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Commanders Comments



Welcome to the November UTA. Winter is clearly upon us with snow in the forecast for the weekend. Thank you all for committing the weekend to the unit and your service to our country. This time of year has been challenging for the last several years because of funding challenges. Sadly, this year is no different. We are operating under a continuing resolution again, and the amount of money we are allowed to spend is much lower than what we need. We are doing all we can to keep the mission and our training moving forward, but there are already impacts that are going to reach into the future. The biggest problem is evident in our inability to continue all of our seasoning training. If you are affected by these funding challenges you need to know that we are doing all we can to minimize the pain level. Times like these can increase distractions, which increases our risk level. Please maintain your concentration on your training and the mission. Rest assured we will continue to work for a solution. As we approach the holiday season, we have the opportunity to participate in charitable giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). If you are looking for a means to support a charity of your choosing, the CFC is an easy way to do so. The registration and setup is all online and there large list of charities to which you can direct

your donations. Just know that it is available as a means of giving back to the community at large. This season of the year can be difficult for some people. Please keep an eye out for one another and reach out to anyone you notice struggling during the holiday season. Ultimately, we are family of military members and you are our most important and valuable asset as a military organization. Take care of each other and seek help if you are having a difficult time. There are many resources available that are private and effective. Caring for Airmen is our highest priority. Remember, the mission doesn't get done unless people do it. Once again, please thank your families for their support of our UTA weekend. Stay safe and focused as we weather the financial storms of these times and real storms of winter in Alaska.

UTA Schedule



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302nd Fighter Squadron Welcomes New Commander

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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska -- The 302nd Fighter Squadron welcomed it's new commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Sutterfield, during a ceremony held here Oct. 3.

As one of the founding members of the Total Force Initiative in the F-22, Sutterfield has led at all levels of the organization from flight commander, through director of operations, and is known for his innovative tactic development and combat leadership.

“It’s an incredible honor to lead a unit that has both an important history and a strategic role in the future of airpower.” said Sutterfield. “Along with our Total Force partners in the 3rd Wing, the 302nd Fighter Squadron is ready to answer our nation’s call for airpower... anytime, anywhere.”



As the commander, Sutterfield is responsible for preparing and leading Airmen into combat operations world-wide in partnership with the 3rd Wing’s 90th and 525th Fighter Squadrons, also stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

He began his military career after graduating and earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1997. After pilot training, he was assigned to Elmendorf AFB., Eglin AFB, and Langley AFB, rising to flight examiner and weapons officer while flying the F-15C. He served on active duty until joining the Air Force Reserve in 2007 where he serves currently as an Air Reserve Technician. He is a command pilot with more than 3000 flying hours including combat experience in both the F-15 and F-22.



Fighter Group Highlights

Promotions

Take a look at who is flashing new rank...

Airman Thomas Champion
Staff Sgt. Aaron Reyes
Master Sgt. Roderick Miranda
Master Sgt. Anayansi Aguilar
Senior Master Sgt. Jonathon Orzechowski

ABOVE 90

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell
Senior Airman James Runyon
Tech. Sgt. Gerald Ingram
Lt. Col. Timothy Pemberton
Maj. Ashley Conner
Tech. Sgt. Courtney Granato
Airman Myrna Sims
Staff Sgt. Franz Martinez
Maj. Brian Budde
Maj. Patrick Pearson
Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Cordie

The 477th Fighter Group has some new faces...

Airman 1st Class Mitchell Chambers	477th AMXS
Senior Airman Brandon Freeman	477th MXS
Staff Sgt. Shandy Gonzalez	477th FSS
Senior Airman Eric Halcorsen	477th AMXS
Tech. Sgt. Steven Hirzel	477th MXS
Staff Sgt. Paul McBride	477th SFS
Maj. Jessica Pisano	477th AMXS
Senior Airman Kurt Powell	477th AMXS
Airman 1st Class Jessica Selitzer	477th AMXS
Master Sgt. Bryan Vaughn	477th FG

Education & Training Opportunity's

SNCO Leadership Course, 17-18 Jan 2015

We will once again be hosting the SNCO Leadership Course, 17-18 Jan 2015. This is a Saturday and Sunday course. It is understood that the majority of our members will not be available to attend due to Sentry Aloha. For those that will not be participating in the Exercise and would like to attend, let TSgt Venable know by COB Dec UTA. It is recommended for those wanting to attend, to reschedule the January UTA for the 17-18th. Also, this is open to the Guard and Active Duty, so please pass the word to friends that might be interested.

