

477th Aerospace Medical Flight earns AFRC award

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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska -- Mem-

bers of the 477th Aerospace Medical Flight earned the Team Aerospace Award from Air Force Reserve Command.

Col. Stephen Baker, Commander of the 477th AMDF, accepted the award from the AFRC Command Surgeon Col. Brian Masterson and the AF Deputy Surgeon General, Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Byron Hepburn. "It was exhilarating to be presented this award by the AFRC command surgeon and the AF deputy surgeon general," said Baker.

This award covers accomplishments from Oct. 2008 through Sept. 2009, which was the first full year since the 477th Fighter Group and AMDF stood up. "Receiving the award affirmed all the hard work by so many who are often doing jobs outside their AFSCs because those positions had not yet been given to us," said Baker. He explained that nurses, medical technicians and records custodians all worked outside their specialties. All unit members came together and worked hard to build the flight from the ground up and accomplish the mission, said Baker.

Approximately 15 months after standing up one of the unit's squadrons mobilized. It was one of the biggest challenges that the AMDF had to overcome, said Baker. They stood up a Self Aid and Buddy Care and a Basic Life Support program so that all 130 deployers could receive the required training in-house. They also



cleared them all medically to meet mobility requirements.

They had unique challenges, said Baker, since they were the first-ever total force integrated medical flight to support the F-22. "There is an amazing work ethic with a willingness to move forward even when the path ahead is not well trod," said Baker of his Airmen.

Baker attributes this award to his Airmen's hard work and the 477th AMDF is proud to boast the Outstanding Aerospace Medicine Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for 2009, Staff Sgt. Sammy Jeffery. She is a trained flight medicine technician and helped with mobilization, flight records, physical standards, medical records reviews and standing up the flight.

"She had to do all the medical records reviews for the deployment," said Baker. She

was a positive person and hard-worker; she influenced morale and did great things, said Baker.

Jeffery has since moved on to become a recruiter for AFRC but both she and the 477th AMDF will go forward to compete at the Air Force level for their respective awards.

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Commander's Corner

477th Warriors,

Welcome to our first 2011 UTA, a perfect time to reacquaint ourselves with our long-standing unit mission and our new 2011 Aimpoints. Mission: **Recruit, Train, Develop and Retain Unrivaled Citizen Airmen**

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- Develop and care for Airmen
- Improve Traditional Reserve processes
- Formalize unit compliance programs

Please note the introduction of our new aimpoint—to “formalize unit compliance programs”. We will provide added emphasis to continue building unit processes and procedures in accordance with the approved management internal controls provided by our Group Inspection experts. We are only seventeen UTA weekends away from our unit’s first Unit Compliance Inspection, so make the time count.

As many of you are aware, approximately thirty of our F-22 Ops and MX personnel are literally in the process of loading A3 bags on pallets for another PACOM Theater Security Package deployment—and since the Air Force initially made a deliberate decision to not fund our Reservists for this deployment, we find ourselves in the challenging situation of completing pre-deployment actions while truly not knowing if we will be

allowed to participate. While many conclusions can be derived from such a decision, perhaps the most troubling is that such action brings into question the very viability of a Total Force Integration program. As a unit we have committed deeply to employing extensive TFI principles in our organizational construct and our operational employment. By design, we are woven into the integrated F-22 organizational fabric--we are not an augmentation force that can be simply sliced from the Team without serious operational impact. It is important to understand that both RegAF and AFRC key leadership comprehends this fact—that the lack of MPA funding in this case clearly does not meet the Commander’s Intent for the TFI program.

I commend our unit members for maintaining your dedication and professionalism during these circumstances. Your resolute effort to manage this particular challenge is not only a strong testimonial for the Elmendorf Associate—it is a strong statement for the entire Total Force Enterprise.



Best wishes to your Families during 2011.

Col. John Hillyer
Commander, 477th Fighter Group

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Promotions

Congratulations to our newest promotees!

Senior Airman Kelly Mohr, 477th MXS was promoted to Staff Sgt.

Senior Airman Cory Larson, 477th MXS was promoted to Staff Sgt.

Senior Airman Derrick Bell, 477th AMXS was promoted to Staff Sgt.

Staff Sgt. Kristel Strunk, 302nd FS was promoted to Tech. Sgt.



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LUDACRIS coming to Anchorage

Ludacris will be at the Sullivan Arena Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. Log in to your Get One Now account and enter a referral to receive two complimentary VIP tickets plus a backstage photo.

W-2s now available

Why wait for the mail? Military service members, military retirees and annuitants, and federal civilian employees paid by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) can get their 2010 tax statements now using **myPay**.

DFAS customers with **myPay** access (<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>) will be able to obtain their tax statements online on the day they are posted using the secure and convenient pay management system.

Tax statements available through **myPay** are approved for use by the IRS. In addition to their earlier availability over mailed forms, tax statements posted to accounts in **myPay** remain available throughout the year.

Using **myPay** to access tax statements eliminates the preparation and mailing costs incurred with the traditional distribution methods. Combined with the earlier availability of statements online, this makes **myPay** a better option for many DFAS customers and the Department of Defense.

DFAS customers who have forgotten their user name, password or wish to open a **myPay** account can do so on the **myPay** Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

Communications support

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.

AF Legal Assistance

The Air Force Legal Assistance website (<https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>) has a lot of great information on legal assistance subjects. It also has an online will worksheet, which streamlines the process of getting a will.

