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Air Force's youngest B-52 turns 50 this year

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Powell
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Editor's note: This article is a first in a series leading up to the JBER Open House July 28 and 29. A Global Strike Command B-52 Stratofortress is scheduled to perform a fly-over during the Open House. Additionally, the Open House will include demonstrations by The Air Force Thunderbirds, the Army Golden Knights, the Air Combat Command F-22 Demonstration Team, a number of civilian aerobatic teams, as well as a wide variety of static aircraft displays representing all military services. The B-52 fleet marks 60 years since the bomber's introduction and 50 years since the last airframe rolled off the assembly line.

The Air Force's youngest B-52 Stratofortress, Tail No. 1040, will hit a milestone this year, when it turns 50 years old. Of course, "young" is a relative term when you're a long-range, heavy bomber that was created during the height of the Cold War.

Tail No. 1040, the last of 744 B-52s to be manufactured, was delivered to the Air Force, in October 1962.

"I don't think anyone really knew this was going to be the last B-52 ever made," said Robert Michel, the 5th Bomb Wing historian. "They expected it to be in service for probably about 20 years, (not close to) a hundred."

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Members of 673d Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal team take a rest after excavating two World War II-era 250-pound AN-M57 bombs on Adak Island June 12. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Ross Whitley)

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Senior Airman Ross A. Whitley
JBER Public Affairs

ADAK — The explosive ordnance disposal team tried and tried to make it out to the remote island, but every time they were prepared for the trip, their flight was cancelled due to weather. After many tries, they finally got out to the island — but the trip was cut short. The team only had time to dispose of one of three bombs.

They did what they could, and returned

home to wait for another opportunity.

The team from the 673d Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight had been waiting for months for the opportunity to finish the job, and on June 12, they got it.

A team of JBER Airmen traveled to the island of Adak in the Aleutian island chain to dispose of some World War II-era bombs.

They had been notified last winter of three bombs which had surfaced on the island.

“We are grateful the group could come out and take care of it for us.”

— Layton Lockett,
Adak city manager

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JBER Airmen provide dignified-transfer support

PAO staff report

Airmen from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson provided a dignified transfer Thursday of a transfer case containing personal effects and possible human remains from an aircraft wreckage site on Colony Glacier.

The wreckage partially surfaced from the glacier and was spotted June 10 by an Alaska Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter on a training mission. The crew, realizing it was a downed aircraft, returned to JBER and alerted authorities.

The wreckage is believed to be that of a C-124 Globemaster II. On Nov. 22, 1952, the aircraft and its 41 passengers and 11 crew members were conducting an operational mission from McChord Air Force Base in Washington to Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska.

The aircraft went missing and a crash site was found on the glacier not long afterward — but bad weather and heavy snow made recovery impossible. Two weeks later, when a team returned to the site, they could not find evidence of the crash.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command sent a team to the glacier June 18 to analyze the site and conduct recovery operations. They collected evidence consistent with the C-124.

"We found material evidence and possible human remains," said Greg Berg, a forensic anthropolo-



Senior Airman Brittany Flores prepares to unload a transfer case at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport June 28. The case contained material evidence and possible human remains from a C-124 Globemaster II crash which occurred Nov. 22, 1952, killing all 52 personnel on board. The wreckage partially surfaced on Colony Glacier and was spotted June 10. The transfer case was flown to Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, so the contents could be analyzed. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett)

gist with JPAC. "It's being shipped to our lab for analysis." Using dental and DNA evidence, the remains may be identifiable so families can have some closure, he said.

The total force response led by Joint Task Force-Alaska provided that critical support which was pivotal in the process, Berg said.

"We received unprecedented support from the command and the

medical examiner's staff," he said. "They totally took care of us, and it went without a hitch."

Since the wreckage was on a glacier — unusual territory — Soldiers from U.S. Army Alaska's Northern Warfare Training Center assisted the team while on the glacier.

The Alaska Army National Guard provided all the transporta-

tion, said Derek Congram, another forensic anthropologist at the Central Identification Laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "They were johnny-on-the-spot; they got us in when we needed to get in," Congram said. "They were really, really good — the same unit that found the wreckage."

