air Base Honor Guard covers ceremonies across the peninsula acknowledging the achievements of our

fellow members in uniform and their families. An amazing way to serve the members in your community and build lasting connections between other service members. For any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out to OsanHonorGuard@us.af.mil

Wingmen Helping Airmen Get Home
Saturdays | 2300-0400 | SED
WHAGH is a new program inspired by AADD, whose purpose is to ensure the safety and well-being of Airmen within the Songtan Entertainment District by escorting members to their residences. The WHAGH team is looking for volunteers this weekend. There's no rank requirement to volunteer. All are welcome to help. If interested or for more information, please email 51fw.whagh.1@us.af.mil.

Osan Air Base 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/>

2026 PIEFriends Summer Camp – Applications Open!
5-7 Aug | Wed-Fri: 0940-1600; Final-day event: 1700-1900 | Various locations in Pyeongtaek
PIEF is recruiting 50 USFK-affiliated elementary school students in Grades 3-6 for the 2026 PIEFriends Summer Camp, a free three-day cultural exchange program with 50 Korean students. Participants will enjoy Korean cultural activities, visits to Osan Air Base (K-55) and Camp Humphreys (K-6), and a completion and networking event where certificates will be presented. Full attendance for all three days is required. Lunch, snacks, water, and shuttle bus service will be provided. Parent/guardian attendance is required from 1700 on the final day, and no return shuttle will be provided after the event. Eligibility: USFK-affiliated students in

Grades 3-6
Apply: <https://forms.gle/SW9VG3vtV-vtaPd8M8>
POC: pief.rucst@gmail.com

Youth Sports Baseball Coaches Urgently Needed!
17 Aug | Baseball season commences | Osan Youth Sports
Osan Youth Sports is still volunteer coaches for the following age groups: Pee wee (ages 5-6) – 3 coaches Bantam (ages 7-8) – 1 coach Minors (ages 9-10) – 2 coaches Majors (ages 11-12) – 1 coach Parent & Me (Start Smart) (ages 3-4) – 1 coach
Make a difference in the life of a child. Earn volunteer hours and discounted youth sports fees by volunteering to be a coach!
If interested, please reach out ASAP as the season starts 17 Aug – and all coaches are REQUIRED to do the volunteer paperwork AND training before season start.

POC Contact: Ms. Mari Kosaka email: 51FSS.FSYY.YouthCenter@us.af.mil, mari.kosaka.1@us.af.mil or call: 784-4668 or 784-1492



Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Demonstration Team performers demonstrate a taekwondo routine during the 24th Annual ROK-U.S. Friendship Armed Forces Combat Taekwondo Exhibition at Osan Air Base, ROK, July 11, 2026. This annual tradition promotes teamwork, resilience and mutual respect while strengthening the morale and partnership of ROK and U.S. service members. ▲

24th Annual ROK-U.S. Friendship Armed Forces Combat Taekwondo Exhibition

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Republic of Korea service members cheer during the 24th Annual ROK-U.S. Friendship Armed Forces Combat Taekwondo Exhibition at Osan Air Base, ROK, July 11, 2026. The exhibition brings together ROK and U.S. service members to build morale, strengthen camaraderie and celebrate the enduring friendship between the two nations. ▲

Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Demonstration Team performers display Taekwondo during the 24th Annual ROK-U.S. Friendship Armed Forces Combat Taekwondo Exhibition at Osan Air Base, ROK, July 11, 2026. This event reflects the unwavering partnership between the ROK and the U.S. by bringing service members together through the spirit and traditions of taekwondo. ►



U.S. Air Force Col. Charles Stretch, 51st Fighter Wing deputy commander, thanks Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Demonstration Team performers during the 24th Annual ROK-U.S. Friendship Armed Forces Combat Taekwondo Exhibition at Osan Air Base, ROK, July 11, 2026. The exhibition brings together ROK and U.S. service members to build morale, strengthen camaraderie and celebrate the enduring friendship between our two nations. ▲





A Modular Warping Tug is lifted by a crane on the Ocean Giant vessel into the water for the Combined Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore 26 (CJLOTS 26) exercise at Pohang Port, South Korea, June 23, 2026. Conducted in the Republic of Korea from June 15 to Aug. 22, 2026, CJLOTS 26 is a combined logistics exercise sponsored by U.S. Transportation Command that trains U.S.-ROK forces to execute ship-to-shore sustainment operations in austere environments without a fixed port infrastructure. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jakaiyah Rumedon)

2026 Combined Joint Sustainment Training conducted

By Min Jung Choi
U.S. Forces Korea

The ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command conducted the 2026 Combined Joint Sustainment Training (CJST) July 13-16 in Pohang, North Gyeongsang Province, and Hongcheon, Gangwon Province. CJST is a biennial combined field training exercise organized by Combined Forces Command.

