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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

# COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Combat Power, Air Power, Kinetic Effects, Air Dominance. These are all words that get tossed around in the Air Force.

They are buzzwords used by planners and senior leaders that describe our mission. The problem with terms like these is that they are often difficult to distill down to what it means to us as individual members of the Air Force.

We can often feel very far removed from the mission these terms describe, but each of us is a very important part of this team. Regardless of where you work in the unit, or what your AFSC is, each of you needs to be very clear that your role and efforts are critical to the success of our Air Force.

So what does that mean to each of you? How do we Reservists ensure our personal success, success of our unit and ultimately the success of the Air Force?

Our job is to be ready to step up when our nation calls us to do our mission. We do that by keeping ourselves trained and ready to fulfill our particular functions. Given that we have precious little time to work together as a reserve unit, we have to be ready to hit the ground running on our UTAs.

For Traditional Reservists, we need to show up prepared to maximize our time at the unit. For ARTs, we need to have a plan in place that allows our TRs to maximize the benefit of our UTA weekend. Make a point of considering all of this over the course of this UTA.

Rest assured that your efforts this weekend make a difference in nation's ability to exert Air Power. Thank you for your commitment and service to America. Have a great weekend.

❖ Col. Tyler Otten, deputy commander, 477th FG

## INSPECTOR GENERAL

A review of the IG "Big 3"....Military members who violate the prohibition against reprisal or restriction or the protections and rights regarding involuntary mental health referrals are subject to prosecution and/or disciplinary and administrative action under Article 92 of the UCMJ. Civil servants who violate these provisions are subject to administrative or disciplinary action.

Restriction—Preventing or attempting to prevent members of the Armed Forces from making or preparing to make lawful communications to Members of Congress and/or an IG.

Reprisal—Taking or threatening to take an unfavorable personnel action or withholding or threatening to withhold a favorable person-

nel action on a military member for making or preparing to make a protected communication.

Only a commander can make an involuntary mental health referral, and it must be done while preserving the rights of the member outlined in DoDD 6490.1, DoDI 6490.4, and AFI 44-109. Mental Health Evaluation, a clinical assessment of a service member for a mental, physical, or personality disorder to determine the member's mental health status and fitness for duty. It does not include interviews under Family Advocacy programs or Air Force Drug and Alcohol Abuse Rehabilitation programs.



# Alaska Reserve unit rebuilds tornado-ravaged school

by Capt. Ashley Conner  
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

An Alaska Reserve unit has just returned from Tennessee where the task at hand was rebuilding a school that was destroyed by a tornado in 2011.

Members of the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron installed lighting units, rewired the facility to meet code, hung sheet rock, and painted the interior of the Riverside Christian Academy's field house in Fayetteville earlier this month.

This service project is a part of Air Force Reserve Command's Innovative Readiness Training that provides an opportunity for unit members to get hands-on training in their career field to enable upgrades and promotions.

"As a CE unit with a deployment mission, only we don't get many opportunities to actually do our jobs," said Senior Master Sgt. Mary Beth Eassa, 477th Civil Engineer Squadron, Operations Management superintendent. "Projects like these help us stay proficient in our jobs."

Of the 19 CES Airmen all were traditional reservists, which mean they serve in a military

capacity one weekend a month and two weeks of Annual Tour a year while either working full time or going to school.



"We appreciate the precious time that employers allow our members to serve our country," said Lt. Col. Michael Forcht, 477th CES commander. "In return, employers gain a more experienced technician, and some deserving organization gets a helping hand and an opportunity to see our professionals at work."

While the IRT's are a way for Airmen to hone skills and give back to the community, they also offer an opportunity to improve unit cohesion.

"(These projects allow our Airmen to) work as a team in and out of their career fields, and often with personnel from different bases," said Forcht. "Gaining this team experience develops trust among squadron members, leverages experience and training opportunities from other units and allows non-commissioned officers and officers an opportunity to develop leadership and management skills. These skills then can be utilized to their fullest during our deployments."

## Operational F-22's employ small diameter bombs during WSEP

by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso  
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

During a Combat Hammer exercise Alaska F-22 Raptors became the first operational F-22 unit to drop GBU-39 small diameter bombs.

Although small diameter bombs have been employed by test pilots, Combat Hammer, a weapons system evaluation program sponsored by the 86th Fighter Weapons Squadron, provided an opportunity for an operational unit to employ them in a realistic tactical training environment.

"The Utah Test and Training Range is the only location in the United States where the F-22s can employ SDBs at speeds and altitudes unique to the Raptor," said Maj. Wade Bridges, a Reserve F-22 pilot assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron.

The 3rd Wing F-22s that have the upgraded increment 3.1 software were able to drop the GBU-39 SDB. The GBU-39 SDB is a 250 pound precision-guided glide bomb that is intended to provide aircraft with the ability to carry a higher number of bombs and to employ with greater stand-off.

"The employment of the GBU-39s was very successful," said Bridges. "The ammo and weapons personnel that built and loaded the weapons did so with amazing professionalism and technical expertise. They were evaluated during the entire process and received nothing but praise for their work. The pilots who employed the weapons did an excellent job delivering the weapons in a tactical environment. The entire process from building to employing the weapons was a tremendous success resulting in 100% of the SDBs being released successfully."

This training event allowed for Total Force Integration across the F-22 fleet. The 302nd Fighter Squadron led a Total Force team from Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. Pilots from both the 302nd and the 525th Fighter Squadrons and maintainers from the 3rd Maintenance Group and the 477th Fighter Group filled the deployment roster making it a true total force effort from Alaska.



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# Money Matter\$

**DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM:** DTS has arrived. Effective Aug. 27, 2012 TDY travel orders that meet DTS eligibility will have a remark indicating, "must be filed in: DTS," and travel arrangements and vouchers for that TDY will be done in DTS. If the order remark reads, "must be filed in: RTS," then the old method will be used -- travel arrangements will be made directly with SATO, and a DD 1351-2 travel voucher must be submitted. Organizational Defense Travel Administrators have been appointed and trained for every and they are the POCs for DTS questions.

**TDY TRAVEL RECEIPTS:** Travelers must maintain receipts for all lodging costs and expenses of \$75 or more. And travelers are encouraged to retain all receipts in the event questions arise about expenses.

**MILITARY LEAVE REQUESTS:** Requests for leave must be submitted to the 477th FG Reserve Pay Office before leave begins. The leave form, part III, must be completed and forwarded to the RPO when the leave ends.

**AMENDED DUTY ORDERS:** When orders are modified in AROWS with a pay-affecting amendment, the amendment must be promptly submitted to the RPO.

# Promotions

From Tech. Sgt. to Master Sgt. Kyle Higley, 477th FSS

From Airman to Senior Airman Senovia Gallegos, 477th FSS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Keith Long, 477th MXS

From Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt. Martin Slabbert, 477th MXS

## Newcomers

Maj Caleb Haley  
Senior Master Sgt. John McClain  
Tech. Sgt. Taifa Petaway  
Chief Master Sgt. James Pineault  
A1C Benjamin Ballard  
Senior Airman Jordan Sizemore  
Staff Sgt. Mark Williams  
Staff Sgt. Gerald Ingram

## Re-enlistments

Staff Sgt. Craig Miller  
477th AMDF

Master Sgt. Kennan Stanislawski  
302nd FS

# ABOVE 90 PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

### 477th Force Support Squadron

Senior Airman Aaron Carioto  
Senior Airman Noel Magcalas

### 477th Aeromedical Flight

Lt. Col. Laura Peterson  
Senior Airman Kendra Schmidt

### 302nd Fighter Squadron

Maj. Wade Bridges  
Capt. Nicole Das

### 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Joshua Baker  
Senior Airman Christopher O'Brien

### 477th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Joseph Dunlavey  
Staff Sgt. Shawn Finney  
Tech. Sgt. Jose Garza  
Senior Airman Scott McKinnis  
Senior Airman Aaron Reyes  
Tech. Sgt. Travis Schlapbach



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## FOC CEREMONY & GROUP PICNIC

The 477th FG Full Operational Capability ceremony will be Sunday Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the 525th/302nd Hangar.

The group picnic will follow the ceremony from 12-4 p.m. at the 611th Chalet and will be open to group members and their families.

## LADIES ONLY HAND GUN COURSE

This is an eight hour course designed for the beginning or novice shooter. The student will become familiar with firearms safety rules, safe gun handling and the storage of firearms and ammunition in the home.

Students will learn the parts & operation of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols, with hands-on practice. Cost is \$95 and is open to members and spouses. Contact Angie Earle at 551-4778 to sign up.

## NCO Leadership Development Course

The 477th FG will be hosting it's first NCO Leadership Development Course Jan. 7-18, 2013.

Staff Sgt. and Tech. Sgt. with current passing Fitness Assessment and Medically qualified are eligible for the 20 person class.

How to register - AF Form 101 (mil status) or SF 182 (civilian status), templates and course information located on the 477th FG Sharepoint site.

Students will receive two college credits in addition to meaningful, challenging, hands-on leadership training.

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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