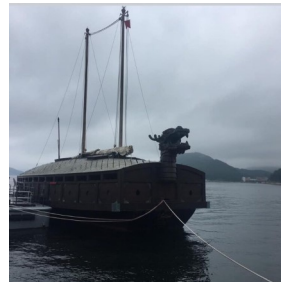


# Welcome to Chínhae

## COMMANDER FLEET ACTIVITIES CHINHAE



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**These boxes contain details, contacts or resources to help you navigate your PCS move and get settled in Korea**

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# WELCOME!

## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ORDERS TO KOREA!

Korea is a beautiful and fascinating country and though Korea's culture is very different from America's, the Western influence is readily apparent in most of the metropolitan areas. Because of this, Sailors assigned here often have the best of both worlds -- they can enjoy a foreign culture, but still experience a touch of home.

Because of its unique geographical location to Japan, China, South-east Asia, and even Russia, the Korean peninsula, aka "the pen" is considered an international hub of Asia. Approximately 70 percent of South Korea's land area is comprised of mountains and uplands that provide beautiful views sometimes all the way to the coast. Mount Halla (6,396 feet/1,950 meters) on Jeju Island is its tallest peak. South Korea as a whole, has a population of around 50 million people.



**Despite what you may see or hear on the news, feel confident your new host country is safe. What's more, if any emergencies were to arise, evacuation procedures of all non-essential personnel are in place to ensure families are returned home long before the supposed threat of danger occurs.**



## MULTIPLE COMMANDS, MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

**Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae (CFAC)** is in the small city of Chinhae on the southeast tip of the Korean peninsula. The city is cradled by the beautiful Jangbok Mountains. There is a population of around 182,000 people except in the spring when the population doubles as people come from all over the county for the famous cherry blossom festival. Chinhae boasts more than 160,000 cherry blossom trees and many picture-perfect views. The city is steep in history and there are many cultural assets to the locality, such as temples, museums and monuments. In 2010, the cities of Chinhae, Changwon and Masan merged and are officially known now as Changwon, a region with many parks and sites of natural beauty.

There is a large U.S. and Korean naval population including the largest Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy Base and the ROK Naval Academy. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and U.S sailors are generally made to feel welcomed by the locals. It is vital that we keep it this way and therefore it is important to remember that you are an ambassador for the Navy at all times.



For **Command Naval Forces Korea (CNFK)** personnel working and living in the neighboring metropolis city of Busan, about 75 minutes from Chinhae, there is an abundance of social and cultural activities to explore. It is the second largest city in Korea as well as the largest port in Korea. with a metro popula-



tion of 8.2 million people, the city has first class attractions and amazing affordable public transportation. There are city-based activities such as museums, theater and culture and art exhibits to enjoy. Luckily, the climate is very mild compared to the northern part of Korea and you can enjoy the outdoors for much of the year. For nature lovers there are a multitude of gorgeous hikes, coastal walks and quiet neighborhoods to explore plus several amazing beaches. There is something in Busan to enjoy no matter the season.



# KOREAN CULTURE & INFORMATION

## LOCATION

### GEOGRAPHY & TOPOGRAPHY

The Korean peninsula is divided just slightly north of the 38th parallel. The democratic Republic of Korea in the south and the communist government of North Korea are separated by a demilitarized zone. The peninsula, contiguous to the two continental powers of China and Russia to the north and nearby oceanic Japan to the south, functioned for a long time as a land bridge and had the advantage of easy access to the adjacent cultures but also the disadvantage of becoming the target of aggressive neighbors. South Korea shares a land boundary with North Korea of about 150 miles/238 kilometers. Approximately 70 percent of South Korea's land area is comprised of mountains and uplands. Mount Halla (6,396 feet/1,950 meters) on Jeju Island is the tallest mountain. The longest rivers are the Nakdong River, the Kum River, and the Han River, which flows through Seoul.

## KOREAN NATIONAL SYMBOLS

### NATIONAL FLAG

Korean flag is called "Taegukgi" in Korean. Its design symbolizes the principles of the yin and yang in Asian philosophy. The circle in the center of Korean flag is divided into two equal parts. The upper red section represents the proactive cosmic forces of the yang. Conversely, the lower blue section represents the responsive cosmic forces of the yin. The two forces together embody the concepts of continual movement, balance and harmony that characterize the sphere of infinity. The circle is surrounded by four trigrams, one in each corner that symbolizes the four universal elements (as noted to the right).



### NATIONAL FLOWER

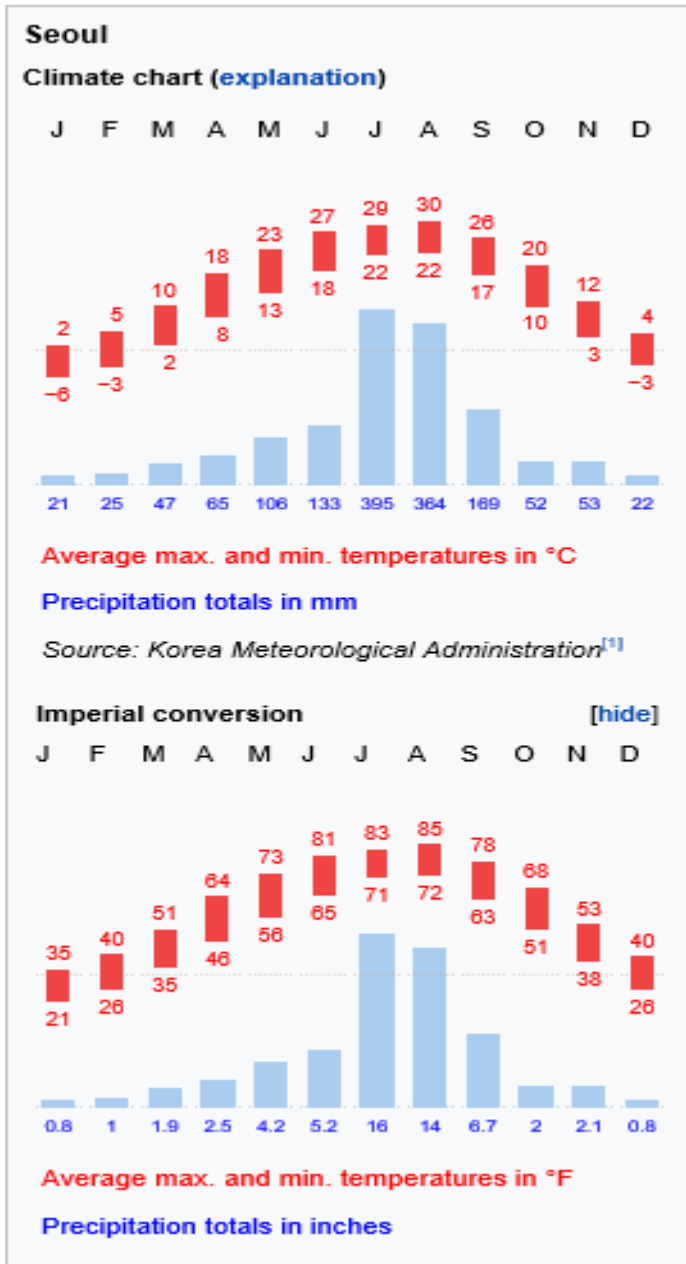
The national flower of Korea is the Mugunghwa, rose of Sharon. Every year from July to October, a profusion of Mugunghwa blossoms graces the entire country. Unlike most flowers, Mugunghwa is remarkably tenacious and able to withstand both blight and insects. The flower's symbolic significance stems from the Korean word 'mugung', meaning immortality. This word accurately reflects the enduring nature of Korean culture, and the determination and perseverance of the Korean people.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Korean national anthem is "Aegukga," which means "Love the Country". Records show that a Western-style military band was formed during the time of the Dae-han Empire (1897-1910) and that the "Dae-han Empire Aegukga" was composed in 1902 and played at important national functions. The original words of Aegukga appeared in a written form around 1907 to inspire allegiance to the nation and foster the spirit of independence as the country faced threats of foreign annexation. Over the years, the lyrics and tune have gone through several versions until they were adopted as the national anthem in the present form in 1948.

# POPULATION & CROWDS

There are over 51 million people in South Korea, a third of whom live in Seoul area. But even the smaller cities are densely populated and quite congested. Expect a good bit of jostling and pushing in public places especially in the open air or street markets. Don't be shocked if you get pushed a bit as someone tries to get through the crowds. It may be annoying but try not to get angry or take it personally. Similar jockeying for position takes place on the roads and highways. Again, it's best to remain calm.



(clear noodles with vegetables and beef). Korean chopsticks can be a little challenging at first as they are very thin, made of steel and quite slippery. Another change for many is being seated at a traditional style restaurant with low tables and cushions on the floor. If you eat out with Korean friends who are a bit older or just "old school", they may insist on paying especially if they made the invitation but try to return the favor at a later time. If you go out to eat in a group, like for Korean BBQ where you are sharing all the main dishes, it is pretty common to just pay for your portion and beverages at the cashiers.

## CLIMATE

Korea has four distinct seasons with dry, cold winters and short, hot humid summers with late monsoon rains and typhoons. Seoul's January mean temperature is 22 degrees F. to 35 degrees F. In July it is 73 degrees F. to 78 degrees F. The annual rainfall varies from year to year but usually averages more than 39 inches/100 centimeters. Of that total, two-thirds of the precipitation falls between June and September. Since Busan and Chinhae are in the southern part of the peninsula, the weather is less extreme than Seoul in the winter and summer but as coastal cities they can be quite windy.

## POLLUTION

The air tends to get smoggy in the springtime and sporadically throughout the year. When this happens, the city will issue warnings and safety tips about staying indoors. Some apartments include built in filtration systems while you can also purchase your own portable systems. Additionally, there are many free apps you can download for up to date air quality ratings.

## FOOD

Korean food is an acquired taste. Some people never get used to it while others quickly become addicted to the many flavors and dishes. But all would agree that it's not for the faint of heart as many dishes, such as Kimchi, are flavored with ground chili pepper, which grows in abundance here. A Korean meal typically consists of rice, soup, and a number of small vegetarian dishes such as spinach, bean sprouts, and tofu. Beef and pork are very popular and are often marinated and grilled at the table (Bulgogi and Kalbi). Also popular with foreigners are Yaki Mandu (fried dumplings) and Chapchae

# LEARNING KOREAN



**"A wise man can acquaint himself with Hangul before the morning is over; a stupid man can learn them in the space of 10 days"**

**Learning the Alphabet:** Known as Hangul (or Hangeul), the Korean alphabet is considered one of the most efficient alphabets in the world and has garnered praise from language experts for its scientific design. Hangul was created under King Sejong in 1446 who desired that the common people could read and write. Thus, Hangul's original name, Hunmin chong-um, literally meant "the correct sounds for instruction of the people."

Hangul is a phonetic system consisting of 24 letters, and is not difficult to learn. Being able to decipher a little Hangeul is a very useful skill. The Korean spoken language is properly referred to as "Han gung mal." Because the sounds of Korean don't correspond precisely with those of English, their words are difficult to write in the Roman alphabet. Korea recently began to change the way it transliterates certain sounds to more accurately reflect their pronunciation, but not all of the signage has caught up with this spelling reform. Expect to see the same word written with either P/B, T/D, K/G, CH/J, O/EO. For example: Chinhae/Jinhae, Pusan/Busan, Taeku/Daegu, Cheju/Jeju, Pyongtaek/Pyeongtaek.

At first glance Hangul might seem overwhelming and confusing but in less than 2 hours you can learn the symbols and sounds and begin working on vocabulary and phrases which will open so many doors during your experience in Korea. Learning to read street signs can help you find your way around while you may be surprised to find that so many restaurant menu items have the same pronunciation in Korean and English but are spelled in Hangul. Reading Hangul will also help with many pronunciation mistakes that hinder foreigners from communicating with taxi drivers, neighbors, and servers.

English has been taught in Korean schools, starting in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, since 1998. In the past, English was taught in Korean schools, beginning in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, with an emphasis on grammar instead of speaking. When you are speaking with Korean nationals, speak slowly and clearly to increase your chances of being understood.

**Where Can I Learn Korean:** From affordable books to free language apps there are so many resources available to learn Korean. The cities of Chinhae and Busan have a variety of language learning opportunities, or you can visit the Fleet & Family Support Center to borrow some language-learning books and audio curriculum. Search websites like Facebook and Meetup.com for more information or to find a local language exchange partner.

**And Remember!** A simple bow and a smile goes a long way! Like the rest of us, if someone sees you are trying, Koreans are often willing to lend a hand or forgive cultural faux pas if you lead with kindness first.

## Basics Phrases

**Goodbye (to person leaving)** – Anyeonghi kaseyo

**Goodbye (to person staying)** – Anyeonghi kyeseyo

**You're welcome** – Chon manhaeyo

**How much?** – Eolmayeyo?

**Excuse me** – Mian hamnida

**It's delicious** – Mah shi seumnida

**Help!** – Saram sallyeo yo

**Where's the restroom?** – Hwajangshil eodi iseoyo?



# HOLIDAYS ETC.

## LUNAR (VARIABLE-DATE) HOLIDAYS

On Lunar New Year and Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving day), most Koreans make a pilgrimage to their hometown to celebrate with their parents and honor their ancestors. Stay off the roads during these 3-day festivals! All the nation's roads, from the interstates to village streets, are clogged with traffic during this time and a short trip can become a full day affair!

DATE	NAME OF HOLIDAY
Jan-Feb	Lunar New Year – 3 days
May	Buddha's Birthday
Sep-Oct	Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving day) – 3 days

## SOLAR (FIXED DATE) HOLIDAYS (\*public holiday)

DATE	NAME OF HOLIDAY
*Jan 1	New Year's Day
*Mar 1	Independence Movement Day, commemorating the uprising against Japanese occupation in 1919
Apr 5	Arbor Day
Apr 19	Anniversary of the Student Revolution of 1960
*May 5	Children's Day
May 8	Parents' Day
*Jun 6	Memorial Day
Jul 17	Constitution Day
*Aug 15	Liberation Day, commemorating the liberation from Japan in 1945
Oct 1	Armed Forces Day
*Oct 3	National Foundation Day, in memory of Tan'gun (mythical 1 <sup>st</sup> Korean)
*Oct 9	Hangul Day, in honor of the Korean phonetic alphabet
Oct 24	United Nations Day
*Dec 25	Christmas

# NAMES AND NAME CARDS

## NAMES

Korean names consist of three parts: Traditionally the family name first (Kim) followed by a two-syllable first name (Dae-Jung), one of which is a generational name given to all members of the family. Women keep their maiden name even after marrying. However Koreans prefer to address each other by their titles (teacher, elder sister, Johnnie's mommy, etc.) rather than by name. Those who interact frequently with Americans, however, are accustomed to being called by their first names. With people you don't know well, it is preferable to say Mr. Oh or Ms. Chong rather than Sang-soo or Yun-hee.

## NAME CARDS

Koreans always carry a supply of their business cards, which they call name cards. They are sometimes printed in English on one side. Even shopkeepers will often hand you their card so you can find their shop again (some have little maps on them) or recommend them to your friends. When being handed a name card, receive it respectfully. Accept it with both hands, read it, and place it in a safe place such as your wallet. Don't stuff it in your back pocket, at least not in the presence of its owner.

# GIFTS

Koreans are extremely generous and exchange gifts on many occasions. The appearance and presentation are as important as the present itself. A gift should always be wrapped in several layers: tissue or wrapping paper, ribbon, and perhaps a gift bag. The sincerity of the donor is reflected in the degree of care taken with the presentation. Like name cards, gifts should always be offered and accepted with both hands. If you attend a wedding or funeral, bring a small amount of money in a white envelope with your name written on it (not in red ink!), which you hand to the clerk at the door. It is very rude to hand someone cash directly, except of course when making purchases. It is always appropriate to bring a small hostess gift when invited to someone's home. Koreans will often bring common household necessities like gift sets of tissues, soaps or laundry detergent. Don't be surprised if you, too, receive such gifts if you invite Koreans over. Generally, Koreans will not open a gift in the donor's presence, in order not to embarrass him if the gift is a modest one. Koreans often exchange presents for the Chuseok holiday. You too may want to give something to your housekeeper, landlord, or friends at this time. Since it is a harvest festival, agricultural products such as alcoholic beverages, ginseng, honey or fruit are traditional gifts. Americans might consider giving homemade baked goods to their Korean friends.

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# DO'S AND DON'TS IN KOREA

## DO

- Remove shoes when entering a home or traditional Eastern-style restaurant.
- Show respect for the elderly by acting dignified and polite around them.
- Wait for older people at the table to start eating before you begin.
- Avoid comparing Korea to Japan (unless favorably).
- Take a small hostess gift if invited to a Korean home.
- Use both hands to give or receive gifts and money.

## DO NOT

- **Wear shoes into a Korean home.**
- **Offer money or gift with one hand only, especially the left.** Always use both hands. This applies particularly to transactions with elders.
- **Write someone's name in red ink.** In Korea, this denotes death.
- **Stick chopsticks upright in a rice bowl.** This also denotes death, since Koreans only do this during a memorial service.
- **Touch people on the shoulder or head,** especially if they are older than you.
- **Motion to someone with the index finger.** This gesture is only used with pets; to beckon a person in this way is extremely disrespectful.
- **Put your feet up on a desk or chair.** This is considered rude behavior.
- **Blow your nose at the dinner table.** Like us, Koreans consider it disgusting for a person to blow his nose in the direction of others or while eating.



