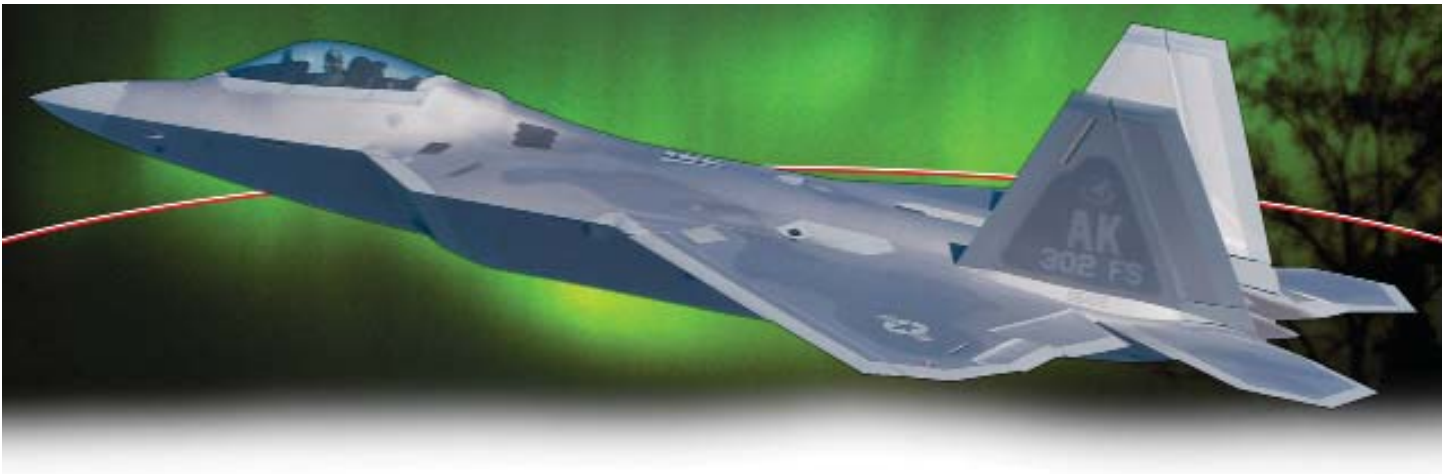


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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS**

Roll your clocks ahead one
hour on Sunday, March 10
at 2 a.m.

COMMANDERS COMMENTS



**Col. Tyler Otten,
Commander, 477th Fighter Group**

Hello everyone and welcome to the March UTA weekend. After not having a February UTA, we are in for a busy weekend as we prepare for our four-day April UTA and exercise.

There is a cloud of uncertainty floating over us as we go about our duties this weekend. That cloud is formed by sequestration. Our funding is undergoing cuts that are having significant impacts to our budgets. It is also creating a great deal of uncertainty about things like funding after the Continuing Resolution and the possibility of a furlough of government civilians.

We are going to get through these challenging times as a unit and if you have unaddressed concerns or issues my door is open to you.

There is little that we can control in regards to this uncertainty at the moment.

What we can control is our focus and our outlook. Our focus needs to be on the mission in general and the immediate task at hand in particular. We work in an unforgiving environment in the military.

For safety's sake, we owe each other our best performance all of the time. Whatever is going to happen with funding, furloughs, or other uncertainties must not distract us from doing our best work. Safety must always be our bottom line as we operate. The key to that is focus.

Our outlook is also under our control. While the uncertainty and possible hardships the future may hold are daunting and out of our hands, we are able to try to keep a positive outlook. We will do that at the organizational level and at the personal level. Look out for each other and when issues arise, bring them to your leadership team. We will do all we can to resolve these challenges.

As always, I thank you for your service, and for giving up another weekend to serve your nation and your fellow Airmen. We live in a time when our country is counting on Americans like you to continue to do our nations work.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

**Fiscal Year 2013
UTA Schedule**
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



Money Matter\$

CERTIFIED ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS: Reservists and their supervisors certify tours of active duty by signing military duty orders. Those certified orders are used for multiple purposes such as:

- 1) submit to the RPO for military pay
- 2) attach to travel vouchers for travel pay, and
- 3) attach to ART timesheets to document military duty. So retain sufficient copies of certified orders to satisfy all uses.

FOUR TRAVEL DAYS FOR ANNUAL TRAINING: For AT tours reservists are

limited to a maximum of 4 calendar days of travel per fiscal year. To save travel days, supervisors may permit late reporting during the morning of the first duty day, and early release during the afternoon on the last duty day. (AFI36-2254V1, para 5.5)

REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT UNIFORMS: Military members must not buy uniform items for themselves with the intent of getting reimbursed. RPA clothing GPC cardholders are the only individuals authorized to purchase uniforms for members.

