

WELCOME TO THE

WOLF PACK

KUNSAN AB NEWCOMER'S GUIDE



MISSION... TEAM... HERITAGE

THE MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS CENTER

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
8TH FIGHTER WING (PACAF)
KUNSAN AIR BASE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

09 July 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR 8 FW Newcomers

FROM: 8 FW/CCC

1. Welcome to Kunsan Air Base! On behalf of the Wing leadership team and the entire Wolf Pack, I extend a warm welcome to you. You are joining a team of dedicated professionals who are committed to excellence, each other, and the mission of Defending the Base, Accepting Follow-On Forces, and Taking the Fight North.
2. Kunsan is a unique, rewarding, and sometimes challenging assignment. Our location in the Republic of Korea places us in the epicenter of the Air Force's mission in the Indo-Pacific theater. The Wolf Pack's heritage of valor, professionalism, and commitment to our allies and partners is something we take great pride in, and I am confident you will find your time here will be something you will remember for the rest of your lives.
3. We understand that transitioning to a new base can be both exciting and stressful. To help, our team is here to support you. Whether you need assistance with what to expect, in-processing, or understanding your role within our mission, do not hesitate to reach out. Your squadron leadership and the Military and Family Readiness Center are excellent resources.
4. At Kunsan, we emphasize the importance of teamwork, resilience, and development. I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities for professional and personal growth available on base and across the peninsula. Get involved and strive to make the most out of your year or two you are here.
5. Once again, welcome to Kunsan Air Base! I look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make on our mission and community. We go together, and will continue to uphold the proud legacy of the Wolf Pack to achieve great things.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
8TH FIGHTER WING (PACAF)
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25 June 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 8 FW PERSONNEL

FROM: 8 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Korea Readiness Orientation (KRO) Policy Letter

1. **Background.** In order to fulfill the Wolf Pack mission of “Defend the Base, Accept Follow-on Forces and Take the Fight North,” all new arrivals must complete in-processing and initial training requirements in order to be mission ready. The 8 FW KRO fulfills all common requirements to join the Wolf Pack.
2. **Purpose.** This policy requires all 8 FW personnel to attend mandatory KRO to bolster operational and mission readiness to safeguard the vital relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea to meet our obligations more effectively under the Mutual Defense Treaty. The purpose of this mandatory three-day orientation consolidates activities into a singular event and provides a venue to complete all necessary PCS-related action. KRO is designed to minimize time away from the new unit of assignment and enable newly assigned members to integrate more quickly.
3. **Applicability.** This policy applies to all newly 8 FW military personnel and authorized civilian personnel as a result of a permanent change of station orders.
4. **KRO Order.** The following KRO activities must be completed by all Airmen within 30 days of arrival. Units are responsible for ensuring new arrivals are scheduled for and attend KRO within the 30-day window. KRO activities are not intended to replace unit in-processing requirements. After KRO requirements are completed, supervisors will meet with their Airmen to review key points of KRO and the readiness demands of duty in Korea. This meeting is an in-processing requirement.
 - a. **Mission Brief & Intelligence Update:** All new members of the Wolf Pack will receive the 8 FW mission brief as well as a current intelligence update. All in-bound Officers will meet with Wolf and SNCO’s with Wolf Chief no later than the first week after attending KRO.
 - b. **In-Processing:** KRO includes mandatory medical in-processing. All new arrivals should be prepared to complete their TRICARE enrollment.
 - c. **Newcomers Orientation:** This includes an overview of Kunsan specific activities and services, Korean laws, as well as AFI-driven requirements.

- d. Mission Readiness Training: Upon arrival, all personnel will complete Kunsan's Contingency Operations training to be prepared to operate in a contested environment specific to the Korean Peninsula. Furthermore, to enhance the Wolf Pack's ability to Defend the Base, all 8 FW personnel will accomplish Kunsan Air Base Ground Defense Training on the second and third day of KRO. This training is the baseline requirement for personnel to accomplish General Arming in contingency operations and successfully execute the Wolf Pack mission. It is a building block for further defense training and activities across the installation.

- e. General Arming: All 8 FW personnel have the responsibility to arm when Kunsan AB faces threats or is operating in a contested environment. In addition to KRO training, unit commanders are responsible for ensuring their personnel meet arming requirements as outlined in DAFI 31-117, *Arming and Use of Force by Air Force Personnel*. Additionally, unit commanders are responsible for ensuring they have a General Arming unit program manager who will be responsible for the administrative paperwork, tracking, and training of personnel within their units. 8th Security Forces Squadron (8 SFS) will assist units by using the "train the trainer" method and provide opportunities for additional training as the opportunities arise.

5. Commanders will ensure all military personnel and assigned/authorized civilian personnel are briefed on the contents of this letter. Immediate supervisors, individual sponsors and/or Commander's Support Staff of newly arrived Airmen will schedule attendance at KRO training immediately after the newcomer's arrival. Leadership support at all levels is crucial to the success of the program.

6. The Wolf Pack's ability to accomplish its mission is predicated on a highly trained and motivated force. KRO provides the means of completing baseline in-processing and training in an efficient manner to ensure we are always ready to "Defend the Base, Accept Follow-on Forces and Take the Fight North."

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Commander

8TH FIGHTER WING HISTORY



Kunsan Air Base is home to the 8th Fighter Wing which is known as the “Wolf Pack”, a nickname given during the command of Colonel Robin Olds back in 1966. It’s one of two major Air Force installations operated by the United States in Korea. Kunsan Air Base is located on the west coast of the South Korean peninsula bordered by the Yellow Sea.

Gunsan City is the host city for Kunsan Air Base. “Kunsan” and “Gunsan” are spelled the same in Korean: 군산. Gunsan City is pronounced Gunsan-si and is spelled 군 산시. If you search “Kunsan” on the internet, you usually find information about the base, and if you search “Gunsan”, you usually get information about the host city.

The Beginning

The history of the 8th Fighter Wing officially began on 18 August 1948 at Ashiya Airfield, Japan. The 8th FW did not serve in World War II, it does share ties with a World War II fighter group, the 8th Pursuit (and later Fighter) Group. However, the history of the group stretches all the way back to 1923. On April 1, 1931, 8 PG was activated at Langley Field, Virginia flying such aircraft as the PB-2, P-6 and P-12 until moving in November 1940 to Mitchel Field, New York, where it became responsible for the air defense of New York City. Ten days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, 8 PG received orders to relocate to Brisbane, Australia to fly the P-39 and P-400. The Air Force re-designated 8 PG as the 8th Fighter Group in May 1942.

During early operations, the group, and its squadrons (35th, 36th, and 80th Fighter Squadrons) concentrated on defense of Australia and Allied territory in New Guinea. In April 1943, the group moved to Port Moresby, New Guinea flying the P-38 Lightning, the P-40, the P-47 and P-

38. After moving to the Philippines in December 1944, the group spent the next several months conducting offensive operations, as well as flying escort missions in the area. Moving to Le Shima in August 1945, 8 FG flew several missions against the Japanese. On August 14, 1945, the day of the Japanese surrender, 8 FG shot down the last enemy plane of the war. During World War II, 8 FG participated in nine campaigns and shot down 446 enemy aircraft, creating 24 aces.

Birth of the 8th Fighter Wing

After the war, the group moved to Fukuoka, Japan in November 1945 as part of the occupation.

force. In early 1946, the group converted to the P-51 Mustang. On 18 August 1948, the Air Force officially activated the 8th Fighter Wing. 8 FG was assigned as a subordinate component of the wing. In the Mustang—re-designated from the "pursuit" P- 51 to the "fighter" F- 51—and later in the F-80 Shooting Star, the 8FW provided air defense of Japan. On January 20, 1950, the wing designation changed to the 8th Fighter- Bomber Wing.

Korean War

As the Korean War began, the 8 FBW provided air cover for the evacuation of Americans from Korea on June 26, 1950, the day after the invasion. Major Charles J. Loring, a pilot in the 80 FS, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for flying his badly damaged F-80 aircraft into an enemy artillery emplacement near Sniper Ridge so U.S. infantrymen could escape.

