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A Message from the President



Fellow FAOs, International Relations Specialists, and Partners,

One of the most important building blocks of a strong alliance is great leadership. To this end, the FAOA Korea Chapter was founded in July 2020 with the **mission to develop and inspire leaders engaged in the advancement of the Republic of Korea (ROK)-United States (U.S.) Alliance**. The FAOA Korea Chapter is a 501(c)-19 non-profit organization, consisting primarily of

current and former FAOs and International Relations Specialists who **advance the ROK-U.S. Alliance through events and activities that promote mentorship, education, research, and connection**. Its membership also extends to leaders and professionals that are not FAOs or International Relations Specialists, as long as those individuals are members of an organization that aligns with the mission and core values of the FAOA Korea Chapter. The **core values of "commitment to leader development" and "pursuit of inspiration"** guide the actions of members and represent the foundation of the organization. Many organizations that develop leaders or advance the ROK-U.S. Alliance already exist, but the FAOA Korea Chapter is the only one that leverages the strengths of the FAO community to accomplish both efforts.

The Board Members and I have been busy laying the groundwork for this organization to better serve its members and partners. It has not been easy, but we are learning quickly and adapting to challenges. I want to highlight the following milestones:

- 1 JUL 20: Founding of the FAOA Korea Chapter
- 14 JUL: Hosted "FAO Conference 20-2" with guest speaker GEN(R) Curtis Scaparrotti
- 23 JUL: Presented Honorary Membership to MG Mark Gillette
- 24 JUL: Codified the FAOA Korea Chapter Bylaws and established Board Members
- 29 JUL: Received approval to exist & operate on USAG Yongsan
- 28 SEP: Signed partnership MOU with Korea-U.S. Alliance Foundation (KUSAF)
- 7 OCT: Signed partnership MOU with DGCI
- 16 OCT: Hosted "FAO Conference 20-3" with guest speaker former AMB Marker Lippert

The FAOA Korea Chapter is better organized than ever before, and the Board Members and I are excited about future events and opportunities for the organization. With continued engagement and contributions from its diverse and talented membership, I firmly believe that **the FAOA Korea Chapter will become a powerful force that produces the premier leaders of the ROK-U.S. Alliance**. I hope you will join us to help make this vision become a reality.

Warm Regards,

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The Challenges and Opportunities of Serving as a 48P in Korea

By Jason Halub

As a 48F serving in a 48H billet in Korea - and certainly not the only China Foreign Area Officer (FAO) here on Pen, I have had the privilege to experience first hand what a possible 48P transition may mean for the Indo-Pacific FAO Corps. While certain challenges exist, such as the learning curve associated with developing expertise in a new portfolio, the opportunity to serve in Korea has highlighted the unique cross-functional perspectives and networks that FAOs bring to joint- and component-level organizations.

First, by way of disclaimer, I need to air my own hesitancy and concerns about a possible transition from the more targeted, typically country-specific expertise of the traditional career model to a more generalized 48P professional construct. The most fundamental concern I had about the 48P transition is that it in some ways challenges what it means to a FAO. As a 48F, I had always framed my FAO identity (and sense of professional self-worth) as being centered on my unique experiences and growing expertise concerning China. However, with the Indo-Pacific region making up roughly 52% of the world (though perhaps most but not all of this region is captured by the 48P organizational construct), how could I ever be anything more than a professional dilettante? Another, more philosophical concern I have about 48P construct is that it runs the risk of reifying a problematic Eurocentric and Orientalist worldview that lumps "Asia" into one oversized category of analysis, which can obstruct our understanding about the rich political and cultural diversity of the region (For instance, to what degree and under what circumstances do Indonesians see themselves as part of a regional paradigm that includes China, Japan, or Australia?). Ultimately, these concerns beg the question: What unique value are Indo-Pacific FAOs bringing to joint and component-level staffs?

The unique value of FAOs is not bound simply to regional expertise but also in leveraging cross functional experiences and networks to achieve mission success. This fact became abundantly clear to me shortly after I assumed my duties in the USFK J22 following nearly three years serving on the Joint Staff as a Pol-Mil Officer. Not only did I have a great network of colleagues from the National Capital Region, Hawaii, and the Country Teams with whom to help solve problems, but I also had developed an appreciation for the types of demand signals and questions emanating from the key staff principals. In a word, I was beginning to learn how to leverage perspectives from one portfolio to address problems in another. Finally, I came to appreciate some of the cultural and historical perspectives that affect Northeast Asia, such as how the differences between North Korea and China frame their relationship.

