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# Red Tail Review

The 477th Fighter Group Newsletter

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**Vision: Drive a Culture of True Lethality**

## 477th FG Fiscal Year 2021 Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Aug	Sept
<i>(Primary)</i>	3-4	7-8	5-6	7-10	27-28	29-31	1-3	1-2	5-6	7-8	11-12

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#### Leadership

Col.  
Jonathan Gration, Jr.  
**Group Commander**

Chief Master Sgt.  
Mary Dearman  
**Group Superintendent**



#### Mission

Provide Combat Airpower

#### Vision

Drive a Culture of  
True Lethality

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**Ready, set, selfie  
with your pet!**

Have a current photo of you with your pet  
in case you are separated during a disaster.



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THE WORLD IS ALWAYS  
**WATCHING**  
KEEP THEM  
**GUESSING**  
THINK OPSEC!

**ON THE COVER:** 2nd Lt. Joseph Dunlavy and Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Eades from 477th Force Support Squadron, review the Airman's Quick Reference guide during Polar Force 2021 exercise at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Several 477th Fighter Group Airmen performed several scenarios, testing their knowledge. (U.S. Air Force photo by Song Jordan)

## Polar Force 2021 Exercise Tests 477th Fighter Group



# Motorcycle safety: Warmer weather means more motorcycles on roadways



Warmer weather means more motorcycles on the road and the 75th Air Base Wing Safety Office encourages all motorists to be vigilant and look twice for motorcyclists. In addition, the Safety Office offers courses for riders, some of which is required for military members. (U.S. Air Force photo by R. Nial Bradshaw)

**By**

**75th Air Base Wing, Safety Office**

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah -- With occasional days of warmer weather and extra time on weekends there have been more motorcycles on the roadways enjoying the break from winter.

Motorcycles can be easily overlooked, so it is imperative for motorists be vigilant and look twice to see whether there are any oncoming motorcyclists.

Since 2011, the Air Force has lost 125 Air

Force members to motorcycle fatalities.

Of those 125 members, 9% were not wearing a helmet, and 52% were under the age of 25 years old. Like most mishaps, these fatalities could have potentially been avoided had the risks been assessed compared to the riders' skills.

This is called risk offset and you want to have good risk offset where your skills exceed the potential risks you take. One way to work on this is to take a formal training course or ride with one of the base mentorship groups. □

**Editor's Note:** JBER Safety officials are planning motorcycle safety courses for military members. Course details will be shared, as they become available.

# New Recruit: James Tyson



**Name:** James Tyson

**Hometown:** Anchorage, Alaska

**Expected Future Unit:** 477th FSS, Cyber

**Expected Future Duty Title:** Cyber Transport Systems Technician

**What do you do, when you are not serving during a UTA?** Plumbing

**Why are you joining the Air Force Reserve?** To kick start my education and be a part of a team with a mission for the greater good.

**What do you hope to accomplish while serving?** I want to learn as much as possible throughout training and step out of my comfort zone to experience new things.

**What are your hobbies?** I play guitar and some video games.

**Do you have any family members who also served or serving in the military?** Not that I know of. □



# A Note from Your Chaplain: May 2021 UTA

Welcome to the May drill.

In “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People,” Stephen Covey writes a story about a man frustrated, because he is having trouble sawing a tree. Seeing the situation, a person passing by asks him why he doesn’t take a break to sharpen his saw. Sadly, the man replies that he is just too busy sawing to take time to sharpen his saw.

This story seems ridiculous. It’s obvious what needs to be done.

Unfortunately, many of us are guilty of the same thing without even knowing it.

- ◆I’m unmotivated to go to the gym, because I’m too tired or busy with work or family.
- ◆How many marriages or families have suffered due to insufficient quality time spent together? I have this other goal at work or in my education I’m working on right now.
- ◆I will enjoy nature and find quiet time after I retire. I have too much on my plate right now.
- ◆I don’t have time to read a book or finish my degree; life is just too busy.

And so we often struggle in the big areas of life: the spiritual, the social, the mental, or the physical. We try to accomplish something great in some areas at the expense of others. Yet, the



Chaplain Ben Butcher

challenge is to continue making progress in all of these areas.