On July 1, 1958, the Air Force re-designated the wing as the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing. On June 18, 1964, 8 TFW moved to George AFB, California, and trained with the F-4D Phantom II until moving to Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

Vietnam War

At Ubon, the 8 TFW carried out its wartime mission as it led the way for other tactical Air Force fighter units during the Vietnam War. By the end of 1966, aircrews assigned to 8 TFW flew nearly 14,000 combat missions into Vietnam.

During the war in Southeast Asia, political restrictions gave the North Vietnamese Air Force a distinct advantage over the US. One of the restrictions forbade US air forces from bombing North Vietnamese air bases in and around Hanoi and Haiphong. This restriction essentially gave the North Vietnamese a haven for their MiG fighters. To combat this advantage, Seventh Air Force planners in concert with Colonel Robin Olds, 8 TFW/CC, devised a plan known as Operation BOLO to draw the MiGs into a fight against F-4Cs armed for air-to-air combat—wolves in sheep's clothing so to speak.

The Phantoms planned to simulate F-105s by flying at the same altitude, speed, and route and were modified to carry electronic countermeasure pods used only on F-105s until that time. In the final pre-flight brief for Operation BOLO on New Year's Day 1967, Colonel Olds told his pilots, "All right you wolf pack, let's go get them." On January 2, 1967, 11 four-ship flights from the 8th began converging on the North Vietnamese airfield of Phuc Yen. According to plan, the MiGs took the bait. In 12 minutes, 8 TFW recorded seven confirmed and two possible kills without a single loss. Operation BOLO established U.S. air superiority over the North by destroying nearly half of North Vietnam's most advanced fighters in only five days.

Following Operation BOLO, 8TFW began referring to itself as the Wolf Pack. 8 TFW finished the war as the leading MiG-killer, logging 38.5 confirmed MiG kills prompting Bob Hope to refer to 8 TFW as the "world's largest distributor of MiG parts." In December 1972, 8 TFW was involved in Operation LINEBACKER II, launching 524 sorties for bombing missions against North Vietnam between 18-31 December 1972. All combat operations ended on 15 August 1973.

Back to Korea

8 TFW was transferred to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea on September 6, 1974 and became responsible for air defense of South Korea. Operational F-4D squadrons of the wing were tail coded "WP" (for "Wolf Pack"). In May 1981, the wing transitioned from the F-4 to the newer F-16A Fighting Falcon. This aircraft conversion made 8 TFW the first active-duty overseas F-16 wing. While the overall mission remained unchanged, 8 TFW was reorganized on February 3, 1992 as the 8th Fighter Wing. 8 FW entered a new era on November 17, 2000 when the 35th Fighter Squadron received its first Block 40 F-16s, allowing the Wolf Pack to take the fight into the night.



WOLF PACK RESOURCES

1. Kunsan AB Website <https://www.kunsan.af.mil/> Comprehensive Wolf Pack information
2. Download the Air Force Connect Phone Application 
 - Add The 8th Fighter Wing as a Favorite
 - Find: Directory, Base Service Hours, Dorm Resident Module, and more!
3. FSS information and Happenings <https://kunsanfss.com/>
4. Official Kunsan AB Facebook Site <https://www.facebook.com/KunsanAirBase/>
5. USFK OFF Limits Information <https://www.usfk.mil/Resources/Off-Limits>

MOVING TO THE WOLF PACK

SPONSORSHIP

If you are within 90 days of your PCS departure to Kunsan AB and have not received a sponsor, please contact your gaining unit to request your sponsor's contact information. A listing of CSS contact numbers is located on page 30.

For information regarding base and community policies, refer to the Community Standards, which are available on the Kunsan AB SharePoint. This information will be provided to members upon arrival, or earlier if requested. A few good starting points are as follows:

- National Anthems: Airmen will render proper customs and courtesies for BOTH the US and ROK flags and National Anthems. This includes saluting while in uniform and standing at attention with hand over heart when not in uniform.
- Alcohol: Military members cannot possess, consume, or purchase alcohol within 14 days of the Date Arrived Station (DAS)
- Morale Jerseys: frequently authorized for morale and off-duty activities; must be respectful in nature. Get with your sponsor if you would like to order one prior to your arrival.
- Off-Limits Establishments: <https://www.kunsan.af.mil/News/Off-Limits.aspx>
- Family member visits: Limited to <30 days within a 12-month period when residing in government unaccompanied housing. Family members are defined as spouse and children, or parents who are the sponsor's dependents.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Effective 1 October 2021, official travel must be conducted with a Special Issuance Passport (SIP). This requirement applies to command sponsored dependents and DoD civilian employees on government funded travel to Korea, Japan, and Germany. A No-Fee Regular Passport is a type of SIP and is what will apply to most dependents and civilians arriving to and departing from the Republic of Korea on official travel. As a temporary measure, a memorandum from a DoD Passport Agent stating that a SIP application was submitted prior to departure from the point of origin can be accepted along with a Regular Passport (Tourist). The memorandum must identify each applicant, date of submission, country of travel for PCS, TDY or TAD, and DoD VPAS ID. Official travel conducted with a Regular Passport (Tourist) with memorandum (in lieu of a SIP), will expire on 30 September 2021.

Korea Electronic Travel Authorization Effective 1 September 2021, all dependents, DoD Civilians, and DoD Contractors must comply with Korean Electronic Authorization (K-ETA) requirements. Personnel requiring a K-ETA certificate must register and create an account at <https://www.k-eta.go.kr/> A Korean address is required in the registration process.

ARRIVAL TO KOREA (INCHEON INTERNATIONALARRIVAL)

There are four main stages to getting through the airport:

1. The first stage is travelling from the international gate to the main terminal via the train shuttle.

2. The second stage is Korean Immigration. You will need the Customs Declaration and Arrival Card you filled out on the plane as well as your passport. Service members only need their orders (Form AF 899) and ID card ready.
3. The third stage is the customs area, but you will need to get your luggage first.
4. The fourth stage is going through the automatic doors to the main terminal to meet those there to greet you or to make your way over to the Military Reception Desk to arrange transportation. Personnel arriving at Incheon Airport are required to use contracted bus transportation provided by the Joint Personnel Processing Center. Contact the JPRC service desk located at:
 - Terminal 1: At the end of Terminal 1, make a right when departing the baggage claim or a left when entering the passenger terminal.
 - Terminal 2 Gate A: Take a right when exiting Gate, A, the JPRC desk is at the end.
 - Terminal 2 Gate B: Take a left when exiting Gate B, the JPRC desk is past the elevators on the left.

NOTE: At Incheon International Airport, the USO maintains an information desk to assist passengers with transportation and other information. The USO desk is located near Gate 1, Door 14 (1st floor). DSN 723-8621, Hrs. of Operation: Daily 0600-2000, 365 Days a Year.

ARRIVAL TO KOREA VIA PATRIOT EXPRESS (OSAN AIR BASE)

Most personnel coming to Korea arrive via the rotator at Osan AB, also known as the Patriot Express. Getting from Osan to Kunsan is very easy. Have your passport, military orders, and customs declaration ready, and you should move quickly from the area where you pick up your baggage through immigration and customs. Once you process through customs, look for the Kunsan AB Wolf Pack Wheels bus service signs in the Osan passenger terminal. The bus departs Osan in conjunction with the Patriot Express arrival. Travel time is a little over two hours to Kunsan AB. If your flight into Osan is significantly delayed, you may need to check in to Osan AB lodging for the night. Signs in the Osan terminal will provide additional information. Take the next scheduled Wolf Pack Wheels to Kunsan. The Wolf Pack Wheels schedule is posted below. For more information please contact: DSN: 782-5213 or Commercial: 063-470-5213 Hours of Operation: Daily, 0600-2130.

AMC SeaTac Gateway
24-Hour Flight Recording Comm: :
(253) 982-0555 DSN: 382-0555
seattle.gateway@us.af.mil

SeaTac Service Counter
COMM (253) 982-3504 DSN: 382-3504
www.spacea.net/seattle-tacoma-jap-seatac

WOLF PACK WHEELS

The Friday and Saturday bus from Kunsan to Osan is limited to 45 passengers.