This year's exercise involved more than 4,400 ROK and U.S. service members - approximately 2,400 from the Republic of Korea military and 2,000 from the U.S. military - along with approximately 600 pieces of equipment, including naval vessels and aircraft, making it the largest CJST to date.

To enhance full-domain operational sustainment capabilities, the exercise integrated five types of ground, maritime and air sustainment assets. Reflecting evolving battlefield conditions, the training also strengthened protection measures for sustainment nodes against threats such as hostile drone attacks.



A 624K wheel loader offloads from a Logistics Support Vessel at Trident Pier during Combined Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore (CJLOTS) operations in Pohang, South Korea, July 10, 2026. The training refined over-the-shore logistics procedures, enhancing the joint force's ability to sustain operations in environments where traditional port facilities are unavailable or degraded. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alexcia Rupert) ▲

U.S. Army soldiers with 331st Transportation Company Causeway, 11th Transportation Battalion, 7th Transportation Brigade Expeditionary, secure a Trident Pier vessel at Dogu Beach, Pohang, South Korea, July 7, 2026. CJLOTS 26 is a combined exercise designed to integrate U.S. and Republic of Korea lighterage and ship-to-shore connector capabilities, improve combined readiness, strengthen the Republic of Korea-U.S. alliance, and expand combined maritime sustainment capacity during logistics operations. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Marcus Henson) ►

Maj. Gen. Park Jin-won, assistant chief of staff for logistics, Combined Forces Command, said, "Through this year's ROK-U.S. Combined Joint Sustainment Training, we maximized our full-domain sustainment capabilities across land, sea and air. Sustainment is essential to victory in war, and we will continue conducting realistic combined exercises to strengthen the combined defense posture of the ROK-U.S. Alliance."

"In a crisis we cannot assume the ports will be there when we need them," said Maj. Gen. Frederick Crist, deputy director for logistics, Combined Forces Command. "CJLOTS proves the alliance can move combat power across an open beach, and offloading American ships through a Korean system for the first time shows what interoperability looks like in practice."

During the exercise, the combined medical support training event, Dragon Lift, simulated mass-casualty scenarios using ROK and U.S. medical assets to conduct casualty evacuation and trauma care operations.

Combined Forces Command will continue conducting realistic combined exercises such as CJST to maintain a strong Fight Tonight readiness posture.



U.S. Army Soldiers unravel and organize ropes aboard the motor vessel Ocean Giant during the Combined Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore 2026 (CJLOTS 26) exercise at Pohang Port, South Korea, June 23, 2026. Conducted in the Republic of Korea from June 15 to Aug. 22, 2026, CJLOTS 26 is a combined logistics exercise sponsored by U.S. Transportation Command that trains U.S. and ROK forces to execute ship-to-shore sustainment operations in austere environments without a fixed port infrastructure. (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Eun Jun Choi) ▲

Republic of Korea service members aboard an Improved Navy Lighterage System conduct a beach stabbing of the platform during Combined Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore 26 at Dogu Beach, Pohang, South Korea, July 9, 2026. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew Borruso) ▼



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U.S. Army medics load a simulated casualty into a medical evacuation vehicle during a casualty evacuation rehearsal for the Combined Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore 2026 (CJLOTS) exercise at Trident Pier in Pohang, South Korea, July 9, 2026. CJLOTS enhances the ability of Army, Marine Corps and Naval forces to integrate logistics and medical support, ensuring they remain prepared to project and sustain combat power wherever needed. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Alexcia Rupert) ▲

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

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 Jum'ah Service
Sundays: 1300-1500 Islamic / Arabic classes
POC: CPT Anouar Bencheqroun 010-3382-7231 anouar.k.bencheqroun.mil

PAGAN Traditions
Fridays: Freedom Chapel Rm 110 / 1800-1900 Pagan Fellowship
POC: CPT Ryan S. Robinson; ryan.s.robinson14.mil@mail.mil

