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Commanders Comments



Welcome to the April super UTA.

We are doing a readiness exercise this month. Our objective is two-fold. We want to ensure that our processes for deployment are squared away and that we are all able to respond appropriately to various combat scenarios. It is going to be a busy weekend. As always, safety is a key component in this effort. While I am asking that you all take the exercise activities seriously and put forth your best effort, we must all remember this is an exercise and we must execute all of the activities safely. If something is taking a turn in an unsafe direction, stop it, correct it, then restart the exercise. We can't afford to hurt anyone or break our equipment.

Your efforts this weekend will go a long way to ensure that our fighter group is ready to do the nation's business should we be called. Please take the opportunity to learn new skills, practice old ones and make sure that your team

stays on track. As is the case in all exercises, attitude matters. Stay positive and be ready to do your best. This is the first major effort we have undertaken under the Air Force Inspection System, so things will be a little bit different. We will all learn as we go this weekend. Thanks again for being here for the three days. Please thank your families as well. Their support is critical to our continued success.

Thanks again for your service. Be safe and have a great UTA weekend.

Respectfully
Col Otten



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Defense budget proposal affects Air Force Reserve units

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- The Department of Defense budget request for fiscal 2015 includes a number of proposed changes for the Air Force Reserve.

If enacted into law, the DOD budget request would increase the number of Reserve fighter wings equipped with F-16 fighters, create a classic associate B-1 bomber group, increase the number of Reserve KC-135 tankers, inactivate the Reserve airlift wing at Pope Field, N.C., retire the A-10 fighters, and inactivate the Reserve's E-3 AWACS classic associate group.

"These force structure changes are significant, but they ensure the Air Force Reserve remains an integrated, flexible and combat-ready force," said Brig. Gen. William "Buck" Waldrop, director of plans, programs, requirements and assessments for Air Force Reserve Command.

"Maintaining the appropriate active-Reserve force mix is critical to sustaining Air Force forward presence, rapid response, and high-rate rotational demands within a smaller force, and analysis of force mix must consider the three components as a complete system," he said.

Major changes in Air Force Reserve structure include:

- Beale AFB, Calif. - Add eight KC-135 Stratotankers to the 940th Wing and inactivate the 583rd RED HORSE Squadron.
- Dyess AFB, Texas - Activate a B-1B Lancer classic associate group.
- Whiteman AFB, Mo. - Retire 27 A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft and replace them with 21 F-16 Fighting Falcon (Block 40) aircraft in the 442nd Fighter Wing, tentatively scheduled for 2018.
- Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. - Retire 28 A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft and replace them with 21 F-16 Fighting Falcon (Block 40) aircraft in the 924th Fighter Group, tentatively scheduled for 2019.
- Travis AFB, Calif. - Convert four C-5 Galaxy aircraft from the active inventory to the backup inventory.
- Little Rock AFB, Ark. - Convert Detachment 1, 22nd Air Force to the 913th Airlift Group equipped with 10 C-130J Hercules aircraft.
- Peterson AFB, Colo. - Reduce the number of C-130H Hercules from 12 to eight in the 302nd Airlift Wing.

- Dover AFB, Del. - Convert four C-5 Galaxy aircraft from the active inventory to the backup inventory.
 - March ARB, Calif. - Inactivate the 4th Combat Camera Squadron.
 - Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii - Inactivate the 624th Security Forces Squadron.
 - Barksdale AFB, La. - Inactivate the 307th RED HORSE Squadron.
 - Keesler AFB, Miss. - Inactivate the 403rd Civil Engineer Squadron.
 - Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska - Inactivate the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron and 477th Security Forces Squadron.
 - Joint Base Andrews, Md. - Inactivate 459th Security Forces Squadron and 459th Civil Engineer Squadron, but retain the explosive ordnance disposal flight.
 - Joint Base Charleston, S.C. - Convert eight C-17s from the primary inventory to the back-up inventory.
 - Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. - Convert eight C-17s from the primary inventory to the back-up inventory.
 - Pope Field, N.C. - Inactivate the 440th Airlift Wing.
 - Tinker AFB, Okla. - Add four KC-135 Stratotankers to the 507th Air Refueling Wing and inactivate the 513th Air Control Group, an E-3A AWACS classic associate unit.
 - Moody AFB, Ga. - Inactivate the 476th Fighter Group, an A-10 Thunderbolt II classic associate unit.
 - Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa. - Inactivate the 911th Civil Engineer Squadron
 - Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. - Inactivate the 42nd Combat Communications Squadron.
- The proposed authorized end strength for the Air Force Reserve in fiscal 2015 is expected to decrease 4.7 percent from 70,400 to 67,100 authorized reservists.

