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## return home

after successful Afghanistan deployment

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## Spartans carry out biometric operations

By Spc. Erik-James Estrada  
Task Force Spartan Public Affairs

KHOWST PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Paratroopers from 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry Regiment, Task Force Blue Geronimo, detained two suspected insurgents last week near the Pakistan border, south of Matun district.

The three-day mission was conducted by members of 1st Platoon, Comanche Company.

The platoon's mission was to travel to Matun district, in the eastern half of Gorbuz, to conduct reconnaissance and biometric operations.

The platoon's mission was not without its challenges. While traveling through the mountainous region, the platoon put their Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles to the test, causing one of their vehicles to lose bolts to its front right tire and nearly the tire itself, while in route to the Afghan Command Outpost Lakkan.

"That first day, we drove through some pretty rough terrain," said Army 1st Lt. Connor Flaherty,

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Spc. Michael Santoline with 1st Platoon, Comanche Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry Regiment, from Pittsburgh, collects biometric data during a three-day mission. Biometrics collects data using face-recognition, fingerprint and iris identification to populate a database that helps agencies identify insurgents. (U.S. Army photo/Spc. Erik-James Estrada)

## JBER Airman killed in accident

JBER news release

An Airman assigned to the 3rd Wing's 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron died last night from injuries suffered at his residence Saturday afternoon.

Senior Airman Russell Lytle, 23, was found by his wife, pinned between two vehicles, unconscious. Emergency workers transported him to Alaska Native Medical Center in critical condition.

Lytle, an Arlington, Texas native, joined the Air Force in 2007 and was a crew chief on F-22 Raptors. He came to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in January.

A memorial service for Lytle will be hosted 10 a.m. Friday at Hangar 25.

The incident is under investigation.

## JBER Pararescuemen train with Marines at Twentynine Palms



ABOVE: An Alaska Air National Guard pararescuer shields a Marine from HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter rotorwash March 18 at Twentynine Palms, Calif. Pararescuemen of the 210th, 211th and 212th rescue squadrons trained in the Mojave Desert's sandy conditions in an effort to replicate conditions in Afghanistan.

RIGHT: Air Force Master Sgt. Brandon Stuemke, pararescuer with the 212th Rescue Squadron, prepares a lift bag in preparation to extract a simulated patient trapped beneath a mine-resistant ambush-protective vehicle. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Cynthia Spalding)



By Air Force Staff Sgt. Cynthia Spalding  
JBER Public Affairs

MCAGCC TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – Dust, dirt, Airmen and Marines ran through multiple strenuous real-world scenarios during Exercise Mojave Viper to prepare for their deployment together at Twentynine Palms, Calif., March 16.

"It's really great to get this opportunity to train with the Marines, to have the opportunity to see how they work, and for them to see how we will work in a joint environment before we deploy," said 1st Lt. Ben Leonard, HH-60G Pave Hawk combat search and rescue helicopter pilot with the 210th Rescue Squadron, Alaska Air National Guard.

This May, the 210th, 211th and 212th rescue squadrons and the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment based out of Camp Lejeune, N.C., will be deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

This training is necessary to not only provide a muscle memory for the Guardian Angel teams but also to strengthen the bond between sister services.

One such scenario they practiced involved convoy casualties with airborne rescues. The MV-22 Osprey landed, sand flying in every direction, the Marines loaded onto the aircraft, and then they took off. After landing in a sand and dirt field, they ran off almost blindly into the storm of sand around them and took cover. Slowly they pushed their way into the hostile zone covering one another's back. An improvised explosive device detonated.

Downed Marines were dragged to safety and a nine-line call was made. A "nine line" call is a call providing incident information and is made to the tactical operations center. The TOC then deployed two HH-60s with a Guardian Angel team on board.

The team prepared for the incident based on the call received and tended to any patients that needed medical care. Guardian Angel is a career field comprised of Air Force pararescuemen, combat rescue officers and survival escape resistance evasion specialists.

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### Photo slide show

For a photo slide show of pararescuer training at Twentynine Palms, scan this QR code with a smartphone. For more stories and photos, visit us at [www.jber.af.mil](http://www.jber.af.mil).

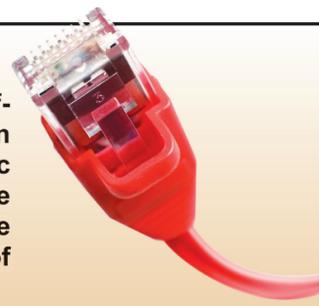
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### AFNet migration

The Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson network has been identified as the next Pacific Air Forces base to migrate to the centralized Air Force Network. For implications of this initiative, see Page A-8.





## Anchorage police recruits hone emergency vehicle driving skills at JBER

# HOT PURSUIT

By David Bedard  
JBER Public Affairs

With siren blaring and red and blue lights spinning on his patrol car, Anchorage Police Department Sgt. Rod Ryan was the calm eye of a vehicular storm as he deftly pursued another officer who simulated a fleeing suspect March 22 at a Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson inactive taxiway.

Zip. Zip. Zip. The steering wheel made the sound as Ryan swiftly slid the rim through his fingers, never letting go of the wheel with either of his hands in a technique called the two-handed slide. The Gowrie, Iowa native and Air Force Reserve Officer of Special Investigations special agent said the technique ensured he maintained positive control of the car while giving him the upper hand over his quarry.

"This section coming up is what we call 'the cone of death,'" Ryan said as his patrol car approached an impossibly narrow isthmus of orange rubber. "It's just wide enough for a car to get through, so you have to know the width of your car."

Without sliding the rear end of the car or inducing a hint of tire squealing, Ryan threaded his vehicle through the cone passageway at speed with mere inches to spare.

The scenario played out dozens of times last week while Anchorage Police Department Academy police recruits cut their teeth during the APD Emergency Vehicle Operators Course.

"The purpose of the course is to teach the recruits skills of how to drive under control," Ryan explained. "We're not teaching the recruit officer how to drive. They should already know how to drive. What we're doing is refining their skills to drive faster and safer."

APD Sgt. Glenn Daily, patrol supervisor, said the course endeavors to maximize the potential of police officer and machine during emergency driving.

"We teach them to make the best use of their abilities and their car's abilities," he said. "We teach them better control of the vehicle through steering techniques, correct use of the accelerator, and braking."

Daily said the JBER taxiway is the only facility that provides the space and isolation necessary to carry out an effective EVOC.

"It provides conditions that match what they're going to encounter on the street without all of the traffic," Daily said. "The base leadership has been outstanding in allowing us to do that."

During the course, most of the tarmac was covered in snow and ice while patches of dry concrete challenged recruits' ability to cope with the transition. Daily said the challenging course conditions helped to build the recruits' trust in their capabilities.

"We want them to be confident," he said.



LEFT: Anchorage Police Department Sgt. Rod Ryan, observes, evaluates, and assists an APD Academy recruit March 22, during their Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

ABOVE: Anchorage Police Department Academy recruits practice winter driving techniques March 22 at a Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson inactive taxiway. Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson has hosted the Anchorage Police Department's Emergency Vehicle Operators Course for the last 20 years. Police officers are taught to maintain positive control of their cars at all time to ensure public safety during high-performance driving maneuvers.

TOP: Anchorage Police Department Academy recruit Brian Vanderbunt puts his week-long winter driving techniques training to the test March 22 during the Anchorage Police Department's Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. Recruits will graduate from the academy in two weeks and will be placed with an experienced police officer for recruit officer training. (U.S. Air Force photos/Johnathon Green)

"They can have the technical skills, but they can't be afraid to use it because they don't want to slide on the ice. We take them to their limits."

