# **United Nations Command (UNC) Welcome Packet**



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# **UNC Mission**

Enforce the 1953 Armistice Agreement, coordinate Sending State contributions and execute assigned functions directed by the U.S. National Authorities through the Joint Chiefs of Staff to restore peace and security on the Korean Peninsula

# General

Welcome to the United Nations Command! We are excited to have you join our team. As you prepare for your move to South Korea, your assigned sponsor will be your primary source of information and support. Foreign military members (Non-US) may need to work through their respective National Command Element for in-processing or administrative requirements. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the United Nations Command (UNC) Support Detachment.

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# **Pre-Arrival Actions**

#### **US Pre-Arrival Checklist**

- 90 Days Out:
  - o Provide Needs Assessment Form to your Sponsor
  - Provide NIPR and CENTRIXS-K Account request forms (Attachments 2-5) to your Sponsor
  - o Join the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Facebook Page
- 60 Days Out:
  - o Make Lodging arrangements; <a href="https://army.dodlodging.net/propertys/Camp-Humphreys">https://army.dodlodging.net/propertys/Camp-Humphreys</a>
- 30 Days Out:
  - o Provide your arrival itinerary to your Sponsor
  - o (If applicable) Get approved Quarantine Action Plan from your sponsor
  - o Unlock your cell phone if you plan to use it abroad
  - o Download communication app that can be used over Wi-Fi (see tips section)
- 72 Hours Out:
  - The ROK requires a negative COVID PCR test (in English or Korean) within 72 hours of your final leg to Korea. Test results must reflect your name and DOB or passport #.
  - Hand-carry a hard copy of your Quarantine Action Plan (if applicable), proof of vaccination (if applicable), PCS orders, and negative PCR test result.

#### **Non-US Pre-Arrival Checklist**

- 120 Days Out (or as soon as possible):
  - Coordinate with your respective ROK Embassy for Visa & Immigration requirements
  - Provide NIPR and CENTRIX-K Account request forms (Attachments 2-6) to your Sponsor
  - Work with your national security office to submit security clearance validation to UNC
     U2 (full name, clearance level, periodic investigation date, and clearance expiration date)
  - o Join the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Facebook Page
- 90 Days Out:
  - o Provide Needs Assessment Form (Attachment 6) to your Sponsor
  - Provide Base Pass Application (Attachment 7) and a copy of your passport to your
     Sponsor. Submit a set for the Service Member, plus each dependent over 10 years of age.
- 60 Days Out:
  - o (If applicable) Make Lodging and Housing accommodations
- 30 Days Out:
  - o Provide your arrival itinerary to your Sponsor
  - o (If applicable) Get approved Quarantine Action Plan from your sponsor
  - o Unlock your cell phone if you plan to use it abroad
  - o Download communication app that can be used over Wi-Fi (see tips section)
- 72 Hours Out:
  - The ROK requires a negative COVID PCR test (in English or Korean) within 72 hours of your final leg to Korea. Test results must reflect your name and DOB or passport #.
  - o Hand-carry a hard copy of your Quarantine Action Plan (if applicable), proof of vaccination (if applicable), PCS orders, and negative PCR test result.

#### **Other Considerations**

#### US

Each service has different requirements for in-processing. Ensure you check with your respective service requirements prior to arriving to theater.

All Camp Humphreys garrison in-processing requirements can be found on the Eighth Army website (<a href="https://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/site/newcomers/">https://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/site/newcomers/</a>). These include but are not limited to:

- COVID/Quarantine process
- Medical & Dental Care
- Housing and realtors
- Schools and childcare
- Pets
- Spouse Employment
- Legal Services

## Non-US

Each nation may have a different arrangement with the U.S. and Republic of Korea to provide for various aspects of your life support. Before you depart your home country, we recommend you communicate with your National Command Element Lead at Camp Humphreys to ensure you have a plan for these items. These include (but are not limited to):

- Medical Care
- Dental Care
- Housing and Realtors
- Household goods delivery
- Lodging
- Driver's License
- Cell Phone Service
- Childcare
- On Post Schools (DODEA: https://www.dodea.edu/)
- Legal privileges, protections and immunities while posted to Republic of Korea (e.g. Visiting Forces Agreements between the Republic of Korea and your host country)
- Please be aware that network accounts for Foreign Military members can take some time to activate. You may be without access for several weeks after release from quarantine.
- South Korea "Self-quarantine Safety Protection App" <a href="http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/us-houston-en/brd/m\_5573/view.do?seq=759763">http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/us-houston-en/brd/m\_5573/view.do?seq=759763</a>

# **COVID-19 and Quarantine Information**

Both the Republic of Korea and United Nations Command take COVID **extremely** seriously. All service members and dependents are expected to adhere to policies at all times, and incoming personnel are expected to be aware of COVID guidance and core tenets. Currently, service members and dependents arriving to Korea will be tested for COVID and placed in quarantine. How this is conducted is outlined on the next page.