The lessons learned here can be applied not only across the Indo-Pacific region but also between other regions as well. As the U.S. military and the joint FAO corps adapt to the changing global strategic environment, the FAO network and the unique FAO skill set will continue to increase in importance. FAO is one of the few career paths that deliberately develops these cross-functional skills.

FAO Greybeard Corner

A Message from LTC(R) Steve Tharp



Fellow Korea FAOs!

Congratulations on founding the Korea Chapter of the FAO Association. The creation of this organization has been a long time in coming and those that invested their time and effort in making it a reality deserve all our thanks and gratitude. By way of background, I am Steve Tharp and am among the older Korea FAOs still living in Korea. I first came to Korea as an infantry sergeant in 1979 and have spent 30 years here since. I began FAO training in January 1990 at DLI in Monterey attending the one-week FAO orientation program followed by the Chinese Basic Course. I attended graduate school at the University of Hawaii where I switched regions from China to Northeast Asia because there were not enough Korea FAOs in my year group. I was told that the only other one was a certain CPT Madden (AKA Maddog). In-country training

consisted of Korean language training at the U.S. Embassy's Foreign Service Institute, regional travel and attendance at the ROK Army Staff College in Chinhae. Afterwards I served a total of 100 months in three different Korea FAO positions in the UNCMAC Secretariat and U/C-5 Policy Division. I also had one non-Korea assignment serving as the Associate Dean of the Korean Language Program at DLI. After retiring from active duty, I spent 12 years as an Army civilian in C5 Strategy (strategy officer) and USFK Public Affairs (Chief, Strategic Outreach) before retiring in January 2017.

When I returned to Korea in July 1998 for my second UNCMAC assignment, there was a dearth of Korea FAO colonels in Korea. In this leadership vacuum, LTC Jim Beirne, the Assistant Army Attaché, came up with an idea to create a venue for the Korea FAOs to socialize, network and mentor FAOs in training. He and I, along with others, created the Korea FAO Association to meet that need. Overall, our organization achieved some level of success and positively impacted some of the FAOs in training.

Unfortunately, it only lasted a couple of years and collapsed as most of the regular members were reassigned. At one of our more memorable sessions, the guest speaker was a ROK Army LTC named Chun, Inbum. Chun dazzled us with not only his English but also his complete grasp of the issues related to the ROK-U.S. Alliance and North Korea. He and I have been friends ever since. Chun retired as a LTG a few years ago not long after commanding the ROK Special Operations Command. He remains a friend of the U.S. today and is someone that I believe all FAOs here can turn to for mentoring and counsel.

I would like to thank the Board for asking me to introduce myself and provide some background regarding earlier attempts to create a Korea-focused FAO organization. In future graybeard columns, other retired FAOs and I will address certain topics of interest for the membership, as determined relevant by the Board.

Possible topics include: "What I learned from my years of FAO experience in Korea," "The significance of the FAO in Korea," and "How to succeed as a FAO."

Today, I have an office in Mapo where I research the DMZ and Korean War, assist NGO organizations with NK defector interviews and occasionally respond to reporter queries. If there is some way that I can be of assistance to any of you, please feel free to contact me at tharpstm@gmail.com or 010-9182-1901.



A Heartfelt Fragment of Alliance History to be Remembered

By Wei C. Chou

Most Korea hands know how South Koreans address what Americans know as the Korean War. It is known around the Republic of Korea (ROK) as the “6.25 War” or 육이오 전쟁. June 25th holds a special place in the hearts of many Koreans. For some, the date once roused memories of the North Korean invasion, invigorating calls for a reunification of the peninsula. That meaning has morphed over the years through many transitions of power. The Anniversary of the Korean War has now come to symbolize the sacrifices of veterans, not only Korean but also from 22 nations around the world, that joined to restore South Korean integrity and bring about one of the most miraculous economic revitalizations in modern history.

The year 2020 marks a significant landmark for this historic day – the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War. The 70th Anniversary rekindles memories of the war itself and the vast span of time elapsed since the breakout of the conflict that left a nation divided. It also evokes a more somber note that those who fought in the war, carried its stories to the present, and set the stage for peace would not likely be with us for the next decade-anniversary.

