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Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas 2011 Kicks Off

Left: Lt. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington, 7th Air Force commander, signs his 2011 CFC form Oct 3, 2011. The CFC began here Oct. 3 and runs through Dec. 2. The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj Eric Badger)

Right: Maj. Jason Erb, 51st Fighter Wing combined federal campaign officer, observes while (left) Chief Master Sgt. Oscar Mackin, 51st Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant, and Col. Patrick McKenzie, 51st Fighter Wing commander, sign their 2011 CFC forms Oct 3, 2011. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Adam Grant)

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OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas (CFC-O), the largest workplace charitable giving program in the world, kicked off Oct. 3 and will run until Dec. 2.

Osan's goal this year is to raise \$235,000 in contributions and make 100 percent contact with Team Osan - more than 5,000 military members and civilians.

During the campaign, contributors

may designate their donations to more than 2,000 U.S. based charities that work in military communities throughout the country and around the world.

Those Airmen who want to donate more directly to Osan can give to the Family Support and Youth Program (FSYP), which will in turn give back to the base. FSYP brought more than \$9,000 back to Team Osan last year and that money helped support such functions as the Team Osan little league program and Korean cultural awareness tours. The 2011 campaign con-

tributors' brochure already lists FSYP as a beneficiary option, so donors can simply enter how much they would like to give without having to look up the five-character identifier.

Service members can also give a one-time donation, or opt for a payroll deduction.

Payroll deductions take effect January 1st, 2012, after this year's contributions cease and those with internet access can also take advantage of the credit card deduction option.

The CFC-O was created in the early

1960s to offer federal employees an efficient and effective way to give to their charities of choice. The convenience of payroll deduction and the choice of more than 2,000 participating charities have largely contributed to the success of the CFC.

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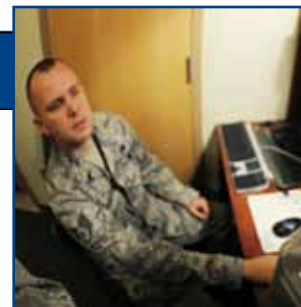
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The four cornerstones of building solid leadership

By Col. Christopher Lauritzen
51st Dental Squadron Commander

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- My passion is hiking or cycling to and around areas of natural or historical significance. On a visit to the Andes Mountains in Peru, I became fascinated with the construction of the ruins of the ancient Incas.

The rock walls had stood tall after being constructed hundreds of years before without the use of mortar; and still they stood so firm and precisely placed that I could not pass a knife between the stones. In many ways great leaders, and the principles that guide them, are like those solid walls built so long ago.

Cornerstones are the first stones set in the construction of a masonry foundation, they are important since all other stones in the foundation will be set in reference to the first stones, thus determining the position of the entire structure.

In building solid leadership, I believe there are four principles that act as cornerstones of the firm foundation of which everything we do as a leader is encompassed, and of which our lives and the lives of those we lead are built upon. They are concept, competency, courage, and character.

Concept

A concept is the creation of something in the leader's mind that will eventually lead to a reality. Some may call it vision.

It is an idea, an improved product, or an environment which the leader seeks to create. Concept includes an ideal end state, a construct, or a perfect model; plus a realistic plan on obtaining its achievement.

Having a concept of where the leader wants to take the unit is the necessary first step. This comes from understanding where the unit currently is, and where the leader desires to take it.

A leader's job is to look into the future, and to see the organization not as it is...but as it can become. In promoting his vision for our country, President Ronald Reagan (who incidentally was a Captain in the Army Air Force) once said; "To grasp and hold a vision...that is the essence of successful leadership"

Competence

Competence is the act or action of grasping with the intellect. It is not just knowledge gained through learning and experience. It is understanding the theoretical and practical aspects of our charge.

It is having the command of, and the capacity for understanding fully the product or service we are providing, as well as having consistent awareness of the unit's mission and situational reality. As we rise in the organization our perspective broadens, while still paying attention to the details. Our outlook becomes more comprehensive and global, and we should be gaining wisdom and more knowledge along the way. John F. Kennedy, another president who learned leadership while in the military, stated; "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

Courage

Leaders must be brave enough to take action, to overcome difficulties, to finish though the way is difficult, and to act as they believe. No matter how the great the leaders competency and vision, the leader will go nowhere and will accomplish nothing, if he is afraid to act. As Sir Winston Churchill explained, "Courage is the first of human qualities...because it guarantees all the others."

Courage is the strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. Courage does not mean the lack or absence of fear; it means doing the right thing despite fear. Courage does not mean that leaders never fail; it means that they have the spiritual resources to try again and again, never

admitting final defeat or ultimate subjugation. Courage is for the long haul, not the short ride.

"We become brave by doing brave acts", philosophized Aristotle. How do we become brave? We just do it!

If courage is character in action, then we need to examine character.

Character

We can all think of leaders who had vision, competence, and courage, but were tyrannical despots leading their families, units, and even their countries to ruin. Character, is the peculiar quality by which a leader is distinguished from others; it is his true nature. We should be determined to be leaders of character. Leaders are all exhorted to live the Air Force Core Values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. Living those values every day; keeping the highest standards in ethics, quality, and service despite the difficulties encountered builds leaders of character. Adversity reveals a leader's true character.

"Day by day, what you choose, what you think, and what you do is who you become. Your integrity is you destiny. It is the light that guides you way" - Heraclitus

Foundational Steps to Becoming a Leader of Character

1. Commitment: be a leader of character
2. Have purpose
3. Formulate personal/unit mission and vision statements
4. Read books on leadership or biographies of leaders you respect
5. Schedule activities that forces you to face your fears
6. Critically examine your own character

The more solid leadership foundation the greater the leader will be.

"Waste no time arguing what a good (leader) should be; be one" - Marcus Aurelius

Every Airman plays a vital role in computer security

By Lt. Col. George Kinney
51st Communications Squadron Commander

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- As our senior Air Force leaders have emphasized, each Airman plays a vital role in protecting our mission critical communications infrastructure.

Inspectors from Defense Information Systems Agency and Air Force Network Integration Center will be at Osan from Sept. 19-23, to assess how well we protect our information and communications systems, essentially our "culture of security-mindedness."

Specifically, these inspection teams will review the procedures used by the 51st Communications Squadron to secure the base network, as well as provide an overall assessment of the base's communications systems and programs.

Team Osan's success in the Com-

mand Cyber Readiness Inspection (CCRI) and the Air Force Information Assurance Assessment and Assistance Program (IAAP) inspection, hinges not only on the communications squadron's technical experts, but also each individual Airman.

By adhering to the following practices, everyone can help secure our communications systems from our adversaries and ensure we are inspection-ready every day.

Some steps you can take every day are:

- Log off and/or reboot computer systems daily to ensure each machine receives security patches
- Turn on SIPR systems on "SIPR Wednesday" to ensure each system receives security patches
- Use only authorized software and storage devices on government computer systems

- Remove your CAC card from your system when you leave the area
- Store system passwords properly to prevent unauthorized system access
- Maintain separation between classified and unclassified systems
- Label all storage material (CDs, DVDs, external hard drives, etc)
- Have a DD form 2056 (red sticker) on all phones
- Maintain COMSEC reports and safe Standard Forms 701/702 properly
- Lastly, and most importantly, if you see something suspicious report it to your unit Information Assurance Officer, your commander, or the Comm Focal Point at 784-2666.

We are only as strong as our weakest link. By adhering to these simple rules, every member of Team Osan can help secure our communications systems and prevent their exploitation by our adversaries.

7th Air Force vice commander bids farewell to Osan, reflects on tenure

By Maj Eric Badger
7th AF Public Affairs

After serving as the 7th Air Force Vice Commander since May 2010, Brigadier General Scott L. Dennis said a heart-felt thank you and farewell to Team Osan and the South Korean community.

“It’s all about the friendships my family and I have gained, both South Korean and American,” the General said. “My wife and I were here with our family 10 years ago, and we had a wonderful time. The second time around was just as wonderful as the first.”

However, his second assignment at Osan Air Base, Korea offered a slightly different perspective than his first arrival as Major Scott Dennis, Director of Weapons and Tactics in June 1998.

“In the position of Vice Commander, I was afforded more of an opportunity to build incredible partnerships with the South Korean people and the Republic of Korea military,” he said. “I’m impressed by the support the South Korean people have given the U.S. military, and specifically the Airmen of the 7th Air Force.”

During his tenure as the 7th Air Force Vice Commander, General Dennis was also Chief of Staff, Air Component Command, Osan Air Base, South Korea. The 7th Air Force mission is to organize, train and equip warfighting forces supporting the Air Component Command assigned to the Combined Forces Command, and perform missions that support United Nations Command armistice maintenance.

Last week, General Dennis departed from his post as Vice Commander to fill the post as Commander of Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan.

“I’ll be the second U.S. Commander of what is a multi-national command,” he said. “I’ll be working on the NATO side running the airfield and defending the base. It is a vast operation. Approximately

25,000 to 30,000 people are there and well over 400 aircraft. It will be challenging, but rewarding I’m sure.”

The General noted that his role as the 7th Air Force Vice Commander provided him with a broader knowledge and understanding of building partnerships – an element he said is critical to his new assignment.

“Our ROK Air Force partners and the South Korean people have taught me a great deal about how to operate between language challenges and perspective differences, while maintaining common goals and attaining those goals together,” said the General. “I have no doubt the skills that I have learned here will serve me well in Afghanistan.”

The General is quick to highlight that the “Get-R-Done” attitude of the 7th Air Force, 51st Fighter Wing and 8th Fighter Wing stand out foremost in his mind as the most distinctive accomplishments during his 15-month tenure.

General Dennis said, “In the short time I’ve been here, through all the challenges and hurdles, maintaining our ability to ‘fight tonight’ and stability on the peninsula make me the proudest. Our Korean friends know we’re ready to fight alongside them. I’m honored to have served with the great men and women of Team Osan.”

The General added that he would be remiss if he did not offer one last challenge to the U.S. military on the Korean peninsula.

“I challenge each and every one of you to keep up the great work,” he said. “Korea is a dynamic, constantly changing environment. We cannot afford to lose our vigilance or become complacent. Our mission here is far too important. We must never lose sight of that.”

General Dennis also shared one final piece of advice that has served him well throughout his stellar 26-year career.



Brigadier General Scott L. Dennis

“Treat each day as your finest hour, because it might just be,” he said. “It’s the military way of life. You never know when a significant, life-changing moment will happen to you. If you keep that in mind, chances are when your moment comes you’ll be ready for it.”

Brigadier General Kurt F. Neubauer, currently deployed to Balad, Iraq, will replace Brigadier General Dennis.