BUDDHIST
Tuesdays - Warrior Chapel / 1800-1900 Buddhist Service
POC: CH (CPT) Somya Malasri; 010-7460-1281; somya.malasri.mil@mail.mil



Pacific Eagles: U.S. Air Force aircraft including an F-15EX Eagle II, center, and two F-15E Strike Eagles assigned to the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron fly in formation after receiving fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 909th Air Refueling Squadron over the Pacific Ocean, June 29, 2026. The aircraft flew to Kadena Air Base, Japan, for integration and familiarization training with local units and joint partners in preparation for the permanent arrival of the F-15EX. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Arnet Tamayo) ▲

Parade rest: Basic cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2030 and cadet cadre participate in the annual swearing-in ceremony at Stillman Field at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., June 25, 2026. The ceremony marks the beginning of basic cadet training and their path toward commissioning as Air Force and Space Force officers. (U.S. Air Force photo by Trevor Cokley) ►

Mirror image: Airmen prepare to refuel a C-130J Super Hercules at Saipan International Airport, Northern Mariana Islands, June 29, 2026, during exercise Valiant Shield 2026. The exercise strengthens joint integration across the Indo-Pacific and demonstrates the readiness and flexibility of the joint force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Caleb Schellenberg) ▼



Taxi service: A crew chief marshals a U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon before taxiing at an undisclosed location within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, June 16, 2026. The sortie supported ongoing regional operations and maintained the aircraft's readiness to provide airpower across the theater. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Justin W. Moore) ▲

TSgt Matthew Kramer

By Staff Sgt. Joshua DeGuzman
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Kramer, a native of Colorado Springs, Colorado and 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration non-commissioned officer in charge, was awarded the 8th Fighter Wing's Pride of the Pack for the week of July 13 - 17 for reinstating cooling for the 8th Operational Support Squadron Operations Center, ensuring optimal working conditions for 157 personnel across five sections, while enabling the support to generate 4,900 flight hours and 5,300 sorties.

As an HVAC NCOIC, Kramer replaced three broken distribution valves to supply vital equipment cooling to 8th Communication Squadron network facilities worth \$55 million, ensuring continuous network accessibility. His efforts led to receiving a letter of appreciation from the 8 CS commander.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Kramer, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration non-commissioned officer in charge, monitors water temperature gauges in HVAC infrastructure supporting base dormitories at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 16, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dylan Maher) ▲

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Matthew Kramer, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration non-commissioned officer in charge, poses in front of an HVAC facility at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 16, 2026. Kramer was selected as the Wolf Pack's Pride of the Pack for the week of July 13-17 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 photo by Senior Airman Dylan Maher) ▲

He also co-led the training of 200 medics on contingency air conditioning equipment, advancing the Expeditionary Medical Support Unit Type Code bed down and extending trauma care to 3,000 patients.

Furthermore, Kramer partnered with Public Affairs to launch a mold mitigation campaign, creating an educational video to preserve quality of life for 2,900 Airmen residing in Pacific Air Force's largest unaccompanied housing annex.

Finally, he drove the completion of the \$36,000 Radar project, upgrading three cooling units to protect the \$3.5 million radio equipment.

Thank you, Tech. Sgt. Kramer, for your outstanding leadership and dedication to the Wolf Pack mission. Congratulations on being this week's Pride of the Pack!

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Korea's Top 10 Summer Festivals for 2026

What better way to beat Korea's summer heat than with a festival? From the Boryeong Mud Festival, a favorite among international visitors, to the Incheon Pentaport Rock Festival, a must for music fans, and the Daegu Chimac Festival, discover 10 of Korea's most popular summer festivals for 2026. Check the dates and programs for each region's signature festival at a glance, then start planning your perfect summer getaway.



Boryeong Mud Festival

- Region: Boryeong, Chungcheongnam-do
- July 24 – August 9, 2026

The Boryeong Mud Festival is one of Korea's most internationally famous festivals, prized above all for the clean mud from Boryeong's tidal flats—rich in minerals that are good for the skin. Slather yourself in mud, jump into the fun, and let your stress melt away at a festival loved by visitors from around the world. 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.



Andong National Heritage Night "Wolyeong Night Stroll"

- Region: Andong, Gyeongsangbuk-do
- July 31 – August 9, 2026

Set around Woryeonggyo Bridge in Andong, this special festival takes visitors on a moonlit walk through stories of the city's national heritages. Eight themed programs bring the summer night to life, including Night Views for after-dark scenery, Night Stories for storytelling, Night Art for paintings and media art, and Night Food for late-night bites.

