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JBER Airman faces charges in slaying of fellow service member

By Chris McCann
 JBER Public Affairs

Airman 1st Class James Thomas of the 703d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson was indicted June 15 on 11 charges including murder, evidence-tampering and obstruction of justice.

According to a Tuesday court filing in Anchorage, an autopsy found Senior Airman Clinton Reeves, formerly of the 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron, was killed with a blunt instrument.

Detectives found a hammer stained with human blood in Thomas' truck, and records of online searches about body disposal.

The new filing gives no information about how the Anchorage Police Department believes Reeves was killed, but it does contain details that show why detectives suspect Thomas in the case.

Reeves was last seen alive April 19, when he left work at the 673d LRS at the usual time.

When he failed to report for work April 23, supervisors became suspicious and reported him missing.

More than a week later, his rented vehicle was found abandoned in a neighborhood near JBER, and he was officially listed as missing.

On May 9, passersby in the neighboring town of Eagle River found Reeves' remains near a road.

Reeves had recently received an insurance payout of about \$4,000 after his car was totaled, and he had been looking for a replacement vehicle.

Police have not said whether Reeves had the money on him when he disappeared or not, or whether it was a factor in the murder.

Thomas was arrested May 9 in connection with the murder and was initially charged with six counts of evidence tampering, after it was determined he was one of the last people to see Reeves alive.

His accounts of the evening of April 19 varied, according to investigators, although Reeves' cell phone showed he had been at Thomas' house that night.

Thomas' cell phone records showed searches for methods of disposing of remains. Thomas had also borrowed a cell phone from a friend between May 4 and 6, and phone records indicate Thomas had been on the same road three days before Reeves' body was found.

Investigators at the state crime lab are working to determine whether the blood on the hammer from Thomas' truck is a match to Reeves, according to a bail memorandum.

Airman's Medal recipient recognized for heroism



Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacob Gibson poses with a gift he received from Rachel Zientek and her mother Tammy Zientek Monday. Gibson rescued Rachel Zientek from the wreckage of a plane June 10, 2010. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Omari Bernard)

Rescue volunteer surmounted tough week to rescue plane crash victim

By Airman 1st Class Omari Bernard
 JBER Public Affairs

The Talkeetna Theater was brim full as Airmen drifted in for the Commanders Call, a summons to hear a message from the base commander. Camera crews and news anchors floated around two distinct figures outside. An Airman in full service dress, his uniform deep blue, stood firm against the wave of media as he allows them to attach microphones to his uniform. Anchored next to him, a woman, with her hands held in her lap, answered questions directed towards her by reporters.

Rachel Zientek reported the tale of how she was rescued and the courage and heroism shown that day by the Airman next to her – how Staff Sgt. Jacob W. Gibson earned his Airman's Medal, the U.S. Air Force's highest award for extraordinary heroism not involving combat.

Before the award ceremony, at the be-

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Air Force Capt. Erik Boltman and Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacob Gibson were on scene when this Cessna 206 crashed into a Fairview home near JBER, June 1, 2010. Both Airmen took part in rescuing survivors from the crash. (Photo courtesy of the Anchorage Police Department)

Japanese and US forces unite during Red Flag-Alaska



Air Force Staff Sgt. Mark Manning and Tech. Sgt. Michael Dunkelberger examine the air drop system with Japanese Air Self Defense Force airmen Tuesday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett)

By Air Force Staff Sgt.
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 JBER Public Affairs

Japanese and American forces have once again joined their training operations during Red Flag-Alaska at JBER.

"This is my first time in Alaska," said Japanese Air Self Defense Force Col. Kiyoka Tomita, Red Flag detachment commander and native of Aichi, Japan. "I have visited America several times to attend meetings and conferences and to support other JASDF training exercises. It is the first time in Red Flag for me."

Tomita said his unit is enjoying not only Alaska, but the base itself enables them to better perform their mission.

"First of all, I think it is wonderful for JASDF to stay at this air base which is surrounded by attractive scenery," he said. "We can see beautiful mountains and

ocean. Thanks to well-conditioned, dining and other welfare facilities, we can focus on the exercise. That is the biggest advantage to us."

He also sees a lot of operational advantage in the size of American facilities and the laws governing flight operations.

"I suspect the facilities in Japan are a bit narrower than they are here on the American base," he said. "There are a lot of legal and fiscal limitations on usage and operation of air bases, so air bases and airfields tend to be narrow. There are fewer limitations here. We can exercise a lot of fighters and (airborne early warning and control system) here. As I expected, facilities here are bigger than those in Japan."

Tomita said Red Flag-Alaska is an excellent exercise to improve aerial tactics.

"This is a good opportunity to

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Community

Check out the Arctic Warrior community section for the latest sports, family and recreation news for JBER and the Anchorage Bowl area.





Army 1st Lt. Patrick Nguyen, a native of Houston, Texas, and 2nd platoon leader for Team Comanche, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry Regiment, looks around the corner of a building in the Terezayi district June 8. Team Comanche routinely patrols the district to show presence in the area. (U.S. Army photos/Staff Sgt. Jason Epperson)



ABOVE: Sgt. Gregory Andrews, a native of Palmer and a team leader assigned to 2nd Platoon, C/1-501st Inf., shows his squad's locations to Sgt. 1st Class Robert Roof, a native of Columbia, S.C., and 2nd platoon sergeant during a security patrol in Terezayi district June 8.

LEFT: Roof shares a piece of candy with an Afghan boy in Terezayi district June 8. Team Comanche, stationed at Combat Outpost Terezayi, routinely patrols the district to show presence in the area. Team Comanche is a combined-arms team organized around C/1-501st Inf.

Alaska National Guard selects first female state top NCO

By Sgt. Michelle Brown
134th Public Affairs Detachment

The Alaska Army National Guard is composed of 1,900 citizen Soldiers; of those only 320 are women.

It seemed natural for one woman who grew up with three brothers to join an organization that is mostly male. Some may call her a "tomboy" since she likes hunting, fishing, shooting a variety of weapons and working in the maintenance field.

With more than 25 years of experience in military administration, logistics and maintenance, along with a tour to Afghanistan, where she was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Command Sgt. Maj. Pamela Harrington was selected to be the first female state command sergeant major for the Alaska Army National Guard, effective June 1.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Pamela Harrington was selected because she has demonstrated through her professionalism, leadership and hard work that she is one of the best senior non-commissioned officers that the Alaska National Guard has ever had," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gordon Choate, senior enlisted advisor to the adjutant general, Alaska National Guard. "It was a very easy choice to pick her as number one."