An additional bus may be added if 10+ additional passengers are scheduled to ride.

These passengers must be signed up no later than 1200 on Friday to secure their seat.

Departure Location		Mon & Wed	Tue & Thu	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
						Bus 1	Bus 2
Kunsan AB	Falcon CAC	1200	NO BUS	1800	1200	1100	1300
	WP Lodge	1215	NO BUS	1815	1215	1115	1315
Osan AB	Turumi Lodge		NO BUS	2115	1715	1515	1715
	Osan ITT		NO BUS	2130	1730	1530	1730
	Pax Terminal	1800 (Time may vary due to Patriot Express)	-	-	-	-	-

\$65 each way (official) / \$20 each way (Leisure)
Kunsan AB - Osan AB: 2.5-Hour Trip

WPW outbound rotator passenger drop off location will be Turumi Lodge and PAX Terminal

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

To take the Public Bus from Incheon to Gunsan, purchase a ticket from the ticket booth or kiosk just outside of the airport at the specific location depending on your terminal. At terminal 1, the ticket kiosk is located near departure sliding door #12. At terminal 2, you will take the escalator/stairs to the lower level and follow the signs to trains & buses. You will be purchasing a ticket to Gunsan City bus station. You can pay in Won or with a credit card (if you only have USD cash on hand you can use the various airport money exchanges or an ATM). Find the platform you will be departing from and pay attention to scheduled departure times. Times and destinations will also be displayed in the front window of each bus. Show the driver your ticket to ensure you are getting on the correct bus. The trip will be a little over three hours long, with a rest-stop halfway through. Rest stop vendors only take Won or credit cards; in case your credit card does not work, please bring extra Won.

DO NOT TAKE A TAXI! It can cost over \$400 and is NOT REIMBURSABLE!

GETTING FROM GUNSAN BUS STATION TO KUNSAN AB

Once you arrive at Gunsan, you will need to take a taxi or have your sponsor pick you up from the Gunsan City Bus Terminal. There are taxis outside the bus terminal, but only the AAFES taxis can take you onto the base. They are easily identifiable with Kunsan Base Taxi on the side. If there are no AAFES taxis waiting outside, you can call 063-470-4318 to request one, or download the Exchange Taxi application on your phone using WiFi located inside the bus terminal. You can also find information on how to text a taxi via <http://ftnholdings.com/main/texttaxi/view>. Taxis dispatching from Kunsan AB will take approximately 15 minutes to arrive. You can opt to take a city taxi to the main gate and transfer to an AAFES taxi from the gate to base lodging. You will need won for the city taxi and the base taxi takes USD, Won or credit card. A trip from the bus station to base will cost about 15,000 - 20,000 Won, depending on traffic (completely reimbursable).

EMERGENCY IN TRANSIT

In the event of an emergency enroute, contact your sponsor or the military personnel office at the nearest military installation for help in notifying your gaining organization. If you do not know the extension number, you can contact your unit through the Kunsan Base Operator, Out of Country: 011-82-63-470-1110 In Country:063-470-1110 DSN: 315- 782-1110 or the Command Post, Out of Country: 011-82-63-470-6000 In Country:063-470- 6000 DSN: 315-782-6000 If you cannot reach your unit, please contact the base Military Personnel Flight's (MPF) Customer Service Section at DSN 315-782-7220, Mon-Fri 0800-1600. If you arrive after duty hours, report to the Wolf Pack Lodge, Bldg. 314, Phone: 063- 461-5079. Please be sure to make reservations for your travel as soon as possible. Sponsors can also make reservations to ensure new Wolf Pack members have a room. PCS-in personnel staying for extended amounts of time must pay every 15 days. The billeting office is designated as the 24-hr arrival point and may assist you in contacting your sponsor. If luggage is lost, you will need to file a claim before leaving airport. The airline will deliver it to the respective base. However, they will only deliver it to the gate. Member will have to ensure they have a contact phone number for the airlines to arrange an approximate time to meet at the gate for the exchange.

VEHICLES

E7 and above or Command Sponsored Service Members have the option to purchase a vehicle while in Kunsan AB or have your POV shipped. Your orders must state you are authorized to ship a vehicle. Once your vehicle arrives, you will license it with the local Korean Department of Motor Vehicles and register it in DBIDS to access Military installation with your vehicle. Vehicles are now shipped to the Vehicle Processing Center located on USAG-H for Areas North and 3. Only one POV per sponsor is authorized to be shipped at government expense.

The following requirements must be completed to be able to operate your vehicle on post and in the country of South Korea. Before your vehicle arrives on the ROK, you must obtain a Military Driver's License (Get with Your Sponsor for this INFO).

Step 1 – Receiving Your Vehicle

You must contact the VPC to arrange pick up of POVs. You must also visit the VPC to register your POV in Korea. Pick up your vehicle at Pyeongtaek VPC (Camp Humphreys).

- Arrive on-time to VPC appointment, complete the inspection and associated paperwork.
- Keep your shipping summary and inspection forms - you will need them to pick-up your vehicle at the overseas VPC.
- You can track your POV by visiting www.pcsmypov.com
- For POV pickup: visit www.pcsmypov.com and click "pickup" tab where you will find information regarding the overseas VPC location.

Step 2 – Registration and Temp Plates

Pass and ID/Vehicle Registration Offices will issue a bar-coded DBIDS vehicle registration decal to all vehicles that are authorized access and operation on USFK installations, both SOFA and non-SOFA. Registrars will record the registration information in DBIDS and issue the appropriate vehicle registration decal. All DBIDS vehicle registration and personal information fields must be reviewed and updated whenever a vehicle is registered or reregistered.

Picking up and registering a shipped vehicle in Korea is easy. First gather the documents:

- Proof of Insurance in the Sponsor's name. The vehicle is always registered in the Sponsor's name no matter whose name is listed as the owner in the US. Auto insurance must be from the ROK (such as AIG or LIG) or USAA.
- Valid USFK SOFA driver's license, Contractors are not required to have a USFK

- driver's license as they must have a driver's license issued by the host nation.
 - Import or customs shipping documents (normally provided by email from the VPC)
 - Valid DOD ID/CAC
 - Military Orders, Letter of Employment (DOD Civilians) or Letter of accreditation and current 700-19 for contractors
- Get a ROK Temporary Plate and USFK application for Registration of USFK POV at the Korean DMV located in the One Stop Building. Cost is 2000 Won.
 - Obtain a USFK vehicle safety inspection at the USAG Humphreys Auto Skills Center or the base gas station if your vehicle is more than 2 years old.
 - Return to the Korean DMV window with your safety inspection and other documents needed above to receive your permanent plates. Cost is 16,000 WON.
 - Go to the Vehicle Registration Window to finalize your vehicle registration. You must have your vehicle with you, as they place the permanent decal on your windshield that allows your vehicle to enter any installation on the Peninsula.

Step 3 – Registering Your Vehicle in Gunsan

Once you arrive with your vehicle back at Kunsan AB you need to register your vehicle with true plates for Gunsan (Your Actual Plates for the Vehicle). To register the vehicle, you need to go to the Gunsan DMV. The cost will be a total of 28,000 - 45,000 Won depending on circumstance. Documentation you will need:

- Uni-Pass Korean Customs Import Document from Pass and ID
- Vehicle Inspection
- Application for New Vehicle Registration (Receive from Security Forces Office @ Kunsan AB)
- Temporary Operating Permit from Pass and ID
- Copy of Orders or Verification of Employment for Civilians
- Current Insurance Card
- CAC Card (They will Copy ID)
- Military POV Driver's License from Security Forces Office

For questions about the receiving/registration process, please call Pass and Registration at DSN: 315-782-5678/4744.

PET TRAVEL

Kunsan AB does not have base housing nor Veterinary services. Contact your unit's Command Support Staff for more information. When traveling with pets, the overall health of the animal is very important. Your stress, as well as your pets, will be increased not only due to the long flight but also because of the many procedures involved to ensure all the requirements are met prior to arrival.

