

51st Fighter Wing Commander's Talking Points

“I have no doubt the Indo-Pacific will continue to have its share of challenges. But every challenge provides an opportunity to demonstrate success or to strengthen a relationship.

Gen. C.Q. Brown, Jr.,
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51st Fighter Wing 70th Anniversary

On August 18, 2018, the 51st FW reaches an important milestone by celebrating its 70th anniversary as a vital Air Force unit dedicated to the defense of the United States and the Republic of Korea. Not only does the wing celebrate its 70th anniversary but the ROK Armed Forces also turn 70 years old in 2018, further reinforcing our partnership by sharing this monumental benchmark in history. Over the past 70 years, the 51st FW has flown a path to a legacy of great accomplishments and will continue to demonstrate our dedication to our mission and the Korean people. During our seven decades, thousands of Airmen have been assigned to the wing and share a special bond in its history. As one of only a few Air Force wings to serve exclusively overseas, it holds a distinctive place in the history of our military. I express thanks to each Airman who has served the 51st FW. Our legacy is a result of your contributions. Happy Birthday, Mustangs!

Successful Repatriation

As July came to an end and we welcomed August, our wing also had the distinct privilege of welcoming home 55 cases of remains returned from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The repatriation, led by United Nations Command and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, would not have been possible without the hard work of units across the 51st FW and 731st Air Mobility Squadron. From logistics to security forces, civil engineering to protocol and every Airman in between, thank you for ensuring our fellow service members received the dignified homecoming they deserved. Being part of Team Osan comes with handfuls of memorable moments, but this is one we'll cherish for the rest of our lives. The DPAA has already identified and returned one set of remains to the rightful family, and they will continue their work in hopes of providing closure for many more families in the future.

PACAF's New Commander: Gen. C.Q. Brown, Jr.

Gen. C.Q. Brown, Jr. assumed command of Pacific Air Forces July 26, 2018. I encourage all of you to take the time to learn about our new leader and his priorities going forward. You can check out the coverage from the assumption of command ceremony here: <https://go.usa.gov/xU6dP>

Dress & Appearance: AFI 36-2903 Updates

While some career fields have worn OCPs for years, October 1, 2018, is the first day all Airmen are authorized to make the switch. Further guidance and updates to AFI 36-2903 will become available before this date, so keep an eye out. Also, there have been other recent updates, including changes to female hair standards, dress uniform requirements, and wear of the Air Force PT uniform. It's all of our job to stay fluent in the regulations as changes are made. Check af.mil frequently for updates, and if you're a supervisor, ask your Airmen to do the same.