Because public safety is always the primary concern, Daily said police officers are taught to maneuver around traffic with utmost precision and care. They are also taught to think on their feet to determine if it is wise to continue a pursuit.

"If it gets to the point where the pursuit is causing more danger than the bad guy we're chasing, that's when we're out," Daily said. "There's not a whole lot of places he can go. The priority is always public safety."

Daily said, though patrol cars are certainly unique with their police livery and

conspicuous light bars, they are little different mechanically when compared to their civilian counterparts.

Daily said his Police Interceptor is equipped with a beefier suspension to cope with pursuit driving and the car's slightly heavier weight. Part of the car's added weight is due to a roll cage, which reinforces the crash worthiness of the vehicle.

The rear bench seat is replaced with a hard plastic seat, which is durable, easily cleaned and not especially comfortable.

A computer screen dominates the center of the dashboard and serves as the focal point for a police officer's situational awareness, much like a Blue Force Tracker does for U.S. military forces deployed overseas.

Through the computer interface, Daily said he can access detailed dispatches, see the current status of his police officers, and read and write police reports.

The recruit officers are nearing the end of their nearly six-month training cycle, Daily said, and will graduate in a few weeks. They will then enter into recruit officer training when they will be paired with a more experienced officer for about three months.

For his part, Ryan said he feels honored because he is able to influence a new generation of police officers.

"I have input into their conduct, morals, integrity and ethics," Ryan said. "To be part of that and to let them know we have very high standards here and accept nothing less."

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# Arctic Enforcers come home

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The day has finally arrived. After 12 long months deployed to Afghanistan, Soldiers of the 164th Military Police Company, 793d Military Police Battalion, 2d Engineer Brigade, U.S. Army Alaska arrived home at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Saturday.

Families voiced their anticipation as the announced arrival time came and went, but—as with any redeployment—the timeline was tentative. In order to pass the time, families enjoyed snacks and drinks provided by the JBER Retiree Council.

A live video feed—made available by the 793rd Military Police Battalion—showed waiting families the Soldiers arrival at the Joint Mobility Center here during the accountability process, which ensured all weapons and other sensitive items were turned in.

During their time overseas, Soldiers of the 164th MP were tasked with mentoring the Afghan Uniformed Police and National Army in seven different locations. They

also provided security to all NATO forces traveling through their area of responsibility, while simultaneously training and mentoring an Afghan National Army unit said Army Capt. Jacob Gutierrez, 164th MP executive officer.

Army Lt. Col. Steve E. Gabavics, 793rd MP commander, said he knew the families and Soldiers were anxious to be reunited, so he kept his speech short. “Because I know you don’t want to hear me talk, you want to see them,” he said. “So bottom line, these guys have done a phenomenal job serving our country, doing the duty that most Americans never do, sacrificing what most Americans never sacrifice, honoring their country, honoring you, doing their duty for the past year, and they deserve a heck of a welcome for what they’ve done and came home.”

Normally a welcome home ceremony is concluded after the playing of the Army Song and the U.S. Army Alaska Song.

“But I want to give these great Soldiers back to their Families,” said Gabavics as he dismissed the troops to be with their loved ones.



**Spc. Danny Rico receives a warm welcome from his wife Katrina and his three children upon returning from his 12 month deployment to Afghanistan Saturday. He, along with his fellow Soldiers of the 164th Military Police Company, 793d Military Police Battalion, mentored and trained Afghan Uniformed Police and Afghan National Army units while providing security for NATO forces in Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo/Spc. Juana Nesbitt)**

## Biometrics

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1st Platoon Leader, C/1-501st, from Salem, Ore. “That truck had been broken before. One of the disk brakes came loose and at no fault to anybody, the tire (as well). We torqued them down as best we could and drove it back here to the AFCOP and had it picked up. We actually had a truck ready at Forward Operating Base Salerno and we ended up picking it up a day early.”

That same day, the unit’s air support, a OH-58D Kiowa Warrior scout helicopter known as Bam-Bam, had taken small-arms fire.

On day two of their mission, the platoon travelled farther south toward the border up to the village of Spunky-Dory to investigate the area where it was reported the small-arms fire had occurred.

“That area is known to have a lot of enemy combatants,” Flaherty said. “We went up there to investigate and look for a suspected cache site since that was the area where Bam-Bam had taken fire.”

Flaherty and his platoon also made use of the attached female engagement team in order to conduct a proper search of the village and gather biometric data.

Chicago native Pfc. Maeya Barnes, a military police member with 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Task Force Warrior, who serves as a member of the platoon’s FET said, “Working in the FET is cool because you get to interact with the people other than just pulling security and sometimes you find out really cool information from the females if they’re cooperative.”

Flaherty spoke highly of the FET as a cultural asset, saying it’s good to use every resource available when gathering intelligence.

After all intelligence gathering was completed in that village, the platoon mounted their MRAPs and continued their mission toward the Pakistan border to conduct reconnaissance and gather biometrics data.

“We know a lot of the terrorist training camps are right over the border and they use the rat lines and the roads that come between the border-check points as their infiltration routes,” said Sgt. Christopher Alford, a team leader with 1st Platoon, from Greenwood, Ind. He added that his team conducting missions in the vicinities of these infiltration routes is denying the enemy the capability to maneuver freely.

On the final day of the mission, Flaherty and his paratroopers left the AFCOP to inspect a report from an Afghan National Army

soldier. He spoke of a suspected improvised explosive device in a culvert on Route Crowbar.

“The bag was indeed there,” said Army Staff Sgt. Peter Yanez, a squad leader for 1st Platoon, from San Dimas, Calif. “(Afghan National Security Force) verified that it was an IED. At that point we saw a suspicious individual south of Crowbar in a field. Once we dismounted he began to run.”

The Afghan Border Patrol fired a few shots in his direction as elements of the platoon began pursuing the individual on foot.

“My element flanked along the right side, pretty much going around the entire village trying to cut off his route of escape to the southwest,” Alford said.

When the platoon was unable to locate the suspected individual, the ground elements began a door-to-door search of the qalats.

“We were unable to locate the individual because he ran around a corner,” Yanez recalled. “We asked some farm hands and they gave us different locations. So with the ABP, we started searching qalats.”

As the platoon conducted their search, Alford and his team came across a qalat that was heavily fortified. After speaking with the individuals there, they were led to another qalat where his team found a cache of weapons and one suspect who tested positive for explosive materials.

“When we got to the qalat that was fortified, I spoke to one of the military age males who live in the qalat,” Alford said. “He told us that him and the qalat that we found all the weapons; their two tribes are fighting against each other.”

The gentleman also told Alford and his team the other tribe is trying to get the Americans to kill their tribe because of a dispute that they had where a girl ran away from their family and married his brother, which has now led to a feud between the two tribes.

Alford added that the man had also told him that they’re probably the ones who are planting the IEDs. He went on to say the other tribe wants the Americans to go over and either detain or kill his people. “Upon hearing that, we went to the other houses and discovered all the ammunition and the guy who tested positive for explosive materials,” Alford said.

As Flaherty and his platoon were gathering intelligence and evidence, an explosive ordnance disposal team came on scene and blew the surface IED in place, rendering the area safe.

The platoon then mounted back up with the two detainees and the cache of weapons and returned to FOB Salerno to begin processing the detainees and resupply for their next mission.