The travel restriction/limits and special procedures regarding size/weight of an animal will vary with the different airlines. However, pets must travel in an approved pet carrier to be authorized transport. Additionally, there are vaccination/shot requirements, check with your local vet prior to departing. The procedures usually involve any state required documents of vaccinations and your local vet can also give you pointers on how to make the transition smoother for your pet. The cost should be included in your Traffic Management Office (TMO) amounts, but again you will need to verify the authorization through your local transportation management office. Overseas travel can be traumatic for pets so you should also speak to your vet to discuss additional considerations and documents necessary to make their relocation smoother.

Presently there are no specific quarantine laws/regulations, on and off the installation. However, United States Forces Korea (USFK) requires all pets to be chipped at the owner's expense. Osan AB has a vet office that can treat and chip a pet at reasonable costs. Pet chipping can only be performed on dogs and cats so other animals will have difficulty in receiving the mandatory USFK procedure.

Effective 23 July 2021 in accordance with **DoDI 4515.13, Air Transportation Eligibility**, defines emotional service animals as 'pets'. This change limits 'each family to two (2) pets, regardless of ESA status. Pets are dogs and cats only. Animals, such as horses, fish, birds, and rodents, ferrets, spiders, and other reptiles are excluded as pets under this authority because of their size, exotic nature, shipping restrictions, host nation restrictions, and special handling difficulties which pose unavoidable safety or public health concerns.

Service Animals will require a Statement of Assurance and must be provided to the AMC Passenger Terminal no later than 48 hours prior to aircraft departure.

NOTE: The Wolf Pack Lodge does not accept pets. Contact your sponsor for available billeting that allows animals.

MAIL / POST OFFICE BOX

Newcomers may request a mailbox 90 days prior to their Report No Later Than Date (RNLTD) by sending a copy of your PCS Orders to your sponsor. The sponsor will then inform you of your address. The combination to your mailbox will be given to you upon your arrival.

Due to limited storage space, we ask that you mail any large parcels you have no sooner than 45 days prior to your RNLTD. To avoid delays in mail services, please notify your family, friends, publishers, creditors, and businesses of your change of address as early as possible.

If you want to forward your mail before you're assigned a post box, please use the below address:

NAME

PSC 2 Box 5000 APO, AP 96264

HELPFUL INFORMATION

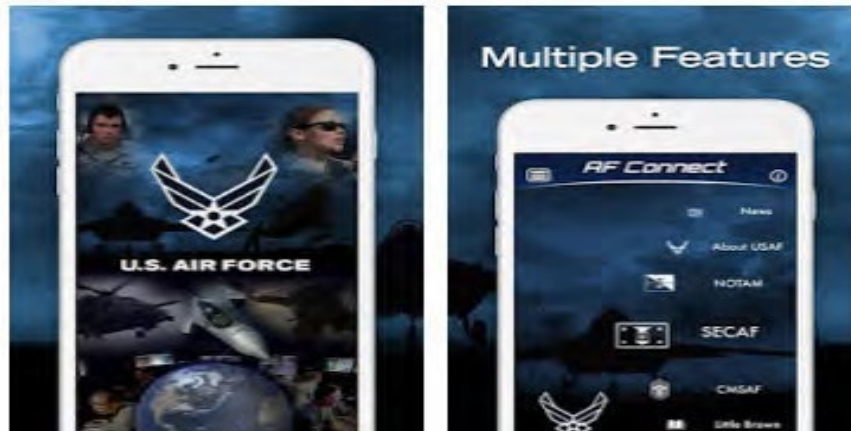
KOREAN WON (Currency)

Korea's currency is the won. Paper money comes in denominations of 1,000; 5,000; 10,000; and 50,000 won bills. Coins come in 1, 5, 10, 100, and 500 won (1 and 5 won coins are not widely circulated).

Banks usually offer the best exchange rates to travelers. Banking hours can vary, but most have business hours from 09:00 to 16:00. ATMs typically operate until 23:00, but many are open 24 hours a day. ATMs can also be found at convenience stores, but often charge higher transaction fees. ATMs that accept international cards are common and are marked with a "Global" sign or the logo of the international banks they accept cards from. Most ATMs offer foreign language services, including English, Chinese, and Japanese.

AF CONNECT APP

Download the app, select “favorites” on the bottom right, and search “8th Fighter Wing” This will help you explore Kunsan AB, and stay up to date on events, newcomers’ information, offers a phone directory, helpful links and much more.



TRANSLATION APPS

There are multiple English translation applications, but it is recommended to download one prior to traveling to Kunsan AB. This will help you communicate with Korean Nationals who do not speak English.



PACKING TIPS

There is no standard list of what you should bring with you to Kunsan AB, but here are some basic tips to aid in your PCS transition. Please be aware that your unaccompanied baggage could take up to eight weeks to arrive, so it is best to plan ahead.

RECOMMENDED MAILING ITEMS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- **Bedding** – Sheets, blankets, pillows. The BX does carry a limited selection of these items. Ask your sponsor for specific details and measurements of your assigned bedding.
- **Mattress Pad** - You can order one on- line and have it waiting in the Post Office when you arrive or have it shipped in your household goods.
- **Clothing**
 - **Uniforms:** Pack at least one set of Blues, OCPs and PT Gear in your luggage. Also, consider packing appropriate seasonal gear (ex: cold weather gear for winter/rain gear for spring).
 - **Civilian Clothes:** Pack what you think you may need for two to three weeks. If you have a particular brand or style that you prefer, ask your sponsor what is typically available at AAFES. Also, be aware that women’ s clothing is very limited at AAFES.
 - **Shoes:** the AAFES selection at Kunsan AB is limited. If you have a particular brand preference, you may consider shipping an extra pair, or packing a few pairs in your luggage.
- **Laptop Computer** - You can get internet access set- up in your room for a monthly fee. Wi Fi is also available at most recreational establishments across the base.

NOTE: Keep in mind your ability to maneuver your luggage from place to place during your travel. Talk to your sponsor and think about mailing some items ahead to limit the amount you will need to carry. Also, please speak with your TMO office prior to leaving for baggage limits.

RECOMMEND SHIPPING IN UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

- **Cooking Items** – You will want the basics to be able to use the kitchen in your quarters. Many rooms already have cooking utensils, but if you have a special tool you prefer, plan to ship it with your household goods. Check with your sponsor and ask them what has been left for you. The ovens are electric, and most are kitchenette size – smaller than stateside ovens, but still big enough for a basic cookie sheet or 9 x 13-inch pan. All quads/rooms are pre-furnished with microwaves.
- **Television, DVD player and Gaming System** – Electronics, to include gaming systems and televisions, are available for sale from AAFES. Cable TV is provided in your room, offering American Forces Network (AFN). NOTE: If you’re a movie watcher or TV series enthusiast, you may want to bring your ROKU, Apple TV or Amazon Fire TV stick. Additionally, a VPN service may be helpful for your TV and internet use, as you may find some websites and streaming services may not be available.
- **Room Décor/Storage** – Bring items to personalize your room if you desire, such as: wall clock, pictures, posters, small area rugs, tapestries, etc. Keep them light because you can’t put nails in the walls. Command strips and hooks work well. You may also consider bringing extra storage bin(s) for your closet/cabinet for clothing accessories.
- **Sports equipment** - There are lots of intramural sports here, so bring your own gear. Such as golf clubs, softball gear, soccer gear, bowling ball, etc. You can also checkout tennis, racquetball, wall climbing and weightlifting items free of charge at the Fitness Center. You can rent other gear from Outdoor Recreation, such as skis, snowboards, etc.
- **Alternate Modes of Transportation** – E-6s & below aren’t authorized to register POVs, but

bikes, skateboards and scooters are good alternatives. Be sure to ship/purchase a helmet, reflective belt, and lights for the front and rear of your bicycle if you plan on using these modes of transportation. Scooters and bicycles will need to be registered with Pass and ID upon arrival.

WHAT NOT TO BRING!

- Don't bring ALL your belongings. Don't bring furniture. There's no need because the dorms are fully furnished. You shouldn't need small appliances or cleaning supplies (ex: microwaves/vacuums) as these are provided for you in the dorms.
- Don't bring your entire closet of clothes, as the closets are relatively small. For individuals that are planning to bring quite a bit, you may want to consider shipping some containers that fit under your bed, or additional Tupperware drawers to put into your closet. Please talk to your sponsor about the amount of space that you will have.

