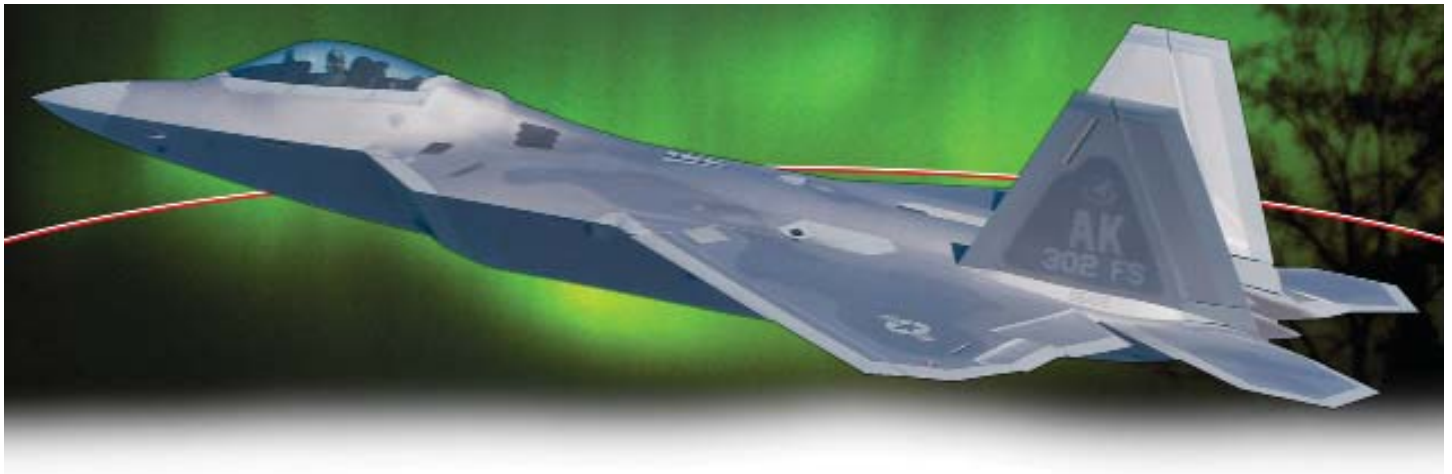


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COMMANDERS COMMENTS



Season's greetings to all of you! With us being in the midst of the holiday rush I wanted to take a few lines here and simply thank you for your service. Your efforts and the sacrifices you

and your family make are what make this machine run. Without each of you doing your job for the unit, we would be unable to operate. Thank you.

The holidays bring with them many different sensations for different people. Some of us love the season, some of us do not. Some of us even find this season as a source of melancholy. This of course is no surprise to any of you. It is an often discussed topic these days in terms like the "holiday blues", the "silly season" and the like. I am asking each of you to take the time to look around your unit and make sure that your squadromates are doing well. If you see someone that is struggling, draw them in and help them

get connected in a manner that will help support them.

If you are aware of material needs that someone may have, get them some help. We have access to various ways to help out our members to ensure our team is well cared for. The Angel Tree in the foyer of 477th FG Headquarters is an avenue to provide to those who are less fortunate this holiday season. Additional information about the Angel Tree can be found in the news brief section of the newsletter.

Of course if you see someone that is really struggling, involve your leadership team and get them the help that they need.

I read a report this week that stated we lose 25 times as many military members to suicide as we are losing to combat fatalities. That opened my eyes. Keep that in mind if you notice a friend that is having a difficult time with the holidays. We need all of you healthy and ready to go in order for our unit to function.

Thank you again for being here this weekend during such a busy season. Be safe, take care of each other and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Col. Tyler Otten
Commander, 477th Fighter Group



INSPECTOR GENERAL

Who may file Air Force IG complaints?

Any military or civilian member may file an IG complaint. Anyone can report FWA.

What types of complaints are appropriate?

Any instance of FWA or violation of law, AFI, or policy should be reported through the appropriate grievance channel. The subject of your complaint must be an AF program or person.

When are IG complaints appropriate?

Individuals should attempt to resolve issues at the lowest levels, using command channels before elevating them to the next higher level or to the IG.

Further, complaints must be promptly filed within command, IG, or other grievance channels. IG's will likely dismiss complaints

if more than 60 days have passed since the occurrence.

Where to file a complaint?

