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477th Security Forces members participate in hand-to-hand combat training during April's unit training assembly.

"At the most basic level, we hold exercises so that we develop the "muscle memory" to carry out our duties in war-time," said Lt. Col David Kurle, 477th Force Support Squadron commander.



477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron change of command

Maj. Jessica Pisano became the 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander during a change of command ceremony here April 12.

[Read the full story here.](#)



April UTA

477th Fighter Group members participate in water survival training, Exercise Tuskegee Warrior 15-01 and hand-to-hand combat skills training April.

[See flickr photos here.](#)



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

477th Fighter Group Sexual Assault Response Coordinators Master Sgt. Jessica Mattice and Master Sgt. Bryan Vaughn facilitate a SAPR training course April 12.

[Read more here.](#)



Every Airman has a story

Ministering through the ordinary, Present through the extraordinary

By Lt. Col. Patrick Travers, 477th Fighter Group Chaplain

For me, the best part of being an Air Force reservist has been the opportunity to meet and minister to people who are making tremendous sacrifices on behalf of others; with whom I have much in common; those I may not have had the opportunity to work with otherwise.

The opportunity to make God present to them in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of their lives, including those that are most distressing and tragic, is tremendously precious to me.

[Read the full story here.](#)



Outstanding

477th earns Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Between 2001-2013 the 477th Fighter Group earned more than 30 individual and team awards, deployed 84 individuals to various locations around the world and participated in Russian and Iranian aircraft intercepts. That and more earned the unit the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service.

Good to know ...

JBBER Single Airman Program upcoming events:

- July 12, 5hr Kenai Fjords Wildlife Cruise, \$10
- July 25, Halibut Fishing Charter, \$50

POC Michelle Hartman, 552-8529 or stop by Arctic Oasis

Volunteer opportunities:

- Airport Heights Track & Field Day-15 May See MSgt Briner, 306-9105, kanya.briner@us.af.mil
- Joint Base Against Drunk Driving (JBADD)

POCs: raymond.gressler@us.af.mil, daniel.monzonkazhe@us.af.mil

Available resources:

Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLC) Deployment/Reintegration

- Stress/Anger Mgmt Communication/Conflict Resolution Skills

For information call 382-2799 or see your first sergeant

Recent promotions

Congratulations to these 477th Fighter Group promotees:

From Airman – to Airman 1st Class
Champion, Thomas M.
Aerospace Medicine Flight

From Senior Airman - to Staff Sgt.
Magcalas, Noel C.
477th Force Support Squadron

From Staff Sgt. - to Technical Sgt.
Desrocher, Justin T.
477th Maintenance Squadron

From Technical Sgt. - to Master Sgt.
Granato, Courtney J.
477th Maintenance Squadron

Newcomers

Welcome to the newest members of the 477th Fighter Group:

Maj. John Deloney
302nd Fighter Squadron

Technical Sgt. Evan Davila
477th Maintenance Squadron

Technical Sgt. Danielle Foster
Aerospace Medicine Flight

Airman Basic Joseph Ovel
477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class
Thomas McCormack
477th Operations Support Flight



Fourth 477th Fighter Group member reaches 1,000 Raptor hours

Maj. Chad Newkirk, a Reserve F-22 pilot here, is the 11th pilot in Air Force history to reach 1,000 flight hours in the F-22, and the fourth person assigned to the 477th Fighter Group to reach this milestone.

[See flickr photos here.](#)



[Click here for May's UTA Schedule of events](#)

2015 UTA Schedule

May 2-3
June 6-7
August 1-2
September 12-13
October 3-4*
November 7-8*
December 5-6*

*All FY 16 UTA dates are tentative

Fiscal Fitness

TRAVEL DAYS ON ORDERS: Active duty orders, AF Form 938s, must reflect the actual number of travel days used in block 11. If the order shows more or less days than you actually used, the order must be amended before the final tour certification and travel voucher are completed. Orders must include all amendments when submitted for pay.

MIXING ACTIVE AND INACTIVE DUTY: Active duty tours (ADOS, ADT, AT, School, MPA, etc.) and inactive duty tours (UTA, RMP, AFTP and AGTP) cannot be performed on the same day. On a given day you can be paid for active duty or inactive duty, but not both. If your active duty tour is away from JBBER, you will receive military pay for the travel days. For pay purposes, those travel days are considered active duty days; therefore, you cannot be paid for inactive duty on the travel days. If you perform a Readiness Management Period, you cannot be paid for any other duty types that day.

RESERVISTS MARRIED TO OTHER 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. If your spouse claims you as his or her dependent when you are not performing duty, when you do perform duty your spouse must report the dependent change to decrease his/her allowances.

vESD offers IT self-help

By Master Sgt. Jessica Mattice, 477th Force Support Squadron

All unclassified computers on the Air Force network now have the Virtual Enterprise Service Desk – or vESD – application.

The application empowers users to resolve minor information technology issues, including problems with e-mail or the AF network, hardware, software or phones on his or her own. vESD service includes mapping network drives, troubleshooting common access cards and CAC reader issues, resolving website issues, and help with common peripherals (keyboard, monitor, printer, etc.).

"This program works really well for resolving minor computer issues," said Lt. Col. David Kurle, 477th Force Support Squadron commander. "It's a good walk-through for the issues we don't deal with regularly and forget how to accomplish – such as mapping printers, shared drives and the like.

"However, it's probably best not to rely on this for major issues with your computer," he said. "If you're experiencing issues that might be caused by viruses, malware or other cyber-security concerns, please call the communications element immediately."

For any account management issues, users will still contact the 477th FSS Communications Element at 551-2666.

[Read the full story here.](#)



Commander's Comments

477th Fighter Group Warriors,

Welcome to the May UTA!

April was incredibly productive and I thank you for your efforts, let's continue that mindset into the May UTA.

Chief Briner and I had the opportunity and I thank the AFRC commander and chief's conference in April. I wanted to pass a few items from Lt. Gen. Jackson and Chief Master Sgt. Kirksey.

First is the budget situation. Our numbered Air Force and the command fully realize the impacts an uncertain budget and limited funding have on our mission accomplishment. With some congressional help, Air Force Reserve Command was able to secure funding for the NAF's and eventually down to us. I can say with certainty that our requests were heard and we were afforded funds that will allow us to continue to operate, train our Airmen, and prepare our leaders through schools, classes and development programs ...

[Read the full article here.](#)

