



USAG-YONGSAN HOT TOPICS



2017 Vol. 19

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EXSUM

Hello Yongsan!

October is one of the best times of the year at USAG Yongsan. I hope you are getting out and about in this cool weather and abundance of activities in our community.

Getting around has gotten a little more difficult with ongoing road work and extended holiday weeks like the one we just witnessed with Chuseok and Columbus Day. We have to be more vigilant than ever about safety – especially when driving (page 5). Please make sure to observe all speed limits (15 MPH) on detours and during school hours.

Some have questioned why we are repaving roads when certain facilities like the Arts and Crafts Center and South Post Popeye's are closing (page 6-7), and units continue to move to USAG Humphreys. This and other questions voiced by the community will be addressed at the next Area II Community Town Hall Nov. 8 (page 8). So come to South Post Chapel for the official word on what we can expect for the USAG Yongsan community. The K-16 Town Hall will take place Nov. 2 at the K-16 CAC (page 9). Both events will be live streamed on our Facebook site for those who cannot attend.

October is a busy time for readiness, and there are two major events taking place that will require your attention and even direct participation. The schools at USAG Yongsan will conduct an evacuation drill in the morning of Oct. 12, so please do not be alarmed and be aware of groups of students walking to and from their evacuation site (page 10).

Courageous Channel will soon be underway with the Noncombatants Evacuation Operation (NEO) beginning Oct. 23 (page 11). Please ensure your NEO packet is up-to-date and that you check in at the assembly point for this exercise.

USAG Yongsan Organizational Day will take place Oct. 20, and certain facilities may be short-staffed or shut down to allow garrison staff to participate in this event (page 12). There will also be a power outage early that morning (page 13), so please plan accordingly.

Family and MWR invites you to K-16 for the 2017 Rock Festival, taking place all day Friday, Oct. 13 (page 14). Bring the entire family for a day of food, music and games.

Halloween is just around the corner, and USAG Yongsan will host Trunk or Treat Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Seoul American Elementary School parking lot. Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will also set up a haunted house (page 15). Every year, the garrison hosts hundreds of children in costume for a fun evening of trick or treating, and we look forward to seeing you out there.

If you are a U.S. service member, family member or civilian who has not yet visited the Korean National Museum, Deoksusung Palace or Jeongdong Theater, you have an opportunity to sign up for a free tour taking place Oct. 20 (page 15). Lunch and transportation are also provided.

The relationship between USAG Yongsan and the Samsung Thunders Korean professional basketball team continues with a special invitation to all active duty service members and family members to the Jamsil Indoor Basketball Stadium Oct. 27, for the USFK Appreciation Day Basketball game (page 16). Contact the USO for more information on this and other fun activities taking place throughout October for our Area II community (page 17).

With winter weather just a few weeks away, it gives me great pleasure to see our community come together and enjoy all that this garrison and the city of Seoul have to offer. Remember to follow USAG Yongsan on Facebook or Twitter for the latest updates on services and safety. There is much we need to get done in the coming months, and your role is critical to keeping us Yongsan Ready, Yongsan Strong.

J. SCOTT PETERSON
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

HOT TOPICS

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CRD Hot Topics

- Instructional Classes, CCAC: Every Monday, 1700-1900, Guitar Lessons, Korean Language Class, Every Sunday, 1400-1530, Every Thursday, Baduk/Chess Class, 1730-1900
- Instructional Classes, YAC: Every Tues., Flower Ceramics, 1030-1730 / Children Art, 1400-1730 / Drawing and Painting, 1730-1830, Every Wed., Plants Crafts 1200-1800, Every Thurs., Art Calligraphy, 1700-1900, Every Fri., Quilt, 1500-1630, Every Sat., Korean Patch Work, 1100-1300 / Pottery 0900-1100.
- 7 Oct – Columbus Day 5K Fun Run, 0800, CCFC
- 13 Oct – Temple Stay Tour, 1410-2030, Moyer ODR
- 14 Oct – Fall Clean Up/Community Yard Sale, 1100, Commiskey's CAC
- 31 Oct – Trunk or Treat, BOSS Haunted House, 1730-1930, SAES Parking Lot

