

# 51st Fighter Wing Commander's Talking Points

“Today, we are the best Air Force in the world. Our adversaries know it. They have been studying our way of war and investing in ways to take away those advantages.

USAF Chief of Staff  
Gen. David Goldfein

## Alcohol Related Incidents

During the third quarter of 2018, Team Osan saw a significant spike in alcohol related incidents. The most common contributors were curfew violations and underage drinking. Osan is known throughout the Air Force as an assignment with an incredibly meaningful mission and a great social atmosphere. However, drinking irresponsibly not only endangers you, it can damage relationships with our Korean hosts and ultimately curtail our freedom to enjoy the atmosphere off-base. I posted the FY 2019 Wing Down Day Calendar at <https://www.osan.af.mil/>. You'll notice there are a handful of "Goal Days" listed. We can earn these goal days by beating our historical norm for curfew violations and underage drinking incidents. Serving at the most forward deployed wing in the Air Force is not something to take lightly and my message is simple: drink responsibly, or don't drink.

## Exercising Your Right to Vote

Election Day 2018 is Tuesday, November 6, and requesting an absentee ballot has never been easier. Visit FVAP.gov for all the tools you'll need to get your ballot and vote. Congress plays a large role in decisions regarding the defense of our nation. With 35 Senate seats and all 435 House seats up for reelection, we each have the opportunity to participate in choosing our country's leaders. As service members, there are some restrictions regarding political activities, especially on personal social media accounts. DODI 1344.10 and AFI 52-901 outline what active-duty service members are permitted and restricted from doing while acting in a personal and official capacity. If you have additional questions, give our Public Affairs Office a call at 784-4044. One thing is for sure, each of us has the right to register and vote, so don't miss out.

## Safe Driving & Rules of the Road

I know last month's roll out of USFKR 190-1 on the proper use of Personal Transportation Devices on military installations across the peninsula came with a bit of confusion. Thank you to all who took the time to read the regulation, and thank you to the greatest Security Forces Squadron in the Air Force for doing their best to enforce these rules and help our community understand them. However, there is a fair bit of non-compliance still occurring. Chief Hudson and I have started making on-the-spot corrections when we see disregard for the rules. We encourage everyone to do the same as long as you're respectful of each other. Please report all accidents and reckless driving to Security Forces, but if you see someone unknowingly breaking a rule, help them out and say something. Installation security is everyone's responsibility whether it's reporting suspicious activity or helping make our roads safer.

## Newcomer Info & Being a Helpful Sponsor

Some of the most common feedback I get at the Korean Readiness Orientation briefs is that our incoming folks did not feel they had proper access to newcomer information. If you're a sponsor, please direct inbound personnel to the Osan website and the Airman and Family Readiness Center. If you have recommendations for improving the information available on these pages, reach out to the 51st Fighter Wing on Facebook.