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Col. Bryan Radliff
477th Fighter Group commander

Happy New Year Arctic Reservists! I trust the holidays provided you just the right blend of time spent with family and friends. It is my sincere hope that as you ushered in 2012, you were able to look back on 2011 and see positive reflections. To

say it was a trying year doesn't begin to scratch the surface of the difficulties you faced. From the uncertainty of MPA to support TSP (twice) to Continuing Resolutions (much more than twice) limiting our ability to conduct operations, you persevered with pride and distinction.

As we embark on what is to be another busy year, take comfort in knowing that we at least have a budget and can provide measured stability to our ability to fund our requirements. With that certainty, we have set forth a fairly aggressive schedule of events. Some fun, some not so much. Here's a quick glance of what remains for fiscal year 2012:

- Jan. Welcome our new Honorary Commander, Bill Behnke from GCI
Red Tail movie premieres Jan. 20
- March 673rd ABW/3rd Wg UCI
- May Phase 1 and 2 ORE
- June 477th FG UCI
Red Flag
- July FOC Celebration
Air Show
Homestead F-16's to fly with us
- Aug. Red Flag

Now, that's not including potential changes to 3rd Wg deployment tasks which are being discussed at senior levels. So, how do we stay focused and on track to make 2012 more successful than previous years? By not changing much at all. This is one of the most talented organizations top to bottom that I have ever had the honor of serving. Our Aimpoints for 2012 are:

1. Support the Reserve Triad (you/family/employer)
2. 100% manning with outstanding Airmen
3. Excellent rating during June UCI
4. Support 3rd Wg UCI/ORE
5. TFI process normalization

We will be establishing measurable objectives to make sure we are hitting where we aim. Know that you are my first priority, as the mission will fail without you. We are working diligently to make sure you are properly equipped and supported to accomplish your mission. Continue to seek quality Airmen to join our unit; you are our best recruiter. Also, I encourage you to check out our Facebook page and Web site for important information from benefits to civilian employment for you, your spouse or your family members. Thank you all for staying trained and ready to answer our Nations' call.

MISSING: 477TH FIGHTER GROUP RAPTOR SLED

Do you know the whereabouts of the Raptor sled? If so, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Tim Zellar at 240-2707.



George Lucas film, Red Tails, premieres to Reserve audience

By Capt. Ashley Conner
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska -- A select group of Reserve Airmen and Anchorage citizens were treated to an advanced screening of the new George Lucas film, *Red Tails*, about the famed Tuskegee Airmen at the Tikhatnu movie theater in Anchorage Dec. 15.

The screening was offered to members of the 477th Fighter group because its heritage traces back to these heroic aviation pioneers. The Group's 302nd Fighter Squadron historically was part of the 332nd Fighter Group, also known as "The Redtails" the famous all-black unit that fought both American prejudice and Nazi militarism.

Additionally, another Tuskegee Airmen unit, the 477th Bombardment Group was activated in 1944. The 477th and the 302nd were reactivated here in October 2007 when the group became the Air Force Reserve Command's first F-22 Raptor unit and the only Air Force Reserve unit in Alaska.

One of the film's actors, Marcus Paulk, who plays Deke Watkins in the film, was on hand to meet moviegoers before the advanced screening.

"It was really great to see one of the stars of the movie come out and take time to see what the 477th FG is all about," said Master Sgt. Kanya



Members of the 477th FG meet with *Red Tails* actor Marcus Paulk after the screening of the movie. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Capt. Ashley Conner)

Briner, 477th Force Support Squadron. "He was really nice and made sure that all that wanted to talk and take pictures with him, got the opportunity."

Shortly before the movie began Col. Bryan Radliff, 477th FG commander introduced Lucas Films publicity manager, Tippy Bushkin, who explained that this was not the final version of the film but a rough cut before giving Paulk the floor.

"I really hope you enjoy this film and take away the message that we were trying to portray," said Paulk to the 200 moviegoers in attendance. "It was an honor to do this film and pay respect to these great Americans."

Earlier in the day Paulk and Bushkin toured the Tuskegee memorabilia that adorns the walls of the 477th FG headquarters building and got a tour of an F-22 by Senior Airman Marren Clay, 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"That plane is sick," said Paulk as he posted a picture of himself in front of the F-22 on his Twitter account. "I need to fly in one of those!"



Col. Bryan Radliff, 477th Fighter Group commander, and Senior Airman Marren Clay, 477th AMXS crew chief, give a tour of the 477th FG headquarters building and get a tour of an F-22 by Senior Airman Marren Clay, 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. (U. S. Air Force Photo/Capt. Ashley Conner)



“... and now a note from our financial sponsors”

by 477th FG Financial Management Office

Replacing old uniforms?

Individual members must not buy uniform items for themselves with the intent of getting reimbursed. RPA clothing GPC cardholders are the only individuals authorized to purchase uniforms for members.

Taking leave over the weekend?

When military members take leave the day before and the day after non-duty days, all the days (duty and non-duty) must be charged as leave. For example, if member takes leave Friday and Monday, then leave will be charged Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Submit one leave request for the entire leave period.

