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Arctic Reserve moves mountains for Boy Scouts

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JBER, Alaska—Arctic Reservists from the 477th Fighter Group recently returned from an historic training mission supporting Joint Task Force –Summit, laying the foundation for the future home of the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Beckley, W. Va.

During their two-week annual training mission in Beckley, 22 Air Force Reservists combined efforts with Navy Reserve Seabees and West Virginia Army National Guard Engineers to break ground on this project that has been in the works for years.

The Summit site was a flurry of activity with heavy equipment of all types working in concert to accomplish tasks as small as clearing brush to jobs as big as hauling tons of rock to spread on new roads.

“This was some of the hardest work we had ever done, but we all came together as a team and know that our hard work will pay big dividends for the kids that come here,” said Maj. Mark Goodwin, team leader for the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The Reservists literally moved mountains as they cleared 48 acres with excavators and dump trucks. During brush clearing operations, they recycled trees by turning them into wood chips for irrigation around the new roads being installed in the area.

Reservists also built silt fences out of posts, chain link fencing and geotextile fabric and gravel check dams to catch and divert water, protecting roadways and foundations from erosion.

“Many of our Reservists worked outside their normal career fields and trained on equipment they rarely have the opportunity to use at home station,” said Lt. Col. Mike Forcht, 477 CES Commander. “Having those additional folks trained and capable is a good thing for our unit at home and especially in a deployed environment.”

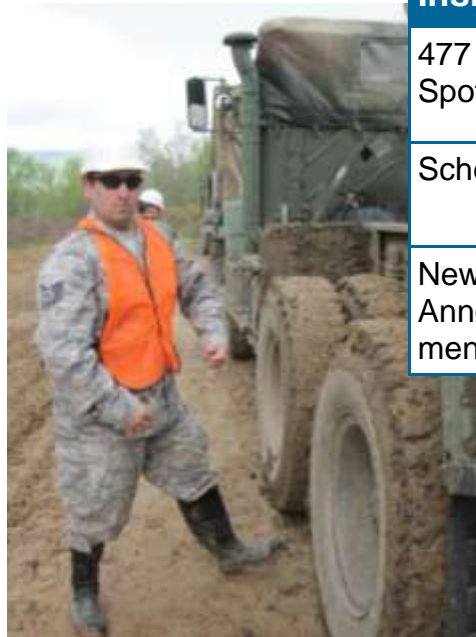


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Left: Tech. Sgt. Javier Vigil inspects a vehicle on the Summit site.

Below: Senior Master Sgt. Gary Lytle drives a dump truck to pick

up a load of rock to distribute around the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, future home of the National Boy Scout Jamboree, in Beckley, W. Va. Twenty two Air Force Reservists from Alaska went to the site to break ground on the project which will take nearly two years to complete. (AF photos)

All but one of the Air Force Reservists that traveled to Beckley were traditional Reservists, meaning they have full-time civilian employment and train one weekend a month and two weeks a year with the Reserve unit here.

“Employer support from the local community is critical to the success of a Reserve program and the Anchorage community has been outstanding in their support of our folks,” said Col. Bryan Radliff, 477th Fighter Group Commander.

The overall Summit plan will develop over 250 acres of raw earth and 15 miles of roadway alignment and road bed improvement. Additionally, in the coming years, units will build over 70,000 square feet of stick frame structures that will incorporate green technology.

JTF Summit officer in charge, Army Capt. Leonard Nida said in 2011 JTF Summit is anticipating over 500 service members from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines to complete this joint project.

According to the Boy Scouts of America website, they are expecting more than 45,000 scouts, leaders and staff to attend the first-ever National Boy Scout Jamboree at Summit Site in 2013.

— News —

Finance

ORDERS FOR ANNUAL TRAINING (AT): Are you planning on doing some AT days before 1 Oct 11? In accordance with AFRC policy ensure your AT orders are published by 31 July.

MILITARY LEAVE ON NON-DUTY DAYS: For leave starting on a non-duty day, the day of departure shall be charged as a day of leave. For leave ending on a non-duty day, the day of return shall not be charged as a day of leave.

MAKING CORRECTIONS ON OFFICIAL FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS: Make write-in corrections on official finance forms with a single line-through and initials. White-out is not permitted.

