

## Gen. North assumes command of Pacific Air Forces

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**HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii** – The command of Pacific Air Forces, celebrating 65 years of providing American airpower in the Pacific this month, was passed today from Gen. Howie Chandler to Gen. Gary North during a ceremony here on Freedom Tower Mall.

General North assumed command after completing three and a half years of leading the air campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

General Chandler, the commander since November 2007, relinquished command to become the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Gen. Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, presided over the ceremony along with commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Navy Adm. Timothy Keating.

General Schwartz lauded General Chandler's accomplishments in strengthening alliances and invigorating partnerships with numerous nations in the Pacific region.

The service's top officer also presented General Chandler with a Distinguished Service Medal.

In addition to General Chandler's "constant drum beat" for readiness and engaging partner nations in the Pacific, General Schwartz praised the outgoing com-






Navy Adm. Timothy Keating, commander of United States Pacific Command, passes the PACOM Air Component flag to Gen. Gary L. North, as he assumes command as the air component commander of PACOM Aug. 19 here. The outgoing commander, Gen. Howie Chandler, is on his way to Washington D.C. to report to his new assignment as the Air Force Vice Chief of Staff. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff, also presided over the change of command ceremony. Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, PACAF command chief, assisted with the passing of the flags. (U.S. Air Force photo/Vanessa Forloine)

mander's commitment to people.

"PACAF's success is a testament to General Chandler's leadership, and to the unwavering commitment of the dedicated Airmen and their supportive families under his command, who made it all happen," said General Schwartz. "In an (area of responsibility) encompassing almost half the globe, among nine major installations ...

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## Osan 3-day Outlook

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
High: 85	High: 82	High: 84
Low: 73	Low: 72	Low: 72
		

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■ **BBQ & Blues:** The McPherson Community Center will host a barbecue rib cookoff Sept. 5 from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Officer's Club parking lot. Contestants will be judged on best ribs, best booth decor and best costume. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners, and prize money will be donated to the winner's organization of choice. For more information, contact the community center at 784-3123.

■ **AFSO 21:** A Level 1 Facilitator's Course is scheduled for Sept. 14-18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Osan Professional Development Center. This course is targeted at front line supervisors, flight/squadron leaders and group/squadron AFSO21 POCs. The course is designed to provide personnel with all the tools they will need to conduct AFSO21 Rapid Improvement Events, streamline and eliminate waste from their operations, and familiarize them with the 8-Step Problem Solving Model. For more information or to sign up contact Capt. Antoine Bills or Master Sgt. Luis Acuria at [51fw.afso21@osan.af.mil](mailto:51fw.afso21@osan.af.mil).

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■ **Osan families:** The base is hosting a Town Hall meeting specifically for all Osan families, command and non-command sponsored, to discuss topics important to you and your family. The event is Sept. 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the base theater. For more information, call 784-4044.

■ **National Disability Awareness:** The EO office is asking for volunteers for the National Disability Employment Awareness Month for the month of October. Committees are open to all base personnel, their family members and retirees. 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 office at 784-4040.

■ **Newcomer's Brief:** The Aug. 25 Newcomer's Brief is scheduled for 8 a.m. at the base professional development center instead of the base theater.

■ **Friday Night Movie Night:** The Osan Chapel is hosting a Friday Night Movie on the Lawn at the Community Center Aug. 28 at 8:30 p.m. The movie will be Facing the Giants (PG) and in case of rain will move inside the Community Center. There will be free hot dogs; drinks can be purchased in the Community Center for \$1. All single and unaccompanied Airmen are invited to stay after the movie and smash their way to domination in Super Smash Bros Melee. For information, contact the base chapel at 784-5000.

■ **Chapel Retreat:** Osan Chapel is hosting a retreat on "How to Avoid Falling in Love with a Jerk/Jerkette." The event will be held at USAG Yongsan Retreat Center on Namsan Mountain Aug. 28-Aug. 30 at noon. Cost is \$20 plus transportation to Seoul. For more information, contact the chapel at 784-5000.

