



USAG-YONGSAN HOT TOPICS



2017 Vol. 26

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EXSUM

Happy New Year Yongsan!

The year-end is often a time of reflection as much as it is celebration. As I look back on the past year, I am filled with pride with all that we have achieved – from moving units down to USAG Humphreys to programmatic and structural improvements that enhance our quality of life. The year 2018 is known as the Year of the Dog, marked by valiance, loyalty, responsibility and courage. Armed with these traits, our USAG Yongsan community will continue to evolve and thrive in the New Year.

One way to ensure a successful 2018 is safety, so we included a New Year's Safety Gram as a reminder to be responsible if you plan to drink (page 5). During the winter season, we must also be particularly vigilant about fire safety (page 6), so let's all do our part to ensure zero fire incidents this year.

The American Red Cross is offering health and safety courses for the entire family. Enclosed is a schedule on how you can become CPR, First Aid and AED certified (page 7).

We are less than 45 days away from kicking off the 2018 Winter Olympics. USAG Yongsan is the proud site of Olympic WinterFest, a pep rally in honor of all service members in Korea featuring American Olympians, celebrity performers and games and activities for the entire family (Page 8). This is an exciting opportunity for the community to meet some of the athletes and get into the Olympic spirit, so please mark your calendars for Feb. 19, Collier Community Fitness Center.

Soon it will be tax season, and the Yongsan Tax Center will be open for business Jan. 24 to help you file your 2017 taxes (pages 9-11).

If you're new to Yongsan, you must attend Newcomer's Orientation. The first Orientation of the New Year takes place Jan. 31, so please sign up with Army Community Service (page 12).

As of Feb. 1, only the Community Bank branch located at the Dragon Hill Lodge will be in operation. The enclosed flyer also lists the six ATMs available across the Area II community (page 13).

During the last Noncombatant Evacuation Operation, there were many questions about pets. The 106th Medical Detachment at USAG Humphreys is hosting a preparation clinic to answer all of your questions about pet care in the event of an evacuation (page 14).

MWR would like to invite the entire family to a dance class every third Tuesday of the month (page 15). Please check the MWR Yongsan and USAG Yongsan Facebook pages for this and other activities taking place at USAG Yongsan in the New Year. If there's something you missed in 2017, let us help you find a way to check it off your list. Take time to experience the country, the culture and our vibrant community in 2018. We wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Yongsan Ready, Yongsan Strong.

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

HOT TOPICS

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CRD Hot Topics

- Continuous Library Programming themes for Holiday's ongoing
- 3rd Saturday of every month, 0800-1700, Yeosu Pottery Tour, Moyer ODR
- 28 Dec – Keep Calm and Color, 1030-1130, Yongsan Library
- 28 Dec – Crochet/Knitting Class, 1730-1830, Yongsan Library
- 29 Dec – Lotte World Trip, 0800-1700, BOSS
- 31 Dec – Midnight Madness 5K, 2300, CCFC
- 6 Jan – Sports Monster Trip, 0800-1700, BOSS
- 7 Jan – Morning Calm Garden Light Festival, 1400-2200, Moyer ODR
- 12, 15 & 28 Jan – Ice Fishing @ Chuncheon, Moyer ODR

BOD Hot Topics

- 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.
- Every Wednesday – Gridiron Challenge III, 1700-1900, Main Post Club
- Holiday Meal to-go on going until 6 January at Main Post Club
- Free Holiday meals drawing for Yongsan Bowling Center for Thanksgiving. Same for December for Christmas. Two meals each month.
- Blue Headpin Bowling Day; Every Sunday bowl a blue Headpin and receive ONE FREE GAME
- 12 days of Christmas program from 21 Dec to 3 Jan at Yongsan Driving Range and Bowling Center
- 31 Dec – New Year's Eve Extravaganza Family Bowling Party, 1830-0030, Yongsan Bowling Center
- Yongsan Bowling Center and Main Post Club are closed 1-2 January 2018

ACS Hot Topics

- SHARP has moved to ASAP building now under DHR
- New Class: Daddy Boot Camp offered monthly
- Victim Advocates Conducting Training every Friday at 121 Hospital
- 16 Jan – Job Hunting 101, 1000-1200, 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.

