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ABILITY *integrated avionics* first-  
**AIR DOMINANCE**  
*kill low observable* *low aerodynamic design,*  
increased thrust stealthy **ADVANCED**  
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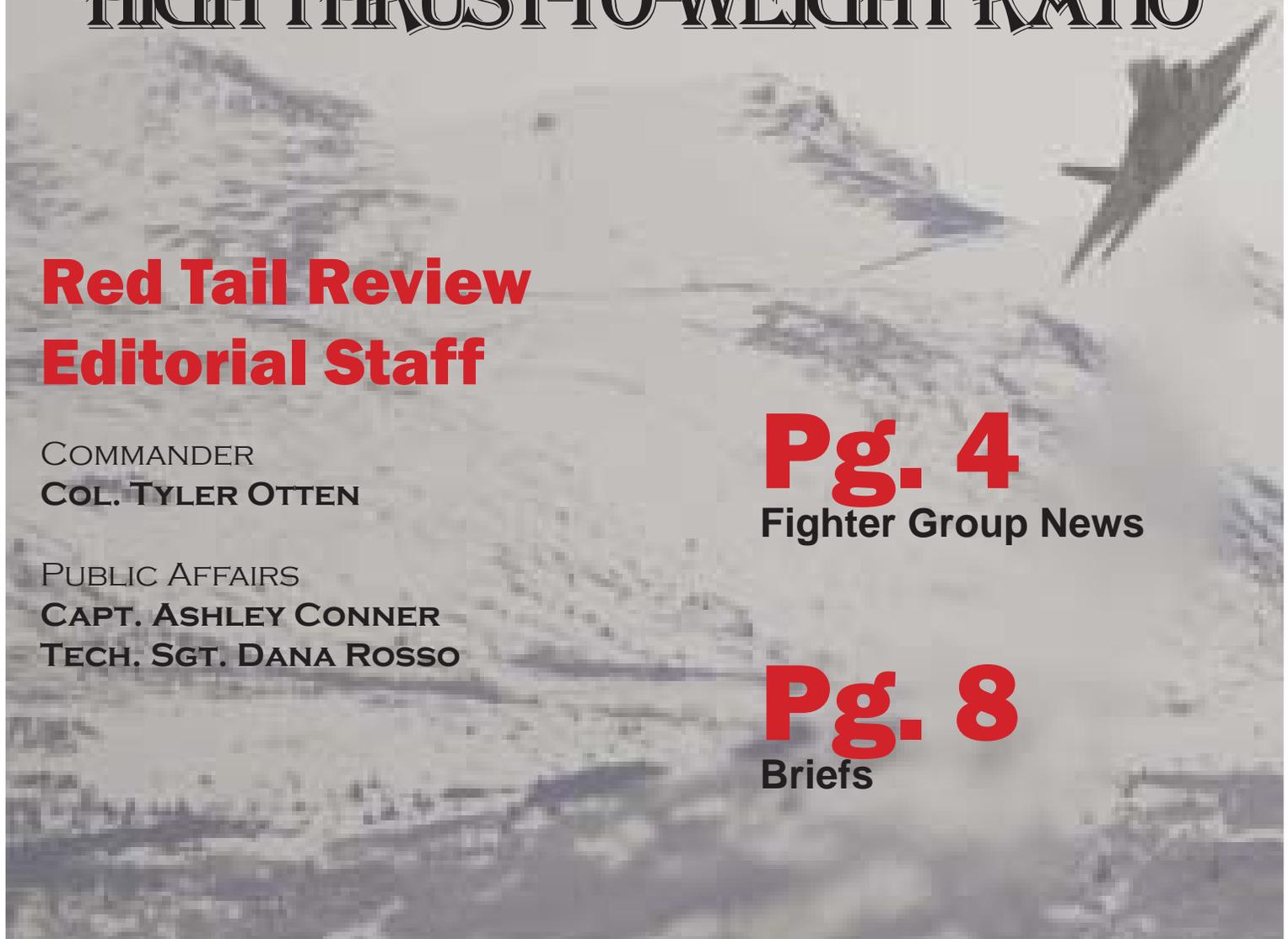
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# COMMANDERS COMMENTS



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

Welcome to the July UTA. As always we are in for a busy weekend. The key event this weekend is our Sexual Assault Prevention down day on Sunday.

