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Commanders Comments



discussing this issue together, so I am asking each of you to be ready to participate in the discussion to make it valuable. Sexual assault is a real problem and it has impacts far broader and longer than many people think. We will help the Total Force get this challenge under control. Sunday afternoon we will take time to have our team building portion of the day at our family picnic. It is intended to be an event for us to interact as a unit and visit with our teammates and their families.

Once again, I thank you for your great efforts in serving your nation. You truly make a difference with your service and commitment to what makes America great. I wish you a very happy and safe Fourth of July and look forward to seeing you over the UTA

Greetings everyone. I have a couple topics for this month's commentary. The first is the results from our recent Unit Effectiveness Inspection. We did well. We were rated as "Effective" in all the major graded areas, which is pretty impressive given that we are as short-handed, and underfunded as we are sometimes. You have overcome great challenges in keeping the mission going forward while taking care of one another. Challenges like the civilian furlough, unstable funding, multiple continuing resolutions, and a difficult civilian hiring process have made your task more difficult than it should be. I thank you for your great work and dedication to the 477th and our collective mission.

The second area I want to address is our upcoming Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training on Sunday of the July UTA. We are going to take time for our annual SAPR event Sunday morning in both large and small group settings to discuss a problem that has become vexing for the entire Department of Defense. The key to the discussion this year is on prevention of this crime. We will be



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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- Maj. Jonathan Gration, Reserve F-22 pilot assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron, is the fourth pilot to reach 1,000 flight hours in the F-22 during a sortie here July 3.

“This flight is not only a milestone for me, but for the Raptor community as well,” said Gration. “It’s a testament to how far we’ve come with this airplane.”

Prior to joining Alaska’s only Reserve unit Gration was an active duty F-15 and F-22 pilot and graduated from Weapon School, the Air Force’s most advanced pilot training course.

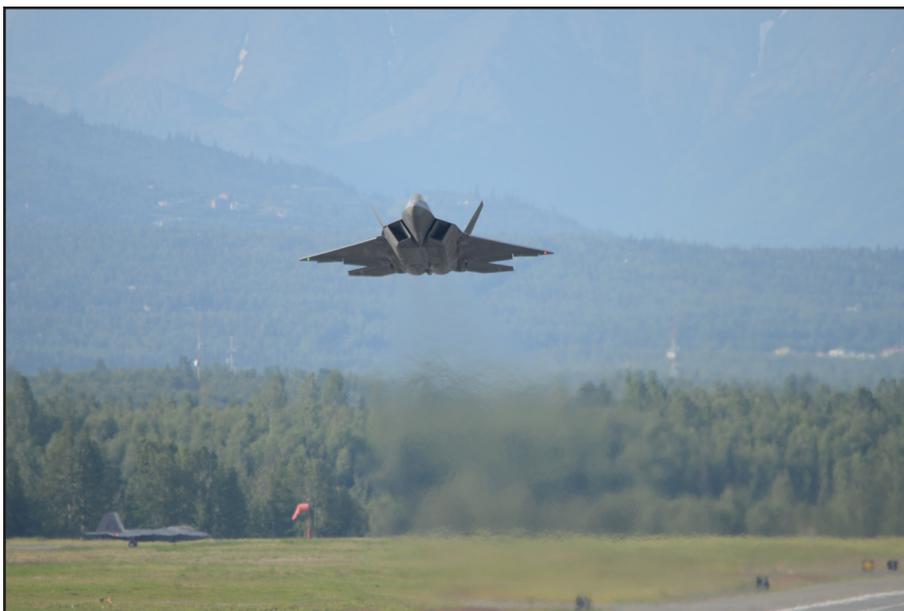
“My proudest moment in the F-22 was graduating from the first class of the F-22 Weapons School at Nellis AFB, Nev. It was the most challenging and grueling six-months of my flying career and also the most rewarding,” he said.

In addition to Gration, the unit is also home to Col. David Piffarerio, 477th Fighter Group deputy commander, and the first 1,000 hour F-22 pilot.