Osan Air Base UCMJ Disciplinary Actions – 15 - 30 September

NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT		
Rank	Offense Description	Punishment Imposed
Amn	Violated: Art. 92 Failure to Obey General Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">30 days extra dutyReduced to Airman Basic (suspended)Reprimand
A1C	Violated: Art. 92 Failure to Obey General Order; Art. 107 Sign False Official Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">30 days extra dutyReduced to Airman (suspended)Reprimand
TSgt	Violated: Art. 86 AWOL three days or less; Art. 107 Sign False Official Statement; Art. 107 Make False Official Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">45 days extra dutyForfeiture of \$1482 x 2 months (suspended)Reduced to Staff SergeantReprimand

‘Leave’-ing on a Jet Plane!

51st Fighter Wing Legal Office

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- In July of 2011 this week’s Feature 15 Airman requested leave to go to Jeju Island, but never quite made it. Instead of a trip to Korean paradise, our Airman had another type of vacation on his mind. After leave was granted, he

boarded a plane and left, not for Jeju, but Amsterdam. Unfortunately for our Airman, he missed his return flight, and on Monday had to call his unit to request a leave extension. However, instead of coming clean, our Airman lied and told his unit he needed the extra day to pick his wife up from the airport. This raised some suspicions and the unit began to investigate. When our Airman finally returned from leave, he requested his charged leave be extended to cover his absence. In

both cases he lied, stating he was in the ROK during his leave. Unfortunately for our Airman, it doesn’t take Sherlock Holmes to figure out that flights to Jeju don’t have a lay-over in Amsterdam. Although he may have earned plenty of frequent flyer miles on his jaunt to and from the Netherlands, this technical sergeant’s leave-web hemispheric misrepresentation also earned him 45 days extra duty and the opportunity to be called “staff sergeant” again.

7th AF Personnel Director garners ROK, US Alliance Award

By Maj Eric Badger
7th AF Public Affairs

Lieutenant Colonel Scott P. Maskery, 7th Air Force Director of Manpower, Personnel, and Services, was awarded the 2011 Patriot Award Sept. 30 for outstanding contributions to the Republic of Korea (ROK)-US alliance.

The Korean name for the award is “Wigook Heonsin Sang” or “Patriot Award” in English. The award ceremony was held at the ROK Ministry of National Defense (MND) Compound, Seoul, Korea. There were 10 ROK recipients and one US recipient—Lt Col Maskery.

The Bristol, Connecticut native was selected from among the top eight nominees throughout all US Forces-Korea (USFK) and the service component units for the award, including both Osan and Kunsan Air Bases. A combined US-ROK board convened in July to nominate the top two candidates to the MND. After a competitive board process, the MND officials selected Lt Col Maskery to receive the prestigious award.

“My selection is really a reflection of all the people that I’ve worked with here in Korea,” said Maskery. “This includes US military, ROK military and our civilian mission partners throughout the ROK, I just happen to be the person receiving the award.”

This event marks only the second ROK-US Alliance Award given, and the first time it has been awarded to an Airman. The previous recipient was US Marine Lt Col Christopher R. Escamilla.

“There are so many great US servicemembers serving in Korea that are just as deserving of this award as I am,” said Maskery. “That is why I’m so honored and pleased to see an Airman being recognized this time around.”

Among approximately 115 guests were senior military, corporate and community leaders, including ROK Defense Minister Kim Kwan Jin, 7th AF Commander Lt Gen Jeffrey A. Remington, retired ROK Army Gen. Paik Sun-yup and Chosun Daily President Mr. Bang Sang-Hoon.

Also in attendance was Lt Col Maskery’s wife Jennifer and their two children—13-year-old Elena and



Mrs. Jennifer Maskery, wife of Lt. Col. Scott Maskery, watches on as her husband is presented the 2011 Patriot Award by Mr. Bang Sang-Hoon, Chosun Daily President. Lt. Col. Maskery was presented the award Sept. 30 for outstanding contributions to the Republic of Korea (ROK)-US alliance. The ceremony, held at the ROK Ministry of National Defense compound, marks only the second ROK-US Alliance Award given, and the first time it has been awarded to an Airman. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj Eric Badger)

8-year-old Paul.

“I’m thankful that my family was invited,” he said. “It’s fun to be recognized, but certainly even better that my family was here to share it with me.”

Mrs. Maskery echoed the same sentiments as her husband.

“Words really cannot describe how proud we are of him,” she said. “I’m delighted to be a part of this moment with him.”

Colonel Maskery’s current assignment is the third Korea assignment of his 19-year career. From July 2007

to 2010, he served as Deputy Director, Implementation Secretariat at US Army Garrison-Yongsan. Prior to that, he was the 8th Logistics Group Executive Officer at Kunsan Air Base from June 1996 to May 1997.

“The thought recently occurred to me that I have lived in Korea longer than any other place in my entire adult life,” said Maskery. “My family and I have been treated with the utmost kindness and respect during our time here. For that kindness and respect, I want to thank all of our Korean allies from the bottom of my heart and it is an honor to serve in Korea.”

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Take a Stand

By Beth Thomas
Family Advocacy Outreach Manager

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the primary objective is to increase awareness of how violence impacts families and communities.

To many individuals, domestic violence is horrific, unspeakable abuse that only happens in rare circumstances. It can range in severity with varying degrees of injury, like physical and emotional pain, and feelings of isolation, hopelessness, and helplessness.

Domestic violence or family violence occurs in families with diverse educational, racial or economic status, and it may look different from family to family. Family violence can have a tremendous impact on children, spouses, family members, friends coworkers and communities.

Children who witness family violence often experience setbacks in their physical, emotional, social, and moral/spiritual development. Spouses who experience violence may suffer from physical injuries and psychological trauma.

Unfortunately, family violence occurs in our military community as well, but with everyone’s help, family violence

can be prevented.

How to prevent family violence:

- Help a friend, neighbor or relative. Someone you know may be isolated from the community. They may not know of the resources available on base. Invite them to participate in classes and programs with you.

- Help yourself. When problems of everyday life pile up to the point that you feel overwhelmed and out of control, take time out. Don’t take it out on your spouse or child. Take a deep breath, turn on some music or take a warm bath. Family Advocacy offers a stress management class. Call them at 784-5010 for more information.

- Learn new skills. Couples communication teaches all couples how to communicate effectively and problem solve. The couples communication class is co-sponsored with the chapel. Call 784-5000 for more information.

- Get involved. Be an advocate for services to help families. Ask your community leaders, clergy, library and schools to develop services to meet the needs of families. Take advantage of programs such as New Parent Support (Army), 1-2-3 Magic and Anger Management. Call family Advocacy at 784-5010 for more information.

- Monitor your child’s television



Col. Patrick McKenzie, 51st Fighter Wing commander, signs the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 26. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Adam Grant)

and computer use. Children are impacted by the violence they are exposed to in the media. Watching violent films on television or playing violent computer games can cause harm to young children. Not only does it scare them, it also teaches children that aggression is a good way to handle frustration and

solve problems.

- Report suspected abuse or neglect. Keeping every member of our community safe is the responsibility of every person in our community. If you have reason to suspect a spouse or child has been or may be harmed, call Family Advocacy at 784-5010.

Top Cop visits Wolf Pack Airmen

By 1st Lt. R. Evan Tugby
8th Security Forces Squadron

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- In security forces we refer to our highest ranking officer as the Top Cop.

Brig. Gen. Jimmy McMillian, "Top Cop," is the Director of Security Forces, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Sound important? Well he is! He is responsible for planning and programming for the Air Force's largest career field, a force that's 30,000 strong.

During the general's Pacific Air Forces tour, he spent three days with Airmen

of the 8th Security Forces Squadron here Sept. 12 to 14. McMillian flew in on a Blackhawk helicopter and as soon as he landed, was ready to meet the men and women who call the Wolf Pack home.

McMillian's visit proved extremely rare as he brought several key security forces leaders with him. The fact that security forces leadership came together at the Wolf Pack meant our defenders had the opportunity to hear senior perspectives, something often difficult to come by.

McMillian and the senior leaders were able to speak directly to Airmen about upcoming changes in the career field, the importance of being good wingmen and suicide prevention and awareness. He also had an opportunity



Brig. Gen. Jimmy McMillian, Director of Security Forces, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., watches members of the 8th Security Forces Squadron perform a demonstration at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 13. McMillian is the focal point for ensuring the physical security of nuclear assets within the Air Force and planning and programming for more than 30,000 active-duty and Reserve components security forces at locations worldwide. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Bateman)

to see "Big Coyote's" terrain and look at the unique location of Kunsan AB in relation to the Korean coastline.

Our visitors were given the Big Coyote Brief, which highlighted our unique mission to: Defend the Base, Accept Follow-On Forces and Take the Fight North.

McMillian said he was pleased and loves the Wolf Pack's air base defense mission. With that said, he gave senior NCOs, and officers alike, an opportunity to benefit from a little mentorship by discussing career progression and how to be better leaders.

Another important topic the general touched on was quality of life issues and technology requirements to ensure a better future for the Wolf Pack and our Airmen. For many of our Airmen it was the first time meeting the Air Force's "Top Cop" and they won't soon forget it.

During his visit, McMillian met and spoke with approximately 200 Airmen and coined 14 security forces personnel!

The general enjoyed a great visit here and I'd like to take the opportunity to say 'thank you' to those who helped make this trip a success. It was a team effort Wolf Pack...and we got it done. "Huah!"



Osan Airman acquitted of theft, wrongful use of controlled substance

By Tech. Sgt. Eric Petosky
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- A panel of seven officers and NCOs acquitted an Airman stationed at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, during a two-day special court martial which concluded Aug. 30.

Senior Airman Bradley Mummey, 51st Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory technician, was charged with theft and wrongful use of Diazepam, a Schedule IV controlled substance, a violation of Article 112a and 121 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Article 112a is the wrongful use, possession, etc., of a controlled substance, and Article 121 is larceny or wrongful appropriation. Six witnesses were called during the special court martial. Mummey exercised his right not to make a statement.

Captains Mathew Ramage-White and Casey Hinson represented the U.S. government, and Maj. Darrin Skousen and Capt. Mary Ellen Payne

represented Mummey. The maximum sentence Mummey faced was confinement for a year, forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for 12 months, reduction in grade to E-1 and a fine. Mummey has since returned to duty.

"It is essential that all Airmen have faith in the military justice system, and that they know they will be appointed a defense counsel who will advocate relentlessly for their rights at Trial," Skousen said. "Cases like this demonstrate that conviction is not automatic; our Airmen will receive a full and fair hearing if they are ever brought to court martial."