■ **Summer Reading Program:** Osan's Summer Reading program for children ages 5-16 is underway. The program runs through Aug. 25. Prizes will be awarded for top readers.

■ **Pyeongtaek Port Pre-Silkroad International Marathon:** The Pyeongtaek marathon is scheduled for Oct. 25 at the Port of Pyeongtaek Passenger Terminal. Events will include a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and Full Marathon and is open to all U.S. servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians and their families. The cost is W10000 for the 5k and W30000 for the 10k, Half Marathon, and Full Marathon and will include T-shirts with entry numbers, and medals upon completion of the races. The entry fee must be paid at the time of registration. Participants who register at the fitness center and complete the race will be reimbursed their entry fee by the Korea/U.S. Relation Department. Registration will begin at the fitness center Aug. 27 and end Sept. 11.

■ **100 Percent Inventory:** The 51st Munitions Squadron material section will be conducting a Closed Warehouse 100 percent stockpile inventory from Sept. 1-30. There will be no customer service available during this time except for emergency issues. All issue requests must be received by Aug. 14, and all assets, to include courtesy stored munitions, must be picked up no later than Aug. 28. All munitions custodians are urged to plan accordingly. For any questions please contact munitions accountability at 784-6175/6164.

■ **Air Force Ball:** The 62nd Air Force Ball is set for Sept. 26 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Lotte Hotel. This year's theme is "Fly, Fight, Win." There will be three different dinner menus. Ticket prices are \$40 for E-7 & up, \$20 for E-6 and below. There will be a DJ and a dance portion. For tickets contact your unit point of contact.

■ **Rosetta Stone Program:** Stop by the Library and sign-up for this service today. It is an online service which you can access from any computer; microphone required. You must log in within two weeks of registration and at least once every month. Your account will expire after six months. Learn more about the Rosetta Stone program by visiting <http://www.rosettastone.com/personal/how-it-works>.

■ *If you would like to submit a News Brief, e-mail the 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office. For more information, call the Public Affairs office at 784-4044.*

# 10 Osan Airmen receive Articles 15

**Staff Sgt. Frank Masella**  
51st Fighter Wing Legal office

The military justice system is a commander's program designed to support good order and discipline in the unit and to ensure mission accomplishment.

When commanders decide to impose nonjudicial punishment, they can choose from a variety of punishments.

For enlisted members, that list includes reduction in rank, forfeiture of pay, restriction (e.g., to the base, from the clubs), extra duties, and a reprimand. At some bases, correctional custody is also an option.

Officers could receive forfeiture of pay, arrest in quarters, restriction, and a reprimand.

While the facts of some offenses appear similar, commanders take into account the member's duty performance, attitude, potential and disciplinary history, such as previous counselings, reprimands or nonjudicial punishments.

The following Airmen received Articles 15 between Aug. 3-14:

- An airman 1st class accepted an

Article 15 for cheating on training. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the rank of Airman, and a reprimand.

- A senior airman accepted an Article 15 for making a false statement. Punishment consisted of reduction to the rank of airman 1st class, forfeiture of \$929.00 pay and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant accepted an Article 15 for violating curfew. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the rank of senior airman, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

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- A senior airman accepted an Article 15 for misuse of their Government Travel Card. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the rank of airman 1st class, restriction to base and restriction from facilities serving alcoholic beverages for 45 days with 14 days suspended, 45 days extra duty with 14 days suspended and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant accepted an Article 15 for failing to obey a lawful order, resisting apprehension, making

provoking speeches or gestures and being drunk and disorderly. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the rank of senior airman, forfeiture \$1,109.00 pay, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- A senior airman accepted an Article 15 for falling asleep on duty. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the rank of airman 1st class, forfeiture \$800.00 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- An airman 1st class accepted an Article 15 for falling asleep on duty. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture \$784.00 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

- A staff sergeant accepted an Article 15 for being drunk on duty. Punishment consisted of reduction to the rank of senior airman, restriction to base and facilities serving alcoholic beverages for 45 days, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- A master sergeant accepted an Article 15 for failing to pay their Citibank Government Travel Card. Punishment consisted of suspended reduction to the rank of technical sergeant and a reprimand.