“Having another 1,000 hour pilot in the Reserve speaks volumes to the level of experience we have in the Air Reserve Component,” said Piffarerio. “We are a valuable, experienced asset able to carry out our nation’s objectives.”

Both pilots have been involved with the F-22 program for over 10 years and Gration has some advice for younger F-22 pilots.

“Enjoy every flight, because you never know what you will be doing in your next assignment,” he said. “Also, treat each flight with the same tenacity as your first -- from mission preparation to the end of the debrief. There is always room for improvement, no matter how well the sortie went.”



Fighter Group Highlights

ABOVE 90

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

Maj. Christopher Miller	302nd FS	Staff Sgt. David Hernandez	477th CES
Maj. Jeremy Weihrich	302nd FS	Master Sgt. Stephen Malamaphy	477th CES
Master Sgt. Gabrielle Clark	477th AMDF	Tech. Sgt. Seth Roberts	477th FG
Staff Sgt. Shawn Kane	477th AMDF	Lt. Col. Patrick Travers	477th FG
Tech. Sgt. Chasity Perez	477th AMDF	Senior Airman Michael McCartney	477th FSS
1st Lt. Susan Reinhart	477th AMDF	Staff Sgt. William Melin	477th FSS
Senior Airman Kellee Strong	477th AMDF	Capt. Jaime Sciarrino	477th FSS
Staff Sgt. Adam Ducharme	477th AMXS	Airman 1st Class Connor Otten	477th MXS
Senior Airman Erin McFadden	477th AMXS	Staff Sgt. Christian San Juan	477th MXS
Tech. Sgt. Jason Re	477th AMXS	Staff Sgt. David Hendrickson	477th SFS
Senior Airman Jerremi Sanders	477th AMXS	Senior Airman Josiah Labato	477th SFS
Senior Airman Joahua Saxon	477th AMXS	Tech. Sgt. April Lorah	477th SFS

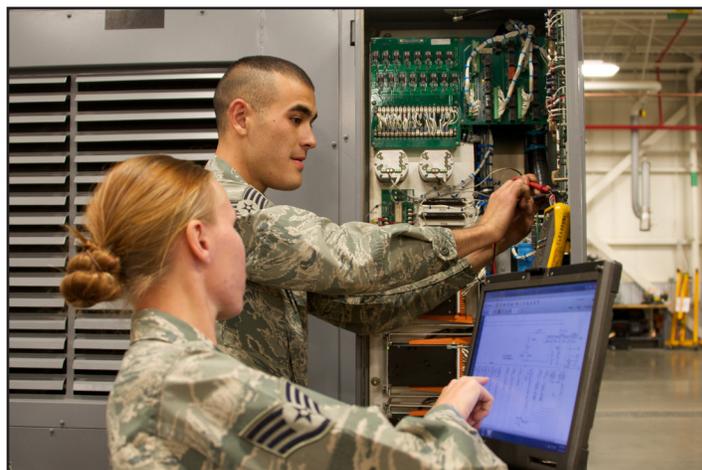
Promotions

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

Airman 1st Class Linda Wohltman	477th FSS
Tech. Sgt. David Hernandez	477th CES

Welcome the following Airmen to the 477 FG Family

Airman Aaron Engles	477th AMXS
Airman Antoinette Mayes	477th SFS
Airman 1st Class Sayoko Benjamin	477th FSS
Senior Airman Katherine Cadavid	477th FSS
Senior Airman Joshawa Edwards	477th FSS
Staff Sgt. Alisha Poston	477th AMDF
Staff Sgt. Krystal Bell	477th AMDF
Tech. Sgt. Courtney Granato	477th MXS
Capt. Elizabeth Williams	302nd FS



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SUPERVISORS' ROLE IN LEAVE PROCESSING: 1) Ensure all parts of AF Form 988 are completed to include signatures with dates on Part I. 2) Get a leave number by submitting the AF Form 988 to the Reserve Pay Office BEFORE leave starts. 3) On the workday following member's last day of leave complete Part III certifying the leave dates that were actually taken, and submit it to the RPO.

