

51st Fighter Wing Commander's Talking Points

“It was amazing to hear the results of the communal effort the Mustangs put into making the IG visit a success. Our wing secured an “Effective” rating overall with an “Outstanding” rating for strategic alignment. I am continually impressed and proud of the work you all do daily.

Col. Andrew Hansen
(Mustang 1)

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Take Care of Yourself

The sights of spring are showing. Days are getting longer, the weather is warmer and flowers are blooming. It's a myriad of impressions on our senses, and allergies for some of us who are affected. It's also a time when we get up and out to experience the things this country has to offer. When you get that inclination to explore, remember to do it safely. Take care of your body. Wear the proper protective equipment for the activity you plan on doing, whether a helmet, sunscreen or allergy medication. Your physical and mental fitness is important, and I don't want to see your adventure cut short due to a mishap that was preventable.

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Team Osan Steps In, Rescues Locals From Fire

Several Team Osan members were recently involved in an act of courage that resulted in several lives saved. A building caught fire in Songtan on April 27, and due to the quick thinking and execution of these Airmen and Soldiers, four locals, which included three children, were rescued. These Airmen and Soldiers stepped up when the time called for it. They didn't wait for someone else, they stepped in and prevented what could have been a local tragedy and turned it into a story of heroism and bravery. A sincere thank you to all those Airmen, Soldiers, civilians and local first responders who helped make this happen. Your tale of courage in the face of a catastrophe will not be forgotten by those lives you helped save. Thank you for stepping up, stepping in and doing what was right.

[Airmen, Soldiers rescue locals from burning building](#)

Memorial Day: A Time to Reflect

May is one of my favorite months, not just because of the weather change, but because of the extra time off to enjoy the company of family and friends. However, the meaning of Memorial Day shouldn't be lost in all of life's simple enjoyments. Use this day to remember and reflect on those service members who paid the ultimate price for the freedom of our great nation and the people in it. There are numerous grave sites around the world in countries such as France, Luxembourg, Italy and the Netherlands. In South Korea, there is the U.S. Monument at the U.N. Memorial Cemetery in Busan where 36 U.S. service members are buried. As Airmen, some of us have unfortunately lost a wingman to war. Use this day to remember their sacrifice and celebrate their life and our continued freedom.

[American Battle Monuments Around the World](#)