Choate, the outgoing state command sergeant major, said the Alaska Army National Guard is a diverse organization with many opportunities for all Soldiers.

As the state command sergeant major, Harrington will advise Brig. Gen. Leon M. "Mike" Bridges, commander of the Alaska

Army National Guard, on enlisted Soldier-related issues, such as enforcement of policies, training and quality of life.

"I've watched her advance through the ranks of senior non-commissioned officer leadership," Bridges said. "She is highly confident, highly qualified, and I trust her implicitly to be the standard bearer for the enlisted corps."

Harrington said she appreciates the faith and confidence Bridges has placed in her by selecting her to be a part of his command team and looks forward to the challenge.

"I know that this is a team assignment, and I am but one part of this team," Harrington said. "My ability to enhance and complement the team performance is what is critical."

As the top senior enlisted Soldier, Harrington's goal is to know her Soldiers and to take care of them.

"I must always remember what the challenges were to me as a Soldier coming up through the ranks and constantly talk to Soldiers at every level and find out firsthand how well the leaders of our organization are doing at communicating with the force," Harrington said.

Her advice to those who are striving to excel in the Alaska Army National Guard is to never compromise standards or integrity to get ahead.

"I have a passion for the Alaska Army National Guard and for what I do, which is why I am still here after 25 years," Harrington said. "I love being a part of this team, and I want every Soldier to have that passion."



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National Guard aviators conduct fire training



As a UH-60 Black Hawk hovers over a lake, Sgt. Kevan Kattus, a crew chief from B Company, 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment, monitors the water bucket to ensure it is lifted completely out of the water before the helicopter moves forward. The unit conducted fire training June 9 and 10 to qualify new pilots and crew members, while re-certifying experienced pilots and crew for emergency wildfire missions. The training was conducted at JBER and Arctic Valley in Anchorage. (U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Darin Swain)

By Army Capt. Amy B. Slinker
134th Public Affairs Detachment

Alaska Army National Guard aviators conducted fire training at JBER and Arctic Valley in Anchorage June 9 and 10.

Members of B Company, 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment, flew UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, dumping buckets of water over targets that included tree lines and unused dirt roads.

Wildfire response is a state mission, so the unit conducts this training annually.

The training mission this weekend qualified new pilots and crew members, while re-certifying experienced pilots and crew for emergency wildfire missions. Pilots were required to successfully fly 12 drops, and approximately 25 Guardsmen participated in the training.

"We stopped at several different locations to scoop up water from nearby lakes," said Chief Warrant Officer Nyle Harrison, flight instructor pilot. "The water buckets can carry up to 900 gallons of water. It is important for the pilot to know how many pounds the Black Hawk is carrying, relative to how much the Black Hawk weighs and the amount of fuel it has."

Army 1st Lt. Jamie Odom manages communications for the regiment. She flew on the Black Hawk during Saturday's mission and had a front row seat to experience the challenges.

"This training is very important to the unit," Odom said. "Not only are the pilots training for real world state emergencies to put out wildfires, but they are also honing their target skills."

Harrison explained that this experience is critical for pilots, sharpening their Black Hawk maneuvering skills.

"Our pilots and crew members did exceptionally well this weekend," Harrison said. "They love doing this training, and it gives them confidence that they can do greater things."

Gibson

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gining of the meeting, Gibson and Zientek were interviewed by local media.

"Two years ago, you were saving Rachel's life," a media representative said. "How does it feel to be standing here receiving an award today?" They asked.

"It feels surreal," answered Gibson. "I try not to think of the award and so much as how I got it."

Gibson, a native of the small city of Waller, Texas, described losing someone before rescuing Zientek.

"Four days prior to that, I was down in Girdwood, coming back from a combat fishing tournament," recalled Gibson. "A girl had come running, screaming out of the bakery, and soon after another followed screaming for a doctor."

When he approached the girl she asked whether he was a doctor, to which he replied, no. He inquired, "What's going on?"

One of cooks in the back was having a heart attack, said the girl. "Is anyone doing CPR?" Gibson, who was certified in CPR, asked. She replied with a blank stare.

"I went to the back and started doing chest compressions," Gibson said. "A cop came with an EKG and started performing mouth to mouth."

Soon after the officer arrived, paramedics and life-flight arrived. After 45 minutes of chest compressions the paramedics who were in contact with a doctor declared the cook dead. The death of the cook weighed upon him, Gibson said.

"I went in to work the very next day," Gibson told his co-workers. "I lost a guy, with my own hands, I couldn't bring him back; it was going to be a rough day."

Two days later, he spoke with the chaplain about the incident.

"No matter what it is, don't be afraid to ask for help," Gibson advised. "It's not about being proud, stubborn, and humble. Just ask for help."

The very next day, a plane that took off from Merrill Field went crashed into the side of a Fairview building, injuring four people and killing one, according to a news release.

"I was leaving the base trying to beat traffic," Gibson said.

The day the plane crashed, a police officer in the opposite lane had turned on



Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacob Gibson stands with Air Force Col. Brian Duffy, 673d Air Base Wing commander, and Rachel Zientek along with others who were involved in a plane crash June 1, 2010. Gibson was awarded the Airman's Medal Monday for selflessly rescuing Zientek from the wreckage of a burning plane. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Omari Bernard)

his lights and had begun to sail through the sea of traffic when Gibson observed people pointing in the direction of a spiraling column of smoke. When he saw the black clouds, he immediately pulled in behind a gas station, not knowing what had happened, he proceeded to the scene.

"When I came around the corner and saw the aircraft, I saw people holding up the wing," Gibson said. "I didn't see anyone actively pulling anyone out of the aircraft, so I freaked out and sprinted towards the cockpit."

That's when he saw Zientek. He pulled her from wreckage and into the arms of an Anchorage police officer. He then returned to the aircraft to aid in the rescue of the next passenger.

"We would not have been able to do what we did if there weren't people holding up that wing," Gibson said.

"He's the type that would do anything for anyone," said Jessi Gibson, Sergeant Gibson's wife. "Saving Rachel's life is what brought him back, not only to himself but also to me."

