

# 51st Fighter Wing Commander's Talking Points

## Camaraderie -- one family together

Team Osan! What a truly amazing way to round out September. We were separate teams on the field, but the sportsmanship, dedication and teamwork displayed during the Osan Cup was genuinely inspiring. It goes to show that when we take our fitness seriously and push to exceed the standard, we help ensure our resiliency is above and beyond expectations. We stepped up as a family -- a team of Airmen and Soldiers driven to succeed as one. Keep that sense of camaraderie moving forward as we stampede through October. I'm truly proud of your victories on and off the field. I want to send a big congratulations to the 51st Fighter Wing Staff Agencies, the 51st Operations Support Squadron and our team of maintenance Airmen and pilots for taking the win. Your dedication to fitness is a positive reflection on your organization, team and most importantly, you.

[Link to Osan Cup story and photos](#)

## Leadership at all levels

Every time I write these talking points, there's one common theme at the forefront of my mind, leadership. Whatever the challenge, whatever the operation or task, it takes leadership to successfully complete the mission. From the fields of the Osan Cup, to the Airmen working around the clock that defend the installation, to those finance Airmen that ensured our funds were well spent before the close of the fiscal year, leadership is required at all levels. John C. Maxwell explains this as the 360-degree approach to leadership. Leadership impacts up, down, and across every level of the organization. By influencing others, leaders contribute to mission success; when we place the mission first and always take care of our people, we are successful. As leaders at every echelon, it is vital that we remain grounded, focused, and consider those actions that enable us to step in and empower our fellow Airmen.

[Follow up: It can be a matter of life, death  
The 360-degree Leader](#)

## An incredible journey to and from Suwon -- a look back

We're back from Suwon after 45 days and hitting the ground running. The unmistakable, and beautiful, sound of F-16s, A-10s and U-2s fills the air above Osan once again. Some of you may not know this, but during that time we made significant repairs to our runway allowing us to continue operating at the highest sortie utilization rate in the Air Force. This is a testament to the dedication and fortitude shown by the Airmen here. Many of you may not know that despite the limiting factors surrounding our dislocation, our sortie generation was only slightly lower than our normal rate when we factor in that half our assets were deployed in support of Red Flag Alaska. The 25th FS was able to maintain a 100 percent mission capable rate and the 36th FS had zero repeat or recurring discrepancies. This is directly attributed to our maintenance Airmen busting their knuckles to get the job done and I applaud them for leading the charge and ensuring mission success.

[Osan aircraft, equipment, personnel return from Suwon](#)

*“A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.”*

- Lao Tzu  
Ancient Chinese  
Philosopher

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