## DO NOT BE SURPRISED...

- If brand-new acquaintances inquire about personal matters such as your age or marital status. It's a sign of interest, not nosiness.
- To see Koreans of the same sex linking arms or holding hands. Usually they are just friends.
- If you receive a last-minute invitation as Koreans are very spontaneous.
- Korean guests come early or late since time frames have a more fluid meaning here.

## LAST BUT NOT LEAST: RESTROOMS

A few tips to help you out:

- You will find Western-style toilets in most homes, larger cities, some public buildings, and at highway rest stops. Elsewhere, expect the traditional squat toilet.
- Remember to carry tissues with you since Korean toilets do not always include this amenity.
- In some public restrooms the toilet paper is in the room near the sinks/doorway and not in the individual stall.
- If someone knocks on the stall door while you're in there, simply knock back to show it's occupied or the person might try to open the door.
- You also may notice that many restrooms will have signs instructing you to put the toilet paper in the toilet or in the trash as some old plumbing systems will get clogged easily. Please follow the signs to avoid any unfortunate and costly situations.

As you can see from just the Top Must-Visit Tourist Spots in Korea, there are many amazing adventures, cultural and historical sites to see. We hope that you will enjoy your time in Korea and all the lovely traditions, food, and scenery it has to offer!



Visit the Korea Tourism Organization website for more detailed information about all of the sites and suggested itineraries to help you make the most of any day trips or longer excursions within Korea  
<http://english.visitkorea.or.kr>



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# BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

## Unofficial Simplified Checklist

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### WHAT

Obtain Passports for all Family Members  
Initiate Pet Paperwork  
Research Schools and initiate transfer  
Update Family Immunizations  
Contact School Liaison Office  
Ensure Driver's Licenses are current  
Complete and submit housing application  
Update Insurance: Auto, Renters, Home-Owners  
Ensure all DEERS information is accurate  
Complete theater specific training

### WHEN

ASAP  
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6 weeks out  
6 weeks out  
30 days out  
30 days out  
30 days out  
Prior to arrival  
Prior to arrival

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## REQUIRED TRAINING

Click on the link button on the lower left side of the main page that says required training. This required training includes the welcome aboard video, training module, 350-2, and policy letters. You must provide proof of completion to initially shop in duty free outlets such as the exchange and commissary.



VISIT <http://www.usfk.mil/Newcomers/Training.aspx>



# FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR PCS

## Changes in Your Benefits, Entitlements and Allowances

Let's compare your current income at your current duty station to Korea by using the table below.

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) tables can be found at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm> and <http://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/military-pay-charts.html> displays pay scales on the DFAS site.

	Current Duty Station	Chinhae OR Busan	Difference
Base Pay			
BAS			
Special Pay			
COLA			
BAH / OHA			
TOTAL			

### Overseas Housing Allowances

#### KOREA

Location: **UNIFIED CHANGWON CITY (CHINHAIE, CHANGWON, MASAN) ,**

Location Code: **K R 0 0 5**

PAY PERIOD: **10-16-2019**

For an **E 6 with dependents**, the Overseas Housing Allowances are as follows:

Monthly Allowances Effective: 20190916	Local Currency	US DOLLARS
OHA Rental Allowance	1444444	\$ 1213.61
Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance	866510	\$ 728.04
Move-In-Housing Allowance (MIHA)	330710	\$ 277.86

Climate code is: **2**

Rate of Exchange (ROE): **1190.2000003154** / ROE Effective: **20190916**

You can see from the samples below that there is a difference in cost/allowance living in Chinhae versus living in Busan.

If you have children who will be attending school in Busan and you wish to live in Busan, you will have to request to live off base and need to find accommodations that fit within the Chinhae OHA.

Due to the lower budget, you may need to be more flexible in your housing amenities and you also may not end up living in the neighborhoods where many other military families unless you can afford to and want to pay out of pocket.

### Overseas Housing Allowances

#### KOREA

Location: **PUSAN** , Location Code: **K R 0 3 0**

PAY PERIOD: **10-16-2019**

For an **E 6 with dependents**, the Overseas Housing Allowances are as follows:

Monthly Allowances Effective: 20190916	Local Currency	US DOLLARS
OHA Rental Allowance	2400000	\$ 2016.47
Utility/Recurring Maintenance Allowance	866510	\$ 728.04
Move-In-Housing Allowance (MIHA)	330710	\$ 277.86

Climate code is: **2**

Rate of Exchange (ROE): **1190.2000003154** / ROE Effective: **20190916**

Waiting for your TLA and reimbursements can take 2-4 months sometimes. It is **highly recommended** that you take advanced pay to make sure you can cover your food, lodging, and other bills without financial hardship.



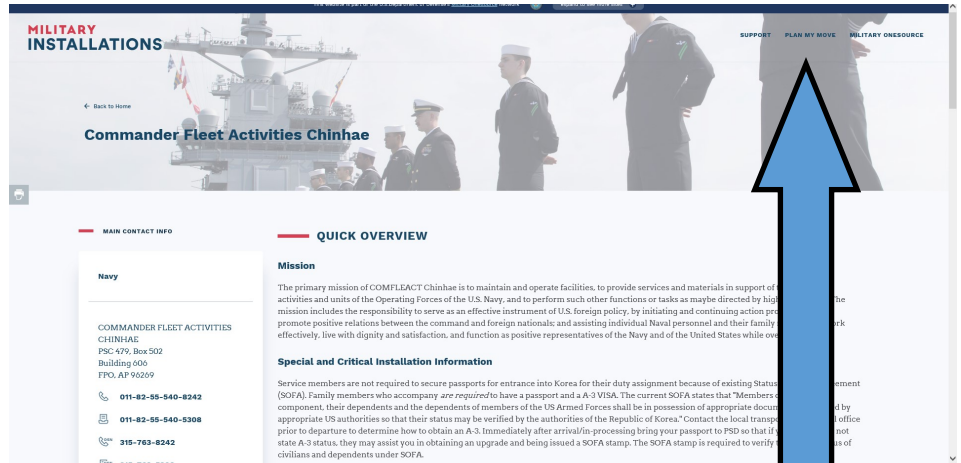
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# MILITARY INSTALLATIONS INFO

By visiting [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil) you can find out specific information about where you are going, as well as creating a tailored calendar of tasks for your move.

## Military Installations

1. Enter "Chinhae" for installation
2. Click on "Go>>"
3. Explore Chinhae!
4. Create Installation booklet



## Plan My Move

1. Click on Plan My Move on the right
2. Enter information regarding move
3. Click on "Start Building My Custom Checklist"
4. Tailored calendar is generated based on your family and provides prompted on what you need to do to prepare for your PCS
5. Logging in allows you to save the checklist and customize it further

## Welcome to Plan My Move

Plan My Move creates a custom checklist for your move, filled with information about the tasks you need to complete and how to complete them. Your checklist is tailored to the unique needs that you or your family have.

Fill out the information below to start building your checklist.

### Where are you currently stationed?

Type the name of your current installation

### Where are you moving to?

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### Who are you?

☐ Service Member ☒ Family Member / Loved One

START BUILDING MY CUSTOM CHECKLIST

I CAN'T FIND MY NEW INSTALLATION

A screenshot of the Plan My Move checklist interface. It shows a 'Family' section with a progress bar at 0/6. Below this are two main sections: 'Financial' and 'Paperwork'. Each section has a list of tasks with checkboxes and a 'Go' button. The 'Financial' section includes tasks like 'Calculate and put aside money to cover the cost of your move', 'Check with your local Military and Family Support Center regarding information and policies to reimburse spouses for re-licensing or re-certification fees as a result of PCS', 'Research cost of living or pay at your new installation', 'Change your address at your financial institutions, the banks and credit card companies', 'Connect with your Military and Family Support Center for financial information and resources prior to your move', and 'Check your financial and legal protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act'. The 'Paperwork' section includes tasks like 'Remind your service member to complete all out-processing paperwork from your current installation' and 'Register your vehicle at your new location and/or installation'. A large blue arrow points down from the 'Plan My Move' section towards this checklist.



# VISA AND PASSPORT FAQ

## NO - FEE PASSPORT

Upon receiving orders, get NO-FEE passports for each family member. The processing time is generally six to eight weeks, so begin the process as soon as orders for command sponsorship are approved. Contact your local personnel office for the proper forms and information. Do not depart your losing installation without receiving the no-fee passport. Non-U.S. citizens must apply for a country of origin passport. Documents must be original or certified copies.



Your No-Fee Passport is for Official Travel such as PCS or TDY travel between South Korea and the U.S.



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestion:** Label your No-Fee and Tourist passports when traveling so you enter and exit the country using the correct passport (ie. leave Korea on no-fee, enter and exit Thailand for vacation with tourist passport, and re-enter Korea on no-fee passport)

## TOURIST PASSPORT

If you are going to travel for fun, on leave, outside of Korea, you need to have tourist passports as well. It is recommended to apply for a Tourist Passport prior to leaving the U.S. if you plan to do tourist travel while stationed abroad. It can take up to 8+ weeks to process a tourist passport in South Korea. All tourist passports are processed, in person, through the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. Apply for tourist passports at any U.S. Post Office or visit: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestion:** Consider applying for the Passport Card as well as the tourist passports—it's a cheap way to get an official government photo ID for your dependents.

## WHAT KIND OF VISA DO I NEED?

All foreign civilians must have a valid passport to enter South Korea. Unless you're just coming for a short visit, you will also need to have an A-3 visa. This visa is a stamp in your passport entitling you to stay in Korea for an extended period (normally up to 5 years), and to leave and enter Korea multiple times.

## WHO NEEDS THE A-3 VISA?

Dependents staying in country longer than 90 days need to have the A-3 Visa. Friends and relatives may certainly come for a tourist visit, but if they plan to remain beyond the expiration of their visa, they must first apply for a visa extension at a Korean Immigration Office. Military members do not need a special visa for their tours in Korea and can travel with their passport, military ID and a leave form/ travel orders. For more information visit the website <http://travel.state.gov/>.

## DIDN'T I GET IT AUTOMATICALLY?

This visa is **not** granted automatically. Unless you made special arrangements before you arrived to get an A-3 visa at the Korean Embassy in the U.S., you do not have one. If you didn't get it in advance, you either have no visa at all or a 30-, 60-, or 90-day tourist visa, which expires after that time.

## HOW DO I GET AN A-3 VISA?

Command-sponsored dependents appear on their sponsor's orders, which they must submit when applying for the A-3 visa. This should be arranged through the Korean Embassy in the U.S. before moving to Korea. Non command-sponsored dependents probably received a tourist visa upon arrival. In order to change it to an A-3 visa, you must go to the Immigration Office in Masan. Within 30 days with the following documents (Contact CSD office DSN 762-5307 for assistance):

- Copy of sponsor's ID and orders of assignment
- ID and passports for each dependent
- Letter from sponsor's commander, authorizing dependents to stay in Korea

**The A-3 visa can be issued at the same time as the SOFA stamp.**

## HELP! I LOST MY PASSPORT!

For information on lost or stolen passports, passports for new spouses and babies, as well as visas for non-citizens, check out the U.S. Embassy website at <https://kr.usembassy.gov/> or call 02-397-4114. American citizens needing travel and visa information for other countries can visit the U.S. State Department website at <http://travel.state.gov/>.

# STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA)

**Why YOU need to know about the SOFA?** Each member of USFK is responsible for being informed about individual responsibilities and rights under the SOFA in order to protect those rights, perform effectively on the job and enjoy a trouble free tour in Korea. Sponsors are responsible for seeing that their dependents know their responsibilities and rights under the SOFA. The U.S.-ROK SOFA is a means to promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Korea, and it is a means for closer and more effective government cooperation.

**What is the SOFA?** The U.S. has a SOFA or similar agreement with countries around the world where U.S. armed forces are stationed. The U.S.-ROK SOFA is an international agreement designed to serve the mutual interests of the U.S. and the ROK and to protect the basic rights of U.S. citizens who are subject to its provisions. The U.S.-ROK SOFA recognizes U.S. sovereign immunities and balances the American citizen's individual rights with obligations to the host government and to local laws. International agreements like the U.S.-ROK SOFA are based on the principal of mutual respect.

**Status - Who is covered by the SOFA?** Personnel of the U.S. armed forces on active duty in Korea and their dependents are covered by the U.S.-ROK SOFA. U.S. civilians employed by, serving with or accompanying U.S. armed forces and their dependents are also covered by the U.S.-ROK SOFA. Persons in Korea to perform contracts or render services exclusively for the U.S. armed forces are designated invited contractors or technical representatives. They and their dependents are afforded SOFA protections.

**Do USFK personnel have to obey Korean laws?** Yes. SOFA status personnel must abide by Korean laws except where the SOFA explicitly supersedes or abridges Korean laws. Examples are the waiver of passport and visa requirements for active duty military personnel and exemptions from Korean taxes on wages and salaries paid to SOFA status personnel by the U.S. Government. SOFA Article VII established the principal that SOFA status personnel are obliged to respect the laws of the Republic of Korea and to abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of the agreement and, in particular, from any political activity in the ROK.



For more information visit

<http://www.usfk.mil/Portals/105/Documents/SOFA/>

## Can I Work in Korea?

**YES! BUT** — Not with an A-3 visa alone. A-3 visa holders may negotiate employment with a Korean company who can then initiate the paperwork to obtain an employment permit. SOFA family members with a ROK employment permit are lawfully employed on the Korean economy.

**Original Copies:** Many employers will need original copies of various documents so request copies of transcripts, bring your birth certificate, diplomas, etc. before moving to Korea to save yourself the lengthy wait time.

**Teaching English:** If a SOFA family member teaches for a business, school, or other establishment without obtaining an employment permit, they do so in violation of ROK law and could potentially face a fine, deportation and/or ROK prosecution. **Important Note:** Private tutoring is considered a business, not an employment, and is never allowed. For more information, contact Yongsan Client Legal Services DSN: 738-8111

## Alien Registration Card

Although not required for A-3 visa holders, it can be helpful to apply for an Alien Registration Card (ARC) when you first arrive. 4 reasons why:

- To open a full access Korean bank account for direct deposit.
- To purchase a Korean cell phone and plan
- If your child will attend Korean daycare or school (the international schools do not require ARCs) he/she will need an ARC before they can enroll.
- Some local vet clinics will require an ARC number.

The bottom line: ARCs are required for all non SOFA foreigners residing in Korea for more than 90 days. Obtaining one is free. If you are not sure if you will need one, it never hurts to get one just in case. You can visit Immigration yourself (2-week turn around) or visit the Passport office at BSC for assistance (4+ week turn around).



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestion:** If you have an ARC, you can get the store point/discount cards that save you money

# CELL PHONES & DIALING TO/FROM KOREA

## DIALING INSTRUCTIONS: TO/FROM KOREA

- To call a commercial number from a DSN line, first dial '99'.

### Dialing Instructions: From Korea To USA

002 + country code + area code + number

Ex. 002-1-234-567-8910 for U.S.

### Breakdown of An International Phone Number

- 011 = International call from the U.S.
- 82 = Korea's Country Code
- City Code:
  - Busan = 51                      Daegu = 53
  - Pyeongtaek/Osan = 31      Seoul = 2
  - Cell phones = 10 or 11

Ex. Call 051-212-3456 within Busan city: 212-3456

Ex. Call 051-212-3456 from in Korea: 051-212-3456

Calling into Korea: +82 XX XXXX YYYY. The leading "0" is dropped when dialing into South Korea from overseas.

Ex. Call 051-212-3456 from outside Korea: +82-51-212-3456

- Number is typically an eight digit number
- Google: "South Korea Telephone country codes" for more

### Calling Korean Cell Phone Numbers From The U.S.

To call a cell phone, if the Korean cell number is

010-1234-5678, dial 011-82-10-1234-5678

Cell phone prefixes are 010 or 011, drop the first number and add 011-82

### Calling DSN Numbers

Calling DSN Numbers from a State Side commercial phone

To call Korea from the U.S.: 011-82 + area code minus '0' number

- 011-82-31-619-XXXX (for a 754 prefix)
- 011-82-31-690-XXXX (for a 753 prefix)

Calling DSN Numbers from a commercial phone in Korea

- FOR DSN 762 PREFIX dial 055-540-XXXX  
From another DSN 315-762-XXXX
- FOR DSN 763 PREFIX dial 0503-363-XXXX
- FOR DSN 753 PREFIX dial 0503-353-XXXX
- FOR DSN 754 PREFIX dial 0503-354-XXXX
- FOR DSN 755 PREFIX dial 0503-355-XXXX
- FOR DSN 756 PREFIX dial 0503-356-XXXX

To dial an Air Force Installation you must dial a civilian prefix

- Kunsan AB dial 063-470-XXXX, Osan AB dial 031-661-XXX, Suwon AB dial 031-220-XXXX

## CELL PHONES:

International plans from U.S. Cell Phone provider are usually not practical for 1+year orders in Korea. Many current cellular or smart phones, if unlocked, will work on a Korea Cellular network. There are several ways to acquire a local Korean SIM card. We highly recommend going through the mobile phone service desk on base. For a phone to work in Korea, it needs to satisfy these requirements:

1. Be unlocked – Contact your cellular network provider before you leave the U.S. to determine if you phone is unlocked.
2. Have a SIM card slot .
3. Support LTE data (latest generation smart phones) that operates on bands 3, 8, and 26 in Korea. If your phone does not support one of these bands, it should still connect at 3G speeds using the WCDMA 2100 MHz frequency.
4. Support WCDMA 2100 MHz frequencies – this is most important, as this is the frequency band that most Korean networks run their 3G networks on; this capability is inherent to the phone.



