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# COMMANDERS COMMENTS



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

Welcome to the May UTA. Last month my commentary in this publication focused on the topic of readiness.

We all have a number of readiness requirements to manage; from Individual Medical Readiness, Fitness Assessments, to Computer based training via ADLS, we have a lot to track and keep current.

I am asking you to take a hard look this weekend and what requirements you have

coming due and get them done before they become overdue.

This is a HQ AFRC emphasis item and needs attention from each of us. Another area of our everyday lives that impacts our readiness is safety.

If we are injured in an accident our worse, we are unable to serve. More importantly, we all have loved ones we want to keep safe and for whom we want to be safe.

Summer, albeit slow in arriving this year, is just around the corner. As you plan your summer activities, remember to take a moment before you execute your plans and do a little personal Operational Risk Management.

We discuss summer safety each year because it is important. Alaska adds some risks to the mix. The potential fatigue of long hours of daylight coupled with an unforgiving environment or wildlife makes it particularly important that we each consider the safety of our activities before we embark on our next adventure.

By all means, enjoy your summer and enjoy Alaska. Be safe doing it. Thanks for being here and serving this weekend. Have a great, safe, and productive UTA.





# Money Matter\$

## **RESERVISTS MARRIED TO MILITARY MEMBERS:**

The pay rates for Basic Allowance for Housing and Cost of Living Allowance are determined by grade and with or without dependents. If you are married to another military member, only one of you can claim your shared dependents at a time. For each duty day you claim a dependent for allowance purposes, your military spouse cannot claim that same dependent, and vice versa. And if your spouse claims you as their dependent when you are not performing duty, when you do perform duty your spouse must report the dependent change to decrease his/her allowances.

**TRAVEL DAYS ON ORDERS:** When you perform active duty that involves TDY travel your order, AF Form 938, must reflect the correct number of travel days in block 11. If the order shows more or less days than you actually used during the TDY, the order must be amended before the final tour certification and travel voucher are done. Orders must include all amendments when submitted for military pay and travel pay. You will receive pay and allowances for the duty days and travel days.

**EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN TRAVEL:** "A traveler must exercise the same care and regard for incurring government paid expenses as would a prudent person traveling at personal expense." In other words, treat your TDY travel expenses as if you were spending your own money.

## ABOVE



## PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

### **302 FS**

Capt. David Allen VID

### **AMDF**

Maj. Gina Gorski  
Staff Sgt. Craig Miller  
Senior Airman James Schaub

### **CES**

Master Sgt. Theodore Fussell

### **FSS**

Staff Sgt. Robert Collier  
Senior Airman Daniel Coombs

### **OSF**

Staff Sgt. Joshua Keyfauver

### **AMXS**

Senior Airman Benjamin Ballard  
Tech. Sgt. Robert Breher  
Staff Sgt. Adam Ducharme  
Senior Airman Collin Higgins  
Staff Sgt. Cory Larson  
Tech. Sgt. Mark Ling  
Tech. Sgt. Jason Re  
Senior Airman Daigooro Saldivar  
Senior Airman Joshua Saxon  
Tech. Sgt. Martin Slabbert

### **MXS**

Staff Sgt. Eric Landrum  
Staff Sgt. Robert Pollock  
Tech. Sgt. George Sardakowski  
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Stahl



# Medical, Dental care during long term orders

If you are on orders 31 days or longer you can be seen by Active Duty to accomplish your annual medical requirements such as PHA and Dental.

This includes all STP orders, MPA, or RPA orders that are 31 days or more. You can save time on the UTA if you accomplish this during the week, labs, immunizations, dental exams.

You must be enrolled for

Tricare Prime before you schedule a appointment on the tri-care appointment line 580-2778, the Dental front desk is 580-5020. When making the appointment tell them you're a Reservist on long term orders. Bring a copy of your orders and your records to the appointment.

Any questions please contact full time medical ART staff, at 551-4727/28/29.

## Air Force Reserve turns 65

by Col. Bob Thompson  
Air Force Reserve Public Affairs

**WASHINGTON** -- President Harry S. Truman signed legislation on April 14, 1948, establishing the modern-day Air Force Reserve. The new organization reaffirmed the "Citizen Airmen" concept that reaches back to the Army Air Service reservists of the First World War.

This came seven months after Truman established the fledgling U.S. Air Force as a separate service from the Army in the aftermath of World War II. Truman envisioned a new Reserve Component to continue the tradition of service -- "be-

ing ready when called upon."

Today, Citizen Airmen perform leading roles in military operations, humanitarian crisis and disaster relief around the globe. More than 860,000 people make up the Ready, Standby, Retired and Active Duty Retired Reserve. This includes more than 70,000 Selected Reservists who are ready-now and participate in every job specialty and on the front lines of daily military operations around the globe.

