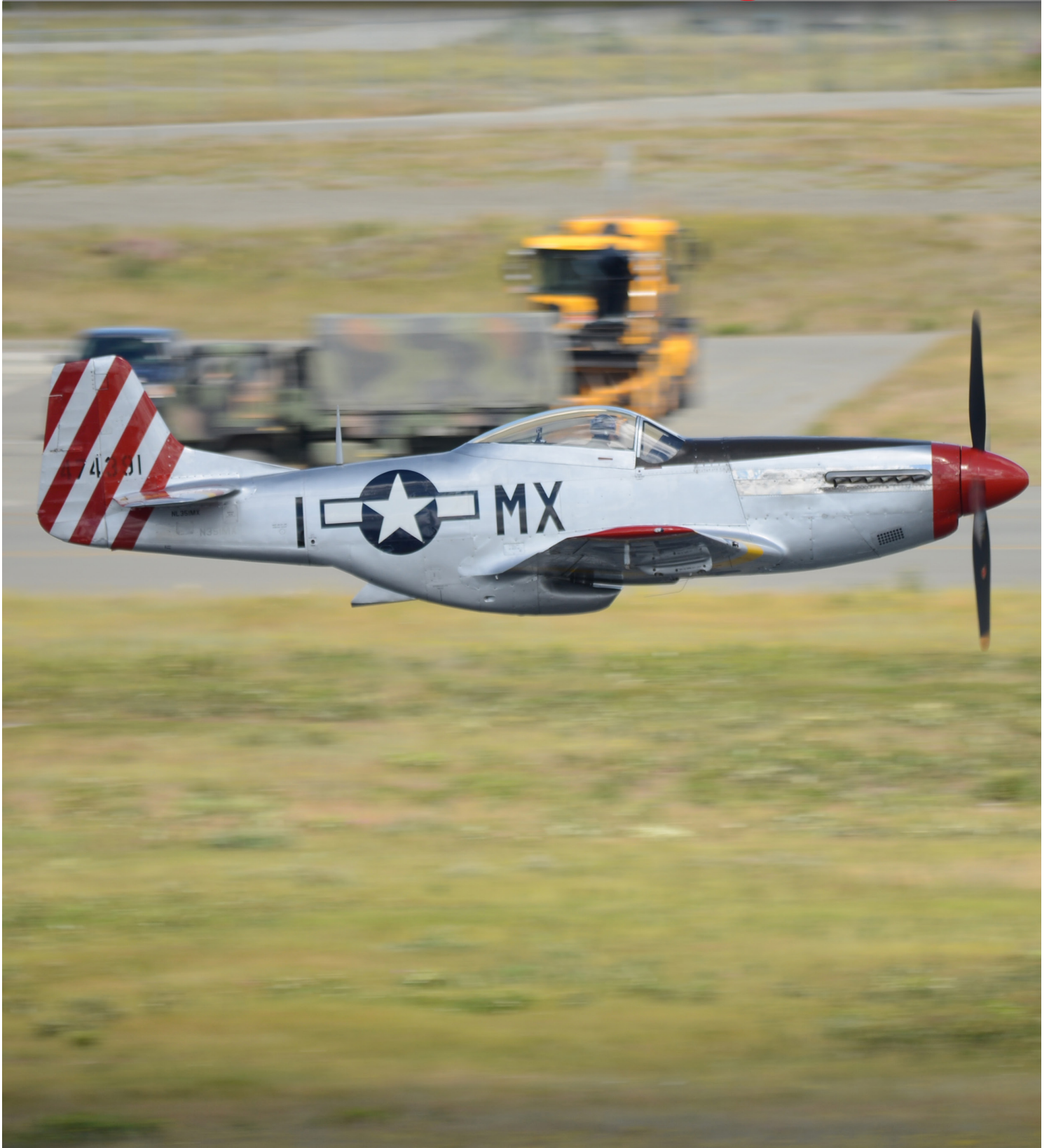


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Commanders Comments



Welcome to the August UTA. We have a busy weekend in store as always. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those that worked very hard to put together our Family Picnic last month. Staff Sgt. Jessica Stratch, 477th Force Support Squadron, led the effort and did a great job doing so. Of course she had a significant team behind her to make all of pieces come together. It was a great success and served to meet one of our objectives of increasing our families' connection to the group.

