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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Is your game face on? Are you ready to tackle the many events in front of us?

ORE: As you read this newsletter, we have folks participating in an ORE with the 3rd WG. If you missed participating in this one, not to worry. We are developing a plan that will provide you outstanding opportunities to practice your wartime skills.

SECAF visit: Monday May 24 will provide all personnel on JBER to listen to Secretary Donley as he and his wife make their first visit to Alaska. I hope you will be able to attend the Airmen's call Monday morning. Contact your supervisor for details.

AFRC Inspections (CUI, HSI, LCAP): The IG team arrives to the 477th FG June 7 and departs June 12. The thrust of the inspection will occur 7-10 June, with the outbrief scheduled for Monday June 11. Folks have been working diligently to ensure our processes comply with applicable guidance and directives.

We are ready. I am confident in the work accomplished to date and your professionalism. Show the IG our great Alaskan team.

Until June...



Col. Bryan Radliff  
477th Fighter Group commander

# Earth Day, everyday Alaska Reservists minimize carbon footprint

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska** -- In an effort to save money and be kinder to the environment Reservists assigned to the 477th Fighter Group have been utilizing Share-A-Van, a carpooling venture sponsored by Anchorage's Public Transportation Department.

"My dad rode a van for about 15 years until he retired," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph McQueen, 477th Force Support Squadron. "I rode his van for awhile and then I was approached by some (477th FG) maintainers in 2009 about starting one for the 477th."

The 477th FG currently has two Share-A-Van's shuttling sometimes upwards of 20 personnel from Wasilla, Alaska and surrounding areas to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The drive is approximately 40 miles and in the winter time can take up to 60 minutes if the traffic slows because of inclement weather.

"I prefer taking the van in the winter," said Tech. Sgt. Heidi Dickinson, 477th FSS. "Tech. Sgt. McQueen is our driver and knows the roads and how to drive in icy conditions. If something were to happen and we slid off the road we are with a group which is better than being in a snow bank by alone waiting on help to arrive."

Collectively the Share-A-Van riders agree that there are disadvantages but they are outweighed by the advantages.

"It takes a little extra time each day waiting for people to arrive in the morning and at the end of the day," said McQueen. "But the cost savings extends out further than just simply gas money, I'm not going thru tires as fast as I would, I'm not getting as many oil changes or having as many break downs, and I'm not replacing my vehicle every three to five years. These advantages to me justify the little extra time and inconvenience and it helps the environment too."

The 477th Fighter Group, the only

Reserve unit in Alaska, was activated in 2007 and the headquarters building, built in 2009, was designed to maximize energy efficiency and sustainability.

The group also participates in the base wide recycling program managed by Tim Zellar, Weston Solutions project manager. During Reserve Unit Training Assembly weekends Zellar is also a member of the 477th Fighter Group staff and serves as the chief enlisted manager.

"Protecting the earth and conserving our natural resources is important for future generations," said Chief Master Sgt. Tim Zellar. "We are so lucky to live in a place like Alaska where natural beauty is in abundance. It is our job to take care of it."

*(Article and photos by Capt. Ashley Conner, 477th FG Public Affairs)*



# AFNet *Migration*

The 477th FG will migrate to AFNet May 14-20. The primary impacts for you will be:

- \* E-mail addresses will temporarily drop out of the Global Address Listing for up to two days
- \* Individual's name appears in all CAPs when it repopulates
- \* E-mail rejects from cached memory in Outlook
- \* New Outlook Web Access address will be advertised within migration window
- \* Functional applications experiencing unexpected issues will be pointed back to legacy server
- \* OWA changes to <https://jber.mail.us.af.mil/owa>
- \* Personal settings for OWA will not be migrated
- \* Outlook rules will not migrate; users must reset the rules

**Enterprise Service Desk is the new IT help desk upon migration start: DSN 510-435-7337**

## INSPECTOR GENERAL

The 477th IG has traded office locations with the 477th FG Historian. The IG office is now located on the first floor of the 477th HQ bldg., room 103A, 551-1477.

This month's topic is just a few words on the evolving Air Force Inspection Process and the associated manning in the 477th FG.

Somewhere along the line you probably noticed the name of the upcoming inspection changed from UCI to CUI. The name change is the tip of the iceberg. The important part is the substantive change to the inspection process, and that change is ongoing.

Here are the highlights: CUI stands for Combined Unit Inspection. The basis for the CUI was the desire by senior leadership to consolidate the overgrown list of external inspections under one umbrella and at one time. The idea is to free up "white space" between inspections on the wing/group calendar.

The CUI has three phases. Phase 0 in-

cludes the compliance inspection, HSI, and LCAP. CUI phase 1 is mobility readiness, and CUI phase 2 is operational readiness. The 477th CUI in June is the CUI phase 0.

The evolution of the inspection process will continue into 2013, and is currently being tested in USAFE.

The next evolution will delegate many of the inspection requirements down to the wing via the Commander's Inspection Program. AFRC Wings and Groups are creating Readiness Groups to meet this new demand. Readiness Groups duties will include managing the unit's Major Event Cycle, planning and executing inspection preparations, leading EET, and managing MICT. It is to be determined if the active duty will also create a Readiness Group or if they will grow their IG Inspections personnel.

The 477th IG role is IGQ (complaints and education). Remember, the IG's door is always open!