Congratulations to all Citizen Airmen, past and present, on the 65th Anniversary of the Air Force Reserve on April 14, 2013.





# POLAR FORCE: 477th Fighter Group tests combat readiness alongside TFI partners

by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso  
477th Fighter Group

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** -- The 477th Fighter Group participated in Polar Force 13-3, a two-phase operational readiness exercise designed to test the unit's ability to deploy on short notice as well as to operate and survive in a wartime environment.

The exercise was part of the unit's normally scheduled training plan. Phase one tests the unit's ability to respond to a short notice tasking, prepare aircraft, equipment and personnel to deploy to a simulated hostile location. Phase two tests the unit's ability to survive in a simulated combat environment.

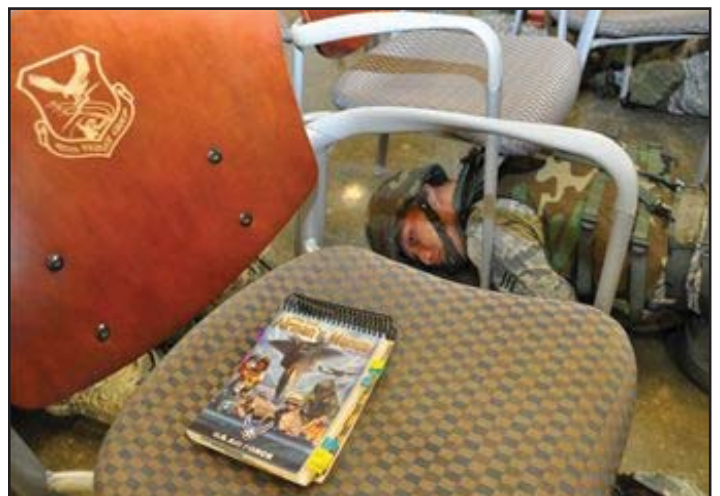
"This exercise provided a great opportunity for our operations, maintenance and support personnel to exercise their deployment capability," said Col. Tyler Otten 477th FG commander. "While our pilots and maintainers have exercised with the active duty's 3rd Wing before, this was the first time the 477th FG support personnel have participated. It showed us what areas we need to work, but also showed us how much we have accomplished since the group was activated."

This is the first time that the Air Force Reserve 477th Fighter Group has fully participated alongside the Active Duty 673rd Air Base Wing

and 3rd Wing as well the Air National Guard 176th Wing, demonstrating Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's commitment to Total Force Integration.

Throughout the exercise Airmen responded to simulated attacks and sce-

narios designed to test their ability to survive and operate under the stressful conditions of a hostile environment. These simulated attacks range from conventional or chemical attacks delivered by missiles, mortars, rockets, small arms fire as well as improvised explosive devices. Airmen are evaluated on their ability respond to each simulated situation and keep a combat focus as they continue to execute the mission.



(Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso)



# HERO 2 HIRED

## Newcomers

### **Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Brendan Carroll

Senior Master Sgt. Aaron McRoberts

### **Maintenance Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. David Trim

Senior Airman Christopher Harrell

### **Civil Engineer Squadron**

Senior Airman John Hoffman

### **Operations Support Flight**

Master Sgt. Thomas Batchelor

### **Security Forces Squadron**

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Powell

### **Force Support Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Kyle Brown

Staff Sgt. Chelsea Charbonneau

Senior Airman Martina Kellums

# Caption CONTEST



**“Say you love snow. Say it! Say you love snow.”**

Congratulations to Ms. Vickie A. Swing, 477th FG/FM for submitting the winning caption. Stop by the Public Affairs office to pick up your Subway coupon good for a free six inch Subway sandwich.



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Phishing email campaign

A phishing campaign is underway that says user has ordered a ticket on American Airlines.

This new campaign asks the users to view information on an airline ticket that they ordered.

Users should never visit links from such messages and should report any suspicious email that could be a phishing attack or spam email to their Organization Computer Emergency Response Team Supervisor or local Information Assurance Manager/Officer.

## Education and Training Notes

NCOLDC for June has been cancelled. We will have one class in FY14, tentatively April 2014.

Tuition Assistance has been reinstated and new requests are being taken

Our office has new education literature, so stop by and check it out.

CDC and PME testing hours: Tuesday at 8 a.m., Thursday at 1pm and Saturday and Sunday at 8 a.m. during the UTA.

## Key Spouse Potluck

The 477th FG Key Spouses are hosting a potluck at the Green Lake Chalet Saturday May 4 at 4:30 p.m. Families are welcome!

## Fitness Assessment at HAWC

The HAWC will be moving fitness assessments back Fitness Center outdoor track. Members should report to the HAWC 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](mailto:477fg.pa@elmendorf.af.mil).