BOD Hot Topics

- Main Post Club to make reservations: usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.list.main-post-club-reservations@mail.mil
- Bowl for \$2.00 between 1100 to 1300 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
- Bowl 2 games and get 50% off any Hamburger combo meal at lunch 1100 to 1300.
- Spin To Win: Bowl (3) three games and spin the wheel to win a prize, Sun., Mon., Tues., and Sat.
- Wednesday & Friday Night Leagues runs to 30 Sep and new League starting 3rd Oct Yongsan Lanes Bowling Center
- Every Wednesday – Gridiron Challenge III, 1700-1900, Main Post Club
- 7-8 Oct – Sung Nam GC Championship, 0800, Sung Nam Golf Course
- 13 Oct – All-U-Can-Eat Crab, 1700-2100, Main Post Club
- 26 Oct – Painting with a Twist, 1830-2100, Main Post Club

ACS Hot Topics

- SHARP has moved to ASAP building now under DHR
- New Class: Daddy Boot Camp offered monthly
- Yongsan Playgroup: Playgroup on Pause for Summer Break. Playgroups will resume again in September
- 10 Oct – Outreach at Fire Station (FAP)
- 17 Oct – Job Hunting Workshop, 1000-1200, ACS
- 18 Oct – Breastfeeding Class, 1000-1100, ACS
- 25 Oct – Childbirth Class, 1000-1100, ACS
- 25 Oct – Newcomer's Orientation, 0900-1600, ACS
- 30 Oct – Daddy Boot Camp, 1000-1100, ACS

CYSS Hot Topics

- Volunteer coaches are ALWAYS needed. Upcoming Fall sports season is looking for Soccer, Flag Football and Cheerleading coaches. Any interested volunteers should contact the YS office at DSN: 738-8117/5567 or COMM: 0503-338-8117/5567 or via email sean.g.keeney.naf@mail.mil or david.h.yim.naf@mail.mil
- Yongsan BOLTS Running Club meets on TUE & THU every week from 1500-1600 at the Outdoor Track, located across the street from the Elementary School/Fire Station. Free for CYS registered youth ages 5-18. Parental Supervision is required for youth ages 5-10.
- 14 Oct – Tournament Day for Basketball Play, 1900-2300, MST
- 30 Oct – Taekwondo Testing, CYS, SKIES
- 31 Oct – Fall Festival, 1430-1600, CDC

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Garrison Public Affairs Office

The Morning Calm Newspaper:

The Morning Calm is a bi-weekly newspaper, bringing you U.S. Army news, features and information from around the Peninsula. To submit a story or photograph for publication consideration, call the managing editor at DSN 738-7352.

Official Website:

Visit and bookmark USAG-Yongsan's official website at <http://www.army.mil/yongsan> where you'll find the latest news, photos, and lots of other community information. Also, visit and "LIKE" USAG Yongsan's official Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/usagyongsan>. #YongsanStrong.

Mobile App

Check out the garrison's mobile app to get the latest garrison news, information and social media updates in a single, easy to use location. The app is available for download to Android, IOS (Apple) and Amazon devices. It will be available for Blackberry devices soon. For all app stores, simply key in the keywords USAG-Yongsan. For more information, send an email to: usagyongsanapp@gmail.com

Platforms:

**All Android devices

**Apple IOS Devices (iPhone, iPad,) Personal phones only; cannot be downloaded to a government phone

**available now to download

Main Features:

Website/Social Media Links

Events (MWR, Seoul off post, Movie Schedule) Phone Numbers (Emergency, Hotlines,)

Links to USFK pages (Road Conditions)