We are going to pause our operations to take a serious look at the problem of sexual assault. I will have more comments on this topic Sunday morning after commander's call, but I ask you to reflect on two thoughts between now and then.

The first is the reality that the sexual assaults the Air Force is seeing are "blue on blue" incidents. Put simply, we are doing this to ourselves. This serves to weaken our force from the inside, which is clearly unacceptable.

The second thought to ponder is whether or not we have effectively changed our environment and culture into one that discourages inappropriate behavior.

If our environment sends a message that there is any level of tolerance for sexual assault or harassment, we have more work to do.

Please think about those two areas and be prepared to discuss the solution to this very real challenge on Sunday.

Thank you for taking time out of this great fishing season to serve your country. Your participation makes all the difference.



**2013-2014**

**UTA Schedule**

July 13-14, 2013

Aug. 3-4, 2013

Sept. 7-8, 2013

Oct. 5-6, 2013

Nov. 2-3, 2013

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Dec. 7-8, 2013

Jan. 11-12, 2014

# Money Matter\$

## **AIRLINE RESERVATIONS, RENTAL CARS AND EXTRA INSURANCE:**

For temporary duty travel you must use a government-contracted commercial travel office (SATO for example) to arrange for air and rental car transportation. Rental car authorization should be stated in orders. By using SATO the government rate provides rental car insurance coverage. You should not acquire additional insurance or roadside assistance coverage. If you do get additional coverage, the extra cost will not be reimbursed. Also, rental carwash costs are not reimbursable.

## **MAKING CORRECTIONS ON OFFICIAL FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS:**

Make write-in corrections on official finance forms in ink with a single line-through and initials. White-out is not permitted.

## **RESERVISTS WHO PAY CHILD SUPPORT:**

If you are paying child support, and you are not receiving with-dependent basic allowance for housing for your active duty tours, please contact the 477th FG Reserve Pay Office. You may be entitled to the higher allowance rate.

# Muddy for a Cause



Helen Dickinson, 477th Force Support Squadron, makes her way through the final water obstacle during the Anchorage Community Mental Health Services Race for Recovery June 29.

Reserve members from the 477th Fighter Group took part in the second annual event known as the "Mud Run."

The 5-kilometer course featured mud and water pits as well as swampy terrain and climbing walls for each runner to navigate over or through. The event raised more than \$50,000 for Anchorage Community Mental Health Services. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

## 3rd Wg, 477th FG commanders stand together against sexual assault

By Capt. Ashley Conner  
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** -- Col. David Nahom, 3rd Wing commander and Col. Tyler Otten, 477th Fighter Group commander, have directed a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand-down day for their units June 28 and July 14, respectively.

This SAPR stand-down day follows direction from the Secretary of Defense to conduct training for active duty military and civilian personnel before July 1 and Air Force Reserve members by August 31.

“Sexual assault is a cancer on our great Air Force which has devastating impacts for our Airmen and their families,” said Nahom. “Taking a day to reflect on our priorities and have a candid discussion about sexual assault will make us stronger as an organization and reinforce honor and respect for all Airmen.”

During their unit stand-downs the active duty 3rd Wing and the Reserve 477th FG, will focus on definitions of sexual assault, reporting options, the changing culture of the Air Force, and the newly created Special Victims’ Councils. The Special Victims’ Council provides lawyers with specialized training to advise sexual assault vic-

tims, and guide them through the criminal justice system.

“This stand-down will allow us to focus on this critical problem and how we can cure it. It is important that we all pause from our busy work schedules and ensure we are all crystal clear in our understanding that sexual assault is absolutely incompatible with our service to our country,” said Otten. “After this stand-down, all of our Airmen will find themselves fully empowered, and in fact, expected to intervene in any high risk situation to change the outcome for the better.”