When Gibson, Zientek, and Air Force Col. Brian Duffy, commander of JBER and 673d Air Base Wing entered, the theater stood at attention as they took to the center of the stage. An announcer read the citation of the act of valor that earned Gibson the award. Duffy presented and pinned the Airman's Medal on Gibson's chest.

They shook hands, saluted and simultaneously turned toward the crowded theater. A roar of applause erupted and Gibson blushed as Duffy motioned for Rachel Zientek's family and Jessi Gibson to take the stage and receive a round of applause before they departed the theater. Duffy waved at Rachel Zientek's family and Jessi Gibson to take the

stage and receive a round of applause before they departed the theater.

Jacob Gibson exited the theater and answered more questions from the incoming tide of local media. There, he was surprised by a personal gift from Rachel Zientek's mother, Tammy Zientek.

"This is a copy of Rachel's Bible that survived the plane crash," Tammy Zientek said. She thanked him for saving her daughter and embraced him as he accepted the memento.

"What's more important to you today, is it this award or is it the relationships you have gained?" A media representative asked Gibson.

He replied without hesitation, "We're taking her out, showing her Alaska. This is the good stuff, not the bad stuff that happened. It's a life experience you can look forward to."



Members of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force inspect a Japanese C-130 Hercules during Red Flag - Alaska on the flight line of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska June 19. The C-130 Hercules offers a maximum speed of 600 kilometers an hour with a payload of 19,400 pounds and can be used for air drops. Red Flag-Alaska is designed to strengthen bilateral ties between nations and offers the JASDF the opportunity to improve aerial tactics. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf)



More photos

For more photos of the JASDF at Red Flag-Alaska, visit the JBER photostream by scanning this QR code or visit <http://tinyurl.com/7pcz42>

JASDF

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promote bilateral relationships," the Japanese commander said. "RF-Alaska is one of the most excellent exercises to improve aerial tactics."

"I believe that RF-Alaska could be a very important opportunity to promote bilateral relationships. Our roles during it are airlifts, air refuels, airborne early warning and control systems and more."

Tomita said his unit came prepared.

"We came here with three C-130 Hercules, two KC-767's tankers and one E-767," he said. "I brought maintenance crews, too. Although we have borrowed some maintenance equipment from USAF, we maintain our aircraft ourselves. In addition to maintenance crews, we have brought personnel for intelligence, transportation, accounting, medical and so on. We coordinate with many people and functions. Our units are organized very similar to Air Force units."

Tomita said he sees Red Flag-Alaska as important to the Pacific theater.

"I think that in the Pacific region, especially the situation of East Asia, is so unpredictable," he said. "Therefore, it is significant to continue to deepen our bilateral partnership. In this sense, RF-A is surely a good opportunity to achieve that purpose."

The JASDF have a history participating in Red Flag-Alaska operations. Their C-130H has attended the exercise since 1996, and AEWCS unit since 2003, and KC-767 since 2010.

According to JASDF fact sheets, the Japanese C-130 offers a maximum speed of 600 kilometers an hour with a payload of 19,400 pounds. The Japanese AEWCS E-767 can fly at about 832 kilometers an hour and a range of 9,000 kilometers with a crew of 20 members. Their KC-767 cruises at about 850 kilometers an hour with a 7,200 kilometer range with 30 tons of cargo.

"I fly a C-1," Tomita said. "It is a Japanese-manufactured aircraft."

The Japanese commander said he wants to take his operations a step further.

"In the future, I think it will be great if we could serve as a Japanese commander during an airlift in order to expand our functions," he said.

Coast Guard saves fishermen from sinking vessel



A Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew rescues five crew members from their sinking fishing vessel Sunday. The fishermen donned survival suits and deployed a 17-foot skiff to keep themselves safe until the Coast Guard arrived on scene. (U.S. Coast Guard photo/Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Klingenberg)

Coast Guard District 17
News release

KODIAK — A Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew rescued five crew members from a sinking fishing vessel more than 70 miles west of Kodiak, Sunday.

The Coast Guard received a call at 11:35 a.m. that the 56-foot fishing vessel Scandia was taking on water and the crew was unable to keep up with the rate of flooding. As a result, the crew donned survival suits, deployed a 17-foot skiff and abandoned ship.

All five crewmembers of the Scandia were hoisted from the skiff at 1:23 p.m. and safely delivered to Air Station Kodiak. There were no injuries or medical concerns reported by the crew.

“The crew of the Scandia was well prepared by having essential safety gear on board,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Michael McCandless, Sector Anchorage Command Center watchstander. “Having survival suits, a life raft, and a skiff available was vital to their survival until the Coast Guard could get on scene.”

The fishing vessel was reportedly carrying 1,200 gallons of diesel and 80 gallons of lube oil, however, there have been no reports of pollution at this time.

The vessel remains partially submerged more than 70 miles west of Kodiak. The Coast Guard is conducting radio broadcasts encouraging all boaters to keep a sharp lookout and use caution while transiting the area.

168th Air Refueling Wing maintainers keep aircraft mission ready

By Air Force 1st Lt. Bernie Kale
168th ARW Public Affairs

If you spend time with aircraft maintenance personnel for any length of time, you soon realize they speak in a language few outside their career field understand.

For 168th Air Refueling Wing aircraft maintenance supervisor Staff Sgt. Josh Thompson, terms like, “one-one hundredths of a millimeter,” “IFE’s” (in flight emergency) and “push it to the pad” actually make sense when speaking to a coworker.

Thompson has worked on numerous aircraft while serving in the Air Force and Air National Guard. As an active-duty Airman, he maintained B-1 Bombers and F-16 Falcons before transitioning



A KC-135R Stratotanker launches from the runway during Red Flag-Alaska. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Miguel Lara III)

to KC-135s when he joined the 168th nearly three years ago.

“The airframes are pretty much the same thing when you get down to the mechanics of it,” Thompson said. “And they all require a fair amount of maintenance to keep it

in the air.”

Thompson said it takes some perfectionist or “type A” personality traits to ensure the KC-135 is flying in top form.

“Of course, there have been improvements to the avionics and

engine upgrades over the years, but without preventative scheduled maintenance, this aircraft would have a lot of issues and probably not be air-worthy,” Thompson said. “That’s why we have to be exact in our measurements and follow our ‘technical orders,’ word for word, every time we inspect the aircraft.”