Air Force Capt. Tony Pickett, a mortuary officer with the 673d

Force Support Squadron, helped lead JBER's contributions to the recovery effort.

"Initially, when it was discovered, we were prepared to do a search-and-recovery operation," he said. "Then JPAC called, and JBER took a support role from that point."

"We arranged for the transfer case and the honor guard for the dignified transfer," he said.

The honor guard escorted the transfer case from a hearse at the Ted Stevens International Airport in Anchorage onto an Alaska Airlines flight to Honolulu, where it would be met by another honor guard. Honor guard member Senior Airman Calvin Gilhousen, of the 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron, said it was his first dignified transfer ceremony.

"It's a great experience, and I'm happy to be a part of it," Gilhousen said. "It's the greatest feeling on earth — helping send fellow troops home."

Air Force Master Sgt. Chris Griste, mortuary affairs supervisor, said while they frequently deal with deceased service members, this situation was different, partly because the incident happened so long ago.

"It's a unique experience," he said. "It's not every day you get a call in which someone says they believe they found a downed airplane. It's the first time in my career I've done this ... seeing at least some families get closure. It's a big deal, and we're getting to do our part."

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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.





The WALL

THAT MOVES YOU

TOP: Marilyn Anderson and her grandson, Gavin, 5, visit and pay their respects to a friend whose name is on the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall in downtown Anchorage Saturday. The Moving Wall was created in 1984 by John Devitt, who wanted to bring a version of the wall to those unable to visit the original in Washington, D.C. The wall consists of 74 separate frames containing a combined total of 58,195 names. The wall is 252.83 feet; the original is 493.5 feet. This year marks the 37th anniversary of the end of Vietnam War. **RIGHT:** Tech. Sgt. Jeff Castle plays taps during a remembrance ceremony, which included the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall in downtown Anchorage Saturday. Castle is a member of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific. (U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett)



A Coast Guard family's next chapter

By Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Lally
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Many cultures measure time in seasons rather than months or years. They remember what occurred many snows ago and new seasons give way to new chapters in one's life.

This year, as the snows melt, a new chapter begins for my family. Old Man Winter has slipped away and the days are getting longer. It's a time when Coast Guard families say their goodbyes to friends and co-workers, a time to sell items, clean house, pack up and move out ... it's transfer season.

Throughout the U.S. and the world, military families go through familiar preparations to leave their current duty stations and begin the next chapter in their careers. The stressors of transferring come well before the movers bring in the boxes.

When I arrived in Alaska it was in December and I have seen three snows. Most troops have an expectation of how long they'll be at a unit, but it isn't until near the end of the tour that they find out where they are headed next.

For my wife Halley and I, the whole process of moving began the day I was given my orders to the 8th Coast Guard District in New Orleans. There was still snow on the ground when I received a call from my lieutenant letting me know she had my orders. I called my wife Halley.

New Orleans had not appeared on my list of preferred billets. The service takes into account the member's wishes but they also consider the needs of the service, the best opportunities for the member to grow in their career and several other factors. Halley was disappointed at the news.

"The day Jonathan first called me to tell me he got orders to transfer to New Orleans for our next tour, I cried," Halley said.

We are a very spiritual family and look to our faith for strength. I reminded Halley of this and she couldn't remain upset.



Professional movers do the heavy lifting during a Kodiak-based Coast Guard family's move to their next duty station June 11. For families like the Lallys, having professional movers help with their change of station eases stress during what could be a busy time. (U.S. Coast Guard photo/Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Klingenberg)

"My mind was immediately filled with opportunities, possibilities for our family, hope and surprisingly ... joy," Halley said. "I was a little shocked to find that emotion in my heart in relation to the news of moving to New Orleans taking root in my mind."

Regardless of where we were assigned, it meant a lot of planning for us. We attended smart move workshops and worked closely with our support staff at the base to prepare for the move. Packing up our house, setting travel arrangements, shipping our car, making arrangements for housing in New Orleans and filling out stacks of paperwork are just some of the necessary steps we had to work through.

To add to the complexity of our first official military move together, we were blessed with our first child in January, Enoch.

Packing for one may be easy, even packing for two, but add a baby and the volume of luggage seems to double.