Stay informed and don't hesitate to ask your sponsor if you have any questions or uncertainties. The latest information and guidance is posted on the USFK COVID Information site at the following link: https://www.usfk.mil/Coronavirus/

## **Arrival and Quarantine Process**

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, you will need to present your negative PCR COVID test result to the Korean immigration agents. Test results must be within 72 hours of final leg of travel to Korea, and must include the member's name and some personal identifying data such as DODID or Passport Number. At the airport, you will not be able to access the airport shops; only the restrooms will be accessible. The airport provides free Wi-Fi, so you can communicate with your sponsor after landing using a cell communication app. Proceed to the USFK reception desk after immigrating through customs and collecting your baggage. At the USFK reception desk, you will receive direction on which bus you should board. Please note you may have to wait for the next bus for several hours. The bus ride from the airport to Camp Humphreys is approximately 90 minutes. If arriving to Osan Air Base via Patriot Express, USFK/UNC-affiliated personnel will be bussed to Camp Humphreys.

Upon arrival at Camp Humphreys, you will be taken to the COVID Testing Center where you will receive your initial Day 1 COVID test. There are different options for quarantine and you will need to contact your sponsor for the latest information.

The USFK Quarantine Barracks are facilities separated from the general public. Members with pets will go into specifically designated facilities; pets will stay with the members for the entire quarantine period. Each facility has a support cadre (the CQ) to support you during your stay; you will be able to direct any questions to them related to life support. Rooms are set up in suites, so you may share living quarters and restrooms with other newcomers or families. Halfway through your two-week quarantine, you have the option to do laundry. Food will be delivered from the Dining Facility three times a day. Rooms are equipped with Wi-Fi. Of note – items **not** provided include hygiene or shower items, towels, water containers, and pet supplies. Members should pack all necessities to include two weeks of clothing.

If staying in the USFK Quarantine Barracks, we strongly encourage incoming personnel to read the Eighth Army (8A) Newcomer website to know what to expect while in quarantine: https://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/site/newcomers/

Members who test COVID-positive at any point will be transported to an isolation facility. There, they will remain there under the care of medical professionals until testing negative for COVID twice in a 24-hour period, at which point they may be released.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### How do I get an approved Quarantine Action Plan?

Work with your sponsor to get an approved Quarantine Action Plan. The Quarantine Action Plan will reflect all the details of your quarantine location and who will support/sustain you during quarantine.

#### What if my spouse and I are vaccinated but our children are not vaccinated?

The entire family will be in strict quarantine until receipt of Day 1 PCR test results. After Day 1 test results come back, vaccinated parents can initiative "Working ROM", meaning they can leave their room and in-process around base. Any unvaccinated children must remain in strict quarantine for the 14 days and cannot leave the room.

#### Do I need to reserve Lodging?

You may remain in the USFK Quarantine Barracks for the initial 14 days of quarantine and Working ROM, so you do not need to reserve separate Lodging during those 14 days. If you are to be assigned on-post quarters, Housing will assist with arranging your quarters during the initial 14 days, so that you can move directly into your quarters at the end of the 14-day period. If you are to reside off-post, you should reserve Lodging to start after the 14-day period so that you can initiate house-hunting.

#### If in Working ROM, where do I go for my PCR tests?

The COVID Reception Center in Building 118 (directly across from the Sentry Mall, next to Burger King).

# **School Related Information**

### **School Info and Tips for Foreign Military Dependents:**

#### **Understanding the Military Schools Located on Camp Humphreys:**

The schools located on the Camp Humphreys are run by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and follow an American based curriculum. The schools generally begin toward the end of August and finish the school year in June, with a school break during the summer.

There are four schools on the installation:

- Central Elementary
- West Elementary
- Humphreys Middle School
- Humphreys High School

Children turning 5 by September 1st may begin attending school in a class called Kindergarten at the elementary school.

All schools are taught in English. If your child is not proficient in English, the school will provide services for your child. Be sure to talk to the schools about this upon enrollment. Additionally, the metric system is not used in American schools. This can be a struggle for some students. It might be helpful to have your child start learning the imperial system (feet, yards, cups, etc.) before coming.

#### **Elementary School:**

Elementary school consists of kindergarten and 1-5 grades. Children are promoted to the next grade level after completing the previous grade level. Generally, students attend elementary school between the ages of 5-11. Elementary school usually consists of students staying in one classroom with the same teacher for the entire school day. Subjects include English, math, science and history with other elective subjects included.