Schedule time to sharpen your saw spiritually. This could be anything from spending time reflecting on your values, nature, or beauty. It might be something more formal like going to church or praying.

Schedule time to sharpen your saw socially. Schedule a date night or a family night. Write a note to someone you care about.

Call someone you haven’t talked to in a while.

Schedule some time to sharpen your saw mentally. Learn something new. Take a course. Write a book.

Schedule time to sharpen your saw physically. Develop a regular workout on certain days of the week. Take a walk or run. Eat healthier.

My prayer for you this UTA is that you find a good balance and prosper spiritually, socially, mentally, and physically.

As the days get longer and warmer weather starts to set in, I hope you enjoy all Alaska has to offer.

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# Education Opportunities

by Master Sgt. Angeline Tyree, 477th FG Education and Training Chief



myLearning site is projected to be accessible on April 1, 2021: <https://lms-jets.cce.af.mil>. myLearning is replacing the ADLS platform. Initial access to myLearning was projected for mid-March 2021, however the launch was postponed. myLearning officials believe there should be minimal downtime as courses migrate between the platforms. Only CAC-authenticated or enabled accounts will be migrated and usernames and passwords will not be supported. Air Force officials recommended ADLS users verify their ADLS account were CAC-enabled by March 10, 2021. ADLS users were also encouraged to save their ADLS transcripts.



AFVEC can lead you to many educational opportunities.

Do you want aid in funding your degree? USAF Tuition Assistance will fund the whole or part of an undergraduate to graduate degree program. If you are interested in learning more please visit the AFVEC page. Or contact 477th Force Support Development and Education for aid in what these programs might hold for you.



SkillBridge

The SkillBridge program allows transitioning Airmen to participate in apprenticeships, internships, or on-the-job training. Eligible Airmen must be within 180 days of approved retirement or separation to start a program. Prior to submitting an application for SkillBridge, you must contact your education office to set up an appointment to discuss the program. After you meet with your education officer, you will be able to submit your application.



For help with Chapter 1606, 1606 AFSC Kicker, Post 9-11 GI Bill, Forever GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, please contact 477th Force Support Development and Education, 907-551-4750. You can also find more info at the VA website: [www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/](http://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/)



Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC) directs Airmen with associate in applied science degrees from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) to a collection of accredited colleges and universities to consider when completing a four-year degree. The program maximizes the application of military career education and training, and provides multiple online academic and support services for the enlisted member. □

## Unit Deployment Management (UDM) News

Combat Arms (CATM) training is available exclusively for 477th Fighter Group Reserve Citizen Airmen. The training is scheduled for Monday, June 7 and Friday, June 11. Contact your UDM to reserve your training. □

# This Month in History

## MAY



**By Calistra Alba**  
**477th FG Historian**

**May 13, 1943** - The 477th Bombardment Group (Medium) was constituted, along with the 616th, 617th, 618th, and 619th Bombardment Squadrons.

**May 29, 1943** - 1st Lt. Robert B. Tresville became the second commanding officer of the 302d Fighter Squadron, succeeding 2nd Lt. William T. Mattison.

**May 1944** - The 302d FS flew 41 combat missions as part of the 332 Fighter Group.

**May 5, 1944** - The Army Air Forces ordered the major African American units at Selfridge Field, Michigan, to relocate to other bases. The 477th BG transferred to Godman Field, Kentucky. The 553rd FS transferred to Walterboro, South Carolina.

There were a few probable causes.

One was because of racial tension at Selfridge, which came to a head during events that occurred in April. There was a controversial court-martial trial and conviction of an African American pilot. Army leaders also reprimanded and transferred the Sel-

fridge Field commander for failing to provide Black officers with club access. Another reason might have been the proximity to racially charged Detroit, Michigan.

**May 6, 1944** - The 477th BG, Medium, arrived at Godman Field, Kentucky. Black officers were allowed to use the base officer's club. However, White officers chose to use an officer's club at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

**May 15, 1944** - Army Air Forces leadership re-activated the 618th BS and assigned it to the 477th BG, Medium.

**May 22, 1944** - 2nd Lt. Henry Pollard Jr., 302d FS pilot, was lost while flying a training mission from Capodichino, Italy.