"I didn't really start to think about the move until just a couple months ago, when Jonathan texted me the countdown he had going," Halley said. "From the day we got orders to the day I began to pack, I have stressed. I tend to procrastinate, about a lot of things. After this move, I have learned to never procrastinate again."

Around 8:55 a.m. June 11, the sound of two red diesel box trucks echoed through our neighborhood. Our dog Erskine, a Jack Russell terrier mix, was the first to hear the movers at the door and immediately ran to greet them.

The movers introduced themselves and went right to work. The team leader made

a quick survey of the house to gauge what supplies to bring in and how to divide the team. Into the house came stacks of flat empty boxes, packing tape and paper.

The team worked quickly and efficiently to pack each room. My wife and I oversaw their efforts. Slowly the stacks of empty flat boxes became cubes stacked upon one another and the rooms that were full just moments ago became empty and open.

"Our team of movers was awesome," Halley said. "The best part of this move was packing day, I actually had fun. It was tiring, being on my feet all day holding Enoch in our baby carrier, but it made the day better because he hardly cried at all."

Halley went on later to say she was originally nervous about the packing process, but the movers' professionalism put her at ease. It can cause anxiety to be separated from what is familiar to us like a house or certain items we are used to having. Many military families also worry household goods may be damaged in the move.

"Having a team led by a man who was not only a former Navy member, but also had three years working for the moving company, made my job easy," Halley said. "I just walked through the house and made comments as needed. I have so much peace that our household items will arrive in New Orleans still in great condition."

Moving tends to be a double-edged sword. On one hand, it is bitter and sad to leave behind a life, friends and a place you grow to know well. On the other hand, moving means change which means new challenges, new friends and new exciting experiences to enjoy.

The snows are gone and we are approaching the longest day of the year. Almost five months to the day after Enoch's birth, my family and I will fly off the island of Kodiak to New Orleans, a completely different world. Halley and I are looking forward to this next chapter in our military life together and seeing where it will take us.

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Executive Observer Program builds international partnerships

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Fourteen senior air power leaders from the global community joined Pacific Air Forces leaders for the premier multi-national large force employment exercise while building partnerships June 15.

The hosts of this year's Red Flag-Alaska Executive Observer Program were Gen. Gary North, commander Pacific Air Forces, and Air Force Lt. Gen. Steve Hoog, commander Alaskan Command.

During the program, North, as well as several executive observers, participated in presentations and discussions on how the Air Force integrates and synchronizes service capabilities, resources, and effects to meet national challenges. All participants spent a great deal of time learning about each other and developing professional relationships with one another.

"One of the things we've discovered by having this program, is that you can have all the organizational charts in the world, but if you pick up the phone and you know the person on the other end when it comes time to plan a contingency tsunami relief effort or another operation, it makes all the difference in the world," Hoog said.

There are no lines in the sky when it comes to shaping up the battlefield. In Alaska, there is a vast amount of open space and there needs to be a plan.

"With air forces, you don't have the option of saying 'this is my side of the line and this is your side,' you have to be able to integrate from day one," Hoog said. "So when we invite countries from around the Pacific to fly with us in Red Flag-Alaska, it allows us to practice flying together versus flying separately."



Air Force Lt. Gen. Stephen Hoog, Alaskan Command commander, speaks with an executive observer during a flight line tour for this year's Red Flag-Alaska Executive Observer Program June 15. Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, and Hoog hosted this year's program. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Cynthia Spalding)

Red Flag-Alaska is a series of PACAF commander-directed field training exercises. It provides joint offensive counter-air, interdiction, close air support, and large force employment training in a simulated combat environment. This training takes place in an area known as the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex. Air Force Brig. Gen. James N. Post III, 354th Fighter Wing commander, presented the observers with a Red Flag-Alaska overview and the observers had an opportunity to tour the Red Flag-Alaska operations building while here on JBER.

"The big thing that JPARC has is the opportunity for us to do large-scale combined

air training with our allies," Hoog said. "The airspace that we have to work with is really second to none."