Mummey has been assigned to Osan Air Base since July 2010. He did not serve any pretrial confinement.

"Our system supports the innocence of an accused, and they are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt," Ramage-White said. "The decision of guilt or innocence rests within a jury of the accused peers. Although the system is not perfect, it is the best system in the world."

Osan civilians named USFK winners

By Senior Master Sgt. Stuart Camp
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Four Osan-affiliated civilians were named 2011 U.S. Forces-Korea Civilian Employees of the Year.

The winners are: John Turner, 607th Material Maintenance Squadron; Yong In Sin, 607th MMS; Su Ae Yi, 51st Operations Support Squadron; and Young Chung, 51st Maintenance Group.

USFK officials released the results Aug. 30. There were 19 civilians in 11 award categories chosen for these awards. The winners will receive special recognition at a formal ceremony Oct. 20 on U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan.

Chung, secretary for the 51st MXG commander, found out about the award by phone during the recent operational readiness exercise.

"Colonel (Deborah) Meserve called me before I saw the message," said Chung, who has been a civil servant since 2006. She is USFK's U.S. Clerical Employee of the Year.

This is the first award Chung has gotten above the group level, she said.

"I guess it was my effort at work throughout the year," Chung said, de-

scribing why she won.

Winning the USFK Korean national Administrator of the Year is another addition to the long string of awards for Yi. The air traffic assistant has six Pacific Air Forces awards.

Yi, 51st OSS airfield operations dispatcher who has worked on Osan for 16 years, was on leave when her shop chief called to share the good news.

"Hopefully, I deserved it," Yi said humbly.

Although they don't work at Osan, the two winners from the 607th MMS are 7th Air Force employees.

Sin, a general engineer, is the 2011 Korean national Professional of the Year.

Turner, assigned at Daegu, was named U.S. Supervisor of the Year. His group of approximately 65 people provides base support during exercises and contingency operations.

"We're pretty busy for a small unit," said the 10-year civil servant. "I believe I won because we were able to carry out the Air Force mission ... through five large and four smaller exercises."

A panel of judges reviewed 92 nominations representing civilians assigned to USFK organizations and other Department of Defense units in the Republic of Korea.

Kunsan SFS exercises baton tactics



Airman Michael Kowalke, 8th Security Forces Squadron response force leader, begins to strike an "adversary" to control the situation during the expandable baton training class at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 26, 2011. Expandable batons are specially used to deescalate a situation with the least amount of force necessary. The expandable batons are one of the tools used by Airmen as a non-lethal means to defend themselves. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Rasheen Douglas)



Members of the 8th Security Forces Squadron practice striking with the expandable baton on one another at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 26, 2011.

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KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members of the 8th Security Forces Squadron train on proper ways

to use the expandable baton here Sept. 26.

All security forces members are trained to use non-lethal force to defend themselves. The expandable baton

is just one of the tools at their disposal. Expandable batons are specifically used to deescalate a situation with the least amount of force necessary.

The training is built to familiarize

security forces members in the proper ways to use the baton. Every detail is covered from the methods to use the baton to the areas on a suspect's body it is legal to strike.

Peninsula - wide Job Fair is a complete success

By Senior Airman Adam Grant

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The 51st Fighter Wing Airman and Family Readiness Center held a peninsula wide job fair Sept. 09, 2011. The Job fair attracted job seekers such as military spouses, separating military components, retirees, contractors and Department of Defense civilians. There were approximately 400 job seekers and 40 employers participating in this event. The event was held to support the employment endeavors of military spouses and family members.

Job seekers from around the peninsula travel booth to booth being presented job opportunities from the numerous employers participating in the job fair Sept. 09, 2011. The job fair was held to support the employment endeavors of military spouses and family members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Adam Grant)



Command post ensures distribution of mission essential information to Wolf Pack

By Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Every Wednesday Wolf Pack Airmen have come accustomed to hearing the weekly test of the giant voice system. During exercises, this giant voice alerts Kunsan of changing alarm and MOPP levels. The Wolf Pack knows whether or not to dawn their service blues on Monday's by checking in with the commander's access channel. Aircrews, maintainers, security forces members, base leadership have all communicated with this central hub of base operations.

Who is responsible for these life-saving and mission essential tasks?

The answer is found in a small office of highly-trained and capable Kunsan Airmen located directly adjacent to the installation control center. Here one finds the command post.

"The command post is the eyes, ears and voice of the wing commander," said Senior Airman Shawn Steele, 8th Fighter Wing command post controller. "Working in the command post is very important. It provides information up and down the chain of command with the goal of providing military members what they require to perform their jobs."

Information has quickly become a valued commodity for the current generation of war fighters. The information Kunsan's command post receives and is tasked with disseminating is paramount to overall mission success. The command post's superintendent, Master Sgt. Michelle Liethen, describes what makes this information so essential.

"We alert wing leadership of real-world and exercise situations occurring both on the peninsula and globally," she said. "This allows leadership to make informed decisions in order to place its per-

sonnel and resources in the best possible position to meet its challenges."

Challenging? Yes. But according to one controller, these challenges are what make life worth living and can amount to one of their career's most memorable moments.

"I had the honor of playing taps on the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks," said Staff Sgt. Dominick Streeter. "It was an honor taking part in paying tribute to all the lives that were lost on that day."

Right in step with her troop, Liethen said, looking back at her career, her most treasured memory has been as a mentor.

"The most memorable moment of my career has been working with my Airmen," she said.

One of Liethen's Airmen, Senior Airman Brandon Norton, explained what a typical day in the command post is like and why he enjoys the work.

"Outside of the 12-hour shifts, things vary greatly day-to-day," he said. "One minute you're tracking aircraft and the next you're over the giant voice during exercises announcing alarm and MOPP conditions. So it all depends on that day's specific mission requirements."

However, according to Steele, these mission requirements tend to vary from base-to-base.

"Our mission greatly differs based upon location," he said. "At the most basic level, it supports the mission. Whenever controllers are sent, they are expected to aid the mission to the best of their abilities. This can be accomplished here by supporting the well-known Wolf Pack mission, by processing emergency actions traffic or facilitating emergency management."

At Kunsan, honing in on excellent emergency management skills has become a crucial component to the Wolf Pack's recent excellent rating in their last operational readiness inspection held in April this year. However, with the high



Staff Sgt. Dominick Streeter and Senior Airman Shawn Steele, both 8th Fighter Wing command post controllers, work together as they practice their "Giant Voice" skills at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28. The command post is a mission essential office with 12-hour shifts for 24-hour operations. This office, a wing staff agency, is known as the eyes, ears and voice of the wing commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton)

operations tempo and swift switch out rate of personnel, providing bases must train their Airmen for whatever lies ahead of them, even if that assignment is Kunsan.

Regarding the emergency management portion of his job, Steele said his experience at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., has prepared him for much of what he has accomplished here.

"I remember one night very vividly as I worked the night shift by myself," he said. "There was a series of real-world emergencies that occurred and it was up to me to handle them. Some of these emergencies included an Airman who shot himself in the foot and a few operational reports from satellite anomalies."

But what made it all worth it, he said, was when leadership personally showed their gratitude for his hard work.

"At the end of the shift, the wing commander came into the command post and thanked me for what I had accomplished."

Noting the importance of sound lead-

ership, Maj. Bryan Dutcher, 8th FW command post flight chief, said he's very proud of what his Airmen have accomplished.

"Every work day is a new and fast paced experience," the major said. "I spend most of my day learning about the ins and outs of the command post and trying to relate them to previous experiences, so I can accomplish the mission and stay in step with the cadre of professionals I work with here."

These professional Dutcher refers to are but just a piece of the pie who ensure the Wolf Pack is a name feared by enemies worldwide.

"One thing that always stays with me from my entire career is the cohesiveness of Airmen when the mission needs to be accomplished," he said. "Throughout all the austere and remote conditions I've experienced, when the mission needs to get done, Airmen come together as professionals and accomplish that mission with success."

Showing appreciation to our retired veterans



8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Airmen from the 8th Fighter Wing hosted Retiree Appreciation Day for retired servicemembers near Kunsan AB here Sept. 24.

The event was held at the Base Exchange entrance. Retirees and their families enjoyed refreshments and were offered various services like blood pressure checks, cholesterol screening, information from the 8th Medical Group's physical therapy and nutrition professionals, information from TRICARE, Red Cross and other services.

Days like this are a great source of the latest information for retirees and their family members and vary from installation to installation, but most provide an opportunity to renew acquaintances, listen to guest speakers, renew identification cards, get medical checkups and various other services.

Retired servicemembers fill out information forms during Retiree Day, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 24. Days like this are a great source of the latest information for retirees and their family members. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Bateman)

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 - ❖ T-shirt
 - ❖ Medal
 - ❖ Chance for prizes
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 - ❖ Kids 400m Race
 - ❖ Strollers Welcome
 - ❖ Post-race party & BBQ
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Mr. Yi, Kon
51st Civil Engineering Fire Prevention

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If you feel like it is too dangerous to fight the fire, then it is too big for you to attempt to extinguish. Firefighting is dangerous. The Air Force spends hundreds of thousands of dollars to train firefighters to recognize characteristics of fires. The bottom line is if you feel your safety is threatened by attempting to extinguish a fire, close the door and leave it for the professionals.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Fire Prevention Office at 784-4834 or 4835.

Let's Learn Korean 한글을 배워봅시다

Lesson 4. 우리집에 놀러 오세요. Come to my house. (Invite)

A: 안녕, 암실씨
An.nyeong. Yamsil.ssi
B: 안녕, 보라씨
An.nyeong. Bora.ssi
A: 보라씨, 내일 시간 있어요?
Bora.ssi. nae.il. si.gan. it.seo.yo
B: 네. 시간 있어요. 왜요?
Ne. si.gan. it.seo.yo. wae.yo
A: 우리집에 놀러 오세요.
Wu.ri.jip.e. nol.leo. ou.se.yo
B: 정말요? 좋아요. 엘리씨도 같이 가도 돼요?
Jung.mal.yo. joe.a.yo. Elly.ssi.do. ga.chi. ga.do. dwa.e.yo
A: 그럼요. 당연하지요. 우리 가족도 소개 해줄게요.
Gue.rum.yo. dang.yeon.ha.ji.yo. wu.ri. ga.jok.do. so.gae. hae.jul.gae.yo
B: 알았어요. 그런데 내가 준비할거 없어요?
Al.at.seo.yo. gue.run.dae. nae.ga, jun.bi.hal.geo. up.seo.yo
A: 없어요. 내일 수업 마치고 같이 가요.
Up.seo.yo. nae.il. su.up. ma.chi.go. ga.chi. ga.yo
B: 알았어요. 내가 엘리씨한테 말할게요.
Al.at.seo.yo. nae.ga. Elly.ssi.han.tae. mal.hal.ge.yo
A: 내일 봐요. 안녕.
Nae.il. bwa.yo. an.nyeong

A: Hi, Yamsil
B: Hi, Bora
A: Do you have a time tomorrow?
B: Yes.I have a time. Why?
A: Would you like to come to my house.
B: Really? Great. Could I go to your home with Elly?
A: Of course yes. I'll introduce my family.
B: Okay. By the way, is there anything I can do?
A: Nothing. Tomorrow after school go together.
B: Okay. I'll talk to Elly.
A: See you tomorrow. Bye.

