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Eight bars in local area now “on-limits”

On Feb. 16, the wing commander here removed eight establishments in the Songtan shopping area from off-limits status, therefore allowing U.S. military members and their families to patronize them.

These establishments were initially put off-limits due to evidence of bar-fining, which is specifically prohibited by USFK Regulation 27-5.

Over the past few weeks, representatives from the Songtan Special Tourism Association and city officials had meetings with representatives from Osan AB in order to set forth their proposals and initiatives aimed at the prevention of bar-fining, which could lead to prostitution and human trafficking in the local area.

They also showed their commitment to working towards creating a safe environment for service members and their families.

Both city officials and the Songtan Special Tourism Association sent letters to the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, outlining the steps they were taking in order to prevent illegal activities from occurring at downtown establishments.

They will address employee activities and interactions with bar patrons to ensure that their entertainment

environment does not support illegal activities.

City officials in a separate letter demonstrated their commitment to this problem by working with the Korean National Police to step-up patrols within Songtan, and conducting their own health and safety inspections of establishments and employee living quarters.

The AFDCB then made their recommendation to the wing commander, who ultimately decided to place the establishments back on-limits.

City officials and the Songtan Special Tourism Association were notified of the news via a letter signed by the wing commander.

Within this letter, the wing commander expressed his gratitude for all parties’ willingness to work together to solve the issue. He also complimented the organizations for the steps they are willing to take to ensure that businesses are safe establishments for military members and their families to visit.

The Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board makes recommendations to wing commander here at Osan on matters concerning eliminat-

ing conditions which adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, morale and discipline of the Armed Forces. Based upon the recommendation of the AFDCB, the wing commander can decide whether or not to place an establishment off-limits, or not.

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members or their families, the wing commander can immediately place an establishment off-limits.

The 51st Fighter Wing commander along with the Mayor of Pyongtaek, the Director of the Songtan Branch office of Pyongtaek City, and the Songtan Special Tourism Association are committed to working together to ensure that bar-fining and prostitution no longer occur at any establishment in Songtan, as well as making Songtan a safe community for military members and their families to work and live in. *(Story courtesy of 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs)*

51st Operations Support Squadron air traffic controllers keep a watchful eye see more on pg. 4



Osan 3-day Outlook

Tuesday	Wedn.	Thurs.
High: 30	High: 46	High: 48
Low: 19	Low: 33	Low: 36
		

ORI Countdown 65 Days to Inspection

ORI Tip of The Week: Remember to practice good radio discipline: Never use ranks and names of supervisors or commanders, broadcast social security numbers, phone or credit card numbers, discuss classified information, specific locations or use profanity.

- Think before you push the talk button
- Be brief. The radio is not a phone
- Speak clearly into the microphone and use proper call signs
- Protect your radio
- Conduct radio checks
- always be aware of OPSEC
- Periodically check physical condition and battery connections
- Know your unit radio manager
- Do NOT hang anything from the antenna

Diamond Talk

by Master Sgt. Mark Merdian
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Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do ... as Air Force members we have heard these words many times. But, do you know what they mean?

The Air Force gives us the definitions, but essentially these words mean what you believe them to mean. I say this because the Air Force Core Values are a basis to build on. We all have our own personal values that we hold true; however our personal values should never degrade the Air Force's core standards.

The core value perspective is not a new idea. This perspective dates back prior to the Army-Air Corps days. There have been many core value initiatives. One of the most recent was in 1992 when the former Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. McPeak launched a core value initiative, which is the basis of our current Air Force Core Values. General McPeak's initiative listed six ...

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- Effective November 22, 2008, the secretary of the Air Force reinstated the Air Force Good Conduct Medal to enlisted personnel with a retroactive date of February 6, 2006.
- The 731st Air Mobility Squadron Passenger Service section is holding a quarterly Space-Available Seminar March 12 at 10 a.m. in the AMC passenger terminal located near base operations. The informative briefing will last approximately 30 minutes and affords Osan members the opportunity to learn from the 731 AMS Passenger Service professionals on how to fly Space-A the right way. For more information, please contact Capt. BJ Lim at 784-5563.
- Spouse Orientation will be held at the Officers club Feb. 24 at 8:30 to a.m. to 4:30p.m. Lunch and a continental breakfast will be provided free of charge. This briefing is mandatory for all new spouses to Korea both command and non-command sponsored.
- Navy Entertainment and Armed Forces present Yung Joc in concert Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Challenger Club.
- A space-A seminar will take place March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Osan passenger terminal Bldg. 884. Attendees will learn how to fly space-A from 731st Air Mobility Squadron service agents.
- The base chapel is hosting a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Chapel Annex.
- The chapel is conducting an orphanage outreach visit Feb. 28. For more information call 784-5000.