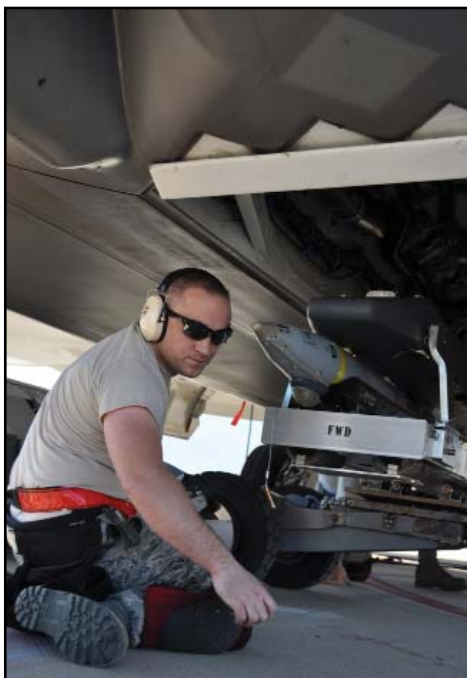
Will you be **CHOP'D**?

Change of Operational Control or CHOP of forces occurs when one commander relinquishes Operational Control of their personnel to another commander, usually a Combatant Commander.

The way a member gets "CHOP'd" is via orders such as the Contingency, Exercise, Deployment Orders received prior to a deployment.

Once you are CHOP'd, the gaining commander can exercise full control over your movements, assignments, and up to but not including judiciary punishment.

For the purposes of the



upcoming POLAR FORCE exercise in April, some 477th units will CHOP to the 3rd Air Expeditionary Wing to prepare for the actions in a war time environment. Those forces will receive direction and complete mission tasks as directed by the 3rd AEW commander.

The forces that are not CHOP'd, will remain under the Operational and Administrative Control of the 477th FG.

For more information, please reference Joint Pub 1, "Doctrine for the Armed Forces of the United States", Chapter IV, "Doctrine for Joint Command and Control".
(Information provided by Maj. Chris Castaneda)



Wife finds Air Force Reserve career after husband's death

By Capt. Ashley Conner
477th FG Public Affairs

During a family hike on Mother's day 1999 Kanya Huling, her husband and three children heard what sounded like helicopters over head but was actually the mountain shearing off in a landslide that killed six people and injured more than 30.

"After the debris stopped falling I looked over and saw my husband, Scott, hunched over our 2-year old son, Ty, protecting him from all the falling debris. He looked up and said 'take the baby' but I couldn't because both of my hands were broken," said Kanya.

Bystanders would end up carrying Ty and the Hulings two older boys on the 60 minute hike out from the falls to helicopters waiting to fly them to the hospital for treatment.

"We had considered going on another hike but we figured Sacred Falls [on Hawaii's island of Oahu] would be an easier hike for our 2-year old," said Kanya. "When I woke up from surgery, my parents who had flown in from Utah and South Dakota were there. I was asking where Scott and our boys were. At that moment the chaplain came in, dressed in blues and then I knew what happened."

Kanya's husband Master Sgt. Scott Huling, a Security Forces 1st Sergeant who had been stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii for two and a half years, had sustained traumatic internal injuries and died at the falls.

During the landslide most of hikers covered their heads to protect themselves from falling debris. Scott didn't do this because his arms were draped over their son Ty to protect him.

"It was too painful to stay in Hawaii without Scott," said Kanya. "My family and I moved to Hill AFB, Utah to be closer to my father. Scott had

taken care of the bills and the house. I had to learn to take care of those things."

Kanya and her sons bought a house and went about rebuilding their life. Kanya spent two years volunteering at the Airmen's Attic before visiting an Air Force recruiter.

"I had contemplated a career in the Air Force before I met my husband but the timing didn't work out," said Kanya. "I was now a single mother so active duty wasn't an option so I found my way into the Air Force Reserve."

Kanya graduated from Basic Military Training in 2001 and joined the 419th Fighter Wing at Hill AFB, Utah as an Information Manager for the Logistics Group.

"Scott died when he was 36 and his Air Force career was at a high. I saw what he did as a first sergeant, the respect and admiration that people had for him was inspirational to me. I wanted to continue what he couldn't anymore and the only way that I felt I could do that for him was to join the Air Force

and make a difference in some way," she said.

She would spend nine years at Hill before moving to Alaska to join the 477th Fighter Group in 2007. She would end up meeting and marrying Senior Master Sgt. Garry Briner in 2005 and have another son in 2009.

"Who we are in life is determined by our past experiences. I would never wish for anyone to have to go through what Kanya and the boys did but I am truly blessed with an incredible family and life because of who Kanya is today," said Senior Master Sgt. Garry Briner, 477th Force Support Squadron superintendent. "I would want Scott to know the impact he made on Kanya, our boys and ultimately on me. And how incredibly proud of Kanya I am and in turn thank him for instilling and fostering that drive and desire within her."