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestion:** With the phone store at CFAC there are only specific models of unlocked phones they can work with or you have to purchase a Korean phone . You might want to drive to Daegu where there are multiple options for network providers and more unlocked phones they can set up.

### Keeping in touch abroad:

While a local Korean cell number is recommended for communicating within South Korea, international plans are not practical so service members and their families should explore the variety of other options to communicate abroad or back to the U.S..

Below is a list of commonly used applications to explore:

- KakaoTalk – text, video and call (used extensively in South Korea by everyone)
- Skype – text, call, video chat
- Facetime – video chat (Apple only)
- Facebook messenger – text, call, video
- WhatsApp – text, call, video
- Signal – text, call, video
- Voxel – text, walkie-talkie
- Viber – text, call

\*\*This list is not all-inclusive and new applications are available everyday. Ask your sponsor for recommendations.



# PCSing with PETS\*



*This information is subject to change—please check current regulations before traveling!*

**Pet Culture in Korea:** Owning pets is a relatively new phenomenon in Korea. Previously, animals had a very utilitarian purpose in people's lives – workers or food. It was not until the 1990s that it became more common for people to own dogs as pets and usually only small ones. If you plan to bring medium to large dogs to the peninsula, be patient with your neighbors and do not be surprised if people are afraid, cross the street when they see your dog, or even refuse to let you in the elevator.

Additionally, some housing areas may have a restriction on bringing pets and apartments almost exclusively do not have balconies or yards. Check with your sponsor and make sure the move is best for everyone in the family. The sponsor can contact the local veterinarian and get available information. You should compare what your sponsor gives you with what your local veterinarian tells you and settle any differences.

Your family should thoughtfully consider:

- Are my pets healthy/young/old enough to make the flight?
- Can my pet and family handle high rise apartment living, noise, and traffic?
- How many pets do you currently have? (Due to NEO evacuation process, only 2 dogs/cats per family are allowed)
- Who will care for my pet when on leave/TDY?
- Does my pet meet the requirements for entering Korea?
- What are the quarantine and general restrictions for my particular type of pet?

**ASAP! Contact a vet familiar with overseas travel to ensure you have enough time to complete all the requirements!**

**Transporting Pets:** If you intend to ship your pet, the first thing you need to do is to contact your local military and/or a veterinarian familiar with overseas travel. The veterinarian will give you the country-specific rules about required vaccinations, rabies antibodies (TITER/FAVN) tests, what the deadlines are and other pertinent medical advice. Additionally, contact your sponsor in Korea to see if they can help find answers to questions from their end.

Airline regulations tend to change, so confirm recent regulations before travel. To mitigate costs, try to have your pet accompany you on your flight. If your pet flies separately, the cost to you could be as high as \$2,000-3,000! In most cases, animals cannot be transported during extreme temperatures in the summer and winter. Each airline has its own regulations while Korea does as well. You will need an International Pet Carrier with extremely specific size requirements for your pet. Once you arrive at Incheon, unless your sponsor comes to pick you up at the airport, your pet **MUST** be transported in the underbelly of the bus.

The Travel Office does not book pet flights, but they can book your service member and family on a pet-friendly flight with the contracted airline Patriot Express or other airline if authorize to travel commercially. All costs associated with pet travel are at your expense. Commercial airline carriers may have specific pet policies or limitations that further restrict pet travel. Traveling with pets requires a lot of pre-planning. Do not forget to connect with your sponsors and read all the associated material related to travel and South Korean requirements. Just remember that everyone's experience traveling with pets is different and pre-planning as far in advance as possible will pay off.



## Transporting Pets Continued...

**Note:** Service members on unaccompanied orders to CFAC will stay in barracks/senior leader quarters and pets are not authorized in those facilities.

There are currently only two ports of entry for pets (dogs and cats) into the Republic of Korea (ROK):

**Osan Air Force Base** – Patriot Express Contracted Flight Note: Due to the absence of pet accommodations at Osan Air Base, the Osan Air Base Terminal is unable to accept pets traveling without their owners or a designated representative. Note: Designated representatives traveling with pets on the PATRIOT EXPRESS must possess a “Designation of Representative for Privately-Owned Small Animal” form signed by the pet owner.

**Incheon International Airport** – commercial and cargo arrivals

**Note:** Pets traveling without their owner or a designated representative must enter Korea through the Incheon International Airport.

There are no specific dog restrictions listed entering Korea; however, there are only a few airlines that transport animals either on the plane, as extra baggage, or as cargo and these airlines have specific guidelines for transporting certain breeds and larger dogs and may limit travel in cargo during months with extreme weather.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Valid, original rabies certificate plus 2 copies. Rabies vaccination must be over 30 days old but less than one year prior to entry
- Original, current, passing FAVN results
- Completed (no empty fields) health certificate (APHIS form 7001 and DD209) less than 10 days old when arriving in Korea (the original plus two copies.) (Military Vets are USDA representatives and therefore can issue the certificate without the hassle of visiting a State Office. Please utilize this option, it is far cheaper and requires less time.)
- Two copies of orders assigning owner to Korea
- If picking up from quarantine, bill of lading or Certificate of Excess Baggage, original signed.



For current information on importing and exporting pets from various countries, see the following [U.S. Department of Agriculture website](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/). (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/>)

Regulations and requirements can change and families planning to relocate with pets should review related documents below and the 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service Support) website at: [www.korea.amedd.army.mil/PCSing\\_with\\_Pets.html](http://www.korea.amedd.army.mil/PCSing_with_Pets.html)

**Quarantine:** The Quarantine Inspection Agency determines if your pet meets all requirements for entry into Korea. To help avoid quarantine, be sure you have a valid, original rabies certificate, original, current, passing FAVN results; and completed (no empty fields) health certificate (APHIS form 7001 and DD209). Follow instructions and checklists listed below in related documents.

If these requirements are not met, your pet will undergo quarantine for a 10-day period at your expense. When quarantine is required, all dogs and cats will be placed in the National Quarantine Station in Seoul.

**\*\*Birds:** There are very strict requirements for the importation of birds into Korea due to outbreaks of various avian diseases in different parts of the world, including the United States .

# EDUCATION

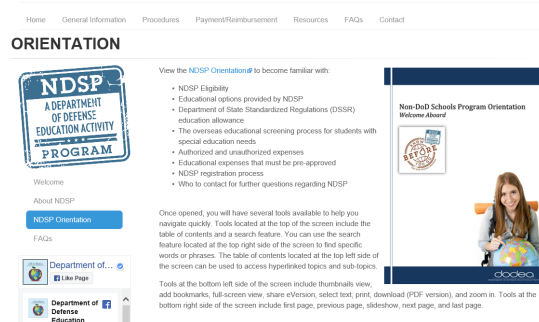
When you have orders please contact the **School Liaison Officer (SLO)** for current schools and information.

KOREA.SLO@fe.navy.mil  
DSN: 315.762.5381  
COMM: 82+ 055.540.5381

There are **no DODEA schools in Chinhae or Busan** but you still may find outdated information online about the CT Joy Elementary School that closed in June 2017. Families stationed in Chinhae and Busan take part in the non-DoD School Program (NDSP) and the children attend local international schools. The goal of the NDSP is to help with the cost of education in international locations as well as support for making the transition back to education in the United States as seamless as possible. The NDSP does not inspect or certify schools; families are given the opportunity to select the school that works best for the needs of their children.

The NDSP helps cover costs that would not normally be expenses for families in the states such as fees for tuition and enrollment, textbooks and transportation. These expenses that are covered by the NDSP are known as **allowable expenses**. Any expenses that will be the responsibility of the families are known as **non-allowable expenses**. These are expenses that would be covered by the parents if their children were attending school in the United States or at a Department of Defense Education Activities (DoDEA) school. These non-allowable expenses would include fees for meals, camps, field trips and uniforms amongst others.

All families will be allotted an education allowance to send their children to the international school of their choosing. Any fees, regardless of whether or not they are allowable or non-allowable expenses that exceed that annual education allowance will be the financial responsibility of the parents. Payment arrangements for any fees in excess of the education allowance will be arranged between the families and the schools. For more information on the NDSP and how it will support your child's education needs while stationed overseas, visit the website [www.dodea.edu/NDSP](http://www.dodea.edu/NDSP), and contact the School Liaison Officer.



All parents must take the NDSP online orientation **prior to registering** with the NDSP. The orientation is located at <https://www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/>



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestion:** Students in Chinhae are generally bussed to Busan private schools on a daily basis. If you have younger children or are uncomfortable with this, it may be possible for a family stationed at CFAC to live in Busan and the service member commute but your housing allowance will be based on Chinhae.

## ADULT EDUCATION

**CONTINUING EDUCATION** information is available at the Fleet & Family Support Center and service members and families have 24hr/7 days a week access to the FFSC Chinhae Computer Lab.

**DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM** A graduate degree program is available on base at Camp Henry (2 hours away).

**CLEP TESTING** is available only at National Test Centers located at Yongsan, Osan, Kunsan and Camp Henry.

The Fleet & Family Support Center can assist in contact information for these Test Centers.



FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT, KOREA



# NAVY HOUSEHOLD GOODS

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPPING PROCESS

Log on to [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) to request and manage your household goods shipment(s).

## ARRANGING HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPMENTS

Begin to plan what items will go in unaccompanied baggage (UB), in your household goods shipment (HHG), and remain behind in long-term, Non-Temporary Storage, or NTS. Here are some general things to consider:

- Weight allowances are restricted coming to Korea. Command sponsored families are authorized 50% of your normal JTR weight allowance while unaccompanied personnel are authorized only 25%.
- Homes in Korea are generally smaller than homes in the U.S. and there are very limited storage options in Korea.
- The electric current in off base housing is 220v and will require the use of adapters and/or converters to use U.S. electrical items. CFAC base housing, work spaces, and NGIS use 110v.



**How to reach Navy Household Good team:**

**1-855-HHG-MOVE (444-6683) or email: [householdgoods@navy.mil](mailto:householdgoods@navy.mil)**

**Customer website: <https://www.navsup.navy.mil/household>**

**YouTube: [www.youtube.com/navyhghg](http://www.youtube.com/navyhghg)**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/navyhghg](http://www.facebook.com/navyhghg)    Pinterest: [www.pinterest.com/navyhghg](http://www.pinterest.com/navyhghg)**

## WEBINARS & RECORDED VIDEOS

Have questions about your upcoming move? There are live webinars offered monthly, just visit the website and click on the session (the 4 topics listed below) you are interested in attending and follow the steps to enter the room. If using a NMCI government computer, Google Chrome is not compatible.



**Overseas** - Provides information for Navy members who are moving overseas and includes information on entitlements, authorized shipments, requesting a move and tips for shipping property to an overseas location. Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/NAVYHHG/videos/444084303000178/>

**Navy HHG webinar video series:** <https://www.facebook.com/pg/NAVYHHG/videos/>

**Moving Soon** - Provides information for Navy members who are moving for the first time or who are moving for the first time in quite a while and includes information on basic entitlements, explains the effective date of orders and why it's important, instructions for requesting a move and basic information on the move process in general.

Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/NAVYHHG/videos/1228410930657217/>

**Final Move – Retiring or Separating** - For Navy members who are separating or retiring from service, this video provides information on your basic entitlements and the move process, including instructions for requesting a move, as well as information for requesting an extension of your shipping entitlements.

Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/NAVYHHG/videos/253086215638546/>

**USN & Marine Corps Personally Procured Moves (PPMs)** - Provides information for Navy and Marine Corps members who are contemplating a Personally Procured Move (PPM), such as who can/cannot request the PPM Advance Operating Allowance, instructions for requesting a PPM and information and tips on how to submit your PPM Claim for final reimbursement. Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/NAVYHHG/videos/381168252724570/>

# PLANNING FOR A NEW HOUSE

## PLAN AHEAD

While you will receive Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) to cover expenses, it often takes a couple of months to go through. It is always recommended prior to any PCS (especially overseas) to start saving money when you learn of your move to help mitigate any financial hardship when you arrive.

## LOAN LOCKER ITEMS

DoD personnel are authorized loaner furnishings as available for 90 days while awaiting household goods. Items include small kitchen appliances (toasters, microwaves, coffee pots, etc.), dishes, cookware, couches, beds, and mattresses. Bed linens and towels are not included so please pack those in your suitcases or express shipment. The Korean loaner beds are slightly different sizes than U.S. beds, so consider bringing a size larger bedding, like a queen to fit a Korean full/double size. Contact your sponsor before you arrive to get assistance on these items prior to arrival.



**APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING** may be submitted at any time following the receipt of permanent change of station (PCS) orders. Submit an Application and Assignment to Military Family Housing, DD Form 1746 ([Housing Application DD Form 1746](#)), and a copy of the PCS orders by email ([CFACFamilyHousing@fe.navy.mil](mailto:CFACFamilyHousing@fe.navy.mil)) or in person by the sponsor. For more details on military family housing or community rentals, please visit the website below [https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnfc/installations/cfa\\_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center.html](https://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnfc/installations/cfa_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center.html)

## LIVING IN CHINHAЕ

**BARRACKS** - Unaccompanied sailors live both on and off base, depending on availability of barracks space and at their commander's discretion

**FAMILY HOUSING** - There are 50 family housing units available for military personnel. All furniture and appliances are provided in the housing units and may not be removed to make room for occupant's furniture. Family Housing is unable to store your excess furniture.

## LIVING IN BUSAN

**HOUSING**—Unaccompanied sailors and families live on the economy in a variety of apartments and areas. Single sailors on 1 year orders may have the option of living in a studio/1-bedroom hotel suite for convenience.

### CFAC FHRS – Family Housing Referral Service

COMM 055-540-5454 / DSN 315-762-5454

(from the U.S.: 011-82-55-540-5454)

[CFACFamilyHousing@fe.navy.mil](mailto:CFACFamilyHousing@fe.navy.mil)

### CFAC CSD - Allowances or Financial Issues

COMM 055-540-5203 / DSN 315-762-5203

### CAMP HENRY TMO – House Hold Good (HHG)

COMM 055-540-6539/6547/6794 /

DSN 768-6539, 6547, 6794

# WHAT TO/NOT TO PACK



## Sailor/Spouse's Suggestions:

### Tips in General:

#### Pack in your Express Shipment:

- Towels and larger bed linens or extra flats sheets for the Korean sized “loaner beds”—ex/use queen sized linens for a double size bed.
- Enough bedding for our American sized beds and large size towels. Things tend to run on the small size here.
- Basic household survival gear like first aid kits, flashlights, batteries, etc. in case of typhoons/storms.

#### Pack in your House Hold Goods Shipment:

##### Housing:

- Apartments can be quite spacious but extra storage is not common with few exceptions so bring what you use regularly.
- Holiday decor can be difficult to find or can be expensive here so bring what you need to feel at home during the holidays.
- Some modern apartments have curved walls and oversized American style furniture does not always fit so consider multi functional or non- room specific furniture pieces to ensure they will work here.
- Bring humidifiers, air purifiers, and filters if you are sensitive to air quality or purchase here.
- It is often difficult to, or not encouraged to hang artwork/shelves on the walls so consider storing most of those items in your non-temporary storage CONUS.
- Korean outlets are 220v. The landlord will provide 3 transformers for power conversion, but consider what you want to bring vs what might be easier/cheaper to buy here. Extra transformers are \$30-80.
- Some U.S. vacuums work good for a year using a transformer and then just kind of fizzle out. Using the transformers is hard on some electronics so consider purchasing some Korean appliances.
- Bedrooms might have walk-in closets, extra built in wall units, or might be very small (2-3ft wide) so you may or may not need extra dressers.

##### Clothing:

- Some baby items are hard to find or expensive.
- Larger size shoes—ex Women's size 9+ are very hard to find.
- L– XL + clothing items are very limited.



# SHIPPING YOUR VEHICLE

## Prep your Vehicle for Shipment

Sailors must be authorized on their PCS Orders to ship one privately owned vehicle (POV) at government expense. While not recommended, if you intend to ship additional vehicles, these are at your expense and you will need to be authorized by an exception to policy to register more than one SOFA POV. To ship your vehicle overseas, you will need to drop off your vehicle at a Vehicle Processing Center (VPC).

To make appointments, learn about shipping, or to track your POV shipment, visit the official [PCS My POV](https://www.pcsmypov.com) ([www.pcsmypov.com](https://www.pcsmypov.com)) website.

PCSMYPOV will have the most up-to-date guidance and regulation but here are some things to consider:

- **Maintenance:** Change old batteries, tires, oil, and do general car maintenance before shipping.
- **Clean & Wash:** Clean the inside and outside of your vehicle very well a day or so before shipping.
- **Photos & Video:** Take clear photos and video of each angle of the exterior and interior of your vehicle, and ensure inspection forms at VPC accurately reflect the condition of your vehicle.
- **Gas Tank:** Gas tank must be exactly 1/4 full or less when you turn in your vehicle or they will turn away your car.
- **Remove Personal Items:** Take out any personal or non- permanent accessories before dropping off your vehicle.

**NOTE:** Find out what damages the vehicle carrier covers and consider buying comprehensive insurance for transit.

The inspection form is your proof as to the condition of your vehicle prior to shipment. **ENSURE THAT IT IS ACCURATE**, take your time and don't feel rushed by inspectors.

**Vehicle Storage:** Vehicle storage may or may not be authorized unless specifically stated in orders. Read your orders carefully and ask beforehand if you are unsure of your entitlements.

