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stealthy **supercruise**, MANEUVER-  
ABILITY *integrated avionics* first-  
**AIR DOMINANCE**  
*kill low observable* *low aerodynamic design,*  
increased thrust stealthy **ADVANCED**  
FLIGHT CONTROLS **thrust vectoring**  
**HIGH THRUST-TO-WEIGHT RATIO**

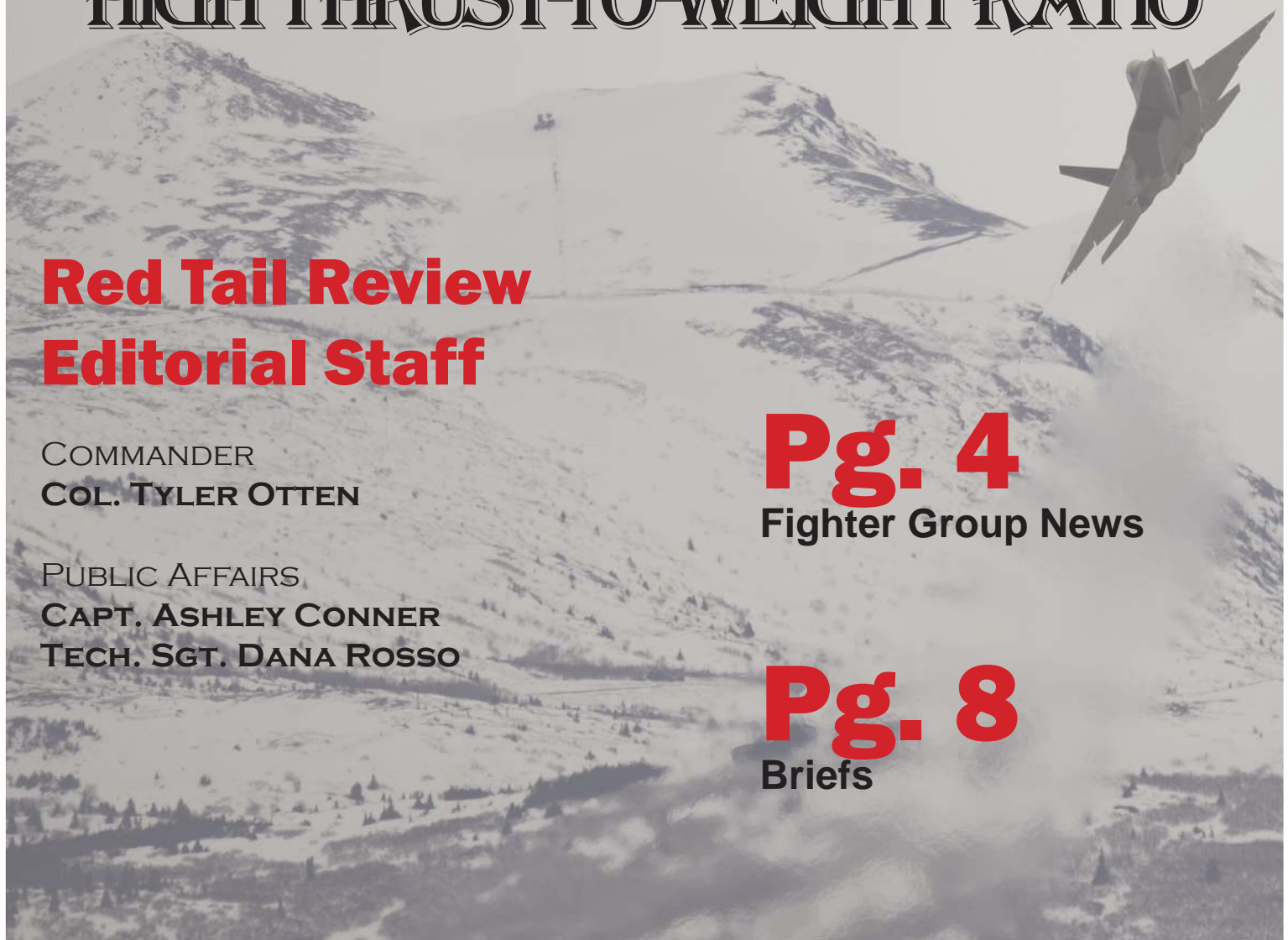
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# COMMANDERS COMMENTS



**Col. Tyler Otten,  
Commander, 477th Fighter Group**

Hello everyone and welcome to the combined February and April UTA. This is a big weekend with a lot of activity. Friday will be our transition day from the Phase One exercise into the Phase Two exercise in which we will be participating.

This event is about readiness and training. Our mission is to serve as a force supplier. We supply combat ready citizen airmen to the Combatant Commanders. Fundamentally, that is why we exist as a unit. It is a challenge.

Our current individual

readiness status is rather poor. We are at 68% readiness in Individual Medical Readiness statistics. That means that nearly a third of us are missing some medical item that prevents us from being deployable Airmen.

While there are a lot of things that are out of our control, this is one area that we, as individuals can impact. Each of us needs to check our status, be proactive and ensure that we are meeting the requirements for our mobility requirements. This area is getting renewed emphasis from the MAJOCM level... rightfully so. We do not need to wait until we expire in some category before we take action to regain readiness currency. We can and should look ahead in order to avoid going overdue in our readiness status. I understand that this year has been a challenge with sequestration, CRs and the rescheduling of the February UTA. I am simply asking each of you to realize that our individual status impacts our overall readiness.

We are going to take advantage of the opportunity Friday to update as much of this as we can. Units can be a great help in tracking and looking ahead to ensure we all stay ready, but your individual efforts and diligence are the key to success in us regaining a solid readiness status.