**Paratroopers of 1st Platoon, Comanche Company, Task Force Blue Geronimo, work with the Afghan Border Patrol to secure a nearby village during a three-day mission.**



**ABOVE: Paratroopers with 1st Platoon, Comanche Company, Task Force Blue Geronimo, fix the tire on their Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle while on a three-day mission.**

**RIGHT: A U.S. Army explosive ordnance disposal unit renders safe an improvised explosive device on the side of Route Crowbar.**

**BELOW: Sgt. Christopher Alford, a team leader with 1st Platoon, Comanche Company, Task Force Blue Geronimo, from Greenwood, Ind., speaks with a local villager. (U.S. Army photos/Spc. Erik-James Estrada)**



## Pararescue

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The rotor blades whisked sand into the air as the pararescuemen exited the Pave Hawk to run to the Marines needing care. Whether they were on a litter or being carried by their fellow Marines, the PJs readied them for entry onto the helicopter. After the patients were hoisted or carried on board, the HH-60 took off and the Marines continued ground operations as the PJs provided medical attention in the air.

So why the need to train at Twentynine Palms?

“A critical part of our training is being proficient at brown out landings,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Tom Bolin, 210th RQS commander. “The sand here is very fine and light, causing a severe dust cloud,

called a ‘brown out’, that makes landing a very challenging team effort. We will face these conditions in Afghanistan, which is why it is critical for us to become proficient at these landings. We need to get in and out of the landing zone quickly, to minimize our exposure to the enemy.”

There was somewhat of a language barrier between the Marines and the Airmen. The training afforded the opportunity needed for Airmen to familiarize themselves with common practices and operating procedures in order to keep Airmen and Marines on the same page.

“It’s better for us to work out the language barriers in a training environment than to hear it for the first time in combat,” Bolin said. “Trying to translate each other’s jargon during high-risk rescue missions is confusing and wastes valuable time.”

For example, a Marine would

ask, “Are you going to do any TRAPs (tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel) today?” The Air Force refers to these missions as CSAR, or combat search and rescue. Knowing the other service’s lingo went a long way when building a common understanding for mission success.

“It’s definitely not as simple as it sounds,” said Air Force Capt. Matt Kirby, combat rescue officer with the 212th RQS. “It’s a combination of coordination with all units involved—timeliness in arrival for medical needs, accuracy of location, efficiency in getting to the patients on the ground, all while there’s a tunnel of sand and sometimes bullets, flying around the helicopter. Since we will be in a hazardous location, dodging and averting any further attacks as we try to get the patients, who need medical attention, out of the danger zone are also in the mix.”

Building trust with the Marines was another advantage to this training. Pararescuemen need to be able to keep the patients from going into shock. Anything that can help, even if it’s building a training relationship, is worth it.

“The biggest thing is that our Marines going out in theatre soon see the capabilities that the USAF rescue squadrons bring and how to ask for them,” said Marine Lt. Col. Jason Pratt, lead evaluator with the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group Air Department, Twentynine Palms. “For instance, the roof hoist we just did, one of the guys who was helping run the exercise said that he never knew they could do it until he saw it here. When he was in theatre before, this squadron was there too. He didn’t ask for them because he didn’t know about it.”

Pratt said just having the Ma-

rines see them will help them understand the Guardian Angel capability for future operations.

“They know what they are doing and they know how to get it done quick,” said Marine Pvt. Nicholas Lara, 8th Engineer Support Battalion. “This is the first time I’ve ever trained with the Air Force, but they’ve impressed me with what they know how to do and how they get it done. When I deploy it makes me comfortable knowing that someone is there that can actually take care of me and get me back home and get taken care of if I get messed up. Getting out there and training knowing that they can help me definitely build trust working with other services and not just my brother and sister marines.”

The Airmen with the 210th, 211th and 212th rescue squadrons will continue to train back in Alaska with real-world scenarios before leaving for their deployment.

# Briefs and Announcements

## Correction

A story in last week's newspaper, titled "Knees in the Breeze," incorrectly listed the servicing unit at the 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron, It should have been identified as the 773d Logistics Readiness Squadron.

## Tax centers open

Volunteers at both Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson tax centers are trained to prepare 1040 EZ and 1040 tax returns and will do so until April 17.

The JBER-Elmendorf Tax Center is in Building 8124 and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The JBER-Richardson Tax Center is in Building 600, Room A305, and is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday, and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Walk-in service is available.

Appointments can be made by calling 551-1175 for JBER-E; for JBER-R call 384-1040.

## Dining facility survey

ARAMARK is conducting a survey to evaluate how the contractor can better offer dining service to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

The 17-question survey can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/bm5koz6>.

## Utility allowance changes

The utility allowance has been adjusted for all Phase I (Sunflower – those units on Fairchild Ave., Dallas, Silver Run and Chugach housing areas) metered housing units to reflect decreases or increases in electricity and natural gas rates Aurora pays.

Aurora will continue to read utility meters monthly and provide a statement reflecting actual consumption, quarterly allowance amount and the resulting balance of customer accounts.

As is currently the case, when the credit balance of accounts exceed \$250, Aurora will issue a refund check.

If an account reflects a debit balance in excess of \$250, customers are required to make payment to Aurora in the amount of the account balance.

In addition, each account is annually reconciled and adjusted to zero at the end June.

This means during July, customers will either be refunded any accumulated credit or invoiced for any amount owed, regardless of the dollar amount.

For any questions regarding the Utility Program or further information, please contact the Aurora Utility Staff at 375-0508 or Aurora Housing Office at 753-1023.

## Motorcycle training

Riders can now start the registration process for the 2012 Contracted Motorcycle Training.

A change from previous years is training is only offered to uniformed service members and Department of Defense civilians who have motorcycle operation listed in their position descriptions.

For information on how to register, call 552-5092.

## STAP termination

Due to Air Force reductions in funding and manpower, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Education Center will no longer

provide administrative support of the Air Force Aid Society's Spouse Tuition Assistance Program for JBER spouses after July.

In response, the Air Force Aid Society has looked at possible solutions to keep STAP operational. However, the software development costs and the time necessary to develop and implement a solution for the following academic year were not feasible.

Therefore, in an effort to maintain some support of spouses for the 2012-2013 academic year, the society has decided to discontinue STAP at the conclusion of the program year, which ends July 31, and to immediately expand eligibility requirements of the Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program to include spouses at overseas locations.

The Arnold Grant Program is limited to full-time undergraduates only, though awards are generally higher than STAP.

Deadline for application to the Arnold Grant Program is March 31 for academic year 2012-2013. To access the application, visit <http://tiny.cc/agjhf>.

Call the Education Center at 384-0970 for more information.

## Furnishings management

The Furnishings Management Office offers 90-day loaner furniture for Airmen arriving at or leaving JBER-Elmendorf.

The FMO also has appliances for Airmen residing off base, for longterm use.

Delivery and pick-up is provided for 90-day loaner furniture and appliances. The FMO also has longterm furniture for ranks E-1 through E-5.

These items are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The service member is responsible for transporting these furnishings. Airmen should take a copy of PCS orders to the Government Housing Office at 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive to schedule delivery. Call 552-2740 for any questions regarding the FMO program. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Soldiers can call 384-0092 for the JBER-Richardson FMO.

## Home buyer's seminar

The 673d Civil Engineer Squadron Capital Asset Management Office offers a first-time home buyer's seminar two times each month through the Volunteer Realtor Program.

The seminar covers home loan prequalification, negotiations, offer acceptance, inspection, title search, available types of loans, and the closure process as well as many other aspects of interest to a prospective home owner.

If interested in becoming a home owner and wish to attend, please call 552-4439 to be included on the sign-up sheet.

## Rental Partnership

The Rental Partnership Program at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson is available to all eligible active-duty members and consists of two options. The first option, RPP Plus, includes utilities and sometimes cable costs providing an easier budget with a set rental payment year round.

The other option, RPP 5 Percent Below Market, saves the member five percent off the rental fee that other tenants pay however utilities are paid for by the tenant.