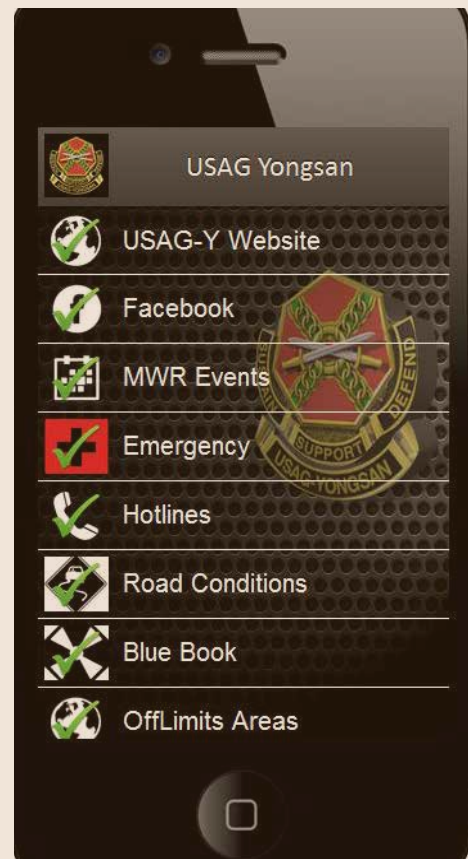
Blue Book

Off Limits Map through Google Maps

Emergency Alerts

Safety Message:

Please see the latest annual report prepared by the WashPIRG Foundation (<http://www.washpirgfoundation.org/>) which lists all toys that were recalled by the Consumer Protection Safety Commission (<https://www.cpsc.gov/>) in 2015 and 2016.



USAG Yongsan

CRIMES & CONSEQUENCES "DON'T LET THIS BE YOU!"

SLOW DOWN AND BE AWARE OF PEDESTRIANS AT ALL TIMES

Pedestrian safety is an essential part of our community's well-being, and nowhere is this more important than in our school zones. As drivers it is your responsibility to ensure that our children are protected from harm as they go to and from school.

Garrison Enforcer!



Currently, the speed limit along roadways adjacent to our schools is 40 kph when the school zone lights are not flashing. When these signs are flashing, the speed is reduced to 25kph.

Remember these simple tips:

Slow down

Our school zones have reduced speeds; and reducing your speed allows you more time to react and brake in the event of an emergency.

Be alert

During drop-off times, school zones can become extremely congested, and it may be difficult to identify hazards. Pay special attention to kids waiting to cross the street. Young children tend to think vehicles can stop instantly and may begin crossing before it is safe to do so.

Be especially wary of kids darting between parked cars. Children are obviously much shorter than adult pedestrians, and though they may see you, they may not realize that you may not see them.

Obey crossing guards

Crossing guards - both adult and student - are there for one reason, and that is to protect youngsters as they cross the street. They are usually stationed near crosswalks and are immediately recognizable with their reflective vests.

When crossing guards extend their flags and enter the street, you must come to a complete stop and wait for all pedestrians to cross. Do not proceed until the guard has returned to the curb, and even then be aware of stragglers running onto the street to catch up with their friends.

YONGSAN DO THE RIGHT THING!

#yongsandtrt

CLOSURES

As a result of Transformation and the Command Directives to relocate facility assets in support of USAG Humphreys, Directorate of Family and MWR, Area III, the following two establishments close Nov. 17, 2017.

Yongsan Arts and Crafts (A&C) Program

Close Nov. 17, 2017

No additional woodcrafts projects may be initiated. Ongoing projects must be completed NLT Nov. 13, 2017. The K-16 Arts and Crafts Center continues to serve all MWR patrons. Please call DSN 741-6923 for hours and information.

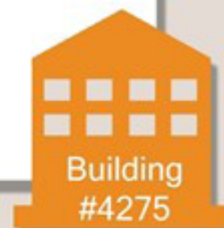


Commiskey's Community Activity Center (CCAC)

Close Nov. 17, 2017

All facility assets in support of program delivery at Commiskey's are being transferred to USAG Humphreys, DFMWR Area III, and all scheduled contractual service provider programs and volunteer support programs will be discontinued.

Commiskeys will be **available** to be reserved through FMWR for **events only**. Call 723-3346 to book commiskeys for private events.





Exchange Closures

• **Yongsan South Post**

Yongsan Popeye's Closes Oct. 29

South Post Baskin Robbins Deactivates Dec. 8

• **FED**

FED American Eatery Closes Sep. 30

**Nov.
8th**

**2:30-4:30 p.m
South Post
Chapel**

AREA II “The Way Ahead”

Community Town Hall

**Do you want to know what’s happening at USAG Yongsan?
Do you have questions about services?**

- Facilities?**
- Transformation?**
- Beware of rumors!**

**Come to the town hall for the most up-to-date,
accurate information on what to expect in Area II.**



Live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/usagyongsan/>





K-16 Community Town Hall

When:

**Thursday, November 2,
5:00 p.m-7:00 p.m**

Where:

K-16 CAC

Offering the most up-to-date,
accurate information
on everything happening
at K-16.

