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## JANUARY'S SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

### North Korea's Fourth Nuclear Test (Jan. 6)

On January 6, North Korea conducted its fourth nuclear test. The U.S. Government is assessing the type of nuclear device that was detonated. The United States condemned this activity in the strongest terms and noted that North Korea has violated its obligations under international law.

### Combined Air Show of Force (Jan. 10)

In a demonstration of the ironclad commitment to the Republic of Korea's defense, a United States Air Force B-52 Stratofortress from Andersen

A U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, joined by two ROKAF F-15K Slam Eagles and two U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, conducts a low-level flight in the vicinity of Osan Air Base, Osan, South Korea, January 10, 2016.



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UNC, USFK Deputy Commander and U.S. Seventh Air Force Commander, Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy and ROK Air Force Operations Command Commander Lt. Gen. Lee, Wang-keon, at Osan Air Base, Osan, South Korea, January 10, 2016.

**"B-52 missions reinforce the U.S. commitment to the security of our allies and partners, and demonstrate one of the many Alliance capabilities available for the defense of the Republic of Korea."**

*~ Lt. Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, United Nations Command, U.S. Forces Korea Deputy Commander and U.S. Seventh Air Force Commander*

Air Force Base, Guam, conducted a low-level flight in the vicinity of Osan, South Korea, in response to the recent provocative action by North Korea. The B-52 was joined by two ROK F-15K Slam Eagles and two U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcons. "The close military cooperation between the United States and the Republic of Korea ensures we are ready to respond at any time to those who would threaten stability and security," said Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, UNC/CFC/USFK Commander.

## JANUARY'S KEY VISITORS

We are honored to welcome Distinguished Visitors to learn about the Command, our mission, our people, and to exchange ideas. These were the most senior visitors in January:

- Anthony Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State
- Abraham Denmark, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia
- Lieutenant General Kenneth McKenzie, Jr., Director, J-5, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff
- Vice Admiral Joseph Aucoin, Commander, 7th Fleet
- Lieutenant General Vincent Stewart, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- Lieutenant General David Halverson, Commanding General, Installation Management Command
- Staff Delegation: Mr. Cord Sterling, Deputy Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC)
- UNC Sending State Ambassadors in a monthly roundtable discussion

## OFF DUTY KOREA

January is a great time for outdoor winter activities such as skiing. South Korea has at least 15 top quality ski resorts – some are even indoors for year-round skiing.

## COMING NEXT MONTH

February begins with a 2 Feb change of command ceremony as Lt. Gen. Thomas Vandal replaces outgoing Eighth Army Commander Lt. Gen. Bernard Champoux. The month concludes with Gen. Scaparrotti traveling to Washington for his annual congressional testimony.



## STRATEGIC DIGEST 2016

Our annual Strategic Digest will be published and available in mid-February in both hard copy and digital copy via our website: [www.usfk.mil](http://www.usfk.mil)

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