#### **Middle School:**

Middle School consists of grades 6-8. Children are promoted to the next grade level after completing coursework necessary for the previous level. Generally, students attend middle school between the ages of 11-14. In middle school, students are enrolled in 7-8 classes per year. These classes will include math, English, science, and history, with other elective classes offered. Students move between classes during the day. Typically, each class will have a different teacher and different students. Students are expected to move around the school themselves during passing periods that are typically around five minutes long.

#### **High School:**

High School consists of grades 9-12. Children are promoted to the next grade level after completing the coursework necessary for the previous level. These classes will include English, math, science, and history, with other elective classes offered. There are very specific class requirements for graduation. You will work with a guidance counselor to make sure your child is enrolled in the correct classes. (The role of the guidance counselor may be different from what you are used to in your home country.)

Students move between classes during the day. Typically, each class will have a different teacher and different students. Students are expected to move around the school themselves during passing periods that are typically around five minutes long.

Upon completion of all coursework necessary for high school, students will receive an American diploma. This American high school diploma may not meet requirements for university enrollment in countries outside America. If you know your child will be receiving a diploma from Humphreys High School, please check with the university your son or daughter plans to attend to make sure the Humphreys High School diploma meets their enrollment requirements. Additional courses can be taken while your child is attending Humphreys High School to satisfy these extra requirements, but you will need to know to take these classes *before* graduation. Work with you're a guidance counselor when you arrive at the school to make sure your child is taking the appropriate classes.

Additionally, Math classes are structured differently in American high schools than many foreign schools. Our high school math progression is as follows:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Pre-Calculus (optional)
- Calculus (optional)

The school will test your child to see which class he/she is best suited for. However, please be aware that your child may struggle with the content since it may be structured differently from your home country's schools. You may want to talk to your child's school before leaving your home country for ways to best support this transition.

#### **Registration:**

#### **Immediately after Assignment Orders are Received:**

- 1. Contact your sponsor
- 2. Complete the online registration at <a href="https://www.dodea.edu/DORS/index.cfm">https://www.dodea.edu/DORS/index.cfm</a> This is the same website for all of the schools on Camp Humphreys. Start this process as early as possible. It will make your transition a lot easier. If you have questions, email the school registrar for help.
- 3. Email the school registrar to let the school know your student is coming:
  - a. Central Elementary Registrar: PAC\_HumphreysCentralES\_Registrar@dodea.edu
  - b. West Elementary Registrar: Pac\_humphreyswestes\_registrar@dodea.edu
  - c. Humphreys Middle Registrar: PAC\_HumphreysMS\_Registrar@dodea.edu
  - d. Humphreys High Registrar: pac\_humphreyshs\_registrar@dodea.edu
- 4. Look at the school websites to find out more about the schools. Specifically look under the *Parent Resource* Tab:
  - a. Central Elementary: https://www.dodea.edu/humphreyscentrales/index.cfm
  - b. West Elementary: https://www.dodea.edu/humphreyswestes/index.cfm
  - c. Humphreys Middle: <a href="https://www.dodea.edu/humphreysms/index.cfm">https://www.dodea.edu/humphreysms/index.cfm</a>
  - d. Humphreys High <a href="https://www.dodea.edu/HumphreysHS/index.cfm">https://www.dodea.edu/HumphreysHS/index.cfm</a>
- 5. Hand carry official school transcripts from your former school with you when you leave your home country. Your student will not be able to be placed in classes without this.
- 6. Hand carry your immunization records from your home country.

#### **To Ease the Registration Process:**

- 1. If coming from a school with integrated math, bring a course description of your current math class to facilitate placement in a math class.
- 2. Bring a course catalogue from the school you are coming from.
- 3. Look at the schools' Facebook page to get a feel for the school and what to expect.
  - a. Central Elementary: https://www.facebook.com/humphreys.central.ES
  - b. West Elementary: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OspreyLeadTheWay">https://www.facebook.com/OspreyLeadTheWay</a>
  - c. Humphreys Middle: https://www.facebook.com/dodea.humphreys.ms
  - d. Humphreys High: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/humphreys.HS">https://www.facebook.com/humphreys.HS</a>
    - i. Additionally, the high school also has an Instagram page run by their Student Council: https://www.instagram.com/blackhawkterritory/?hl=en

#### **Extracurricular Activities:**

• Each school offers a range of extracurricular activities. Ask the school what they offer. At the high school there are competitive sports teams. You can find out more about these on the school's website. If your child would like to participate in high school sports, he/she is required to have an updated physical on file with the school. Please contact the school for more information.