Live streamed on Facebook!

 <https://www.facebook.com/usagyongsan/>





**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
PACIFIC WEST DISTRICT
Seoul American School Complex
Unit 15549
APO AP 96205-5549**

October 2, 2017

MEMORANDUM: COMPLEX-WIDE EVACUATION DRILL

Parents/Sponsors,

On Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 9 – 10 a.m., SAES, SAMS and SAHS students and staff will evacuate each school and relocate to our designated ‘safe havens.’ This is an annual drill and test of our schools’ evacuation plans. The entire Area II community will be informed of this event through the schools and all Yongsan Garrison communication channels.

To make this drill as “real world” as possible, we are planning the exercise with our community’s military and civilian responders. This will help ensure all plans are executed in a coordinated manner that keeps everyone safe in an emergency.

An evacuation is required when an occurrence makes our buildings uninhabitable. Different threats could include fire, bomb threat, chemical accident, explosion or earthquake. Our response will be to evacuate all students and staff to our identified safe haven, establish 100% accountability, and wait for further instructions from the emergency responders.

As we mentioned earlier, we need your assistance. You are encouraged to drop off or pick up your child with appointments before 0900 and after 1000. This will help you avoid our evacuation drill. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing as we will be outside during some portions of the drill.

Finally, please drive carefully in the area of the schools during our drill. If you hear from anyone or see a post about it on a social media site, please share this is a **scheduled drill**.

Thank you for your continued support of the schools and our efforts to ensure your children are safe while in our care. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 738-5261 (HS), 736-7337 (MS), 736-4613 (ES).

Respectfully,

//original signed//

Mr. Willy Williams
Principal
SAHS

Dr. Wanda Bradley
Principal
SAMS

Ms. Tiffiney Weddle
Principal
SAES

EXERCISE COURAGEOUS CHANNEL 2017 NONCOMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATIONS



October 23-27, 2017

Location: Collier Community Fitness Center

Monday-Friday: 0900 -1800

Thursday 0900-1200

2017 USAG YONGSAN ORGANIZATION DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

10 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

AT THE

COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN PARK # 7

AND SB FIELD # 5

**CERTAIN YONGSAN GARRISON SERVICES
MAY BE UNAVAILABLE DURING THIS
TIME. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**



PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

Friday, Oct. 20, 12 a.m. - 5 a.m.

During this time, SOUTH POST will experience power outages for up to 5 hours in certain places during this time of preventive maintenance.

Main Post will be largely unaffected.

ALABAMA SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12

The State of Alabama will conduct a special general election on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, for the office of U.S. Senator to replace Jeff Sessions.

Service members, eligible family members and overseas citizens may use the **Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)**, which is the registration and ballot request form accepted by all States and territories. Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your election office.

IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF ALABAMA,

register and request an absentee ballot today starting at fvap.gov.

IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED,

your FPCA needs to be postmarked by November 27, if you are currently registered, your FPCA ballot request must be postmarked by December 7.

TO ACCESS THE FPCA, YOU CAN:

- Use the FPCA online assistant (fvap.gov/military-voter/registration-ballots);
- Complete the fillable PDF version (fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fpca2013.pdf), or
- Pick up a hardcopy version from your Voting Assistance Officer or nearest U.S. Embassy or Consular Office.

Be sure to **DOUBLE-CHECK** your contact information is accurate in case your election office needs to reach you.

Detailed instructions and county contact information is available at (fvap.gov/alabama).

BALLOTS will be sent beginning October 27 for those who have requested them.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE

your requested State ballot, there is a backup ballot called the **Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)** with an online assistant that provides you with the candidate list. Its available using the **Get My Ballot** link at (fvap.gov/alabama). You may also fill out the PDF (fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fwab2013.pdf) or pick up a hardcopy version from your Voting Assistance Officer or nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

IF YOU RECEIVE

your State ballot after submitting the FWAB, you should still complete and return it, as well. Only one ballot per person will be counted.

IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION

on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to fvap.gov or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584) or email (vote@fvap.gov).

FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is a Department of Defense (DoD) organization that works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so from anywhere in the world.

FVAP assists voters through partnerships with the Military Services, Department of State, Department of Justice, and election officials from 50 States, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. State and local governments administer U.S. elections, including those for federal offices. FVAP supports State and local election officials by providing absentee voting information, materials, training and guidance.

Voters can contact FVAP's call center at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584) or email (vote@fvap.gov). Toll-free phone numbers from 57 countries are listed at fvap.gov. Find FVAP on Facebook at (facebook.com/DoDFVAP) and Twitter (twitter.com/fvap).

**13 OCTOBER
1500-2400**

ROCK FESTIVAL

K-16 AIR BASE

K-16 FITNESS CENTER: 1500-1700

K-16 CAC PARKING LOT: 1700-2100

K-16 LANDING ZONE CLUB: 2100-2400

For more information, call DSN: 741-6030 or go to the USAG Yongsan, FMWR Facebook page.



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Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, 31 October, 1730-1900
Seoul American Elementary School Parking Lot

BOSS Haunted House

For more information, call 723-3291.

To register a vehicle for display, please call the Special Events office at 723-3346 / 725-5215.
Deadline to enter a vehicle is 28 October.
Prizes for the best decorated vehicle.

Korean National Museum/Deoksusung Palace/Jeondong Theater

Who: CFC US military personnel, civilians and dependents.

When: 20 October 2017, meet at White House NLT 0830 for departure at 0840.

What: Visit the National Museum of Korea, eat lunch in a nearby restaurant, tour the Deoksugung Palace then finish the day with a traditional play performance at the Jeongdong Theater

Dress Code: Dress code for this tour is casual attire and it is advised to wear comfortable shoes

Transportation: One 30 passenger bus.

Other requirements: Bring Won for incidentals and souvenirs (transportation, admission fees and lunch are provided)

Suspense: 16 October 2017

POC: MSG Hiner, Christi @ christi.s.hiner.mil@mail.mil or 755-4137.

Alternate POC: SFC Oligo, Severo @ severo.s.oligo.mil@mail.mil or 755-4131.



Kachi Kapshida!



USO & Samsung Thunders Present

USFK Appreciation Day Basketball Game

Friday, 27 October 2017

1900 (7:00pm)

Jamsil Indoor Basketball Stadium

(Line 2 or 9, Sports Complex Station)

Get your **FREE** tickets
at USO Seoul!

Transportation will be provided but seats are limited.
Active Duty Service Members & Family Members Only

In partnership with the
USAG Yongsan Religious Support Office



*** Season tickets to Samsung Thunders games can be purchased through Koridoor Tours. ***

D&N 723-5364 | Facebook.com/uso.seoul



USO SEOUL October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Donut Day 0900 	2	Hot Dog Wednesdays in Celebration of Chuseok Day! 1130 	3	4	5
8	Columbus Day Donut Day 0900 	9	Hot Dog Wednesdays 1130 Korean Language Class 1830 	10	11	50 Cents First Fridays 1130
15	Donut Day 0900 	16	Hot Dog Wednesdays 1130 Korean Language Class 1830 	17	18	19
22	Donut Day 0900 	23	Hot Dog Wednesdays 1130 Korean Language Class 1830 	24	Donut Drop 0900 	USFK Appreciation Day Basketball Game 1900
29	Donut Day 0900 	Happy Halloween!	30	Daily USO Amenities: Free snacks and beverages, Wi-Fi, computers with CAC readers, printing/scanning capabilities, big screen TVs, movie library, gaming systems, coffee bar, library of books, free magazines, lounge area and free call home. Ongoing Programs: Korean Class : Every Wednesday, 1830 United Through Reading Operation Birthday Cake		
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Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri: 0800-2100, Sat: 0900-2100, Sun: 1200-2100 | Phone: DSN 723-5364 |

Find us at Facebook at facebook.com/uso.seoul | Follow us on Instagram at [USO.Seoul](https://instagram.com/USO.Seoul)

Please note: All programs and events will be held at USO Seoul unless otherwise noted. All food programs are available until supplies last. Menus are subject to change based on availability.