According to Hoog, Red Flag-Alaska and EOP is an investment in the future. The strength built between allies allows better focus and a more strategic game plan in the air. Inviting a country is more than sending a simple invitation; it is about gaining trust and building partnerships with a multi-national force so everyone can train and work together. Airmen from all over the world don't just participate to fly with the United States, but also to fly with other countries from around the globe.

This was the 10th anniversary of the EOP program which has been conducted in Alaska annually since 2003. The EOP Program Manager, Karl von Lührte emphasized, although the majority of the international participants are from Pacific nations, it includes senior airpower leaders from around the world.

"Using the common bond as airmen, EOP provides the opportunity to share and discuss similar challenges," von Lührte said. "It also provides a mechanism to discuss more formal Red Flag exercise participation in the future, which in some cases might be a multi-year plan of up to three years."

Having other countries' senior leaders come together to learn how other forces work can help develop plans and ideas on how to work together and create alliances. This type of meet and greet is what helps our nations fight wars and natural disasters by building friendships with military leaders all over the world.

Friendship is key. Hoog referenced Dr. Stephen Covey when explaining how the speed of trust is the best investment you can get; when you can trust the people you work with side-by-side, more than anything else.

"The best thing about a conference like this is that you get to meet people from different countries and you develop friendships and trust," Hoog said. "If you have the speed of trust, then you start with the position of 'Yes, how can we make this happen?' versus 'What is it you are trying to do?' Having a good, trusting relationship between two countries is critical."

During EOP, leaders worked together and shared experiences that provided a unique bond. One day that bond may be the key to resolving a crisis or to remove barriers from the execution of a mission.

EOD

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In February, the team traveled to Adak on an Air Force C-12 Huron aircraft and detonated one of the three 250-pound AN-M57 aircraft bombs.

Weather precluded them from returning until recently.

"Adak Island is known for its terrible weather," said C-12 pilot Air Force Capt. John Smyrski, 517th Airlift Squadron. "Seventy-five percent of the year it's either raining or snowing, so no matter what day it is, it's bad for trying to land on."

The island is currently home to about 200 people. The military had a strong presence there during World War II and left in 1997. After World War II, the military disposed of extra ammunition by burying it.

After 60 years of erosion and runoff, some of these munitions are resurfacing. The EOD team disposes of found munitions and makes the area safe for residents.

"We thought they were practice bombs and we are not experts on explosives like that," said Layton Lockett, Adak city manager. "They could have ... exploded later, and somebody really could have gotten hurt. We are grateful the group could come out and take care of it for us."

The two remaining bombs were on the outskirts of Adak, in a drainage ditch on the side of a road.

"When the snow melted, the runoff actually exposed the bombs," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Brandon Harrell, a 673d CES EOD technician.

The team excavated the two bombs and moved them to a safe location for destruction, Harrell said, pointing out a nearby



C-12 Huron pilot Air Force Capt. John Smyrski, 517th Air Lift Squadron, completes a pre-flight inspection on Adak Island June 13, during a 673d Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal mission. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Ross Whitley)

area with a bluff that would absorb most of the blast.

"We asked the city of Adak before we came out to pick a spot where things (wouldn't be) damaged," Harrell said.

"We're going to place our charge, run one line of (plastic explosive) on each bomb, and try to blow everything up at the same

time," said Senior Airman Scott South, another EOD technician.

Once the team laid the explosives and placed blasting caps, they moved about 5,000 feet away on a ridge where they could watch the blast from a safe distance.

"Fire in the hole," EOD Tech. Sgt. Dennis Guay shouted above a brisk Adak wind.

After the detonation of the bombs, the team inspected the area for any damage or dangerous material, but there was nothing left.

"It's still amazing to see what is a part of our history and what has been left around," Lockett said. "We really are grateful that it could be taken care of."

B-52

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With Tail No. 1040 and the rest of the Air Force's B-52s scheduled to keep flying through 2040, there are several reasons why the B-52 has been flying for more than 50 years.

"I don't think you can get a bomber that could replace the B-52 that will do everything the B-52 does," Michel said.

That's because the B-52 can perform nuclear deterrence and conventional operations, fly at both high and low altitudes while carrying nuclear and conventional bombs, cruise missiles or aerial mines, he said. "It's like the Swiss Army bomber."

