

Air Force leaders name next top enlisted leader

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley have announced the Airman selected to be the service's next enlisted leader.

Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy will become the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force during an appointment ceremony June 30 which will coincide with Chief McKinley's retirement.

"This is a good day for all Airmen," General Schwartz said. "While they will lose a tremendous leader and advocate in Chief McKinley, they gain a worthy successor in Chief Roy. Given his record and reputation, I am confident that Chief Roy will carry the best interests of our Air Force family forward to our nation's leaders as we support today's joint fight and rebalance our force for the challenges ahead."

Chief Roy and his wife, Paula, will come to the Pentagon from Camp Smith, Hawaii, where the chief currently serves as the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the U.S. Pacific

Command combatant commander, representing more than 200,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

Chief Roy joined the Air Force in

Education and Training Command, Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command.

He was also deployed as the command chief master sergeant of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia.

Prior to assuming his current position he was the command chief master sergeant for U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force at Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Chief McKinley will retire next month after serving for 30 years. He has served as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force since June 30, 2006.

"Chief McKinley has devoted his entire adult life to our Air Force and to taking care of Airmen and their families," General Schwartz said. "He has accomplished so much throughout his career, but as chief master sergeant of the Air Force, he and his wife, Paula, have made monumental contributions."

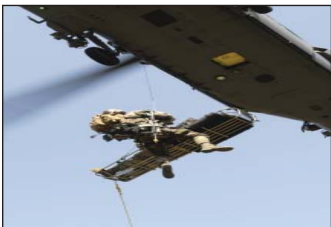


Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley (right) introduces his replacement, Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy, to attendees of the Senior Enlisted Forum May 8 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Chief Roy, who currently is the senior enlisted advisor to the U.S. Pacific Command combatant commander, was selected by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz to become the 16th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. He will assume his duties on June 30, following Chief McKinley's retirement. (U.S. Air Force photo)

1982. His career includes assignments as a heavy equipment operator in the civil engineer career field and then in leadership positions at the squadron, group, and numbered air force levels.

He has served as the command chief master sergeant at wings in Air

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Osan 3-day Outlook

Fri.
High: 72
Low: 53



Sat.
High: 66
Low: 53



Sun.
High: 67
Low: 50



NEO Reminders

- Courageous Channel NEO exercise takes place May 15 from 5-10 p.m. and May 16 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Passports required, however children are not required to be present.
- Pets are optional, but must be in Federal Aviation Administration approved carriers.
- NEO packets and NEO kits are mandatory.



“Make a Difference”

One day, a young boy was walking down the beach until suddenly, he saw thousands of starfish get washed ashore by a large wave.

The young boy had a great heart and so he ran over to them and immediately, he began to gently place them back into the ocean one at a time.

An old man stood off in the distance and watched the young boy place the starfish back into the ocean. Amused, he began walking into the direction of the boy until finally, he stood beside him.

“What are you doing?” the old man asked.

“Sir, I am trying to help these starfish.” replied the boy.

“Wow!” you have a lot of work to do the old man said.

The young boy nodded his head and resumed his work. A few moments passed.

“Look at all these starfish. Do you really think you are going to make much of a difference?”

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■ **Movie Night:** The CoRC and Services squadron, are co-sponsoring a **FREE** outdoor movie initiative. The first movie will be Tropic Thunder, held May 16 at 9 p.m. at the field behind the 1400 series dorms with free hotdogs and soda. The movie will be picnic style, so bring your blankets and chairs.

■ **Relationship Seminar:** “Keys to a Healthy Relationship-Knowing Yourself” seminar is scheduled for May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Chapel Annex with Guest Speaker Chaplain Carolyn Barksdale, Air Force Director Clinical Pastoral Education. For more information, call the chapel at 784-5000.

■ **Armed Forces Day Parade:** The Annual Veterans of Foreign Wars and Osan Air Base Armed Forces Day Parade is scheduled for May 16 at noon, down Songtan Blvd. If you would like to participate, contact Mr. Keith Michael at 784-6783.

■ **Spiritual Weekend:** Osan Chapel presents Spiritual Renewal Weekend beginning May 15 at 7:30 p.m. with a Worship Service at the Base Chapel. May 17 at 11 a.m. there will be a gospel Service at the High School and a Contemporary service at 5 p.m. at the Base Chapel with Guest speaker Chaplain Carolyn Barksdale. For more information, contact the chapel at 784-5000.

■ **Build-a-Boat:** Services will host a base wide build-a-boat contest May 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Defender Outdoor Pool. Participants must be registered by May 22. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. For more information, call 784-9116.

Briefs

■ **Single/Unaccompanied Retreat:** The Protestant Chapel will host a retreat for single and unaccompanied personnel May 22-25 (Memorial Day weekend) at Taecheon Beach, ROK. Cost is \$60 per person and includes transportation, lodging and meals. Deadline for registration is May 19. Enjoy relaxation and renewal for body, soul and spirit! For more information, contact Chaplain English at 784-5000 or Bob and Stephanie Caudle at 611-3106.