Consider whether you have all the necessary legal documents (will, living will, health care power of attorney, power of attorney etc) ready to go in case of your death or disability. Legal advice and assistance is free so there is no excuse to be unprepared!

Contact the 477th FG/JA, Maj. John Whittington, during UTA weekends from 1-3:30 p.m. Sat. in building 9443 (HQ), room 221.

Family Care Plans

Who Requires a Family Care Plan?

- Single parents who have custody of a child under the age of 19
- Dual military couples with dependents
- Members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations
- Assumption of sole care for an elderly or disabled family member
- Absence of a spouse through career or job commitments or other personal reasons

If you haven't already been identified, see your First Sergeant as soon as possible. They will counsel you on your responsibilities.

Tax Season

Military OneSource tax service information is available to you as a Reservist and your family starting 17 Jan 2011. Visit www.MilitaryOneSource.com to file your federal and state taxes.

Leave taken on non-duty days

When military members take leave the day before and the day after non-duty days, all the days (duty and non-duty) must be charged as leave. For example, if member takes leave Friday and Monday, then leave will be charged Fri, Sat, Sun, and Mon. Submit one leave request for the entire leave period.

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Retain Leave & Earnings Statements

You'd be wise to keep e-copies or hardcopies of your myPay LES's, especially the last one of each calendar year. And if you have questions about payments or deductions appearing on your LES, it's a good idea to bring/send the LES with your questions to Finance. You can contact Finance at 477fg.477fgfinanceorgbox@elmendorf.af.mil, or go to the 477 FG HQ building, room 226.

302nd Fighter Squadron

The 302nd Fighter Squadron has items for sale with the unit patch and Hellion. The prices and items are displayed in bldg. 9443 room 130. To purchase items contact Capt. Erin Floersch at 551-3023.

477th Fighter Group coins

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



Leadership Summit

The AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summits are open to 14-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard military members. Applicants will be required to complete entire application to include essay questions.

This years Leadership Summits will be held June 19-24 in Dahlonaga, Georgia; July 24-29 in Washington, DC and August 9-14 in Estes Park, Colorado. For more information or how to apply visit www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit

477th Maintenance coins

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



AROWS-R orders notification

Do you want to know when your orders are ready? AROWS-R sends out e-mail notifications when orders receive final approval (funds certification). So ensure your e-mail address in AROWS-R is accurate. To find/update your e-mail address, log into AROWS-R and click on the tab 'My Account'. Edit your e-mail address if needed and ensure the Notifications block next to MEMBER has a check mark.

Newcomers

Welcome the following Airmen to the 477th FG!

MSgt Reagan Lane	477th FSS
SSgt Chasity Perez	477th AMDF
SSgt Gabrielle Conway	477th AMDF
SSgt Kasey Dodson	477th CES
SrA Marissa Vice	477th MXS
A1C Lacey Cleary	477th MXS
A1C Kendall Nielsen	477th AMDF

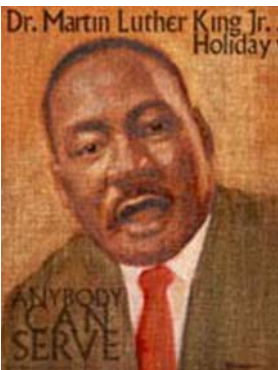
PME Graduates

Congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Benjamin**, 477th CES, the most recent graduate of NCOA and **SrA Amanda Kiminski**, 477th OSF as the most recent graduate of ALS. Airman Kiminski received the Academic Achievement award for her entire ALS class and the Distinguished Graduate award.

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Equal Opportunity Corner

On January 17, 2011 we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the holiday recognizing one of America's greatest heroes-Dr. Martin Luther



King, Jr. This year's theme is "Anybody Can Serve." Two quotes by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. highlight his desire to serve humanity: **"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"** **"I want you to say that on that day, that I did try in my life, to love**

and serve humanity." Each year, Americans across the country answer Dr. King's charge by coming together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

This year's JBER ceremony honoring Dr. King is hosted by the 4/25th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and will take place **13 Jan, 1400-1500 at the JBER-Richardson Post Theater**. The guest speaker is Mr. Ellsworth James, Managing Director for an economic development think tank in Anchorage.

PHA

Physical Health Assessments will be held Saturday Jan. 8 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 673rd Medical Group. It is recommended you park on the Dental/Emergency Room side of hospital as the main doors don't open until 9 am. Someone from the Aerospace Medical Flight will be available to direct you where to check in.

Flu Shot

If you have not received the flu shot or flu mist see your unit health monitor. If you received it outside the Military Training Network bring in the documentation so it can be updated in the system. Members who have not had the flu mist or flu shot will be on the non-compliance list sent to unit commanders.



Free snowboard

The Get One Now Program will be giving away a snowboard to the 477th FG member who provides the most number of referrals in the month of Dec. Referrals must be age eligible and have a good phone number and address. Refer people who you want to work with.



The Get One Now Program has many different rewards ranging from iPods, satellite radios, global positioning systems, gym bags, laptops and

more. When a referrals turn into an accession, members become eligible for an award of your choice.

The Air Force Reserve member with the most annual accessions will win a leather jacket, get to meet Lt. General Charles Stenner, the AFRC commander, receive an achievement medal and get a flight in the aircraft of their choice.

For more information go to www.get1now.us or contact Master Sgt. Stephan Kimbrough at 551-4723 or Stephan.kimbrough@elmendorf.af.mil.