African American Heritage Month events

- **African American School Reading and discussions-** Every Thursday in February from 2-2:30 p.m. Seventh and eight graders will participate during their seminar times from 1-1:30 p.m.
- **Youth Trivia contest-** Contest will take place from now until Feb. 27. Participants must be students of the Osan school system, may only submit one answer a day and must be between the ages of 13-18.
- **Moderated discussion symposium-** Discussions will take place at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 and Feb. 25 in the ALS High School auditorium.
- **Styles of the Time Extravaganza-** Begins at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Challenger Club. The evening will be a scripted program that will present a poetic history of five different eras in African-American culture.
- **Capstone Dinner-** Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Officers' Club. It will be a tribute through music in a dinner theater setting. There will be no guest speaker; however, the attire for the event will be formal/semi-Formal. This event is open to anyone who wishes to attend or participate. This will be a sit down dinner followed by a tribute to the pioneers for "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas."

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Hib vaccine in stock at 51st Medical Group

by Lt. Col. Peter H. Kim
Chief of Medical Staff

Osan Air Base Immunizations clinic currently has supplies of the Haemophilus influenzae Serotype b (Hib) vaccine in stock.

(Hib) is a bacteria that can cause severe infection and illness in many body organ systems, including pneumonia, blood, spinal cord, joint, skin and ear infections, to name a few.

This infection typically occurs in young children. Due to the routine use of the Hib conjugate vaccine since 1990, there has been a 99 percent decrease in the incidence of Hib disease in infant and young children, to the current rate of less than one case per 100,000 children under five years of age. This is one of the greatest success stories of vaccinations in our history.

Unfortunately, in December of 2007, Merck & Co., Inc. announced a voluntary recall of two of its Hib containing vaccines and suspended production of both vaccines, disrupting the U.S. supply.

It was projected that there would be decreased vaccine availability until late 2008, so the Centers for Disease Control recommended on Dec. 18, 2007, that the booster dose (usually given between 12-15 months of age) be deferred for all healthy children.

On October 17, 2008, Merck announced that the two vaccines would not be restored until mid-2009.

The 51st Medical Group has been working closely with USA MEDLOG since the fall of 2008 to maintain a supply of Hib vaccine, ensuring adherence to the revised CDC standards and administering the primary series of the Hib vaccine to all eligible infants and children.

Because of on-going, worldwide shortages, the booster dose will continue to be deferred, but all children under 15 months of age should have at least had their 3-shot primary series accomplished.

Any further questions can be directed to the 51 MDG Immunizations clinic at 784-2523.

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... core values: integrity, competence, courage, tenacity, patriotism, and service.

In May 1995, then Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Sheila Widnall and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman stream-lined these values and published a policy letter identifying what are our current three core values: Integrity, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do.

Integrity: The basic definition is being honest and doing what is right even when no one is watching. This is really just being true to others and to you. If that means not cutting out early on a Friday when the boss is gone or not doing the job by the instruction just because no one is over your shoulder watching. When it comes to honesty General Fogleman was quoted as saying "If you always tell the truth, you never have to try and remember what you told someone." I think that says it all. With integrity comes trust and respect and are not these the two things that we cherish most from others? Without integrity we have no trust and with no trust there is no discipline.

Service Before Self: A lot of people confuse this value. They think it means the Air Force comes first when in fact the basis of this value is "the giving of self to provide for the welfare of others." This not only applies to the defense of our nation but also extends to our friends and family. This could apply to volunteering at a local orphanage or even just listening to a friend vent when you are tired.

Excellence in all we do: There is a very long worded definition to this core value. And, it is the basic idea doing your best no matter what the task. All you need to do is give your very best in everything you do. Never walk away from even the smallest task knowing that you could have done better. Another part of excellence is training. The Air Force gives you all the required training for you to excel in your job. It is your responsibility to complete that training and learn your part of the mission. If you hold true to that when you walk away from a task your very best will be "the best."

I have just touched the base of the Air Force Core Values. The true meaning is much more extensive. This article is my own perspective on what the core values are and what they mean. You can find out more about the core values in Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241. You can also search the Air Force Portal or the internet for "History of the Air Force Core Values." There is some very good reading around that helps you understand the core values both spiritually and morally.

I challenge you to study the core values and find out what is your personal perspective on these values. You never know you might better your relationships and improve yourself. One thing is for sure you will become a better member of the United States Air Force.

The EO office is calling for volunteers for Women's History Month (March) and Asian Pacific American History Month (May). Committees are open to all base personnel, their family members and retirees. You do not have to ascribe to a particular group to participate. All that is required is a passion to enlighten and educate others on the contributions these groups have made to society. To volunteer or for more information, contact the EO Staff at 784-4848 or 51fw.eo@osan.af.mil.