MOVING MADE EASY-HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Military Homefront
<http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/pls/psgprod/f?p=MI:ENTRY Select Plan My Move>
- Military One Source: www.militaryonesource.com or call toll free 1-800-342-9647
- Pay Entitlements: www.airforce.com/pay-and-benefits
- Shipping Personally Owned Vehicle (POV): <http://www.pcsmypov.com>
- Shipping Household Goods (Defense Personal Property System DPS: DPS - Prod (move.mil) or call Commercial: 210-652-3357; DSN: 487-3357

ARRIVAL AT KUNSAN AB

Upon arrival, all newly assigned personnel must report to their unit's Command Support Section (CSS) to receive in processing checklists. Personnel will be scheduled to attend mandatory briefings, to include the Korean Readiness Orientation.

FINANCE BENEFITS/ENTITLEMENTS

BAS (Basic Allowance for Subsistence)

- All E- 1 to E- 5 will be on Meal Card Status while assigned to Kunsan AB All E- 6 and above will receive Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS)

EXCEPTIONS: Certain Service Members E- 1 to E- 5 may be placed on BAS status due to their specific work assignments. Please speak to your leadership for more detailed information about your situation.

COLA (Cost of Living Allowance)

- COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) is based on rank and years of service. Dorm residents will receive partial COLA.
- If you receive no meal deductions, then you will receive full rate COLA
<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm>

DLA (Dislocation Allowance)

- If you have dependents that you relocate "at government expense" (i.e. follow On Location, Designated Location), you are entitled to receive Dislocation Allowance (DLA). Otherwise, you will NOT receive DLA for this PCS as Government Quarters are assigned to all inbound personnel.

FSA (Family Separation Allowance)

- If you have dependents, you will receive Family Separation Allowance FSA- R (restricted). If you are mil- to- mil, only one of you may receive FSA- R (you are not entitled FSA if your spouse is stationed at Kunsan AB. If you are paying child support, you DO NOT receive FSA Amount is \$250 per month prorated.

TLA (Temporary Lodging Allowance)

- If staying at lodging, request payment from the Housing Office (Bldg. 705) every 10 days Temporary Lodging Allowance (T LA) will be paid on your paycheck, YOU are responsible to pay off your GTC.

HDP (Hardship Duty Pay)

- Everyone at Kunsan AB receives Hardship Duty Pay \$50 a month and is prorated.

Finance Customer Service Hours

Hrs. 0800-1700 (Mon-Thurs) 0800-1600 (Fri)

Location: Bldg. 568

E-Mail 8CPTScustomerservice@US.AF.MIL

8th MEDICAL GROUP

All members who are inbound to Kunsan must ensure all medical requirements are cleared prior to PCS. Upon Arrival to Kunsan you MUST in-process through these sections at the Medical Group.

PUBLIC HEALTH

All members process through Public Health for Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) requirements, Occupational Health Exams, and Respiratory Protection. Members in occupational shops must in-process through Public Health to ensure members are in the correct shops and have accomplished all require occupational exam requirements.

All members deploying or traveling for a TDY OCONUS need to process through Public Health to accomplish all medical deployment requirements, even is the TDY/Deployments are under 30 days. Members traveling for leisure should come to Public Health for a medical threat brief and any requirements for medicine and/or vaccines.

Contact Information:

Commercial: 011-82-63-470-4510

DSN: 315-782-4510

E-mail: usaf.kunsan.8-mdg.mbx.8-omrs-sgxm-public-health@health.mil

BIOENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Shaving Waiver Respirator Fit Test Requirement. Please use the QR code or call to determine if you need to schedule a fit test with Bioenvironmental Engineering. Read instructions carefully at the end of the survey.

Bioenvironmental Engineering Contact Information:

Mon-Fri: 0800-1700

DSN: 315-782-6541



DENTAL CLINIC

If Kunsan AB is your FIRST assignment, you need to in-process with the dental clinic. Please note if you are in Dental Class 3 or Class 4 you will not be able to PCS, TDY or Deploy.

Dental Clinic Capabilities:

- Annual/PCS/Separation/Deployment Exams & Cleaning
- General Dentistry
- Endodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Oral Surgery

Contact Information:

Commercial: 315-782-4847

Emergency: 010-8500-6839

FLIGHT MEDICINE

As soon as you have your follow-on PCS orders or assignment RIP, go to your IMR found on the AF Portal and select the **Medical Clearance tab** in the top right corner. **SUBMIT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE!**

The medical clearance process is not meant to be stressful. A medical clearance request ensures the gaining base has the appropriate facilities to accommodate any diagnoses you may carry. Being proactive and submitting documents and requests early is the best way to ensure timely completion of your Medical Clearance. If you have questions regarding the Medical Clearance process, **READ THE BLURB** on the medical clearance screen **FIRST** before calling/emailing into clinic.

Please keep in mind that failure to notify the BOMC clinic of any change in health status, in a timely manner, can and will delay your PCS.*

Flight Medicine Contact Information: usaf.kunsan.8-mdg.mbx.8-mdg-sgoz-medical-standards@health.mil

TRICARE

ENROLLMENT FORM AND ORDERS MUST BE UPLOADED UPON ARRIVAL TO KUNSAN

It is essential to complete the Enrollment forms for proper registration into International SOS/Tricare Overseas program. Use the following link to access the digital version of the Tricare Enrollment packet (DD FORM 2876). Web Enrollment Option: [Beneficiary Web Enrollment Website | TRICARE](#) <https://www.tricare.mil/bwe>. You will be prompted to milConnect, where

you will be able to update your health coverage and PCM.

The packet can be completed with a wet/digital signature and submitted with physical/digital orders. Telephone Enrollment Options: Members are also welcome to call Tricare Enrollment Services at 080-429-0880 or +65-6339-2676. Members are also encouraged to visit Outpatient Records (8MDG Building 405 Room #1216) to submit CAC, DOD ID#, address & phone number to register into Kunsan MHS Genesis.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM (EFMP)

We understand the EFMP relocation process can be long and difficult, in order to process the clearance quickly and with a minimum of friction, we recommend the following:

MILESTONE 1: DO THIS NOW

- Ensure your family is enrolled in TRICARE correctly, they should only be in PRIME if they are being seen at an MTF and they must be in an overseas version if they are not CONUS.
- Collect any records from civilian providers that your family has seen. If your family is not on TRICARE PRIME civilian providers are unlikely to send any medical records to the MTF and they will not be available for review when it comes time for your family's overseas clearance. These records will be requested by your gaining MTF before your clearance can be processed, you'll save time if you collect them now and provide them to either the 8 MDG records room or the records room of the MTF nearest your family. As part of the review process, any bills sent to TRICARE for your family's medical visits will be reviewed. If the reviewers find a bill without a record, they will pause your clearance process to request that record.
- Ensure any specialty care your family is receiving has been properly documented. If any of your family members has been seen by specialists, the gaining MTF will need to know if that specialty care is still required or if it has been completed, this must be documented in their medical record.

MILESTONE 2: 8 MONTHS FROM RNLTD

- Your relocation clearance screener becomes available in myVector. Accomplish this as soon as you are able, answer honestly and completely then provide any documents requested.
- This is the stage where your family members may be asked to complete physical & dental exams and provide documentation for specialty needs and services. Alert your family members of these requirements as soon as possible to ensure they have adequate time to complete them and provide you with the documentation.

MILESTONE 3: 6 MONTHS FROM RNLTD

- If you have submitted all your documentation but have not heard back from the EFMP staff, reach out to our org box usaf.kunsan.8-mdg.mbx.efmpm@health.mil to verify that they are tracking your clearance packet and are not missing any information.
- It is not uncommon for the EFMP office to have requests for additional records at this point. Be alert to these requests, if you're unable to regularly view your government email, provide the EFMP office with a more reliable method to contact you.

