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ABILITY *integrated avionics* first-  
**AIR DOMINANCE**  
**kill low observable** *delta aerodynamic design,*  
increased thrust stealthy **ADVANCED**  
FLIGHT CONTROLS **thrust vectoring**  
**HIGH THRUST-TO-WEIGHT RATIO**

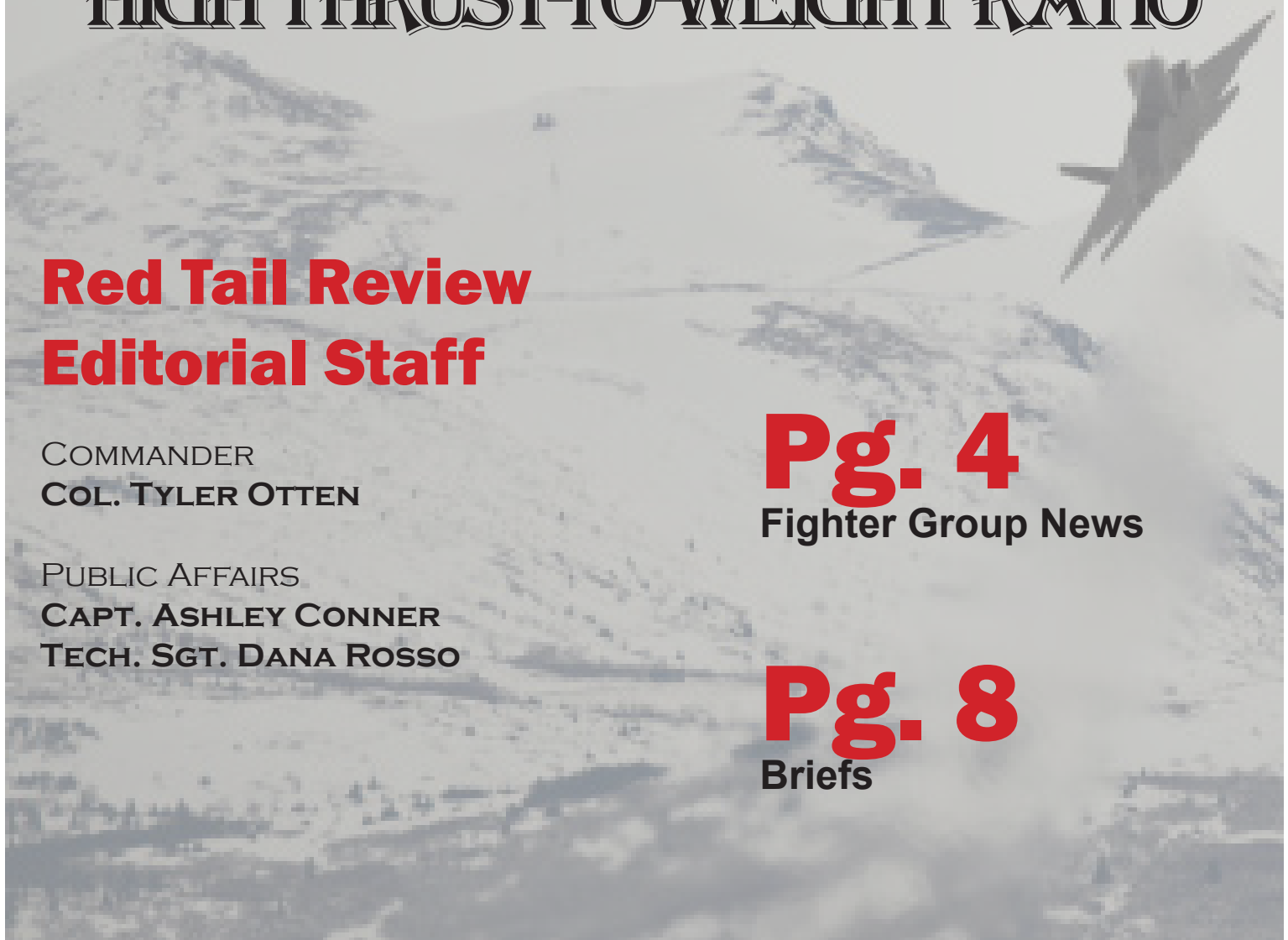
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# COMMANDERS COMMENTS



**Col. Tyler Otten**  
**477th Fighter Group commander**

Hello all, and welcome to the August UTA. I thank all of you for your efforts over the last six months.

