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Red Tail Review

The 477th Fighter Group Newsletter

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Mission: We Provide Combat Airpower

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Annual Awards Submissions DUE

Saturday, Jan.8, 2022

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Annual Bowl-a-thon

Saturday, Feb.5, 2022, 3-6 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Family Day

Saturday, June 4, 2022



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

How NOT to wear a mask



Around your neck



On your forehead



Under your nose



Only on your nose



On your chin



Dangling from one
ear



On your arm

477th FG Fiscal Year 2022 Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Feb	April	Apr - May	June	Aug
<i>(Primary)</i>	2-3	6-7	4-5	8-9	5-6	26-27	2-3	30-1	4-5	25-28

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Leadership

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Group Superintendent



Mission

We Provide Combat
Air Power

Vision

To Be the World's Premier
Air Power Provider

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ON THE COVER: Trees line Ship Creek as its waters pass through Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. (U.S. Air Force photo by Song Jordan)

A Note from Your Chaplain: December 2021 UTA

Welcome to December UTA.

It's hard to believe that we are almost done with another year!

Even so, Billy, my 5th grade son, was telling me he wished he had a time machine so he could jump a few days into the future and be on winter break. He is counting down the days to our family's upcoming vacation, and asking me which roller coaster is the fastest at the amusement park.

While we don't want to skip the importance of making the most of each day, I understood that he was really expressing looking forward to a time of rest and relationship.

Thinking about this year, the words "crazy busy" come to mind. Many of us wear many hats: husband, parent, son, brother, friend, employee, Reservist, homework support, amateur mechanic, do-it-yourself appliance repairman, and the list goes on and on. My wife's list is probably longer than mine. With all of these roles we play, finding time to rest and simply connect with those we love becomes extremely important.

I recommend that you intentionally set some time aside to do something fun or relaxing. Create some lasting memories. Taking some time to connect with your faith, yourself, and other people in your life, will help keep you strong.

My prayer for you this month is for strength and effectiveness for our UTA, and that you will also make some time for rest and relationship this month. 477th FG Chaplain contact information: 477FG.HC.chaplain@us.af.mil or 907-551-4723. ☐



Chaplain Ben Butcher

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM AIR FORCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Emergency Management Information: December

By
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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska --

The holiday season is hectic. With the demands of the holidays, family, friends, and work, it may seem like you don't have much time to add emergency preparedness in your life, but in reality, this is the perfect time and it doesn't take as much effort as you may imagine.

The holidays are a perfect time to give the gift of preparedness, you just need to be creative.

Instead of giving fruitcake, how about giving a weather radio? They don't cost much, and they now come fully equipped with USB, solar, and wind-up chargers. They also have AM/FM radios and flashlights.

Even better, why not give an emergency kit? A cheap backpack, an inexpensive pocketknife, a water bottle, an LED flashlight, a packet of Band-Aids & an old MRE from UTA... viola, you have an instant "starter" 72-hr bag. Other items you could include in the bag are a first aid kit, emergency meal kits, camping gear, GPS units, solar chargers, sand-less sandbags... Oh, and then there are my favorites, guns and ammo! If you do this, however, make sure to check your local laws, to ensure that it is legal to give firearms to the individuals on your shopping list

While you are doing all of this, let's not forget about prepping your home.

Do you have a kit and a plan for power outages? How about floods? Are you traveling? If so, have you thought about what could happen if you get snowed in or trapped in a vehicle? Have you thought about what disasters could happen in the kitchen? Slips, falls, cuts, fires, or exploding turkeys?

When was the last time you inspected your existing kit to make sure it was still good? If it was after last year's post-holiday sales, when you built it on the cheap, it is time for its annual checkup.

How about your Christmas tree? If using a real tree, make sure it is always watered, especially if your pets are like mine and like to drink from everything they can. Once the needles go dry, that tree could catch fire and burn, taking the rest of your home with it.



(Courtesy graphic)

Is your vehicle ready for an emergency? Are you prepared for when your car is caught in a flash flood in the parking lot and flooded out? Do you have road flares and or a triangle to set up if you come upon a crash? Do you have a first aid kit to assist the people involved in the accident?

How about your spare tire? Is it still serviceable? Is it dry-rotted? Does your car have one? Many new cars no longer come with a spare tire, so you may want to investigate that.

We've given you a lot to think upon in this article. Please, contact Emergency Management if it has caused you to ask yourself questions you need assistance with.

Finally. We would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Joyous Hanukkah, a Very Merry Christmas, a Festive Kwanzaa, and a Wonderful New Year! ☐

For more information, please contact your Emergency Management Office or visit the following websites:

www.ready.gov/build-a-kit/

www.ready.gov/holiday-safety-social-media-toolkit/

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This Month in History DECEMBER

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Dec. 7, 1941 The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The event brought the United States into World War II.

Dec. 21, 1943 Leaders restricted all 332d Fighter Group personnel to Selfridge Field, Michigan, pending movement.

Dec. 22, 1943 The 332d Fighter Group departed Selfridge Field, Michigan, for movement overseas.

Dec. 25, 1943 Members of the 301st and 302d Fighter Squadrons arrived at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia. They traveled by train, completing the 332d Fighter Group's and its squadrons move from Selfridge Field. □

(U.S. Air Force graphic by Song Jordan)

477th FG WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Dec. 6-10, 2021

By
**477th Fighter Group
Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska --

The 477th Fighter Group website will be redesigned.

While the website is under construction, Dec. 6-10, 2021, webmasters will not be able to update content.

The redesign is part of an Air Force wide change. The Air Force website has already been redesigned. The new

look of the 477th FG website will be similar to the Air Force website and others.

Important information impacting 477th FG Reserve Citizen Airmen will be posted on the official 477th Facebook page or sent directly to your phone through the AtHoc system.

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson related information, such as installation snow delays or gate closures, is available on the official JBER Facebook page. □

A hand is using a black snow scraper to clear snow from a car window. The background is a blurred view of a car's rear window and taillights. A list of winter maintenance tasks is overlaid on the bottom right of the image. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The overall scene is set in a snowy, winter environment.

GET A GRIP THIS WINTER

- Clean windshield
- Clean headlights
- Check tires
- Check brakes
- Top up fluids

477th Fighter Group Year in Review: 2021

By
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JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska --

Another year is closing and we begin to look towards the future. Here are some of the highlights the 477th Fighter Group during 2021.



Capt. Jeff Johnson, a 477 Aerospace Medical Flight Air Reserve Technician, was one of the first Reserve Citizen Airmen to receive a COVID vaccine distributed at JBER. (U.S. Air Force photo by Song Jordan)



Col. Brett Paola and Col. Jonathan Gration, Jr. change command. (U.S. Air Force photo by Song Jordan)

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)





The Chugiak-Eagle River Chinooks baseball team hosted the 477th Fighter Group at one of the last games of the season in Chugiak, Alaska on July 27, 2020. Before the game began, Tech. Sgt. Micah Lawlor, a 477th Maintenance Squadron low observables technician sang the National Anthem. Col. Brian Budde, the 477th FG deputy commander threw out the commemorative first pitch. (U.S. Air Force photo by Song Jordan)



Lt. Col. Ryan Pelkola, 302d Fighter Squadron director of operations, arrives from his flight while his wife takes a photo Aug. 7, 2021, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Pelkola is the first F-22 Raptor pilot to accomplish 2,000 flight hours. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Melissa Estévez)



477th Fighter Group prepared to meet COVID-19 vaccinations requirements. (U.S. Air Force photo by Song Jordan)

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