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Commanders Comments



Hello all and welcome to our September UTA weekend. This is going to be a quiet UTA here in Alaska, but it will be busy in Hawaii. Our ADVON team left on Tuesday and our main body left on Thursday for our Annual Tour effort in Hawaii. I am sure it going to be a successful, productive trip. For those of us still here in Alaska, we should have a good weekend to accomplish some training that is difficult to finish during a typical UTA as you are busy supporting the rest of the group. Please take advantage of the opportunity.

A hot topic within the command is medical readiness. I have charged the leadership team with putting extra emphasis on our readiness levels. We have lagged behind the AFRC goal for several months now, and we need to fix that. To that end, I need your help. There is a large component of individual responsibility in medical readiness. In fact, IMR stands for Individual Medical Readiness. Please know when you are going to be due for the various requirement and do not go past your due dates. There has been a tightening of policy about pay status when a reserve member is red in IMR. If you go red, we are required to place you in a no-pay, no-points status, which means you cannot participate until you fix whatever the discrepancy is. Please save yourself and your supervisors the pain of that effort by staying current. If you need help,

ask for it. This rule is not intended to be a punishment, but is meant to address a problem our command is serious about fixing. As reservists, we need to be ready to deploy at all times. That is part of our great value to our nation.

Along the lines of being ready, please start gearing up for winter. We are due for snow very sure I am sure and a little prep now can make a large difference. Consider getting your automobiles stocked and serviced for the cold weather and making sure that your home is ready for the cold. Alaska can be a surprising and unforgiving place for the unprepared. Let your supervisors know about any cold weather equipment needs you have, since we may be able to make those purchases with some year-end money.

As always, I thank you for your participation and commitment to the 477th. Be safe, stay focused and take care of one another.



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Alaska Reserve F-22 pilot helps preserve aviation history

by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso

477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON,

Alaska -- During the 477th Fighter Group's August Unit Training Assembly weekend here Aug. 2-3 Lt. Col. Kevin Sutterfield flew two sorties as a flight examiner, providing check rides to other Reserve pilots. A fairly typical weekend for a Reserve F-22 pilot assigned to the 477th FG. Last weekend, during the JBER Open House Sutterfield was able to share his passion for history and love of aviation to the over 250,000 spectators who watched the show.

"I started flying with the Commemorative Air Force about a year ago. Initially in the T-6/Harvard and then in the BT-13," said Sutterfield. "It was a special opportunity to fly the T-6 during the JBER show as part of the warbird flyby, because we were honoring Mike Hunt, a 92 year old WWII veteran and Alaska flying legend."

The goal of the Commemorative Air Force is to preserve the airplanes in a fly-able state and demonstrate them around the state of Alaska.

"Flying these vintage airplanes is fun," said Sutterfield. "But the true joy is connecting with the crowds, especially the kids. We have to connect the next generation to 'The Greatest Generation' if we hope to pass on their inspiring stories."

As the son of a U.S. Air Force pilot, Sutterfield's love of flying began at an early age.

"My dad was a fighter pilot and taught me how to fly when I was high school," said Sutterfield. "I still hear Dad's voice in the back of my head when

I'm making a landing: 'Easy....make it smooth'."

Sutterfield and his father will get to fly together again during the Reno Air Races in September.

"Dad also introduced me to racing in Reno. It's a great combination of speed, skill and comradery. My dad is infectiously curious and is always trying something different or learning something new," he said. "That has taught me that flying the F-22 is not the pinnacle, it is just one of the many exciting things happening in aviation."

As a rookie pilot, Sutterfield had to complete Pylon Racing School. The week long school held in Reno in July gave pilots a chance to prepare, practice and become certified to race in the National Championship Air Races in September.

"The Air Races are a great opportunity to combine flying and competition," he said. "I'm a rookie in the T-6 class. I am looking forward to learning from the more experienced race pilots, but the airplane I am flying, number 42 is fast. I am optimistic that I will be able to bring home a trophy."



Fighter Group Highlights

Welcome the following Airmen

Airman Joseph Miller	477 FSS
Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Abuan	477 MXS
Senior Airman Tonee Campbell	477 AMDF
Senior Airman Robert King	477 FSS
Staff Sgt. Justin Desrocher	477 MXS
Tech. Sgt. Keri Williams	477 FSS

Promotions

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

Senior Airman James Runyon
Senior Airman Joash Marquez
Staff Sgt. Ryan Weeks
Tech. Sgt. Keith Horen

ABOVE 90

477th AMXS

Tech. Sgt. Jose Garza
Staff Sgt. Jair Guevara
Tech. Sgt. Justin Klein
Tech. Sgt. Brian Knispel
Tech. Sgt. Christopher Rancourt
Tech. Sgt. Joel Stanfield