Both options are made available with no deposits or fees to the member with the exclusion of pet fees as it may apply.

This program is designed to provide active-duty military personnel, enlisted and officers, accompanied and unaccompanied with affordable off-base housing.

An allotment must be executed under either option of the RPP for the rental payments which is made directly to the landlord resulting in a more trouble free transactions.

JBER-Elmendorf can see RPP officials at the Capital Asset Management Office, Building 6346, Arctic Warrior Drive, or call at 552-4328 or 552-4374 for further information and assistance regarding this program.

At JBER-Richardson, visit the Housing Management Office, Building 600, Richardson Drive, or call at 384-3088 or 384-7632.

## Find housing

Visit the Automated Housing Referral Network at [www.ahrn.com](http://www.ahrn.com) to find housing before packing up. Sponsored by the Department of Defense, the website listings include available community rentals, military housing, shared rentals, temporary lodging and military for sale by owner listings.

Listings include property descriptions, pictures, maps, links to local schools, and contact information.

Service members who would like to rent their homes, sell their homes, or are looking for another service member as a roommate in their current homes, may post an ad free of charge on the site.

For more information, call 552-4439.









# Military to host public hearings for JPARC environmental impact

Alaskan Command news release

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Alaskan Command, on behalf of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Modernization and Enhancement of Ranges, Airspace, and Training Areas in the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex in Alaska (JPARC Modernization and Enhancement draft EIS).

The draft EIS describes and analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the Air Force and Army proposals to modernize and enhance the JPARC in Alaska to best support the military exercises in and near Alaska.

At present, the JPARC consists of all land, air, and sea training areas used by the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps (the services) in Alaska. The military currently uses the JPARC to conduct testing, training, and to support various joint exercises and mission rehearsals.

The JPARC was originally developed to support older and in some cases now obsolete weapons and tactics. Its current configuration cannot fully meet the training requirement for military forces and exercises conducted in Alaska. The JPARC requires a more contemporary and versatile design and improved infrastructure to meet the present and future needs of the military.

The proposed JPARC modernization and enhancements would enable realistic joint training and testing to support emerging technologies, respond to recent battlefield experiences, and train with new weapons systems and tactics to meet combat and national security needs.

The JPARC Modernization and Enhancement DEIS analyzes the following 12 proposals – six definitive and six programmatic – including several viable alternative actions, as well as “no-action” alternatives.

Definitive Actions Evaluated in this Environmental Impact Statement:

- 1) Fox 3 Military Operations Area Expansion and New Paxson MOA
- 2) Realistic Live Ordnance Delivery
- 3) Establish New Restricted Area Over the Battle Area Complex and Combined Arms
- 4) Expansion of Restricted Area R-2205
- 5) Night Joint Training
- 6) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Access Corridors

Programmatic Actions Evaluated in this



An 18th Agressor Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon flies over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex. Alaskan Command released a draft environmental impact statement, which analyzes the potential effects associated with the Air Force and Army proposals to modernize the JPARC. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Boitz)

Environmental Impact Statement:

- 1) Enhanced Ground Maneuver Space
- 2) Tanana Flats Training Area Roadway Access
- 3) Joint Air-Ground Integration Complex
- 4) Intermediate Staging Bases
- 5) Missile Live Fire for AIM-9 Sidewinder and AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile
- 6) Joint Precision Airdrop System Drop Zones

Projects currently proposed to be addressed in the JPARC Modernization and Enhancement EIS can be viewed online at [www.jpisceis.com](http://www.jpisceis.com). Decisions on definitive proposal alternatives will be announced in the 2013 Record of Decision. Final decisions on the programmatic proposals will not be made prior to required subsequent tiered or supplemental environmental impact analysis.

A copy of the draft EIS will be available to download online at [www.jpisceis.com](http://www.jpisceis.com). CDs of the DEIS will also be mailed to persons requesting a copy and will be available in hard copy format at the following libraries or locations: Anchorage Z. J. Lousac; UAA Alaska Resources Library and Information Services; Fairbanks North Star Borough (Noel Wien); Fairbanks Elmer E. Rasmuson Library; Palmer Public Library; Copper Valley Community Library; Alaska

Department of Fish and Game in Glennallen; Paxson Lodge; Delta Community Library; Tri-Valley School/Community Library; Talkeetna Public Library; Willow Public Library; and Wasilla Public Library.

Comments from the public will be considered before any final decision is made. ALCOM will host public hearings to solicit public and agency input. All members of the public are invited. The schedule and locations of the public hearings are provided below:

May 11, 2012: University of Alaska Anchorage, Lucy Cuddy Hall, 2921 Spirit Way, Anchorage

May 14, 2012: Palmer Community Center (The Railroad Depot), 610 South Valley Way, Palmer

May 15, 2012: Lake Louise Lodge, Mile 16.1 Lake Louise Road, Glennallen

May 16, 2012: Caribou Hotel, Mile 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glenallen

May 17, 2012: Paxson Lodge, Mile 185.5 Richardson Highway, Paxson

May 18, 2012: Alaskan Steakhouse and Motel, Mile 265 Richardson Highway, Delta Junction

May 19, 2012: University of Alaska Fairbanks, William R. Wood Center, multi-level lounge, 505 S. Chandalar Drive, Fairbanks

May 21, 2012: Tri-Valley Community Center, 1 Healy Spur Road, Healy

May 22, 2012: Swiss Alaska Inn, 22056 South F. Street, Talkeetna

May 23, 2012: Menard Memorial Sports Center, 1001 South Mack Drive, Wasilla

All hearings are scheduled to run from 5 – 9 p.m. with a 5:45 p.m. presentation, with the exception of the Fairbanks hearing, which is scheduled to occur from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m., with presentations at 10:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

The first 45 minutes of the public hearing will be an opportunity for community members to learn more about the JPARC and EIS process and speak with Army and Air Force personnel one on one. This is an open house question and answer session.

The Army and Air Force will begin a formal presentation after the open house. Comments received during the presentation are not considered part of the EIS administrative record.

The presentation will provide information on the purpose and need and descriptions of the proposed actions and alternatives.

The Air Force and Army will then open up the hearing for formal public comment and testimony. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing. A court reporter will be available to record all oral comments. Comments provided during the formal testimony will become part of the EIS administrative record. Substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIS.

Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested groups and persons are encouraged to provide comments on the proposed action either at the public hearings or by mail, phone, or fax at the address and numbers provided below.

More information can be found at the project website at [www.jpisceis.com](http://www.jpisceis.com). Written comments presented at public scoping or received no later than June 7 will be considered in the preparation of the final EIS.

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Media are invited to meet with Army and Air Force representatives 1 hour prior to the beginning of each public hearing other than in Fairbanks on May 19.

Due to travel time constraints by the representatives, the representatives will be available to the media from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Fairbanks hearing. Media may also contact ALCOM Public Affairs at any time to set up interviews.

## Air Force Network migration around the corner for JBER

673d Communications Squadron  
News release

The Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Air Force network will soon become the next PACAF base to migrate its computer users into a “central” Air Force Network, or AFNet. During a seven-week period beginning April 30, technicians will begin migrating JBER AF network workstations, network users, and email into the AFNet.

The goal of this project is to collapse all “individual” or “stand-alone” Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard networks into the AFNet.

To the majority of JBER computer users, most of the changes will be transparent and should not cause any interruption to network access or normal day-to-day operations. For the Air Force, the migration represents a “major” change to how computer networks are managed.

Until now, major commands and various other Air Force organizations have been operating their own “independent” networks, consequently driving unique and unit specific requirements. During the years, this “county option” approach led to standardization and security problems, high operation and maintenance costs, and a lack of enterprise situational awareness. In short, there was no “single” organization or commander re-

sponsible for the network.