**Shipping and Pick-up:** Arrive on-time to VPC appointment, complete inspection and associated paperwork. Keep your shipping summary and inspection forms - you will need them to pick-up your vehicle at the overseas VPC.

**For POV pickup:** Visit the website and click "pickup" tab where you will find information regarding the overseas VPC location.



### Sailor/Spouse's Suggestions:

- I wish I had know how bad the drivers and traffic are here, so many cars have dings and dents. I would've left my nice, brand-new car in storage and bought a cheap, used vehicle here.
- Many parking lots and public parking garages are on the smaller side so if you have a large "American size" SUV/truck/van there may be some limitations.
- The Korean insurance company was very reasonable, we just weren't prepared to pay 1 full year in advance so shop around and ask questions.

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# WHEN YOU ARRIVE

## Unofficial Simplified Checklist

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### WHAT

Obtain SOFA Stamp in Passport  
Get A-3 Stamp in Passports  
Apply for Ration Card for on Base Shopping  
Register your Vehicle  
Register for Tricare Remote or Standard  
Register Families for United Concordia Dental  
Schedule on/off base housing viewing service  
Talk to School Liaison Officer  
Visit Loan Locker to borrow household articles  
Open local bank account (if needed)

### WHERE

CFAC (PSD) or Busan Storage Center (BSC)  
Before you arrive, CFAC (PSD) or BSC  
CFAC (Admin) or BSC  
CFAC (Security) or BSC  
<http://www.tricare-overseas.com>  
[www.uccitdp.com](http://www.uccitdp.com)  
Housing Office  
CYP/CDC Chinhae  
Fleet & Family Support Office  
Community Bank



# GETTING TO KOREA & CFAC TAXIS

\* Passports are not needed for active duty personnel. Your military ID card and orders are sufficient to pass through customs.

\* Passports and visas ARE required for family members.

## Preferred Route

The most convenient way to get to COMFLEACT Chinhae and Busan is to fly to Narita Airport (Japan), change flights and fly into Busan (Gimhae) International Airport just outside the city of Busan. Here you can be met by your sponsor and driven back to COMFLEACT which is about 30 miles away.

## Secondary Route

If you are unable to arrive by the preferred route, then arrive at Incheon International Airport (IIA) the main international airport in Korea. Now IIA has Terminal 1 and newly built Terminal 2, so please aware of which terminal your flight is arriving at before your arrival. Arrive at Incheon Airport and follow the "Transfer" sign. Pass through Security Check in the Floor 2 Transfer Area (\* boarding pass or e-ticket required). Passengers without a boarding pass must visit the Transfer Desk. Check the boarding gate and move to Floor 3 Boarding Area.



Busan International Airport website <http://www.airport.co.kr/gimhaeeng/main.do>

Incheon International Airport website <https://www.airport.kr/ap/en/index.do>

## Important Advice

Please contact your sponsor before arriving in Korea and inform him/her of delays or changes in flight details.

Should your flight from CONUS arrive too late for the last flight to Gimhae (Busan) at 2030, contact an airline attendant prior to landing in Seoul and ask for overnight lodging assistance. Normally airline policy is to arrange lodging if they deem their late arrival caused your missed connection. Hotels in Seoul are expensive, if you are forced to stay in Seoul overnight, call your sponsor and the CFAC OOD in Chinhae (011-82-55-540-5111 (or CNFK Quarter Deck 011-82-050-3363-8023) as soon as possible. Let them know when you expect to depart the Seoul Domestic terminal the next day. Call the COMFLEACT OOD the next day at the boarding gate and re-confirm your departure time.



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestions:** It's common enough for small delays to make your bags miss a flight and get delivered a few hours or days after. Make sure you have a clean uniform and clothes (for the whole family) and essentials in your carry on. Always carry your paperwork with you!!

## TAXIS WITH CHINHAE BASE ACCESS

The following taxi drivers speak a little English and are authorized to get onto base  
**Mr. Bae 010-4585-9891 // Mr. Seo 010-3870-1333 // Mr. Go 010-6382-1347**

Simple translation English to Korean

### 1. Please take me to CFAC

진해(Chinhae) 여좌동(Yeo jhwa dong) 미 해군부대(CFAC) 에 가주세요(Ga Ju She Yo).

### 2. CFAC is located near to ChinHae Girl's High School

진해(Chinhae) 여고(Yeo Go) 근처 (Gun Chuh) 입니다( Eep Nee Dah).

### 3. Please take me to Changwon Central Train station.

창원(Changwon) 중앙(Joongang) 역(Yeok) 으로 (Eu roh) 가주세요(Ga Ju seh Yo).



## CFAC SHUTTLE SERVICE

# SHUTTLE SERVICE



## GIMHAE AIRPORT SHUTTLE

**CALL DSN: (315) 762.5386 / COMM: 055.540.5386**

Reservations must be made at least 4 days in advance.

Shuttle service departs from CFAC only. No off base pickup.

The rates below are based on one way transportation with a 2.5 hour time estimate. Additional fees will be charged for trips taking longer than 2.5 hours.

	Starex Van (1-9 PAX)	Mini-Bus (25 PAX)	Bus (45 PAX)
DAYTIME(0600-2200)	\$45	\$50	\$60
NIGHT TIME(2200-0600)	\$65	\$70	\$80
HOLIDAY	\$70	\$85	\$95



# MUST KNOW INFORMATION

## PERSONAL SECURITY

Overall, Korea is extremely safe compared with the United States. There is very little violent crime and it is generally quite safe to be out on the street, even at night. Theft from both homes and autos does, however, occur but can often be prevented. One situation that Americans must be very careful to avoid is any kind of protest gathering. Protests and demonstrations are common in Korea and can quickly turn violent. Lately there have been a number of demonstrations outside of U.S. installations, as well as protest marches in Seoul and other cities. Even if the purpose of the protest does not seem to involve the U.S. or its military (such as a labor strike) **stay away**. Demonstrations are emotional events that can easily spin out of control.

Some tips for staying safe:

- **Use the buddy system** whenever you are out and about off base. If that's not possible, at least inform someone as to where you're going and when you expect to return.
- If you do see a demonstration, **leave the area as fast as possible**. Find another way on or off base if a protest group is gathered around an entrance. It's better to be late than to find yourself in a dangerous situation.
- If you're heading to another installation, **check the board** at the main gate of CFAC for Korea-wide demonstration warnings. Further information is available on the command channel or by calling the Security, 762-5345.
- Use common sense: **keep car and house doors locked**, even in broad daylight. Never leave any valuables in the car, even in the trunk. Cars are most often broken into as a result of leaving military gear or personal items in plain sight.
- **Always carry your SOFA card** with emergency telephone numbers and translations of important Korean phrases.
- **Carrying a cell phone** can increase your sense of security. Preprogram emergency numbers so you can call quickly in a crisis.
- **Practice situational awareness**. Always be alert and aware of your surroundings, trust your instincts, and avoid situations that might be troublesome.

### KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE



The Korean National Police (KNP) generally have primary jurisdiction over crimes that occur off base, except when both suspect and victim are USFK personnel. If you are the victim of a crime, contact CFAC Security (DSN) 762-5345 / (COMM) 055-540-5345. At that point you may connect to an English-speaking Korean National Criminal Investigator, who is on call there 24 hours a day. In an emergency involving immediate risk to life or limb, the U.S. MA's can and will respond. If you should be detained by the KNP, show your SOFA card or ID, contact the Security, and be polite, **DO NOT sign anything**.

## NONCOMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATIONS (NEO)



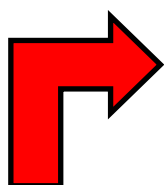
Due to the precarious nature of relations between North and South Korea, U.S. citizens residing here must be prepared to evacuate on short notice during a crisis. The USFK holds a readiness drill twice a year. Participation is mandatory for all military dependents and strongly encouraged for other U.S. citizens. Each unit has a military member, the NEO warden, who will contact you before each exercise to make sure your NEO binder of important personal, family, and PCS documents is in order along with a bag of emergency supplies.

During the exercise, spouses/dependents must report to a specific location. At the location, you will undergo a walk-through of the evacuation procedures, have all your documents checked, and receive briefings on real emergency procedures, all of which lasts about an hour.

# EMERGENCY READINESS - TYPHOONS

No matter where you have lived, there is potential for natural disasters of some kind. Here in Korea, one of the main annual events to be prepared for is “Typhoon Season” which are tropical storms and similar to hurricanes. The information is important to be prepared and stay safe!

Your chain of command should push out updates via email and social media so check periodically if you don’t hear directly—one easy source is [www.Facebook.com/USFK](http://www.Facebook.com/USFK)




Tropical cyclone warnings are identified as **Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR)**.

TCCOR 1 through 4 alert personnel to the wind speed and estimated arrival time of an incoming tropical cyclone.

TCCORs are graduated states of readiness based on the forecast onset of 50 knot (57 mph) winds.

TCCOR declarations are “orders” and you need to take them seriously because your safety is no joking matter! Conditions may not look so bad where you are, but they can change fast, and you can get caught in a violent storm or resulting flood without warning.



## TCCOR Personal Readiness Checklist

*For the latest TCCOR updates sign up for AThoC messaging and follow the CNFK Command and Ombudsman Facebook pages!*

**TCCOR 4**  
**Command Message Registration**  
*Service members should sign themselves and their family members up for the command messaging system to receive the latest weather updates.*

**Emergency Belongings**  
*Place all important documents in a waterproof, portable container.*

**Medical Preparedness**  
*Make sure any medications or medical supplies you or your family require including extra eye glasses are on hand.*

**Sanitation**  
*Ensure you have all of the cleanliness and hygiene products required to keep yourself and your home sanitary.*

**Security**  
*Ensure all window and door locks function properly.*

**TCCOR 3**  
**First Aid**  
*Inspect your first aid kit to ensure it is complete and well stocked.*

**TCCOR 2**  
**Food and Water**  
*Ensure you have a four-day supply of non-perishable foods and water for each dependent.*

**Pets**  
*Ensure you have a four-day supply of food and water plus sanitation and medications for each of your pets.*

**Tools**  
*Make sure your flashlight, portable radio, and cell phone are fully charged with a supply of extra batteries.*

**TCCOR 1**  
**Security**  
*Ensure all doors and windows are secured. Move POV to secured parking garage avoiding surge and flood zones.*

**TCCOR 1C/1E/1R**  
**Personal Safety**  
*Ensure all dependents remain indoors. Beware of storm surges near the ocean and rivers.*

**SAFETY NOTES**

- 1) High rise towers are designed to withstand typhoons.
- 2) If you live close to the ocean and/or rivers expect storm surges.
- 3) Protect your personal belongings by parking in secured parking spaces. If underground, avoid the bottom basement floor due to flooding.
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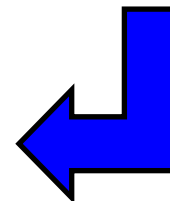
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- **MEDICAL.** Ensure all dependents have the required medications as needed, to include but not limited to, heart and blood pressure, insulin, prescription drugs, denture needs, contact lenses and supplies, extra eye glasses.
- **TOILETRIES.** Toilet paper, soap, liquid detergent, feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, plastic garbage bags, ties, plastic bucket with tight lid, disinfectant, household chlorine bleach.
- **FIRST AID.** Adhesive bandages, sterile dressing, germicidal hand wipes, waterless alcohol-based sanitizer, antiseptic wipes, 2 pair large medical grade non-latex gloves, adhesive tape, anti-bacterial ointment, cold pack, scissors, tweezers.
- **FOOD & WATER.** Water, ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, canned juices, spices, high energy foods, vitamins.
- **PETS.** Food, sanitary products, medications.
- **TOOLS.** Flashlight, batteries, battery powered portable radio, tools, cell phone battery.

**TCCOR ALL CLEAR**  
*Conduct rounds and inspect for personal property damage to include vehicles. Notify chain of command and staff duty officer.*

**Being prepared is the best way to combat stress when a Typhoon is coming.**

Good rule of thumb to be prepared for most natural disasters is to have 3 days supplies on hand.

See this list for other items to prepare!



**Sailor/Spouse’s Suggestions:** We’re normally a very “winter weather incident” prepared family but never considered typhoons as we PCSed midsummer. It also never occurred to us to make sure we had basic household survival gear like flashlights, batteries, etc in our air/express shipment BUT the nice thing about typhoons is all the advance warning so we had time to get some items together just in case.





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# OFF-LIMIT AREAS & ESTABLISHMENTS

For current information on curfew and buddy regulations and policies, or any other USFK regulation please visit the USFK website <http://www.usfk.mil/>

**USFK Curfew:** Within the first 30 days of arrival, sailors must be in their government-provided off base berthing from 2300 to 0500 regardless of liberty status.

## Off Limits Information

USFK Reg 190-2 (21FEB12) <https://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/site/resource/off-limits.asp>

The areas and establishments listed below have been declared off-limits for safety, health, or operational considerations for all personnel subject to this regulation, except as noted. Additional off-limits areas will be determined by Area Commanders in accordance with paragraph 4.

- a. All tattoo parlors and body piercing shops. This paragraph does not apply to personnel listed in Applicability paragraphs (d) and (e).
- b. All houses of prostitution. A house of prostitution is defined as any building or structure where prostitution or the promotion of prostitution (engaging in any sexual activity with another person for a fee) is regularly carried on by one or more persons under the control, management, or supervision of another.
- c. The ROK public streets, roads, and highways during the hours of curfew when established by the ROK Government. Travel during curfew hours is permitted, in emergencies or when performing official duties.
- d. In accordance with the ROK Ministry of Home Affairs notice #89-9, dated 1 December 1989, the ROK Government curfew areas north of civilian control line at the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) affecting 16 Ups and Myons of Kangwa, Kimpo, Paju and Yonchon in Kyonggi Province, 20 Ups and Myons of Chorwon, Hwachon, Yanggu, Inje, and Kosong in Kangwon Province, 13 islands near the DMZ in Kyonggi Province, and seas within three (3) nautical miles of coast. Travel is permitted in these areas in emergencies or when performing official duties.



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## USFK Off Limits Areas

- All tattoo parlors and body piercing shops
- All “Glass Houses”, or prostitution establishments. Known locations of Glass Houses within Area IV:
  - Train Station Area, Daegu
  - Rock Alley Glass Houses, Busan
  - Haeundae Beach, Busan
  - Green Street, Busan
  - Texas Street – Busan (Navy and Marines Only)

It is relatively safe to travel throughout Korea. Always check with the base security or NCIS Agent representative to find out which areas are off limits.

# RATION CONTROL & CARDS

The ration control program exists in order to prevent black marketing, the sale or transfer of duty-free goods to unauthorized persons. All dependents will be issued a ration control plate (RCP), which is presented when making purchases at the Commissary, PX, Class Six store, and elsewhere. Active duty military members merely present their ID. Your military sponsor must apply for it on your behalf with his/her unit Ration Control clerk. You will receive a temporary card until the permanent one is ready, usually within a few weeks. In case of loss or theft, notify the Security's and Admin.

Certain goods may be purchased in limited quantities only. They are:

**MONTHLY LIQUOR LIMITS.** Were set for 3 units for single/unaccompanied personnel and 5 units for accompanied personnel.

Change - only affects accompanied personnel. Change will reflect 3 units for sponsor and 2 additional units for every family member 21 years of age and older.

Example - a family of three, sponsor/spouse/son (21) monthly liquor ration would be 7 vice 5.

No change for single/unaccompanied personnel. Monthly limit remains at 3.

**MONTHLY BEER LIMITS.** Were set for 8 cases a month for accompanied/unaccompanied.

Change now reflects 6 cases a month for single/unaccompanied. Change will reflect 6 units for sponsor and 2 additional units for every family member 21 years of age and older.

Example - sponsor and spouse (over 21) would still remain 8 units per month and would increase by 2 units per month for every additional family member over 21.

## OTHER CONTROLLED ITEMS

Diamonds/diamond jewelry

Watches above \$200

Cosmetics above \$50

Perfume above \$50

Furniture above \$200

Golf clubs more than \$50

Air conditioners

Washers/Dryers

Stoves, refrigerators, freezers

Color TV's/monitors above 27"

Computer hardware (including monitors, hard drives, printers)

# WIC OVERSEAS

*Infants - Children - Pregnant Women - Postpartum Women - Breastfeeding Women*



**The WIC Overseas Program provides  
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- DoD Civilian Employees & their Family Members
- DoD Contractors & their Family Members

**Contact us now to see if you qualify:**

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Camp Walker Soldier Support Center

Bldg 330, Room 217

DSN763-5989/From Cell:0503-363-5989

Office Hours T-W-TH 0800-1630

candy.n.mirafloresctr@mail.mil



FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT, KOREA

# FFSC KOREA LOAN LOCKER

**New to Korea? Ready to PCS again?  
Stop by Fleet & Family Support Center to  
checkout a hospitality kit with household  
essentials from our Loan Locker.**

Kits can be checked out for 30 days at a time. All items must be returned in the condition in which they were issued.

***Loaner Items Includes:***

Dining sets & utensils  
Small kitchen appliances  
And more!



**Contact us to make an appointment**

Chinhae: DSN (315) 762-5566/5385

Busan: COMM (051) 714-0829

E-mail: [FFSCKOREA@fe.navy.mil](mailto:FFSCKOREA@fe.navy.mil)

[www.facebook.com/KOREAFFR](http://www.facebook.com/KOREAFFR)



# HOUSING ON BASE

## BARRACKS

Unaccompanied sailors live both on and off base, depending on availability of barracks space and at their commander's discretion

[https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnfk/installations/cfa\\_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center.html](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnfk/installations/cfa_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center.html)

## FAMILY HOUSING

There are 50 family housing units available for military personnel. We have some of best housing that you will see in the Navy. All furniture and appliances are provided in the housing units and may not be removed to make room for occupant's furniture. Family Housing is unable to store your excess furniture.