#### **School Advisory Committee:**

• Each school on the military installation has a School Advisory Committee (SAC). The purpose of this committee is to provide a forum to raise ideas or concerns with regard to the school. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the schools, bring them to SAC. Contact the school to find out the day and time of the SAC meetings.

# **Republic of Korea Related Information**

## **Useful Apps**

Directions: Waze, KakaoMap, Naver Map

Communication: KakaoTalk, WhatsApp, Google Translate

Travel Apps: KakaoT (Uber not usually available in Korea), KakaoMetro, Rome2Rio

Food: Shuttle, MangoPlate (similar to Yelp)

Local Tips/Other: Naver (South Korea's version of Google), VPN app, Currency exchange

app, Air Quality app, the Air Force Culture and Language Center's Culture Guide Application from Google Play or Apple App Store is a great resource for on-the-go access to info about a variety of overseas

locations.

## **Communicating Abroad**

When establishing an international phone plan while stationed in Korea, many cell phones will work on a Korean Cellular network. There are several ways to acquire a local Korean SIM card, to include AAFES or One Stop.

For a phone to work in Korea, it needs to satisfy these requirements:

- 1. Be unlocked Contact your network provider to determine if your 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.

## **Dialing Instructions and Useful Numbers**

To call Korean number from DSN number

To call DSN from Korean phone number

First dial '99', then the full commercial
Dial 05033 + the last 6 numbers of the DSN

**Emergency Numbers:** 

DSN 911

On-post cell phone (Humphreys) 031-690-7911 or 050-3353-7911

Off-post cell phone 119

Camp Humphreys Phone Book: https://home.army.mil/humphreys/index.php/contact/Phonebook

Camp Humphreys Happenings: <a href="https://humphreys.armymwr.com/happenings">https://humphreys.armymwr.com/happenings</a>

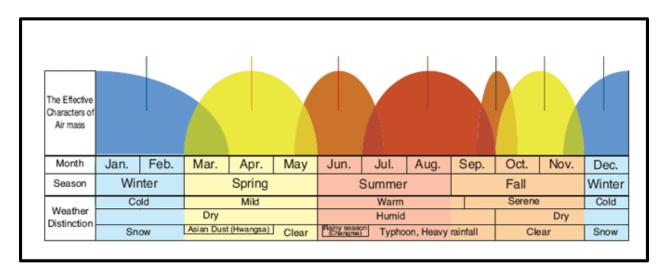
Stars and Stripes Korea Guide: https://ww2.stripes.com/epaper/special-publications/welcome-

to-the-pacific (navigate to latest Korea edition)

DMZ to the Sea: https://www.dmztothesea.com/

#### **Climate**

Located across roughly the same latitudes as the southern US, the Republic of Korea has a temperate climate with four distinct seasons.



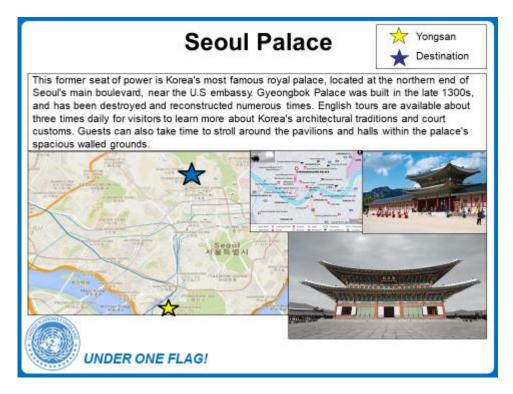
Southwest Monsoon is a seasonal phenomenon that occurs when warm, moist air coming from the southwest collides with cool, dry air coming from the northeast. Where the two air masses meet, they create a persistent band of rain showers that moves over the Korean peninsula from south to north over the course of about a month in early summer. For any point on the peninsula, the monsoon rains typically only last a few days, but they can drop half of the annual rainfall in that time.

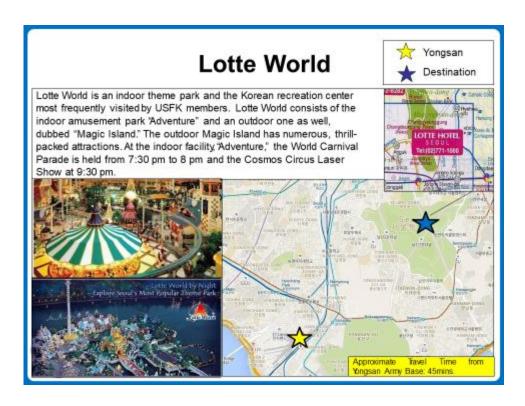
Tropical cyclones can affect the Korean peninsula from June through September, most commonly in August. They tend to be relatively weak by the time they arrive, so the primary impact is heavy rains and flooding as the storm passes. On average, the Republic of Korea is affected by two tropical cyclones per year.