Total Force Development Council

JBER has established a Total Force Development Council. Professional development seminars such as "360 Degree Leader", "The 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player", and "The 5 Levels of Leadership" are being conducted monthly. Seats fill fast and enrollment is completed online. An announcement email is sent to all JBER personnel (that are on distro lists) with enrollment date, time and link. Typically, classes are filled within just a few minutes. There has been an issue with our members receiving the information. If you are a TR and would like the information sent to your civilian email, please let TSgt Venable know and she will create a specific distro list to keep you abreast of upcoming seminars.

For further information, please contact TSgt Venable or Mr. McQueen, 551-4750/51.

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WHERE CAN I EAT WHILE ON TEMPORARY DUTY?: When military members perform TDY at a military installation they may eat at the base dining facility, and they will pay for the meals. Civilians may not be required to eat in a military dining facility, but if they do, they will pay for their meals and their per diem will be reduced; civilians must claim the meals on their travel vouchers.

MANDATORY USE OF THE GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD: All DoD personnel are required to use the GTC for all authorized expenses relating to official government travel. The GTC will be used for airfare, lodging, rental car and gas, and any other travel expenses for which credit cards are typically used.

LEAVE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH NON-DUTY DAYS: When military members take leave the day before and the day after non-duty days, all the days (duty and non-duty) must be charged as leave. For example, if member takes leave Friday and Monday, then leave will be charged Fri, Sat, Sun, and Mon. Submit one leave request for the entire leave period.



NEWS BRIEFS

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE?

Transition Assistance is congressionally mandated for ALL personnel who have been consecutively on orders for 180 days, including:

- Demobilizing Airmen
- Members returning from extended TDY
- Member being deactivated
- Members separating or retiring

Members who are unemployed and/or part-time students must the full 5-day Transition GPS Workshop. Full-time employees and/or students are required to attend the VA Benefits Briefing scheduled on UTA Sunday.

The following dates are for the remainder of the fiscal year 2015:

- December 7
- February 8
- June 7
- August 2

0800 - 1500 Elmendorf TAP Facility
(7153 Fighter Ave JBER)

Need more details? Unable to attend the full 5-day Transition GPS Workshop?

Contact Reserve A&FRC for more info and to find out how to complete the Virtual Curriculum Option.
POC: MSgt Petaway/TSgt Charbonneau. Contact us via email or call 551-4737



Are you worldwide qualified? Do you know what your Medical Readiness Requirements are?

If you can't answer those questions then you need to chat with your unit health monitor. Every squadron has one, who is yours?

The Alaska Aces will once again be hosting Military Appreciation weekend coming up Friday November 14th and Saturday November 15th.

Each Squadron has been given a limited number of Alaska Aces Military Ticket Vouchers; please see your First Shirt or Public Affairs for more info.



The 477th Fighter Group has an opportunity to work alongside other members of the Military to present a large flag on ice Saturday November 15th, during the Aces Military Appreciation Weekend. We are looking for 10-15 members of the 477th that would be interested. The presentation would be in flight suit or ABU's. Each member would receive up to three free tickets to attend that night's game with friends or family.

Please contact Tech. Sgt. Rosso in public affairs if you would like more information.



Members of the 477th MXS spent an evening at the Airport Heights Elementary School here in Anchorage during the schools Math and Science Night. Unit members spent time telling the students about how math and science relate directly with their jobs. If you are interested in getting involved, ask your First Sgt. about the opportunity's available.