To keep a fleet of aircraft flying for so long, it takes constant attention from maintainers to ensure the planes are every bit as airworthy as the rest of Air Force's fleet.

"The aircraft has seen some really good maintainers through its years," said Staff Sgt. Eric Thomas, a dedicated crew chief assigned to the 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "I think it's a compliment to the maintainers and the people who support the airframe because there aren't many aircraft that are flying 50 years after it left the factory. It's definitely not the prettiest plane out there, but it can take a beating and keep on kicking."

However, even with highly trained maintainers, keeping the B-52 flying day in and day out is no easy task.

Thomas said 1040 requires less maintenance than the rest of



A B-52 Stratofortress flies over the Pacific Ocean after an air refueling in support of exercise Rim of the Pacific. The first B-52 flew for the first time 60 years ago. The last B-52 manufactured, Tail No. 1040, rolled off the assembly line 50 years ago. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kamaile O. Long)

the B-52s at Minot AFB, which is surprising, considering it's also the most active aircraft at the base. On average, the rest of Minot AFB's B-52s have between 17,000 to 18,000 flying hours, while 1040 has more than 21,000, Thomas said.

When the aircraft was delivered to Minot, it looked much different than it does now. "I don't think you would even recognize it as being a B-52H with the exception of the engines," Michel said. "It would have been natural alu-

minum with maybe a tail number when it arrived. The B-52 has been continuously upgraded essentially since it came out.

"The only thing that's original in our (H models) is the airframe itself," he said. "Pretty much everything else has been gone through and updated."

Like the mechanical and cosmetic changes the B-52 has undergone throughout its life, its mission has changed as well.

"The airplane, when it was originally delivered, was used

solely for strategic deterrence — a nuclear mission — whereas today, it's used both for the nuclear mission and conventional bombing operations," the historian said.

Throughout its lifetime, the B-52H has taken part in five named operations: Desert Strike, Desert Fox, Allied Force, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, Michel said.

For the people who fly the B-52s today, many still have the same passion the airmen had when the aircraft was originally brought

into service. Airmen like Capt. Kim Brown, a 5th Bomb Wing B-52 navigator, learned about the aircraft from her father's friend when she was a child.

"My father's best friend was a B-52 navigator, and he told me stories when I was growing up about the B-52," she said. "Back then, I never thought I'd join the Air Force, let alone fly B-52s. It was neat getting that perspective from him of what they were like."

She said she still keeps in touch with her father's friend over email. The two navigators trade stories and insight of what the B-52 was like over the course of several generations.

"He also jokes with me by saying, 'back when we used to do it, we had to do it without computers,'" she said.

Today, there's a saying within the B-52 community that the last Stratofortress pilot hasn't even been born yet.

"It's cool to think that one day my kids or grandkids could be flying this exact same aircraft," Brown said.

Thirty years from now, when Tail No. 1040 and the rest of the B-52s are finally retired for good, the Air Force will have lost its most iconic aircraft, Michel said.

"The B-52 is a classic airplane; it's one of those things that you instantly identify with America," he said. "It will be a sad day when the B-52 finally goes away because it has been a cornerstone of deterrence. It's hard to think of the Air Force without the B-52."

For now, Tail No. 1040 and the rest of the B-52s at Minot will celebrate another birthday and yet another year of continued airpower.



PRIME BEEF

ABOVE: Senior Airman Eric Hanson, 773d Civil Engineer Squadron, watches as a roller compacts fill in a hole dug to simulate an airfield crater. Airmen honed their wartime skills during training June 13. The Air Force Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF) team filled and leveled the 15-foot deep and 25-foot across crater in less than three hours. With a combination of new and experienced Airmen, the exercised allowed the element to exercise procedures they would use in combat.

RIGHT: Airmen of the 773d Civil Engineer Squadron work to rapidly fill a simulated airfield crater.

FAR RIGHT: Air Force Staff Sgt. Johnathan Stone, 773 Civil Engineer Squadron, waits for directions while operating a dump truck June 13. (U.S. Air Force photos/Steven White)



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

Ninilchik Loop will be closed near Kenai Avenue from July 9 to 15 to disconnect and underground water line.

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.

