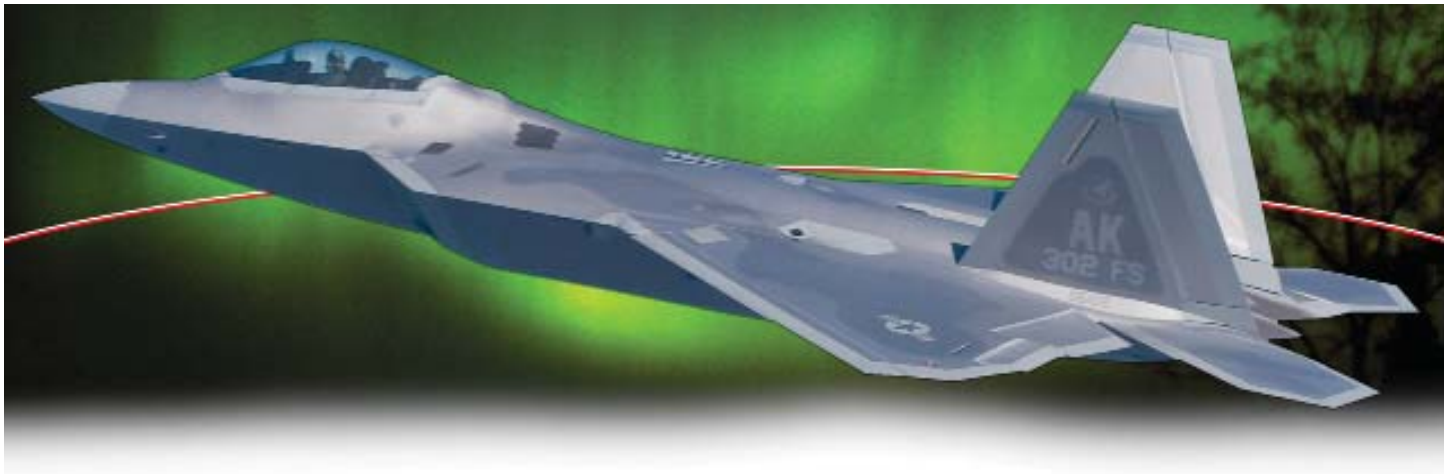


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# COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Happy New Year!

I hope that the holiday season was good to all of you and that you are ready for a great 2013. This UTA weekend we are going to take some

time to discuss safety, resiliency, and how they relate to our mission in the 477th Fighter Group. Our mission is to provide combat power for our nation in the form of fully qualified, deployment ready, world class Airmen. We must do that in a manner that is sustainable and supportable.

Sunday afternoon we are going to spend some time at that unit level to discuss and identify where some particular challenges to that mission may be. Many of you have heard me comment that "the people are the mission". I am sure that the only way the mission gets done is if members of our unit make it happen. We

cannot take that action if we are not taking care of ourselves and each other. That is the point of us taking time out of our UTA to discuss how we ensure that we are all ready to get the job done.

If we aren't healthy or fit enough (mentally and physically) to do our jobs in a stressful environment, we are destined to fail in our ultimate mission of providing our services when called. If we are not operating with safety in mind as we execute the mission, we will likewise fail. . Historically the post-holiday period sees a slight increase in mishaps. We can avoid that increase by taking the time to ensure we are fully ready to do our jobs properly. We owe it to each other, the unit and ultimately the nation to take care of ourselves and our teammates in all facets of our lives. Please take the time this weekend to be involved with one another, assess your own resiliency and be ready to help anyone that may need a hand in this area.

Thank you for being here this weekend serving this great country. I look forward to seeing you around the base.

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



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# 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 resolution channels.

## **Matters for the IG include:**

- Restriction (blocking member contact with an IG or congress)
- Reprisal (Unfavorable personnel action against a member because they did contact an IG or congress)
- Abuse of Authority
- Improper Mental Health Evaluation
- 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

IG complaints can be filed with any IG. Preferably, the complaint is filed with an IG in the same command as the subject of the complaint. If not, expect the complaint to get transferred to the subject's command which will slightly delay resolution. The 477th IG is available during UTA weekends in the HQ building room 103A, 551-1477. The 673rd ABW/IG is available M-F during normal business hours at 552-8384.

# Money Matter\$

**LEAVE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH NON-DUTY DAYS:** 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.