For more information:

- 1330 Korea Travel Helpline: +82-2-1330
- 1330 Text Chat: <https://m.site.naver.com/1rEid> (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Indonesian)



Gangneung National Heritage Night

- Region: Gangneung, Gangwon State
- August 14-16, 2026

Recognized by the Korea Heritage Service as a flagship national heritage program, this year's festival takes place around Gangneung-daedohobu Government Office, Seobu Market, and Myeongju-dong. Set along streets lined with cultural heritage sites, it features a wide range of programs, from performances and hands-on experiences to art activities.



Tongyeong Hansan Battle Festival

- Region: Tongyeong, Gyeongsangnam-do
- August 12-16, 2026

Held in Tongyeong every August, this festival commemorates Admiral Yi Sun-sin's victory at the Battle of Hansan, a 1592 naval battle fought off Hansando Island during the Joseon dynasty. Visitors can enjoy a battle reenactment, nighttime fireworks, street parades, and more.



Hangang River Festival

- Region: Seoul
- August 1-16, 2026

Held across Seoul's major Hangang parks, this urban summer festival is a refreshing escape from the heat. Enjoy water activities, outdoor movie screenings, concerts, water sports, and more, all while soaking up the cool breeze off the river.



Busan Sea Festival

- Region: Saha-gu, Busan
- August 7-13, 2026

One of Busan's signature summer festivals, this event takes place at Dadaepo Beach. Set against sweeping ocean views and stunning sunsets, the festival features lively highlights like fireworks shows and the Dadae Pocha food stalls.



Incheon Pentaport Rock Festival

- Region: Incheon
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U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Thomas Beasley, right, incoming commander of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron, accepts command from Col. Billy Huffman, 694th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 8, 2026. Beasley previously served as the Chief, NATO Plans Support, advising senior leaders on operational planning, training and exercise activities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer) ▲

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Patricia Brennan, right, outgoing commander of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron, relinquishes command to Col. Billy Huffman, 694th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group commander, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 8, 2026. Brennan oversaw the execution of theater and national cryptologic analysis in support of the Seventh Air Force U.S. Forces Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer) ▼



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 303rd Intelligence Squadron present a final salute to Lt. Col. Patricia Brennan, outgoing commander of the 303rd IS, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 8, 2026. The 303rd IS delivers rapid, operationally relevant intelligence to the Air Component Command and U.S. Forces Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer) ▼



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 303rd Intelligence Squadron present a first salute to Lt. Col. Thomas Beasley, incoming commander of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron, during a change of command ceremony at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 8, 2026. The 303rd IS supports the 694th ISRG in theater intelligence operations and providing real-time threat warning for the 607th Air and Operations Center. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Tylir Meyer) ▲