## *101 Critical Days of Summer: Motorcycle safety course could save a life*

**by Tech. Sgt. Kristie Chung**  
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"Why are you doing that?!"

You need to turn your head and look toward the turn!

No! Not like that! Lean into it!!!" the Motorcycle Safety Instructor yelled.

In my head I thought, "I am! Stop yelling at me!"

It was the second day of a 12-hour motorcycle safety class at Yongsan, and I was dog tired.

I'd never ridden a motorcycle before, and had no desire to. Being the wonderful caring wife that I am, I bought my husband a new Harley Davidson as a gift for completing his weight loss goals.

However, when I went to register my husband's motorcycle, I forgot he was a dependent. I was politely informed by the Security Forces Pass and ID member that as the military member I had to have a motorcycle license and attend the Motorcycle Safety Course in order to register the shiny new motorcycle.

I stared at the Security Forces member in disbelief and said, "I can't ride a motorcycle!" He politely smiled and said, "Well ma'am, I suggest you learn!"

After the first 12-hour day of the motorcycle safety class, I did not want to return for round two the next day.

I was tired of the long classroom hours, and six hours of riding with very short breaks.

I wanted to quit; after all, it wasn't my motorcycle anyway.

Then I thought of my husband and how hard he had worked at his weight loss goals and how he was counting on me to pass the safety class.

I gritted my teeth, hunkered down, and promised myself to return to the class the next day. After all my suffering, I did in fact pass the course and obtained my license. I thought what I had learned was a waste of time as I would never ride a motorcycle again, but everything I learned in the class stayed with me...

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... from the tropics to the arctic, nowhere is there a greater need for a strong advocate for Air Force families and you have answered that call.”

Before inspecting the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps joint band and 10 formations of PACAF Airmen assembled on the parade field, General Chandler thanked the men and women of PACAF. “Every day, I am impressed by your ingenuity and initiative. As Eva-Marie and I depart, you have our sincerest thanks for the work you have done here.”

A common theme in the remarks of both presiding officers was the wealth of Pacific experience that General North brings to the job. General North has commanded the 35th Operations Group at Misawa Air Base, Japan, 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan AB, South Korea and the 18th Wing at Kadena AB, Japan. He was also the director of operations for U.S. Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii, and deputy director of politico-military affairs for Asia-Pacific on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

“No one is better qualified,” said General Schwartz. “It is appropriate for Gary to become the commander of Pacific Air Forces, so today, Gary,

we welcome you to the Pacific once again.” General North thanked General Schwartz and Admiral Keating for their faith in his ability to lead PACAF and made a pledge to the Airmen and civilians of the Pacific.

“Thank you for making this a special day,” said General North. “For the days to come you have my commitment to lead, serve alongside, and follow, to ensure that the Pacific Air Forces, and the Airmen and civilians that serve in the Pacific, continue their legacy of valor and the traditions of honor that have served so well to benefit stability, security and prosperity in the region for the last 65 years,” General North said. “I am humbled to be selected by our chief and Admiral Keating.”

General North, who is accompanied by his wife, Shelley, received his fourth star in a ceremony prior to the change of command.

He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours in the F-4 Phantom, F-15 Eagle and F-16 Falcon.



**Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, accepts the PACAF flag from Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff, during a change of command ceremony here Aug. 19. Navy Adm. Timothy Keating, Commander of United States Pacific Command, also presided over the change of command ceremony by passing the PACOM Air Component flag to General North, as he also assumes command as the air component commander of PACOM. Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, PACAF command chief, assisted with the passing of the flags. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Mike Meares)**

He earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from East Carolina University, N.C., in 1976 and later earned three master’s degrees.

As the former commander of 9th Air Force and U.S. Air Forces Central headquartered at Shaw AFB, S.C., General North was responsible for the U.S. Central Command air campaigns in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His major awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with “V” device and oak leaf cluster.