**RETAIN MILITARY LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENTS:** You'd be wise to keep e-copies or hardcopies of your myPay LES's, especially the last one of each calendar year. And if you have questions about payments or deductions appearing on your military LES, it's a good idea to bring/send the LES with your questions to the Reserve Pay Office (RPO). You can contact the RPO at 477FG.Finance@elmendorf.af.mil, call 551-4763, or go to the HQ 477 FG building, room 214.



# Reservist Earns Top BMT Award, Credits New AFRC Training

By Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso  
477th FG Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** -- A member of the 477th Fighter Group was named Top Graduate out of 620 Airmen from Basic Military Training during the graduation ceremony Nov. 9 2012, at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

Airman 1st Class Andrew Morgan is a traditional reservist that will be assigned to the 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as an F-22

avionics specialist. Morgan is a resident of Anchorage, Alaska.

Top honor goes to the one Airman who has surpassed all other in the challenges of Air Force Basic Military Training. Morgan was the weapons monitor, he scored a 97% on his end of course test, and completed the mile and half run in 10 minutes and 34 seconds in addition to 52 sit-ups and 48 push-ups.

"The training I went through before leaving for BMT helped out immensely," said Airman 1st Class Andrew Morgan, "I was way ahead of the game because of what we did with the Reserve training prior BMT."

Morgan's success can be attributed in part to his participation in the 477th FG Development and Training Flight, a new Air Force Reserve initiative which prepares enlistees for Basic Military Training by educating them on Air Force customs and courtesies, drill and ceremony, and physical

fitness prior to arrival at BMT.

"The D&T Flight has sent 21 trainees off to basic training so far," said Tech. Sgt. Travis Marshall, 477th FG D&T Flight facilitator. "Eight members have returned after training, a few of them

held roles such as dorm chiefs and element leaders, but Morgan is our first trainee to be recognized as the Top Graduate. We will continue to provide them with the tools that they will need to be successful in BMT."

Prior to the stand-up of D&T Flight program new enlistees only contact with the military was twice a month contact with their re-

cruiter and weekly contact during the month prior to leaving for BMT. This training so far has proven to increase the success rate of Airmen in BMT. According to the office of the Program Manager of the Development and Training Flight there was a 7% discharge rate of Reserve Airmen who were not in a D&T Flight prior to coming to BMT and only a .5% discharge rate for those who were.

"Trainees can be a part of the program for as short as one month up to one year as they await their training dates," said Marshall. "As of right now they are averaging six to seven months in the program before leaving for BMT."

The Air Force Reserve currently has 37 units with active D&T Flights.

"Prepare yourself mentally, but don't stress about it," said Morgan. "Most trainees get used to the conditions of BMT after a while, but being able to handle one's self under pressure is the biggest thing to overcome. The sooner you can get a start on that, the better, and the D&T Flight at the 477th FG did that and more."



# Promotions

From Master Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt. Adam Keele, 477th FSS  
From Master Sgt. to Senior Master Sgt. Robert Cronin, 477th AMXS  
From Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt. Jeffrey Lathrom, 477th FG  
From Tech Sgt. to Master Sgt. Travis Schlapbach, 477th MXS  
From Staff Sgt. to Tech Sgt. Matthew Duque, 477th MXS  
From Airman First Class to Senior Airman Koeckritz Dillinger, 477th MXS  
From Airman First Class to Senior Airman Daigooro Saldivar, 477th AMXS  
From Airman First Class to Senior Airman Maileirene Miller, 477th AMXS  
From Airman First Class to Senior Airman Zachary Criss, 477th AMXS  
From Airman to Airman 1st Class Altaro Robinson, 477th CES

# CAPTION

# CONTEST



To enter a caption into the caption contest email your caption to [477fg.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:477fg.pa@us.af.mil)

Caption must be professional and appropriate to print.

The winning caption will be posted in next months Red Tail.

# 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.

## Commanders Call

On Sunday Jan. 6 there will be a Fighter Group Commanders call in the Arctic Warrior Events Center at 1300 followed by Wingman day activities

## Eagle Glen Cross Country Skiing

Fit 2 Fight cross country ski program is on hold until skiing conditions at Eagle Glen improve.

## New Cyber Training

Cyber Awareness Challenge," the 2013 replacement for DoD's annual information assurance awareness training product is now available on the IASE website.

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).

