

# HISTORY

Originally located and activated at Naha Air Base, Japan on Aug. 10, 1948, the 51st Fighter Wing has continuously operated on the Korean peninsula since Nov. 1, 1971.

During its history, the 51st FW has been redesignated six times; and located at six different bases in the Pacific Theater.



The wing has flown 15 different types of fighter aircraft since activation, with the current air frames including the A-10C and F-16C/D.

In December 2008, the DoD changed the assignment policy for service members coming to Korea, which in turn opened hundreds of slots for Airmen to bring their families to Osan. Osan had 632 Command Sponsorship slots but have recently expanded to 860. Osan Air Base now offers many family friendly activities.

# TEAM OSAN

- **51st FIGHTER WING**
  - 36th Fighter Squadron (F-16)
  - 25th Fighter Squadron (A-10)
  - 3,900 Active Duty Airmen
- **HEADQUARTERS 7th AIR FORCE/HQ AIR COMPONENT COMMAND**
  - 607th Air & Space Operations Center
  - 607th Air Support Operations Group
  - 694th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group
- **MISSION PARTNERS**
  - 5th Reconnaissance Squadron (U-2)
  - 731st Air Mobility Squadron
  - 5th OSI Field Investigations Squadron
  - Air Force Audit Agency
- **JOINT PARTNERS**
  - Marine Forces Liaisons
  - 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade
  - 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment
  - US Army Corps of Engineering
  - 25th Transportation Battalion
  - 411th Contracting Support Battalion Det
- **ROKAF COALITION PARTNERS**
  - Air Force Operations Command (AFOC)
  - Air Mobility & Recon Command
  - Air Defense Missile Command
  - Air Defense & Control Command
  - Korea Air Operations Center (KAOC)



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# 51st FIGHTER WING

**Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea**

## VISION

Osan is My Follow on of  
Choice

## MISSION

DEFEND the Base,  
EXECUTE Combat Operations,  
SUSTAIN the Force  
Through:  
Decentralization --- Innovation  
Realism



## LEADERSHIP

*Commander:*

Colonel William D. Betts

*Vice Commander:*

Colonel Jesse J. Friedel

*Command Chief:*

Chief Master Sergeant Philip B. Hudson



# THIS IS OSAN AB

## We Guard the Freedom of 51 Million People

### Fly, Fight, Win

Generate sorties and kill targets

### Ability to Survive and Operate

Maintain mission capability in a CBRNE environment

### Noncombatant Evacuation Operation

Leading noncombatants to safety enables mission focus

### Living & Working Conditions

Optimize performance

## SUMMARY

Osan Air Base is located 48 miles south of the DMZ and is home to the 51st Fighter Wing, Seventh Air Force Headquarters and 24 tenant units, including multiple ROK Air Force units. Its airpower includes the A-10 "Thunderbolt II" F-16 "Fighting Falcon," and U-2 "Dragon Lady."

Osan Air Base is the most forward based permanent installation in the U.S. Air Force, as well as the largest USAF base on the Korean peninsula.

Osan's location and capability are strategic in fulfilling the Department of Defense's focus for stability in the Pacific.



# TODAY'S WING

51 <sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing Active Duty	3,300
Tenant Units	1,405
Dependents	2,200
Civilians	1,300
Republic of Korea Air Force Military	3,500
ROKAF Dependents	800
<b>Total strength</b>	<b>12,840</b>
<b>Property:</b>	
2,110 Acres of land	
974 Facilities/608 Buildings	
351 Housing Units	
37 Dormitories (30 active with 4,143 rooms)	
31 Collective Protective Shelter (CPS) facilities	



### Osan's Best:

- Executes Combat Air Force's largest A-10 and F-16 flying hour program
- Possesses the only hardened collective protection system medical facility in the Air Force
- Maintains the largest operational Military Working Dog program in the Air Force
- Houses the primary aerial port of debarkation/embarkation for the Korean peninsula during contingencies



# TOMORROW'S WING

## Focus Areas

**Decentralization:** Share information and delegate authority

**Innovation:** New and improved methods led from bottom-up

**Realistic Training:** Minimize simulations and train like we fight

## CURRENT PROJECTS

- Runway overlay and development
- Construct new chapel
- Operations and MX facilities upgrades
- Dormitory renovations
- Base fitness center (East/West Campus)
- Main gate and Morin gate
- Hospital addition/alteration

## LONG RANGE PROJECTS

- Child Development Center/School Age Center
- \$18M project
- Space for children increase to 240 from 116



### Fitness Center

- \$54M project, Postured for ROKFC & MILCON funding
- Built 1965, 66K sq ft facility (60% of authorized space) for total eligible population served of 11K
- Base indoor pool permanently closed due to overall facility/infrastructure failures
- Outdoor activities limited during extreme weather/unsafe level of yellow dust & pollution