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Fiscal Year 2013 UTA Schedule

Oct. 13-14, 2012
Nov. 3-4, 2012
Dec. 1-2, 2012
Jan. 5-6, 2013
Feb. 9-10, 2013
Mar. 9-10, 2013
Apr. 6-7, 2013
May 4-5, 2013
June 1-2, 2013
July 13-14, 2013
Aug. 3-4, 2013
Sept. 7-8, 2013

ARCTIC WARRIORS

at ARCTIC THUNDER



(Above) Aria Clay, daughter of Senior Airman Marren Clay, dons flight equipment for a photo in front of an F-22 during the 2012 Arctic Thunder Open House. (Courtesy Photo)
(Right) Lt. Col. Chris Labrum, 477th MXS, explains the purpose of a flight helmet to an Open House attendee. (Courtesy Photo)



(Above) Members of the Air Force Reserve recruiting team hanging out with UFC fighter Gray Maynard at the 2012 Arctic Thunder Open House. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

INSPECTOR GENERAL

Fraud, Waste or Abuse is a potential problem that can drain significant resources and ultimately rob American taxpayers.

During the period of Oct. 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, the Department of Defense Inspector General identified \$193 million in waste, and investigations led to 140 convictions, 87 suspensions, and 99 debarments.

Additionally, criminal convictions, civil and administrative settlements resulted in the return of \$1.4 billion to the U.S. government.

Although these efforts within DoD are noteworthy, further improvements targeted at reducing and eliminating FWA are needed,

and it isn't possible without the involvement of conscientious military and civilian personnel who identify and report questionable spending. The benefits of an active FWA program are two-fold: it saves valuable resources by identifying illegal, inefficient and wasteful practices; it also makes funds available for other, better uses.

Report FWA to the JBER 24 hour FWA hotline (552-2400) or contact an IG. There are also FWA hotlines at AFRC, PACAF, USAF, and DOD. All of these hotline numbers are listed on the IG posters in your workplace.

Tuskegee Airman donates Congressional Gold Medal to 302nd FS

By Capt. Ashley Conner
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- The 302nd Fighter Squadron is now home to a Congressional Gold Medal in Aviation.

Tuskegee Airman Col. (Ret.) Charles McGee presented his personal medal to Col. Bryan Radliff, 477th FG commander during the 41st Annual Tuskegee Airmen Convention in Las Vegas, Nev. Aug. 2.

During World War II McGee was a member of the 302nd Fighter Squadron. The unit painted the tails of their airplane red which led them to become known as the Red Tails.

The 302nd FS today flies the F-22 Raptor and falls under the 477th FG. The 477th FG and 302nd FS were reactivated at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska in October 2007. They became Air Force Reserve Command's first F-22 Raptor unit and the only Air Force Reserve unit in Alaska.

"Finish what I started," said McGee who holds an Air Force record of 409 fighter combat missions flown in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, after shaking hands with a few members of the 477th FG who attended the convention.

Senior Airmen Marren Clay is a dedicated crew chief and Reservist assigned to the 477th Aircraft Maintenance squadron whose job it is to launch the F-22's and the Reserve pilots assigned to the 302nd FS. He was in attendance during the medal presentation.

"It is a humbling experience to be in the presence of such aviation greatness as Col. McGee and the other Tuskegee Airmen," said Clay. "The Tuskegee Airmen began a tradition of greatness that I hope to carry on."

McGee along with other Tuskegee Airmen were presented the medal in 2007 by President George W. Bush for their long-ago heroism. Individual Airmen received bronze replicas while the original gold medal resides at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.



Money Matter\$

LODGING RECEIPTS

When you return from TDY submit a travel voucher within five days, and the lodging receipts must show a zero balance as a final bill. If you prepay before leaving lodging, that receipt may show a negative balance and the Air Force Financial Services Center (Ellsworth) will not recognize it as a valid receipt for reimbursement. Bottom line: get a lodging receipt on the day you check out, and attach it to your travel voucher.

ANNUAL TRAINING ORDERS CANNOT CROSS FISCAL YEARS

Annual Tour, including travel, may not extend from one fiscal year (Sept. 30) to the next fiscal year (Oct. 1).

E-MAIL ADDRESS IN myPAY

Periodically the Defense Finance and Accounting Service attempts to contact members and employees about important pay matters. If you'd like to be contacted, ensure your e-mail address is current in your myPay account.

(Information provided by the 477th FG Finance Office)



ABOVE 90 PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

477th Force Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Shanna Perry
Staff Sgt. Kerrin Krainis

477th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Malanaphy
Senior Airman Justin Fletcher

477th Aeromedical Flight

Capt. Kimberly Kubick
Capt. Kara Reynolds

477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Gary Williams
Staff Sgt. Mandu Johnson

477th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Sarah Antoniello
Senior Airman Catherine Seiders
Staff Sgt. Ryan Zepp

Re-enlistments

Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Robinson
477th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Leelah Dill
477th AMXS

Staff Sgt. Neil Blakeslee
477th MXS

Promotions

From Airman to Airman 1st Class Jacqueline Herreroan, 477th FSS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt Donald Miller, 477th FSS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt Theodore Champine, 477th MXS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Travis Marshall, 477th FSS

From Airman to Senior Airman Francis Wiley, 477th CES

477th GROUP PRIORITIES

DECLARE FOC

✓ PASS THE COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

SUPPORT THE RESERVE TRIAD

SEEK TFI PROCESS NORMALIZATION

EXPLORE INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

IMPROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS TO BETTER INFORM BUSINESS & CIVIC LEADERS



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NEWS BRIEFS

CEI UPDATE

Civilian Employment Information database is an important tool for Reservists and it is required that members update their information annually. Visit <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/esgr> to complete the review.

CHILI COOK OFF

2012 PACAF chili cook will be held at the Arctic Oasis Community Center Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The winner will take home \$100. For more information call 552-8529

PT TESTING

During the summer months all of the PT testing will be conducted at the Health and Wellness Center.

ALASKA STATE FAIR

The 76th Annual Alaska State Fair begins Aug. 23 and will run through Sept. 3. For more information about the fair and musical acts like Styx that will be performing visit alaskastatefair.org

MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

The Basic Rider, Basic Rider 2 and Military Sport-bike Rider Course are now accepting applications. To register visit www.militarysafepmv.com or contact the safety office at 552-5092 or 552-6850.

MARDI GRAS DOWNTOWN

Recreating Bourbon Street on 4th Ave, this block party features local celebrity chefs with authentic Cajun cuisine, live music, street performers and much more Sept. 7 from 5-10 p.m. between K and L streets on 4th Ave. in downtown Anchorage.

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 Maj. 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:
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