OBLIGATION TO EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN TRAVEL: "A member must exercise the same care and regard for incurring expenses to be paid by the Government as would a prudent person traveling at personal expense." (JFTR, para U2010.1) In other words treat your travel expenses as if you were spending your own money.

Community Support



The 477 FG's "Raptor Runners" team ran the Mayor's Marathon as part of the Summer Solstice celebrations downtown.

With a time of 3:45, they placed 9th overall out of 47 relay teams!



Group members participated in the Hero Games during the summer solstice celebration held between C and L Streets downtown.

Staff changes that affect you

We were all sad to say goodbye to Chief Davis last UTA, but the good news is that we get to welcome someone "new" to the staff!

Although new to the Group Staff, Chief Master Sgt. Tim Zellar is no stranger to the unit.

He joins us after having spent 22 years in the CES ranks! Be sure to welcome him when you see him!



For those of you that don't know, Master Sgt. "Kat" Johnson has moved to Pope AFB, NC.

She was responsible for a number of personnel programs and these are the new people to contact:

- Enlisted Promotions —Master Sgt. Perry
- BMT; DD Form 214s —Senior Airman Munoz
- EPRs/OPRs; Awards/Decorations; Losses —Staff Sgt. Kevin Norris
- Officer Promotions; Gains; Special Awards and Programs —Master Sgt. Richard Keele



— Announcements —

Promotions-Check out who's flashing new rank!



Airman to Airman 1st Class
Noel Magcalas, FSS



Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman
Samuel McPherron, MXS



Staff to Tech. Sgt.
Millicent Knepper, FSS



Tech. to Master Sgt.
Ty Watts, AMXS

Reenlistments-These folks are committed!

- Staff Sgt. Eirik Lane, AMXS
- Staff Sgt. Matthew Duque, MXS
- Senior Airman Donnie Cupples, MXS
- Senior Airman Timothy Owen, Security Forces

Unit picnic/family day

The Top 3 is sponsoring a picnic for Airmen and their families on Sunday, 14 August (UTA) from 1200-1600 at the 611th Chalet. Great food and fun for all!

Contact a Top 3 member if you have ideas or would like to volunteer!

Award nominations due

Quarterly awards for second quarter 2011, are due to Chief Zellar no later than 1200 Saturday July 16.

Boards will meet 1300 Saturday July 16 to make determinations.

Contact Chief Master Sgt. Zellar for more information.

Newcomers-Welcome these new Airmen to our family!

- Lt. Col. Brian Baldwin, 302 FS
- Tech. Sgt. Dante Adams, FSS
- Staff Sgt. Seth Roberts, FG Staff
- Senior Airmen- Chris Hartfield, MXS; Donnie Cupples, MXS; Timothy Owen, FSS; Taylor Crocker, CES; Kendra Schmitt, AMDF; Jessica Stratch, AMXS; Dustin Fuller, MXS

New Gate Schedule!!—As of Aug 1st

JBER has released a new schedule for the base gates.

You can also find the updated data on the 477th Fighter Group's facebook page!

Gate information	
<u>Richardson and Visitor Control Center</u>	
Seven days a week	24 hours
<u>Boniface Gate</u>	
Seven days a week	24 hours
<u>Muldoon Gate</u>	
Monday-Friday	5 a.m.-midnight
Saturday-Sunday	9 a.m.-midnight
<u>Gov't Hill Gate</u>	
Monday-Thursday	5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday	6 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday	6 a.m.- 10 p.m.
UTA weekends	5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
<u>Post Road Gate</u>	
Seven days a week	6 a.m.-7 p.m.
<u>Fort Richardson/ Elmendorf Common Gate</u>	
Seven days a week	24 hours
For more information, call the Visitor Control Center at 907-552-5420. For after hours assistance, call the Boniface Gate at 552-1449.	
Iditarod Dining Facility hours	
Breakfast	5:30-8 a.m.
Lunch	10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner	4:30-7 p.m.
Midnight Meal	11 p.m.-1 a.m.
For more information, call the DFAC at 552-3114.	
Fitness center hours	
Monday-Friday	4:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Holidays & family days	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
For more information, call 552-3504.	