### *Eligibility*

Military family housing is available to: Active duty service members with Command-sponsored family members, Married active duty members who are both assigned to Chinhae, DOD civilian employees with Command-sponsored family members and transportation agreements. This includes single parents with legal custody of Command-sponsored children who live with them for at least 9 consecutive months of the year. In some instances, people eligible for housing may not be assigned housing or housing may be unavailable. (UCMJ)

### *Availability*

On base housing is generally available to all command sponsored active duty personnel with no waiting periods. Playgrounds are located within housing areas. Youth Center, picnic areas, gym, bowling center, commissary, exchange, chapel, library and school are within walking distance to on post housing.

### *Applying for Housing*

Applicants for Government quarters will submit an Application and Assignment to Military Family Housing, DD Form 1746 ([Housing Application DD Form 1746](#)), along with a copy of their orders to the housing organization at the Field Activity where they are seeking housing. Application forms and orders may be submitted by mail, in person by the sponsor, or by a member of the sponsor's immediate family. Application may be submitted at any time following the receipt of homeport or permanent change of station (PCS) orders. The housing organization, upon receipt of a member's application, will immediately provide the member with a Status of Housing Availability, (DD Form 1747), to inform them of the conditions of assignment to, or the availability of, family housing.

For more details, please visit the website below and look for the PDF link near the bottom of the page:

[https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnfk/installations/cfa\\_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center/military-family-housing.html](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnfk/installations/cfa_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center/military-family-housing.html)

**CFAC – Family Housing Referral Service**  
COMM 055-540-5454 / DSN 315-762-5454  
(from the U.S.: 011-82-55-540-5454)  
[CFACFamilyHousing@fe.navy.mil](mailto:CFACFamilyHousing@fe.navy.mil)

**BUSAN – Housing Referral Service**  
COMM 051-714-0843

(from the U.S.: 011-82-51-714-0843)  
**CFAC CSD - Allowances or Financial Issues**  
COMM 055-540-5203 / DSN 315-762-5203

**CAMP HENRY TMO – House Hold Good (HHG)**  
COMM 055-540-6539/6547/6794 /  
DSN 768-6539, 6547, 6794



# HOUSING ON THE ECONOMY



Living in Chinhae or Busan means apartments buildings, tiny streets and possibly using public transportation on a regular basis. This can take a bit of getting used to and it is often hard to determine exactly how much space you need or will be able to secure once you arrive. Generally, however, three and four bedroom apartments are the norm and well within DoD allotted price ranges. Your sponsor will have loads of information for you on this but also reach out to the Housing Office for additional information. The Housing Office will recommend realtors who are familiar with the way the military/DoD housing contracts must work, *however, you are not limited to any specific agent or neighborhood* so try not to feel pressured or feel rushed.

It is recommended to utilize the housing office to facilitate the lease agreements and move in process and the landlord /realtor must submit Property Ownership document for housing review and verification.

There are many options and the right apartment within your budget for your family is out there. Korean houses and apartments can be very nice but it is still difficult to completely meet the U.S. Standard such as size, electric voltage, garage, etc. Everything is negotiable as well so remember that when requesting things like full size refrigerator, water delivery, black out curtains, and transformers.

All off-base housing units must be certified as adequate by housing representative. Housing is the approval authority on entitlements and allowances. Additionally, you can not change off-base units without prior inspection and certification of the unit.

Visit CFAC Housing's website below and look for the PDF link near the bottom of the page: [https://www.cnfc.navy.mil/regions/cnfc/installations/cfa\\_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center/community-rental-housing.html](https://www.cnfc.navy.mil/regions/cnfc/installations/cfa_chinhae/ffr/housing-service-center/community-rental-housing.html).

## PLAN AHEAD

While you will receive Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) to cover expenses, it often takes a couple months to go through. It is always recommended prior to any PCS (especially overseas) to start saving money when you learn of your move to help mitigate any financial hardship when you arrive.

## LOAN LOCKER ITEMS

DoD personnel are authorized loaner furnishings as available for 90 days while awaiting household goods. Items include small kitchen appliances (toasters, microwaves, coffee pots, etc.), dishes, cookware, blankets, couches, beds, and mattresses. Contact your sponsor before you arrive to get assistance on these items prior to arrival.

## PAYING YOUR UTILITIES & RENT

South Korea uses the won (as indicated by KRW or W). Utilities and Rent are paid separately and both are due each month in Korean currency. There are three options to pay each your bills month:

- (1) If you open a Korean bank account you can wire transfer the money directly to the landlord to avoid cash.
- (2) If you prefer to play the exchange rate game, landlords will accept cash but be sure to secure a receipt each month as you will have no other evidence of payment.
- (3) There are fee-based services that will transfer funds for you from your American bank account to pay any utilities, rent, or bills you receive on the dates you specify each month. They will also notify you of any changes and translate bills received that you can review by logging into their website.

# CHINHAE—BRINGING VISITORS ON BASE

**1 Day:** U.S. citizens without a military ID can get a day pass. They must have **two pictures ID's**, be signed in at the main gate, escorted by their sponsor or host at all times, and signed out again before midnight of the same day. A U.S. Passport is one form of ID but will not be exchanged for a base pass.

**More than 1 day:** Those who live in a BOQ/BEQ may be allowed to have visitors stay in their quarters for an extended period. Proper authorization from the installation commander is required. Guests may be eligible for a temporary ID card that will be valid for the duration of the visit on this installation only. Those living off base must sign visitors in each day. Nationals from certain countries may not be permitted on base at all or only for limited circumstances. Check with the Security for current policies regarding foreign citizens

**All non-military visitors must be escorted by their host all times!** They may not be dropped off at the pool, gym, or elsewhere. Failure to comply can result in the visitor's immediate removal from base, being barred from future visits, and the sponsor's loss of escort privileges.

## PET REGISTRATION & VET TREATMENTS



**Registration & Vaccinations:** Dogs and cats must be registered at a vet clinic (generally Daegu) within 10 working days of their arrival. Dogs must be vaccinated yearly against rabies, distemper, adenovirus type 2, leptospirosis, parvovirus, parainfluenza and corona virus. They should also be on heartworm as a precaution year-round as this disease is becoming increasingly prevalent in the country. Cats must be vaccinated yearly against rabies, panleukopenia, calicivirus and rhinotracheitis. It is recommended that they also be vaccinated for leukemia virus. Your local Korean vet can help keep you up to date on all required vaccinations. For current information on importing and exporting pets from various countries, visit the Dept. of Agriculture's website listed below.

During registration of your pet, you will receive information about the procedures for Non-Combatant Evacuation (NEO) of your pet. The two main points: current rabies vaccination, within one year, and pets are required to be micro chipped for permanent identification purposes.

**There are no veterinary services or pet boarding kennels available on the Chinhae base.**

**Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF):** The closest on base Veterinary Clinic to Chinhae and Busan is Camp Walker in Daegu, 2 hours away but they also makes periodic visits to the CFAC base. The VTF provides routine and urgent medical care for pets. The clinic also has a stray animal facility that can help you to adopt a healthy pet. The low fee includes health exam, spay/neuter, first vaccinations, and parasite testing and control. All animal deaths must be reported immediately to the VTF. Busan & Chinhae have local Korean veterinary clinics to choose from and many speak excellent English, especially in Busan.



**The military community and expat Facebook groups can provide many suggestions for veterinarians and boarding options in your area.**

**Kennel Services:** Many local vet clinics also provide kenneling services if you plan to take a trip out of town. The price can be expensive however, ranging anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 won depending on the size of the animal and length of time.



**On Base Pet Policy & Regulations:** On base regulation states that all animals will be on a leash at all times. Verbal control is insufficient. It is always the owner's responsibility to control the animal, not the citizen's responsibility to avoid the animal. Animal bites will be reported to the nearest Medical Treatment Facility. Animals involved in the bite incident will be required to undergo a 10 day quarantine which may be at home and is at the installation veterinarian's discretion. Animals involved in more than one bite, or animals involved in a serious bite incident may be banned from base. It is your responsibility as an animal owner to keep your pet's vaccinations (rabies) current (within one year).

Upon in-processing with the Housing Division, applicants who are authorized to bring domestic pets to Korea will initiate a pet registration form. By signing the pet registration form, applicants acknowledge that they have read, understand, and will comply with all provisions outlined in the Community policy. All animals residing on government installations will be registered within 10 days of arrival. Chipping of registered on-base animals is a requirement. Bring your vaccination records with you and you will be issued a current rabies tag. Animals are vaccinated yearly for rabies in Korea. Dogs and cats require certificates of immunization for rabies prior to registration. Other required immunizations must be accomplished IAW the schedule provided by the VTF. Animals will not be permitted to enter tennis courts, swimming areas, exchange facilities, Commissaries, theaters, bowling lanes, BOQ/BEQ, dining facilities, playgrounds, gymnasiums, picnic areas, athletic fields, clubs, or any facility where food or drinks are served.

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**Exportation of Pets from Korea:** To leave the Republic of Korea, by Korean law, all dogs and cats must have proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year (not sooner than 30 days), a U.S. health certificate (from your military veterinarian) issued within 10 days of departure, and a Korean health certificate, preferably on the day of departure. The Korean health certificate may be obtained up to three days prior to departure.

To obtain a Korean health certificate, take the animal with the rabies certificate and the U.S. health certificate to the Korean Animal Quarantine Office (KAQO) located at Incheon International Airport, 011-82-032-740-2660. The Korean veterinarian will issue the health certificate while you wait. There is a 10,000 won (approx. \$9) fee for this service.

Animals that meet the above requirements to leave Korea will automatically meet the requirements to enter the United States. Animal owners traveling from the ROK to Hawaii or countries other than the United States should contact their local military veterinarian for specific importation requirements.



**Special requirements for birds:** There are very strict requirements for the importation of birds into Korea due to outbreaks of various avian diseases in different parts of the world, including the United States. Birds that do not meet the importation requirements are often euthanized so it is imperative that you research all the requirements thoroughly before you decide to bring a bird of any type into Korea. These requirements can change so the information provided here is subject to change. Bringing birds back into the United States can be difficult for the exact same reasons.



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Bldg. 711, 1st floor

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COMM: 055-540-5385 / 5566

DSN: 315-762-5385 / 5566

- Computer Lounge – open 24/7
  - Education Counseling
  - Life Skills Workshops
  - Korean Language Classes

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## BUSAN FFSC

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Hours: 0800-1600 M-F

COMM: 051-714-0829/0857

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    - Welcome Aboard Info
    - Command Sponsorship Training
    - Lending Locker & PCS Resources
    - New Spouse Orientation
  - **Personal Financial Management**
  - **Clinical Counseling & SAIL**
  - **Life Skills Education**
    - Goal Setting
    - Stress Management
    - Communication Skills
    - Test Taking Strategies
  - **Transition Assistance & Employment Programs**
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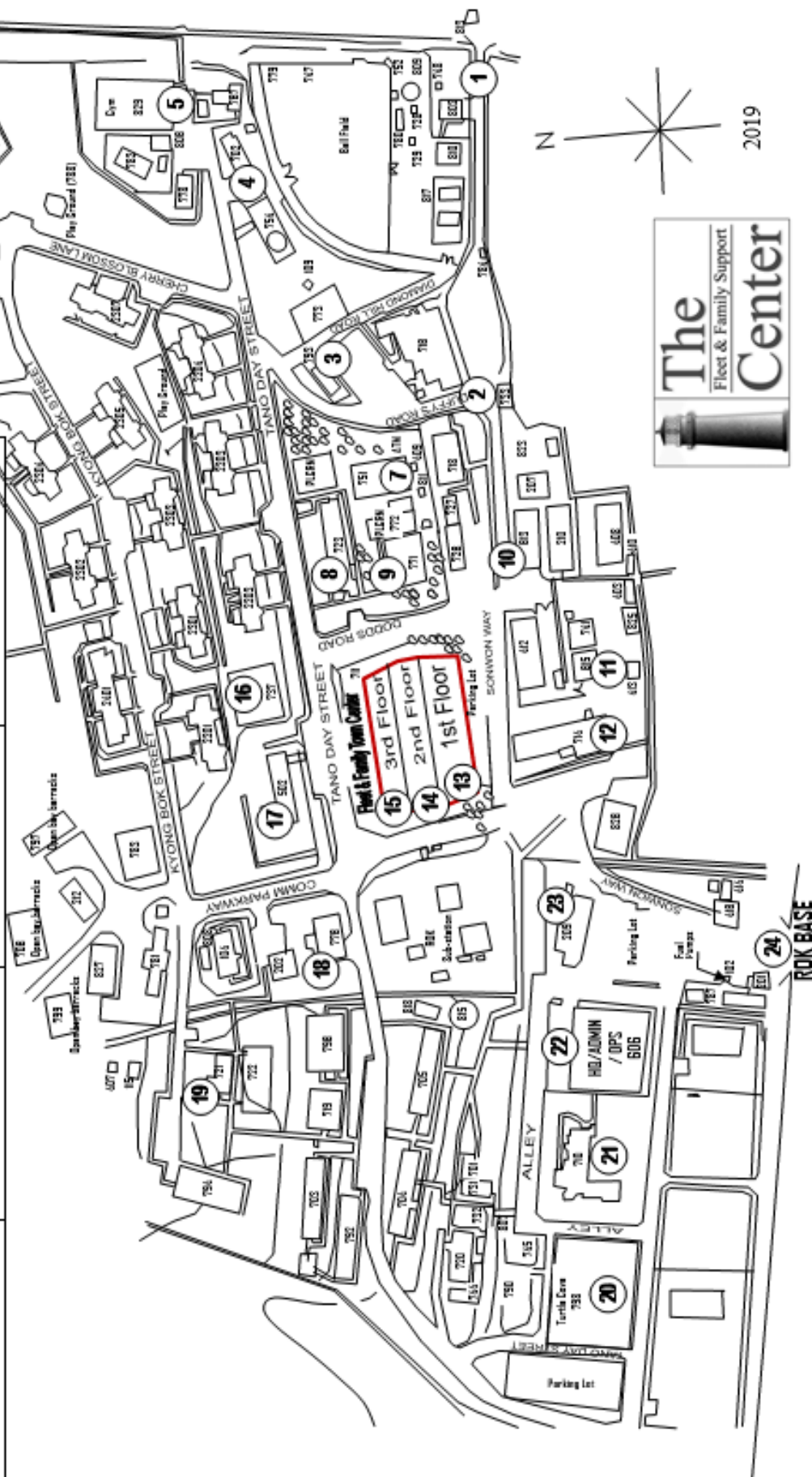
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1. Main Gate	2. Pass & ID	3. Laundromat	4. CYP
5. Gym	6. Family Housing	7. MWR Admin	8. RSARC
9. Chapel	10. Public Works	11. Supply	12. Golden Anchor Bowling Ctr
13. Fleet & Family Town Center 1st Fl: <b>Fleet &amp; Family Support Center</b> / Post Office / Mini Exchange / Phone shop/ CSD/ Barber			
14. Fleet & Family Town Center 2nd Fl: Commissary/ Community Bank/ ATM			
15. Fleet & Family Town Center 3rd Fl: Auditorium/ Community Rec Ctr/ 3rd Deck Food Eatery			
16. Fire Station	17. Medical Clinic	18. Security	19. UH/Lodging office
20. Turtle Cove Restaurant	21. Chart & Pilot House	22. HQ. / ADMIN / OPS	23. Transportation
24. Back Gate			



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# CHINHAE PHONE ROSTER

**OFF BASE** // Emergency Services: 119 // Police Non -Emergency: 112 // U.S. Embassy: 02-397-4114

To call a CFAC 762 DSN from a Commercial phone: 055-540-XXXX

## **CFAC COMMAND LEADERSHIP (N00)**

**SDO** 010-6252-1184

**OMBUDSMAN** (COMM) 010-2820-0382

## **CHAPLAIN DEPARTMENT (00C) (32778)**

**CHAPLAIN**

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT (N01F) (32778)**

**EMERGENCIES: FIRE DEPARTMENT** 911

**EMERGENCIES NON DSN** 055-540-5110

## **SECURITY DEPARTMENT (N01S) (46192)**

**EMERGENCY DISPATCHER**

911/ (DSN) 762-5345 (COMM) 055-540-5927

**SECURITY OFFICER**

(DSN) 762-5268 (COMM) 055-540-5268

**VISITOR CENTER**

(DSN) 762-5399 (COMM) 055-540-5399

**VRO/ DBIDS**

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## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (N8) (62494)**

**PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE DESK**

(DSN) 762-5311 (COMM) 055-540-5311

**AFTER HOURS PUBLIC WORKS DUTY OFFICER**

010-3591-5281

## **HHG COORD (DAEGU)**

(DSN) 768-6792

## **BRANCH HEALTH CLINIC (49338)**

**IDC**

(DSN) 762-5393 (COMM) 055-540-5393

**DUTY CORPSMAN** 010-7120-2498

## **UH/NGIS (N932)**

**FRONT DESK**

(DSN) 762-5336/5771 (COMM) 055-540-5336/5771

**LAUNDRY**

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## **FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICE (N91)**

**REGIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SEXUAL ASSAULT  
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**WORK & FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT**