As Thompson works on the throttle cable on one of the engines, his coworker Tech. Sgt. Sean Finney is in the cockpit making additional adjustments.

Finney has been with 168th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for his entire eight-year career, and revels in the fact the maintenance side of aviation is often the unsung hero of the Air Force.

“My job is to maintain an aircraft that doesn’t attract a lot of attention when compared to the

more flashy fighters or bombers in the Air Force,” Finney said. “But without the KC-135s performing air-refueling, their long-range strikes wouldn’t be possible.”

Both Thompson and Finney agree they wouldn’t trade their jobs for any others in the military.

“It’s more than a job,” Finney said. “I get the satisfaction of knowing that I directly helped the mission by guaranteeing that our tankers will stay in the air for years to come and continue to fuel our fighters and bombers around the world. That’s a great feeling.”

The 168th Air Refueling Wing is the only Arctic region refueling unit and is responsible for refueling all of the Pacific Air Forces. Currently, the 168th transfers more fuel than any other Air National Guard tanker wing.

Briefs and Announcements

Disposition of effects

Army 2nd Lt. Augustin Paulo, 1st Squadron (Airborne) 40th Cavalry Regiment, is authorized to make disposition of personal effects of Pfc. Vincent J. Ellis, 1-40th Cav., as stated in Army Regulation 638-2.

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of the deceased should contact Paulo at (817) 501-7791.

Disposition of effects

Army 2nd Lt. Andrew Rampp, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry Regiment, is authorized to make disposition of personal effects of Pfc. Nathan T. Davis, 1-501st Inf., as stated in Army Regulation 638-2.

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of the deceased should contact Rampp at (907) 384-7668.

Coaches needed

Volunteer youth soccer coaches are needed in several divisions. For more information, call 552-2266.

Road closures

D Street will be closed between 5th and 6th streets from 6 p.m. until Saturday when the work is complete to accommodate routing utilities to a new barracks building.

Affected intersections will be turned to flashing red, turning them into three-way stops for the duration of the closure.

Motorists and pedestrians should avoid the area when possible to keep confusion to a minimum.

Juneau Avenue will be closed between 5th and 6th streets until March 15, 2013, to support demolition operations and construction of new homes.

Public Health closures

Public Health closes the first Thursday of the month from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and the third Thursday of the month from noon to 4:30 p.m. every month. For more information, call 580-4014.

MiCare registration

MiCare, the online personal health record and secure messaging application, has been available to patients and medical group staff at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

since December.

More than 2,400 patients have already signed up to take advantage of the ability to communicate with their primary care clinicians online. Registered patients also have access to electronic records, allowing them to view and maintain their health records.

The 673d Medical Group is the first Air Force site to test this system.

Once registered, patients have the ability to participate in the study by completing a short series of surveys during the course of the next year. This provides an opportunity for all active-duty, retired and dependent patients to have an impact on shaping the future of Air Force health services.

To register, visit the Military Treatment Facility, where enrollment specialists are available in each primary care clinic.

All beneficiaries who are enrolled in the family health, pediatrics, flight medicine and internal medicine clinics are eligible to participate. Patients need to show a military identification card and provide information, including name, social security number, birthday and email address.

The enrollment specialist will enter the information and patients will receive an email which contains a link and instructions for completing the process.

Hospital closure

The 673d Medical Group will close the hospital all day July 3 for a family day and on July 4.

School physicals

The 673d Medical Group is offering physicals by appointment only for school and sports. Physicals are valid for one year. To schedule an appointment, call 580-2778.

Mortgage relief

President Barack Obama announced March 6 steps to provide significant housing relief to thousands of service members and veterans who have faced wrongful foreclosure or been denied a lower interest rate on their mortgages.

Service members and their dependents who believe that their Service Member Civil Relief Act rights have been violated should

contact their servicing legal assistance office – 552-3046 at JBER-Elmendorf office, and 284-0371 for the JBER-Richardson office.

Additionally, information and referral services regarding the mortgage relief plan can be obtained at the JBER Military and Family Readiness Center, 552-4943.

U-Fix-It Store

The U-Fix-it Store is located in Building 706 and is open to all Aurora Military Housing tenants.

Assorted items for maintaining your home may be issued from the U-Fix-It Store.

The items available are subject to change and limits and some may have a cost.

There are also American flag kits, and fire extinguishers available. U-Fix-It work includes all home maintenance activities.

Its purpose is to allow the occupant to make minor improvements and repairs to their home and cut down on the amount of service orders at maintenance.

This allows tenants to do work in their homes themselves, thus improving the appearance of the interior as well as the exterior of the home. There are two stores located on base.

The JBER-Elmendorf location is 6350 Arctic Warrior Drive and it is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. (closed for lunch noon to 1 p.m.).

The JBER-Richardson location is Building 706 1st St., open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

A window blind cleaning machine is currently located at the JBER-Elmendorf location.

A “reservation required to use” policy is in place with the priority going to military members PCS-ing. For more information, call 375-5540.

Find housing

Visit the Automated Housing Referral Network at 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.

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.

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.

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.

Giant Voice testing

Giant Voice mass notification system testing occurs every Wednesday at noon. If the announcement is difficult to hear or understand, please call 552-3000.

If the announcement is difficult to hear or understand in any base housing area, please contact JBER at [Facebook.com/JBERAK](https://www.facebook.com/JBERAK).

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>.

Otter Lake fishing

The sport fishery on Otter Lake has been liberalized to allow harvest of 10 rainbow trout per day, 10 in possession, effective until Oct. 1.

There continues to be no bag, possession or size limits for northern pike.

For more information call 267-2153.

Military publications

Visit the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Public Affairs Office, 10480 22nd Ave., Suite 123, for copies of the JBER Installation Guide and Phone book (limited supply).

Municipality of Anchorage maps are also available.

Call 552-8918 for information.



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Military members and civilians in various clothing, including medieval styles, do battle with foam swords during a Lupine Moon meeting at Russian Jack Park in Anchorage June 16. More than 50 people participated at the Amtgard grouping, which also includes various crafts such as chain mail knitting, with approximately one in five military. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett)

Service members, civilians play medieval war in Anchorage park

By Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett
JBER Public Affairs

Like a scene out of the movie *Braveheart*, troops stand in two lines, facing each other and separated only by a vast field of grass.