<New words>

내일 Nae.il	Tomorrow
오늘 Ou.neul	Today
어제 Eo.jae	Yesterday
시간 Si.gan	Time
있어요 It.seo.yo	Have
없어요 Up.seo.yo	Have not
왜 Wae	Why
우리 Wu.ri	We
집 Jip	House, home
가족 Ga.jok	Family
소개(하다) So.gae(ha.da.)	Introduce
준비(하다) Jun.bi(ha.da)	Prepare
같이 Ga.chi	With, together



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CRC boosts confidence among defenders

By Senior Airman Adam Grant
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Members of the 51st Security Forces Squadron along with members of the Republic of Korea's Air Police, complete the confidence course during their Combat Readiness Course Sept. 27, 2011. The confidence course is an obstacle course testing the participant's abilities to survive as a team while communicating when placed in stressful situations. During the confidence course members answer knowledge questions, perform sprints, tire rolls, low crawl for 30 yards, maneuver over an 8-foot wall, litter carry an injured team member for 400 meters and compete in a weapons challenge. The Combat Readiness Course happens once a month and is offered to all new security forces members.

Right: Master Sgt. Christopher Greek, 51st Security Forces Squadron flight chief, closes his eyes when he is chosen to be a simulated casualty during the confidence course portion of the Combat Readiness Course Sept. 27. The confidence course is an obstacle course that tests the participant's abilities to survive as a team while communicating when placed in stressful situations. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Adam Grant)



Master Sgt. Christopher Greek, 51st Security Forces Squadron flight chief, carries a simulated casualty during the confidence course Sept. 27. During the confidence course members answer knowledge questions, perform sprints, tire rolls, low crawl for 30 yards, maneuver over an 8-foot wall, litter carry an injured team member for 400 meters and compete in a weapons challenge.



Members of the 51st Security Forces Squadron along with members of the Republic of Korea's Air Police, compete during the weapons challenge portions of the confidence course during their Combat Readiness Course Sept. 27. The Combat Readiness Course happens once a month and is offered to all new security forces members.

Prenatal Ultrasound... the making of a memory

By Monte D. Hargrave
Area II Health Promotion Coordinator, Registered Nurse

Enjoy life, especially your family life! Babies grow-up way too fast and baby pictures are a right-of-passage and as we age, these baby pictures are even more treasured. I have recently heard that one of the local "clinics" is offering a really affordable way to capture a picture of a baby while still in the womb... what a wonderful and life-long memoir this would be. Maybe... maybe not.

As a father of a beautiful college freshman daughter and the father of a wonderful little girl that didn't survive her first day of life, I can share with you the joy of making the most of the memories you have with your children; born and unborn. As parents, we all want what is best for them, rarely do we put them in harm's way without accessing the risk and ensuring that they will be safe.

I recently came across a blog that focuses on Moms & Dads in Korea, with a particular chat string that dealt


with prenatal ultrasounds. The question was asked if anyone had any information regarding a clinic that routinely takes ultrasound pictures; I was shocked to see how nonchalant the communication was; this was not a big deal?! I was confused and began to recall information I recently read and wondered how I might help shed some light on the subject... this article is that light.


Pictures are forever time that will never perish. Having a picture of a person or event allows us to relish a moment for the rest of our lives; what an impact. Taking pictures is fun, just ask my grandmother and aunt... every moment is a Kodak moment. I don't want to take away from anyone's positive energy, especially an expectant Mother's... it just ain't cool and it is fairly cruel; what could be worse? The only thing I can think of is hurting her child.

Unless you are a high-speed techno person or work in a hospital, you probably do not take much stock in how an ultrasound works. It works by sending ultra-high frequency radio waves into something. For the X-ray department, these radio waves are bounced-off of body structures and it is captured in the form of an



image. For the Physical Therapy department, these same radio waves are used to heat deep muscles. It isn't until you think of the second use of ultrasound that a potential harm could come to a developing child in a mother's womb. While there are no documented cases of direct harm from an ultrasound of a developing child, there are incidents of deep burns from those who misuse such equipment. The Food & Drug Administration, American Medical Association and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine all believe that the use of ultrasound without a medical indication is inappropriate and contradicts the responsible practice of medicine.


So please... if you know someone who is going to get a keepsake ultrasound that is not medically indicated, ask them if they would expose their child to an unnecessary or unknown danger from heat. Would you dry off your newborn with a hair dryer or stick them in the microwave? Of course not, so please don't expose them to the deep penetrating heat of an ultrasound unless, of course, it is medically necessary and you make an informed discussion with your doctor.





**29 & 30 October 2011 Osan Air Base,
Republic of Korea**





(<http://www.osan.af.mil>)

607th SPTS/CEF

Job title: HVAC/R
Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Maintain the Heating and Air Conditioning systems in the HTAC/KCOIC
Time in the military: 8 years
Time at Korea: 9 months
Family: Wife Kristin and 3 kids Braeden 8, Aniyah 4, Carter 9 weeks
Hobbies: Lifting weights, any and all sports, Skyping with my family
Why did you join the military? Because so many people that I know are still at home doing the same old things and I didn't want to end up like that. I wanted to do something that had meaning. Plus my brother had a really nice car and he's in the AF so I wanted one!
Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? Retired and enjoying life with my beautiful wife, traveling.
What do you do for fun here? Lift weights and chill with my boy Dewey Nelson.
What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? The day I found out I made Staff. It was such a surreal feeling and one I hope to feel a lot more
What accomplishment are you most proud of? As or right now my CCAF because I am not a school kind of guy so doing that was big for me. Hopefully I can keep the ball rolling and go for my Bachelors next

Staff Sgt. Patrick Holmes



Who are your role models? My mother. She raised three children by herself while working two to three jobs just to get by. I never had a need for anything because she did everything she could to insure we never had to feel that way. I admire her so much for all she has done and still does for me.

Tech. Sgt. Melissa Mantegna



51st Logistics Readiness Squadron
Job title: NCOIC, War Reserve Material

Job description and its impact on the overall mission: Manages \$138M War Reserve Material (WRM) program; 51st Fighter Wing go-to point of contact for all WRM issues/use requests. Executes \$102K WRM budget; directs requisition of WRM assets; and identifies unfunded requirements to higher

headquarters.
Time in the military: 13 years
Time at Osan: 11 months
DEROS: Nov 11
Family: Jada - Daughter
Hometown: Geneva, NY
Hobbies: Spending time with Jada, working out and playing softball.
Why did you join the military? I desired a change and wanted to travel
Where do you see yourself in 10 or 20 years? Retired from active duty and working for the government
What do you do for fun here? Work-out, play softball and travel
What's your favorite Air Force memory or story? Every time I'm reunited with an old friend. The Air Force is small, so I'm always running into someone I knew from a previous assignment.
What accomplishment are you most proud of? The excitement of being rewarded for hard work and dedication by wing leadership.
Who are your role models? My grandmother. She's a very strong woman and my best friend.



Gunsan medical leadership teams tour Kunsan

By Staff Sgt. Rasheen A. Douglas
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Executive leadership teams from Wonkwang University Medical Center and Gunsan Medical Center toured here Sept. 24.

Wonkwang University and Gunsan Medical Center's leadership teams were invited by the 8th Medical Group commander and leadership to tour the base.

The Republic of Korea Air Force briefed the executive leadership teams on the capabilities of their KF-16 Fighting Falcon. Afterward, the teams got a chance to pose for photos and walk around the KF-16 static display.

The Wonkwang University and Gunsan Medical Centers are Kunsan AB's referral hospitals of choice nearby who provide specialty care to Wolf Pack members when it's not available at the 8th MDG clinic.



Members of the 8th Medical Group pose along with members of the Wonkwang University Medical Center and Gunsan Medical Center executive leadership teams for a group photo, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 24. Wonkwang University and Gunsan Medical Center's leadership teams were invited by the 8th Medical Group commander and leadership to tour the base. The Wonkwang University and Gunsan Medical Centers are Kunsan AB's referral hospitals of choice nearby who provide specialty care to Wolf Pack members when it is not available at the 8th MDG clinic. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Rasheen A. Douglas)



Left pictures: A member of the Republic of Korea Air Force briefs Wonkwang University Medical Center and Gunsan Medical Center executive leadership teams about their KF-16 Fighting Falcons, at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 24.

Passing on the buck: New era of safety excellence

By Senior Airman Benjamin Stratton
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Wing safety has always been a very important factor in overall mission success, especially when it comes to ground safety.

Ground safety is tasked with ensuring the mass majority of the base adheres to their respective safety guidelines and are involved in the reporting process if and when a mishap occurs.

"Every aspect of the Wolf Pack mission goes through this office in one way or another," said Staff Sgt. Cody Hobart, former 8th Fighter Wing ground safety craftsman. "We are intertwined in every aspect to make sure we get the mission done in the safest manner so we don't have interruptions that would impact the mission in a negative way."

Hobart recently was reassigned to RAF Mildenhall, England, after serving his year at Kunsan. But before leaving he ensured he left the Wolf Pack's safety in very capable hands and was sure to bring his replacement up to speed on the strategic importance the 8th FW plays in the Pacific Air Forces mission here.

"Safety is on all levels, it's everywhere you look," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Armour, 8th FW ground safety craftsman and Hobart's replacement. "There's a reason why certain things are done the way they are now. Back when the Air Force began, mishap rates were atrocious. For instance, aircraft were crashing due to foreign object and debris incidents, etc. You wouldn't believe the rate at which we had these sorts of mission hindering incidents back then because safety wasn't thought of at that level yet."

Armour assured though that without the amount of safety requirements woven through every aspect of the mission these days, "we wouldn't be able to accomplish the mission."

Together, Hobart and Armour further emphasized the importance their office and the safety requirements written into every job's respective operating instructions have on the success of the Wolf Pack's mission.