In commemoration of this special year, the ROK government set about a robust series of commemorative events, closely planned and coordinated with the three commands, United Nations Command / Combined Forces Command / United States Forces Korea (UNC / CFC / USFK). Although many of the plans were disrupted by the unfortunate outbreak of COVID-19 around the world, the commands still managed to collaborate with various ROK government organizations to conduct events, many of which featured FAOs at the helm, providing the vital cross-cultural and interagency linkages to make them happen.



President Moon Jae-in delivers a speech during a Korean War anniversary event at Seoul Air Base (Yonhap, 2020)

These events notably included the largest ever repatriation of remains from South Koreans that fought in the Korean War. The 147 sets of remains returned to their families and final resting places 67 years later through exceptional work from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and the ROK Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification. Diplomats and FAOs also worked in close concert with the ROK Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs for President Moon Jae-In's commemoration event, where he played 22 video messages from the 22 heads of state of the sending states and contributing nations from United Nations Command.

Another event that was regrettably obscured by the pandemic but celebrated in a small ceremony at Camp Humphreys and the Korean War Memorial was the creation of the Operation Kiddy Car Art Exhibit. Operation Kiddy Car is a lesser known event during the Korean War where the U.S. Air Force managed to evacuate 1000 orphaned children from the streets of Seoul ahead of the southward advance by the Chinese People's Volunteer Army (CPV). Through the creative combined efforts of a handful of officers, government officials, one inspired artist, and 1000 American students, they created a lasting memorial to forever commemorate this stirring shared experience.

The History

In December 1950, the Alliance was facing one of the major turning points of the war as the CPV poured over the Yalu River. It was becoming apparent that the CPV and North Korean forces would be seizing Seoul. At the time, poverty, homelessness, and disease spread unchecked on the streets of Seoul, and survival was a challenge for the remaining civilians in the war-torn cities.

Conditions were even harsher for the estimated 6,000 homeless children - 4,000 of them orphans - that remained on the streets as shelters and orphanages overflowed and relief supplies dwindled.

Then LtCol (CH) Russell Blaisdell was working desperately to feed and shelter many of those orphaned children. As communist forces continued to push UN forces south, he knew many of those children would not survive and needed to be evacuated. With the help of Col. T.C. Rogers, the 5th Air Force Chief of Staff, Lt.Col. Blaisdell managed to secure 16 C-54 aircraft to transport 1000 orphans to Jeju-do. There, Col. Dean Hess established an orphanage and stood by to accept and support the children.



LtCol Blaisdell and Col Hess visit orphans in Jeju-do (U.S. Air Force, 2010)

The Project

With the UNC/CFC/USFK communications strategy team at the helm, the commands agreed on contributing our own events to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War. The Operation Kiddy Car Art Exhibit was the product of this effort. Led by COL Allen D. Leth, the team embarked on creating and transporting the exhibit around the Korean Peninsula. (continued on next page)



(continued from previous page) Creating the exhibit was a combined, interdisciplinary effort. We began by arranging meetings with the Ministry of Unification (MOU) and an artist named Kang, Ik-Joon to introduce our concept. Both the artist and MOU were moved by the concept with the artist agreeing to construct the exhibit and MOU agreeing to provide for logistical arrangements. To symbolize the 1000 orphans, we arranged for a school project at the DODEA-Humphreys primary schools. 1000 students used a small placard to illustrate what Korea meant to them. The placards were then compiled and sent to the artist to place against a painting backdrop.

Meanwhile, the team employed its FAO to make contact with various locales to receive and present the exhibit. We arranged for the exhibit to start in Camp Humphreys, then trace the path of the orphans, starting in the War Memorial and other museums in Seoul, then on to Gimpo or Incheon Airport, and finally to Jeju-do. Although the COVID-19 outbreak cut this path short, the team still managed to create a lasting relic of the close and humanitarian history of our Alliance. Thanks to the efforts and creativity of a small combined group collectively moved by a fragment of history, a lasting landmark will continue to stand to remind us of the memories, heroes, and hardships we have shared for over 70 years.



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Contributed Article

A New Defense Era of Strategic Technologies and Defense Innovation

By MAJ(R) Dongyoun Cho, Director of the Center for Future Defense Technology & Entrepreneurship



A "New Defense" era has emerged through the convergence of economic growth, national security, and technological innovation.

This era has witnessed a dramatic increase in collaboration among startups, accelerators, venture capitalists, militaries, and large corporations that build new ecosystems of public-private industry and academic partnerships to develop defense science and technology (S&T).