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## COMPETITION WINNERS

(Above) Senior Airman Joshua Baker, a Traditional Reservist with the 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Weapons Flight, is operating the jammer as his crew loads an AIM 120 into the main weapons bay during the 1st Quarter Load Crew competition. (Right) Tech. Sgt. Timothy Tuttle, an Air Reserve Technician with the 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Weapons Flight starts the Auxiliary Power Unit on an F-22 during the 1st Quarter Load Crew Competition. The APU is used to operate the aircraft's weapons bay doors during the loading of the AIM 120 air-to-air missile. Baker and Tuttle along with an active duty made up the three-man team that took first place in the competition. (U.S. Air Force Photos/Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)



# Re-enlistments

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Fried	477th AMXS
Tech. Sgt. Kyle Higley	477th FSS
Staff Sgt. Justin Klein	477th AMXS
Master Sgt. Rhodora Maher	477th FSS
Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Cody Watson	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Virginia Jackson	477th MXS
Master Sgt. Michelle Colley	477th AMDF
Master Sgt. Kanya Briner	477th FSS
Staff Sgt. Michael Taylor	477th FSS

# Promotions

From Staff Sgt. to Tech Sgt. Evan Davila,  
477th MXS

# Newcomers

Senior Airman Steven Adams	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Amadel Aspiras-Smith	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Reuel Attwood	477th FSS
Tech. Sgt. Corey Barnes	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Lonnie Bryant	477th AMDF
Maj. Brian Budde	302nd FS
Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell	477th MXS
Senior Airman John Carroll	477th MXS
Staff Sgt. Theodore Champine	477th MXS
Lt. Col. Robert Churchill	477th FG
Capt. Nicole Das	302nd FS
Staff Sgt. Mark Ford	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Joseph Harrison	477th MXS
Staff Sgt. Mandu Johnson	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Justin Klein	477th MXS
Maj. Jeff Kreofsky	477th CES
Capt. Kimberly Kubick	477th AMDF
Staff Sgt. Amanda Marlett	477th AMDF
Staff Sgt. Richard Martinez	477th FSS
Staff Sgt. Craig Miller	477th AMDF
Staff Sgt. Donald Miller	477th FSS
A1C Mailierene Miller	477th AMDF
A1C Kendall Nielsen	477th AMDF
A1C Anton Rozvodovskiy	477th MXS
Staff Sgt. Christian San Juan	477th MXS
Senior Airman Philip Strumsky	477th FSS

## 477th GROUP PRIORITIES

DECLARE FOC

PASS THE COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

SUPPORT THE RESERVE TRIAD

SEEK TFI PROCESS NORMALIZATION

EXPLORE INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES AND  
OPPORTUNITIES

IMPROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS TO BETTER  
INFORM BUSINESS & CIVIC LEADERS

## MISSION

RECRUIT, TRAIN, DEVELOP, AND RETAIN UNRIVALED CITIZEN ARMEN

## VISION

BUILDING THE WORLD'S PREMIER TOTAL FORCE TEAM





# NEWS BRIEFS

## Military Leave Requests

Requests for leave (AF Form 988) must be submitted to the 477 FG Reserve Pay Office (RPO) before leave begins. And the leave form, part III, must be completed and forwarded to the RPO when the leave ends.

## Orders for Annual Training

Are you planning on doing some AT days before Oct. 1, 2012? Ensure your AT orders are published by July 31 in accordance with AFRC guidance.

## Government Travel Card Management

If a DoD employee is also a member of a Reserve unit, the GTC will be issued through the individual's civilian agency, not his/her Reserve unit. When that Reserve member is required to perform training or active duty, a copy of his/her military orders must be provided to his/her DoD agency.

## Fisher House Volunteers



Master Sgt. Micheal Long, 477th FSS, cooks burgers for Fisher House residents here recently. The FSS provides support for Fisher House on the first Wednesday of every month by bringing and fixing dinner. If you would like to volunteer please contact Angie Earle at 551-4778. (Photo by Master Sgt. Bryan Nicolos)

# TDY

## Outprocessing

Have you ever been told, at the last minute, that you have to leave on a TDY in a couple of days? Have you wondered why those pesky MPF folks make you out-process?

When you go on orders for over 30 days, you have to confirm the orders before you start to get paid, to include all the extra pay like Cost of Living Allowance, Basic Allowance for Housing, and Basic Allowance for Subsistence.

When you go on orders over 30 days, you and your family are eligible for medical benefits. If you don't out-process completely it could affect your medical coverage.

In the end if you take the extra time to complete the out-processing checklist, you can avoid spending your free time trying to resolve issues.

Out-processing entirely ensures you and your families primary needs are met. So next time you see that pesky checklist, complete it and enjoy your TDY!

(Information provided by Senior Airman Danielle Selisker, 477th FSS)



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Dental Exams

Dental exams will be available from 8-11 am on Saturday of the UTA. **Appointments can be made ahead of the UTA by calling Senior Master Sgt. John McLean at 551-4729.** Members will be seen by the military Reserve dentist when they enter the reserves and every third dental exam. Otherwise, members should see their civilian dentist and fill out a AF 2813 to be turned in to the medical section.

## Motorcycle Training

Riders can now start the registration process for the 2012 Contracted Motorcycle Training. A change from previous years is training is only offered to uniformed service members and Department of Defense civilians who have motorcycle operation listed in their position descriptions. For information on how to register, call 552-5092.

## PT Testing

All PT testing will be held at the HAWC beginning May 7. The cardio portion will be completed on the outside track.

## Running Clinic

The HAWC will host a running clinic on May 22 from 3-4:30 pm. If you are interested in attending please call 551-2361.

## CEI UPDATE

Civilian Employment Information database is an important tool for Reservists and it is required that members update their information annually. Visit <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/esgr> to complete the review.

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

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

## Chapel Schedule

9 a.m. - Liturgical Service

10:15 a.m. - Catholic Service

11:30 a.m. - Contemporary Christian Service

Questions call Maj. Pat Travers @ 551-7265

## Redtail Review Feedback

The Redtail Review is the 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](mailto:477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil)