That success stems from individuals adhering to those instructions. But according to Hobart, a lot of safety reports written over the last year stemmed from Airmen treating Kunsan as just another deployment on their way to their next base.

"You have to fight that mindset that you're only here for 365 days," Hobart

said. "We walk into legit safety situations at this base you wouldn't normally see at other bases. And that's what makes it challenging here."

But Hobart said this challenge is easily overcome with perseverance and dedication to the job at hand.

"What leadership here pushes hard for is 'leave it better than it was before,'" he said. "And that applies to everything, not just safety. You can leave Kunsan better than you found it when you arrived."

This notion applies for all Wolf Pack members and for the new 8th FW ground safety manager, Master Sgt. Wallace Greenwood, this will be one of his number one priorities of the next year.

"Safety's job is not to hinder commanders in their mission accomplishment or to slow down production," he said. "The intent of safety is that we are working with commanders to ensure we are accomplishing the mission as safely as possible."

Greenwood said his office's primary goal is to keep Kunsan's personnel safe as well as keep their equipment functioning and in good working order.

"So without safety, you can't accomplish the mission," he added.

A lot of people, most commanders, say this about their office, and the majority

would be correct, however, since joining the Air Force, whether enlisted or officer, the importance of on-the-job safety has been drilled into Airmen across the board and according to Greenwood, there's a very good reason for this.

"We're here to assist commanders in conducting the mission and accomplishing the mission or goal at hand as safely as possible," he said. "We all have very high operations tempo jobs, everyone, from the individual who is pushing paper clips to the security forces member working the perimeter of the base. With that being said, you have to be able to articulate the importance of safety to an individual in a manner they are going to be conducive and sometimes that means reiterating things they already know and refreshing their memory."

Reflecting on what he's learned since switching from a security forces member of 10 years to an expert in ground safety, Greenwood explained his daily sense of accomplishment:

"If at the end of the day we've made it through mishap free -- we've done our job."

[Editors note: This story is a continuous feature series highlighting the various wing staff agencies of the 8th FW.]

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

KUNSAN

Chapel Bldg 501 and 510

Sunday

9 a.m. Catholic Mass
(Bldg 501 - Main Chapel)

9 a.m. Protestant Liturgical Sacra-
mental Worship Service
(Bldg 510 - SonLight Inn)

10 a.m. Protestant Sunday School
(Bldg 510)

11 a.m. Protestant Contemporary
Worship Service (Bldg 501)

1 p.m. Protestant Gospel Worship
Service (Bldg 501)

2:30 p.m. Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints Sacramental Service/Sun-
day School (Bldg 510)

Please note: The Sunday be-
fore every exercise, the Gospel
and Contemporary Services will
combine into one service at 11
a.m. in the main chapel. Catholic
Mass and Protestant Liturgical
schedules will remain the same.

Daily Catholic Mass

Tues., Wed., Thurs. at 7:30 a.m.
in the Chapel

Thursday

8 p.m. Earth-based religions
gathering at the Sonlight Inn
Bldg. 510

Point of Contact:
Chaplain (Maj.) Christine Blice-Baum,
782-4300

OSAN

Catholic Mass

Daily Mass
Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation
Saturday, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Protestant Services

Sunday
Traditional service - 10 a.m.
Gospel Service - 11:30 a.m.
Pentecostal - 2 p.m.
Contemporary service - 5 p.m.

Church of Christ Service

Sunday, 10 a.m. in the
Elementary school cafeteria

General Services

Joy Night (gospel)
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Earth-based Service

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
in the Chapel Annex

Jewish Service

Second and fourth Friday, 6 p.m.

Muslim Service

Friday 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Haven Ministry Center (Community Activity Center)

Wed / Thurs / Sun: 6 p.m. - 10 p.m
Fri / Sat: 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted, all services
are held at the Osan Chapel.
For other events, call 784-5000.



Mustang Spiritual Charge



“Where did all the leaders go?”



By Ch, Capt. Alexander
Palomaria
51st Fighter Wing Chaplain

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Ko-
rea -- Leaders can be difficult to find. I
thought you might enjoy a few excerpts
from actual military fitness reports taken
from the files of the British Royal Navy
and Marine Corps. Here is how they

evaluated some of their recruits: “His
men would follow him anywhere,” says
one evaluation, “but only out of curios-
ity.” “He is technically sound, but so-
cially impossible,” concludes another.
“On my last report I said he had reached
rock bottom. He has since begun to dig.”
Good leaders are hard to find.

Early in my Air Force career I met a
Command Chief who introduced me to
bestselling author Dr. John Maxwell.
One of his many books includes *The
Right to Lead: Learning Leadership
Through Character and Courage*. I want
to share with you a quote from this book
that caught my attention: “Leadership
is often easy during the good times. It’s
when everything seems to be against
you-when you’re out of energy, and you
don’t want to lead-that you earn your
place as a leader.” How do you define
leadership? I invite you to consider the
following three points.

First, Dr. Maxwell says the true
meaning of leadership is influence-
nothing more, nothing less. I would add
what my good friend Dr. John Kline
would say about leadership: be a good
listener. Dr. Kline was the senior execu-

tive and Academic Provost for Air Uni-
versity and authored the book *Listening
Effectively*. He believes that leaders
and followers need to be better listen-
ers not only at work, but “in the home,
at church, in civic clubs, and at social
gatherings. In these and other places,
listening to gain information may be
less important than listening to improve
relationships.” I believe the sign of a
good leader is that he or she builds re-
lationship bridges before he influences
those he leads.

This leads me to my second point.
Dr. Maxwell believes leadership ability
determines a person’s level of effective-
ness. He calls it the “Law of the Lid.” In
other words, do you have any lids that
prevent you from growing as a leader?
I’m glad my childhood friend Mark Hall
did not let lids limit his ability to lead
as a musician. Mark is the frontman
and lead singer for the group “Casting
Crowns.” They won five consecutive
“Group of the Year” Dove Awards. Last
year they won for the first time, Artist of
the Year. I believe that God removed all
the external lids from Casting Crowns so
they could grow and lead as musicians.

Finally, I believe a good leader needs
courage and great character as pointed
out in Dr. Maxwell’s title of his book.
Without those two important qualities,
our leadership suffers and is less likely
to influence our intended audience.
Courage is what we need when we face
tough decisions. Character is that moral
fiber that helps us to serve others with
integrity and excellence. It is the growth
in our character that allows the “lids of
life” to be lifted!

What about you? Do you have any
lids that are preventing you from grow-
ing as a leader? If they are internal, seek
out a Chaplain who can pray with you
and provide spiritual counseling. Or
you can simply look up some of my fa-
vorite leaders that I’ve talked about in
this article like Dr. John Maxwell, Dr
John Kline, and Mark Hall. The good
thing about leadership is that it is con-
stantly being sought. I believe great
leaders are servants of the people. And
to forget that is to undermine one’s own
leadership. May I encourage you to “lift
the lid,” influence others, listen, and
serve with courage as you grow into a
great servant-leader.

Breaking Barriers:

Osan celebrates Korean American Friendship Cultural Festival

By Tech. Sgt. Chad Thompson
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Americans and Koreans took time to break down some barriers and build their ever-growing friendship during the eighth annual Korean American Friendship Cultural Festival here Sept. 24 and 25.

The two-day event was held at the Songtan International Civic Center, just outside the Morin Gate, and the festival slogans were: "We go together" Gatchi Kapshida, and "Be a good neighbor" Choen Eeut Doepshida.

Food, fun and culture were among things people could enjoy at the festival. There were activities for children and several cultural demonstrations throughout the two days.

"Over the years our neighbors in Songtan have continuously extended warm Korea hospitality and we always try to reciprocate that kindness as ambassadors of the United States," said Col. Patrick McKenzie, 51st Fighter Wing Commander.

The events featured this year included American and Korean music performers, several martial arts demonstrations, cultural dances, food and entertainment booths.

"This weekend's events offer another opportunity for members of Team Osan, both new and old, to experience Korean generosity, share our culture with Korean friends and learn more about our host nation," the colonel said.



A Taekwondo instructor breaks bricks during a martial arts performance Sept. 24, 2011 during the eighth annual Korean American Friendship Cultural Festival. The festival was sponsored by the Songtan Chamber of Commerce and celebrates the great friendship between Koreans and Americans. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Chad Thompson)



Above: Koreans dressed in traditional military clothing prepare for a martial arts performance Sept. 24, 2011, during the eighth annual Korean American Friendship Cultural Festival. The festival was sponsored by the Songtan Chamber of Commerce and celebrates the great friendship between Koreans and Americans.



Right: Dancers perform a traditional Korean dance Sept. 24, 2011, at the eighth annual Korean American Friendship Cultural Festival. The festival was sponsored by the Songtan Chamber of Commerce and celebrates the great friendship between Koreans and Americans.

Left: Col. Patrick McKenzie, 51st Fighter Wing Commander, provides opening remarks Sept. 24, 2011, during the eighth annual Korean American Friendship Cultural Festival. The festival was sponsored by the Songtan Chamber of Commerce and celebrates the great friendship between Koreans and Americans.





Lt. Frank Luke (courtesy photo)

By **Howard E. “Hooch” Halvorsen**
7th Air Force Historian

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr., known as the “Arizona Balloon Buster” for his daring feats against German observation balloons, was his squadron’s most colorful ace and the first airman to win the Medal of Honor. He was from Phoenix, Arizona and was, like many other American personnel who fought against Germany, of German ancestry. In fact, his fam-

Frank Luke: Medal of Honor Winner

ily had emigrated from Germany in 1873. Upon the declaration of war he joined the U.S. Army and then the Air Corps, eventually being assigned to the 27th Aero Squadron, the oldest fighter squadron in the United States Air Force.

Eddie Rickenbacker, United States Army Air Corps’ top ace by WWI’s end, said “He was the most daring aviator and greatest fighter pilot of the entire war. His life is one of the brightest glories of our Air Service. He went on a rampage and shot down fourteen enemy aircraft, including ten balloons, in eight days. No other ace - Britain’s Bishop from Canada, France’s Fonck or even the dreaded Richthofen - had ever come close to that.” Not everyone had high praise for Lt. Luke, Jr. He was considered arrogant by some and frequently disobeyed orders to the point where his immediate supervisor grounded him and placed him under arrest. His reckless flying caused him to go through six planes in 17 days. However, soon Luke escaped detention in another pilot’s plane in order to get at the enemy.

From September 12, 1918 to September 29, 1918, Luke, flying alone or with his best friend and wingman Lt. Joe Weh-

ner, had a total of 18 confirmed victories against the Germans (14 observation balloons and 4 airplanes) along with 10 more unconfirmed kills. Wehner had another 6 kills, all of them flying protective cover for Luke. Many pilots did not like attacking the observation balloons as they were so well-defended by anti-aircraft guns on the ground. When not under arrest Luke fearlessly attacked the enemy. During one eight day span he had 14 victories including 3 observation balloons in 30 minutes.

During this amazing run of victories, the Germans laid a trap for Luke and Wehner. On September 18, 1918, while Luke was able to shoot down 2 balloons and 2 fighters his best friend was killed. Luke did not recover from the loss of Wehner. He continued afterward to fly against orders to avenge his friend. On September 29, 1918 during his last mission, he flew in solo against three observation balloons defending by anti-aircraft guns on the ground and 8 German fighters from above. During the action he shot down 2 German fighters and all three observation balloons. He was wounded from fire from the ground after shooting down the first balloon but still man-

aged with a damaged plane to knock out the other two. Then, he strafed German troops in the streets of a hamlet called Murvaux before crash landing. Once on the ground, while trying to get away and dying from his wounds he refused capture and emptied his pistol into the enemy troops surrounding him until a German rifle bullet finished him.

Frank Luke, Jr. was awarded the Medal of Honor for the valor shown on his last mission. In 1917, the Army had put an airfield on Ford Island, at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. This was named Luke Field after his death. Later, Luke Air Force Base, 30 miles northwest of Phoenix, was named in his honor. It was opened in 1941 and flies F-16s today with F-35s already planned to replace them. Luke’s accomplishments from September 12th through September 29th, 1918 were unsurpassed by any pilot in World War I. These 18 victories were earned during just ten sorties in eight days of flying. While we should not emulate the lack of military discipline by the roughneck copper miner from Phoenix, Arizona, his bravery and devotion to duty is something that should never be forgotten.



Painting - Frank Luke: The Final Flight



Painting - Frank Luke: The Arizona Balloon Buster

Dear Hooch the Historian:

Thank you for the FTAC brief here at Kunsan Air Base. You mentioned during the brief that the Escadrille Lafayette was made up of a bunch of American volunteers fighting for France during WWI. Are there other instances of Americans leaving their country to fight elsewhere?

By **Howard E. “Hooch” Halvorsen**
7th Air Force Historian

Thank you for your question. It is always a pleasure to serve the Wolf Pack at Kunsan Air Base. There are more examples than these, but three different instances of Americans fighting for a cause outside the ranks of the American military come quickly to mind. Nearly 35,000 Americans are believed to have served with the Canadian Armed Forces during World War I, almost all of whom enlisted before the United States entered the war, and five of whom won the Victoria Cross. In fact, my father’s father and some of his siblings were

among them.

A second example comes from the Spanish Civil War, which occurred from 1936 to 1939. The Abraham Lincoln Brigade was a part of the International Brigades fighting for the Spanish Republican forces against Franco and the Spanish Nationalists. This “brigade” was, in fact, a battalion made up of volunteers from all walks of American life and from all classes. Many were official members of the Communist Party USA, affiliated with other socialist or anarchist organizations, or even were members of the Industrial Workers of the World a.k.a. the “Wobblies.” They were soon joined by the George Washington Battalion and were

subsequently merged to form the Lincoln-Washington Battalion.

Lastly, on October 8th, 1940, the Royal Air Force announced formation of the first Eagle Squadron, a fighter unit consisting of U.S. volunteers. This group later became the U.S. 4th Fighter Group. The British ended up forming three Eagle Squadrons for the Royal Air Force during World War II – all with volunteer pilots from the United States. While many U.S. recruits simply crossed the border and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force to learn to fly and fight, many of the early recruits originally came to Europe to fight for Finland against the Soviets in the Winter War.

Kunsan

Illmagwon Orphanage

Join Airmen from across base in a wing chapel sponsored event as they travel down to the Illmagwon Orphanage in Gunsan City every Tuesday at 6 p.m. for an evening of playing games and learning more about the local culture. For more information, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

Friday Sonlight Dinner

Every Friday 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 lead by the chaplain. Meals range from "Breakfast for Dinner" to "Italian Cooking" to "Southern Style". For more information or to volunteer, contact the chapel at 782-4300.

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.

Korean Language

This one-time class teaches you how to read and write the Korean alphabet, and use basic travel expressions for shopping, dining, and using transportation. Class is held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Registration required. Call 782-5644 for more information, dates or to sign up.

Kunsan City Good Neighbor Tour

This half-day tour will introduce you to the local Korean culture. Learn how to use local transportation, how to take advantage of local community activities, and additional cultural awareness per IAW USFK. Registration required. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 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.

Eight Ball 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.

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".

Explore Korea: Kunsan

Looking for a way to share your travels with the Wolf Pack but haven't found the right medium? The base public affairs office is always looking for your imagery and stories. To find out how your name and photos and/or stories can be highlighted on the base public website and Facebook page, call public affairs at 782-4705. [Please note: The public affairs office, according to its editorial policy and AFI 35-107, will review all submissions and post content which adheres to their guidelines.]

Paintball

No registration is required to play paintball from noon to 4 p.m. every Saturday near Wolf Pack Park. Cost is \$15 and includes marker, protective equipment and 100 paintballs. Additional paintballs are \$3 for each additional 100. For more information, call the CAC at 782-5213 or 4679.



Osan

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15

Is your home a "safe haven" for you and your family? Is dormitory regularly checked for hazards like we are doing in our homes? If not, now is a great time to start. The 51 Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Emergency Services Flight is kicking off the 2011 National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Week from October 9-15. Fire department personnel will be spreading word to help prevent the leading causes of home fires; unattended cooking, improper use of heating devices, unsafe or overloaded electrical items and flammable materials.

Haven Now Open

"Haven," a brick-and-mortar Culture of Responsible Choices program, offers a non-alcoholic, pressure-free environment for unaccompanied or single military people to partake in free food and cappuccino. It is open five nights a week in the McPherson Community Center. The hours are: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 6-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. This chapel-sponsored program has been offered at other Air Force installations, and the idea has migrated to Osan. For more information call 784-5000.

Flu Vaccines Available for Active-Duty Military

The 2011 flu vaccination is now available for all active-duty military members. The medical group will be making rounds through each unit, but the vaccines are also available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the base immunization clinic. Information will be released once the clinic receives more vaccinations for family members and civilian employees.

Bystander Intervention Training

Bystander Intervention Training (BIT) is a mandatory class for all military personnel (AD, ANG, and AFRC) and civilians who supervise military. All personnel must be trained by the end of June 2012. If you still need to receive BIT, please log onto the Osan Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Community of Practice page to see class dates and to register. <https://afkm>.

wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=26052. For more information call the SARC office at 784-2832, and for emergencies please dial the 24 hour hotline at 784-SARC (7272)."

One-stop Base Inprocessing

Personnel arriving Osan AB are required to inprocess the base within 24 hours of arrival. Inprocessing is conducted daily at the MPS (Bldg 936) at 0730 and 0830 for all Active Duty Air Force personnel reporting to Osan AB. At this briefing they are assigned to attend a Tuesday inprocessing brief where they will receive the Wing Commander's welcome and all other mandatory base inprocessing briefs for Osan specific information to include signing-up for LRS chalks to receive their IPE gear. This new Tuesday brief will combine the previous Wing Commander's welcome brief and the "Mustang Brief" for a one stop shop for all Osan Newcomer's orientation information. For more information call 1st Lt Benjamin Quigley at DSN 784-1091.

HAWC Classes

Osan's Health and Wellness Center staff is offers a variety of classes to improve physical fitness, reduce stress and support a healthier lifestyle. Some of these classes include Nutrition 101, Stress Management, Running 101 and Training to pass the Air Force PT test. For more information contact the HAWC at 784-1830 or check out the "HAWC Events Calendar" under the Featured Links at <http://www.osan.af.mil>.

Red Cross Volunteers

The American Red Cross is looking for disaster casework volunteers to assist with the Osan Emergency Family Assistance Control Center. The ARC will provide the following classes free of charge: ARC Orientation, Introduction to Disaster, Fulfilling Our Mission, and Casework Training. The total time for all four classes is eight hours. The Casework Training session is not the full Case Management class but an abbreviated class to fit the needs of Osan. For more information, call the ARC at 784-1855.

Civilian Personnel Office

THE 51ST FIGHTER WING CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARDS:

The 51st Fighter Wing Quarterly nominations are due to 51 FSS/FSMCE (Ms. Kim, Son I), no later than 14 Oct 11, 1200 hours. To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must meet the criteria for the respective category below:

1. Manager/Supervisor/Professional Category: The nominees must be either a GS-8, KGS-8, or NF-IV equivalent and above. In certain circumstances, NF-III employees may be considered in this category. If in doubt, please contact the Civilian Personnel Office.

2. Administration/Technical Category: The nominees must be a GS-7, KGS-7, NF-III (unless circumstances provide for the NF-III employee to be considered for the Manager/Supervisor/Professional category) and below, and all NAF CC positions.

3. Trades/Crafts/Laborer Category: The nominees must be a WG, WL, WS, KWB, NA, NL, or NS (blue-collar employee)

4. Associate Units Category: The nominees are U.S. and KN civilian employees at all grades assigned to the associate units.

Group and wing staff may nominate one individual in each category. Associate units(not including 7 AF) may nominate one employee in the Associate Units Category. Please ensure that nominations are submitted on an AF Form 1206 (IMT-V5), in bullet format. Nominations will be limited to 12 lines of achievement (15 w/headings) that occurred during the quarter specified (1 Jul 11 - 30 Sep 11).

Electronic copies submitted via e-mail are acceptable. Questions concerning civilian nominations should be directed to Ms. Kim, Son I, 51 FSS/FSMCE, at 784-4434. Thank you.

Seoul ADEX 2011

The Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition 2011 (Seoul ADEX 2011) is open to the public October 22-23 at Seoul, K-16 Airport in Seongnam. The show will feature static displays and aerial demonstrations by the C-17, F-16, F-15C, A-10, B-52, KC-135, UH-60, Patriot PAC III, AH-64, U-2, Global Hawk and F-35 full scale models, E-3 and RC-12/7. The event is free to DoD military ID card holders. For others, tickets are on sale for 9,000 won and are being sold at site and online at www.interpark.com. To find out more about the air show, visit www.seoulairshow.com.

Ask the experts: “What is your favorite tourist destination in Korea?”

Korean Tourism Organization

There are a million different “recommended Korea travel sites” all over the web, but where do international travel experts REALLY like to visit when they come to Korea? We’ve asked nine individuals in the travel/tourism field who live in Korea (or have visited often) to answer the ultimate question: “Of all the places in Korea that you’ve been to, what is your pick as Korea’s must-see travel destination?”