**May 27, 1944** - Officials re-activated the 619th BS and assigned it to the 477th BG, Medium. Now, all original squadrons were active under the 477th BG again, this time at Godman Field, Kentucky.

**May 18, 1945** - The War Department's McCloy Committee published a report about the April 1945 Freeman Field incident. The report noted that Col. Robert Selway's, April 9, 1945, order for separate officers' clubs for 477th BG and other base personnel conflicted with prior Army Regulation 210-10.

**May 9, 1960** - Col. Alvin J. Moser, Jr. took command of the 302d Air Rescue Squadron (302d FS). He succeeded Maj. Cortex C. Brown.

**May 19, 2008** - A groundbreaking ceremony marked the official beginning of construction on the 477th Fighter Group headquarters training facility at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Air Force Reserve Command, 3d Wing and 477th FG leaders attended the event. The

\$10.4 million facility was designed to accommodate 477th FG group staff, command section, and military personnel flight who provide administrative support for Reservists. The building was also intended to host more than 400 Airmen during Unit Training Assemblies.

**May 12, 2009** - Twelve 302d FS pilots deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. It was the unit's 5th and 6th deployments to the area.

**May 8-21, 2010** - Twenty-eight 477th Civil Engineers Squadron Airmen attended Silver Flag 2010 in Kadena Air Base, Japan.

**May 10-15, 2010** - Lt. Col. Laura J. Peterson, Senior Flight Surgeon from the 477th Aerospace Medical Flight, attended Operation Pacific Angel 2010 in Vietnam. It was a joint humanitarian assistance operation conducted in the Pacific area of responsibility to support U.S. Pacific Command's capacity-building efforts. Peterson worked with the medical team to provide family practice, dental, optometry, pediatrics, and woman's health care to Can Tho area residents.

**May 3, 2011** - After five incidents of pilots suffering from hypoxia and decompression, Gen. William M. Fraser III., of the U.S. Air Combat Command, grounded the entire F-22 fleet indefinitely, worldwide.

**May 17, 2013** - 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Reservists: Tech. Sgt. Timothy Tuttle, Staff Sgt. Brandon Vice and Senior Airman Joshua Baker, were selected as the 2012 Top F-22 Weapons Load Crew assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. The first time a Reserve crew won this award at JBER. □

# CONGRATULATIONS 477TH FIGHTER GROUP 1ST QUARTER WINNERS, 2021

**Airman**  
**Airman First Class Karlie Judkins**  
477 Force Support Squadron

**Non-commissioned Officer**  
**Tech. Sgt. Kristin Park**  
477 Force Support Squadron

**Senior Non-commissioned Officer**  
**Master Sgt. Ashley Oviatt**  
477 Force Support Squadron

**Company Grade Officer**  
**Capt. Jeff Johnson**  
477 Aerospace Medicine Flight

**Field Grade Officer**  
**Lt. Col. Austin Skelley**  
477 Fighter Group Staff

**Civilian, Category I**  
**Joey Abshire**  
477 Fighter Group Staff

**Civilian, Category II**  
**Rebecca Newton**  
477 Force Support Squadron



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CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

## Some masks are better than others

### Recommended



Medical procedure masks  
(sometimes referred to as surgical  
masks or disposable face masks)



Masks that fit properly (snugly  
around the nose and chin with no  
large gaps around the sides of the  
face)



Masks made with breathable  
fabric (such as cotton)



Masks made with tightly woven  
fabric (i.e., fabrics that do not let  
light pass through when held up to  
a light source)



Masks with two or three layers



Masks with inner filter pockets

### Not Recommended



Masks that do not fit properly  
(large gaps, too loose or too tight)



Masks made from materials that  
are hard to breathe through (such  
as plastic or leather)



Masks made from fabric that is  
loosely woven or knitted, such as  
fabrics that let light pass through



Masks with one layer



Masks with exhalation valves or  
vents



Wearing a scarf/ski mask

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