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## **MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION (N92)**

**COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER**

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(DSN) 762-5382 (COMM) 055-540-5382

**TRIPS & TOURS & MWR MOVIE THEATER**

(DSN) 762-5386 (COMM) 055-540-5386

**FITNESS / SPORTS / RECREATION EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

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**AQUATICS**

(DSN) 762-5364 (COMM) 055-540-5364

**TURTLE COVE / CATERING**

(DSN) 762-5350 (COMM) 055-540-5350

**3<sup>rd</sup> DECK EATERY**

(DSN) 762-5358 (COMM) 055-540-5358

## **FAMILY HOUSING (N931)**

**REFERRAL ASST.**

(DSN) 762-5273 (COMM) 055-540-5273

**BUSAN REFERRAL ASST.**

(COMM) 051-714-0843

**HOUSING CLERK**

(DSN) 762-5454/5219 (COMM) 055-540-5454/5219

## **COMMISSARY**

**SUPPORT CLERK**

(DSN) 762-5327 (COMM) 055-540-5327

## **AAFES EXCHANGE**

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## **COMMUNITY BANK**

(DSN) 762-5109 (COMM) 055-540-5109

## **POST OFFICE**

(DSN) 762-5803/5135 (COMM) 055-540-5803/5135

Tear/Cut out and place somewhere handy like your vehicle or refrigerator

# MWR FACILITIES

## Community Recreation Center, BLDG. 711

DSN: 762.5386 | COMM: 055.540.5386  
MWRChinhaeRecreation@fe.navy.mil

- Liberty Lounge
- Library
- Movie Theater
- 3rd Deck Food Court

Assistance with:

- Sign Up for Trips, Tours and Leisure Skills Classes
- DVDs, Books and Video Game Check-Out
- Information Referral and Assistance
- Travel and Ticket Information
- Rentals for Outdoor Gear, Parties, Facilities

## Turtle Cove, BLDG. 798

DSN: 762.5350 | COMM: 055.540.5350

- Bar / VIP Room / Main Dining

## Pavilion and Picnic Area, BLDG. 754

## Golden Anchor Bowling Center BLDG. 714

DSN: 762.5386 | COMM: 055.540.5386

## Fitness Center & Sports Gymnasium, BLDG. 829

DSN: 762.5224 | DSN: 762.5350

Facilities and Services:

- Outdoor Multi-Purpose Court
- 1.2-Mile Outdoor Mountain Running Trail
- Softball Complex
- Basketball Court 24/7
- Racquetball Court
- Cardio Room 24/7
- Weight room
- Daily Use Lockers 24/7
- Saunas
- Tennis Court
- Outdoor Volleyball
- Basketball Equipment
- Pool (under renovations)



# CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS

## BLDG. 702

DSN: 762.5381 | COMM: 055.540.5381

KOREA.SLO@fe.navy.mil

Monday-Friday: 0800-1730

- School Liaison Officer - Education, Non DOD School Program (NDSP), and transition support services
  - email for the current Connected digital magazine full of information on the local school options
- Child Development Center services include part and full time offered on a space-available basis according to the CNIC priority placement policy
  - multi-age classroom for children ages 6 weeks—2 years
  - preschool classroom for children ages 3—5 years
- School Age Care Open Recreation
  - every Wednesday 1630-1730
  - every Friday 1500-1600
  - unless otherwise advertised
- Parent's Night Out and Parent's Day Out
- CDC and Youth Fitness Clinics
- Family Involvement and Community Events

Registration required for all offered programs. Visit Bldg. 702 for registration packet and more info!



## **USFK Sexual Assault Response **24/7** Hotline** **(Korea-Wide)**

**DSN: 158 or 763-5700**

**Commercial: 0503-363-5700**

**From CONUS: 011-82-503-364-5700**

Smartphone app, "Penn Around" to locate useful information, such as taxi, off-limit area etc., as well as making wifi VoIP calls to report an Emergency, including to request SARC/VA assistance for sexual assault (by tapping on the "SHARP" icon in the app). Penn Around can be downloaded in iOS and Android system via <http://pennaround.mobapp.at/> (once linked from the individual cell phone, save the app on the home screen).



## **Commander US Naval Force Korea (CNFK) **Busan****

**Victim Advocate Duty Line:**  
**010-3800-4483**



## **Command Fleet Activity (CFAC) **Chinhae****

**Victim Advocate Duty Line:**  
**010-3567-0255**



**DoD Safe Helpline:**  
**1-877-995-5247**  
**[www.safehotline.org](http://www.safehotline.org)**

### **Regional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (RSARC)**

Amanda Henson Land, LCSW

DSN: 762-5379 or cell: 010-8707-8477

[Amanda.HensonLand@fe.navy.mil](mailto:Amanda.HensonLand@fe.navy.mil)



# BUSAN MILITARY & SUPPORT FACILITIES



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**BUSAN FAMILY HOUSING (N931)**  
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 (DSN) 762-5379 (COMM) 055-540-5379  
 SAPR Hotline 24/7: 050-3363-5700  
**CLINICAL COUNSELOR & SAIL**  
 COMM 051-714-0857  
**WORK & FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT**  
 (COMM) 051-714-0829  
**MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION (N92)**  
 (COMM) 055-540-5848

**BSC (BUSAN STORAGE CENTER) / PIER 5**  
**PASS/ID D-BIDS (MON-FRI 0700-1600)**  
 (DSN) 763-7742  
**SOFA STAMP: MON Only 0800-1500**  
 (DSN) 763-7797  
**TRANSPORTATION/VEHICLE REGISTRATION**  
 MON-FRI 0700-1600  
 (DSN) 763-7779  
**DMV REGISTER ONLY THUR Morning 0700-1230**  
 (DSN) 763-7742  
**POV INSPECTION (MON, WED, FRI 08:30-15:00)**  
 (DSN) 763-7995  
**DRIVER TESTING: (MON 0700-1600) No Road Tests**  
 (DSN) 763-7779  
**Fuel Station: (MON-FRI 0630-1560) USD cash only**  
**NEO – Management Support Assistant**  
 (DSN) 763-7797

**CNFK HEADQUARTERS ROK NAVY BASE**  
**QUARTERDECK (COMM) 050-3363-8023**  
**BUSAN OMBUDSMAN: busanombudsman@gmail.com**  
**COMMAND CORPSMAN (COMM) 010-2932-1087**  
**CHAPLAIN (DSN) 762-5388 (COMM) 055-540-5388**  
**COMMUNITY BANK ATM**

**PIER 8 (MIL SEALIFT COMMAND- ARMY)**  
**FITNESS FACILITY (24/7)**  
**POST OFFICE (1130-1300 TUE & TH)**  
 (DSN) 763-3113  
**EXCHANGE SHOPPETTE (0800-1600 MON-FRI)**  
 (DSN) 763-3534  
**BARBER SHOP (1000-1500 M/TH)**  
 (COMM) 010-2821-4321  
**SEAMAN'S CLUB**  
 (DSN) 763-3948  
**DINING ROOM MON-SAT 1100-2000**  
**BAR MON-SAT 1700-2100**  
**COMMUNITY BANK ATM**



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MyNavy Family App combines the strength of more than **22 websites** to connect Navy spouses and families to information and resources when and where they need it.

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## Developed by the Navy community for the Navy community.

Connecting Navy families to accurate information and resources to help them flourish while living the Navy lifestyle.

- ✓ Accurate and timely information for spouses and families
- ✓ Minimizes acronyms, user friendly tools
- ✓ Useful links to popular Navy sites like the Navy Exchange, Commissary, and the Fleet and Family Support Center
- ✓ Employment resources
- ✓ Spouse mentoring support



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# TRANSLATION SERVICES

Navigating through Korea without the local language can be tricky and there are circumstances where you may require a translation service. As always there are a multitude of options out there and this is just a couple.

BBB Interpretation App: Another service you won't believe is free, BBB utilizes volunteer interpreters to assist with translation needs for nearly 20 languages. Download the app, select your language, and call your interpreter. It's as simple as that!

Busan Foundation of International Cooperation: The same organization providing language lessons at City Hall provides an amazing tool for foreigners living in Busan—the Busan Global Center. Located on the 13F National Pension Service Building, BGC has a conference room, lounge, and classroom. The organization also has a call center for FREE translation assistance. From your Busan cell, dial 1577-7716 to access assistance regarding translation and interpretation of everything from tourism support to legal documentation. Hours are Mon-Fri 0900 to 1800. Website: <http://www.bfic.kr/new/english/contents/a9.asp>

# SHOPPING

Once you arrive, it will not take long to discover your favorite places to shop for everything from groceries to beauty products. Here are some favorites you may want to check out in your first week.

STORE	LOCATION	SPECIALTY
Home Plus	Everywhere—Multiple locations	Groceries, home goods, clothes, electronics, etc. Think Super Walmart with coffee shops, restaurants, and a kids cafe inside.
Lotte Mart	Changwon & Chinhae	“Big Mart” little bit of every
Costco	Suyeong (Busan)	Think Costco in the states. A great place to get bulk, organic, and American items you cannot get elsewhere.
Daiso	Everywhere—Multiple Locations	Your neighborhood dollar store! Small locations in every Home Plus up to huge and fun three story locations throughout town
eMart	Changwon	Groceries, home goods, clothes, electronics, etc. A bit more affordable than Home Plus with a variance in selection
H&M	Seomyoen, Shinsegae Centum (Busan)	Clothing—offers a better variety of American sizes
UNIQLO	Changwon	Clothing—again, larger variety of American sizes
GMarket	Online / App	Think Korean Amazon! Use the app on your phone or Google Chrome the website for automatic English translation to find everything you need!
Coupang	Online / App	More American items and free shipping over 30,000w



# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**Busan International Gimhae Airport (PUS):** Located on the west side of the city, PUS services all of the major domestic and budget airlines to and from some of the most popular places in Asia. You can take the subway or ride a Limo Bus for just ₩6,000 per person. Additionally, prices vary but taxis from Haeundae are another affordable option.

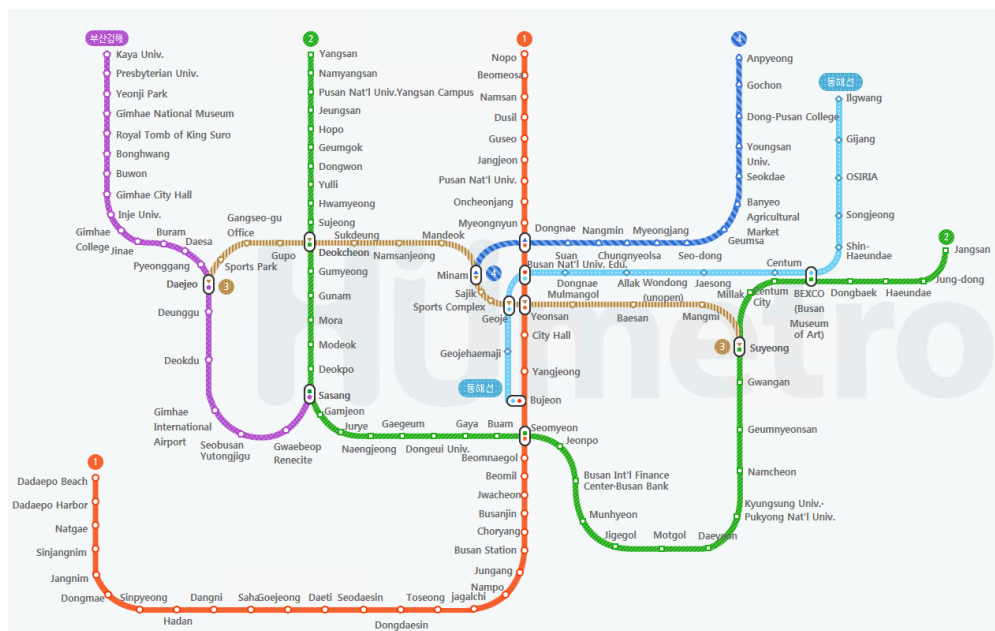
**Train:** Busan has six train stations (Busan, Kupo, Haeundae, Songjeong, Busan in, and Bujeon Stations) and is the main hub for Korea Train Express (KTX). Tickets can be purchased at the station or online to guarantee a seat during peak travel times. The typical ride to Seoul will cost about \$50+ and take 3 hours. Other cheaper (although slower) trains, such as Saemaeul and Mugunghwa also depart throughout town. Most trains offer snacks and refreshments onboard and free Wi-Fi. Visit [www.letskorail.com](http://www.letskorail.com) for ticket reservations, prices, and info on the train.

**Taxis:** Anyone who has taken a cab in the states will be amazed by the affordability of Korea's taxi system. Drivers typically do not often speak English. Tipping is appreciated but never expected and taxis take credit cards if you do not have cash on hand.

**Taking the Bus:** Getting around Chinhae and Busan by bus is another good option, with the unlimited number of local buses throughout the day. The buses consist of three types: regular, express and late-night buses. When riding, look at its route and plan your itinerary, particularly if the bus is crowded. Local buses usually display the destination in both English and Korean, including recorded announcements on the next stop.

**Subway:** Busan and Seoul have extensive subway systems with multiple lines. Train schedules vary but run from about 0500 to midnight. Busan city metro guide: <http://www.humetro.busan.kr/english/main.do> provides information on fares, schedules, routes, and lost and found (all in English).

**Transportation Cards:** CashBee and TMoney transportation cards can be used in taxis, on the subway, on the bus *and* provide a small discount when used on public transportation. They can be purchased and recharged at most convenience store and recharged at any subway stop (cash payments only). Children's cards can also be purchased at a discount for use on the buses and subway lines for less.



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# TAKING THE PUBLIC BUS

Taking the bus is pretty easy and most buses will stop at each location, but if you see your bus arriving make it clear you want them to stop it by stepping forward and giving a wave. Be aware of the bus mirrors when it pulls into the stop and have your cash or transport card ready when you step on the bus as they only stop for a very short time.



**Buses come right in front or across from CFAC (305,305-1,305-2,317)**



## Bus Stops (Bus Information System)

As you can see in the picture, it shows the time until buses arrive: Bus no. 317 arrives soon “잠시후” means bus will be here in less than 2 minutes. And bus no. 305 arrives in 5 minutes.

**Paying by a transport card** - Simply tap your card against the reader and hold it there until you hear it beep (and sometimes a thank you message), and don't forget to check the amount paid and your remaining balance on the reader. Important: When getting off the bus always tap your card whether you intend to transfer or not. If you forget to tap off, you may have to pay a higher fare and on some services, a minor infringement is charged to the card.



**Paying by cash** - If you use cash, try to have exact cash/change recommended or you may end up losing money if you pay with a 10,000 won note as the driver is not allowed to make change and coin change is given via a machine.

**Getting Off the Bus** - When you're approaching your stop, don't forget to press the red button on the walls, bars, or ceiling. It's recommended that you get up and make your way to the rear door just before arriving at your stop so you have time to tag off first. Buses in Korea can get very crowded at times and buses only stop very briefly. Some buses have screens that will show the name of the current and next stops, but sometimes the screens are not visible or not turned on. In that case, you will have to rely on your listening skills or place recognition.



**Seats for the Pregnant, Disabled or Elderly**— There will be several seats at the front of the bus marked for pregnant, disabled or elderly passengers. Sometimes people will not sit in these seats even if the bus is full. If you do use one of these seats, be aware that it's expected (and common courtesy) that you'll give them up to anyone getting on the bus who fits the above categories.

Bus Fares (depends on the line/type of bus)	Adult		Student	
	Cash	Transport Card	Cash	Transport Card
Chinhae Branch Line (300s)	₩ 1,300	₩ 1,250	₩ 900	₩ 850
Chinhae-Changwon(151, 155)/ Masan(160, 162, 163, 164) Line Regular	₩ 1,400	₩ 1,300	₩ 650	₩ 600
Chinhae-Changwon(751, 752, 757)/ Masan(760, 762) Line Express	₩ 1,800	₩ 1,750	₩ 1,350	₩ 1,300

# DRIVING IN KOREA

## GETTING A LICENSE

### WHO MAY DRIVE

Active-duty military personnel are required to have a valid state driver's license when you report to this Command but only the following personnel are authorized to have a POV license in Korea:

- Anyone command-sponsored, regardless of grade
- USFK service members, grade E-5 and above
- DoD civilians, grade GS-5 and above
- Invited contractors with SOFA privileges
- Anyone in Joint Domicile status, authorized a POV on their orders
- Personnel with a letter of approval from the Commander.



### GETTING A LICENSE

Active-duty military personnel, civilian employees and family members age 18 or older who are planning to drive a POV must get a USFK driver's license. Drivers must pass an eye exam and a written test. Military personnel are issued a USFK driver's license for two years, while DOD civilians are issued a five-year license. Invited contractors and their dependents must also get a ROK driver's license. Documents needed:

- Valid U.S. driver's license (renew if necessary before coming to Korea)
- Sponsor's military orders
- Letter of approval from commander
- Proof of overseas insurance

Learner's permits may be obtained by family members age 16 and older. They entitle the holder to drive only on military installations while accompanied by a licensed driver during daylight hours.

## VEHICLE INSURANCE

You must have insurance in order to register your vehicle and there are several options available. USAA can advise you on current insurance recommendations for Korea (Phone Number ONSE 008-800-531-87220/DACOM 002-800-531-87220 / KTA 001-800-531-87220) or you can use an English speaking agent for Korean insurance companies. Traffic violations, even minor ones, are handled by the criminal law system and can carry criminal penalties, especially if there has been injury or death. Korean law encourages private compensation of injured parties by the person at fault. An adequate insurance payment to the victim often meets the requirement of the law; therefore, criminal charges against the person responsible are usually reduced or dropped. Having sufficient insurance can keep you out of jail.