Jeju-do, a dream-like place to unwind

Eric Swanson (General Manager, Millennium Seoul Hilton)

Jeju-do is often thought of in the same way that many people from the US think of Hawaii—as a place that is always on their mind but, due to their busy lives, is somewhere they can’t go as often as they’d like. It has become a cherished, paradise...almost a utopia. Whenever I go to Jeju-do, I take the time to go for a drive. It gives me a chance to slow down and really see every corner of the island. In particular, roads 1131 and 1112 that cross Mount Hallasan have such stellar views that I sometimes feel the urge to fly to Jeju Island just for the drive alone.

Of course, you can’t forget the breathtaking beauty of Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, the blue waters of the Seogwipo beaches, and the stone-walled homes that seem to capture the very essence of the joys and sorrows of island life. It’s all of these things (not to mention the delicious local food) that make Jeju-do an international tourist destination that Koreans should truly be proud of.



Korean Folk Village, a trip to the past

Aysegul ATMACA (Director of Northeast Asia, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism)

I visited Korea three times and each time, I had a chance to visit a few places in Seoul and Gyeonggi-do. I was the most impressed with the Korean Folk Village in Gyeonggi-do. It was interesting to see how people lived in the past and I found the exhibits very unique.

The special events on the streets also had their own charm. I was so captivated by the samullori music that I could barely stop myself from jumping in and dancing with the performers! I still wonder how musical instruments of such different sounds can make such uplifting rhythms. I also cannot forget the traditional foods sold in the local market. I loved the bindaetteok, pajeon, and tteok there. If I have the chance, I would love to be able to go there again with a friend who is not familiar with Korean culture.

Korea, cultural treasures in every corner

Maricon Basco-Ebron (Tourism Director, Embassy of the Philippines in Seoul)

I’ve spent the last three and a half years in Seoul and now Korea is like my second home. Of course, I had visited Korea several times before coming here to head the Korean office of the Department of Tourism of the Philippines. I love to travel so I’ve visited many places in Korea. I prefer lesser known places with a rich culture. I particularly like Andong, Gyeongju, and Jeju-do. Andong has a great natural landscape and I was quite impressed to see traditional Korean houses in the Hahoe Village. The culturally-rich Gyeongju is a great historical city with so many things to see. I would say these places could compete with even the most dazzling Hollywood vacation.

Jeju-do offers quite a unique landscape. The place is fun to visit as there are many things to experience. I participated in a program to pick mandarin oranges and it was really rewarding to pick the juicy fruits with my own two hands. Jeju is truly a must-visit.



Korean mountains, unique beauties throughout the seasons

Boey, Khing How (Manager of Singapore Tourism Board Seoul Office)

I have been working at the Seoul office of the Singapore Tourism Board since August of last year. I love the mountains, so on the weekends I go hiking to Mount Cheonggyesan, Mount Bukhansan and other mountains in and around Seoul. When I’m hiking, I feel like I can embrace Korea’s natural beauty with my whole body and this in turn calms my spirit.

The reason why I love Korean mountains so much is because of the drastic changes of the mountainsides throughout the four seasons. The flowers in the spring, the green foliage in the summer, the crimson fall leaves, and the pure white snow in winter—these are the sights of Korea that I wouldn’t trade for anything else in the world. I really hope I can visit even more mountains while working in Korea.



Kunsan cartoonist leading the way in humor



8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- Staff Sgt. Benjamin Schneider, 8th Maintenance Squadron munitions storage crew chief, demonstrates how he puts together a comic strip here Sept. 28.

Before joining the Air Force, Schneider was a student at Oklahoma University majoring in graphic design, that's where he developed a keen eye for developing his comics.

He started making comics in 2004, with the *Holidapplers* and in July 2005, he created the *Airman Artless* cartoons. He has been published repeatedly in the *Vigileer*, *Air Scoop* magazine, *Kaiser-slautern American* and *Samurai Gate*.



Above: Staff Sgt. Benjamin Schneider, 8th Maintenance Squadron munitions storage crew chief, demonstrates how he puts together a comic strip at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2011. Schneider has created 248 comic strips, 16 of which have been published in the *Crimson Sky* newspaper. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Bateman/Released)

Right below: Staff Sgt. Benjamin Schneider, 8th Maintenance Squadron munitions storage crew chief, tapes his first comic strip, placed in the *Crimson Sky*, on his wall in his dorm at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Sept. 28, 2011. Schneider has created 248 comic strips 16, of which have been published in the *Crimson Sky* newspaper. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Y. Bateman/Released)

AIRMAN ARTLESS

by Ben Schneider

SINCE IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE WE WILL DO PT IN HERE TODAY.

LET'S START WITH EXTENDING YOUR ARMS AHEAD OF YOU.

STRETCH YOUR ARMS OUT BEHIND YOU AS FAR AS YOU'RE ABLE.

NOW, HOLD YOUR ARMS WAY UP HIGH AND COUNT TO TEN.

ARTLESS, WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN THE REST OF US IN THE OVERHEAD STRETCH?

I'LL PASS.

airmanartless.com

This Fall, Explore Seoul’s History on Foot

Korean Tourism Organization

The 2011 Seoul History Walking Festival, a series of walking tours of historical sites in Seoul, is slated to take place over three different dates. The first tour will take off on September 24th from Jangchungdan Park, and go through Jangchung Gymnasium, National Theater of Korea, N Seoul Tower, and a palgakjeong (octagonal pavilion). The second tour will take off on October 22nd from Independence Park, and go through Seodaemun Prison History Museum, Muakjeong, and Ansan Bongsudae. The last tour will take off on November 12th from the Simin Yeolin Madang Square of Gwanghwamun Gate, and make its way through Sajik Park, Inwangsan Road and Cheongwadae (Blue House). Each tour is expected to take about two hours, and to end with a celebration and a gift drawing. Participation in the festival requires online registration, which is available to 2,000 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

- More info
- 2011 Seoul History Walking Festival
 - Walking tour schedule & routes (subject to change)
 - * October 22 (10:00-12:00, warm-up at 09:55)

- Independence Park (Dongnimmun Station, Seoul Subway Line 3, Exit 4) -- Seodaemun Prison History Museum -- Muakjeong -- Ansan Bongsudae -- Independence Park
- * November 12 (10:00-12:00, warm-up at 09:55)
- Simin Yeolin Madang Square of Gwanghwamun Gate -- Sajik Park -- Inwangsan Road -- Cheong Wa Dae (Blue House) -- Gwanghwamun Gate
- Registration
- Period
- 1st Tour (September 24): Closed.
- 2nd Tour (October 22): September 26-October 21
- 3rd Tour (November 12): October 24-November 11
- Method
- Email: anneahn@docc.co.kr
- Information: Name, email address, mobile number, # of participants (including the applicant), group name
- * Maximum number of participants in each tour: 2,000 (first-come, first-served basis)
- Participation fee: Free
- Festival homepage: www.seoul-walking.or.kr (Korean, English)

Courtesy of Green Seoul Bureau



Autumn Foliage to Begin in Early October



Korean Tourism Organization

We all might have to wait just a little bit longer this year to be dazzled by Korea’s brilliant fall foliage. The Korea Meteorological Administration recently announced that the autumnal tint will be making its appearance 1-6 days later than it has in previous years. Leaves on Jirisan Mountain and the central regions of Korea are expected to start changing between October 3rd and 19th, while the southern regions will start experiencing the seasonal bursts of color between October 13th and 30th.

The first foliage* of Seoraksan Mountain is predicted to start around October 3rd, and will reach its peak** around October 18th. The peak time of fall foliage on Naejangsan Mountain will be around the 7th of November. Last but not least, the autumnal tint will peak in the central regions and Jirisan Mountain around middle to late October, and in the southern regions around late October to early November.

- *First foliage = 20% of a given area’s foliage has changed colors
- **Peak foliage = 80% or more of a given area’s foliage has changed colors.

Mountains	2011 Autumn Foliage Schedule	
	First Foliage	Peak Time
Seoraksan	10.3	10.20
Odaesan	10.6	10.18
Bukhansan	10.19	10.28
Chiaksan	10.13	10.23
Woraksan	10.16	10.26
Songnisan	10.17	10.27
Gyeryongsan	10.18	10.27
Palgongsan	10.22	10.28
Gayasan	10.16	10.28
Naejangsan	10.26	11.7
Jirisan	10.13	10.23
Mudeungsan	10.23	11.3
Duryunsa	10.30	11.12
Hallasan	10.17	10.28

KORAIL English Hotline to Launch on October 1

Korean Tourism Organization

Train travel for English speakers in Korea is about to get much more convenient. Starting on October 1st, the Korea Railroad (KORAIL) English Hotline will become available to provide train travel information every day from 08:00 to 22:00.

The KORAIL English Hotline has been developed to accommodate the increasing number of foreign visitors who choose to ride KORAIL when traveling within Korea. Just dial 1599-7777 and press "1" to speak with a friendly representative about train travel in Korea.

KORAIL English Hotline: +82-1599-7777 (08:00-22:00)

Jeju Olle 'Route 19' to Open



Korean Tourism Organization

Route 19 of the famous Jeju Olle, a series of hiking trails that lie across Jeju Island, is scheduled to open on September 24th. Spanning 18.8km, the new route starts at Jocheon Mansedongsan Hill, and meanders through many cultural sites like Dongbok Church and Baengnyeonsa Temple as well as several natural areas like Sinheung Beach and Bukchon Cave, before ending at Gimnyeong Fishermen Welfare Center. Also, during the course of a hike on Route 19, visitors may be able to see such unique Jeju landmarks as Oreum, a parasitic volcano, and Gotjawal (Jeju dialect for 'a wooded area where tropical and arctic plants coexist').

More info

● Jeju Olle 'Route 19'

Jocheon Mansedongsan Hill -- Gwangot -- Sinheung Beach -- Jocheon Elementary School -- Jeju University Marine Research Institute -- Apgaenmul -- Hamdeokseoubong Beach -- Seoubong Hill -- Bukchonil pogu Harbor -- Neobeunsungi 4•3 Memorial hall -- Bukcheon Church -- Bukchon Deungmyeongdae (Bukcheon pogu Harbor) -- Bukchon Cave -- Nansibille -- Dongbok Church -- Dongbok-ri Maeul Ground -- Gimnyeong Maeul Ip-gu -- Gimnyeong Farm Road -- Namheul-dong -- Baengnyeonsa Temple -- Gimnyeong Fishermen Welfare Center

Courtesy of Jeju Olle Corporation

International Ceramic Biennale to Launch in Gyeonggi-do



Gyeonggi International CeraMIX Biennale began in 2011 as an effort to celebrate and globally promote Korea's excellence in ceramics. Gyeonggi International CeraMIX Biennale is scheduled to take place from September 24th to November 22nd in such major cities of Gyeonggi-do Province as Icheon, Gwangju and Yeosu under the theme of 'Journey from Fire.'