While the 3rd Wing and the 477th FG share the F-22 mission here, the 477th FG will hold their SAPR stand-down day during the July Reserve Unit Training Assembly weekend to ensure the 70% of 477th FG members who are Traditional Reservists and may only serve one weekend a month will receive the training alongside the full time Reservists.

“The 3rd Wing and 477th Fighter Group are fully integrated TFI teammates with our mission success directly linked to maintaining a strong partnership in every phase of our operations--to include the prevention of sexual assault,” said Nahom.



**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.



# Reserve CES repairs World War II era airfield

By Capt. Ashley Conner  
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

**CLARKSDALE, Miss.** -- Over 50 Reservists assigned to the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron completed repair work on a World War II era airfield during their annual tour May 27 - June 8.

Fletcher Field in Clarksdale, Miss. was opened July 5, 1942. It was used by the United States Army Air Forces as a contract basic flying training airfield. It was operated by the 2154th Air Base Unit, Contract Elementary Flying School, Clarksdale School of Aviation. Students were trained on the Fairchild PT-23 and the Boeing-Stearman PT-17 trainers. When the last class graduated Oct. 14, 1944 the airfield was turned over to civil authorities. Since 1944 Fletcher Field has been used as the Clarksdale Municipal Airport.

Every year the members of the 477th CES use their annual tour to support an Innovative Readiness Training project. Last year they rebuilt a tornado-ravaged school in Tennessee while this year's IRT provided an opportunity to give back to the city of Clarksdale while also training together as a unit.

"The purpose of the IRT is to improve military

readiness while simultaneously providing quality services to communities throughout America," said Lt. Col. Michael Forcht, 477th CES commander. "These programs are in keeping with a

long military tradition, leveraging training to benefit both units and their home communities. They are strongly supported by the Department of Defense, Congress, the states and communities."

During the IRT the 477th CES was responsible for building a flight business office and a 10-bay aircraft hangar. While severe thunderstorms

in the area delayed the project, causing standing water conditions at the hangar site the 477th CES along with Reservists from Civil Engineer Squadrons from Tinker AFB and Maxwell AFB were successful in completing their portion of the project. The entire project is expected to be completed in August 2013.

"IRT provides hands on AFSC-specific training for unit members," said Forcht. "It allows members to get training requirements signed off and to obtain contingency vehicle licenses while also increasing camaraderie within our unit."



Members of the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron complete repairs on Fletcher Field in Clarksdale, Miss. May 27- June 8. (Courtesy Photo)

# ABOVE 90 PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

**Aerospace Medical Flight**  
Senior Airman Ashlee Gardner

**Civil Engineer Squadron**  
Staff Sgt. Michael Faris \*

**Fighter Group Staff**  
Col. Tyler Otten  
Master Sgt. Norris Paxson

**Security Forces Squadron**  
Master Sgt. James Gordon  
Tech. Sgt. Donald Miller

**Force Support Squadron**  
Tech. Sgt. Andre Andrews  
Operations Support Flight  
Lt. Col. Chad Feucht  
Senior Airman Ashley Giusti  
Staff Sgt. Kimberly Keeley

**302nd Fighter Squadron**  
Maj. Matt Giese  
Lt. Col. Jennifer Page \*  
Senior Airman Tyler Walter

\* Denotes score of 100

## Newcomers

### 477th AMXS

Senior Master Sgt. Aaron McRoberts  
Airman 1st Class Andrew Morgan  
Staff Sgt. Bernard Taft

### 477th CES

Tech. Sgt. Nial Khodra  
Staff Sgt. Joel Jiskra  
Airman 1st Class Delano Roker  
Amn Christa Chavira

### 477th SFS

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Powell  
Staff Sgt. Tefft

### 477th FSS

Tech. Sgt. Jamie Eberle

### 477th FG

SrA Heather Vest

### 477th AMDF

Staff Sgt. Brent Wilkins

### 477th MXS

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Tester

### 477th OSF

Master Sgt. Thomas Batchelor



# 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)