Recognizing the importance of commercial innovation to national security, Seokyeong University's Center for Future Defense Technology and Entrepreneurship acts as a platform to accelerate the future of the Aerospace and Defense (A&D) industry by raising awareness of the industry ecosystem, elevating new technologies, and providing a viable business model for industry actors.

The Center collaborates with civil, government, military, industrial, academic, and research institutes, including domestic and foreign startups seeking to enter the A&D industry in South Korea and beyond. Elon Musk's "SpaceX," which successfully launched a civilian-crewed spacecraft and changed the space innovation paradigm, was not alone. Governments, militaries, investors, accelerators, and startups who believe in the civilian-crewed spacecraft have realized this potential for space exploration. A platform, such as the University's Center, can act to catalyze the individual actors and enable the market. The Center also undertakes extensive research about the outlook of the A&D industry's innovation ecosystem in collaboration with various stakeholders, including the FAOA Korea Chapter, militaries, the Ministry of National Defense, and the Defense Innovation Unit.

The University's Center will act as a catalyst for enablers in the A&D innovation industry with various seminars, training, and other convening grounds for thought leaders. With the backbone of experts in defense science and technology, the industry can advance with knowledge and concepts operational in the field.

The ROK-U.S. Alliance remains a bedrock for peace and stability in Northeast Asia. Still, the traditional military alliance needs re-invigoration now more than ever. Recent burden-sharing negotiations have failed to account for Alliance "intangibles" and are focused on non-personnel costs such as base upkeep and maintenance instead of pursuing new cooperation frameworks. The Alliance was built through a traditional security lens, but that lens is changing in the New Defense era.

Moving beyond troop numbers and facility costs, the ROK and U.S. should work together on strategic technologies and defense innovation. In doing so, they can leverage each other's unique and dynamic technology sectors that have become pivotal for economic growth and security in the 21st century. The economic and security value of pursuing cooperative defense innovation will offer the ROK-U.S. Alliance new functional areas for collaboration. By exploring issue-based cooperation through the aggressive pursuit of an Alliance innovation base, the Center for Future Defense Technology and Entrepreneurship will keep attempting to contribute to opening new doors for collaboration, burden-sharing, mutual economic benefit, and increased national security with invaluable partners like the FAOA Korea Chapter.



Basics of Membership

By Michael Poole

When you join the Foreign Area Officer Association (FAOA) Korea Chapter, you are part of a professional organization that develops and inspires the premier leaders of the ROK-U.S. Alliance. This is not exclusive to only Foreign Area Officers; anyone who joins as a member of the FAOA and supports the mission of the FAOA Korea Chapter can become a Regular Member who enjoys the full benefits of FAOA and FAOA Korea Chapter membership. The graphic on the right breaks down the types of membership available.

Joining as a member of the FAOA is a requirement to being a Regular Member of the FAOA Korea Chapter. Regular Members enjoy exclusive access to and/or discounts for all FAOA and FAOA Korea Chapter events and activities. They also have a subscription to the FAOA Journal of International

Affairs and the FAOA Korea Chapter's Joint Communiqué Newsletter; are eligible for the FAOA Scholarships and Academic Awards Programs; and have full voting rights for the election of the FAOA Korea Chapter officers. Payment is required only for membership to the FAOA, and you can choose from a variety of options ranging from one year membership (\$30) to lifetime membership (\$300). There is no additional payment or fee associated with FAOA or the FAOA Korea Chapter. Those who depart from the Korean Peninsula can continue to enjoy benefits of the FAOA and the FAOA Korea Chapter membership as long as they retain active membership with the FAOA. I encourage everyone to join us by 1) joining the FAOA (visit www.faoa.org, click "Join," and sign up for one of the membership options listed and 2) Email me (secretaryfaoakc@gmail.com) with your rank/grade, full name, service, duty position, DEROS (if applicable), DSN/Cell number, civilian email address, and the type of FAOA Membership (with member #). I look forward to your membership!

Contributed Article

My View as the JOCE LNO

By Gregory Pavone

Hello FAO Korea Chapter! I am Navy Lieutenant (LT) Greg Pavone, and I am a Foreign Area Officer (FAO) currently serving as the U.S. Naval Operations Liaison Officer to the Republic of Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff (ROK JCS). By way of background, I am originally from Merrimack, NH and am a 2012 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy (GO NAVY BEAT ARMY/AIR FORCE!), where I majored in Economics and Chinese. Following graduation, I had the opportunity to participate in the Navy's Immediate Graduate Education Program (IGEP), in which I earned a Master in Public Policy Degree with a focus in International Affairs. I wrote my master's thesis on the coal trade between China and North Korea. Following graduate



school, I entered the Navy's submarine training pipeline which included Nuclear Power School, Nuclear Prototype, Submarine Officer Basic Course, and in my case, Navy Dive School. I completed my division officer sea tour onboard the USS NORTH DAKOTA (SSN 784) out of Groton, CT. For shore duty, I served as a Submarine Watch Officer and Exercise Planning Officer at Submarine Group 7 in Yokosuka, Japan.