"The vast majority of our people serve locally on a part-time basis, and force structure changes pose significant challenges for reservists," said Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson, commander of Air Force Reserve Command. "I will ensure that Reserve leaders at every level are doing everything they can to help reservists through the transition."



Fighter Group Highlights

Newcomers

Welcome the following Airmen to the 477 FG Family
1st Lt. Susan Reinhart 477th AMDF
Staff Sgt. Christopher Kuaiwa 477th MXS
Senior Airman Nadirah McLean 477th FSS
Airman 1st Class Miles Musser 477th AMXS

Promotions

Take a look at who is flashing new rank...
Senior Airman Dakota Nicolson 477th AMDF
Senior Airman Erin McFadden 477th AMXS
Tech. Sgt. April Lorah 477th SFS
Tech. Sgt. Joshua Roberts 477th SFS
Master Sgt. Gabrielle Clark 477th AMDF

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PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

Maj. Gina Gorski	477th AMDF
Maj. Traci Wallace	477th SFS
Senior Master Sgt. Priscilla Harris	477th AMDF
Tech. Sgt. George Sardakowski	477th MXS
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Stahl	477th MXS
Staff Sgt. Cory Larson	477th AMXS
Staff Sgt. Dandrick Gipson	477th CES
Staff Sgt. Robert Collier	477th FSS

The Top III is starting to work on Artic Thunder 2014 details; those interested in getting involved should contact Senior Master Sgt. John McClain @ 551-8161

A few Words from the Air Force Reserve Recruiters

The Active Duty FY 14 Force Management program is in full swing here at JBER. Please help out by referring any of the Active Duty Airmen in your workcenter, who might have questions about the Palace Chase/Palace Front or VSP programs to Master Sgt. John Venable, he can be reached at 552-3595.



Continue to make the 477th Fighter Group grow by referring the people you would like to work alongside. You know what it takes to be in the Air Force Reserve. Refer friends and family through the Get1Now program.
www.get1now.us

Contact Master Sgt. Michelle Shutler at 333-8723

Fiscal Fitness

TRAVEL FOR IDT: Generally, travel pay is not authorized for travel to or from the place of inactive duty. IDT includes UTA, RMP, and AFTP. IDT can be performed in conjunction with active duty tours, but under no circumstances should active duty be combined with IDT for the purpose of providing travel expenses to the IDT location. Commanders and supervisors should ensure that all active duty tours performed in conjunction with IDT can be substantiated by a valid support or training requirement.

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD MISSION CRITICAL STATUS: Are you at risk of becoming delinquent on your GTC? If you've submitted a travel voucher on time with the appropriate split disbursement amount to the GTC bank, and through no fault of yours the

bank will not be paid on time for your official travel expenses, then see your unit agency program coordinator to code your bank record as "mission critical" status. This status will keep your GTC account from going delinquent to allow time for resolution of the travel voucher payment to the bank. Reminder, ensure the bank has your correct mailing address.

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD MANAGEMENT FOR DOD EMPLOYEES: If a DoD employee is also a member of a Reserve unit, the GTC will be issued and administered through the individual's civilian agency, not his/her Reserve unit. When a Reserve member is required to perform training or active duty, a copy of his/her military orders must be provided to his/her DoD agency.



NEWS BRIEFS

Fisher House

Members of the 477th SFS gave their time to help on 5 March to make dinners for guests at the Alaska Fisher House. There are dates available for your squadron to step up and help out too. We are looking to fill in the calendar, as of right now we still have July and August through December that we need to fill.

Please talk to your First Sgt. for information as to how you can help.

FOOD DRIVE

The 477th Force Support Squadron is holding a Food Drive from March 1- May 5, to benefit the Alaska Food Bank.

Items needed include but are not limited to:
Canned fruit, vegetables and soup; Pasta;
Rice; Oatmeal; and Dried Beans.

All questions and donations shall be directed to Senior Airman Amechia Ferguson located in the Communications Flight. Please don't forget that every food donation helps in the fight against hunger – no matter how small or large!

Chapel Schedule

9a.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

PT TESTING

This UTA only Members will complete all components of the PT test at the Fitness Center .

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

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