The AFNet migration project addresses these issues, and places Air Force cyber operations under the operational control of a single commander.

This approach will yield a significant improvement in the Air Force’s ability to fight daily virus activity and malicious intrusion attempts.

Additionally, AFNet migrations will centralize services like email and data storage, significantly improving network security and standardization. Finally, operational and training costs will be reduced through the elimination of redundant systems and services.

**So how will this affect users?**

The most visible change will be in the format of a user’s email address. The migration replaces the old *first.last@elmendorf.af.mil* e-mail address with a standard *first.last@us.af.mil* address. The new addresses will remain with users for the duration of their career, employment, or affiliation with the Air Force regardless of the base or organization assigned.

As more bases join the AFNet, Airmen will be able to login to their accounts from any AFNet base without requesting and creating an additional account. This will allow easy access to the network during deployments, and throughout temporary duty and change-of-station



Tech. Sgt. Ryan Barkman, 611th Air Communications Squadron, performs a systems check on a rack-mounted server. Joint Base-Elmendorf-Richardson will migrate shortly to the Air Force Network, standardizing the JBER network and simplifying access for end users. (File photo)

moves. Sites such as the Air Force Portal, Air Force Personnel Center and Defense Finance Accounting Service will also remain easily accessible regardless of duty location.

**The transition**

As JBER approaches its pro-

jected start date, a team of Air Force Network Integration Center, 690th Network Support Group, and 673d Communications Squadron technicians are busy preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration of almost 9,000 users.

To ensure a smooth transition

to the AFNet, look for future 673d CS generated eAdvisories for additional migration related information, as well as base briefings and commanders call presentations.

For more information concerning JBER’s AFNet migration, users can email the team at [jberafnet.team@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:jberafnet.team@elmendorf.af.mil).











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# MONTH of the MILITARY CHILD

## JBER celebrates its youth

By Chris McCann  
JBER Public Affairs

For the last decade especially, it has been common to see yellow ribbon stickers and magnets that say "Support Our Troops."

Care packages to service members in Iraq and Afghanistan have been sent by the millions. Spouses of deployed troops are supported by communities too.

But children of service members sometimes are forgotten even by those otherwise eager to help.

Every year, April is marked as the Month of the Military Child in an effort to recognize the difficulties that those children endure.

Frequent moves, long periods of time when a parent is deployed, and having to step up to help Mom or Dad can take a toll.

"Military children serve as well," said Jennifer Frysz, an outreach manager with the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Resiliency Element. "We honor their dedication to military life and celebrate their contributions.

"People think about Soldiers and Airmen, but we should also recognize the sacrifices their children make."

On military installations around the world, there are often carnivals and other celebrations in April to mark the month.

Youth services, family advocacy programs, and other support groups coordinate efforts.

On April 7, JBER will host the Easter Eggstravaganza at the Buckner Physical Fitness Center parking lot with an Easter-egg hunt. Inside the gym will be a Family Fitness Day.

The egg hunts will be divided up by age group, said Diann Richardson, also an outreach manager. Having concurrent events allows families to visit the indoor activities to warm up between egg hunts if they have children of different ages, so families aren't just standing around waiting.

"It's a collaborative effort across the base," said Verna Loosli, who also serves with the resiliency

element. "We're all coming together to celebrate the Month of the Military Child."

The indoor event will have an emphasis on fun and fitness, she said.

"We encourage families to be active," Loosli said. "There will be obstacle courses that parents and children can do together, as well as demonstrations."

Food will also be featured – especially nutritious snacks.

"Everyone is welcome," Loosli said. "Service members, families, civilian employees – we're all part of the JBER community."

About a dozen agencies are involved in the day's events.

"It's about resiliency, really," said Frysz. "There are pillars of resiliency, and we're having this event to enhance all the ways to boost health – social, mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and family."

"We want family participation," Loosli said. "There will be songs, a coloring contest, and crafts to do

together too. It's not just information distribution and people handing out flyers – it's more interactive."

Family interaction is important for kids.

"You can find a special niche or activity, and take time to do something special," Loosli said. "Have a dinner or celebration at home, or even an awards ceremony. Parents can find ways to honor their child's contributions."

"Military kids are unique and wonderful," said Frysz. "They're more resilient, and they can bring to the table more newly acquired skills."

"They can be an example to classmates; leadership, independence and responsibility are some of the skills they've usually learned," Frysz said.

"Military kids are often treated just like everyone else," Frysz said. "But there's the moving around and deployments...sometimes people don't look at what the children have been through. So we want to bring attention to this, and be more supportive."

# Quilts to honor fallen heroes

By Spc. Juana Nesbitt  
2nd Engineer Brigade Public Affairs

Pieces. Fragments.

What is left after the death of a family member? What about when a loved one pays the ultimate sacrifice, for strangers, on the line of duty, in a land far from home?

These are often the questions that plague the minds of families of fallen Soldiers.

Feelings of grief invade their homes. They are left to pick up the pieces of their lives and try to make sense of the loss, but how? They aren't alone.

This is the mission of the Survivor Outreach Services program. Their goal is to provide support and reassurance to surviving families of Soldiers.

One of the ways they do this is with the Home of the Brave Quilt Project.

Once a month, Army spouses and family members of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson community volunteer to make quilts to be presented to the families of fallen Soldiers.

"I think it's a great program, I think it's important that people know we appreciate what their Soldiers have sacrificed," said Jo Rachnow, spouse of Maj. Robert Rachnow of the 2d Engineer Brigade, during the group's most recent get-together March 6. Many of the volunteers are surviving family members themselves who know loss firsthand.

"I'm involved with the program because I know how important it is for the families that have lost their sons in combat," said Donna Fleur, whose son, Marine Cpl. Gregory M. W. Fleury was killed in 2009.

He was the first Alaska native to be killed in Afghanistan since the war began.

"It's very important that they feel the love from others and total strangers ... I'm able to give back in that way to somebody else even though I may not know who they are, but I know how much pain and hurt their family are going through," said Fleur.

The history of the quilts dates back to the Civil War when Northern women began making them as part of a supply run after becoming aware of a blanket shortage by the U. S. Sanitary Commission, which later came to be known as the American Red Cross.

In July of 2004, the Citrus Belt Quilters Inc. of Redland, Calif., wanted to show their respect and honor to the families of Soldiers who gave their lives during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, so they began stitching similar quilts based on the few Civil War quilts still in existence. The idea took off and grew.

The Home of The Brave Quilt Project has since spread to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U. S. territories and has honorary chapters in England, Germany, and Australia.



Volunteer and surviving mother of Pfc. Matthew Chriswell, Beverly Chriswell focuses on making quilts for the families of fallen Soldiers during the Home of the Brave Quilt project March 6. The project is sponsored by the U.S. Army Alaska Survivor Outreach Services. (U.S. Army photo/Spc. Juana Nesbitt)

# Air Force Assistance Fund kicks off JBER 2012 donation campaign

By 1st Lt. Matthew Chism  
JBER Public Affairs

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson began the annual Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, which raises money for several service charities, on March 26.

Organizers have set a fundraising goal of \$103,619.

Donations to this year's "Commitment to Caring" campaign will assist eligible applicants through the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation, the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, the Air Force Aid Society, and the Air Force

Enlisted Village.

During the JBER campaign, which is scheduled to last until May 4, each unit point of contact will provide information to the members of their unit, said Air Force Master Sgt. Larry Bright, a coordinator for this year's event.

"These POCs will have the forms to donate either a one-time gift or establish a payroll deduction," said Bright.

Active-duty military members and military retirees can donate through payroll deduction and Department of Defense civilians can donate by cash or check.