■ **Holiday Observance:** Memorial Day, May 25, is a legal holiday for U.S. civilian employees and the liberal leave policy is in effect for Korean National non-essential civilian employees. Supervisors should ensure the time and attendance card for KN civilian employees who wish to be off that day are properly coded to reflect the appropriate leave code, i.e. annual leave, etc. Organizations with KN civilian employees that require supervision must ensure adequate supervision is available. If an office is going to be closed, KN civilian employees can be required to take annual leave but management must provide them with a 24-hour advance notice. For more information, contact Mr. Kim or Ms. Kim of the Civilian Personnel Flight at 784-4434/8177.

■ **PACAF Family Day:** Friday, May 22, is a designated “FAMILY DAY” for 7th Air Force and 51st Fighter Wing. Liberal leave policy will be in effect for U.S. and KN civilian employees. Since this is not an official holiday for civilian employees, those who are required to work will not be paid holiday premium pay or allowed a substitute day off. Non-essential U.S. and KN civilian employees who wish to take this day off must request and be approved for annual leave or leave without pay if no accrued annual leave is available. For more information, contact Mr. Kim or Ms. Kim of the Civilian Personnel Flight at 784-4434/8177.

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Got burning question for the wing commander? Or perhaps you'd just like to voice a gripe, grief or complaint? The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to the commander. Call 784-4811 or direct e-mails to Osan.CommandersActionLine@osan.af.mil. *Note: If the issue affects the entire Osan community, your action line may appear anonymously in the Mig Alley Flyer; however, please address issues to your chain of command first.

Osan kicks off 2009 English Tutoring Program

Master Sgt. Paul Kilgallon

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 25 Airmen from units at Osan Air Base met for the 2009 English Tutoring Program Unit Coordinator Dinner at the Officers Club here May 9.

Also present at the dinner were teachers, vice principals, representatives from the Pyongtaek City and Kyonggi Provinces and members of the city government.

The dinner afforded the Osan coordinators and school representatives a chance to learn about the program and to learn more about each other.

"I thought the dinner was a great opportunity to meet with the representatives from the schools and see that they were so excited to have us come to their school," said Staff Sgt. Nathan Hargrafen, English Tutoring Program unit coordinator for the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron. "It really helps motivate you to give them the best program and get people involved."

The English Tutoring Program allows for volunteers from Osan AB to teach English to Korean children in the third and fourth grade twice a month at their school.

The volunteers along with Korean teaching assistants design classes to enhance the Korean students understanding of conversational English through lessons,

classroom activities and exchanges of ideas. For some of the coordinators, the chance to make a positive impact made them very happy.

"I am very honored to have the opportunity to teach the local Korean children English," said Staff Sgt. Bryon Baranski, 51st Communications Squadron. "Our school representative, Ms. Gye Hyuang Yoo, provided me with some great information on what to expect from the program during the dinner."

"To me, this is my chance to show our host nation just how good an ambassador we can be for the United States Military," he added.

In 2007, there were only five schools who participated in the tutoring program. Now, just two years later, the schools participation has doubled and there are currently more than 120

members from Team Osan who have signed up for the program.

"The popularity of the English Tutoring Program has increased dramatically within the last two years," said Mr. Yong Hui Pak, 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office. "The students and the teachers have given us nothing but positive feedback about their experiences and it's no wonder why the program has become so successful."

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*- Senior Airman Jessica Roper
English Tutoring Program volunteer*



A meeting of the minds

Brig. Gen. Soonwha Park, along with 29 other nursing instructors, visit the 51st Fighter Wing hospital during National Nurses Week here May 8. The visit was a chance for the nurses to exchange ideas, and show students at the academy what the 51st Medical Group has to offer. Additionally, during their visit the instructors received a tour of the hospital from the and a demonstration of a wartime combat care scenario. The scenario revealed the capability of the facility and its personnel to survive an attack for a week long period if in a war time situation. General Park and the nursing instructors are from the Korean Armed Forces Nursing Academy (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Stephenie Wade)