All carry weapons of some kind, whether swords or shields, knives or daggers. A few carry bows and arrows or crossbows. Many wear various leather and metal armor. All wear colored headbands to identify their allegiance.

The yell to charge is given, and the lines scream battle cries as they race towards each other. Swords clash and many quickly fall victim to stab wounds or lost limbs. Arrows pierce through the air and many connect with their targets. Thrown daggers catch many off guard who paid too much attention to the arrows.

The scene on the battlefield is a chaotic massacre. Leaders soon call strategic retreats to form their troops into squads with squad leaders. The squad leaders quickly collect intelligence on how the enemy is attacking and where their weak areas are, and then assign their squad members accordingly.

The strikes begin again, this time surrounding a castle. Now

the archers are valued more than ever and additional troops guard them as they fire into the mass and deal extensive death tolls. Squads strategically surround individual enemy combatants whose skill level, regardless how experienced, is simply overcome.

What's missing is the blood and gore. While much of the armor is real leather and metal, the swords and other melee weapons are made of at least two inches of closed-cell foam with fiberglass cores.

The bows are real, but the arrowheads are also padded. Nothing is designed to cause serious injury. The castle consisted of four portable walls approximately four feet tall. Everything is relatively safe and legal.

Army Staff Sgt. Dara Wolff makes sure of it. Part of her job within the medieval-styled group called Lupine Moon is to ensure that all legal waivers are signed.

In her real life, Wolff serves on the Fort Richardson side of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in the Troop Health Clinic of the medical detachment command as a medical lab noncommissioned officer.

Wolff is a member of Amtgard, a nonprofit organization that combines medieval fantasy role-playing with live-action com-

bat. Lupine Moon is the Amtgard group in Anchorage.

"Today we have about 50 or 60 people that were actively participating," said Wolff.

The Three Barons fair acted as a recruiting system for organizations like Lupine Moon or the Society for Creative Anachronism, she said.

Amtgard is an international organization, she said.

"Pretty much anywhere you go there's going to be an Amtgard group," she said. "This one is Lupine Moon, and we also have one in Fairbanks. When we were in San Antonio, we belonged to one called Celestial Springs down there."

Members of all branches of military service, active duty, guard and reserve are welcome to participate in an Amtgard community, she said.

While the fighting is safe and fun, much more is offered.

"You learn crafts; you see a lot of people wearing armor and a lot of the people make their own stuff," she said. "Chain mail, things like that. I know some people that are deployed right now that have made a lot of their own stuff."

Amtgard is a community that supports the military. One in five people in their group are in the military, she said.



A civilian dressed as a ninja prepares for battle during a Lupine Moon meeting, a part of the Amtgard group, at Russian Jack Park in Anchorage June 16.

"We send care packages out periodically for our deployed members," Wolff said. "They sent us pictures and those are posted on our website and Facebook page to communicate that way and keep their spirits up until they come home. We've shown up early to see them off when they deployed; we had 10 or 15 of us signed in on base, hanging out at the motor pool to send them on their way."

Amtgard groups normally stay within easy access of bases, she said.

"They are pretty close by military bases," Wolff said. "You can get hold of somebody and we have prime ministers that handle a lot of the public affairs stuff. Just like SCA or some of the other things, we do have kingdoms, princes, prime ministers, leadership area stuff like we have out today. You see people doing different things."

It's for fun, but it's also an opportunity to practice team and social dynamics, she said.

"This is a chance for people who are not terribly socialized to come out and be like 'this is really weird, I am dressed up like a barbarian' when in real life I'm a nurse or something," Wolff said. "You come here, you get to do

something different and you get to work with different people. You have all ethnicities and all degrees of capability."

Both singles and families can join in.

"Our daughter is out here today," she said. "She's drawing and usually plays with the kids."

"Kids are not allowed to fight with an adult until they are 15 and have a parent's signature; we keep that on record so it's waived and everything."

To participate doesn't require being physically fit, she said. It's also available to people with special needs.

"We do have some personnel that have disorders and challenges. We have somebody that comes out periodically that's blind; he's one of our healers," she said. "He wears a special sash so people don't hit him, but he comes in the back and heals people, he does the 'spells.'"

"It gives everyone a chance to come out and visit," she said.

Meetings are held at the south side of Russian Jack Park by the tennis courts Saturdays at noon.

For information, visit www.amtguardinc.com or www.lupinemoon.com or email info@lupinemoon.com.



Matthew Sisk, a military spouse from the Anchorage community, engages in mock medieval battle with foam swords during a Lupine Moon meeting at Russian Jack Park in Anchorage June 16. More than 50 people participated at the Amtgard grouping, which is about one-fifth military.

Connecting with God through creation in Alaska

Commentary by Chaplain (Maj.) Steven Lambert
Rear Detachment, 4/25 ABCT

Growing up in deep east Texas amidst the woods of towering pine trees, when we visited my cousins in west Texas, I never understood how they saw beauty in the treeless and seemingly barren west Texas landscape.

Yet they saw beauty all around them in the cotton fields with the horizon stretching for hundreds of miles.

When asked what the far eastern Iraq countryside was like near the Iranian border, where I was deployed for a year, I would reply that it made west Texas and southeastern New Mexico look lush and beautiful by comparison.

At times I was tempted to describe it as the most Godforsaken-land and most barren of all places I had been.

Such description was anything but true, especially the Godforsaken part, given it was the birth place of humanity, the home of Abraham, the land of Babylon and today a place of people of devout faith.

God was and is very much part of the place.

On one of my first visits to one of the many Iraqi border forts, I noticed they had a room set aside for prayer.

I was struck by the incredible quiet of the place and longed to be able to stay there for a few days for prayer far away from the incessant sound of generators back at our combat outpost.

I suddenly understood beauty in a new way amidst the seeming barrenness of the landscape.

Alaska is far away from what most people know as home and what is familiar to them, making it commonly feel like a strange and foreign land to a newcomer.

For all who experienced the snowiest winter on record this year, one can understand the barrenness of Alaska even without going to Nome or many other road-less places in the state.

Yet Alaska is a place of uncommon beauty.

The Bible, especially in the books of Psalms, Isaiah and Romans, talks about creation being an opportunity to experience God's presence with us, notice God's power among us and share in God's grace given to us.

