

RED TAIL REVIEW



The sound of Raptors overhead during UTA serves notice that we are getting back to the business of projecting world class air dominance. The grounding period has been a difficult time for both man and machine. I salute each of you who managed to keep both your mission focus and your skill at high levels that enabled such a seamless return to fly. As we slowly work back into a sense of normal rhythm, I ask each of you in the flying business to take it slow, continue to follow Tech Orders, think safety first and look out for each other.

We all have taken time for granted during the stand-down, especially when considering the excellent summer weather. As we get back to flying, we must seek to re-establish the normal UTA weekend operational tempo. Unfortunately, you have about one UTA to find normal before I ask you to also focus on a couple of bogeys on the horizon — the PACAF compliance inspection in March and AFRC compliance inspection in June. You will hear much more about each of these events in the near future, but I want you to begin to think about what needs to be fixed, created or cleaned-up in preparation for the upcoming inspections.

Thirty-five weeks and 245 days until the AFRC compliance inspection. While that seems like a long way off, for those of you new to the Reserve way of life, in reality provides only seven UTA weekends to prepare.

As winter approaches, please ensure you and your family are prepared. While I don't expect Alaskans to eliminate all risks, we should seek to mitigate as many as possible. As the economy continues to drag, additional pressure will be felt by all and particularly us in the Department of Defense. Please continue to look out for each other. Taking care of your Wingman is not a slogan, it's what we do every day. Thank you for serving and being part of this family.

- Col. Bryan P. Radliff, 477th FG Commander

TDY TIPS

Rental Cars: When a rental car is authorized during a TDY, travelers must use SATO to make the car reservation. Travelers must not make their car reservations through other means.

Lodging Receipts: When you return from TDY 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 will not be recognize as a valid receipt for reimbursement.

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Reservist kicks off semi-pro basketball season

By Capt. Ashley Conner
477th FG Public Affairs

The Alaska Quake basketball season will open Dec. 3 and two members of the Air Force Reserve and Army National Guard can be seen on the roster of Alaska's newest semi-professional bas-

ketball team.

Master Sgt. Jonathon Orzechowski, an Air Force Reservist with the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron and SGT Joey Lewis with the Army National Guard's E Company, 1-207th Aviation, were added to the roster when the team held its tryouts in late August and were on hand at the team's meet and greet Oct. 8 at Begich Middle School in Anchorage.

"Our team is made up of all players from Alaska," said Sergeant Orzechowski. "So it is great to be able to play games for the local crowd and give back to the community."

Orzechowski played basketball at Anchorage Christian Schools where he attended high school and is excited to be a part the team.

"It's great to play ball again," said Orzechowski. "The meet and greet was a great opportunity for the whole team to get together with the support of our family and friends and kick-off a great first season."

The Alaska Quake, an American Basketball Association franchise team, became a reality when Shana Harris a member of the Alaska Air National Guard, her husband Robert Harris, a member of the Alaska Army National Guard along with Carol and Gabriell Taylor, also members of the Alaska Air National Guard decided to start the team as a non-profit organization to help mentor children through sports

"The ultimate goal for our non-profit is to provide children with other options that keep them off the street," said Shana Harris, Alaska Quake Chief Executive Officer. "Not only were we looking for great dancers and great players on the court, we were looking for men and women that could be positive role models to children."

Harris anticipates that the first free basketball and dance camps will be held next summer funded by the proceeds from this season's 14 games. In the mean time they are collecting slightly used children's winter coats through Oct. 16 for the Alaska Quake Coats for Kids Campaign.

The team's first game will be Dec. 3 against the Seattle Mountaineers at Begich Middle School and they are anticipating some NBA players to suit up with the Mountaineers due to the NBA league lockout.

FINANCE UPDATE

Uniforms

Government Purchase cardholders are the only individuals authorized to purchase uniform items for members. Individual members must not buy items for themselves with the intent of getting reimbursed.

Civilian PCS

Upon PCS arrival civilians should schedule an appointment with 673 CPTS/FMF, A1C Jay Taylor to fill out the required paperwork. He can be reached at 552-7150.

477th FG Reenlistments

Staff Sgt. Luke Boser
477th FSS

477th FG Promotions

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Kevin Norris
477th FSS

Air Force marathon FINISHERS

Congratulations to the following 477th Fighter Group members who completed the Air Force marathon in Dayton, Ohio Sept. 15.

Mr. Doug Crossen

477th Force Support Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jose Garza

477th Maintenance Squadron

Chapel Service Times

Sunday, October 16, 2011

9:00 a.m. Liturgical Service

10:15 a.m. Catholic Service

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Christian Service

If you have any other religious needs not covered by the current schedule, please call the Chapel staff at 551-7265.

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