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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)

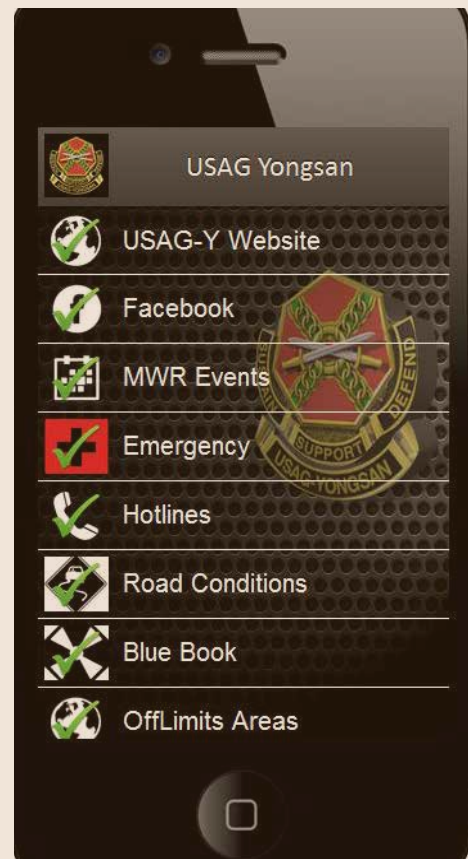
Blue Book

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.



Yongsan Safety Gram



18-02

28 December 2017



Don't Drive: If you don't have to go behind the wheel, avoid it. More people will be driving under the influence on this particular night, so avoid a potentially dangerous accident by staying off the road. Otherwise, be alert and drive defensively. Most importantly, wear your seat belt. Also, using public transportation is a wise option. If taking a cab is too expensive, crashing at a friend's place nearby is a convenient solution.

Designate a Driver: If you are going to be driving New Year's Eve, don't drink and drive. If you have a friend who does not prefer to drink, make sure they take the wheel.

Monitor your Alcohol Intake: A majority of people will be drinking on New Year's Eve, and there is nothing wrong with that. Just be sure to pay attention to how much you and others are consuming. Drinking too much alcohol can have lethal effects. Be responsible!

Be careful with Open Flames: If you're burning candles, incense or oil burners, remember to extinguish them before you turn in or before you leave the room they are burning in. Pay extra attention to pets and children around open flames.

Ring in the New Year Safely!

For more information contact
the USAG Yongsan/Area II
Safety Office at
738-SAFE (7233)





18-022



Fire Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Specialist assigned to 16th Sustainment Brigade, Baumholder, Germany, died 11 December 2017 at 2130 local in Nohen, Germany. A fire reportedly started at the Soldier's off-post residence where he was found unresponsive by firefighters and later pronounced dead.

PLRs provide leaders with awareness of Army loss and highlight potential trends that affect combat readiness. Our Army depends on you to use these PLRs to help Soldiers understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.

Additional U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center resources can be found on the USACRC website at <https://safety.army.mil>.

PRINT IT

ANALYZE IT

<https://safety.army.mil/ShrinkLink/163>

TRAIN IT

<https://safety.army.mil/OFF-DUTY/HomeandFamily.aspx>



<https://safety.army.mil>



**American
Red Cross**

2018 Health & Safety Courses

Register today for courses with American Red Cross and learn life saving skills that will better prepare you and your family for emergencies. American Red Cross offers our courses at a 50% discount from U.S. prices while overseas.

Recognize and care for a variety of injuries and respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. Also available in a blended learning format, which includes online coursework and a shorter classroom skills assessment.



Three ways to sign up:

- Stop by in person
- Call our Main Office
- Register online: <https://classes.redcross.org>



CPR/First Aid/AED

1st & 3rd Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*
Feb 3 Feb 17 Mar 3 Mar17

Blended Learning CPR/First Aid/AED

4th Wednesdays - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.*
Jan 24 Feb 28 Mar 23

Location:

ARC Yongsan Station Main Office
Bldg 2259 Moyer Recreation Center
\$55 USD payable via cash, check, or credit card
PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
DSN: 738-3670
Comm: 0503-338-3670
*End times may vary.

American Red Cross
Yongsan Station



American Red Cross USAG Yongsan



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ARCYongsan

TEAM USA WINTERFEST

PRESENTED BY SINCE 1894 **HERSHEY'S**

USAG YONGSAN!

Monday, 19 February 2018, 1100-1500
Collier Community Fitness Center, U.S. Army Garrison YONGSAN

- 1100-1400**
- Free Hershey's Smores and Hershey's Kisses
 - Meet Team USA Olympians including Olympic Silver Medalist figure skater **Sasha Cohen**
 - 2018 Winter Olympics Watch Party
 - Olympic Winter Sports Demonstrations

1400-1500 Live Concert with Emmy Award Winning Artist **Rachel Platten** (Fight Song)

Open to all DOD ID card holders, their families and authorized guests
For more information, call 725-5215 or visit yongsan.armymwr.com or TeamUSA.org/WinterFestYongsan.



Sasha Cohen

Rachel Platten



Yongsan Tax Center

Moyer Community Activities Center
(BLDG 2259) Room 102
Next to the Smoothie King

DSN: 723-5335 / COM: 02-7913-5335



Dates

24 January – 15 June 2018

Hours

Monday - Friday: 0930– 1830

*Saturdays Starting 1 March – 1 May
: 1000- 1400*

Closed on Sundays, public holidays, and training holidays. For Tax Services after 5 May please visit Legal Assistance Office in ACS building.

Required Documents

Military ID; Social Security cards for dependents (or photocopy); IRS Forms W-2, 1099s, 1098s and all other tax-related or financial documents;
Copy of last year's tax return

**FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL US OR
STOP BY OUR FRONT DESK TODAY!**

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

Walk-ins are taken when no appointments have been scheduled.

Please check the
USAG-Humphreys, Korea
Client Legal Services Facebook page
for any changes in operating times.

Eligible Personnel

Active Duty Military and Dependents;
DOD Civilians and Dependents;
Retired Military and Dependents;
Surviving Family Members of Eligible
Service Members;
Reservists on Active Duty and
Dependents



ARE YOU?

Active Duty Military or Dependents; DOD Civilians or Dependents;
Retired Military or Dependents;
Surviving Family Members of Eligible Service Members;
Reservists on Active Duty or Dependents



We are ready to assist you with your taxes. Schedule your appointment today!

SAVE 100%
ON TAX PREPARATION.

Yongsan Tax Center

Moyer Community Activities Center
(BLDG 2259) Room 102
Next to the Smoothie King
DSN: 723-5335 / COM: 02-7913-5335

Dates

31 January – 9 June 2017

Hours

Monday - Friday: 0930– 1830

Saturdays Starting 1 March – 1 May

: 1000- 1400

Closed on Sundays, public holidays, and training holidays. For Tax Services after 25 May please visit Legal Assistance Office in ACS building.



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All single Soldiers are welcome to bring basic W-2's for drop-off service. If you have more documents than a W-2 then schedule by walk-in or Appointment.

Come by today for **FAST, FREE, AND DEPENDABLE TAX ASSISTANCE**

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Preparing current and past year returns
- Obtaining and filing extensions
- Amending current or past year returns
- Responding to IRS notices and inquiries

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday: 0930– 1830

Closed on public holidays and training holidays.

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Welcome to Korea!

Monthly Newcomer's Orientation

Expo of Agencies
(0900 - 1000)

Cultural Tour
(1000 - 1600):

Off Post Korean Cultural Trip in Seoul or surrounding area

**** Open to all family members, limited spaces available ****

Sign-Up is required!

**Orientation takes place at ACS
Bldg. 4106, Room 118**

Call DSN: 738-7505 / CIV: 05033-38-7505 for more information

**** Open to all Service Members, Civilians, and Spouses ****

Dates for 2018:

Jan 31

Jun 27

Feb 28

Jul 25

Mar 28

Aug 29

Apr 25

Sep 26

May 30

Oct 24

Nov 28



CommunityBank

Operated by **Bank of America** 

Community Bank Yongsan (near PX)

will close on February 1, 2018.

The Community Bank will continue to operate the following ATMs as of February 1, 2018:

- Gas Station
- Hospital
- Fed Compound
- Banking Center near the PX
- Commissary
- DHL Banking Center (Game Room and DHL Main Bank)

Community Bank Dragon Hill Lodge

New Banking Center
Hours effective
February 1, 2018

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Community Bank ATMs at
Camp Coiner,
Moyer Recreation Center,
and Walker Center
will close January 3, 2018.

NEO PET PREPARATION CLINIC



Saturday, January 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Building 2260
(Across from Camp Humphreys
High School)**

**Hosted by: 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary
Service Support) – Camp Humphreys**

Veterinary Treatment Facility

Rabies vaccines, microchips, pet registration and assistance with
NEO paperwork will be provided on a **walk-in basis**.

* Payment expected at time of service *



U.S. Army Yongsan Library



Youth / Teen / Adult Dance Class

Instructor: Ms. Casey Clem



18 Dec '17 @ 1630 (Mon)

The Dance Class meets once a month
on 3rd Tuesday from 1700-1800

16 Jan '18 ; 20 Feb '18 ; 20 Mar '18 ; 17 Apr '18
15 May '18 ; 19 Jun '18 ; 17 July '18 ; 21 Aug '18
18 Sep '18 ; 16 Oct '18 ; 20 Nov '18 ; 18 Dec '18

For further information, contact the Yongsan Library at 723-7380