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Commander's Comments



Welcome to the April UTA!

I am truly honored and privileged to be your 477th Fighter Group Commander. As I said at the change of command, this unit has a distinguished heritage and a proud history of incredible airmen. Today is no different. I continue to be amazed at how much we provide during a UTA and throughout the week flying, fixing, and supporting the F-22 mission.

As always, this will be a busy April UTA. There are two key events this weekend we'll focus on, the Tuskegee Warrior 15-2 exercise and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention.

For Tuskegee Warrior 15-2, we want to ensure that our ability to operate in a deployed location is squared away. There will be various combat scenarios and we'll ensure the appropriate responses are met. I'm asking you to put forth your best effort, but I want us all to remember this is an exercise and not actual combat. Safety is paramount; if it looks wrong or unsafe, stop the activity, correct it, then move on. We can't afford to hurt anyone or any equipment.

We'll take some time on Sunday to discuss Sexual Assault and Prevention Month. We will have

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our DOD directed training on Sunday morning following the Commander's Call, but I want you to reflect on two things between now and then. Know your part, and do your part. Knowing your part includes bystander intervention and fostering a culture of dignity and respect. Doing your part is stepping in to prevent when a crime or inappropriate behavior is unfolding. More words to follow, but this is a complex issue and is every Airman's responsibility to help solve.

Thank you again for taking the time to serve. I am encouraged each and every day that the challenges we face are no match for the men and women of the 477 FG. You, your families and employers are my collective number one priority and what I will be focusing on during the next few months

Col. Piffarerio
Commander

UTA Schedule



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477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska --

Col. David Piffarerio became the 477th Fighter Group commander during a change of command ceremony here on JBER, Mar. 20.

Piffarerio accepted the reins of leadership from Col. Tyler Otten who will move on to be the Mobilization Assistant to the 11th Air Force Commander here at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Under Otten's command, the group's Airmen weathered difficult financial challenges including furloughs and the government shutdown, while continuing to accomplish the mission of training citizen airmen to execute the F-22 mission with their active duty partners in the 3rd Wing. The unit was one of nine Air Force Reserve units to earn the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 2014.

"It has been an honor to serve the men and women of the 477th Fighter Group as their commander for the last two and a half years. I have been repeatedly amazed at their capabilities and commitment to the mission," said Otten. "I am looking forward to watching them continue to do great things under Colonel Piffarerio's leadership."

Piffarerio came to the 477th Fighter Group in August 2007 from Nellis AFB, Nevada where he served as an F-22 operational test pilot. While in the 477th FG Piffarerio served as Flight Commander, Weapons Officer, Assistant Director of Operations and Commander of the 302nd Fighter

Squadron. Most recently, Piffarerio served as the 477th Fighter Group Deputy Commander.

"The 477th FG has a tremendous heritage and history of incredible airmen," said Piffarerio. "I look forward to leading this organization to great heights and working with the men and women of the 477th FG and our partners in the 3 WG."



During the ceremony Brig. Gen. Richard Scobee, 10th Air Force commander lauded Otten's accomplishments as commander and said "Col. Piffarerio has been a member of the 477th Fighter Group family since 2007; he knows the organization and how to continue to

make the group successful."

Piffarerio is native of Colorado and received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1994. Piffarerio began his career flying F-15E's before being selected as initial cadre to test the F-22 during follow-evaluations. In 2011, Piffarerio was the first Air Force pilot to reach 1,000 flight hours in the F-22 Raptor.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso



Fighter Group Highlights

Promotions

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

AB - Amn

Botero Mendieta, Valentina - AMDF

SrA - SSgt

McCartney, Michael B. – FSS

Wendoloski, Elizabeth D. - FG

SSgt - TSgt

Kane, Shawn A. – AMDF

Larson, Shawna L. - AMDF

TSgt - MSgt

Venable, Heidi L. - FSS



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

Staff Sgt. Jorge Juliasolivan

Airman 1st Class Leianne Medina

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?

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Alaska Fisher House is a temporary residence that provides the comforts of home at no charge for service members, veterans, and their family members while receiving medical care in the Anchorage area. It opened its doors in December 2011.

Members of the 477th Fighter Group have been supporting our Alaska Fisher House for nearly three and a half years by providing dinner on the first Wednesday of every month. I want to thank each and every one of you who have donated food, supplies, and of course, your time to offer a home-cooked meal every month. Without you, the past three and a half years would not have been as rewarding or successful.

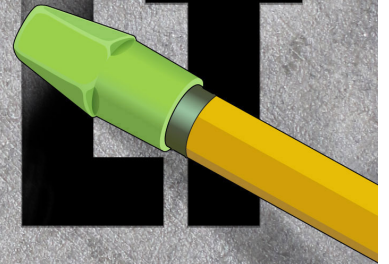
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Sexual Assault Awareness
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