MILESTONE 4: 4 MON We understand the EFMP relocation process can be long and difficult, to process the clearance quickly and with a minimum of friction, we recommend the following:

- If your case has not yet proceeded through the clearance process, you should be in regular contact with the local EFMP office, to include face-to-face visits as appropriate. The EFMP office is located in building 405, room 1170 and is open for walk-in appointments

most duty days after 1300, or by DSN 315-782-7066.

- Clarify with the EFMP staff exactly what they're looking for in order to push your case forward.
- Ensure you maintain contact with the local EFMP staff and alert them if you receive any communication regarding your clearance status from either the gaining MTF or myVector.

For more information about EFMP, please visit the AFMS website:

<https://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/EFMP/>

HOUSING OFFICE

Please check with your sponsor to see if you will need to stay in lodging upon your arrival, or if you will be able to move directly into your permanent dorm room. Upon arrival, or first duty day after arrival, members must in-process the Housing Office located on the first floor of Bldg. 705. Written authorization is required to occupy lodging and receive TLA when government quarters are not available. In-processing members must provide a copy of their PCS orders to their Airman Dorm Leader (ADL) or the Housing Office to receive a dorm room assignment or TLA authorization. Orders can be sent digitally to the specific ADL assigned to your dormitory via encrypted message with your arrival date. Your sponsor will be able to help with obtaining the ADL information needed. Please include a comment if you will be promoted to your next rank while you are at Kunsan, as this may affect your room assignment.

Housing Office Information:

Location: Building 705, First Floor

Phone: 782-7079 Office

Stand-by Phone: 010-4013-6070

Hours: Monday-Friday, 0900-1700

CIVILIAN HOUSING

Housing overseas will generally fall in one of three categories: On-base Housing, Government Leased Housing and Private Rental Homes. All military and DoD Civilians are eligible to receive assistance from the Housing Services Office. Please contact the Housing Office for more details on availability, waiting list information and other helpful resources.

Housing Contact Numbers:

Housing Management Office: 011-82-63-470-4088

Temporary Lodging/Billeting: 011-82-63-470-1844

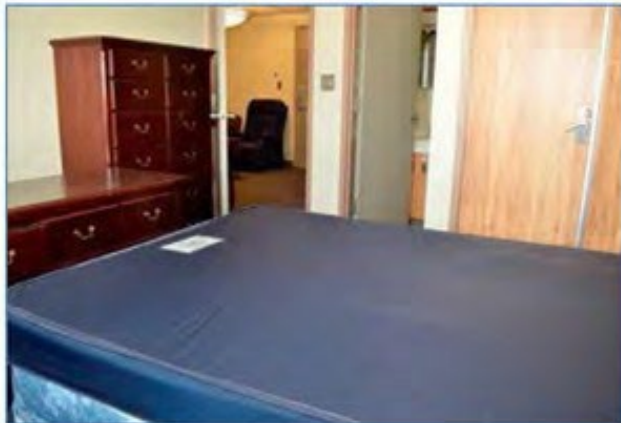
Unaccompanied Member Housing: 011-82-63-470-7079

THE DORMS

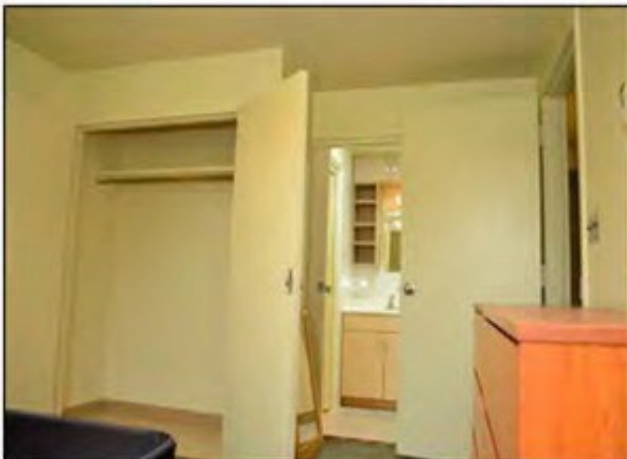
CGOs/SNCOs live in dorms like small one-bedroom or studio apartments. These rooms have a small kitchen, living area, bedroom, and private bath. Most E1-E6 members live in "quad" style dorms. These dorms have a shared living area with basic furniture, and a kitchen connected to 4 bedrooms with private baths. Clarify with your sponsor about what dorm style you will be in. The personal space you will have is comparable to what you would have in a medium-sized bedroom or a college dorm room. Most dormitories are equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, and stove/oven. All dorms are set-up with laundry rooms. The size and availability will depend on what dorm you live in. There is also a base coin laundry located in building 1104, available for bulk items.

The next few pages provide photos of what your dorm room may look like. All Rooms have Basic AFN Cable Service (You must provide the TV) and Wi-Fi is available for purchase.

GO (LT COL/MAJ) - 1 BEDROOM APT



EGO/CGO (MAJ/CAPT/LT) - EFFICIENCY APT



SNCO DORMS- SMALL 1 BEDROOM APT



NCO & AMN DORMS
SUITEMATE STYLE, 1+1, W/ SHARED KITCHEN



NCO & AMN DORMS
QUAD DESIGN W/ SHARED KITCHEN



KUNSAN AB ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES

BASE EXCHANGE:

Kunsan Air Base's main shopping area is small, but you can order any items they don't have in stock in the store. Women's clothing is very limited.

<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange->

BASE COMMISSARY:

The commissary is relatively small; however, you can find most of what you're looking for, including most basic foods you get in the CONUS. The produce section is smaller than in a CONUS Commissary and will vary by season. The commissary carries some Korean brands that are popular with Americans. You can also find unique drinks and foods that you won't find anywhere else.

LG U- PLUS:

This is where you activate your internet service. They also have a kiosk located in the BX; the fee is approximately \$70.00 per month. You can also obtain various telephone services to include a room phone or a cellphone.

THE CHAPEL

On base services include Catholic, Gospel, Contemporary, Latter-Day Saints, Church of Christ, Jewish, and Earth Based Groups. The Chapel also provides information for Buddhist, Islamic, and Orthodox faiths, as well as hosts other activities and bible studies. For service schedules, visit

<https://www.kunsan.af.mil/Units/Chapel/>

MILITARY AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER (M& FRC)

A One Stop Shop which can answer all your questions about things to do, places to go and ways to get around South Korea. The center offers free soft skills and cultural classes, such as cooking and Korean Language, to assist in your communication efforts with the local populace.

The M&FRC offers the following Cultural Classes: Basic Korean Language Class, Korean Traditional Craft Class, Survival Korean Language Class, and a quarterly Korean Cooking Class.

Contact Information:

Hrs. of Operation: Mon/Tues/ Thurs, Fri (0800 -1700); Wed (0900 -1700) Closed on weekends, federal holidays and down days.

DSN: 782 -5644 or Commercial: 011 -82-63-470-5644

Email: 8FSS.AFRC.OfficialCoord@us.af.mil

UNIT REFERENCE NUMBERS

Websites and Email: Visit www.Kunsan.af.mil	
Dialing Instructions: US mobile phone to Base: 011+82+63+470-XXXX Korean mobile phone to Base: 063-470-XXXX	
8 FW	CSS Phone
8 CPTS/WSA - Money	782-4113
8 FW Mission Support Group (Falcon)	782-5111
8 FSS – Herc	782-7219
8 CES – Devil	782-6328
8 CS – Tron	782-5777
8 LRS – Wraith	782-4304
8 SFS – Sheriff	782-1131
8 OG - Viper	782-8675
8 OSS – Wizard	782-7360
80 FS – Juvat	782-4211
35 FS – Panton	782-5349
8 MXG – Phoenix	782-7171
35 FGS – Panther	782-0035
80 FGS – Hunter	782-9931
8 MXS – Dragon	782-5930
8 MDG – Hawk	782-4563
8 HCOS – Mash	782-4046
8 OMRS – Bones	782-4046
Tenant Units	
AFOSI Det 613 – Shadow	782-4500

QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

Kunsan AB Operator	(DSN) 315-782-1110 (Comm) 063-470-1110 (From CONUS) 011-82-63-470-1110
AAFES Taxi	(DSN) 315-782-4318 (Comm) 063-470-4318
AMC Terminal Kunsan	(DSN) 315-782-4666 (Comm) 011-82-63-470-4666
Casualty Assistance	010-9855-5456 (Comm) +82 10-9855-5456
Chapel	(DSN) 315-782-4673 (Comm) 063-470-4673
Command Post	(DSN) 315-782-6000 (Comm) 063-470-6000 (From CONUS) 011-82-63-470-6000
CPTS/Finance	(DSN) 315-782-6323 (Comm) 063-470-6323
Dental Clinic	(DSN) 315-782-4847 (Comm) 063-470-6323
Education Office	(DSN) 315-782- 5148/5307 (Comm) 063- 470-5148/5307
Emergency Services (911)	(DSN/On Base) 911 (Comm Cell) 063-470-0911 (Off Base) 119
Flight Medicine	(DSN) 315-782-4451 (Comm) 063-470-4451
Housing Office	(DSN) 315-782-7079 (Comm) 063-470-7079
Law Enforcement Desk	(DSN) 315-782-4944 (Comm) 063-470-4944
Legal Office	(DSN) 315-782-4283 (Comm) 063-470-4283
LRS/IPE	(DSN) 315-782-6461 (Comm) 063-470-6461
Medical Appointment Line	(DSN) 315-782-2273 (Comm) 063-470-2273
Military & Family Readiness Center	(DSN) 315-782-5644 (Comm) 063-470-5644
Military Personnel Flight	(DSN) 315-782-7220 (Comm) 063-470-7220
Pass & Registration	(DSN) 315-782- 5678/4744 (Comm) 063- 470-5678/4744
Red Cross	(DSN) 315-782-4601 (Comm) 063-470-4601

	(DSN) 315-782-7272 [24/7 Helpline] (Comm) 063-470-7272 [24/7 Helpline] (On-Call Cell)
SARC/SAPR	010-8520-0443 (DSN) 315-782-7252 [Office]
TRICARE Office	(DSN) 315-782-7385 (Comm) 063-470-7385
Wolf Pack Lodge	(DSN) 315-782-184 (Comm) 063-470-1844 (From CONUS) 011-82-63-470-1844
Osan AB Operator	(DSN) 315-784-1110 (Comm) 031-661-1110 (From CONUS) 011-82-31-661-1110
Osan AB Lodging (Turumi Lodge)	(DSN) 315-784-1844 (Comm) 031-661-1110
AMC Terminal/Patriot Express	(DSN) 315-784-6883 (Comm) 031-784-6883
Incheon Airport USO	(DSN) 315-723-8621 (From CONUS) 011-82-2-7913-8621



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH AIR FORCE (AIR FORCES KOREA)

26 February 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR SEVENTH AIR FORCE AIRMEN, GUARDIANS, AND FAMILIES

FROM: 7 AF/CC

Unit 2047

APO AP 96278-2047

SUBJECT: Making an Informed Choice on Non-Command Sponsorship of Dependents

1. The attached Informed Choice Guide provides responsibilities and resources for Airmen considering bringing non-command sponsored (non-CSP) dependents to South Korea. It is my goal Airmen, Guardians, and their families make an informed choice should they choose to come to South Korea in a non-CSP status.
2. The Informed Choice Guide begins with important responsibilities all service members must understand and comply with when bringing non-CSP dependents to South Korea. It then covers available benefits and entitlements for non-CSP dependents.
3. South Korea is a world-class country whose culture and graciousness are unmatched. The ultimate decision on whether to bring non-CSP dependents rests with you. Every family situation is unique. My intent for this guide is to help families make the best possible decision.
4. I encourage all Airmen and Guardians to consider the guide and identified resources, and to discuss individual circumstances with their chain of command should they have specific questions. For additional information, my point of contact for this matter is 7 AF/AI.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Pleus", is positioned above the typed name.

SCOTT L. PLEUS
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander

Attachment:
Informed Choice Guide

Introduction:

When a service member receives an unaccompanied assignment to South Korea, they *can* choose to bring their dependents in a **non-command sponsored status**. However, coming to South Korea non-command sponsored means dependents may receive entitlements and benefits differently or in some cases not at all. This is a significant family and life decision and should not be taken lightly. This guide provides a comparison of benefits between command and non-command sponsored families to aid in making the decision.

Right Up Front: Key Airmen Responsibilities for bringing Non-Command Sponsored Dependents to South Korea:

Emergency Evacuation Preparedness: Non-CSP dependents in South Korea must be prepared and enrolled by their service member in their unit Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) warden program in accordance with USFK Pamphlet 600-300, *Noncombatant Emergency Evacuation Instructions*, 30 Jan 19, paragraph 2-10. All service members are also issued an emergency gas mask for their dependents. Find out more in the NEO section of the Seventh Air Force website: www.7AF.PACAF.AF.MIL.

Paid Allowances: In accordance with DoD 7000.14-R Financial Management Regulation (FMR) Volume 7A, Chapter 26, *Housing Allowances*, Service Members must properly certify the locations of their dependents to ensure the entitlements are paid correctly. Airmen and Guardians assigned to Essential Station Messing (e.g. assigned to a dorm) are not paid a Basic Allowance for Subsistence regardless of a dependent's location. A service member with non-CSP dependents in South Korea is not authorized Family Separation Allowance and housing allowances are also impacted.

Getting Here: Travel, Documentation, Household Goods, and Cars

Travel:

(Note: CSP = command sponsorship program; SM = service member)

Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with dependents Accompanied Tour	Non-CSP with dependents Unaccompanied Tour	Unaccompanied, dependents not in ROK
<u>Transportation Expenses</u>	Government Funded Travel includes: PCS Travel/Govt Funded Emergency Travel/ Dependent Education Student Travel	No travel entitlements to the ROK	
<u>Quarantine Arrangements in a Public Health Emergency</u>	Entitled to government funded base quarantine facilities when on government-funded travel	Quarantine facilities are space available and self-funded. If space	N/A
<u>Space-A Patriot Express Travel</u>	May use Space-A to travel round trip FROM South Korea as Category V.	May use Space-A as Category V for OCONUS to OCONUS travel. May use Space A as Category I for emergency travel FROM South Korea. Cannot use Space A to return to South Korea.	May use Space-A as Category V on a round trip TO South Korea once every 365 days.

Space-A categories set the priority for Patriot Express seats made available to Space-A passengers. Generally, the Space-A categories are: I. Emergency Leave Unfunded Travel II. Accompanied Environmental and Moral Leave III. Ordinary Leave IV. Unaccompanied Environmental and Moral Leave V. Dependents VI. Retirees and their Dependents.

Documentation:

Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with dependents	Non-CSP with dependents	Unaccompanied, dependents not in ROK
<u>Orders</u>	Service members receive orders with a CSP number and their dependents named on the order as travelling to South Korea via government funding.	Service members coming to South Korea on an unaccompanied, dependent restricted tour must work with their servicing Military Personnel Flight to ensure the orders should reflect the situation the family has elected. Those who elect to bring non-CSP dependents to South Korea should get their dependents' names listed on the service member's orders as electing to live in South Korea non-CSP. This is not automatic.	The orders reflect the Designated Location the family has chosen to live. Government funded options vary depending upon service members circumstances. Speak with your relocations counselor and unit.
<u>Tour Lengths</u>	Accompanied: two years.	Unaccompanied: one year.	
Key Source: AFPC Guide on Korea Assignment Incentive Pay on myPERS, Keyword: Korea			
Tour Length Note: Key Leadership positions at Osan AB are two years in length regardless of the choice to serve accompanied or not.			
<u>Passport Funding for Dependents (US Passport Holders)</u>	Government funded blue no-fee US passport using the installation official passport office and DoD network.	Self-funded US Blue Tourist passport. No access to DoD passport network.	N/A
<u>Visa and SOFA Stamp (DoD Authoritative)</u> Source: Foreign Clearance Guide	Korean A-3 visas allow DoD dependents the ability to live in Korea and work long term while the service member serves in South Korea. All DoD Dependents named on military PCS orders are issued A-3 Visas by Korean immigration concurrently with the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) stamp in the passport. The SOFA stamp certifies the holder is accompanying the service member. It is not related to command sponsorship. Korean A-3 visas allow DoD dependents, both CSP and non-CSP, to live and work (on base) in South Korea for the duration of the service member's assignment. The stamp is annotated for expiration based on the last month of the orders, also called the DEROS month (Date Estimated Return from Overseas). Non-CSP dependents who arrive in South Korea without their names listed on the service member's orders are not allowed to work and are required to depart South Korea within 90 days of their		N/A
<u>Visa and SOFA</u>			