On the topic of families, I need to make a push for the "Key Spouse" program. The reality is that this is a poorly named program. It really isn't limited to spouse participation. Some units have other family members to include mothers of AF members. The purpose of the program is to help communication with the families of our unit members and to ensure that they are well connected to what is going on in the unit and are clear about the resources available to them through the base, especially when deployed. Key Spouses receive some training through the base that allows them to fulfill their role. We currently have about three key spouses

for the entire group; more would be helpful. I ask you to share the possibility of having your spouse or other family member to consider joining this program.

Next month, many of us will be doing our first group-wide annual tour deployment for training to Hawaii. This is a great opportunity for the group to get on the road and operate as a unit doing each of our respective missions. This is another step in our effort to increase the unit cohesion for the 477th Fighter Group which is part our internal partnership growth effort.

As always, I thank you for your service to our great nation and the unit. Please take a moment this weekend to thank your families for their support of your service. Be safe and stay focused over the course of this busy weekend.



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Alaska Reservist saves Airman's arm after ATV rollover

by Maj. Ashley Conner

477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON,

Alaska -- The swift actions of an Airman during an ATV accident saved the limb and probably the life of a fellow Airman.

Airman 1st Class Makayla Conant, 477th Security Forces Squadron, was the passenger in a Razor ATV being driven by fellow Security Forces member, Staff Sgt. Philip Strumsky, when the ATV fell on its side after accelerating too quickly from a stopped position.

"The ATV flipped over on my side and the roll cage landed on my arm just below my elbow and trapped me in," said Strumsky. "It was excruciating pain and I looked down to see if my hand was still attached."

Conant immediately unbuckled herself and Strumsky, who was wearing his seat belt, helmet and gloves, and with the help of another friend lifted the roll cage off of Strumsky.

"We had just completed Combat Casualty Care training during Commando Warrior in Guam where they taught us what to do during a Humvee roll over and how to handle that kind of situation," said Conant. "My instincts kicked in and I did what anyone else in the situation would have done."

Conant applied a T-shirt to the wound that was now bleeding heavily, stabilized his arm and called 911.

"I was very impressed that she didn't hesitate or have a deer in the headlights moment. She remembered her training and they immediately got me out," he said. "I was glad. I knew I needed an ambulance. Quick."

The group was on an isolated dirt road five miles from civilization near Houston, Alaska. Their

friend rode out to the main road to meet the paramedics and lead them back to the scene.

A member from the Houston Volunteer Fire Department arrived followed by an ambulance that took Strumsky to the Mat-Su Regional Hospital for x-rays. He was then transported to the JBER hospital where he was met by his girlfriend, Lindsey, and 477th SFS superintendent, Master Sgt. Hiram Gunter.

"I was very proud of how Makayla responded and glad that [Staff Sgt.] Strumsky wasn't hurt any worse than he was," said Gunter. "There wasn't any alcohol involved, they were all wearing the appropriate safety protection gear, they had a wingman and they remembered their training. Self-Aid and Buddy Care is more than just computer based training. It is applicable training that could save a life."

After four surgeries and seven days in the hospital Strumsky was released. He has some advice for other outdoor enthusiasts.

"It really is important to make sure that you take a friend with you when you go out," said Strumsky. "If I had been riding alone that day I doubt I would have been able to free myself with one working arm."

The 477th Security Forces Squadron is nominating Conant for a decoration for her rescue efforts that day.



Fighter Group Highlights

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PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Brian Knispel
Master Sgt. Miles McQueeny
Chief Master Sgr. Aaron McRoberts

CES

Staff Sgt. Ryan Burchell
Tech. Sgt. Michael Faris
Master Sgt. Jason Nystrom

FG

Senior Airman Matina Kellums
Col. Tyler Otten

FSS

Lt. Col Jennifer Page

MXS

Airman 1st Class Ki Kang
Staff Sgt. Donnie Cupples
Master Sgt. Norris Paxson
Master Sgt. Travis Schlapbach

OSF

Senior Airman Ashley Giusti
Lt. Col. Chad Feucht

SFS

Master Sgt. James Gordon

Welcome the following Airmen

Airman Michael Phothiboupha	477th AMXS
Senior Airman Nicole Hammond	477th AMDF
Staff Sgt. Peter Hall	477th MXS
Tech. Sgt. Annayansi Aguilar	477th FSS
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Barnett	477th MXS
Maj. Jerod Rife	302nd FS

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Promotions

Take a look at who is flashing new rank...