Air Force ROTC instructors wanted

Eligible first lieutenants, captains and majors interested in teaching future Air Force officers must indicate that interest on their statement of intent, via the Airman Development Plan.

Fully-coordinated, approved application packages are due to Air Education and Training Command by Aug. 10.

Lieutenants must have at least a year in grade and three years of commissioned service.

All applicants must have four years on station by June 2013, or be in a mandatory move status during summer 2013 or have a Jan.-May 2013 date eligible for return from overseas. Applicants must also have superior performance records, and some universities require a master's degree, so applicants should note that before listing their duty preferences.

Before applicants can submit their packages to AETC, they must be released from their career field.

For full application package instructions, visit <https://mypers.af.mil>.

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.

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.

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.

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 in-

formation.

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.

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).

Motorcycle training

Riders can now start the reg-

istration 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.

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 transport.

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.

Quartermaster Laundry

The Quartermaster Laundry, located at 726 Quartermaster Road, closes TA-50 gear for free and is open Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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A 1966 Ford Cortina Super owned by Tech. Sgt. Danny Damons, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, sits by an F-4 Phantom II. (U.S. Air Force photo illustration/David Bedard)

Airman's restored ride brings a bit of Britain to JBER

By David Bedard
JBER Public Affairs

Among automotive enthusiasts' 600-plus horsepower pony cars and hulking SUVs decked out with blingtastic chrome 22-inch rims, Tech. Sgt. Danny Damons' 1966 Ford Cortina Super might seem rather pedestrian by comparison.

But upon closer inspection of the small green coupe, a not-insignificant mechanical detail jumps out – the steering wheel is on the wrong side.

"Its uniqueness stems from the fact Cortinas were never produced or sold in the United States," said the 3rd Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment craftsman. "It's right-hand drive. It's smaller than an average car, even for a classic. Those things make it unique and cool."

The Dresden, Tenn., native said he was stationed at Royal Air Force Lakenheath when he caught the bug for British cars.

Damons said he bought and drove a lilliputian 1961 Morris Mini – weighing all of 1,400 pounds – before he spotted and fell in love with the Ford of Britain-produced Cortina while strolling with his wife, Iga, in Felixstowe, Suffolk.

"We were taking a walk by the waterfront and the car just caught my eye," he recalled. "I walked right up to it and there happened to be a for-sale sign on it. I called about it the next day and decided

to buy it."

Damons said the car was sold to him by a father and son who had worked for years to restore it to its current state.

They swapped the original 60-horsepower 1.2-liter Super engine for a fire-breathing 78-horsepower 1.5-liter GT mill.

Mated to a four-speed manual transmission and tamed by disc-front and drum-rear brakes, the GT engine has plenty of grunt to motivate the 1,700-pound coupe through stop-and-go American traffic.

Lacking traction control, fuel injection, variable-valve timing, ABS brakes, power steering and most driver-assist technologies motorists take for granted today, Damons said he appreciates the purely mechanical nature of the diminutive Cortina.

"I like driving it because it has that classic old-school feel to it," he explained. "You feel like you're actually driving the car instead of the car driving you. It's cool being on the right-hand side, looking out, and knowing people are looking at you saying, 'Look at that, that's cool.'"

"I like old cars," Damons continued. "I like the way they're made. I like the way they look. They look cool, and you feel cool driving them."

Because it's not a late-model car, Damons said he didn't have to jump through administrative hoops to federalize the car once he decided he wanted to bring the car stateside.

"Because it is a historic vehicle, it doesn't have to conform to EPA standards," he said. "So, 25 years old or older, you can ship it back. It was a pretty easy process to get the forms from the (U.S.) Customs office where I shipped the vehicle through. I took it down to the DMV and registered it straight up."

Though in restored condition, Damons said he has extensive

plans for the Ford.

He noted minor body-alignment issues and hidden spots of rust, and said he wants to strip it down and repaint it in a single-color scheme with sweet butter-scotch paint.

He plans to reupholster the interior in black leather with herringbone fabric inserts.

Finally, he said he wishes to buy a period-correct crate engine to break the 100-horsepower barrier in order to give the Cortina more thrust.

Damons offered advice for troops stationed overseas who may have an opportunity to buy a foreign-market car.