RAPCON keeps the planes flying high ... in the sky



(Above) Senior Airman Joseph Hatfield reaches for a flight progress strip as he controls aircraft from radar approach control, RAPCON, here Feb. 18. The RAPCON controls aircraft at altitudes up to 14,000 feet, with a 40-mile radius from the base. Senior Airman Hatfield is an air traffic controller with the 51st Operations Support Squadron. (Right) Airmen of 51 OSS operate the RAPCON which controls aircraft at altitudes from ground level to 14,000 feet, with a 40-mile radius from the base.



(Above) Tech. Sgt. Norbert Kalas talks with inbound aircraft at the radar approach control, RAPCON, here Feb. 18. Sergeant Kalas is an air traffic controller with the 51st Operations Support Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photos/ Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson)



(Left) Staff Sgt. Kristin Dobson waits for a call from an inbound aircraft at radar approach control, RAPCON Feb. 18. Sergeant Dobson is an air traffic controller with the 51st Operations Support Squadron. (Above) Tech. Sgt. Aaron Hawkes updates flight progress strips as Staff Sgt. Kristin Dobson reaches for one at radar approach control, RAPCON here Feb. 18. Sergeant Hawkes is also an air traffic controller with the 51 OSS.

Single "800" number for all Airmen available

from Office of Public Affairs
Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Members of the Total Force - regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilian and retired Airmen - are on line to have one central phone number for help with their personnel questions starting at 5 p.m. Central Standard Time Feb. 22.

Members of the Air Force community should call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 to reach a customer service counselor to discuss issues ranging from retraining, promotions and identification cards to leave, retirements and civilian benefits.

While this number is already familiar to Airmen who call the ARPC Contact Center in Denver, it's a change for Airmen who call the toll-free number currently assigned to the AFPC Contact Center in San Antonio.

"Having a single phone number for the entire force will make it easier for all of our customers to reach us so we can give them the most accurate and up-to-date information," said Brig. Gen. Eric Crabtree, former ARPC commander. "It's vitally important in this fast-moving environment that we keep providing accurate, consistent and understandable answers to

all Airmen and their families."

The single number is a first step toward the Total Force Service Center, or TFSC, concept.

This concept provides Airmen seamless access to personnel information and services regardless of the organization or system actually providing it. With the single number the ARPC and AFPC contact centers become virtually connected; making it easier for all Airmen to reach their needed personnel services.

Teams will be working throughout the day on Feb. 22 making the TFSC number the single access point for all the Air Force components and their families.

Once all the telephone lines are reorganized, Airmen dialing in will be appropriately routed to either San Antonio or Denver, depending on the selections they make from the updated menu options.

Customers dialing the 800 number might experience minimal disruption in service while the number is being transferred.

"This is just one more example of how we are providing smarter and better personnel services to our total force," said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, AFPC commander. "Technology is allowing us to interface with our Airmen or commanders when they want to work personnel actions, without

the Airmen ever leaving their homes or offices.

"Above all, we want to hear from you about your experiences with the centers," said General McClain. "We value feedback from the customers so we can continue to improve how we deliver our services to you."

AFPC-serviced Airmen should continue using 800-616-3775 until 5 p.m. CST Feb. 22. After that time, those who call the former number will be advised of the change in phone numbers.

For those calling from outside the United States, dial the toll-free AT&T Direct Access Number for the country they are located, then dial 1-800-525-0102. AT&T Direct Access Numbers are found at www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp.

There is no change for individuals with hearing impairments. They can still reach the civilian Benefits and Entitlements Service Team and AFPC's Personnel Systems Operations Control Center, as well as ask employment questions, by calling the Telephone Device for the Deaf number, 800-382-0893. The commercial TDD number is 210-565-2276.

Airmen and their families can also find answers to many of their personnel questions at AFPC's <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or ARPC's <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil>.

\$\$Military Saves Week\$\$

As a way to encourage service-members and their families to start saving money for emergencies and other needs, the Defense Department has designated Feb. 22 through March 1 as Military Saves Week.

To highlight the beginning of this week, the Osan Airman and Family Readiness Center is holding a series of events to help service-members and their families learn how to save money and receive financial tips.

Thrift Saving Plan workshop: The AFRC is hosting a TSP workshop Feb. 23 from 2- 4 p.m. at building 769.

Information fair: The AFRC is hosting an information fair Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Osan Base Exchange food court.

Credit card cut-up: The AFRC is hosting a credit-card cut up Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at building 769.

Credit reports: The A&FRC is hosting an Understanding Credit Reports and debit management class Feb. 26 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at building 769.

Investing: The A&FRC is hosting an investing class Feb. 27 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at building 769.

Coupon give-away: The AFRC is hosting a coupon give-away Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the commissary.

To find out more information or to sign up for the classes, call the AFRC at 784-5448.