Thank you for taking this seriously and making the effort to regain currency. Have a great weekend, train hard and advance your skill while doing is safely.



# Money Matter\$

**ACTIVE DUTY TOUR CERTIFICATIONS FOR MILITARY PAY:** Reservists are encouraged to certify their short tours electronically using the Tour of Duty Certification in AROWS-R. Follow the instructions provided in email from Mr. Currier, March 11, 2013.

**AIRLINE AND RENTAL CAR RESERVATIONS:** For temporary duty travel you must use a commercial travel office to arrange for air and rental car transportation. By using SATO the government rate provides rental car insurance coverage. Therefore, you should not acquire additional insurance. If you do get ad-

ditional insurance coverage, the extra cost will not be reimbursed.

## **ATAAPS IS COMING:**

AFRC is on track to implement the Automated Time and Attendance Processing System in June 2013. ATAAPS will automate and replace hardcopy civilian timesheets. ATAAPS features include timecards pre-populated each pay period based on the employee's normal duty schedule, mandatory certification and email functions. The 477th FG POCs for ATAAPS are Ms. Lisa Gaskins and Ms. Angela Earle. They will provide user training prior to implementation.

# ABOVE



## PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

### **302nd FS**

Maj. Clayton Johnson  
Maj. Chad Newkirk

### **AMDF**

Capt. Bradford Allen  
Staff Sgt. Stephanie Itle  
Tech. Sgt. Shaun Robison

### **AMXS**

Staff Sgt. Gerald Ingram  
Airman 1st Class Abelardo Rios

### **CES**

Tech. Sgt. Roderick Miranda

### **FG Staff**

Lt. Col. Chris Labrum  
Lt Col. Patrick Travers

### **FSS**

Master Sgt. Kanya Briner  
Tech. Sgt. John Harris

### **MXS**

Senior Airman Aaron Henle

### **OSF**

Airman 1st Class Rachael Cline



# Arctic Reservists on Ice



The Alaska Aces hosted the 477th Fighter Group night at the Aces March 10. (From clockwise top left) Col. David Piffariero, 477th FG deputy commander drops the puck before the game. Staff Sgt. Mia Carson, Reserve recruiter, sang the National Anthem. Piffariero accepts a game jersey from Aces coach Rob Murray and conducted a reenlistment ceremony with Air Force members. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

# 477TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

EST. MARCH 1, 2013

By Capt. Ashley Conner  
477th FG Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- The 477th Security Forces Flight reached a new milestone when it transitioned to a squadron under the 477th Fighter Group here March 1.

Once the squadron reaches fully operational capability in 2015 the squadron will deploy as a unit. Until then they will be supporting their active duty counterparts on JBER.

"We are currently working on implementing a plan for the 477th Security Forces to augment the 673rd Security Forces," said Master Sgt. Hiram Gunter, 477th SFS. "It is important for the Total Force Integration relationship that the Reserve unit is able to send highly qualified security forces members to step in and share the burden of securing this installation."

During this phase when the squadron is transitioning from initial operating capability to full operational their main objectives are recruiting, training and preparing.

"At the end of last year we ran our Airmen through a simulat-

ed use of force scenarios in the Engagement Skill trainer, conducting field operations such as land navigation. All of these training opportunities will hone our skills and keep them sharp when we are called upon for real world missions," said Gunter.

Currently the squadron has 19 of its 54 positions manned and all are Traditional Reservists, meaning their military obligation would be one weekend a month and two weeks a year.

"The establishment of any military unit is an important event, but perhaps more so for a Reserve unit as we provide opportunities for Alaskans to serve our Nation and remain in Alaska," said Col. Tyler Otten, 477th Fighter Group commander. "Anyone who is separating from Active Duty, graduating high school or simply looking for a way to serve part-time as a Security Forces Specialist, we now have a security forces squadron added to our organization allowing you to serve where you live."

Airman 1st Class Raider Zavodsky a Traditional Reservist with the 477th Security Forces Squadron, trains on the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 here. The EST 2000 offers a realistic alternative for training in marksmanship, collective and shoot/do not shoot scenarios on both the M-9 and the M-4.



## Re-Enlistments

Staff Sgt. Jessica Stratch  
477th AMXS

Senior Master Sgt. John Mclean  
477th AMDF

## Promotions

From Airman to Airman 1st Class  
Erica Lefever  
477th AMDF

From Airman Basic to Airman  
Dakota Nicolson  
477th AMDF

From Airman First Class to Senior Airman  
Jacqueline Herreroan  
477th FSS

# Caption CONTEST



Submit your caption to [477fg.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:477fg.pa@us.af.mil) by Sunday of the UTA for a chance to win a Subway coupon good for a free six inch Subway sandwich. Caption must be professional and appropriate to print. The winning caption will be posted in next months Red Tail.



## Photo Trivia Contest

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Craig Pfister who correctly identified that this Air Traffic Control Tower was in Top Gun. Stop by the PA office to pick up your coupon good for a free six inch Subway sandwich.



# NEWS BRIEFS

## SitterCity.com Membership

Do you need a babysitter or nanny? Your membership to Sittercity is fully paid by the Department of Defense and is at no cost to you. Visit [Sittercity.com/DoD](http://Sittercity.com/DoD) to set up an account.

## Job Fair & Vet Workshop

Veterans and Spouse Job Fair will be held May 1 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Egan Convention Center. A Veterans Transition workshop will be held April 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Anchorage Muldoon Job Center.

## Family Care Plan

Contingency operations and other TDY's sometimes require members to be separated from their families. To ensure access to entitlements, benefits, & care during your absence proper arrangements must be in place. A successful Family Care Plan relies upon a great measure of preparedness.

If you do not have a family care plan in place see your First Sergeant.

## 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.

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)