IG complaints can be filed with any IG. Preferably, the complaint is filed with an IG in the same command as the subject of the complaint. If not, expect the complaint to get transferred to the subject's command which will slightly delay resolution.

The 477th IG is available during UTA weekends in the HQ building room 103A, 551-1477. The AFRC/IG is available M-F during normal business hours (CST) at DSN 312-497-1510. The 673rd ABW/IG is available M-F during normal business hours at 552-8384. FWA complaints can be made 24 hours a day to the JBER FWA hotline 552-2400.

Money Matter\$

LEAVE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH 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 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Submit one leave request for the entire leave period.

TRAVEL VOUCHERS BACKLOG: Hardcopy travel vouchers are taking about four weeks to pay at the Air Force Financial Services Center at Ellsworth AFB. To minimize delays ensure:

- 1) Travel vouchers are completed properly; comply with the TDY voucher checklist and include all required attachments.
- 2) Submit vouchers within five workdays of completion of TDYs.

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD (GTC) MISSION CRITICAL STATUS:

Are you at risk of becoming delinquent on your GTC? If you've submitted a travel voucher on time with the appropriate split disbursement amount to the GTC bank, and through no fault of yours the bank will not be paid for your official travel expenses, then see your unit agency program coordinator to code your bank record as "mission critical" status. This status will keep your GTC account from going delinquent to allow time for resolution of the travel voucher payment to the bank. Reminder, ensure the GTC bank has your correct mailing address.



Reservists support Alaska Veterans Day events

(Right) New recruits teamed up with current members from each of the branch of service to present the U.S. flag on ice at the start of the Alaska Aces Military Appreciation game Nov. 17, 2012 at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage, Alaska. (Air Force Reserve Photos/Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)



(Left) Lt. Col. David Piffarerio, 302nd Fighter Squadron commander was the key note speaker during a Tribute to Veterans concert at Palmer Junior Middle School in Palmer Alaska Nov. 9, 2012. Piffarerio spoke to the students and parents in attendance about what being a veteran means to him; he also gave a brief lesson on the history of Veterans Day.

Senior Airman Tyler Walter, a traditional reservist assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson was teamed up with other service members from the Army to compete in a tug-of-war against members of the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard on ice during the second intermission of the Nov. 17, 2012 Alaska Aces Military Appreciation games. The weekend's events gave members of the Armed Forces a chance to attend the games and be recognized for their service to the country.



Promotions

From Airman 1st Class to Senior Airman Tyler Walter

From Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt. Kristel Strunk

From Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt. Ryan Dillion

From Senior Airman to Staff Sgt. David Hernandez

Re-enlistments

Senior Airman Justin Fletcher 477th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Faris 477th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Brandon Pierce 477th Maintenance Squadron

ABOVE 90

PHYSICAL FITNESS
TEST SCORES

Aerospace Medicine Flight

Tech. Sgt. Gabrielle Clark
Senior Airman Kendall Nielsen

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Barnes
Senior Airman Wade Lawrence
Maj. Timothy Pemberton
Chief Master Sgt. Charles Shaw

Fighter Group Staff

Tech. Sgt. Seth Roberts

Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. Michael Giedt
Master Sgt. Ernest Kunde
Master Sgt. Craig Pfister

Force Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Carly Chase
Tech. Sgt. Monica Degroot
Tech. Sgt. Taifa Petaway



NEWS BRIEFS

Fitness Assessment at Hangar 5

The HAWC will be moving fitness assessments to Hangar 5 starting Nov. 2. Members will complete all components of the PT test in Hangar 5. Wear official PT gear, hand carry workout shoes, bring your ID card and arrive 15 minutes before testing time.

NCOA Graduate

The 302nd Fighter Squadron is proud to announce that Tech. Sgt Kristel Strunk completed six weeks of challenging coursework, civic volunteer events, and leadership development classes and completed NCOA in November. Upon graduation Strunk returned to her position as non-commissioned officer in charge of Aviation Resource Management.

Childrens Christmas Party

The 477th FG Childrens Christmas party will be held Sunday Dec. 2 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Artic Oasis on JBER. Attendees can enjoy snacks, games, crafts and a special appearance from Santa Claus.

Angel Tree

In the foyer of the FG building will be a Christmas tree with Angels on them. Each Angel represents a child in need in the Anchorage community. Select an Angel and return the new, unwrapped gift to the Angel Tree by December 12. For more information contact Angel Tree Program, Master Sgt. Mike Long, 551-7263.

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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