The mountains with their grandeur, the shades of color throughout the evening and early morning on the trees and water, the abundance of life in the forms of animals and all the plants during the short growing season of the north – they all can be experiences of God if we will notice God in creation.

Mountains with their size, altitude, and power give many people a new perspective or cause them to feel closer to God.

For these reasons I especially enjoy the drive to Seward on the Kenai Peninsula, driving amongst the mountains and Turnagain Arm, with the internal peace it gives me.

Even the birch leaves blowing in the wind can be an expression of God waving at us with delight.

Throughout the Gospels, we frequently hear of Jesus retreating to the garden at night for a time of renewal and refreshment with God.

The getting away can be a time for silence, solitude and new perspectives on life.

Many people hunt, fish, boat, hike or go ATVing as an opportunity to get away from the business of life, find some internal peace

and quiet or gain new perspective.

With the long winters in Alaska, time outside in God's creation is not only helpful for our mental and physical health but also for our spiritual health – as it can help open us to God's presence all around us and the work of God in all things.

As an Alaska resident since 1985 and an avid backpacker, I have experienced the Alaska wilderness as a place to be respected but not feared.

It is a place of renewal and re-creation for many people.

I would contend it is such because it is place where many people reconnect with that which is at the core of their being – God, even if they do not name it as God.

Although summer was a time of a change of pace growing up in Texas, the heat was something to be endured.

Summer in Alaska is truly a time of renewal, the treat or reward after the long winter cold.

If you choose, summer in Alaska can also be a time of experiencing God's constant presence with you – if you will just open your door and walk into the beauty of God surrounding you.

Check yourself before you wreck yourself on a motorcycle

Commentary by Dan Burley
Air Force News Service

It was a beautiful, mid-spring Sunday afternoon in Kenai, Alaska, a few years ago when my wife and I witnessed what we thought for certain was going to be a motorcycle fatality.

After stopping on the side of the road to get a few photos of a young moose grazing in a pond, we pulled back onto the highway and fell in line behind a motorcycle which was following a pick-up truck.

A few things immediately caught my eye about this situation.

The motorcyclist was tailgating and his lane selection, middle of the lane, was a poor choice for the current traffic flow, all this insight, courtesy of being a past Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider coach.

The motorcycle was a full-dresser type; windshield, fairing, tandem seat and saddle bags.

The rider was also a full dresser; full-face helmet, boots, mittens and a snow suit.

Yes, I said "snow suit." Re-

member, this is Alaska in the springtime.

As I got up to highway speed, I kept some extra space between the motorcycle and my vehicle, to allow extra time to react, just in case.

I didn't really believe "just in case" was up the road about a quarter mile.

My wife saw it first.

I could tell something was amiss because she does this "tsk tsk" thing when something astonishing is happening or is about to happen.

Because of a slight left bend in the road, I was a split second behind her in deducing the developments at hand.

The motorcyclist had grown impatient with the slowing

pick-up truck in front of him.

He moved to the left one-third of his lane, saw that he had room to pass, performed a head check to his left and rolled on the throttle.

I saw the lane change and heard a roar come from his exhaust pipes at about the same time I heard the "Tsk Tsk."

What the motorcyclist couldn't see – because of his poor choice to tailgate – was that a full-size crew-cab extended pick-up was about to enter the roadway from the right, at the upcoming "T" intersection.

I could see that the young girl driving the crew cab had spotted the same break in traffic that the motorcyclist had seen, and was impatient, as evidenced by

her perfect execution of a classic "California" rolling stop.

She immediately turned left into the traffic.

What she couldn't see, but my wife and I had a perfect view of, was the motorcyclist starting his passing maneuver.

It was at about this time I said to my wife, "this is not good."

Teaching MSF courses makes you adept at being able to tell when a motorcyclist applies brakes or rolls on and off their throttle, and in this case neither occurred.

The rider was full on throttle until impact.

I'll leave out any gory stuff, but let's just say he looked like a hockey player being flattened up against the ice rink boards as he impacted the left rear door of the crew cab.

This flattening probably saved his life by spreading out the force of the impact along his entire body length.

I swerved around the downed rider and mishap vehicles and found a safe spot to pull off the road and called 911.

By the time I got out of the car,

there were about 10 people on site helping the injured rider.

One of the people helping was a nurse who gave the rider two cardiopulmonary-respiratory rescue breaths to help him breathe again.

I found out the next day that the rider survived and was released from the local hospital a few hours after the accident.

It seems his wife was adamant about him wearing "full-body armor" which incorporates spine, chest, leg and arm protection into a zip-on under suit.

As with most mishaps, there were a lot of factors that contributed to this accident.

The primary factor in this case was that both operators were impatient with the traffic flow.

This summer, while traveling, give yourself plenty of time so you're not rushed and become impatient; factor in rest stops along the way to keep you fresh and alert and expect the unexpected.

Remember, "Check yourself before you wreck yourself."

Don't become a statistic this summer motorcycle season. Ride like you're invisible.



FSS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FUN



FREE TAI CHI CLASSES
THURSDAYS · 7 - 8 A.M.
MOOSE RUN GOLF COURSE
BLDG. 27000 ARCTIC VALLEY ROAD
428-0056



FREE BERRY IDENTIFICATION CLASS
JUNE 25 · 6 - 8 P.M.
DYEA SKI FACILITY
BLDG. 794 · 384-1475/76



ANCHORAGE TRAILS BIKE RIDE
MEDIUM PACED BIKE RIDE.
18 - 30 MILES ON PAVED TRAILS.
JUNE 23 · 11 A.M. · FREE
RENTAL BIKES \$5
OUTDOOR RECREATION JBER ELMENDORF
BLDG. 7301 · 552-2023

RECREATION



MATANUSKA GLACIER
ICE CLIMBING AND TRAVERSE
JUNE 29 · 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
ADULTS \$99 · 14 - 16 YRS. \$75
OUTDOOR RECREATION JBER RICHARDSON
BLDG. 794 · 384-1475



CROW CREEK GOLD PANNING
JUNE 23 · 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
ADULTS \$54 · 12 - 15 YRS. \$25
OUTDOOR RECREATION JBER RICHARDSON
BLDG. 794 · 384-1475



WHITTIER KAYAKING
JUNE 30 · 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
ADULTS \$54 · 12 - 15 YRS. \$25
ELMENDORF OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM
BLDG. 7301 · 552-2023



HATCHER PASS ATV
JUNE 23 & 30 · 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
\$150 DRIVERS · \$50 RIDERS
OUTDOOR RECREATION JBER ELMENDORF
BLDG. 7301 · 552-2023



GEOCACHING CLASS
JUNE 24 · 12 P.M. · \$10
OUTDOOR RECREATION JBER ELMENDORF
BLDG. 7301 · 552-2023

Community happenings

SATURDAY
Summer Solstice Festival
 Alaskans celebrate the longest day of the year in downtown Anchorage with tons of events in one sweet celebration.
 Hero Games pit police, firefighters, military members and state troopers against each other. Live music, vendors and more are on the docket.
 For information, visit www.anchorage downtown.org or call 279-5650.