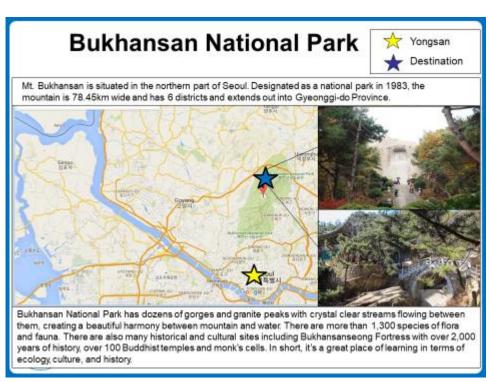
Yellow dust is a spring season phenomenon where strong winds can carry fine particles of dust and sand from the deserts of China and Mongolia across the West Sea, affecting China, the Korean Peninsula, Japan, and the Russian Far East. The fine particles can be inhaled deep into the lungs, causing respiratory problems, as well as irritating the skin and eyes. When there is a yellow dust alert, do your best to stay indoors, and always wear a mask outside. Yellow dust occurs an average of 3 times from March to early April.

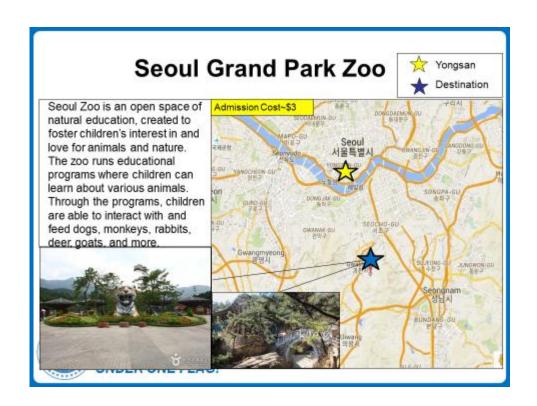
## Things To Do















Nanta is the longest-running show in Korean History. Since 1997, this non-verbal performance has been staged in 18 countries around the world and on NYC's Broadway's musical circuit. The musical has a simple back story of three cooks attempting to finish preparing a wedding banquet within a strict time limit while the manager installs his incompetent nephew among the kitchen staff. The show involves acrobatics, magic tricks, comedy, and audience participation. The unifying element throughout the musical is the use of traditional Korean music, which in this case in performed with improvised instruments, such as cutting boards, water canisters and kitchen knives.





#### COEX Mall

-Largest underground mall in Asia -Includes entertainment and dining -US and Korea Brands



#### Yongsan Electronics Market

-Over 500 stores in 20+buildings -Imported and exported electronics



## South Gate Flea Market (Namdaemun)

-Marketplace dating back to the 1400s -Great place for bargaining, lower cost shopping



#### Myeong-dong

- -Primary shopping district in Seoul
- -Brand-name department stores
- -Known for shoes, clothes and accessories



# War Museum (Korean War Memorial)

The grounds of the War Memorial of Korea were once the headquarters of the Korean Infantry. Many experts from different fields were consulted numerous times and exhaustive research was done in order to complete the exhibits. This memorial is the largest of its kind in the world.

#### Exhibits

- Memorial Hall
- · War History
- Korean War
- · Expeditionary Forces
- ROK Armed Forces
- Defense Industry
- Large Military Equipment
- Screening room/cultural theater







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## Itaewon



Itaewon is Seoul's international district, hosting a variety of Western-styled venues to eat, drink and to shop. Being a place where many foreigners congregate, English, rather than Korean is the predominant tongue spoken. A number of notable restaurants and bars spot the area, both on the main street and in the alleys. Options are unlimited, with over 2,400 retail shops and restaurants to pick and choose from.



# **Dining**



For an excellent full-course Korean lunch, hit the quaint <a href="Baedongbaji">Baedongbaji</a> in Samcheong-dong. For about \$15 per person, you can sample many popular dishes like <a href="Japonae">Japonae</a> (cellophane noodles stir-fried with sliced beef and veggies), <a href="Japonae">Japonae</a> (stew made with bean paste, tofu and veggies or meat) and <a href="Sengsun ya-chae jeon">Japonae</a> (fried fish with vegetables). The restaurant is inside a <a href="hanok">hanok</a>, or a small traditional wooden home, and is just a hop, skip and a jump from the three-way junction on the main road. Take subway line 3 to Anguk Station and take Exit 1.