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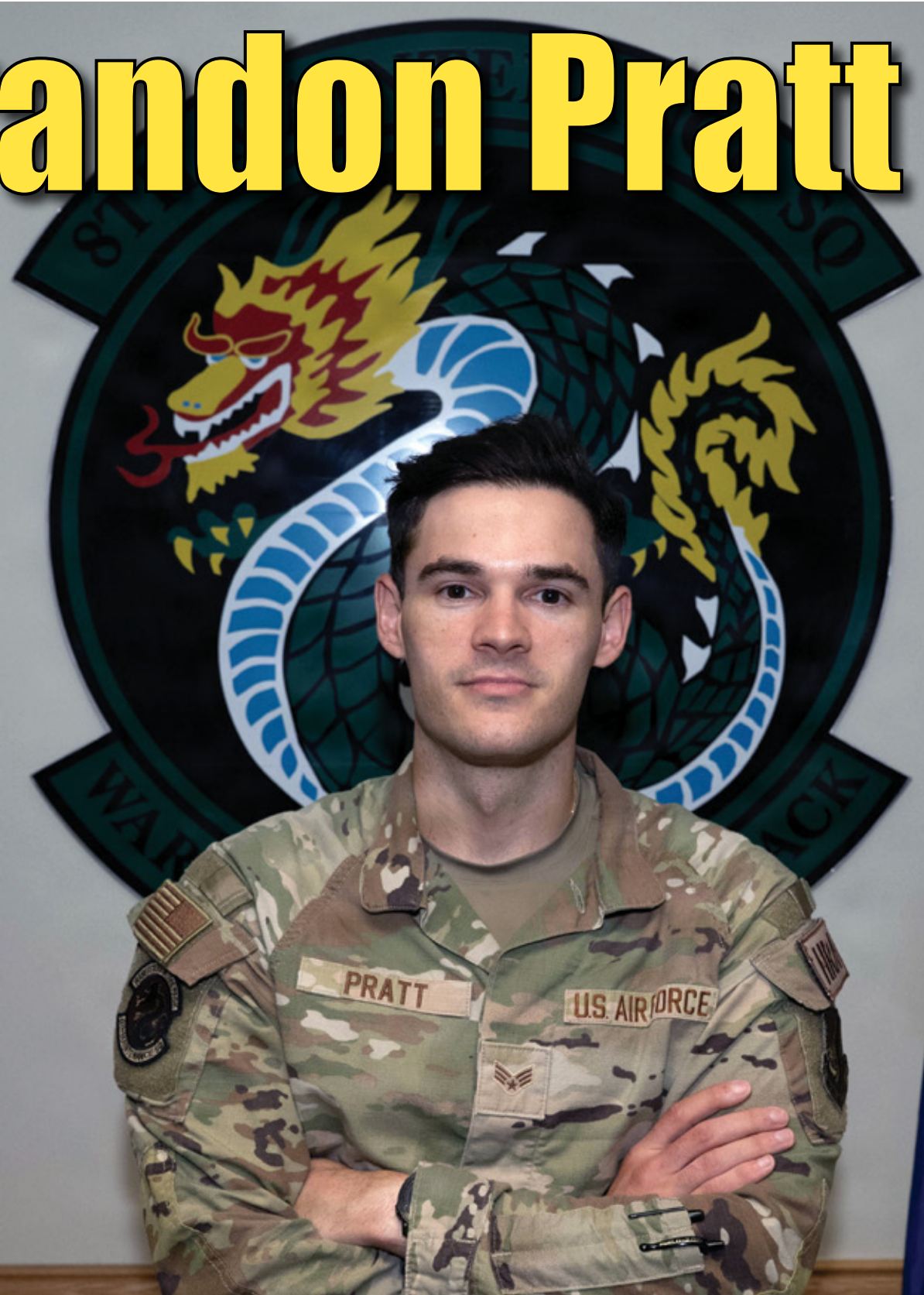
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea
-- A Fort Smith, Arkansas, native is improving programs across his squadron by revamping commander's support staff workflows, which have now been adopted by Kunsan Air Base detachments. U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Brandon Pratt, 8th Maintenance Group CSS supervisor, leads a four-person team tasked with streamlining these administrative processes.

Outside the office, he serves as the 8th Maintenance Squadron Booster Club vice president, organizing squadron events and raising funds for morale activities. Pratt said he believes people perform their best when they feel connected to their team, noting that small events can have a lasting impact on workplace morale. On or off duty, Pratt regularly volunteers within the local community. During a recent event, he helped local farmers harvest onions for a regional food bank, gathering more than 100 pounds of produce alongside his peers.

A dedicated cyclist and runner, Pratt also leads the Kunsan AB Running Club, assisting fellow Airmen with improving their fitness assessment run times. Additionally, he is an active member of the Air Force Cycling Team, where he encourages others to step outside their comfort zones and build camaraderie through endurance sports.

"At the end of the day, I simply enjoy making things a little better than they were yesterday," Pratt said. "Whether it's improving an administrative process, organizing a community run, supporting a squadron event, or helping



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Brandon Pratt, 8th Maintenance Group commander's support staff supervisor, poses for a photo at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 9, 2026. Pratt was selected as the Wolf Pack's "Pride of the Pack" for the week of July 6-10 due to his career field achievements and his impact on the base's readiness and well-being. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman)

another Airman, I try to leave every program, process and person better than I found them. If something I've built continues helping people long after I've moved on, then I know I've done his job."

Thank you, Senior Airman Pratt, for your accomplishments, giving back to the community and your every-day drive, you have shown what it takes to be a top-notch Airman.

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Brandon Pratt, 8th Maintenance Group commander's support staff supervisor, holds a commander's coin he received for being selected as the Wolf Pack's "Pride of the Pack" at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July 9, 2026. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tabatha Chapman) ◀



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