Any Air Force active duty service

member, retiree, reservist, guard member or dependent, including surviving spouses, can apply for assistance.

For more information about the AFAF program visit [www.afassistancefund.org](http://www.afassistancefund.org) or contact your unit representative.

Below is a brief description of the four charities represented by AFAF:

The Air Force Aid Society provides Airmen and their families with emergency grants, interest free loans, and needs based education grants. For more information on this program visit [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

The Air Force Enlisted Village offers a temporary place to live for the spouses of En-

listed Air Force members who have passed. For more information on this program visit [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org).

The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation is a retirement community which cares for retired Air Force officers' widows who need financial assistance. For more information on this program visit [www.airforcevillages.com](http://www.airforcevillages.com)

The LeMay Foundation awards grants to enlisted and officer retirees spouses to help for emergency needs and monthly grants to augment incomes that fall below the poverty line. For more information on this program visit [www.lemay-foundation.org](http://www.lemay-foundation.org).

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# Passover: 4,000 years of Jewish spring-cleaning tradition

By Chris McCann  
JBER Public Affairs

“And this day shall become a memorial for you, and you shall observe it as a festival for the Lord, for your generations, as an eternal decree shall you observe it. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove the leaven from your homes ... you shall guard the unleavened bread, because on this very day I will take you out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day for your generations as an eternal decree.” – Exodus 12:14-17

Passover, or Pesach, is one of the most commonly-observed Jewish holidays, even by those who aren't very active in their Judaism.

The holiday, which begins on the 15th day of the month of Nisan, celebrates the beginning of the harvest season in Israel. However, it has a much deeper meaning.

When the Jews were slaves in Egypt and preparing to leave, Moses passed along instructions from God that they should roast a whole lamb or kid goat, and eat it with herbs.

There were to be no leftovers. Bread dough would be carried out before it had time to bake, so the people would eat unleavened bread, called matzah.

For the eight days of the Feast of Matzah, commonly called Pass-

over, Jews are to eat nothing that could be leavened.

Anything made of wheat, rye, barley, oats or spelt that hasn't been completely cooked within 18 minutes of coming in contact with water is considered leavened.

Ashkenazi Jews (from eastern Europe) also avoid rice, corn, peanuts, beans and legumes, because those items can be used to make bread also. All of these items are referred to as chometz (leavened).

All dishes and utensils used with chometz throughout the year are locked up; pets get chometz-free food since we cannot derive benefit from the chometz at all.

Jewish families spend weeks cleaning and scrubbing all food preparation surfaces, replacing cabinet liners, and covering countertops with foil.

The morning before the holiday, a final check is made, and any remaining chometz is burned.

The firstborn in any family often fast the day before Passover, in memory of the fact that firstborns among the Egyptians were struck down in the final plague before Pharaoh agreed to let the Jews leave the country.

Symbolically, leavening represents pride – being arrogant or puffed up.

We are to carefully examine

ourselves for any “chometz,” and take stock of our lives, then remove the pride and destroy it.

Passover can be a difficult holiday – even if you don't normally like cake, a cake in the store is suddenly tempting.

But it's a very real and physical reminder to stay humble and remember who we are as a people.

During the holiday, we eat matzah, which has been prepared carefully to make sure it isn't leavened.

Matzah meal (finely ground matzah) is used to make delicious pastries that use egg whites to get a bit of loft. Crumbled matzah stands in for noodles, and matzah is soaked in egg and fried like French toast.

On the first and second nights, Jews have a seder, a symbolic meal in which each item is eaten while we recite stories of the Passover and departure

from Egypt, and sing songs.

It's a highly interactive way to pass on the story of the Jewish people becoming free thanks to God's redemption, and children are encouraged to participate in singing and games.

A seder can easily last two or three hours, and it's followed with a traditional feast that includes soup, salads, fish, meat, matzah and wine.

As we conduct the seder, we start with the usual cup of wine with which we sanctify a holiday. We eat a vegetable – usually parsley – dipped in salt water which symbolizes the tears of the slaves.

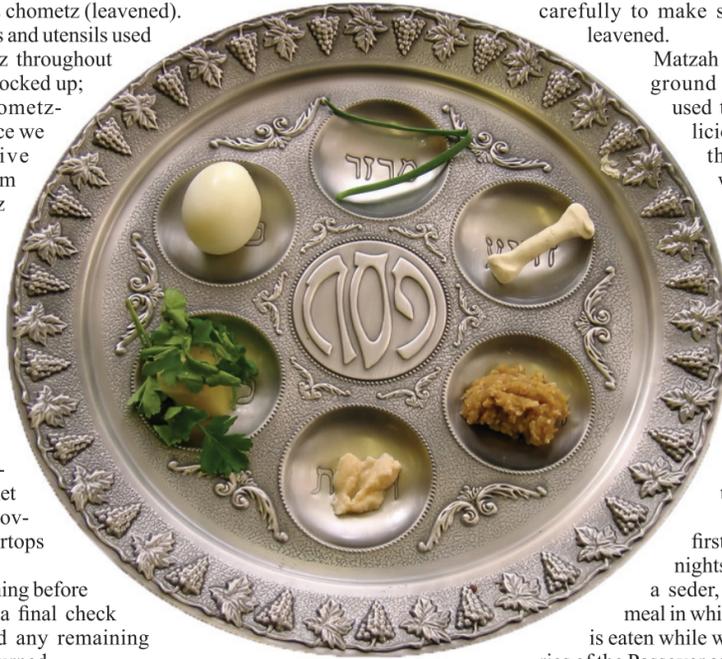
Then we break the matzah and re-tell the story of the Passover.

We wash our hands and eat the first of the matzah, then eat bitter herbs, usually raw horseradish or romaine lettuce.

Since there is no Temple standing in which to actually sacrifice a lamb or kid, Jews don't consume lamb or goat during the festive meal.

Usually, chicken, turkey or beef are the main course, along with more matzah, and finish with another cup of wine and the singing of psalms of praise. The prophet Elijah is symbolically invited into the home.

At the end, we close with a wish that next year we can celebrate Passover in Jerusalem – that the Messiah will come this year.



## Births

### FEB. 28

A son, Greyson William Tate, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces at 2:16 p.m. to Jill Elizabeth Mae Tate and Air Force Staff Sgt. Bryan Russell Tate of the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron.

### FEB. 29

A son, Liam Timothy Allen, was born 21.5 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces at 8:16 a.m. to Ilene Michele Allen and Cpl. Scott Matthew Allen of 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 509th Infantry Regiment.

A daughter, Kinza Elizabeth Reece Plummer, was born 21.5 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces at 7:54 a.m. to Johnna Elizabeth Plummer and Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Allen Plummer of the 3rd Munitions Squadron.

### MARCH 1

A daughter, Delaynie Rae Robertson, was born 22.5 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces at 9:32 p.m. to Jessica Leeann Robertson and Tech. Sgt. Michael Wayne Robertson of the 176th Comptroller Flight.

### MARCH 2

A son, Nicholas Trysten Stappenbeck, was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces at 5:50 a.m. to Spc. Annette Rose Stappenbeck of the 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion and Spc. Scott Michael Stappenbeck of the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment.

### MARCH 3

A son, Matthew Ryan Kenneson, was born 21.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces at 10:35 p.m. to Senior

Airman Amanda Leiann Mack and Senior Airman Matthew Robert Kenneson, both of the 673d Surgical Operations Squadron.

### MARCH 4

A daughter, Avery Kenna Messerley, was born 21.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces at 12:32 p.m. to Amy Lynn Messerley and Pfc. Richard Scott Messerley of the 545th Military Police Company.