Mayor's Marathon
 Join runners and walkers from around the world for the annual half marathon or full marathon, a 5K, and a Youth Cup.
 The longest day of summer kicks off at 8 a.m. from Bartlett High School to West High School.
 For information, call 786-1325 or visit mayorsmarathon.com.

Amateur Radio Field Day
 The Elmendorf Amateur Radio Society host this Field Day at Paxton Park all day starting at 9 a.m.
 Learn about how ham radio can be a lifesaver in an emergency and how you can talk to hams around the world.
 For information, email KL7AIR@arrl.net.

JUNE 27
Golf tournament
 JBER first sergeants host this golf tournament at the Eagle Glen Golf Course with a shotgun start at 7 a.m.
 For information, call 552-1892.

JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 1
Commissary sidewalk sale
 Check out the buys from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 29 and 30 and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 1.
 Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Police Dog will be making the rounds to talk to children from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. June 30, and drawings and samples are on tap.
 For information, call 580-9996.

JUNE 30
Scottish Highland Games
 Break out your kilt and caber for the annual Highland Games in Eagle River's Lions Park.
 Piping and drumming, dancing and dining and a Kilted Mile run are on the schedule along with

much more.
 For information, visit www.alaskascottish.org.

JULY 3 AND 4
July 4th celebration
 The communities of Eagle River and Chugiak host a celebration for locals to enjoy entertainment, skydivers, games and concessions.
 Midnight means the first July 4th fireworks display, and the 4th is time for the Chugiak Community Parade, which starts at the Latimer Fire Station on the Old Glenn Highway.
 For information, visit www.cer.org.

JULY 4
July 4th Celebration
 The citywide celebration of Independence Day features a parade at the Park Strip, a pancake breakfast and tons of activities for the whole family.
 For information visit www.anchoragejuly4thcelebration.com.

JULY 6 THROUGH 8
Girdwood Forest Fair
 The fair features Alaska artists, hand-crafted items, exotic foods and entertainment from all over the state.
 The event kicks off with a parade Saturday at 10 a.m. with parking at the Alyeska Resort daylodge.
 July 6 and 7 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and July 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, visit www.girdwoodforestfair.com.

JULY 9
Alaska Flag Day
 Celebrate the Alaska flag and its designer, Benny Benson, with music, food, face-painting and balloon-tying.
 The Service High School parking lot hosts this celebration from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30.
 For more information, call 346-2101.

JULY 11 THROUGH 15
Bear Paw Festival
 Join the Eagle River and Chugiak communities for this annual festival of fun.
 Barbecues, a carnival with rides, military and civilian bands, and performing arts and exhibits are just the tip of the iceberg with this family hit.
 For information visit www.bearpawfestival.org or call 694-4702.

For information, call 552-4422.

JULY 21
Alaska Men's Run
 Join this 5-mile run or 2-mile walk with registration from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Anchorage football stadium.
 The run starts at 10 a.m. and benefits those with prostate or testicular cancer.
 For information call 622-9243.

Cardboard Boat Regatta
 Design and build a cardboard boat with duct tape and white glue, then race it at Goose Lake Park.
 This family-friendly, team-building activity is an Alaska tradition.
 For information, visit www.muni.org/parks or call 343-4130.

JULY 28 AND 29
Arctic Thunder Open House and Airshow
 Join JBER for this joint-base extravaganza all weekend.
 The Air Force's Thunderbirds and the Army's Golden Knights parachute team headline, with many other air acts and static displays including Army vehicles.
 This open house is a great time to explore the military's presence in Alaska, with vendors, activities and fun for all.
 For more information, visit www.jber.af.mil/arcticthunder/.

ONGOING
Sing-along at the zoo
 Pre-school aged children 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-alongs are at 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the coffee shop greenhouse.
 For information email 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 homestyle meals Fridays at 6 p.m. at the cafe.

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 about meetings, work days, and shows, call 552-5234, visit www.trainweb.org/msmrr or email bjorgan@alaska.net.

Motorcycle training
 The Basic Rider Course, Basic Rider Course 2 and Military Sport-bike Rider Course are now accepting applications.
 All military personnel and those civilians who use motorcycles as a duty requirement need to be certified.
 To register, visit www.militarysafepmv.com and select Elmendorf-Richardson, or contact the safety office at 552-5092 or 552-6850.

Experience the Aurora
 It's the next best thing to the Alaska winter sky – and a lot more comfortable than standing around in a parka.
 The Anchorage Museum's planetarium provides an immersive show that explains the science behind the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.
 The show projects time-lapse footage of the lights in the Arctic Circle.
 For more information, call 929-9200 or visit anchoragemuseum.org.

Spenard Farmer's Market
 Under the windmill between 25th and 26th Avenues, you can find everything made, caught or grown in Alaska.
 Fresh oysters, organic bread, garden starts, flowers and reindeer sausage are just a few of the offerings on tap every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sept. 29.
 For information call 563-6273 or visit www.spenardfarmersmarket.org.

Anchorage Market
 More than 300 booths offer a host of items weekends from 10

Chapel services

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

Monday through Friday
 11:40 a.m. – Soldiers' Chapel
Monday, Tuesday, 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.)

a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 3rd Avenue and E Street parking lot.
 With free lively entertainment and food vendors, the Anchorage market is a family-friendly outing every weekend through the end of September.
 For information, visit www.anchagemarkets.com.

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UP-COMING EVENTS IN JULY

NEW!