Osan hosts Pacific Thunder

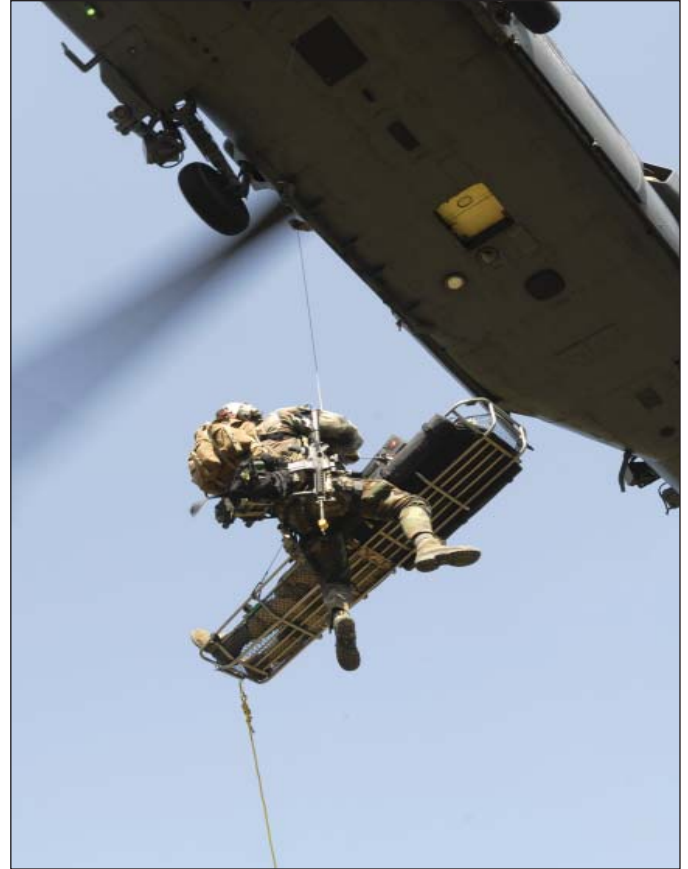
Photos by Senior Airman
Stephenie Wade

Osan Air Base, hosted the first theater wide search and rescue exercise Pacific Thunder here May 3-13.

The exercise involved aircraft from seven different flying units in the Pacific Air Force and United States.

The overall goal of the exercise is to practice integrating all airframes necessary to rescue a downed Airman in a medium to high threat environment.

According to a pilot from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Pacific Thunder is Pacific Air Force's only exercise devoted to combat search and rescue.



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The young boy reached down and grabbed a starfish and placed it back in the ocean and then looked at the old man in the eyes, "I just made a difference for him."

In our Air Force careers, we will have the opportunity to meet thousands of people.

If we are fortunate enough, we will have the opportunity to help make a difference in their lives.

Military life is tough. We face many challenges with our personal and professional lives.

Fortunately, the Air Force is full of great people—just like the young boy in this story.

Think of someone that helped you be where you are today and -mail or call them.

Let them know you are glad they helped lift you up.

I think you will find that you will be glad you told them too. It is hard—but it is worth it. (Story courtesy of Master Sgt. Mark Reuss)

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The objective of the English Tutoring Program is to not only strengthen the Republic of Korea and U.S. alliance by promoting good relations between the two countries, but it's also a chance for military members to give back to the community.

"Last year my son joined our teaching group for the middle school Christmas party," said Maj. William Moore, 51st Medical Operations Squadron. "Later, he received a letter from one of the students who remarked that this would be a memory she would hold for the rest of her life and noted how deeply appreciative she was for our involvement."

Major Moore went on to say that hearing this from the children of our host nation brings home how valuable our connection is and how significantly we can impact their lives in a positive way.

He also said that he is looking forward to leaving a lasting legacy of goodwill from this short tour in Korea.

Some of the English tutors volunteer as a means of giving back to the community. But for others, it's more than just volunteering, it's an opportunity to

understand a different culture.

"The tutoring program focuses on giving unprivileged kids face-to-face conversational English time that many of them would never have a chance to engage in because their families can't afford private English tutoring," said Senior Airman Jessica Roper, 303rd Intelligence Squadron. "At the same time, it gives U.S. military members the opportunity to interact with local Koreans on both a personal and professional level and really gain a unique perspective of the Korean culture."

"During the 7-month program, you really become family with your adopted school—it's definitely a refreshing experience that provides a positive image of what we, as service members can give back to the community," she added.

The 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office is always looking for volunteers to participate in this program. For those Team Osan members interested in becoming an English tutor or for just information on other Good Neighbor Programs, please contact the 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 784-4044.



Show me the money!

Col. Thomas Deale accepts a morale, welfare and recreation dividend check from Mr. Steve Pena of AAFES-Korea in the amount of \$530,541 May 12. Colonel Deale is the 51st Fighter Wing commander. U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson)

Airman's Roll Call: Celebrating Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

This week's Airman's Roll Call focuses on the contributions Asian-Pacific Americans have made to the country and the history of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

On Oct. 28, 1992, President George H. W. Bush signed Public Law 102-450, enacting May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.

The purpose of this observation is to honor the achievements of Asian-Pacific Americans and to recognize their contributions to our nation.

A diverse group of Asian-Pacific Americans has assisted the nation in building a military force capable of preserving our national liberty, while serving as a role model for other freedom-seeking nations and individuals around the world.

For more information about Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, read the entire Airman's Roll Call at: <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-090512-029.pdf>