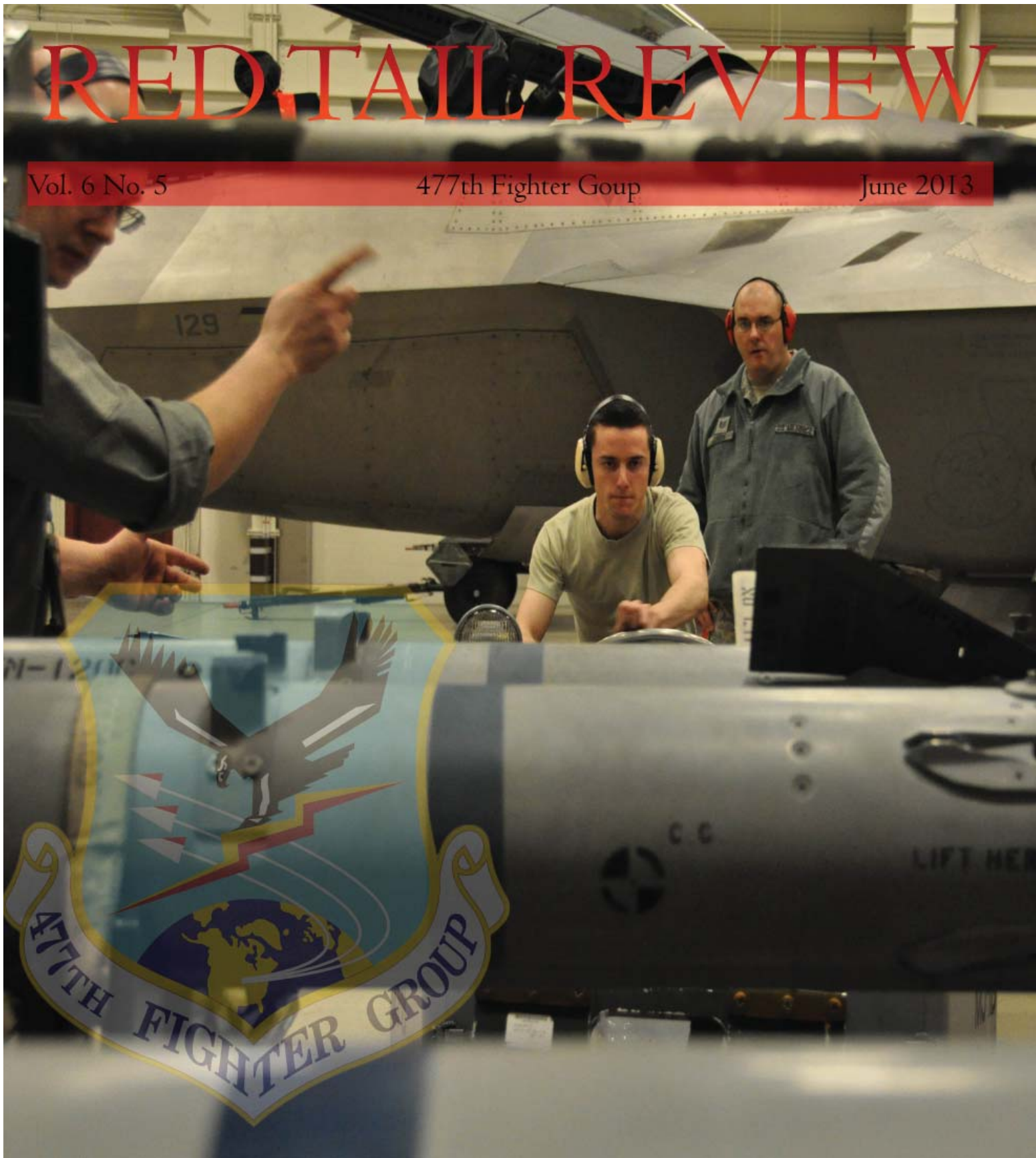


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AIR DOMINANCE
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increased thrust stealthy **ADVANCED**
FLIGHT CONTROLS **thrust vectoring**
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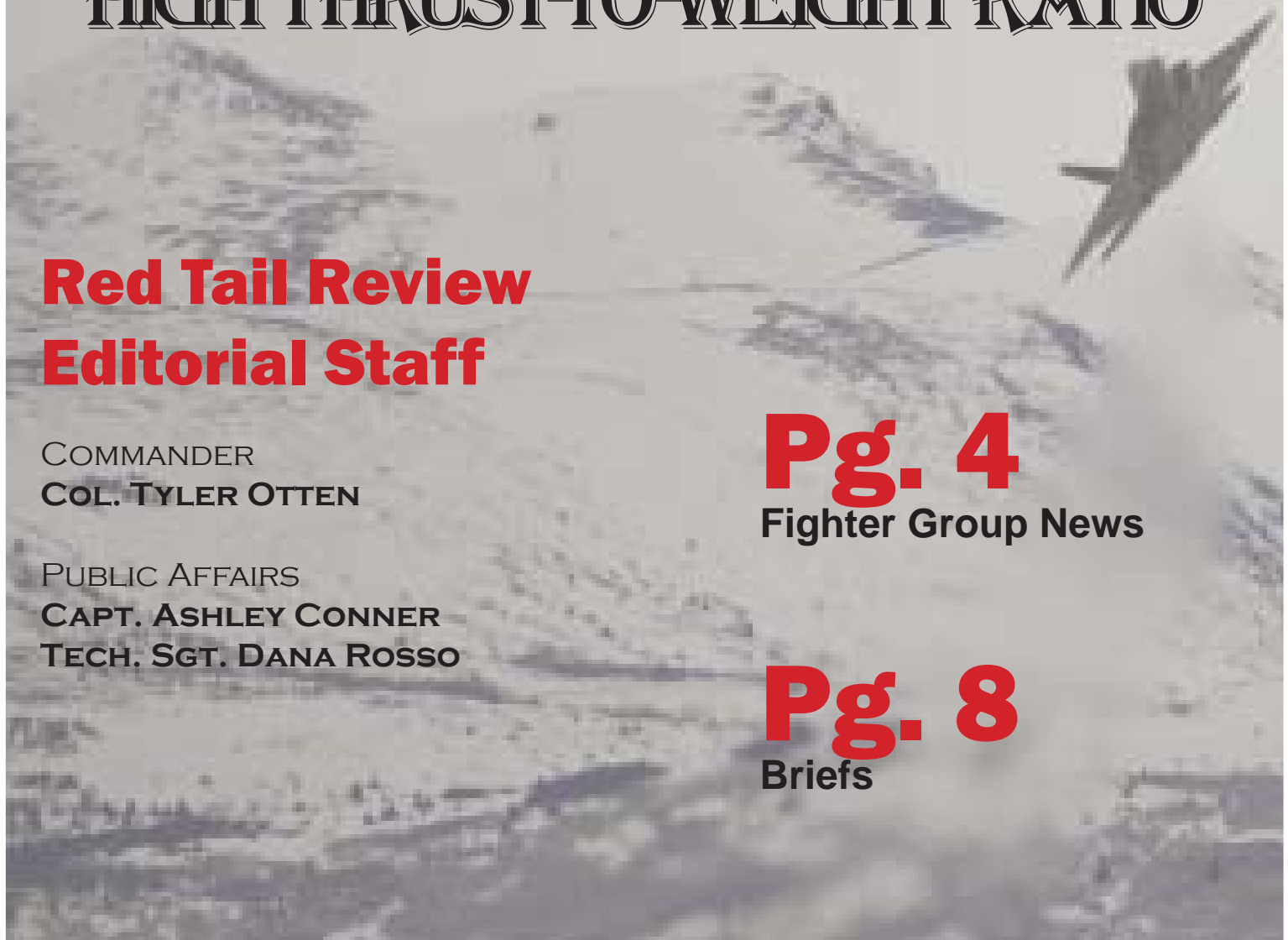
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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Col. Tyler Otten
477th Fighter Group commander

Hello all and welcome to our June UTA. Summer is upon us. finally. Sadly the furlough of government civilians is as well. We have begun to issue the notification letters and will have that complete in the next few days.

For the TRs among us, I ask that you are sensitive to challenges that this will pose to our civilian and ART workforce. The furlough could serve as yet another distraction to our efforts this weekend and in the coming months.

Please work to remain focused on the task at hand. We work in an

environment that requires focus and attention to detail. In many of our work centers lives are on the line if we don't do our jobs well. On the same lines, summer safety is always an issue. Ensure you are practicing good Operation Risk Management in our off duty activities as well.

Readiness is still a command emphasis. If you are soon to be due for some readiness item like a physical, immunization, PT test, ADLS CBT or dental exam, please take care of it before you go overdue. We should be leading 10th Air Force, not lagging behind other units. Please help your unit commanders by being proactive and making sure you take care of all the items that you can over our UTA. We have made some good improvements and I thank you for your efforts. Stay on top of these items and we will soon be leading the NAF.

Thanks for being here this weekend. Thank you for your service and sacrifice in the course of that service.

Have a great UTA!



Money Matter\$

ATAAPS IMPLEMENTATION

HQ AFRC has directed the implementation of the Automated Time and Attendance Processing System. 477th FG employees will begin using ATAAPS for the pay period starting June 16, 2013. Users and certifiers will receive training prior to that date. Questions should be addressed to unit timekeepers.

TRAVEL PAY SPLIT DISBURSEMENT

Government travel card cardholders are required to submit travel vouchers within 5 business days of completion of travel, use split disbursement to pay the outstanding balance, and are responsible for payment in full of all undisputed amounts. Supervisors and commanders are responsible for ensuring government travel card charges are split disbursed on travel vouchers.

ORDERS FOR ANNUAL TRAINING

Are you planning on doing some AT days before Oct. 1, 2013? In accordance with HQ AFRC guidance ensure AT orders are published by July 31.

GTC MANAGEMENT FOR DOD EMPLOYEES

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 a 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.

ABOVE



PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Tyler Bowman
Staff Sgt. Matias Castro
Senior Master Sgt. Robert Cronin
Senior Airman Cecilia Dahm
Staff Sgt. Shawn Kane
Senior Airman Jeremie Sanders
Senior Airman Michela Dahm

Maintenance Squadron

Tech Sgt. Edmund Kelleher
Senior Master Sgt. David Strunk

Civil Engineer Squadron

Master Sgt. Jason Nystrom
Senior Airman Jordan Sizemore

Force Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Andre Andrews
Senior Airman Jacqueline Herrer-Roan
1st Lt. Jaime Kunde
Staff Sgt. William Medlin
Senior Airman Danielle Selisker

Operations Support Flight

Maj. Chris Miller
Lt. Col. Chad Feucht

Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Cole Chase Cochrane
Senior Airman Shawn Everett
Senior Airman Senovia Gallegos



Reservist leads combined ARM shop

By Capt. Ashley Conner
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

In an effort to become more efficient the three F-22 squadrons in Alaska have morphed into a super squadron with a Reservist at the helm of the Aviation Resource Management shop.

Master Sgt. Kristel Strunk, a Reservist assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron, has the task of combining the 525th, 90th and 302nd FS ARM shops.

This will ensure policies and procedures are standardized to maintain combat mission ready status of the 73 active duty and Reserve pilots assigned.

"The only time in the past that we have combined squadron ARM shops is during an exercise," said Strunk.

"It's busy, but combining squadrons will allow the pilots to fly more successful training sorties

together than they would if they were in separate squadrons."

As the ARM SNCO, Master Sgt. Strunk and the five ARM Airmen are responsible for ensuring that the F-22 pilots are combat mission ready.

"We track training, flying hours, and flying

currencies among other things" said Senior Airmen Tyler Walter, 302nd FS ARM Apprentice. "We also show up about an hour before the pilots do to ensure that weather and NOTAMs are pulled up and coordinate with wing scheduling to get the airspace."

While the super squadron construct will realize efficiencies under the direction of one SNCO a side benefit is the efficiency of one operations desk.

"One ops desk improves the relationship with other F-22 squadrons so that we can execute the mission more effectively," said Col. David Piffarero, 477th

Fighter Group deputy group commander. "It will also allow the Airmen more time to focus on other tasks and additional training."



Master Sgt. Kristel Strunk explains the process of reporting fuels data off of local sorties to Air Force Reserve command to Senior Airmen Tyler Walter. In an effort to become more efficient the three F-22 squadrons in Alaska have morphed into a super squadron and Strunk is in charge of combining the fighter squadrons Aviation Resource Management shops. Both Walter and Strunk are Reservists assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron ARM shop. (U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Ashley Conner)

INSPECTOR GENERAL

MICT Reminder!

This is a friendly reminder for MICT checklist owners to accomplish their annual inspections.

A very high percentage of these checklists were run this time last year in final preparations for the 2012 CUI.

Consequently, a high percentage will be overdue this time next month.

Your 477th FG Inspector General is Lt. Col. Steve Johnson, 477th FG HQ Bldg. Room 103A, 551-4771



Reserve team wins JBER F-22 Load Crew of the Year

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

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- Three Reservists from the 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were recently awarded the 2012 JBER F-22 Load Crew of the Year during a ceremony here May 17.

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Tuttle, the team's lead weapons loader along with Staff Sgt. Brandon Vice and Senior Airman Joshua Baker were selected as the top F-22 load crew out of the 28 certified load crews assigned here.

This is the first time that a crew comprised of three Air Force Reserve members has won the JBER F-22 Load Crew of the Year. Tuttle, and Vice are both full time Air Reserve Technicians working each day alongside the 3rd Wing load crews. Baker is a traditional reservist who fulfills his Reserve commitment one weekend a month and two weeks a year. When not performing military duties Baker works as an office manager at Full Spectrum Pediatrics in Anchorage.

While weapons loaders perform numerous aircraft loads throughout the year on several different types of aircraft munitions to stay proficient the quarterly and annual load competitions provide an opportunity to show off their loading skills.

"Each crew is evaluated on an open ranks Air Force Instruction 36-2903 inspection," said Senior Master Sgt. Benjamin Dorsey, 477th AMXS weapons standardization superintendent. "A consolidated tool kit inspection, a written test covering maintenance and explosive safety as well as the evaluated munitions load which is selected by the wing weapons manager."

The overall score is based on the crews efficiency, safety and reliability of the load as well as the other evaluated components.

"I am proud to be the team lead of this three man crew," said Tuttle. "We have been able to work together and build a strong team I am very happy with what we have accomplished."



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Cords evaluates Senior Airman Joshua Baker as he picks up an AIM-120 air-to-air missile with a jammer while Tech. Sgt. Timothy Tuttle gives him directions during the 2012 JBER F-22 Weapons Load Competition. Tuttle and Baker are both Reserve weapons loaders assigned to the 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Their three man crew was recently awarded the 2012 JBER F-22 weapons load crew of the year. (U.S. Air Force/ Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)



Dumps like a truck
Members of 477th Civil Engineer Squadron conduct bucket loader training and dump truck training May 4. The Reserve Unit Training Assembly weekend provides an opportunity for the full time Reservists who hold Air Reserve Technician positions to train the Traditional Reservists who serve one weekend a month and two weeks a year. (U.S. Air Force/ Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

Promotions

From Senior Airman to Staff Sgt. Brian Hurley, 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

From Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman Sharon Hoffman, 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Re-enlistments

Senior Airman Brian Hurley, 477th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. John Harris, TSgt, 477th SFS

Tech. Sgt. Austin Shippy, 477th MXS

Master sgt. Derek Welch, 477th AMXS



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NEWS BRIEFS

Fighter Group DEERS station closed

The DEERS station will not be available on June 6 due to software upgrades. The People Center will handle DEERS related issues for you on that day. We anticipate being online the next business day, June 10 to serve you. For your convenience contact information for The People's Center is provided below:

https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/self_service/

Duty Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

JBER's Attic

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's Attic (formerly known as the Airman's Attic) located in building 8515 off of 20th Street is open on Tuesdays for pay grades E1 to E4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays for pay grades E1 to E6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month for all pay grades from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They are looking for permanent volunteers to perform duties as assistant manager of the Attic. Please contact Senior Master Sgt. Jens Rueckert at 580-6820 or Susan Hoversten at 854-5959 if interested in the position.

Dining facility survey

ARAMARK is conducting a survey to evaluate how the contractor can better offer dining service to JBER. The 17-question survey can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/bm5koz6>.

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 Lt. Col. 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@us.af.mil