In accepting the PACAF flag, General North becomes the air component commander for PACOM and is responsible for 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan; 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea; 11th Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; and 13th Air Force at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

**Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, returns a salute during a pass and review of troops during his change of command ceremony here Aug. 19. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Gustavo Gonzalez)**



# Symposium unites nurses in the Asia-Pacific region

by Lt. Col. Rebekah F. Friday  
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More than 200 Military Nurses from 14 Asian Pacific countries gathered at the Melia Hotel in Hanoi, Vietnam, for the Third Annual Asian Pacific Military Nursing Symposium August 3-7.

The U.S. military sent 45 Army, Navy, Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard medical personnel to participate in the symposium to include six delegates from Osan.

Serving as Senior Leadership for the symposium was Col. Vu Quoc Binh, vice director of the military medical department for the People's Army of Vietnam and Brig. Gen. Catherine Lutz, the U.S. Air National Guard assistant to the assistant surgeon general nursing services.

The symposium's theme, "Promoting Global Military Nursing Cooperation" highlighted nursing education, career development, global pandemic preparedness and disaster management.

For the U.S. delegates the symposium provided the opportunity to share the impact of nursing care and collaborate and network with other nations in the region.

The five-day agenda included presentations by three of the six Osan delegates. Lt. Col. Michele Baxter briefed on Aeromedical Evacuation in the Pacific theater; Lt. Col. Rebekah Friday briefed on Individual Medical Readiness; and Maj K. C. Vo briefed on the Aeromedical Evacuation process.

All delegates were also invited to visit Vietnamese Military Hospital 103, which specializes in infectious diseases and provides care for military personnel and civilians.

Hospital 103 is a recipient of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief, which authorized up to \$25 billion more than five years ago to combat global HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Previous Asia-Pacific nurses' symposiums were hosted in Hawaii in 2007 and the Republic of Korea in 2008.

This year's symposium was a phenomenal success thanks to the 13th Air Force international health specialist team, which included Maj. Chung Lee and Master Sgt. Enrique Ferreira.

As a result of their attention to detail the attendance doubled from last year's symposiums and plans are in progress for future symposiums.

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The first thing I did was to plaster my husband's new helmet with a bunch of those triangle reflective stickers that say "Motorcycle Safety Foundation."

I checked his helmet to ensure it was "Snell" approved. Then I bought him the brightest reflective vest available.

Before my husband goes out to ride, I find myself giving him a reminder safety briefing which he kindly tolerates. If he argues, I find myself saying, "But Mr. Lee said..."

That was four years ago, and I'm glad I attended the class.

The skills I learned in the Motorcycle Safety class helped me to become a better driver around motorcycles.

As a driver, it's important to signal to motorcycles around you early enough for them to react.

When approaching a STOP sign, stopping slowly allows the motorcycle operator to see your break lights and allows them to stop slowly and safely.

As a motorcycle operator following a car it is important to keep a safe distance and ride in the lane that makes you the most visible to the driver of the car.

Motorcycle riders should wear bright clothing and reflective gear especially at night.

The night after I plastered my husband's helmet with the reflective stickers, he was almost hit by a vehicle making an illegal turn. After pulling over and apologizing for the near miss, the driver of the vehicle informed my husband that it was the reflective stickers on the helmet and the bright orange vest that caught his eye in the turn and probably saved his life!

## Holiday Greetings

An Army and Air Force Hometown News Service holiday greetings team will set up here from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 17-18 behind Turumi Lodge at the Lodge pavilion.

The team will record individual 10 to 20-second greetings for the holiday season aimed at family and friends back home. Anyone with a family tie within the U.S. and its territories are eligible.

The video and audio greetings are packaged according to geographic areas, normally by state. In large states like California, Texas, Florida and New York, stations will get greetings based upon region. Stations normally air the greetings throughout the holiday season, from Thanksgiving through New Year's. Each greeting will normally play more than once throughout the holidays and usually on more than one station.

For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Paul Kilgallon or Master Sgt. Marlin Zimmerman at 784-4044.

# AIR POWER DAY 2009



**9 A.M. ~ 5 P.M.**  
**21 October 2009**  
**Doolittle Gate**  
**Osan Air Base,**  
**Republic of Korea**



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