This year, the biennale will feature a wide variety of hands-on experience programs and exhibitions. At Cerapia(Icheon World Ceramic Center), visitors will have a chance to learn about ceramics and glass crafts, and design their own ceramic plates to be hung up on a wall. At Gyeonggi Ceramic Museum in Gwangju, visitors will be able to decorate their own ceramics with the Goryeo Palman Daejanggyeong (Tripitaka Koreana) patterns. Then, at the Yeosu Ceramics World shopping center, visitors may attend exhibitions of ceramics and other traditional crafts made of wood, glass or metal.

Finally, participation in the festival requires a regular ticket or a combination ticket. Combination tickets, which can be purchased online or onsite, offer access to up to 10 hands-on experience programs as well as 12 exhibitions across the three host cities.

More info

● Event period & venue: September 24-November 22 / Cerapia (Icheon), Gyeonggi Ceramic Museum (Gwangju), Yeosu Ceramics World (Yeosu)

● Admission fee

* Comprehensive tickets

Adults (ages 20-64) 8,000won, Youth (ages 14-19) 6,000won, Children (ages 5-13) 4,000won

* Regular tickets

Icheon: Adults 6,000won, Youth 4,000won, Children 3,000won

Yeosu & Gwangju: Adults 3,000won, Youth 2,000won, Children 1,000won

● Program details

Creating Ceramics (workshop)

September 24-October 23 (10:00-18:00) / Cerapia (Icheon) / 10,000won
Hey I am an Artist (ceramic plate decorating)

September 24-October 23 / Cerapia (Icheon) / Free (Maximum number of participants: 100, first-come first-served basis)

Palman Daejanggyeong: September 24-October 23 (10:00-17:00) / Gyeonggi Ceramic Museum / 5,000won

● Homepage: www.kocef.org (Korean, English, Chinese, Japanese)

Courtesy of 2011 Gyeonggi International CeraMIX Biennale International Executive Committee

Seoul Yangnyeongsi Market to Offer Taste of Oriental Medicine

Korean Tourism Organization

For a limited time, the Herb Medicine Museum at the center of the Seoul Yangnyeongsi Market is offering free oriental medical check-up services and souvenirs. Foreign travelers who visit the museum any time between September 13th and October 12th will be able to receive an examination of physical constitution, stress level and other health factors free of charge. At the end of the examination, each visitor will also have an opportunity to try herbal tea, and receive a small gift bag of medicinal herbs.

Moreover, the annual Seoul Yangnyeongsi Herb Medicine Culture Festival will also take place at the market on October 7th through 8th. The festival will feature various programs, including free physical diagnosis and herbal

medicine prescription, reenactment of the ancient Yangnyeongsi market life, and herbal medicine sales.

Meanwhile, Seoul Yangnyeongsi Market is a special industry district that has been designated by the City of Seoul for cultivating and preserving the oriental medicinal market culture. It is a suitable place for learning and experiencing diverse oriental medicinal customs at a traditional market.

More info

• Seoul Yangnyeongsi Herb Medicine Museum homepage: museum.ddm.go.kr (Korean)

• Free oriental medical checkup: September 13-October 12

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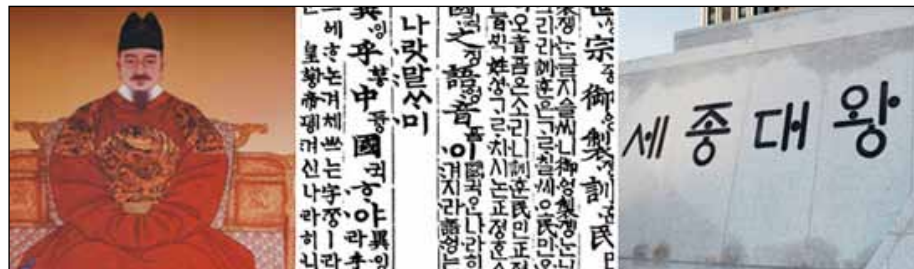
Celebrating Hangeul: Korea's Ingenious Script



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Seated in Gwanghwamun Square at the heart of downtown Seoul is a large statue of King Sejong the Great, fourth king of the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). Revered as Korea's greatest monarch, his wise rule inspired a scientific and cultural renaissance. Chief among its innovations was the creation of Hangeul, the Korean language's script. Today, Korea honors the 15th-century invention every October 9th on Hangeul Day. In observance of the upcoming national holiday, this month's Speakers' Corner takes a closer look at the ingenious script.

A Great King's remarkable Gift



Today, with a literacy rate above 99 percent, it's hard to fathom Korea in the mid-15th century, when literacy was the exclusive domain of a small number of aristocrats. At the time, Koreans used hanja, or Chinese characters, and transliteration was a cumbersome and complicated process.

In 1420, King Sejong established the Jiphyeonjeon. This group of scholars was tasked with creating a simple, yet scientific script accessible to the common man. Upon Hangeul's public unveiling in 1446, a usage manual of sorts explained the script's genius. "A wise man can acquaint himself with it before the morning is over; a stupid man can learn them in the space of ten days."

Hangeul's popularity has made it a target of tyrannical rulers and foreign powers over the centuries. Most recently during the Japanese colonial period (1910-1945), teaching Hangeul and even speaking Korean was prohibited. Despite colonization, globalization and Koreans' zealous pursuit of English, Korea's unique language and script enjoy robust health.

Learning Hangeul

Worldwide, about 77 million people speak Korean as a native language. Many thousands more are non-native speakers who have studied Korean at universities, cultural centers and language institutes.

Perhaps because of its non-Latin script, many newcomers to Korean incorrectly refer to Hangeul letters as "characters." In fact, Hangeul is a phonemic system of consonants and vowels that are presented in syllabic units. The ease with which letters and syllables are combined is why many linguists have praised Hangeul. In the words of author and linguist Insup Taylor, Hangeul is "the most perfect phonetic system devised."

One of Hangeul's most intriguing characteristics is its unique and featural design. For example, not only are the script's 14 consonants and 10 vowels easily distinguishable by their shape, but the shape and stroke placement of each letter reflects how the sounds are produced in the mouth. Furthermore, Hangeul's three basic vowel shapes of "o," "i," and "u" were conceived to imitate a round heaven, a flat earth and a human being. In Oriental philosophy, these three symbols are said to be the foundation for harmony among all things.

Let's Learn Korean

For newcomers to the Korean language, learning Hangeul is instantly rewarding. Foreign shapes are quickly recognized, and thanks to the nation's ubiquitous signage, in a matter of hours or days you can read restaurant names aloud, even if you have no idea what you're saying!

And yet, it's not long when the thrill of modest success turns into frustration as the language learner attempts to pronounce difficult diphthongs or spell the irregular gyuchik of conjugated verbs. Even for conversant speakers, the Korean language's colorful expressions can be a mine field of confusion.

Yo Gyeok, a member of the VisitKorea Chinese Team, recalled taking her Korean friend's comments a bit too literally:

One day I was introducing a Korean friend to my other friends, who had come from abroad. When my friend exclaimed, "Wow your feet sure are wide!" I felt angry because I thought my friend was insulting me in front of everyone. I retorted, "So what if they're huge?!", without realizing that my friend's expression actually meant that I have a wide range of acquaintances.

Even when a word or phrase makes perfect sense to a native speaker, cultural differences can turn the mundane quite peculiar to foreign ears. A VisitKorea Russian Team member described an example:

In Korea, the word "kkonminam" is a combination of the words "flower" and "handsome," which basically refers to a good-looking guy. However, in the Russian language, the word flower is never used to describe a man's good-looks!

Although mistakes and cultural differences are inevitable, even proficient speakers face challenges. Namely, how do you explain a uniquely Korean word to a friend from home, who hasn't accumulated years of experiences in Korean culture? Kimberly Paul of VisitKorea's English team explains:

"After getting past the basics, you start to learn Korean through context and you don't have to translate it into your own language first. The problem is that some Korean words don't have an exact English equivalent, so when I want to express that word to an English-speaking friend who doesn't speak Korean it can be difficult. Words off the top of my head that are hard to translate into English are, "아쉽다," "답답하다" (suffocating?), and "안타깝다." If anyone finds a succinct way to translate these into English, please let me know!"

Korea's new export: culture

A few decades ago, few foreigners pursued the Korean language. It was only in the late 1990s that the popularity of Korean music and dramas overseas became Hallyu or the Korean Wave. Not long after, Seoul classrooms were filled with Japanese and Southeast Asian young women eager to speak like their favorite actors and pop stars.

As Hallyu experiences what some have coined the Second Wave, there's plenty of evidence that its ripples have reached Western shores. This year, Korean cultural festivals and sold-out K-Pop from Paris to Mexico City this year are expected to contribute to projected revenue of \$4 billion. In contrast to previous years, the government is tapping into foreign interest by investing in in-country language facilities.

In 2009, the government established the King Sejong Institute. Known as Sejong Hakdang in Korean, the institutes have taken a leading role in promoting Korean overseas. Currently, there are 28 branches in 16 countries with ten more in the pipeline. This year, Korean language schools in France and the United States witnessed a two-fold increase in applications over previous years.

The Future of Hangeul

In less than 18 months, the Hangeul enthusiast will have a new state-of-the-art facility at their disposal. On July 13th, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism broke ground on a 36.8 billion won (\$34.2 million) museum dedicated to the Korean alphabet. Located on the grounds of the National Museum of Korea in central Seoul and set to open in February 2013, the four-level space will provide visitors with exhibits about how Koreans communicated prior to the widespread use of the alphabet. The permanent collection will also compare Hangeul to other global scripts and display hundreds of rare books and historical documents.

Gazing over an artist's rendering of the new museum, the Korean script's form reveals itself as both ancient and modern. Designed to reflect Hangeul's classical concepts of harmony among heaven, earth and humans, the thoroughly modern structure also shows how Hangeul has adapted easily to the digital era. In fact, four-and-a-half centuries after its invention, some say that Hangeul is the world's most suitable writing system to combine with digital technologies. King Sejong the Great was certainly a man ahead of his time. For more information, visit the Digital Hangeul Museum Nuriip (<http://www.hangeulmuseum.org>)



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