Airman 1st Class Joselito Moscare
Senior Airman Krista Chavira
Senior Airman Angela Rodriguez
Senior Airman Hector RiveraBurgos
Senior Airman Ki Kang
Senior Airman Makayla Conant
Staff Sgt. Karl Coulombe
Staff Sgt. Aaron Witt
Staff Sgt. Soo Xiong
Tech. Sgt. Virinia Jackson

Airman In Action



Staff Sgt. Michael Taylor, 477th Security Forces Squadron, over looks the 2014 Arctic Thunder Open House from an elevated observation point with his active duty counterparts from the 673rd SFS. Arctic Thunder Open House featured more than 40 Air Force, Army and civilian aerial acts and was attended by a crowd of more than 200,000 people. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

Fiscal Fitness

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RESPONSIBILITY TO EXERCISE PRUDENCE

IN TRAVEL: "A traveler must exercise the same care and regard for incurring government paid expenses as would a prudent person traveling at personal expense." (JFTR, para U2000.A) In other words, treat your TDY travel expenses as if you were spending your own money.



NEWS BRIEFS

The 477th Fighter Group will have a Team in next months American Heart Association walk here in Anchorage. The walk is scheduled for September 13 at 0900.

For information see Senior Airman Martina Kellums

JBER WEEKEND CHAPEL SERVICES

Protestant Services

0900 Chapel 2 (Liturgical)

0930 Chapel 1 (Gospel)

1030 Chapel 2 (Community)

1100 Soldiers' Chapel (Collective)

1700 Chapel 1 (Contemporary)

Catholic Masses

0830 Soldiers' Chapel

1130 Chapel 1

Chapel 1: 7137 Fighter Drive (near Elmendorf Theater)

Chapel 2: 9431 Luke Avenue (near 477 FG Headquarters)

Soldiers' Chapel: Building 3, Headquarters Loop, JBER-Richardson

For more information on these and other worship opportunities, please contact

Chaplain, Lt Col Pat Travers, 907-723-7303

TSgt Seth Roberts, 907-552-6779

477 FG Chapel Office: Room 119, 477 FG Headquarters Building, 9443 Mundy Avenue

Fisher House

Members of the 477th have been giving their time to help make dinners for guests at the Alaska Fisher House, they could use your help.

Aug - FSS Sept - MXS Oct - AMXS

Nov- AMDF Dec - 302 FS

For more information please check with your squadrons First Sgt.

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

Alaska Reserve unit devotes day to sexual assault prevention

by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso

477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- The 477th Fighter Group held a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand-down day for all of the group members during the Unit Training Assembly here July 13.

The purpose of the SAPR stand-down was to educate our unit on how perpetrators operate and how the Air Force members can help prevent sexual assaults as well as informing members about what resources are available to survivors of this crime.

The first half of the day consisted of a group commander's call with an overview of sexual assault and how it directly impacts mission readiness, led by the 477th FG commander, Col. Tyler Otten.

"Our understanding of sexual assault in our ranks is improving. This down day is an opportunity to share that understanding with our unit members, so we can all work together to prevent sexual assaults," said Otten.

Following the commanders call facilitators, who were certified by the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's SAPR office, led small group discussions focused on identifying offenders and learning how they operate. By focusing on their harmful behaviors members are more likely to be able to intervene and prevent sexual assault, not allowing it to disrupt the mission.

"Sexual assault has no place in our Air Force," said General Mark A. Welsh III, USAF Chief of Staff. "We live in a culture of respect. We cherish our core values of integrity, service and excellence. But in order to ensure all Airmen experience and benefit from those values, we must eliminate sexual assault in our ranks."