Contact us

If you can't visit us in person in the 477th FG HQ building room 226, please use our e-mail org box at 477fg.477fgfinanceorgbox@elmendorf.af.mil; it's listed on the global as 477 FG Finance. If you have a military pay issue, please be specific about the pays or allowances in question and the dates affected. Please provide the order numbers as well. If feasible, scan and attach LES's about which you have questions. Don't have scan capability? You can fax us at 551-4768.

Reservists 'deck the halls' at VA hospital



Tech. Sgt. Valorie Floyd, 477th FSS and Master Sgt. Paul Hennig, 477th AMXS decorate a holiday tree in the foyer of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska Dec. 6. (U. S. Air Force Photo/ Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

INSPECTOR GENERAL

The IG's door is always open to take a complaint however, certain matters are better presented to other agencies. The list below breaks down which matters are most appropriate for the IG and which matters have different channels.

Matters for the IG include:

- Reprisal/Restriction
- Abuse of Authority
- Inappropriate Mental Health Eval
- Allegations of Injustice
- Violations of Law or Directives
- Gross Mismanagement

Gross Waste of Funds
Substantial Danger to Public Health and Safety

Matters for other agencies include:

- Correction of Military Records
- Appeal of EPR/OPR
- EOT/MEO Matters
- UCMJ Punishment
- Administrative Separations

To file a complaint with the 477th Fighter Group IG contact Lt. Col. Steve Johnson at 551-5477, room 222 in the 477th FG headquarters building during UTA weekends.



477th FG Holiday Party

Unit members and their families got into the holiday spirit during the group's annual Holiday party Dec. 4. Children, young and old, enjoyed decorating cookies, making stockings, jumping the bouncy house and visiting with Santa Claus. (Photos by Master Sgt. Brian Nicolos)



Promotions

From Senior Airman to Staff Sgt. Andrew Carey, 477th MXS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Jean Bartness, 477th CES

From Staff Sgt. to Technical Sgt. Helen Dickinson, 477th FSS

From Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman Sarah Dirkes, 477th MXS

From Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman Roman Gimeno, 477th MXS

From Staff Sgt. to Technical Sgt. Monica Go, 477th FSS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Harden, 477th MXS

From Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt. John Hutchinson, 477th AMXS

From Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt. John Harjehausen, 477th MXS

From Master Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt. Jamie Kesterson, 477th MXS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Eirik Lane, 477th AMXS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Stephen Malanphy, 477th FSS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Roderick Miranda, 477th CES

From Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman Catherine Seiders, 477th MXS

From Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman Aaron Witt, 477th AMXS

Re-enlistments

Staff Sgt. Ryan Zepp
477th MXS

Senior Airman Andrew Carey
477th MXS

Staff Sgt. Marissa Wiard
477th MXS

Staff Sgt. Mark Dunlavey
477th MXS

Newcomers

Tech. Sgt. John Harris, 477th FSS

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Fried, 477th AMXS

Airman Basic Courtney Hays, 477th AMDF

Airman 1st Class Aaron Witt, 477th AMXS

Senior Airman Larissa Hennessy, 477th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Cole Chase-Cochrane, 477th FSS

Airman 1st Class Joshua Baker, 477th AMXS

Airman 1st Class Dillinger Koeckritz, 477th MXS

Staff Sgt. Severin Stalmarck, 477th FSS

Tech. Sgt. John Harjehausen, 477th MXS

Senior Airman Daniel Coombs, 477th FSS

Staff Sgt. Dominick Dimartino, 477th CES

Staff Sgt. Ernest Scarbough, 477th CES

NEWS BRIEFS

Rescheduled UTA meals

During a rescheduled UTA enlisted members can show a copy of their 40-A while checking out at the Golf Course Eagles Nest Café, Arctic Oasis Paradise Grill, POD and Kenai and Iditarod Dining Facilities and get their meals for free. Officers, as always have to pay for their meals. If you have any questions contact Master Sgt. Brian Nicolos at 551-7269.

HERO 2 HIRED

Searching for a new job is a big undertaking. H2H makes it quick and easy for all Reserve Component members to find jobs with military-friendly companies. H2H has the tools and resources you need to find job -- all in one place, all free. Visit www.H2H.jobs today and find your next job!

Marriage Maintenance Class

You tune up your car every 30,000 miles, why not your relationship? Marriage PREP classes run for six weeks from 6-8 p.m.

Feb. class: 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28

May class: 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

Sept. class: 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

With just a little "elbow grease" you can improve your communication and enjoy a closer relationship with your partner! To register call 552-4943 or 580-2181.

DBIDS registration

Every individual possessing an ID card must get registered in the DBIDS systems by either visiting the Pass and ID office in the People Center or the Visitors Center outside the Boniface gate. Those of you who have not registered will be directed to the Visitors Center to register. This includes dependent ID cardholders as well.



Do you have a supportive civilian boss? Nominate them for the **Patriot Award!**

To submit an application visit: <http://www.esgr.org/forms.asp?sp=patriot>

PT TESTING
Members will complete all components of the PT test in Hangar 5. Wear official PT gear, hand carry workout shoes, bring your ID card and arrive 15 minutes before testing time.

The **477th FG Legal Office** will be open Jan. 9-20 for legal assistance. Email Maj. John Whittington to set up an appointment.

Redtail Review Feedback
The Redtail Review newsletter of the 477th FG. As a member of the unit you have a say in what goes in it! If there are things you would like to see more (or less of) email your suggestions to: 477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil.