



Air Force Reserve supports total force deployment

By 477th Public Affairs Office

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska--

Reservists assigned to the 477th Fighter Group deployed this week to support the U.S. Pacific Command commander's Theater Security Package program in the Western Pacific.

The 20 maintainers and eight pilots along with the 3rd Wing's 525th Fighter Squadron will be deployed to Kadena Air Base, Japan for three months.

"The 477th FG reservists operate and maintain 3rd Wing aircraft under the Classic Associate Unit Construct, integrating with the 525th FS and 525th Aircraft Maintenance Unit," said Lt. Col. David Piffarerio, 302nd Fighter Squadron commander. "During normal training there is seamless integration with the active duty squadrons, this deployment is no different."

The 477th FG's Arctic Reservists are part of the Air Force Reserve Command's first F-22 total force integration unit and have participated in normal flying operations and every major exercise and deployment since the activation of the 477th FG in 2007. This is the 477th FG's fourth TSP deployment.

"Our involvement is important because Total Force Enterprise is the future of the Air Force," said Piffarerio.

The integration of active duty and reserve personnel will prove

necessary should a large scale combat operation dictate the need of the F-22's.

"(Working together) we learn what each other can bring to the fight. Whether it's tactical ability in flying an aircraft, fixing an engine, or basic deployment experiences, through effective communication and the compilation of lessons learned we make ourselves better. Deployments provide an unparalleled environment for this," said Piffarerio.

Deploying to Kadena allows the active duty and reserve pilots and maintainers to generate sorties without having to fight the harsh Alaska winter weather and train with other types of aircraft.



"While deployed, we will train with our joint forces on a daily basis. This includes Air Force F-15's, F-16's, E-3 AWACS and Navy F-18's, E-2's, and EA-6Bs," said Piffarerio. "We will fly basic fighter maneuvers and progress all the way up to joint large force exercises. The training our pilots, intel, maintenance and aircrew flight equipment personnel receive while deployed is invaluable and we will serve the 477th and 3rd Wing proudly."

This deployment to Kadena AB is not a response to any specific situation but is a part of the PACOM commander's continuing force posture to address worldwide requirements.

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Develop and care for Airmen

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Commander's Corner

We welcome the safe return home of Senior Airman Amado Cordero, 477MXS who volunteered to deploy to Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan to provide Expeditionary Combat Support services. Well done Senior Airman Cordero!



Participating in Operations NEW DAWN and ENDURING FREEDOM are worthy experiences for any member. If you are interested in volunteering for AEF taskings, please contact your unit supervisor and/or commander.

Many of you may be hearing the term "CRA" floating around on television, on email or in the workplace. The term "Continuing Resolution Authority" (CRA) refers to a Congressional authority that prevents agencies from shutting down when an annual budget has not been approved and/or received. A Continuing Resolution is legislation ratified by Congress to provide budget authority for ongoing activities in the case where a formal budget has not been enacted by the start of the Fiscal Year (FY). This is the case with our current FY, and as a result, the DoD is operating under the premise that it will "spend monies at a current rate of operation." Basically, we are operating under a "promise to receive funding" but we do not know what the actual budget amounts will be.

So you ask: "Why is this important to me—a Warfighter that is concentrating on the mission at hand?" Great question. With first-rate leadership and management, these budget issues should be transparent to the Warfighter so that you can dedicate yourself to the mission unencumbered from the more strategic issues such as the DoD budget. But the stark reality is this: due to current budget prioritization, units (including ours) will not be able to "spend monies at a current rate of operation." We

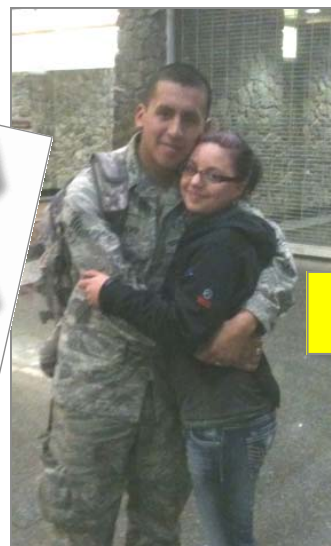
have witnessed this first-hand with the January 2011 TSP and will experience the same for the remainder of FY11 with respect to funding Reserve Personnel Appropriation (RPA) days for our unit personnel.

As an AF Reserve unit, we face the unique challenge of maintaining the same combat mission readiness and capability demanded of the Active forces but with a much smaller budget. As a Classic Associate Unit, this challenge is exacerbated as we attempt to maintain the increased OPSTEMPO of our RegAF Associating partners. A prudent strategic budget policy would therefore mandate that the appropriate level of funding be provided to maintain the OPSTEMPO demanded of the assigned Total Force mission. If we are not able to "keep the pace" with the integrated Association, then we may conclude that we have not received the appropriate level of funding to complete the assigned mission.

This is the reason why this "issue" is important to you—because without adequate funding to support our current OPSTEMPO, our participation may be tailored. Without RPA support for our growing unit, supporting staff agencies may not be able to provide efficient, timely services and certain operational mission requirements may be modified.

Your commanders and supervisors are working hard to mitigate the impact of these shortfalls to you—the member. We will continue to seek the most efficient methods of meeting our mission and will continue to make the most prudent fiscal decisions. You may feel the impacts of these budget-constrained judgments in the trenches; do not hesitate to provide feedback to your supervisors and commanders in the effort to bring the best resolution to a budget-shortfall situation.

John Hillyer
Commander,
477th Fighter Group



WELCOME HOME!

— News —

Q&A with the new 477th MXS CC, Maj. Giedt

Q: When do you take assume command of 477 MXS?

A: The ceremony is Sun., 13 Feb, 1430 at Hangar 1.

Q: Is this your first Squadron Commander job?

A: While I have had brief opportunities to fill the CC role, this will in-fact be my first official command.

Q: What are you most looking forward to as the new CC?

A: Without a doubt, I am looking forward to working with a squadron of highly trained professionals, which through their skill and dedication allow me to focus their talents on executing the mission. While MXS is made of several different maintenance specialties which are all geographically separated, coalescing them into a singular effort is the most rewarding. In my opinion, nothing can replace a highly cohesive unit.

Q: How do you think TFI maintenance operations are going here?

A: TFI maintenance is still growing, both the Reserve and Active Duty are consciously refining the roles and responsibilities, this is the real focus. There remains a continuous request by the 3rd Wing for our reserve personnel to participate in all areas of the 3rd Wing mission. This speaks volumes in the trust and respect that our TFI partners have in the skill and experience of our workforce.



Q: Do you have anything to add?

A: It is an honor to not only take on my first command with the 477th, but also take on a squadron that has such a historic lineage.

Arctic Reservist refers 25 and meets Ludacris

By Major Lisa Reaver

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska—Local business owner and Air Force Reserve member Gina Gorski got a unique opportunity to meet celebrity artist Ludacris last weekend when he came to Anchorage to perform with the New Boys at the Sullivan Arena.

Maj. Gorski referred 24 people to the Air Force Reserve in Dec. through the online Get One Now program that gives reservists a chance to earn prizes for referring potential recruits. Prizes include everything from MP3 players to GPS navigation systems and laptop computers.

According to Master Sgt. Stephan Kimbrough, the assistant senior recruiter for the state, Major Gorski referred more people in one month than anyone since the inception of the referral program more than eight years ago.

“After seeing the recruiting slides at our staff meeting, and realizing how many vacancies we still had to fill in the 477th Fighter Group, I thought I should go out and contribute to the recruiting mission,” said Gorski. “I started by going to my son’s high school sporting

events in uniform, which served as a moving billboard for everyone.”

Major Gorski said that she took a cue from her son that recently joined the military after graduating from high school. “I realized that not everyone is ready for college right after high school, and when I talked to them I told them about the great training and benefits they can get while working for the reserve right here on base.”

Although she is also a reservist in the 477th Fighter Group, as the owner of the Marble Slab Creamery at Tikahtnu Commons, Major Gorski is a model Citizen Airman.

When asked how she found time to run her business, work with the reserves, and still be so successful in recruiting a record-setting number of people, Major Gorski said, “I recognize the value of maintaining a job or career in local area while also having the opportunity to serve in the military. I just shared my story and am passionate about the opportunity for others here.”



More information about the Get One Now program at <http://get1now.us>.

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Promotions

Check out who's flashing new rank!

Airman Basic to Airman — Frances Mendes, CES



Staff to Tech. Sgt.



Teofilo Mejiaperalta, CES
Shawn Wilkins, MXS
Jeffrey Lathrom, FSS
Robert Hays, FSS
Jared Kern, MXS
Holly Carroll, FG

Tech. to Master Sgt.

Derek Welch, AMXS
Kyle Kutcher, AMXS



Congrats on your reenlistment!

Senior Master Sgt. David Delisio, MXS
Tech. Sgt. Nicole Jones, CES
Tech. Sgt. Michael Mitchell AMXS
Tech. Sgt. Kristel Strunk, 302 FS

477th Fighter Group coins

The Top 3 is selling 477th coins for \$10. Contact a member of the Top 3 to purchase.