In January 2020, I was re-designated as a FAO and reported for duty to U.S. Forces Korea J3 Joint Operations Coordination Element (JOCE). I work with a team of dedicated professionals including our Chief, an Air/Deep Operations Liaison Officer, a Ground Operations Liaison Officer, an Army Civilian, a U.S. government contractor, a language specialist, and two

KATUSAs. Established in 2012, the mission of the JOCE is to ensure the prompt flow of operational information and situational awareness between UNC/CFC/USFK and the ROK JCS, in order to enable timely, informed decisions during armistice, crisis, and war. We serve as the commander's permanent representative at ROK JCS for all operational matters, and we report directly to the U/C/J-3. In addition to our operational responsibilities, the JOCE also plays a role in the conditions-based wartime OPCON transfer process.

I chose to become a FAO because I enjoy working in foreign environments and building relationships with our partners and allies. I served as a volunteer missionary here in Korea from 2008 to 2010 for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. During this time, I developed a keen interest in the security situation in Northeast Asia, a passion for living abroad, and an appreciation for understanding other languages, cultures, and belief systems different from my own. I am a firm believer in achieving peace in the world through military strength, readiness, and preparation. FAO is a perfect fit for me because it provides the opportunity to utilize my personal skills and interests to actually take part in the second pillar of our National Defense Strategy, namely to strengthen alliances and attract new partners. I am honored to serve our country in uniform, defending the democratic system and ideals outlined in our Constitution. I owe much to our country, and to my family, friends, and mentors who have helped me along the way.

Type of Membership	Description & Benefits	Requirements
Regular Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusive access to and/or discounts for all FAOA and FAOA Korea Chapter events and activities • Full voting rights for election of FAOA Korea Chapter officers • Subscription to FAOA Journal of International Affairs • Eligible for FAOA Scholarships and Academic Awards Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a member of FAOA (www.faoa.org) • Must support or assist in the accomplishment of the mission of the FAOA Korea Chapter
*Partner Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAOA non-member associated with the organization of an official partner of the FAOA Korea Chapter • *Level of access to FAOA Korea Chapter events and activities depends on Type of Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an employee or representative of the Partner organization
Distinguished Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAOA member or non-member that serves primarily in an advisory role for the FAOA Korea Chapter • Access to all FAOA Korea Chapter events and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advises Officers of the FAOA Korea Chapter on a regular basis to help accomplish the mission of the FAOA Korea Chapter
Honorary Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An esteemed FAOA member or non-member who supports and promotes the mission and associated events and activities of the FAOA Korea Chapter • Exclusive and complimentary access to all FAOA Korea Chapter events and activities • Formal recognition and title as Honorary Member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides (or provided) significant contribution towards accomplishing the mission of the FAOA Korea Chapter

Hats Off to Multi-Hatted Leaders

By Andrew Ahn

Representing the FAO Association Korea Chapter, I had the distinct honor of providing a short farewell message to the outgoing Eighth U.S. Army (8A) Commander, Lieutenant General (LTG) Michael A. Bills during the Korea-U.S. Alliance Foundation (KUSAF) farewell webinar.

In my message, I addressed him as the 8A Commander but thanked him for his service and leadership as the Combined Forces Command (CFC) Chief of Staff. In my current assignment to the CFC, I have engaged with and staffed actions to LTG Bills only in his latter role. I'm sure there may be others, most likely assigned to 8A units, who have known LTG Bills only as the 8A Commander. As such, a level of disparity in perception exists within the United Nations Command, CFC, and United States Forces Korea with regard to what is commonly referred to as what specific hat a commander, component, or unit is wearing.

Folks who have spent time within the aforementioned commands become aware of these unconscious impulses and better discern between each of the three commands and their respective roles and missions. However this understanding takes time through dabbling with command counterpart equities and ideally through combined theater-level exercises. This process allows for what I believe is the greatest takeaway for officers assigned to combined commands and component commands: to contribute to the strategic context and to execute National Military Strategy by engaging with allied partners, while seamlessly synchronizing efforts across Joint, Combined, Coalition, Intergovernmental, and Interagency elements. Very few assignments in the security cooperation and political-military enterprise offer the depth of understanding and breath of outreach that the combined command headquarters and components exercise to perfection everyday.