477th CES

Staff Sgt. Nathan Barnett
Master Sgt. Ryan Dillon
Staff Sgt. Justin Fletcher
Senior Airman Frances Watson
Capt. Zaqueo Salazar
Staff Sgt. Jordan Sizemore
Senior Airman Heather Vest

477th FG

Senior Airman Elizabeth Wendoloski

477th OSF

Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Keeley

477th FSS

Senior Airman Jacqueline Herrera
Senior Airman Brittany Herrington
Senior Master Sgt. Micheal Long

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST SCORES

477th MXS

Senior Master Sgt. Robert Braesch
Staff Sgt. Joseph Dunlavey
Staff Sgt. Christopher Harrel
Senior Airman Scott McKinnis
Senior Airman Aaron Reyes
Senior Airman Lucas Swihart
Staff Sgt. Jared Tester
Syaff Sgt. Ryan Zepp

477th SFS

Senior Airman Kyle Cahill

302nd FS

Maj. Wade Bridges
Maj. Jonathan Gration
Maj. Nicole West
Senior Airman Tyler Walter

477th AMDF

Capt. Kara Reynolds
Senior Airman Angela Rodriguez

Fis\$cal Fitness

UNPAID DUTY AND TRAVEL ORDERS: All travel and military pay claims must be submitted within five working days of TDY finish or completion of tour. Recent AFRC policy dictates that new orders must not be published for members who have one outstanding order over 60 days or more than one outstanding order over 5 workdays. Let's submit travel and pay claims without delay.

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.

CERTIFIED ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS: Reservists and their supervisors certify tours of active duty by signing military duty orders, AF Form 938. The 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.



NEWS BRIEFS

477th Civil Engineers say goodbye to Senior Master Sgt. Dearman

During the afternoon of the 3 July UTA, the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron came together to say goodbye and honor Senior Master Sgt. Beth Dearman as she and her husband, Chris, prepare to depart for her new assignment at Air Force Reserve Headquarters, Warner Robbins AFB, GA.

For the last 27 years, Dearman has called Alaska and Elmendorf/JBER her home. Arriving on Elmendorf from Air Force basic training and Technical School in 1987 as an Active Duty Structures Apprentice, she has been witness to many extreme changes in South Central Alaska and Elmendorf in particular. After completing her four year enlistment in 1991, she began working on the outside as a civilian, but in 1994 she decided to put the uniform back on and give the Air Force Reserve a try. She joined the 941st CES, later to become the 804th CES, then finally transforming into the 477th CES that we are all familiar with today. As she began her Reserve career, she discovered that she had found a home, full of people that she genuinely enjoyed being with. During the next twenty years she held the positions of Traditional Reservist, ART and lastly as the squadron's only AGR member.

In the spring of 2009, Dearman deployed, along with the majority of 477th CES members to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, for a six month deployment in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq, she continued pursuing her education, all while working 12 hour days, dealing with temperatures of 120F and above and the almost daily indirect fire attacks from insurgent forces just beyond the base perimeter. Besides Operation Iraqi Freedom, Dearman has deployed to locations around the world for Annual Tour and humanitarian missions and directly supported personnel participating in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

A firm believer in education, Dearman holds no less than three CCAF degrees in Construction Technology, Ecological Controls and Logistics Management. Besides her CCAF degrees, she holds a Bachelor's degree in History and obtained her Master's Degree in Education, specializing in Instructional Leadership.

This strong belief in bettering yourself through education and having a well-known reputation as a Subject Matter Expert in almost all aspects of Civil Engineering is what brought her to the attention of Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters when they began their search for a new Prime Beef Manager for all of Reserve Forces.

When first approached by AFRC about this new position, Dearman asked the normal first question of, "What will my duties entail?" The reply was, "You will be responsible for the management, organization, training and equipping of over five-thousand Reserve Prime Beef Civil Engineers." After much consideration, Dearman forwarded her application package and after a review of her qualifications, AFRC offered her the position of PRIME BEEF MANAGER, A7X for all Reserve Civil Engineer squadrons world-wide, a position which she accepted with mixed emotions as it means she and her husband, Chris will be leaving Alaska and resettling near Warner Robbins, GA. Chris Dearman, himself a retired Senior Master Sgt. and former member of the Air Force Thunderbirds flight demonstration maintenance team, is no stranger to the ways of military life. He and Mary-Beth have purchased a small farm near the base in Georgia and will try their hand at farm life.

The members of the 477th Fighter Group and of the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron in particular, wish Mary-Beth and Chris much success and happiness in their new adventure together and will gladly welcome them back home to Alaska when they are ready to return.

Fisher House

Members of the 477th have been giving their time to help make dinners for guests at the Alaska Fisher House, they could use your help.

**Aug - FSS Sept - MXS Oct - AMXS
Nov- AMDF Dec - 302 FS**

For more information please check with your squadrons First Sgt.

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