**BUYING A CAR IN KOREA** - You may be wondering whether to ship your POV from the United States to Korea. If so, it might help to know that inexpensive local cars are available. Sailors are PCSing throughout the year, particularly in the late spring, and are selling their cars. Most of the cars that come on the market are older Korean models such as Hyundai Excel or Sonata. Prices vary depending on vintage and condition, but it is not hard to find a car in the \$500 to \$2,000 price range and you shouldn't have any problem selling it again at the end of your tour. There are several buy/sell expat groups on Facebook.

# VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

## For all vehicle registrations, EVERYONE MUST HAVE:

1. ID CARDS & ORDERS - Military orders or Letter of Employment
2. USFK SOFA POV DRIVER'S LICENCE
  - U.S. Driver's license within 30 days of arrival date to Korea
3. INSURANCE POLICY
  - Current & under owner's name
4. SAFETY INSPECTION
  - At USFK facility & if purchased, in the Service member/Civ's name
5. EXCEPTION TO POLICY / Command Sponsorship Letter for E6 & below

## PLUS THE EXTRA ITEMS BELOW SPECIFIC TO HOW YOU ACQUIRED THE VEHICLE



### Base Vehicle Registration

CFAC	762-5296
Busan Storage Center	see page 38
Camp Walker	768-6108
Camp Carroll	765-8575
*call for current hours and to make appointment if needed	

### IMPORTED (SHIPPED POV's)

6. ORIGINAL IMPORT DOCUMENT
7. 12,000 won for license plate fee

### NEW—PURCHASED FROM SOFA MEMBERS

6. VERIFY NO CITATIONS
7. BILLS OF SALE—USFK FORM 20
8. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (ROK)

### NEW—PURCHASED FROM KOREAN NATIONAL

6. BILLS OF SALE—USFK FORM 20
7. 12,000 won for license plate fee

### NEW—PURCHASED ON KOREAN ECONOMY

6. CERTIFICATE OF MANUFACTURE  
(REGISTRANT NAME & SSN HAVE TO BE ANNOTATED)
7. 12,000 won for license plate fee

### CAUTION

1. Temporary plate permit should be displayed on lower left front window.
2. Temporary plate is **ONLY good for 10 days from date of issuance while you register your vehicle. No extensions or exceptions.**
3. If your Temporary plate expires, it is illegal to operate your vehicle and there are fines accrued:
  - (a) First 10 days from expiration date, a fine not exceeding 50,000 won.
  - (b) each day after the 10 days accrues 10,000 won per day.
  - (c) maximum penalty of 1,000,000 won may be imposed under ROK Vehicle Management Code
4. When you register your vehicle, you should return (1) your temporary plates and (2) the temporary operation authority issued by a ROK Vehicle Registration Office.
  - (a) failure to return those two items may result in a fine of 30,000 won for the first 10 days
  - (b) each day after the 10 days accrues 10,000 won per day.

### EXPORT - SHIPPING TO U.S. WHEN LEAVING KOREA

1. ID CARDS & ORDERS - Military orders or Letter of Employment
2. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (ROK)
3. VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES
4. BUSINESS REGISTRATION OF EXPORTERS
5. POWER OF ATTORNEY (SEAL IMPRINTED)
6. CERTIFICATE OF FACT FOR EXPORT PLANNING

# VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROCESS

## For all vehicle registrations, EVERYONE MUST HAVE:

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2. USFK SOFA POV DRIVER'S LICENCE
  - U.S. Driver's license within 30 days of arrival date to Korea
3. INSURANCE POLICY
  - Current, includes make/model, & under owner's name
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## PLUS THE EXTRA ITEMS BELOW SPECIFIC TO HOW YOU ACQUIRED THE VEHICLE

### IMPORTED (SHIPPED POV's)

6. ORIGINAL IMPORT DOCUMENT
  - VPC customs form
7. 12,000 won for license plate fee

#### Timeline 1-4 weeks

Receive notice that vehicle has arrived in Korea  
Request and receive customs document from VPC  
Take Customs form to apply for Temporary plates  
Thursday following above receive plates  
Go to Appointment at VPC.  
Have car inspected  
Fill out paperwork for Registration and Plates  
Thursday following above receive plates and registration  
Return temporary plates

### NEW—PURCHASED FROM KOREAN NATIONAL

6. BILLS OF SALE—USFK FORM 20
7. 12,000 won for license plate fee

### NEW—PURCHASED FROM SOFA MEMBERS

6. VERIFY NO CITATIONS
7. BILLS OF SALE—USFK FORM 20
8. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (ROK)

#### Timeline (1-2 weeks)

Vehicle inspection  
Buyer and Seller present for paperwork  
Buyer assumes ownership and gets temporary registration  
Thursday following above, actual registration will be obtained

### NEW—PURCHASED ON KOREAN ECONOMY

6. CERTIFICATE OF MANUFACTURE  
(REGISTRANT NAME & SSN HAVE TO BE ANNOTATED)
7. 12,000 won for license plate fee

#### CAUTION

1. Temporary plate permit should be displayed on lower left front window.
2. Temporary plate is ONLY good for 10 days from date of issuance while you register your vehicle. No exceptions.
3. If your Temporary plate expires, it is illegal to operate your vehicle and there are fines accrued:
  - (a) First 10 days from expiration date, a fine not exceeding 50,000 won.
  - (b) each day after the 10 days accrues 10,000 won per day.
  - (c) maximum penalty of 1,000,000 won may be imposed under ROK Vehicle Management Code
4. When you register your vehicle, you should return (1) your temporary plates and (2) the temporary operation authority issued by a ROK Vehicle Registration Office.
  - (a) failure to return those two items may result in a fine of 30,000 won for the first 10 days
  - (b) each day after the 10 days accrues 10,000 won per day.

### EXPORT - SHIPPING TO U.S. WHEN LEAVING KOREA

1. ID CARDS & ORDERS - Military orders or Letter of Employment
2. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (ROK)
3. VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES

4. BUSINESS REGISTRATION OF EXPORTERS
5. POWER OF ATTORNEY (SEAL IMPRINTED)
6. CERTIFICATE OF FACT FOR EXPORT PLANNING



#### **Base Vehicle Registration**

CFAC	762-5296
Busan Storage Center	see page 38
Camp Walker	768-6108
Camp Carroll	765-8575
*call for current hours and to make appointment if needed	





# DRIVING CULTURE & TIPS

Talk to anyone who has spent time here and they will undoubtedly tell you about their adventures on Korean roads and highways. One of the main reasons driving in Korea is not quite like driving in the U.S. or anywhere else for that matter is there are many new and inexperienced drivers. Though the rules have recently become more strict to obtain driver's license, for years people could drive without really having learned traffic laws or taking instructional courses.

**Always drive defensively and expect the unexpected!**

This means you will see vehicle maneuvers that are completely unsafe. On top of that, not all pedestrians,

motorcyclists, and farm vehicle operators are used to cars and thus don't always behave safely, especially in the countryside or smaller towns. Korea unfortunately is a world leader in traffic deaths. Staying alert should be your top priority behind the wheel. Always comply with Korean laws, even if others around you don't, because failure to do so could count heavily against you in case of an accident. And of course, never drink and drive.

**As a pedestrian or driver, do not expect the right-of-way courtesies in Korean traffic. Korea has one of the highest incidences of pedestrian and vehicular accidents in the world.**

## WHAT YOU MUST KNOW

### PEDESTRIANS

- People of all ages tend to dart out into traffic without looking and children are taught to raise their forearm to signal drivers to stop.
- Watch out for people walking along back roads, which can be very narrow, curvy and often do not have any shoulder room or sidewalks.
- Bikes, mopeds, and scooter often pop up onto, drive down, and park on the sidewalks.

### JUST BE AWARE THAT...

- Cars may STOP in the most unlikely places: in the middle of the street, on a curve, on the highway, etc. Always be prepared to stop suddenly and also be cautious of cars popping out of driveways and ignoring your right-of-way.
- Vehicle bearing loads (including people) have the right-of-way.
- Vehicles descending a hill have the right-of-way.
- The bigger vehicle always has the "right-of-weight." Never try to outrun a bus or truck!
- Red lights, turn lanes, and the like tend to be viewed as suggestions rather than rules. Taxis, truck and bus drivers are often the worst offenders.
- When slowing down or coming to a sudden stop for a traffic jam, Koreans will turn on their hazard lights. Be prepared to slow down or stop and put on your flashers, too.
- Korean drivers will often use their flashers to say "thank you" for letting them cut in or turn in front.
- Koreans often turn off their headlights at an intersection after dark.
- The far left lane on the Expressway, marked by a blue stripe, is the bus lane. Cars may use it during the week, but it is reserved for busses and vans (over 5 passengers) on Saturdays, 12:00-21:00 and Sundays and holidays, 0800-2300. SOFA vehicles are NOT exempt and will be ticketed for violations.
- In Busan, certain areas have BUS ONLY lanes. Do not drive in them. There are special lanes/lights for turning left across the bus lane.

### RULES

- Using a cell phone while driving is punishable with a fine. No one is exempt, including USFK members.
- You can turn right on red, but turn left only on the left arrow signal.
- Always stop at red lights by crosswalks, which are often near schools.
- Drivers and passengers must wear seatbelts.
- Many stoplights have a "pre-light" to warn drivers that the actual stoplight is 50 or 100 meters ahead. There's no need to stop at the pre-light, but be cautious if you're not sure of the difference.

**Stay calm, be safe, & plan extra travel time especially on weekends or holidays.**

# ACCIDENTS

## IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

- Show your SOFA or ID card
- Call the Security immediately and wait there until they arrive (may take a while).
- DO NOT leave the scene of the accident!
- If a Korean national is involved he or she may call the KNP (Korean National Police).
- **Do not sign anything** or agree to any immediate cash settlements.
- Take photos of the accident scene if possible. Write down what happened with details.
- White chalk/paint to mark your tires before vehicle moves.

## SECURITY DESK/QUARTER DECK TELEPHONE NUMBERS (FROM COMMERCIAL PHONE)

Location	Phone Number
Chinhae	(055) 540-5345, 5296
Busan	(050) 3363-8023
Seoul	(02) 7914-8177, 8179
Pyeongtaek	(031) 690-6600, 6601, 6602
Songtan	(031) 661-5515, 5757
Suwon	(031) 220-4933, 4819
Daegu	(054) 470-4141, 5640
Osan	031-661-4350

Write any other important phone numbers here:

Tear/Cut out and place in your vehicle

# ACCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES

## In ENGLISH / HANGEUL

SHOW THIS MESSAGE TO THE KOREAN DRIVER RIGHT AFTER AN ACCIDENT

### 차량사고 보고절차

- Both of our vehicles have been involved in an accident.

우리는 두 차량의 사고에 관련되었습니다.

- I must report this incident to Security immediately.

본인은 즉시 이 사고를 미국 헌병대에 보고하겠습니다.

- Please contact the nearest Korean National Police.

당신도 이 사고를 가장 가까운 한국경찰 당국에 연락하십시오.

- We must both wait here until both police authorities arrive.

한국경찰과 미국헌병이 올 때까지 사고 현장에서 기다려야 합니다.

- We should follow the police officer's instructions and wait for them to determine the cause of the accident

우리는 경찰의 지시에 따라야 하고, 사고원인이 판명될 때까지 기다려야 합니다.

- If you have any questions, please call the Security at CFAC 055-540-5296, Quarter Deck CNFK (050) 3363-8023 or Military Police (Yongsan 02-7914-8177, Osan 031-661-4350, Pyongtaek 031-690-6600, Daegu 053-470-4141).

만약 어떤 의문이 있으시면 미국헌병대로 전화하십시오.

전화번호: 055- 540-5296 진해 미해군 헌병대

02- 7914-8177 용산미군헌병대

031- 661-4350 오산미군헌병대

031- 690-6600 평택미군헌병대

053- 470-4141 대구미군헌병대

- Thank you very much for your help and cooperation.

당신의 협조에 감사드립니다.

Tear/Cut out and place in your vehicle

# STAYING HEALTHY IN KOREA

## Did you know??

### MEDICAL SCREENING

Medical screening for overseas duty is required for both family and active duty personnel prior to transfer. Certain conditions requiring continuing specialist care may be determined to be incompatible with this isolated location. Decisions on overseas suitability are referred to Naval Hospital Yokosuka's OSS committee. Their guidelines can be found at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhyoko/Pages/OverseasScreening.aspx>.

Exceptions are rarely approved and EFMP Category 3 and higher will likely be disqualified from assignment in Chinhae.

### CHINHAE MEDICAL CARE

The Branch Health Clinic Chinhae is a satellite clinic of the U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan and provides outpatient medical care (adult, pediatric and women's health services) to the active duty service members, their dependents, retirees, civilian contractors and Americans working abroad in Korea. In-patient care is provided at one of four accredited local Korean hospitals. Referrals for specialty care are done at the 121st Army hospital in Seoul and at Gyeongsang National University Hospital in Changwon and Samsung Medical Center in Masan. Laboratory services are available once per week and delivered to Camp Walker Army Clinic in Daegu.

### Health Benefits Questions??

Please contact your local TRICARE Representative for information on TRICARE Pacific and Dental Plans, which covers dependents within Korea. 121st ACH has a TRICARE office (737-1433), also BHC Chinhae (762-5415) can provide guidance on benefits.



### Dental Care

There is no dentist stationed in Chinhae. For that reason members and their dependents must have their Dental Status updated prior to departure and are encouraged to have any issues addressed at that time. Emergency visits are seen at Camp Walker, an Army base in Daegu about 1 and a half hours from Chinhae, or Dr. Woo's Clinic in Chinhae, with whom we have an on-going relationship and is affiliated with the Tri-care dental program. For those in Busan, dental needs are available through local Korean dental offices affiliated with the TRICARE dental program, United Concordia.



**Insurance Options:** Most families of Active Duty Service Members with orders **TRICARE** to Busan utilize TRICARE REMOTE PRIME (TRP) for their medical needs. TRP is managed by International SOS (ISOS) and through network authorized medical locations, families pay little to nothing out of pocket for treatment. Active Duty Members may only use TRP while additional options exist for civilian employees, DoD family members, retirees, and reservists. Visit: [www.tricare-overseas.com](http://www.tricare-overseas.com) to learn more about the best options for your family and enroll today.

## Emergency Care \* Emergency Care \* Emergency Care

**CHINHAЕ**—Provided at Gyeongsang National University Hospital in Changwon (15 minutes away from Chinhae base) and Samsung Medical Center in Masan (25 mins away from Chinhae base).

**BUSAN**—Emergency care is at St Mary's Hospital in Busan (5 mins away from ROK base).



# MISC HEALTHCARE INFO

## EYE CARE

Please come with two pair of eyeglasses or adequate contact lenses, gas mask inserts (command requirement) and a written prescription for your eyeglasses in case you need to replace them while in Korea. Thankfully, this can be done at low cost in Korea.

Please call 011-82-55-540-5415 or DSN 315-540-5415 with any questions. The Army has an optometry clinic at Camp Walker (764-4422) where you can make appointments for routine optometry care, including diabetic eye screenings. Every year in the spring they provide 2 days of on-site full-scope optometry with same or next day fabrication of glasses and inserts at BHC Chinhae.

## IMMUNIZATIONS:

Your doctor may recommend additional vaccinations before you arrive to Korea. Check with your PCM at least six weeks prior to your move. Additionally, visit the CDCs website below for the most up to date information on medical recommendations before you arrive.

## ANNUAL EXAMS:

Do not miss out on routine care simply because you are living overseas. Most of these appointments are networked at one of the major hospitals and require prior authorization.

## MENTAL HEALTH

*Mental Health needs are one of the most difficult medical needs to meet in Korea. The general guideline is that mental health needs requiring more than once monthly specialty care exceeds the capabilities available on the peninsula and the AD or family member should be considered for early return to CONUS. Acute suicidal ideation or other MH emergencies will be MEDEVACed due to lack of local resources— either to Naval Hospital Okinawa or Seoul 121<sup>st</sup> ACH which has full scope care including inpatient psychiatric, but both can only accommodate once monthly or bimonthly visits or to provide stabilization prior to MEDEVAC.*

## BLOOD TYPE

People with Rh negative blood types should clearly display the information in their medical records as such is extremely rare in Korea and a must know in emergency circumstances.

## OBSTETRICS

All routine prenatal care for service members stationed in Busan can be either at Chinhae with the Family Medicine / OB doctor or with local Host Nation Provider (Gyeongsang National University Hospital, Samsung Medical Center, Medipark in Daegu, St Mary's Hospital Busan or Busan National University Hospital). Additionally, patients may receive obstetric care at 121 Brian Allgood Hospital in Seoul.

Routine pregnancies may deliver at the 121st Army Hospital in Seoul, or a local Korean Hospital. Those who choose to deliver at the Army hospital in Seoul will be transferred to Seoul at 38 weeks gestation.

Member's command will provide funded TAD orders for the expectant mother's stay at the Dragon Hill Lodge at the leisure rate in Seoul. Patients need to get a memo from Ob/Gyn at 121st for the discounted "Stork's Nest" rate.

Complicated pregnancies may require referral / TAD earlier than 38 wks. Single members who become pregnant will generally be transferred from Korea before 20 weeks gestation. This is USFK policy which has precedence of OPNAVINSTR.