### MARCH 5

A son, Paxson Cole Allwood, was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces at 12:35 p.m. to Sara E. Allwood and Tech. Sgt. Timothy D. Allwood of the 176th Air Control Squadron.

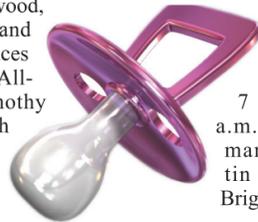
A daughter, Laysha Ra-

mos-Rodriguez, was born 19 inches long and weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces at 7:30 a.m. to Diane Lee Rodriguez-Baez and Army Staff Sgt. Fernando Luis Ramos-Santiago of the 545th Military Police Company.

A son, Payton Delaney Walthall, was born weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces at 11:46 a.m. to Mandy Nicole Walthall and Tech. Sgt. Chris Alexandre Walthall of the 673d Medical Support Squadron.

### MARCH 6

A daughter, Hannah Rose Cloutman, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce at 4:46 a.m. to Tiffany Danielle Cloutman and Army Staff Sgt. Justin Joe Cloutman of the 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion.



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# Community happenings

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**The Great Alaska Sportsman Show**

The largest annual sports and outdoors show offers everything for the outdoor enthusiast with demonstrations, clinics, a kids fishing pond, laser rifle range and much more at the Sullivan and Ben Boeke arenas.

For information visit [greatalaskasportsmanshow.com](http://greatalaskasportsmanshow.com).

**THROUGH APRIL 7**  
**The Sound of Music**

This beloved musical is produced in Alaska for the first time since 1965 by the Anchorage Opera. Take a trip to World War II Austria with this classic.

For information visit [www.anchorageopera.com](http://www.anchorageopera.com).

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**  
**Asian Cherry Blossom Celebration**

A double-feature of live theater inspired by stories from Japan and China.

The Chinese Monkey King whisks us away to adventure, and A Thousand Cranes is a lyrical reminder of the desire for peace. The fun starts daily at 2 p.m. at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

For information call 263-2787.

**TUESDAY**  
**Carolina Chocolate Drops**

The 2011 Grammy-winning group for traditional folk music, the Carolina Chocolate Drops bring black string-band and jug-band music of the 1920s and 1930s with a joyful vengeance.

Dirt-floor dance electricity starts at 7 p.m. at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium.

For information email [meese@anchorage.net](mailto:meese@anchorage.net).

**APRIL 6**  
**Rage City Roller girls**

Anchorage's own roller-derby girls battle it out at the Dena'ina Center. As usual, wheels roll from 7 to 10 p.m. For information visit [www.ragecityrollergirls.com](http://www.ragecityrollergirls.com).

**APRIL 7**  
**Easter Eggstravaganza**

Children and parents are invited to the annual Easter Eggstravaganza at the Buckner Physical Fitness Center parking lot.

Hunting starts at 9 a.m., but

each age group hunts at different times; call 552-2266 for more information.

**Family Fun and Fitness Day**

Visit Buckner Physical Fitness Center between egg hunts, starting at 9:30 a.m. for a day of demonstrations about fitness, fire safety and healthy habits. Activities for the entire family make this a double-header with the Eggstravaganza.

For information, call 552-4943.

**APRIL 9**  
**1-2-3 Magic class**

This fun six-week parenting class teaches parents to give firm, clear guidelines for children.

Hosted in Room 1 of the new Lynx Wing of the JBER hospital from 1 to 3 p.m., the class is free.

For information call 580-2181.

**APRIL 12**  
**The Conquest of McKinley**

One hundred years ago, a group of adventurers including Belmore Browne and Hershall Parker tried to become the first to summit Mount McKinley.

They got heartbreakingly close; just 300 feet from the summit, they were thwarted by a violent storm. Denali guide Brian Okonek tells this epic story of camaraderie, sportsmanship and perseverance at the Anchorage Museum starting at 7 p.m.

For information visit [www.anchoragemuseum.org](http://www.anchoragemuseum.org).

**APRIL 13**  
**Arctic Man Classic**

In this extreme race, skiers take a lone descent before grasping their snowmachine partner's tow rope for a climb at 70 to 90 mph. A final plummet to the finish line marks the end of the course at Summit Lake. Races start at 1 p.m. For information visit [www.arcticman.com](http://www.arcticman.com).

**APRIL 14**  
**Anchorage Symphony season finale**

This bittersweet performance of Brahms's Double Concerto features superstar cellist Zuill Bailey as well as Sitka Music Festival founder and violinist Paul Rosenthal. Celebrate the last of the season at 8 p.m. at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

For information visit [www.anchoragesymphony.org](http://www.anchoragesymphony.org).

**APRIL 17**  
**Girls' Night Out for health**

All women eligible for care at the JBER hospital are invited to a women's health night out at the hospital with door prizes, food, manicures and fun.

Appointments will be first come, first-served.

For information call 580-4182.

**APRIL 21**  
**Kids Day at the Museum**

Free general admission for children 12 and younger to celebrate the citywide Kids Day.

For information visit [www.anchoragemuseum.org](http://www.anchoragemuseum.org).

**Secure Your ID day**

The Better Business Bureau offers free document shredding, and collects old cell phones for recycling.

All phones will be wiped of stored data. Protect your identity and let the BBB help.

For information call 644-5205 or visit [alaska.bbb.org](http://alaska.bbb.org).

**Chris Botti concert**

Multiple-platinum jazz artist Chris Botti brings his acclaimed instrumental jazz to the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, since his 2004 CD When I Fall In Love, Botti's work has crossed boundaries.

Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. For information, visit [www.anchorageconcerts.org](http://www.anchorageconcerts.org).

**APRIL 20 THROUGH 22**  
**Alyeska Slush Cup**

Celebrate the coming of spring with a last blast of snowy fun at the Alyeska Resort's spring carnival and slush cup. Costumed competitors brave a chillingly cold pond of water on skis at the signature event.

For information visit [www.alyeskaresort.com](http://www.alyeskaresort.com).

**APRIL 28 AND 29**  
**Whole Life Festival**

A holistic spiritual event featuring free lectures and drawings, plus stones, jewelry, aura photos, healing oils, books, bodyworkers and more. Hosted both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Coast International Inn.

For information visit [www.drglennkey.com](http://www.drglennkey.com).

**Bettye Lavette concert**

Detroit's Bettye Lavette brings

soul stylings to songs by Rosanne Cash, Fiona Apple and others.

Hailed by Rolling Stone magazine, she tears it up Aretha-Franklin style at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts starting at 7:30.

For information, call 257-2304 or email [meese@anchorage.net](mailto:meese@anchorage.net).

**ONGOING**  
**Sing-a-long at the zoo**

Pre-school aged kids can explore the world of animals through music with musician Annie Reeves.

Children can sing along with the guitar, or play with the musical instruments for kids.

Sing-a-longs are held at 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the coffee shop greenhouse.

For information email [klarson@alaskazoo.org](mailto:klarson@alaskazoo.org).

**Wired Cafe for Airmen**

The Wired Cafe is located at 7076 Fighter Dr., between Polaris and Yukla dormitories.

The cafe has wireless Internet and programs throughout the week for single Airmen living in the dorms.

There are free meals Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

For information, call 552-4422.

**Model railroading**

The Military Society of Model Railroad Engineers meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Saturdays in basement Room 35 of Matanuska Hall, 7153 Fighter Drive. Anyone interested in model railroading is invited.

For information, call 552-5234, visit [www.trainweb.org/msmre](http://www.trainweb.org/msmre) or email [bjorgan@alaska.net](mailto:bjorgan@alaska.net).