Master Sgt. Scott Huling and his wife Kanya pose for a picture after finding out Huling had been selected for Senior Master Sgt. (Courtesy Photo)

Reserve F-22 pilot flies son's letter to fallen Soldier father

By Capt. Ashley Conner
477th FG Public Affairs

MacAidan "Mac" Gallegos was only 5 when his father, Army Staff Sgt. Justin Gallegos, was killed in Afghanistan in 2009. Not a day goes by that he doesn't think about him. On days like Jan. 24, his father's 31st birthday, he has found a special way to celebrate his birthday and honor his memory.

"I wanted to write my dad a letter and get it as close to heaven as possible," said Mac.

Mac and his mother Amanda Marr discussed ways to get the letter to heaven but ultimately decided that having someone fly it would be the best.

"I posted on Facebook that we were looking for a pilot who could fly the letter for Mac," said Marr. "Kyle Moxley from HAVE Alaska contacted me and said he would coordinate and try to make it happen."

Helping American Veterans Experience Alaska, or HAVE Alaska, was stood up in 2010 by Moxley and his wife Karla to provide opportunities for Veterans to experience hunting and fishing excursions in Alaska.

A few emails and phone calls later Mac, his

mother and his step-father, Army Master Sgt. Jeremy Marr, were meeting Senior Airman Jennifer Dunham, 90th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief who gave them a tour of the Raptor.

Before stepping to fly Lt. Col. Brian Baldwin, a Reserve F-22 pilot assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron, met Mac at his F-22 where the little boy handed over the letter to his father written on red construction paper, his dad's favorite color.



MacAidan "Mac" Gallegos, conducts a walk around inspection of an F-22 with Lt. Col. Brian Baldwin, a Reserve F-22 pilot assigned to the 302nd FS prior to his flight. Mac wrote a letter to his father Army Sgt. Justin Gallegos who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009 and wanted it to be flown as close to heaven as possible on his fathers birthday. (U.S. Air Force Reserve

Photo/Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)

"It is an honor to fly with Mac's letter," said Baldwin. "His father gave the greatest sacrifice to our country and I am humbled to be able to do something for him and his family."

Mac and his family have baked cupcakes and said they look forward to taking time out to remember Gallegos on his birthday.

"Over the years we would have a party for Justin on his birthday," said Marr, who grew up in Palmer, Alaska but now resides in Anchorage. "As Mac has gotten older we have turned it into a day where we do "Acts of Service" for others. It is important for us to remember Justin and celebrate his life."



NEWCOMERS

AMDF

Maj. Heather Daloney
Capt. Brad Allen
SrA Mailerene Miller
A1C Candace Rogan
AB Angela Rodriguez

302 FS

Lt. Col. Jennifer Page

FSS

A1C Amechia Ferguson-Thompson
SSgt Robert Collier
SrA Christopher Joren

SFS

A1C Alan Greenwood
SrA Darren Cootey
A1C Krystal Elmore

AMXS

SSgt Mathew Cornett

MXS

SrA Micah Willis
A1C Joash Marquez

SrA Aaron Henle

CES

SrA Shawn Levings

Promotions

A1C to SrA Courtney Higley
A1C to SrA Candice Rogan
A1C to SrA Jeremie Sanders
Staff Sgt. to Tech. Sgt Neil Blakeslee
Tech. Sgt. to MSgt Rebecca Coulombe
A1C to SrA Cole Chasecochrane
A1C to SrA Antonio Smith
A1C to SrA Joshua Lobato
A1C to SrA Josiah Lobato
SrA to Staff Sgt. Marren Clay

PHOTO TRIVIA CONTEST



What movie does this Air Traffic Control Tower appear in?

To answer the photo trivia contest email your answer to 477fg.pa@us.af.mil

The winner will receive a Subway coupon good for a free six inch Subway sandwich.



Caption Contest

Winning Caption by Ms. Vickie Swing, 477th FG/FM.

"I got this! If the Toyota Tundra can tow the space shuttle, I can surely tow this F-22."



NEWS BRIEFS

477th FG night at the Alaska Aces

The 477th FG night at the Aces will be Friday March 15. Game starts at 7:15 p.m. Col. David Piffarerio 477th FG deputy commander will be dropping the puck and Staff Sgt. Mia Carson will be singing the National Anthem.. A limited number of free tickets will be distributed to the units and reduced priced tickets will be available for purchase at the Public Affairs through March 11. Call Public Affairs at 551-0477 if you have any questions.

Gas Mask Fit Test

To schedule a gas mask fit test visit: <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=23208> to make an appointment

New Cyber Training

Cyber Awareness Challenge," he 2013 replacement for DoD's annual information assurance awareness training product is now available on the IASE website.

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.

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: 477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil.