These commands perfect the art of multi-hatting because leaders within those commands understand the value of synchronized engagement across all elements of national and coalition power on one hand, and actively commit themselves and their staff to advancing U.S. and Allied interests on the other. Leaders like LTG Bills not only lead a numbered U.S. Field Army, but also orchestrate organizational efficiency so that the CFC staff directorates can successfully fulfill their mission requirements.

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Know Korea

By Wei C. Chou

Creative solutions are required to allow Seoul to adopt greater defense responsibility while maximizing Alliance capability.

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Asan Institute for Policy Studies. "The U.S.-China Competition in South Korean Public Eyes." <https://en.asaninst.org/contents/the-u-s-china-competition-in-south-korean-public-eyes/>. 25 Aug 20.

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Heritage Foundation. "North Korea Facing Perfect Storm of Economic Stressors." <https://www.heritage.org/asia/report/north-korea-facing-perfect-storm-economic-stressors>. 26 Aug 20.

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Korea Institute for National Unification. "The Strategic Background Behind the ROK-U.S. Joint Military Exercise and Its Impacts on Inter-Korean Relations." <https://www.kinu.or.kr/www/jsp/prg/api/dIve.jsp?menuldx=645&category=72&thisPage=1&searchField=&searchText=&biblioid=1538329>. 24 Aug 20.

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Our World in Data. "Emerging COVID-19 success story: South Korea learned the lessons of MERS." <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-exemplar-south-korea>. 30 June 2020.

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RAND Corporation. "North Korean Decisionmaking: Economic Opening, Conventional Deterrence Breakdown, and Nuclear Use." https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA165-1.html. 2020.

Results of an investigation on how Congolese banks and businesses were able to violate sanctions on the DPRK.

The Sentry. "Overt Affairs: How North Korean Businessmen Busted Sanctions in the Democratic Republic of Congo." <https://thesentry.org/reports/overt-affairs/>. Aug 2020.

Persistent engagement with North Korea's national security elites, the report argues, is a policy wager with a large potential upside and very little cost and risk.

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From 2018 until Present...

By Jacob Kim

FAOs on the Korean peninsula have been convening frequently for ice-breakers, luncheons, and other informal gatherings where FAOs, International Affairs Specialists and partners connect to expand social and professional networks. They also host formal events with notable guests and keynote speakers.

In September 2019, the FAOs hosted U.S. Ambassador to the ROK Harry Harris at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul. AMB Harris provided his thoughts on the future of the ROK-U.S. Alliance as it relates to northeast Asia regional security. He praised the industrial and economic prowess of the ROK and highlighted their contributions to the U.S. and global economy. Participants enjoyed the unique opportunity to spend time with the senior diplomat who once served as the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Pacific Fleet.

This past May, with the the COVID-19 pandemic spreading rapidly around the world, General(R) David Petraeus spoke to the FAOs about the effects of COVID-19 on widening socioeconomic gaps and the need for global leadership. He also discussed the balance of power as it pertains to international commerce. It was a privilege to receive education from the storied general and former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency who played such a pivotal role in shaping counterinsurgency operations.

In July 2020, after the founding of the FAOA Korea Chapter, General(R) Curtis Scaparrotti shared with members some of his experiences and lessons learned based on his time as the former Commander of UNC/CFC/USFK as well as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Participants of this event gained insight into the dynamics of the different alliances and the importance of a capable military-diplomat. It was an honor to spend time with someone who strengthened the ROK-U.S. Alliance in so many ways.

It is significant to note that all of the aforementioned keynote speakers discussed and emphasized the value of a FAO and how leaders can become strategic thinkers in a variety of organizations and environments. These engagements provided invaluable senior-level mentorship to FAOs and partners of the FAOA Korea Chapter, allowing them to grow as leaders and professionals. Each of these events or activities enable, support, and encourage participating members of the FAOA Korea Chapter to conduct additional research and publish on topics relevant to the ROK-U.S. Alliance. There are many scholar-warriors in the FAOA Korea Chapter, and the FAOA Korea Chapter hopes to expand opportunities for them to publish in a variety of peer-reviewed journals.

The FAOA Korea Chapter looks forward to hosting (and participating in) many future events and activities for our members and partners. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!