2012 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
 JULY 1 - SEPT 22
 3 CATEGORIES: NATURE · ANIMALS · PEOPLE
 WIN \$25 VISA GIFT CARD
ARCTIC OASIS COMMUNITY CENTER
 BLDG. 9497 · 552-8529



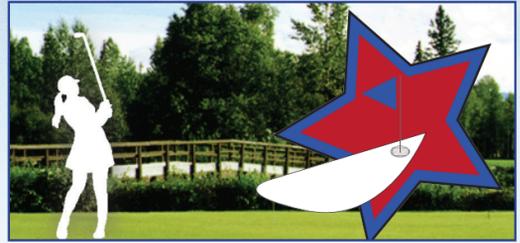
HOPE PINK SALMON FISHING TOUR
 JULY 27 & 28 · 7 A.M. - 5 P.M. · \$99
JBER RICHARDSON OUTDOOR RECREATION
 BLDG. 794 · 384-1475/76



4TH OF JULY BBQ BUFFET
 \$10 FOR BBQ BUFFET
 JULY 4 · 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
MOOSE RUN GOLF COURSE
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 JULY 4 · 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
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 428-0056



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 JULY 4
EAGLE GLEN GOLF COURSE
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 4 MONDAYS · \$60 · SIGN UP REQUIRED
 4 - 5 PM · 6 - 10 YRS.
 5:15 - 6:15 P.M. · 11 YRS. AND OLDER
JBER RICHARDSON WARRIOR EXTREME PAINTBALL COURSE (NEAR OTTER LAKE)
INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS
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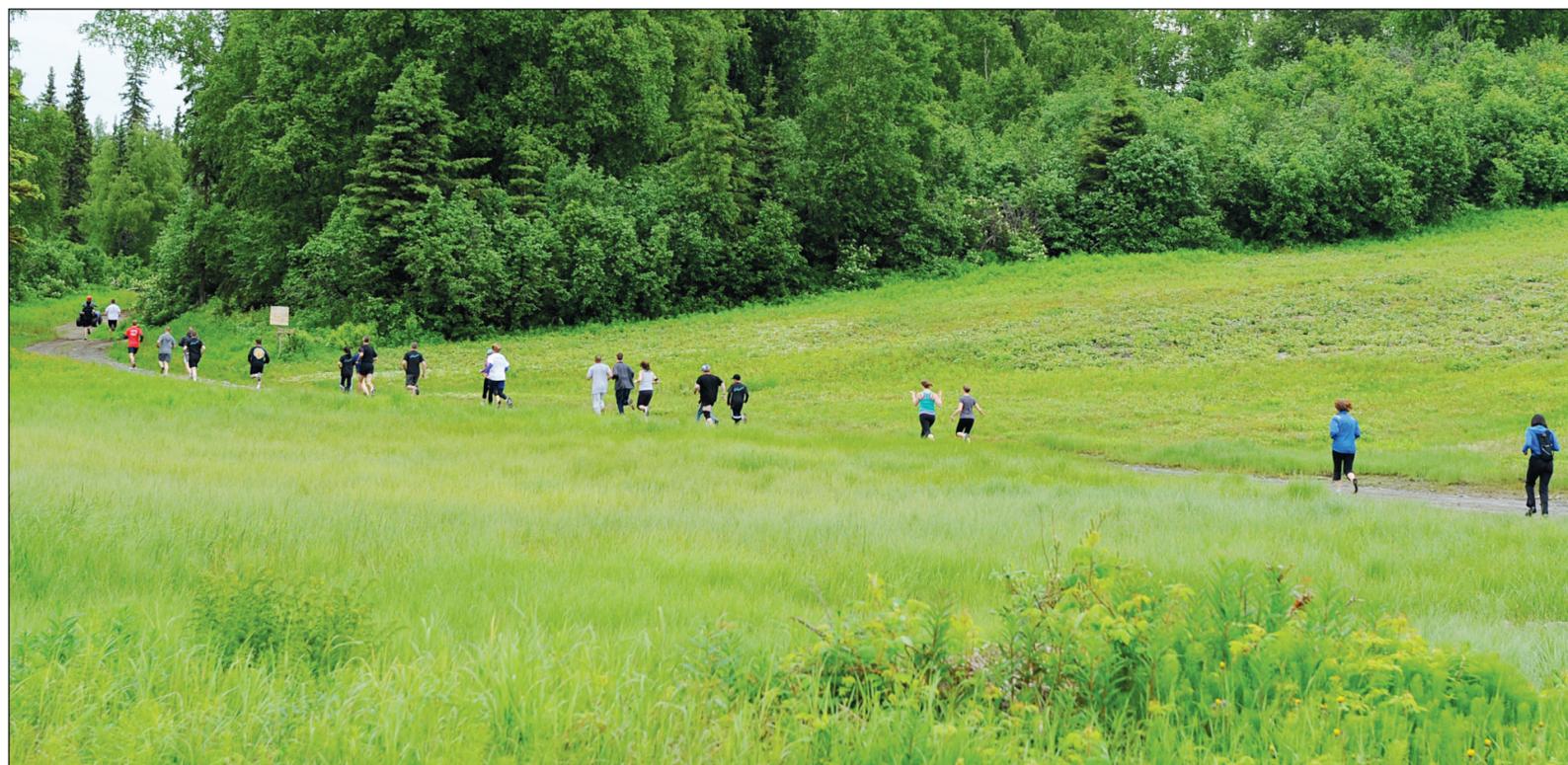
Participants of the Hillberg Challenge start the race on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson June 15. The challenge was a four-and-a-half-mile cross-country run hosted by the 673d Force Support Squadron, in the Hillberg Ski Area on the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf)



Esther Min and Martha Rodriguez race for second place during the Hillberg Challenge on JBER June 15. The challenge was a four-and-a-half-mile cross-country run hosted by the 673d Force Support Squadron, which gave distance runners a chance to get out and run with others. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf)



Daniel and Joseph Min run during the Hillberg Challenge on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson June 15. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Sarah Trachte)



Participants in the Hillberg Challenge begin the race on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson June 15. The challenge was a four-and-a-half mile cross-country run hosted by the 673d Force Support Squadron. The challenge is a staple on JBER, as is the Combat Cross Country series – cross-country runs in uniform, combat boots and with a 35-pound rucksack. Combat Cross Country is ongoing through the summer. For more information on running and other outdoor activities on base, call the Buckner Physical Fitness Center at 384-1304 or 384-1312, or the Elmendorf Fitness Center at 552-5353. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf)