<u>Stamp</u> (continued)	arrival (when the A- 2 tourist visa expires).	
<u>Immigrating South Korea:</u> (DoD Source: Foreign Clearance Guide)	<p><u>US Passport holders:</u> U.S. passport holders enter South Korea on a visa waiver program and get a 90 day A-2 “tourist” visa upon arrival. They must get the A-3 visa and SOFA stamp within 30 days of arrival.</p> <p><u>Republic of Korea Passport Holders:</u> ROK passport holders enter as nationals of the country.</p> <p><u>Third Country (non-US, non-ROK) Passport Holders:</u> DoD dependents with passports from other countries other than the US or South Korea must determine if they need a visa issued prior to coming to South Korea from a South Korean embassy or consulate or they will be barred entry from South Korea and returned. This applies to both CSP and non-CSP travelers. Using the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide, find South Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs resources that pertain to your passport nationality and requirements for South Korea.</p>	

Automobiles and Household Goods:

Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with dependents	Non-CSP with dependents	Unaccompanied, dependents not in ROK
Shipping a vehicle, USFK drivers, license, and vehicle registration	<p><u>Drivers License:</u> Only E-7 and above and CSP dependents (18+) may obtain a USFK driver's license. All E6 and below, and all non-command sponsored dependents, require an exception to policy (ETP) to obtain a USFK driver's license. The first O5 in their chain of command must sign the ETP letter. ETPs are generally approved only if the service member is living off-base.</p> <p><u>Shipping/Registering Vehicle:</u> E-7 and above are authorized to ship and register one vehicle. E-6 and below may not ship a car and require an ETP to register a vehicle. Registering a second vehicle is not generally approved for non-CSP families.</p>		
Unaccompanied “Hold” Baggage, Household Goods (HHG) DoD Source: Joint Travel Regulation (JTR)	Accompanied service members are entitled to ship their full accompanied JTR weight based on their - Hold baggage is an entitlement set at typically 500 pounds and shipped regardless of CSP status - Reference the JTR for limits and restrictions.	Non-CSP dependents are not entitled to shipping household goods. Unaccompanied service members, to include those who bring non-CSP dependents to South Korea, are entitled to ship a limited unaccompanied weight based on their rank and the JTR. - Hold baggage is shipped independent of CSP status.	N/A

HHG (continued)	Please do not ship appliances. They are provided.	Reference the JTR for limits and restrictions that apply to you. Please do not ship appliances. They are provided.	
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Key Entitlements and Benefits: Medical, Base Schools, Child Care

Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with dependents Accompanied Tour	Non-CSP with dependents Unaccompanied Tour	Unaccompanied, dependents not in ROK
<u>Tricare Medical Services in Korea</u>	Receives Primary Care on base. Enrolled in Tricare Prime.	Non-CSP dependents in South Korea receive medical benefits on the economy for care. Tricare eligible non-CSP dependents in South Korea must enroll in Tricare Select and see a provider off base for primary care and specialty care. Some medical services, especially mental health care and certain pediatric specialties, may not be available or are extremely limited on the Korean market. Please review the Tricare Overseas (International SOS) Provider Look up to search for availability of care which suits your needs: http://www.tricare-overseas.com/provider-search	Receives Tricare plan they select at the Designated Location.

Living Arrangements

Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with dependents	Non-CSP with dependents	Unaccompanied, dependents not in ROK
<u>Housing</u>	CSP dependents are eligible to live on base in military family housing. Those who live off base receive an Overseas Housing Allowance with Dependents rate.	Non-CSP dependents are not eligible to live on base. Service members bringing non-CSP dependents to South Korea and who certify it with base finance, are entitled to the Overseas Housing Allowance with Dependents rate for those dependents who reside in South Korea. The member may still be assigned a dorm and not authorized to live off base.	Receives quarters or housing allowance at designated location.

<u>Government “Loaner” Furniture</u>	Service members and CSP dependents are eligible to use government loaner furniture while awaiting their furniture to arrive and before PCS when their furniture is shipped. The service is for the service members and the number of command sponsored dependents.	This service is not available to non-CSP dependents. Service members who are not assigned a dorm but live off base, do have a loaner furniture service limited to them.	N/A
<u>Government Appliances</u>	Command Sponsored families and unaccompanied service members receive appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, and refrigerator) for the duration of their tour.	Non-CSP dependents residing in South Korea are not authorized government appliances in their own right. Unaccompanied service members receive appliances in their dorm or off base housing to accommodate one person.	N/A

Other Benefits, Entitlements, and Services:

Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with dependents	Non-CSP with dependents	Unaccompanied, dependents not in ROK
<u>A USFK Rations Control Card</u>	All DoD dependents in South Korea, both CSP and non-CSP, use their service member’s orders to South Korea with the dependents listed to obtain a United States Force Korea (USFK) Rations Control Card. The card is required to access Duty Free Goods from the Commissary (DeCA) and Base Exchange/ Shoppette/Gas Station (AAFES). The USFK Rations Control Card is a controlled item the service member signs for and returns at the end of the tour.		N/A

Where available, both CSP and non-CSP Dependents may use the following base facilities and services:

Base Access:

- Escorting Guest on Base (installation rules and age restrictions apply)
- Defense Biometric Identification System (registration is automatic globally now)

Base Human Resource Office:

- Any DoD dependent with an A-3 Visa may apply for base jobs and work on base.

Helping Agencies:

- Airmen and Family Readiness Center; Red Cross; Women, Infants, and Children Overseas Program (WIC)
- Base Legal Services
- Duty Free Goods (must present USFK Rations Control Card)
- Commissary
- Base Exchange/Shoppette/Gas Station

Services:

- Force Support MWR Facilities, Club Membership, Community Centers, Fitness Centers, Lodging
- Education Center College Classes (Space available)
- Base Shuttle (Space available)
- Veterinarian Services (Osan Air Base; only offered at other select USFK bases)
- Post Office Box, Post Office Mailing
- Movie Theater, AAFES eateries, base restaurants and cafes, food trucks, concessions



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
8TH FIGHTER WING (PACAF)
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26 February 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR 8 SFS/CC

FROM: 8 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Exemption to Policy for Registration of Privately Owned Vehicle (POV).

1. I, [INSERT NAME/RANK OF SPONSOR], would like to respectfully request authorization for POV registration IAW USFK REG 190-1, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, Chapter 5-3, para A.
2. JUSTIFICATION: I understand that, as an [RANK], I do not meet the requirements for having a POV during my tour in South Korea. However, I do have a unique circumstance that requires accommodation due to my non-command sponsored spouse residing at [INSERT LOCATION IN ROK] and needs to be cleared for medical and dental prior to us PCSing to the next duty assignment. A vehicle for my dependent will assist with access to critical resources such medical and dental appointments at Osan Air Base and/or Camp Humphreys, which take almost an entire day traveling via taxi, bus and or train. A vehicle will also allow access to grocery stores offbase for my family. Granting us an opportunity to purchase a vehicle for my dependent(s) and I will significantly decrease the stressors on my family.
3. I [INSERT RANK/NAME], understand that the vehicle I purchase for my dependent(s) and I will not be used for duty related purposes. It will be used during non-duty hours by the sponsor, but the dependent may use it anytime.
4. If you have any questions, please contact me at [INSERT E-MAIL] or via DSN 315- 782-XXXX.

INSERT SIGNATURE BLOCK

1st Ind, 8 FW/CC
Concur/~~Non-Concur~~

MATTHEW C. GAETKE, Colonel, USAF
Commander