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November 2016

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MSgt. Venable [Ret]



Bag Drag



UTA



Homecoming

## Congratulations!



**477th Fighter Group Quarterly Award Winners  
3rd Quarter 2016**

**Airman of the Quarter  
Senior Airman Pedro A. Saldivar Jr., 477 AMXS**

**Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter  
Tech. Sgt. Joshua R. Dunne, 477 MXS**

**Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter  
Master Sgt. Travis J. Schlapbach, 477 MXS**

**Civilian of the Quarter  
Ms. Patricia G. Lizama, 477 FSS**

## 477 FG announces Deserving Airman commissioning opportunity

The 477th Fighter Group will interview and consider commissioning a deserving Airman in the coming months to fill our Traditional Reserve Maintenance Officer Corps.

The suspense timeline:

December UTA - a commander-endorsed one-line e-mail to Chief Master Sgt. Gary Briner with your intent to apply.

January UTA - packages due

February UTA - formal board interview and possible selection

POC: Chief Master Sgt. Garry Briner, 477 FSS Superintendent, 551-4741.  
Please reference AFI 36-2005 & our 477th Applicant Guide available [here](#).



477th Fighter Group  
Deserving Airman Commissioning Guide

## 477 FG members pose for parting shot



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## October Fitness Excellence

302 FS

Col. Kevin Sutterfield

AMDF

Technical Sgt. Amanda Marlett  
Technical Sgt. Shaun Robison

AMXS

Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Gannon  
Senior Master Sgt. John Hutchinson  
Master Sgt. Justin Klein  
Staff Sgt. Mike Campbell  
Staff Sgt. Stephen Teamer

FGS

Maj. Ashley Conner  
Senior Master Sgt. Neveryl Shoemake

FSS

Technical Sgt. Franz Martinez  
Staff Sgt. James Davidson  
Staff Sgt. Joshawa Edwards

OSF

Lt. Col. Christopher Miller

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FIT FOR FREEDOM



FSS

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In the coming days, AFRC Key Workers will ask you to "Show Some Love" by making a pledge to one or more of the many worthy charities in the campaign. By "Showing Some Love," we will make a significant impact in our communities, such as supporting wounded warriors, granting medical care, and providing food and housing to those in need. Together, we are able to have a direct and positive impact on the lives of millions of people who need our help. I thank each of you for serving as part of our One Air Force family and for "Showing Some Love" through the 2016 campaign.

My very best to you and your family,

MARYANNE MILLER, Lt Gen, USAF  
Chief of Air Force Reserve  
Commander, Air Force Reserve Command



477th Fighter Group  
 UTA Schedule

October 1-2, 2016

November 5-6, 2016

December 3-4, 2016

January 7-8, 2017

February 10-13, 2017 (EXERCISE)

March 4-5, 2017

April 1-2, 2017

May 6-7, 2017

June 3-4, 2017

August 5-6, 2017

September 9-10, 2017



# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 1010 - Pre- UTA Staff Mtg	4	5 <b>UTA</b>
6 <b>UTA</b> CC Call challenge eLoCh -1	7	8 OEO3- Readiness Meeting VOTR ELECTION DAY	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13	14 1010 - Readiness Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 OEO1- Personnel Education & Training Mtg	23	24 Have a great Thanksgiving!	25 PACAF Family Day	26
27	28	29	30			

# Flu shots, flu shots read all about them; 477 AMDF helps members stave off illness



By Staff Sgt. Mike Campbell

It's that time of the year again for the 477th Fighter Group annual flu shots. According to the Center for Disease Control at CDC.gov, flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses and prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

Flu vaccines have been updated for the [2016-2017 season](#). More than 100 million doses of seasonal influenza vaccine have been distributed at this time.

Air Force Lt. Col. Maggie Gannon was at the 673rd Medical Facility helping 477th Fighter Group Airmen keep up-to-date with their flu shots for the 2016 season during the October unit training assembly at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

While current U.S. [flu activity](#) is low overall, localized influenza outbreaks have been reported. Influenza activity often begins to increase in October. The CDC recommends a [yearly flu vaccine](#) for everyone 6-months and older. Now is a good time to get vaccinated. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for protection to set in.

See your unit supervisor about the Flu shot schedule and location, or check the [477th Fighter Group UTA schedule here](#).



## FISCAL FITNESS



**TRAVEL PAY INCIDENTAL EXPENSES:** When you travel for TDY a portion of the travel pay includes per diem for lodging, meals and incidental expenses. The payment for incidental expenses is intended to cover a variety of TDY costs such as laundry expenses, transportation and baggage tips, ATM fees, water and ice. These costs should not be listed as reimbursable expenses on travel vouchers.

**UNPAID DUTY AND TRAVEL ORDERS:** All travel and military pay claims must be submitted within five working days of TDY finish or completion of tour. Let's submit travel and pay claims without delay.

