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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



**Col. Bryan Radliff**  
477th Fighter Group commander

For the shortest month of the year, February was incredibly busy. Apparently, we needed the 29th day to get everything accomplished. Let me provide a quick summary prior to moving on to future issues.

The Air Force Chief of Staff visited JBER. He was introduced to our outstanding Reservists and our unit heritage. I introduced him to Total Force Integration done right and began to sing your praises in preserving invaluable talent and treasure as you continue to serve our Nation.

After many months of coordination, the CSAF approved the original 477th BG patch proudly displayed by the original Tuskegee Airmen. We are hopeful he will present the patch recognition during the 2012 national

convention. This is a long overdue acknowledgment of the impact the 477th BG had toward equality and integration of our services. Fitting that this occurred during African-American history month.

Fur Rondy was a blast! As this was my first, I was a bit skeptical regarding an outdoor festival in February...in Alaska. In typical fashion, Alaskans didn't disappoint. Perhaps it was because we took home some hardware from the outhouse races...second place, but more importantly no injuries. We learned some good lessons to take home gold next year. My hat is off to Chief Zellar for his work and coordination, and to all who helped. Your teamwork was both admirable and encouraging. We stand stronger when we work together!

I hope you all were able to take away something positive from Wingman Day and resiliency training. Continue to care for each other, your families and your selves. Don't let the pace of our daily lives get you down. Settle in to that reserve marathon lifestyle. I need each of you to find your sustainable tempo which meets our mission requirements. Employ the smarter not harder principle whenever you can.

What is on the horizon. Spring break, 477th night at the Aces game, compliance prep, TSP, summer activities, and who could forget the 477th FG inaugural Ice Fishing tournament. Let's make this a success.

Keep up the good work. After speaking (more than I had expected) with the CSAF, Lt. Gen. Stenner, Lt. Gen. Hoog and Brig. Gen. Binger, we are on the right track. You serve as the example to TFI done right. Steady on.

# Air Force Chief of Staff visits 477th FG



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz speaks to Col. Bryan Radcliff, 477th Fighter Group commander and Reservists assigned to the 477th FG Feb. 16, 2012, at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Schwartz talked about his vision for the Air Force and answered questions from Airmen. (Photos by Master Sgt. Bryan Nicolos, 477th FSS)



## 477th FG Night at the Aces

Mark your calendars, Saturday March 10 will be the 477th night at the Alaska Aces hockey game!

Tech Sgt. Heidi Dickinson, 477th FSS, will be singing the national anthem and Lt. Col. David Piffarerio, 302nd FS commander, will be dropping the puck.

Come out to support the unit and the Alaska Aces against the Colorado Eagles.

Game starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Sullivan Arena

# Newcomers

Senior Airman Michela Dahm, 477th MXS

Airman Basic Brian Skornia, 477th SFS

1st Lt. Jaime Kunde, 477th FSS

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Capua, 477th CES

Senior Airman Virginia Jackson, 477th FG

Airman 1st Class Lacey Cleary, 477th MXS

Staff Sgt Jamie Poston, 477th CES

# Promotions

From Airman Basic to Airman Erica Lefever, 477th AMDF

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Gabrielle Clark, 477th AMDF

From Senior Airman to Staff Sgt. Kimberly Keeley, 477th OSF

From Senior Airman to Staff Sgt. Liliana Blair, 477th AMXS

From Senior Airman to Staff Sgt. Matias Castro, 477th AMXS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Andre Andrews, 477th FSS

From Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman Brian Skornia, 477th FSS

# Re-enlistments

Staff Sgt. Dominick Dimartino 477th CES

Tech Sgt. Shaun Robison 477th AMDF

Master Sgt. Burke Stott 477th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Harden 477th MXS

Senior Airman Matias Castro 477th MXS

## AF RESERVE RECRUITER NEWS

Lots of exciting events and volunteer opportunities with Recruiting- Alaska North!

Please contact Staff Sgt. Mia Carson for weekly events from school visits, local events in Wasilla, Eagle River, Fairbanks and more of Alaska North!

Volunteer and your name will be put in a drawing for a monthly prize gift certificate. Refer someone to Staff Sgt. Carson and your name will be placed again in the monthly drawing. Refer someone who enlists, and the month they enlist, you will receive 5 entries for the monthly drawing. March's gift card is a gas card! Help us, help you, help the group make the mission!

Call Staff Sgt. Carson today! 907-382-4304



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Dining Facilities Re-opened

The Iditarod Dining Facility has reopened and the Kenai is the flight line dining facility once again.

### Iditarod Dining Facility Hours:

Monday - Friday 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Midnight Meal 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

If you have any questions contact Master Sgt. Bryan Nicolos at 551-7269.

## HERO 2 HIRED

Searching for a new job is a big undertaking. H2H makes it quick and easy for all Reserve Component members to find jobs with military-friendly companies. H2H has the tools and resources you need to find job -- all in one place, all free. Visit [www.H2H.jobs](http://www.H2H.jobs) today and find your next job!

## 477th FG Ice Fishing Contest

The 1st Annual 477th FG Ice finishing contest will be held at the Palmer Elks Lodge Finger Lake March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3p.m.

Trophies will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd biggest fish. Trophies and prizes will also be awarded for children under 12. \$15 entry fee, Children under 12 free with paying adult

Shelters allowed, and a fishing license is required. For directions visit: <http://palmerelks.org/>

## Used Printer Toner?

Used toners should be returned to the vendor. Labels should be inside all toner boxes. If not please get a copy of the label from the comm flight and send them out. If you have any questions please call Ms. Pat Lizama at 551-4711



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

10:15 a.m. - Catholic Service

11:30 a.m. - Contemporary Christian Service

Questions call Maj. 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) email your suggestions to: [477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil).