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# COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Welcome to our November UTA. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you as the 477th Fighter Group commander. It is unusual for us to do a change of command

on a day that is not a UTA.

I want you to understand that we were forced into doing our change of command on Friday by the many moving parts and airline schedules between here and Col. Radliff's next command. He and Brig. Gen. Binger have to complete our ceremony then find their way to Hill AFB, Utah to do another ceremony on Sunday. We had hoped to include all members of our group ART and TR's alike by having the change of command on Saturday, but we were unable to do so. We understand the difficulties that TR's face when trying to participate during the week. Thank you for your understanding.

I suspect you will hear a lot of discussion about the financial challenges we are facing as a group this weekend. I want you to understand our situation so you can help control the inevitable rumors about our funding. We have been given a funding authorization for the first half of the fiscal year that we will use to fund all of our military pay needs. It includes tours of duty that are normally centrally funded as well as our usual unit-funded tours. The challenge we face is that the authorization is smaller than we would like. Your leadership team and our financial experts are in the process of sorting out the details and generating a plan that will allow us to perform the mission and properly compensate our team. Our priorities going forward are accomplishing the mission, maintaining our readiness, training our members properly and minimizing undue disturbances to our Airmen's lives. Please be patient as we develop this plan.

Finally, I thank you all for your dedicated service to your nation. These are interesting and dynamic times and Americans willing to don the uniform and serve make a large impact in the world...larger than you might realize. I know the sacrifice you and your families make so you can be here and be ready to do your mission when called. Have a great weekend. Be safe and take care of each other.

## Fiscal Year 2013

### UTA Schedule

Dec. 1-2, 2012

Jan. 5-6, 2013

Feb. 9-10, 2013

Mar. 9-10, 2013

Apr. 6-7, 2013

May 4-5, 2013

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June 1-2, 2013

July 13-14, 2013

Aug. 3-4, 2013

Sept. 7-8, 2013



# INSPECTOR GENERAL

This month, I'd like to review your Whistle Blower Protections under 10 USC 1034

Any Air Force military member who reasonably believes a personnel action (including the withholding of a favorable action) was taken or threatened in reprisal for making or preparing to make a protected communication may file a complaint with the Air Force Inspector General (or lower level IG).

To qualify as a protected communication, it must be made to: an IG; a member of an IG office investigative staff; Member of Congress or their staff; a member of a DoD audit, inspection,

investigation, or law enforcement organization; safety, Equal Opportunity, and family advocacy organizations; any person in the member's chain of command; Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force; Command Chief Master Sergeant; Group and Squadron Superintendent, or First Sergeant.

It is of utmost importance for all military members to understand that they receive whistle blower protection under 10 USC 1034 when submitting a complaint with any IG.

## Money Matter\$

### **MIXING ACTIVE AND INACTIVE DUTY**

Active duty tours -- ADSW, ADT, AT, School, MPA -- and inactive duty tours -- UTA, RMP, AFTP and AGTP -- cannot be performed on the same day. On a given day you can be paid for active duty or inactive duty, but not both. If your active duty tour is away from JBER, you will receive military pay for the travel days. For pay purposes those travel days are considered active duty days; therefore, you cannot be paid for inactive duty on the travel days. And if you perform a Readiness Management Period you cannot be paid for any other duty types that day.

### **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.

### **GTC CARDHOLDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Government Travel Card cardholders are required to submit travel vouchers within five business days of completion of travel, use split disbursement to pay the outstanding balance, and pay in full all undisputed amounts due in the monthly billing statement from the GTC bank by the due date, regardless of the status of their travel reimbursement.



# Alaska Reservist wins CrossFit divisional State Championship

By Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso  
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

A Reservist was awarded first place in his division at the 2012 CrossFit Alaska State Championships in Anchorage Oct. 13.

Lt. Col. David Piffarerio, 302nd Fighter Squadron commander, competed in the over 40 male category of the first annual CrossFit competition during the Fitness Expo at the Dena'ina Center.

"I've been doing cross fit since 2007 and I have never looked back," said Piffarerio. "It's a phenomenal fitness program as I'm in the best shape of my life. It's very challenging but rewarding at the same time as you meet fitness goals and accomplish things you never thought you could."

CrossFit is a strength and conditioning program consisting of varied, high intensity, functional movement with the stated goal of improving fitness which it defines as work capacity across broad time and modal domains. They combine movements such as sprinting, rowing, jumping rope, climbing rope, flipping tires, weight lifting, and carrying odd objects; they use barbells, dumbbells, gymnastics rings, pull-up bars, kettle

bells, medicine balls, boxes for box jumps, and many body weight exercises.

"The interesting thing about CrossFit is there isn't a 'typical' workout," said Piffarerio. "Every day is something new and challenging. You can see workouts range from five minutes up to an hour, with combinations of metabolic conditioning, weight lifting and body weight movements all in the mix."

Athletes throughout the state gathered at the Dena'ina Center to compete in the CrossFit competition, Strong Man and Woman competition and the Fitness and Figure competition.

"CrossFit can offer anyone and any level the ultimate fitness program," said Piffarerio.

Hangar 5 on JBER-Elmendorf is equipped with all the necessary cross fit equipment.

"There is not a full time staff at the hangar to take care of all of the equipment, so it is up to the people using the facility to police up after themselves, help others when they can, and keep a positive attitude while training there," said Piffarerio. "That's the spirit of CrossFit."

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## **HOT** Pit in the snow



Airmen from the 3rd and 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons perform a hot pit refuel with an F-22 here. Hot pit refueling is a procedure performed in order to rapidly refuel the aircraft and allow it to complete a second sortie in a short amount of time. During a hot pit refuel the pilot will stay in the cockpit with the jet running while the maintenance crews perform safety checks and refuel the aircraft allowing it to return to flight in less than 30 minutes. (U.S. Air Force Reserve/Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

# Promotions

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Matthew Merrell, 477th CES

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Amadel Aspiras, 477th AMXS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Tyler Bowman, 477th AMXS

From Senior Airman to Staff Sgt. Taylor Crocker, 477th AMXS

## Newcomers

Tech. Sgt. Michele Black  
Senior Airman RA Brandon Pierce  
Staff Sgt. Mike Faris  
Airman Basic Sharnall Kauiopna  
Senior Airman Shawn Levings  
Airman 1st Class Antonio Smith

## Re-enlistments

**Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**  
Senior Master Sgt. Scott Waugaman

**Maintenance Squadron**  
Tech. Sgt. David Trim  
Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell

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PHYSICAL FITNESS  
TEST SCORES

### Aerospace Medical Flight

Maj. Margaret Gannon  
Staff Sgt. Ronny Parayno

### Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Aaron Witt

### Civil Engineer Squadron

Maj. Mark Goodwin  
Staff Sgt. Matthew Merrell

### Operations Support Flight

Lt. Col. Brett Paola

### 477th Fighter Group

Tech. Sgt. Luke Boser  
Maj. Tim Pemberton  
Col. Bryan Radliff

### 477th Force Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Joshua Lobato  
Staff Sgt. Richard Martinez  
477th Maintenance Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell  
Tech. Sgt. Brandon Sipes  
Tech. Sgt. Alamin Smith  
Senior Airman Ryan Weeks



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Fitness Assessment at Hangar 5

The HAWC will be moving fitness assessments to Hangar 5 starting Nov. 2. 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.

## NCO Leadership Development Course

The 477th FG will be hosting its first NCO Leadership Development Course Jan. 7-18, 2013.

Staff Sgt. and Tech. Sgt. with current passing Fitness Assessment and Medically qualified are eligible for the 20 person class.

How to register - AF Form 101 (mil status) or SF 182 (civilian status), templates and course information located on the 477th FG Sharepoint site.

Students will receive two college credits in addition to meaningful, challenging, hands-on leadership training.

## Arts and Crafts

Polar Express Arts & Crafts will offer embroidery services starting November 1, Thu-Fri 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. & Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.. Also, the framing classes (Basic Framing, I love you Frames, and Earring Holder) are cancelled until further notice. Call 384-3717 for more information.

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, Chapel 2  
10:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass, Chapel 1  
11:30 a.m. - Contemporary Christian Service, Chapel 2

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) e-mail your suggestions to:  
[477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil)