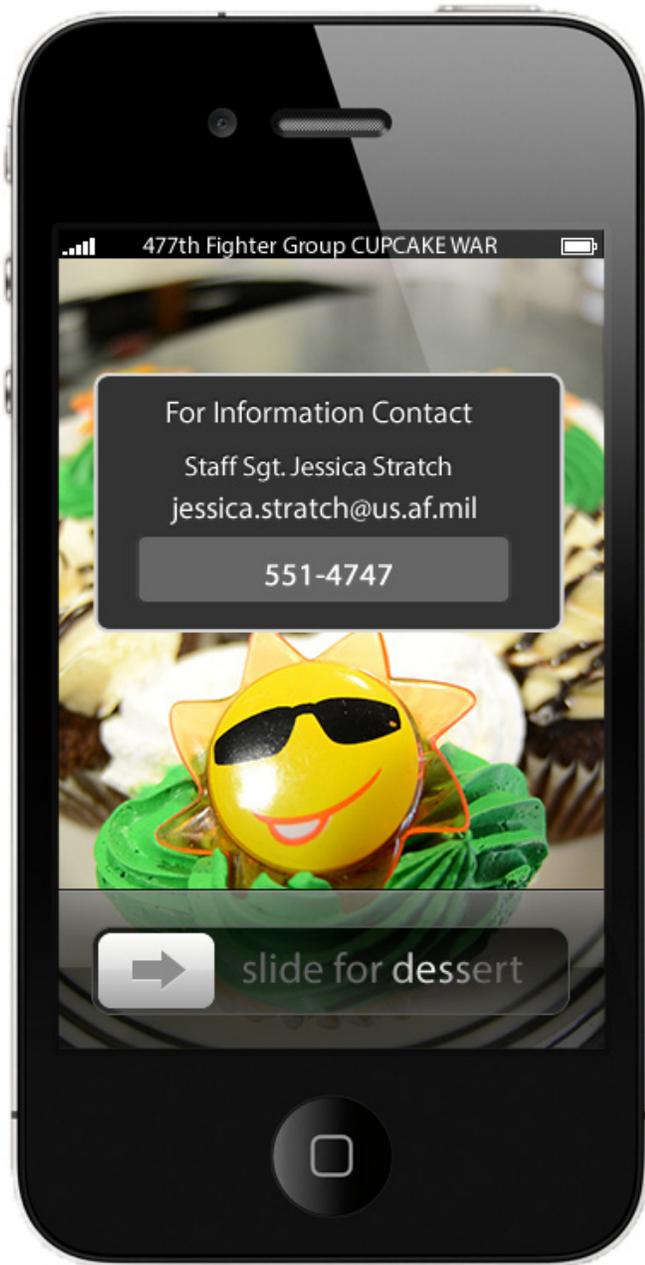
RESERVISTS WHO PAY CHILD SUPPORT: If you are paying child support and you

are not receiving with-dependent basic allowance for housing for your active duty tours, please contact the 477 FG Reserve Pay Office. You may be entitled to the higher allowance rate.

MAKING CORRECTIONS ON OFFICIAL FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS: Make write-in corrections on official finance forms in ink with a single line-through and initials. White-out is not permitted.



NEWS BRIEFS



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

JBBER 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,
JBBER-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

DD 214 UPDATES

Senior Airman Herrera is the POC for all DD Form 214 inquiries

If members are missing prior DD Form 214's or would like to initiate one they can email or Stop by the MPF with the following documents:

Point Credit Summary, found in Members vmpf

Orders

School Certificates or Awards during that Active Duty period.

For correction of prior DD Form 214 Senior Airman Herrercan assist the member with the work flow on how to initiate action through myPers.





477th Fighter Group Summer Family Picnic

Canoes
Music
Row Boats
Burgers, Dogs, & Drinks
Horseshoes & other Games
Cupcake Contest
Fun For the Whole Family
playground
Bouncy Castles

SUNDAY - 13 JULY 2014 - NOON-1600 - 611th CHALET

The central graphic is the 477th Fighter Group logo, which features a stylized eagle with its wings spread, perched atop a globe. The logo is set against a background of a blue sky with clouds and a green landscape with a lake.