Newcomers

Say hi to these newbies!

Master Sgt. Shawn Payne, OSF
Tech. Sgt. Alicia Courtright, CES
Tech. Sgt. James Gordon, 302 FS
Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Hoschouer, FSS
Airman 1st Class Shawn Everett, FSS

AND—Welcome the newest addition to the Arctic Reserve family: Emilie Sue Strunk—born 10 Feb. She is 7 lbs., 12 oz & 20 inches long!

Congrats to Tech. Sgts David and Kristel Strunk on their new baby!



Gate information

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Muldoon Gate

Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Friday-Saturday 6 a.m.-4 a.m.

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Fort Richardson/ Elmendorf Common Gate

Seven days a week 24 hours

For more information, call the Visitor Control Center at 907-552-5420. For after hours assistance, call the Boniface Gate at 552-1449.

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Lunch 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-7 p.m.
Midnight Meal 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

For more information, call the DFAC at 552-3114.

Fitness center hours

Monday-Friday 4:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Holidays & family days 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information, call 552-3504.

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Finance

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD (GTC) MANAGEMENT FOR DOD EMPLOYEES: If a DoD employee is a member of a Reserve unit, the GTC will be issued through the individual's civilian agency, not his/her Reserve unit. When a Reserve member is required to perform training or active duty, a copy of his/her military orders must be provided to his/her DoD agency. (DODFMR Vol 9, para 030401)

CONTROLLED SPEND ACCOUNT (CSA): CSA is a new travel card concept to replace the existing GTC. The CSA program is being implemented by the regular Air Force with a completion goal of April 2011. AFRC units will not use CSA until AFRC completes a test and implementation plan. Specific dates for AFRC's implementation of CSA have not been set. Till then, AFRC units will continue to use the GTC.

NO PER DIEM FOR TDY TO ANNUAL TRAINING: Normally you receive per diem when you go TDY. However, when you perform annual training (AT) and government quarters and government mess (meals) are available at the TDY location, you will not receive the meals and incidental expense (M&IE) portion of per diem during the AT days. You will be reimbursed for the lodging expense. (JFTR Vol I, U7150 A.1.c.(1))

Security—new linebadge requirement

All linebadges issued under 3 WG will be reissued to the new JBER linebadges.

We are scheduled for 14-16 Feb, 0600-1800. You will need to take your linebadge form (AF 2586) to Base Access for reissue, see your security manager rep for form. MXS personnel will see Staff Sgt. Lunn, MXS will see Master Sgt. Honeycutt and all others will see Master Sgt. Kanya Briner.

Deadline to have all badges reissued is **30 Apr 11**. After that date, any old badges will be denied access to restricted areas.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact your security manager.

477th Maintenance coins

The 477th Aerospace Maintenance Squadron is selling F-22-shaped coins for \$15. Contact Technica Sgt. Jeremiah Frye to purchase at 552-7632.



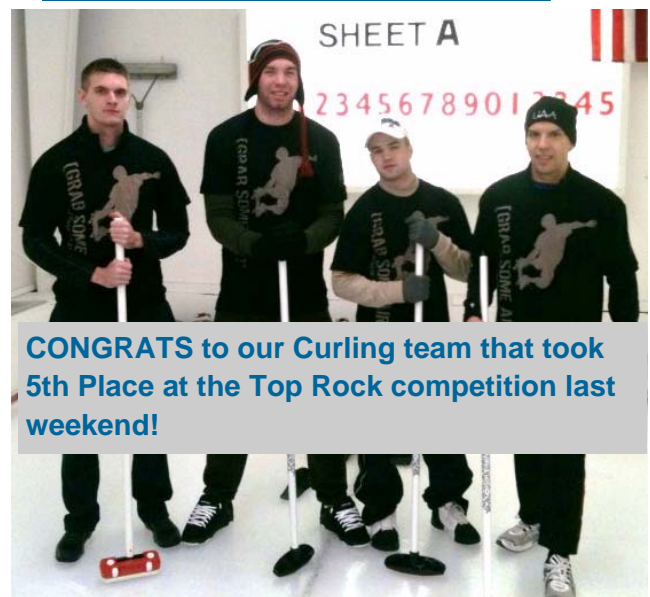
Communications support

In an effort to standardize the JBER-Elmendorf personnel contact information in the Global Address List (GAL), we need help from each of you. Request your review and update your GAL information at the link listed below.

Instructions are available to assist you in this quick and simple step-by-step process.

<http://eldra01/dra/>

Questions? Call 551-2666 for communications support or send an email to, 477fg.helpdesk@elmendorf.af.mil. Due to low manning this is the most effective method to request and receive help with communications problems.



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