Dec 2018 FAO Gathering with Guest Speaker MG Mark Gillette



Sep 2019 FAO Conference with Guest Speaker AMB Harry Harris



FAO Conference 20-1 with Guest Speaker GEN(R) David Petraeus



FAO Conference 20-2 with Guest Speaker GEN(R) Curtis Scaparrotti



Presentation of Honorary Membership to MG Mark Gillette

Partnership Signing Ceremony with KUSAF & DGCI

The FAOA Korea Chapter signed a partnership Memorandum of Understanding with the Korea-U.S. Alliance Foundation (KUSAF) on 28 September 2020. This partnership allows both organizations to provide each other with mutually beneficial opportunities that promote mentorship, education, research, and connection for leaders engaged in advancing the ROK-U.S. Alliance. KUSAF was established in 2017 to strengthen the ROK-U.S. Alliance through programs that facilitate education, discussion, and research. They have strong ties with various other organizations that support the ROK-U.S. Alliance, notably the Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA), Korean Veterans Association (KORVA), and Korea American Friendship Society (KAFA).

On 7 October, the FAOA Korea Chapter also signed a partnership Memorandum of Understanding with the DGCI, which generously agreed to donate funds to the FAOA Korea Chapter. The DGCI is a company that provides innovative solutions to transnational challenges. It specializes in logistics, global operations, and mission support including the full range of atmospherics, training, and monitoring and evaluation services.

Please welcome our new Partner Members to the FAOA Korea Chapter!



Upcoming Events & Activities

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Veteran's Day																															Thanksgiving					
Commanders Conference Alliance Concert C4I Summit Korean Employee Union Foundation Day Korean American Association Friendship Night															Ambassador's Round Table UN Week/ Turn to Busan ROK Army Intl Symposium Defense Expo Korea (18-21NOV)											AMCHAM Doing Business in the U.S. Seminar										
Notable FAOA / Partner Organization Event										UNC/CFC/USFK Command Event										Significant On-Pen Event																

Upcoming Events & Activities



US AUDIENCE ONLY

GUEST SPEAKER:
GEN ROBERT B. ABRAMS
 COMMANDER, UNC/CFC/USFK



**FAOA KOREA CHAPTER
 CONFERENCE 20-4**

OCT 29, 1430-1530
WHITE HOUSE CR-215
USAG YONGSAN



1330-1420 Icebreaker (coffee/refreshments will be served)

All participants seated NLT 1420

Limited seating; email secretaryfaoakc@gmail.com for more information

The Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO) is offering free multi-day seminars which will include expert panel speakers, in-depth readings and discussion, and tailored focus to most COCOMs. FAOs only need to cover the costs for TDY travel. It's important to note that FAO Proponent does not provide funding or approval for these training opportunities, so ensure you coordinate with your local leadership before signing up. If the changing COVID-19 environment prevents travel, the seminars will be offered online.

- Seam Seminar Course I: Strategic Messaging (19-22 OCT 20): Via Webex
- Seam Seminar Course II: Strategic Futures: Challenges to the Global Order (7-10 DEC 20): Via Webex
- EUCOM Seminar(11-14 JAN 21): Berlin, Germany.
- CENTCOM Seminar (1-4 MAR 21): Tampa, Florida
- AFRICOM Seminar (12-15 APR 21): Venice, Italy
- USINDOPACOM Seminar (24-27 MAY 21): Honolulu, Hawaii
- SOUTHCOM Seminar (14-17 JUN 21): Panama City, Panama

Each seminar covers slightly different topics. Interested? For more information, contact Mrs. Beverly Rouse at (571) 256-0698 or beverly.p.rouse.civ@mail.mil

Upcoming: Holiday Dinner with Us

Mark your calendars! The FAOA Korea Chapter, in coordination with Partner Members, *may* co-host an informal, holiday dinner on 11 or 18 December. This will be a great opportunity to relax, network, and eat great food in Seoul. We will determine the date and venue depending on COVID-19 restrictions and feedback from members. Please email secretaryfaoakc@gmail.com if you are interested and provide feedback on what date works for you and what venue you prefer. Thank you!