**FOUR TRAVEL DAYS FOR ANNUAL TRAINING (AT):** Reservists are limited to a maximum of four days of travel per fiscal year for AT tours. To save travel days, supervisors may permit late reporting during the morning of the first duty day, and early release during the afternoon on the last duty day.

## October Promotions

Airman First Class to Senior Airman

AMDF

Alamin Mohammedson

Staff Sgt. to Technical Sgt.

AMXS

Joey Lavalley



## October Newcomers

477 MXS - Master Sgt. Steven Hirzel

477 FGS - Staff Sgt. Timothy Kenney

477 FGS - Lt. Col. Thomas Walter

477 FSS - Airman Daonapa Phimmasone

477 AMDF - Staff Sgt. Cameron Shofner

302 FS - Senior Airman Brittany Simmons

302 FS - Maj. Peter Tymitz

## Reservists support UAA Aviation Industry Day

The University of Alaska Anchorage Aviation Technology Division maintenance course, AMT 170 Ground Operations and Safety Aviation Maintenance Industry Day is part of the UAA Aviation Technology Division maintenance course helping students understand the current direction of aviation-related fields.

Master Sgt. Michelle Shutler and Technical Sgt. Equallia Love, the 477th Fighter Group Reserve Recruiters at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, represented the 477 FG at the UAA event Friday, October 7th.

Shutler provided an overview of the military benefits and programs students may be qualified for and how to become a member of the 477th Fighter Group, while group members answered questions and provided specific information on operations here on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

"We had awesome support from the aircraft maintenance and maintenance squadrons who were able to make the F-22 real for freshman and seniors of this program," said Shutler. "There were many questions and helpful conversations at the conclusion of the briefing."



Contact Master Sgt. Michelle Shutler with any recruiting questions or for information on upcoming events - 552-3959.

## Chance encounter

477th Fighter Group member gets a quick visit from her son, who serves in the Army Ironhorse Brigade out of Fort Hood, Texas, during his layover at Ted Stevens International Airport in Anchorage, Alaska.



For the first time in more than a year, Senior Master Sgt. Heidi Venable, 477th Fighter Group Education and Training technician, poses with her son Specialist Wade Stalker, 1st Cavalry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team M1 Abrams Armor Crew Member, during his layover in Anchorage from Camp Casey, South Korea.



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## Sign up to server the Fisher House today

The 477th Fighter group has a long tradition of Fisher House support. Join in the effort and sign up today. For more information, contact Angela Earle at 907-551-6421

October: 477th Maintenance Squadron, led by Senior Master Sgt. Keith Long and Master Sgt. Megan Silva

November: 477th Aerospace Medicine Flight, led by Master Sgt. Michelle Colley

December: 477th Operations Support Flight, let by Master Sgt. Justin Woolverton



## Strengthening Joint Leaders and Teams - a Combined Arms Imperative

Fellow Airmen,  
I just completed my 3<sup>rd</sup> month as your 21<sup>st</sup> Chief of Staff and have had the opportunity to see many of you in action. I continue to be inspired by your daily contributions to the joint fight in ALL of our core missions. Thank you and your families for your continued dedication and commitment to excellence!

Today, I am releasing the second in a series of short papers that provide my thoughts and intent on the key focus areas we will address during my tenure. As with the first focus area (*Revitalizing Squadrons*), the second directly aligns with our strategic vision and supports Secretary James priorities: Taking Care of Airmen; Balancing Today's Readiness with Future Modernization; and Making Every Dollar Count.

The second CSAF focus area is *Strengthening Joint Leaders and Teams ... a Combined Arms Imperative*. Airpower and what our Air Force brings to the joint team is foundational to all current and future campaigns. Our ability to operate seamlessly as a joint force across multiple domains on a global scale is critical to ensuring mission success throughout the spectrum of conflict. As such, strengthening how we organize, train, and present forces to combatant commanders ... and how we build joint leaders with the tools, experience, and training to both support and lead joint teams is critical to success.

Additional information will follow as the team lead, Brig Gen Brian Killough, develops the plan and sets future milestones. For now, I need all of us to be thinking about how our daily activities contribute to joint operations. Airmen across our Active, Guard, Reserve, and Civilian force have always been innovators – we've been breaking barriers since 1947. This is an area where our creativity will serve us well.

Thank you for your continued leadership, dedication, and excellence. While we face challenges today, they are not the worst challenges we have faced in our 69 year history ... and we follow a long line of Airmen who found opportunity in every challenge. We remain the finest Air Force on the planet with unlimited opportunities ahead. This is now our time ... and I'm proud to serve with you as the 21<sup>st</sup> Chief of Staff.

Fight's on!

DAVE GOLDFEIN  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