We have taken on the challenges of fixing our IMR deficiencies, executing two exercises, two Theater Security Packages, and continuing with UTA and daily operations just to name a few. You have all performed admirably.

Our IMR stats are improving; we have a way to go yet, but we are

getting close. We have also begun to identify issues and shape how we should exercise in the future.

Sunday we are going to get our group photo taken with the new 477th FG flagship the "Spirit of Tuskegee" and have our family day picnic. The picnic is an opportunity for us to spend some time as the 477th team with our families and acknowledge their importance to our organization.

None of us could do what we do here without the support of our loved ones. Please pass along my thanks to them for their support of the 477th Fighter Group.

Have a great weekend.



# Money Matter\$

**DTS TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS:** 477 FG travelers must not create their own travel authorizations in the Defense Travel System. DTS authorizations are programmatically created after travel orders are prepared in AROWS-R.

AFTER an order is published, AROWS-R exports the authorization to DTS and sends an email to the traveler with instructions for accessing DTS and completing the authorization. This process is exclusive to all AF Reserve travelers, so our TDY travelers should ensure the email address posted in DTS is one they have ready access. Questions should be directed to unit Organizational Defense Travel Administrators.

**SUPERVISORS' ROLE IN LEAVE PROCESSING:** 1) Ensure all parts of AF Form 988 are completed to include signatures with dates on Part I.

2) Get a leave number by submitting the AF Form 988 to the Reserve Pay Office before leave starts.

3) On the workday following member's last day of leave complete Part III certifying the leave dates that were actually taken, and submit it to the RPO.

**PREPARE ORDERS IN AROWS-R:** It is AFRC policy that AROWS-R will be used to prepare orders for AF reservists. All AF Forms 938, Request and Authorization for Active Duty Training/Active Duty Tour, and DD Forms 1610, Request and Authorization for TDY Travel, must be prepared using AROWS-R. Orders should not be prepared by the active duty units to which reservists are assigned.

## F-22 Load Crew Competition



Staff Sgt. Adam Ducharme, 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, installs stabilizing fins on to the AIM-120 air-to-air missile during the quarterly load crew competition here July 12.

Three teams from the active duty 525th and 90th AMUs and the Reserve 477th AMXS participated in the load crew competition. The 525th AMU load crew team placed first in the event. (U.S. Air Force/Capt. Ashley Conner)

## Civilian furloughs reduce services at 477th FG

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

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** -- Air Force Reserve personnel assigned to the 477th Fighter Group will soon see a reduction in available services during upcoming required furloughs as a result of Congressionally-mandated sequestration cuts.

The 477th Fighter Group has scheduled the furlough dates for Fridays starting with July 12, 2013 through Sept. 20, 2013. However, some positions have been able to reschedule their furlough days in order to meet mission requirements.

“Our team’s willingness to adjust their lives in order to minimize mission impacts, despite being furloughed, is a testament to the commitment of our Air Reserve Technician and civilian workforce.” said Col. Tyler Otten, 477th Fighter Group commander. “There will be some disruptions and reductions in services. However, we all need to exercise some patience and planning during the furlough period.”

All civilian employees assigned to the 477th Fighter Group will be affected by the mandated furlough; including those serving as F-22 aircrew and maintenance, financial management special-

ists, medical technicians as well as force support personnel.

Unit members, as well as community members requiring assistance or services from the 477th FG, such as ID card replacement or processing of personnel actions are encouraged to call ahead to verify that the services will be available. To verify that services with personnel actions will be available call 907-551-4748, to verify availability of military pay and other finance related services call 907-551-4760.

Sequestration, signed into law as part of the 2011 Budget Control Act, is a package of mandated cuts to the federal budget, totaling some \$1.2 trillion over 10 years of which some \$85 billion takes effect in fiscal 2013.

Pentagon officials originally planned to furlough employees for up to 22 days, but then reduced that number in March to 11 days following passage of a final 2013 spending bill that provided more spending flexibility.



**HERO  
2 HIRED**

If you or your spouse needs employment contact **James Hastings** at ESGR at 907-232-1527. ESGR, a Department of Defense office, was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee’s military commitment.