U.S. Army Promotions

Please congratulate the following U.S. Army 48F/48H/48I FAOs who were selected for promotion in the FY20 COL ACC board:

1. LTC(P) Corwin, Russel (48F)
2. LTC(P) Ly, Thang (48I)
3. LTC(P) Marcum, Thomas (48F)
4. LTC(P) Rivier, Andre (48I)

...for promotion in the FY20 LTC ACC board:

1. MAJ(P) Ahn, Ji (48H)
2. MAJ(P) Bell, David (48I)
3. MAJ(P) Bosse, Brian (48I)
4. MAJ(P) Choe, Ben (48I)
5. LTC Halub, Jason (48F)
6. MAJ(P) Hwang, Stephen (48H)
7. MAJ(P) Kim, Jason S. (48H)
8. MAJ(P) Kolton, Michael (48F)
9. MAJ(P) Kumagai, Hitoshi (48H)
10. MAJ(P) Locke, Douglas (48H)
11. MAJ(P) Nelson, Anthony (48I)
12. MAJ(P) Orr, Joseph (48F)
13. MAJ(P) Shafer, Jason (48F)
14. MAJ(P) Walter, Travis (48I)
15. MAJ(P) Wilkinson, David (48I)
16. MAJ(P) Young, Daniel (48I)

New FAO Officers

Please welcome the newest U.S. Army Officers selected for 48F/48H/48I:

1. MAJ Ouch, Vireak Chan (48H)
2. MAJ Lee, Young (48H)
3. CPT Robertson, Samuel (48H)
4. CPT Chack, Andrew (48H)
5. CPT Ailer, Alex (48I)
6. CPT Hutcherson, William (48I)
7. CPT Nelson, Christopher (48H)
8. CPT Rivera, Harry (48I)
9. CPT Kang, Myunghyun (48F)
10. CPT Ahn, Ruby (48F)
11. CPT Bracero, David (48H)
12. CPT Oster, Jacob (48H)
13. CPT Richards, Nicholas (48I)

FAO on MILSUITE

Visit the FAO MilSuite site for details on the JFAOC, newsletters, and additional information:

<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/army-foreign-area-officer-program>

Coming soon... the official coin of the FAOA Korea Chapter



If you want to contribute to *The Joint Communiqué*, please submit your article to the President (presidentfaoakc@gmail.com) and Vice President (andrewdahn@gmail.com) with your FDO- and PAO-cleared article. By submitting, you certify that your article and any photo(s) are unclassified and not sensitive in nature.



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About Us

The Foreign Area Officer Association (FAOA) Korea Chapter is a formally recognized Chapter of the FAOA (www.faoa.org) founded in 2020 in accordance with Article VII of the FAOA Charter. It is a 501(c)-19 non-profit organization, consisting primarily of current and former Foreign Area Officers and International Relations Specialists who advance the Republic of Korea-United States (ROK-U.S.) Alliance through events and activities that promote mentorship, education, research, and connection.

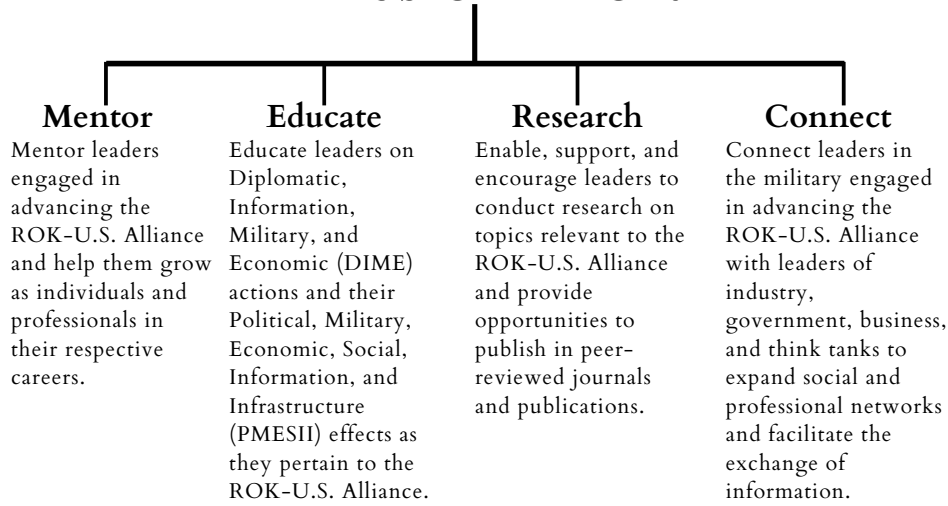
Mission

To develop and inspire leaders engaged in the advancement of the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

Core Values

- Commitment to Leader Development
- Pursuit of Inspiration

Lines of Effort



Board Members



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