**Road Warriors running**

Want to get out and run? Military and civilian alike are welcome to train regularly with the group and get involved with monthly running, biking and swimming events with the Road Warriors.

For more information, check the Road Warriors (Alaska) Facebook page or call 384-7733 or 552-1361.

**Motorcycle training**

The Basic Rider Course, Basic Rider Course 2 and Military Sport-bike Rider Course will begin soon in anticipation of the April 15 start of motorcycle riding.

To register, visit [www.militarysafepmv.com](http://www.mili-tarysafepmv.com)

## Chapel services

**Catholic Mass**

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. – Soldiers' Chapel  
10:30 a.m. – Elmendorf Chapel  
Chapel 1

**Monday through Friday**  
11:40 a.m. – Soldiers' Chapel  
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
11:30 a.m. – Elmendorf Chapel Center  
**Thursday**  
11:30 a.m. – Hospital Chapel

**Confession**

**Saturday**  
6 p.m. – Soldiers' Chapel  
**Monday through Friday**  
Before/after 11:40 Mass – Soldiers' Chapel

**Protestant Sunday Services**

**Joint Liturgical Service**  
9 a.m. – Elmendorf Chapel 2  
**Traditional Service**  
9 a.m. – Elmendorf Chapel 1  
**Contemporary Protestant Service**  
11 a.m. – Soldiers' Chapel  
**Gospel Service**  
Noon – Elmendorf Chapel 1  
**Contemporary Protestant Service**  
5 p.m. – Elmendorf Chapel 1

**Buddhist**

**Soka Gakkai Goshu**  
7 p.m., first Friday of the month – Chapel Center (10427 Kuter Ave.)

and select Elmendorf-Richardson, then contact the JBER Safety office at 552-5092 or 552-6850.

**AER, AFAF campaigns**

Army Emergency Relief and the Air Force Assistance Fund are taking donations to help service members and families in need with grants or loans.

To donate, contact your unit AER or AFAF representative or first sergeant, or call 552-2629.

# ALASKA ADVENTURES



**KENAI FJORDS TOURS**  
APRIL 6, 7 & 11  
\$84.10 ADULT, \$39.05 2-11 YRS  
INFORMATION, TICKETS, & TRAVEL  
753-2378



**SEWARD JBER RECREATION CAMP**  
OPENING MAY 23  
JUST IN TIME FOR SEWARD'S COMBAT FISHING & MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY  
MAY 23 - JUNE 30  
50% OFF SUNDAY-THURSDAY RESERVATIONS  
AUGUST 11 - 19  
SEWARD SILVER SALMON DERBY  
SHOW US YOUR DERBY TICKET AND RECEIVE 25% OFF YOUR STAY  
OUTDOOR RECREATION ELMENDORF  
552-5526

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



**KNIT OR CROCHET A HEADBAND**  
MARCH 30 - 6 P.M. - \$10  
POLAR EXPRESS ARTS & CRAFTS - 384-3717



**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**  
DEADLINE: APRIL 5 - AGES 5 TO 14 - \$75  
KENNECOTT YOUTH CENTER - 552-2266  
TWO RIVERS YOUTH CENTER - 384-1508



**INTRO TO BLACK BEAR HUNTING**  
APRIL 5 - 6 - 8 P.M. - FREE  
JBER ELMENDORF OAP BLDG. 7301  
552-4599



**WALK2AFGHANISTANANDBACK 4 MILE FUN RUN**  
APRIL 6 - NOON - FREE  
EARN DOUBLE MILES. RUN BEGINS ON TRAIL ACROSS FROM BUCKNER  
BUCKNER PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER  
384-1305



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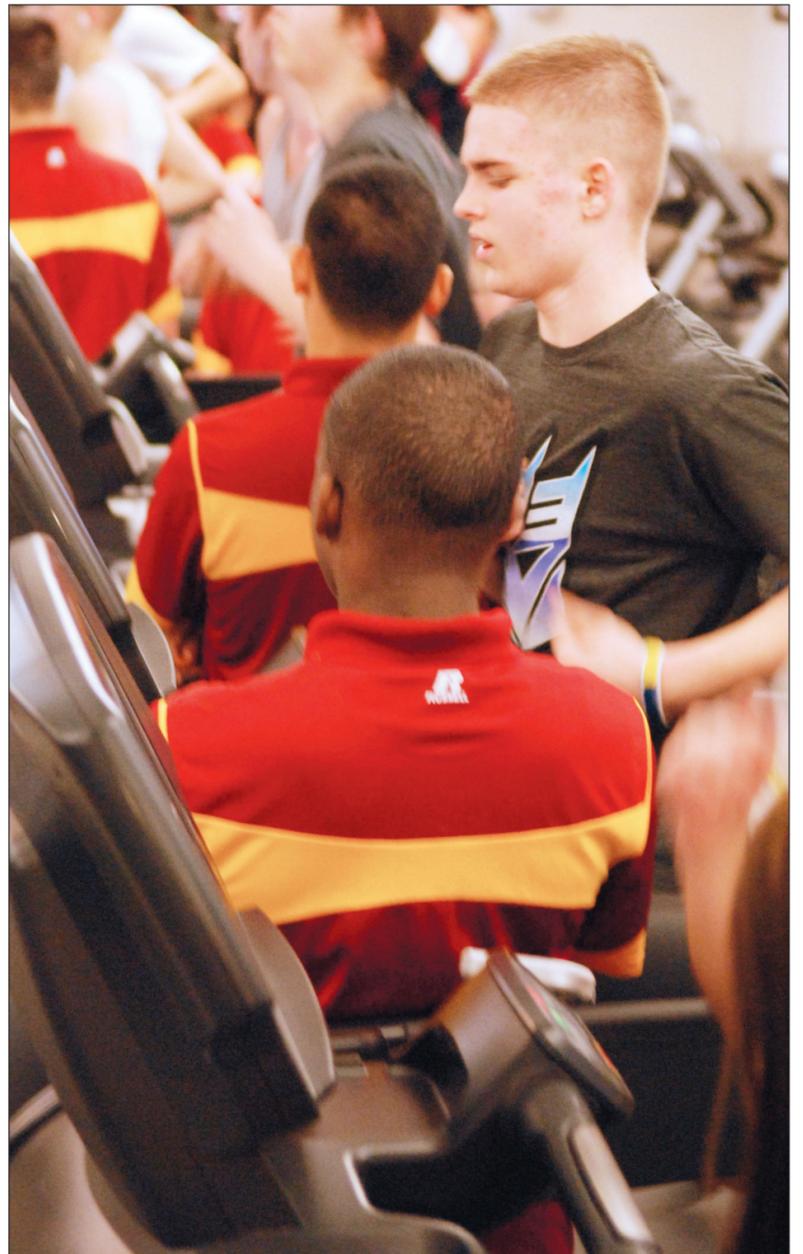


FSS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Josh Wilson, a Junior ROTC cadet from Chugiak High School, participates in an indoor triathlon at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's Buckner Physical Fitness Center March 24. Cadets from several area high schools swam, ran on treadmills and rode stationary bikes to complete the triathlon. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Blake Mize)

# JROTC INDOOR TRIATHLON



ABOVE: Tommy Frazier, a Junior ROTC cadet from Chugiak High School, runs on a treadmill in an indoor triathlon at JBER's Buckner Physical Fitness Center March 24. CENTER: Students from around the Anchorage area participated in the indoor triathlon, which provided a competitive way to stay fit despite near-record snowfall.

Junior ROTC cadets participated in an indoor triathlon at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's Buckner PFC March 24. Junior ROTC provides some basics of military training to high-school youth who may choose to go on to become officers in any branch of service.