## PRESCRIPTIONS

Chronic medications are refilled once per week with the assistance of Camp Walker Pharmacy. It is also a good idea to talk to your doctor and get a stocked supply of certain prescriptions if possible. ISOS *does* offer an overseas prescription refill service as well but restrictions to what can be sent in the mail do apply so you should call for more information long before you run out.



# PREVELENT DISEASES

**COLDS AND ALLERGIES** Air pollution is a problem in Korea, especially around Seoul. People who suffer from allergies, asthma, and other respiratory problems often have difficulty here. Because the air is also very dry in the winter, it helps to have humidifiers and air filters. During the spring there are frequent episodes of “yellow dust” (actually Gobi Desert sand), which can cause discomfort even to those without prior allergies. Newcomers often get more colds during their first year since they are exposed to many new viruses for which they have no immunity.

**TUBERCULOSIS** This is a serious health threat in Korea, especially in areas that are very crowded and poorly ventilated. Avoid places that meet these conditions, such as the congested underground markets in Seoul. A TB skin test is required 60 days before PCS'ing from Korea. Those who test positive for exposure to TB do not necessarily get the disease, but still must get treatment.

**KOREAN HEMORRHAGIC FEVER (KHF)** An airborne disease transmitted by rodent saliva /droppings, KHF causes flu-like symptoms and, if left untreated, serious organ damage or even death. Since straw is a favorite nesting area for rats and mice, avoid creating airborne dust by not playing, walking, or camping in rice paddies. Be careful around dumpsters and other places that could attract vermin. If rats are discovered in your apartment, report this to the Health Clinic immediately. KHF is curable with medications if treated early.

**MALARIA** Although uncommon, malaria is a concern along parts of the DMZ up in Area I. Mosquitoes are constantly being tested to make sure this disease does not spread to other parts of Korea. Still, avoid standing pools of water and night time exposure to mosquitoes by using insect repellent.

# SPECIAL CONCERNS

**FOOD:** Fruit and vegetables should be peeled or washed thoroughly to remove remnants of fertilizer and other contaminants. As in any country, eating raw meat or fish, whether from the market or in a restaurant, could contain salmonella bacteria. Restaurants are generally quite clean, but not all follow the same level of health and sanitation standards as the U.S. and certainly street food stalls may not be the cleanest. Recommend making sure that street foods have been well cooked to minimize germs. Remember that although most Korean food is very healthy, some dishes may be too salty for those who are watching their sodium intake.

**WATER:** The tap water off base is fine for cooking, brushing teeth, and washing dishes, but because it has been found to contain small amounts of arsenic and other pollutants, it is not recommended for drinking.

**WILDLIFE:** Korea has no scorpions or poisonous insects, but there are several spiders and centipedes with a painful bite. There are also wasps/hornets plus many sizes of mosquitos. Use insect repellent when enjoying outdoor activities. The mamushi pit viper is the only venomous snake known in Korea, but it is very reclusive. Bites are extremely rare and usually caused by unwise handling. Due to the risk of KHF (see above), avoid rats and mice and their nesting areas.

# KOREAN CURRENCY

**₩50,000** – This new 50K note features Shin, Sa-im-dang (1504-1551). This is the first time a woman has appeared on a Korean note and was a famous painter, author, poet and even more famous for mothering and raising the great philosopher Yul-gok also known as Yi I (pictured on 5,000-won note).



**₩10,000** shows a portrait of King Sejong. There was a surge of creative literary activities in the early Yi Dynasty, especially during the reign of the 4<sup>th</sup> ruler, King Sejong, in 15<sup>th</sup> century. Hangul was invented by a team of scholars working under the direction of King Sejong Great in 1446.



**₩5,000** features (Scholar Yi, I): He worked with Scholar Yi, Hwang.



**₩1,000** highlights the Scholar Yi, Hwang. He instituted political and economic reforms, adopted neo-confuciation, as the official state ideology in the early Yi Dynasty. This Confucian emphasis in many social institutions still exerts a strong influence on contemporary Korean life.



## COINS

**₩1** shows a Hibiscus Syriacus which is the national flower of Korea.

**₩10** features the Dabo Pagoda built at the garden of Bulguksa Temple in Kyungju, the Shilla capital in the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

**₩50** highlights the importance of rice as a staple food.

**₩100** shows Admiral Yi, Sunshin, a celebrated hero and one of the inventors of the world's finest iron-plated, turtle-shaped warship.

**₩500** has the Hwang, which is a crane and the national bird and symbol of luck, noble and a long life since the Yi Dynasty.



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestions:** A nice taxi driver warned us about when paying in Korea (especially in a dark taxi or restaurant) to be careful about accidentally using a ₩50,000 bill instead of a ₩5,000 because it is very easy to do and not everyone will be honest and tell you or give correct change.

# CREDIT CARDS

Most major credit cards with chips are widely accepted in Korea and even in taxis. Some smaller shops, restaurants and the open air/farmers markets are cash only. ATM/debit cards can be more challenging to use but more places are accepting them.



**Sailor/Spouse's Suggestions:** Sometimes a credit card I normally use will start getting denied for no reason. So I always carry a back up credit card, some cash , and my metro/bus/taxi card just in case!

# EXCHANGE RATES

The won exchange rate is always changing. The exchange rate in Sept 2019 is \$1 = ₩1,189.

\$1 to \ 900		\$1 to \ 1,100		\$1 to \ 1,300		\$1 to \ 1,500	
Dollar	Won	Dollar	Won	Dollar	Won	Dollar	Won
1	900	1	1,100	1	1,300	1	1,500
5	4,500	5	5,500	5	6,500	5	7,500
10	9,000	10	11,000	10	13,000	10	15,000
15	13,500	15	16,500	15	19,500	15	22,500
25	22,500	25	27,500	25	32,500	25	37,500
50	45,000	50	55,000	50	65,000	50	75,000
100	90,000	100	110,000	100	130,000	100	150,000

# KOREAN BANK ACCOUNTS

Some reasons you may want to open a local bank account:

- You will need one to set up Internet service which bills your account directly.
- If you set up separate Korean phone service at home, you can bill directly to your account.
- You can use your Korean bank ATM card at most locations throughout the country if you need emergency won.

1. Find a local bank, bring your passport with you and Korean Won to deposit into the account.
2. You may bring a Korean national to translate, but it probably won't be necessary.
3. When completing forms use your Korean apartment address
4. Should take about 15 minutes to complete forms.



# RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Although it requires some digging, there are several options for churchgoers within your new community. Both Daegu and CFAC have services on Sundays and CFAC also streams its services live. Although the following list is not complete, here are some options for English speaking services in Busan. Reach out as well to the Chinhae Chapel, as the also keep a running list of churches in the area *with maps* that is updated every six months. As a last tip, remember many Korean speaking churches are extremely welcoming as well.

## ON INSTALLATION

### CFAC Navy Chapel

TEL: 055-540-5388

Catholic: 0900-1000.

Protestant 1030-1130

**Camp Carroll** DSN: 315-765-8417

Protestant 1000, Catholic 1300

\*On base service times are subject to change.

**Camp Walker** DSN: 315-764-4498

Catholic 0900, Protestant 1100,

Gospel Service 1230,

Contemporary Service 1700,

Church of Christ 1100

Jewish and Islamic worshipers should also reach out to the numbers above for information on Chaplains assigned to Area IV (Daegu).

### Busan Cathedral, Anglican Church of Korea

Location: Jung-gu Time: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 1400

Email: busancathedralenglishmission@gmail.com

FB: @BusanAnglicanCathedralEnglishMission

### Redeemer International Community Church (ND)

Location: Milak Time: Sunday at 1100 TEL: 051-742-3332

FB: @redeemericc Email: redeemericc@gmail.com

Web: redeemerkorea.org

### New Philadelphia Church (ND/Evangelical)

Location: Gwangsan Time: 1400 Tel: 051-932-6832 Email:

caleblee@newphilly.cc Web: newphiladelphiachurch.com/

visit/busan/ Note: Childcare & Sunday School available

**Onnuri Methodist Church** (Location: Jangsan) TEL: 010-

7570-9171 Email: schmer@hotmail.com

**Hosanna International Ministry** (Location: Hadan) TEL:

010-3093-0660 him.hosanna21.com

**Antioch International Ministries** (AIM) Evangelical Pres-

byterian. Location: Suyeong Time: 1100

TEL: 051-714-6530 ttinfo@aimchurch.com or aim4je-

sus@gmail.com Web: aim-church.com

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

The Ward POC changes often. However, there are meeting

houses located in Haeundae & Gwangsan. Visit: [https://](https://www.lds.org/maps/meetinghouses)

[www.lds.org/maps/meetinghouses](https://www.lds.org/maps/meetinghouses) for current info.

**Sooyoungro Presbyterian** TEL: 051-714-6530 FB:

@syrmahanaaim Time: English Service 11am

**Choryang Catholic Church** Location: Choryang

Time: Sundays at 1600 TEL: 051-441-6403 or 051-467-1209

\*Also visit FB Group: Catholics in Korea

### Mosque Busan (Masjid mosque)

Location: Near Dussil Station, Exit 8. Times: While mostly

in Korean, Provides computer class, Arabic, English, and

Islamic Lecture. Friday Prayers at 1300. TEL: 051-518-9991

Web: [www.busanislam.or.kr](http://www.busanislam.or.kr)

### Freedom Church International (Christian)

Location: Jeonpo TEL: 010-4431-3733 FB: Freedom Church

International Email: david.copron@bolmintl.com

Time: Sun- day 1100 & 1330, Bible Study Friday 1830-2000

### Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

Loc: Chung-gu Time: Divine Liturgy Sunday at 1000, Great

Vesper Saturday at 1700 TEL: 051-462-3819

Email: aleko-xan@hanmail.net

### Busan Israel House (Jewish)

Location: Centum City \*Note: This is a cultural center and

holocaust museum. It does not offer Shabbat Services but

does offer hospitality, classes, and fellowship Hours: Tues-

day through Saturday 1100-1700. TEL: 051-780-8946

Email: busanisraelhouse@gmail.com

Web: [www.israelhouse.org](http://www.israelhouse.org)



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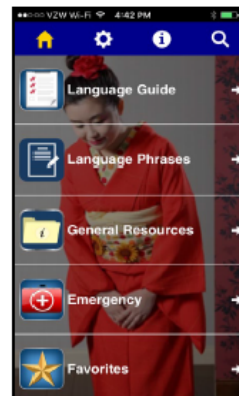
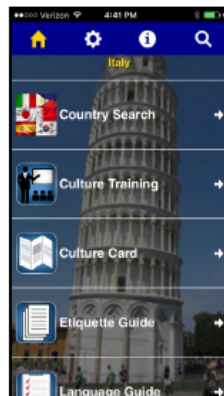
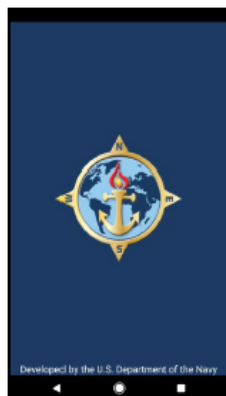
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- **Etiquette Guide** – This section offers information on everything from cultural values to common nonverbal gestures.
- **Language Phrases** – This section provides useful common phrases, including audio recordings to assist the user with accurate pronunciation.
- **Language Guide** – This section provides tools and resources for autonomous language learning.
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## OFFICIAL NAVY & RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. Forces Korea  
U.S. Navy Korea  
Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae  
CFAC Ombudsmen  
CFAC Chapel

Busan Community (Military Families)  
Anchor Club (Busan)  
Chinhae Community (Navy Base)  
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## LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

### BUSAN:

Mums and Tots Busan  
Expats in Busan  
Busan Food  
Busan Veggie Club  
Busan Buy and Sell  
Busan Pets  
Busan Wellness

### CHINHAIE

Chinhae sell, swap, or trade  
Chinhae Foodies  
Changwon Expats  
Changwon flea market

### PET/ANIMAL RELATED

Everything Paws Korea  
Animal Rescue  
Network Korea  
Buy & Sell Pet-Related Items

**TIP #1** Search for other groups using the city name, hobby or interest to find like-minded people for salsa dancing, board games, sewing/crafts, hiking, language exchange etc.!

**TIP #2** Once admitted to the group, use the search feature to query the topic you are interested in to see relevant posts (& avoid clashing with the sometimes grumpy old timers in the groups).



## Helpful Websites for moving to, living, & working in Korea

Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae [https://www.cnfc.navy.mil/regions/cnfc/installations/cfa\\_chinhae.html](https://www.cnfc.navy.mil/regions/cnfc/installations/cfa_chinhae.html)

Commander Navy Forces Korea <https://www.cnfc.navy.mil/regions/cnfc.html>

U.S. Forces Korea <http://www.usfk.mil>

Military Installations Directory <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/>

Military Relocation and more <http://www.militaryonesource.com>

Military financial entitlements <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil>

Leave and Earnings Statement <https://mypay.dfas.mil>

Track your POV <https://www.pcsmypov.com/>

Foreign currency exchange rates <https://www.xe.com/> or <http://www.x-rates.com>

Stars & Stripes - Welcome to the Pacific [https://epub.stripes.com/?issue=Welcome-to-Pacific-K\\_300519](https://epub.stripes.com/?issue=Welcome-to-Pacific-K_300519)

Korea Bound [https://issuu.com/usnavykorea/docs/korea\\_bound\\_interactive\\_hq](https://issuu.com/usnavykorea/docs/korea_bound_interactive_hq)

Official Korea Tourism Organization: [www.visitkorea.or.kr](http://www.visitkorea.or.kr)

City of Chinhae <http://eng.changwon.go.kr>

Local Website <https://www.changwonderful.com>

City of Busan <http://english.busan.go.kr/index>

South Korea English New & Events <https://haskorea.com/>

Various news and article by Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism, etc. [www.korea.net](http://www.korea.net)

Publications (Monthly English e-magazine & periodicals) <http://kstore.korea.net/publication>

Korea - advice, buying, selling, and resources: [www.koreabridge.net](http://www.koreabridge.net)



# USEFUL APPS FOR #LIVINGINKOREA

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**TIP:** Have someone write your home address in Hangul in your phone so you can easily copy & paste into apps

## NAVIGATION & TRAVEL



**Naver:** "Korea's Google" but it does so much more from providing (accurate) navigation, bus schedules, and restaurant reviews. **TIP: Make an account to save "pins".**

**KakaoMap:** Navigation guidance and traffic up- dates whether you are travelling on foot (plus hiking trails and distances), car, or public transportation. Naver and Kakao maps both include speed trap camera notifications.



**Waze:** Search locations by name or genre in English or Korean with estimated arrival times based on current traffic conditions, construction, and even reported accidents. **TIP: Only GPS that shows military bases.**

**Google Maps:** Not as great as in the U.S. but if you know where you want to go, it is a great tool.



**Kakao T:** Korea's version of Uber— use an address or enter a precise GPS pin drop using English features! Includes taxi calling, navigation service, and parking maps. **TIP: Need to make a Kakao Talk account first.**

**Kakao Metro:** Option of looking at the metro map, planning your trip, checking the price.



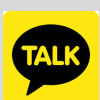
**Kakao Bus:** Pull up a map, locate a bus stop, and view the schedule of every bus at that stop. It reports in real time the wait for upcoming arrivals and makes suggestions based on your current location to get to frequently travelled stops. **TIP: You can even set alarms for upcoming buses or to remind you when to disembark.**

**Korea Rail Map:** Covers all major subway systems in Korea, allows you to search stations by name, switch to street view, and jump to your present location.



**BusanTravel:** Developed for on-foot GPS navigation, this great app allows you to download offline maps

**Visit Korea:** Official guide offers info on Korea's beautiful attractions, delicious foods, comfortable accommodations, exciting festivals, shopping, and more for an all-in-one resource.



**Kakao Talk:** Texting & Phone app. Make a username and then you don't have to remember your long Korean phone number!

## FOOD & SHOPPING



**Foursquare:** Search nearby restaurant types or browse what is in your area. Pull up a map and its GPS feature will take you straight to the building for your next meal.



**Yo Gi Yo:** Order food from favorite local joints right to your own front door! From Lotteria, to Mom's Touch or Burger King, the app provides dozens of choices, expected delivery times, and convenient reordering.



**Shuttle:** Delivery service from local restaurants for a small fee.



**McDelivery:** English menu and ordering. Pay with cash or card upon delivery.



**HomePlus:** Selection of many items from the HomePlus stores delivered to your door.



**G Market:** Think Korean Amazon! Use the app on your phone or Google Chrome the website for automatic English translation to find everything you need!



**Coupang:** Online shopping with more foreign and American items. Free shipping over 30,000w

## TRANSLATION & LANGUAGE LEARNING

**Papago:** The preferred translation app by most locals because it fares better with common idioms and phrases.



**Naver Dictionary:** This Korean app has a great dictionary plus conversation and vocabulary learning tools



**Google Translate:** Translate text, handwriting, pics, and speech.



**Drops:** Word by word, Drops helps you learn new vocabulary through fun, fast-paced games with simple mnemonic images in just 5 minutes a day.



**Lingo Deer:** Designed by a team of professional language teachers, the interactive lessons and review exercises will train your reading, listening, speaking and writing skills in just 10 minutes a day.



**Duolingo:** Designed to help you learn languages easily and comfortably, so it doesn't feel like you're studying, but just playing a fun game.



**AirVisual:** Provides real time pollution numbers, health recommendations, and future forecasts in your surrounding area or city of choice.



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