# Turkey Shoot: Bombs on target

By Maj. Karen Davis  
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

## JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska

-- A team comprised of F-22s from the 525th Fighter Squadron, Intel personnel from the 517th Airlift Squadron, Command and Control from the 962nd AACs, and a C-17 crew from the 3rd OSS took first place in the annual Turkey Shoot competition here July 15-17.

The Turkey Shoot competition provided an opportunity for four teams from multiple units within active duty 3rd Wing and the Reserve 477th Fighter Group to face off during an offensive counter air mission scenario.

"The opportunity for our 477th Fighter Group team to work as team with other 3rd Wing airframes and crews is very valuable for us," said Col. Tyler Otten, 477th Fighter Group commander. "It provides a level of complexity and coordination that we don't have to work through on typical daily training sorties. It is great training."

The biggest change to this year's competition was the addition of increment 3.1 upgrade to Alaska's Raptors adding air-to-ground targeting to what used to predominately be an air-to-air scenario.

F-22 pilot Capt. Brett Vongroven, 525th Fighter Squadron, said the competition "fostered a competitive spirit between different squadrons" and it enabled "improvement in the name of friendly competition."

Also stress tested in this competition were the maintainers, who were graded on a number of categories, including the ability to launch and recover the aircraft, the condition of their tool box, weapons proficiency, knowledge of the job and professionalism, dress and appearance. When asked what was

exciting about participating in the Turkey Shoot, Senior Airman Eric Smith, 90th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, quickly responded "I like the rivalry" between the squadrons and then added "and getting a sense of why we are out here beyond launching sorties every day."

A key reason why this type of competition is so effective was that it allowed the operators and maintainers to work in a realistic threat environment while including many of the weapons systems based at JBER. Lt. Col. Chad Spellman, 3rd OSS director of operations said the "scenario was intentionally designed to be extremely challenging" and that making it a competition "puts added pressure on the members

of each team to succeed. Spellman added "as a fighter pilot, you typically don't get to conduct missions with C-17s" since most fighter bases are not co-located with cargo planes.

In total, there were four teams competing representing the 3rd OSS, 90th Fighter Squadron, 525th Fighter Squadron and the



Photo Tech. Sgt Dana Rosso

Reserve 477th Fighter Group.

The term "Turkey Shoot" dates back to the World War II era, during one of the most massive air battles, the "Great Marianas Turkey Shoot" or officially, the Battle of the Philippine Sea, took place. The conflict was the largest aircraft carrier battle in history, involving nearly 1,800 aircraft. Due to the ease of defending a multitude of Japanese attacks, American pilots started referring to the battle as the "turkey shoot." The battle decimated what remained of the Imperial Navy's cadre of trained pilots, and effectively eliminated Japanese carrier aviation for the duration of the war.

# ABOVE 90 PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

## Aerospace Medical Flight

Capt. Kimberly Kubick  
Capt. Kara Reynolds  
Senior Airman Candice Rogan

## Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Malanaphy  
Senior Airman Heather Vest  
Airman 1st Class Altaro Robinson

## Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Travis Marshall

## Force Support Squadron

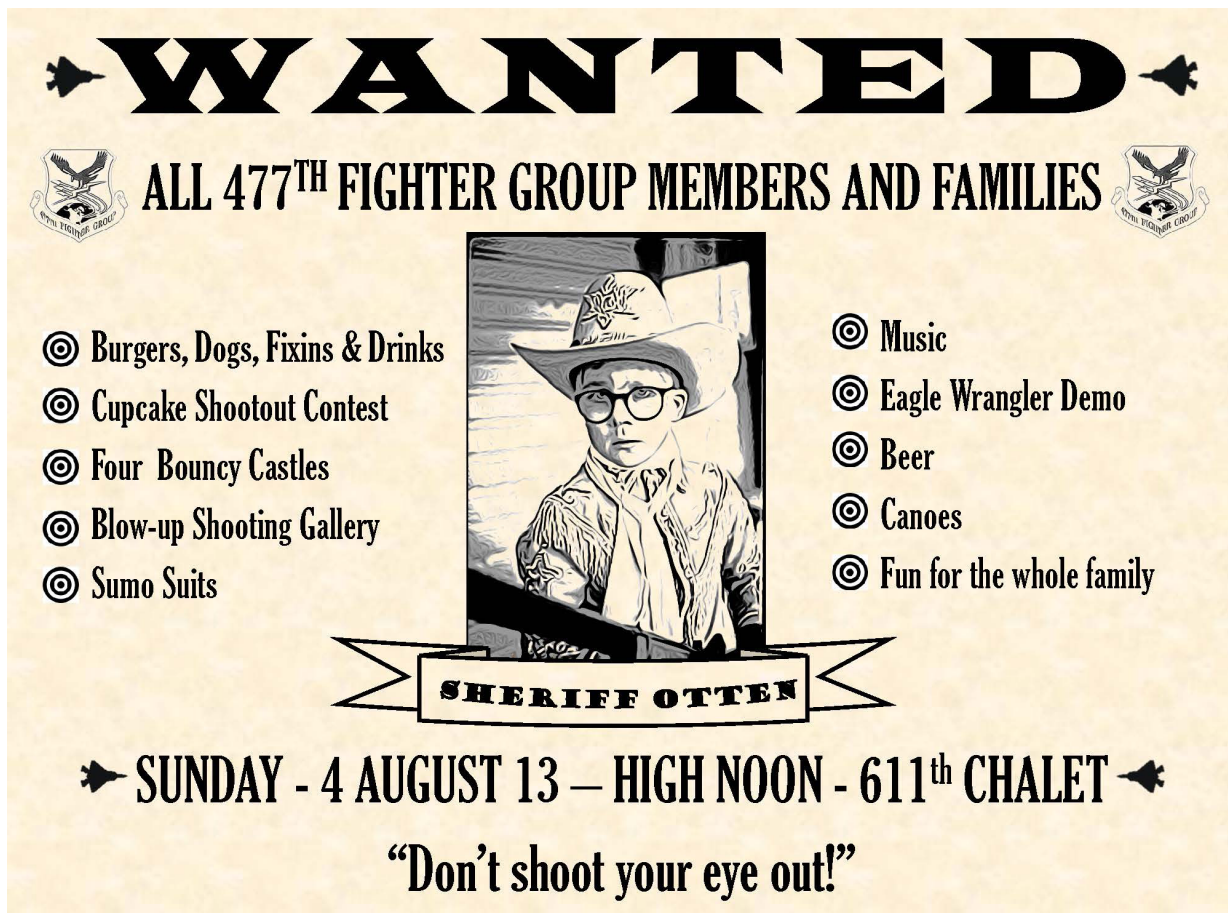
Senior Airman Noel Megcalas  
Senior Airman Martina Kellums

## Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Aaron McRoberts

## Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Donnie Cupples  
Senior Airman Dillinger Koeckritz  
Senior Airman Scott Mckinnis  
Senior Airman Catherine Seiders  
Master Sgt. Eric Hudson



**WANTED**

ALL 477<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER GROUP MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

477<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER GROUP

- ⊙ Burgers, Dogs, Fixins & Drinks
- ⊙ Cupcake Shootout Contest
- ⊙ Four Bouncy Castles
- ⊙ Blow-up Shooting Gallery
- ⊙ Sumo Suits
- ⊙ Music
- ⊙ Eagle Wrangler Demo
- ⊙ Beer
- ⊙ Canoes
- ⊙ Fun for the whole family

**SHERIFF OTTEN**

➤ SUNDAY - 4 AUGUST 13 — HIGH NOON - 611<sup>TH</sup> CHALET ➤

“Don’t shoot your eye out!”

# NEWS BRIEFS

## JBER's Attic

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's Attic (formerly known as the Airman's Attic) located in building 8515 off of 20th Street is open on Tuesdays for pay grades E1 to E4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays for pay grades E1 to E6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month for all pay grades from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They are looking for permanent volunteers to perform duties as assistant manager of the Attic. Please contact Senior Master Sgt. Jens Rueckert at 580-6820 or Susan Hoversten at 854-5959 if interested in the position.

## Commissary Furloughs

Due to sequestration the JBER commissary is closed Mondays until Sept 30.

The hours will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays.

## Dining facility survey

ARAMARK is conducting a survey to evaluate how the contractor can better offer dining service to JBER.

The 17-question survey can be accessed at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/bm5koz6>.

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 Lt. Col. 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:  
[477fg.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:477fg.pa@us.af.mil)

