

51st Fighter Wing Commander's Talking Points

“ Our warfighting capability hinges on our most important asset - you. You are the foundation for PACAF's success and are absolutely pivotal to the stability, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Asia-Pacific.”

Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy,
PACAF Commander

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Be the standard as a Mustang

When a civilian, both stateside and abroad, sees an Airman wearing rank on their sleeve or collar, their perception is typically the same. They likely do not recognize anything but a military uniform and generalize that individuals wearing it embody discipline, professionalism and all the qualities of an upstanding citizen. Even though the vast majority in our ranks do live as such, the truth is, we are only human and occasionally fall short of civic and military expectations. But we have to take ownership and fully understand the distinct difference in making honest mistakes and deliberate poor decisions (the choice you make, makes you). Our actions are within our very own control—from the jokes we choose to say to the respect we show one another. Let's remember how vital our behavior is to fulfilling the mission! Team Osan's ability to "Fight Tonight" hinges on us doing our part in meeting and exceeding the standard of professionalism, both in the workplace and as we explore beyond the gates. The bottom line is, we must BE that high standard day in and day out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLv7sdGJWPI>

Don't just be a guest - become one with our host nation

With exercise Beverly Herd 16-2 in the rear-view mirror, I want to congratulate each member of Team Osan again on a job well done. I saw a lot of new faces across the base as we successfully tested the wing's capabilities, a necessity during any real-world crisis. As things calm down after the exercise, take a little time for yourself. South Korea is a beautiful country with some of the kindest people you might ever have the opportunity to meet. Take advantage of the trips provided by ITT to enjoy the cities and attractions this country has to offer. Remember, as a representative of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed here in South Korea, we are all ambassadors of the United States of America. Residing here is such an incredible opportunity, but eyes are always on us wherever we venture out to. We must acknowledge our cultural differences and be respectful of them. As time permits, get out there and volunteer in the local community too. You could find yourself really enjoying what this particular location has to offer. Getting involved with the local community will help reinforce to our host nation how much we genuinely care and appreciate them for welcoming us into their community.

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A glimpse of September

As the month of September begins, we're gearing up for the Air Force's 69th birthday, Air Power Day, and the Osan Cup. Since September 18, 1947, the Air Force has served as the nation's most responsive and effective source of global vigilance, reach and power in peacetime and war. One way we can celebrate the occasion is by sharing an evening at the Air Force Ball alongside Kunsan Airmen, partners, and our host nation representatives. If you haven't ever experienced an Air Force Ball, I definitely say now is the time; you won't regret it! We're also prepping for Air Power Day later in the month. This two-day event (24-25 September) will be a great way to show appreciation to and showcase the great alliance we have with the ROK Air Force, the city of Pyeongtaek and other surrounding neighbors. We expect a great turnout, and I look forward to interacting with the local populace. The following week, Team Osan will host the annual Osan Cup, where we will have two days (29-30 September) of friendly competition to build comradery and have a lot of fun.

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