He warned that parts and service can be difficult to source in the U.S., so enthusiasts should learn basic mechanic skills while becoming resourceful at finding parts on the internet.

He also said car enthusiasts should give potential foreign-market acquisitions a close inspection.

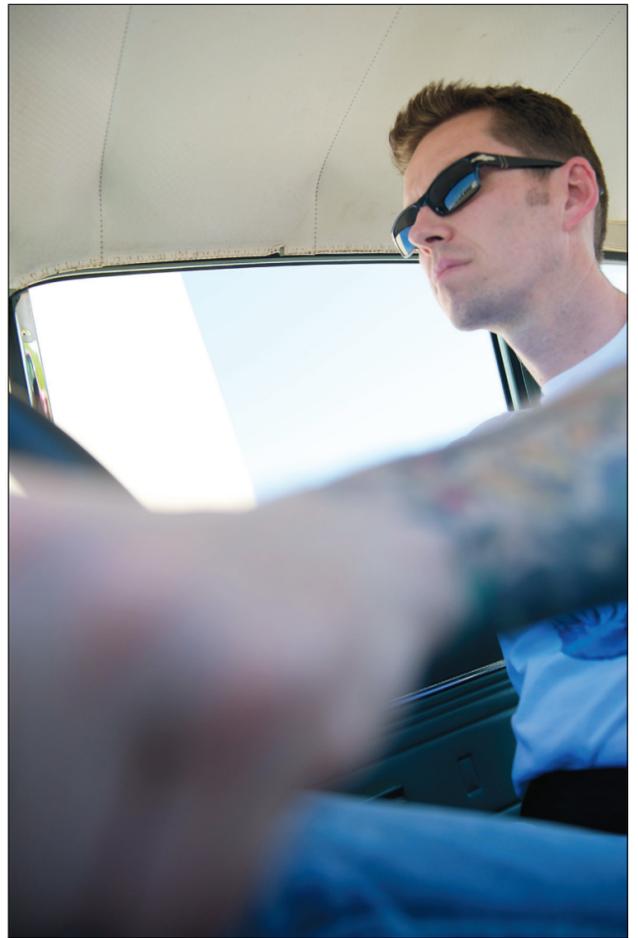
"Of course it's always buyer beware," Damons said. "Don't take anything at face value. People can paint over things very easily and make them look nice and come to find out later you have a lot of problems."

"Do your research," he continued. "Talk to people and get involved in a club. If you show enthusiasm, people love to talk to you and help you out."

Perhaps as interesting as the Cortina is its owner who has led a rather unique military career.

Damons said he joined the U.S. Marine Corps in the '90s as a military policeman and was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Facility, Quantico, Va., with Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1), where he was part of the helicopter security detail for former President Bill Clinton.

After he separated from the Marines, Damons said he joined the Tennessee Army National



Tech. Sgt. Danny Damons grabs a gear in his 1966 Ford Cortina June 22 at JBER. (U.S. Air Force photos/David Bedard)

Guard, before a longing for the camaraderie of active-duty service spurred him to join the Air Force.

Damons said during his assignment to RAF Lakenheath, he has gained an appreciation for serving on foreign shores.

"I love being overseas, especially in a foreign country," he said. "Its perks include experiencing the culture and meeting exciting and new people. If you immerse yourself in the culture and really get to

know people, you'd be surprised at how well they respond to you and how much they really do like Americans."

(For more photos of Damons' car, scan the QR code below.)



ABOVE: A "Super" badge of the 1966 Ford Cortina Super belonging to Tech. Sgt. Danny Damons, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, belies the fact a GT-spec engine lies underneath the hood. LEFT: The "Cortina" badge decorates the car's rear end.

Freedom, truth, and the fourth of July falling on Wednesday

Commentary by Air Force Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Keith Muschinske JBER Chaplain

Seems kind of weird, celebrating the Fourth of July on a Wednesday – hump day – right smack in the middle of the week.

Last time it happened was 2007; next time will be 2018. But as soon as the “seems weird” thought crossed my mind, I wondered why.

Why does it seem weird? I decided it seems weird to me because this “day off work” national holiday has become more about the “holiday” than the “national.”

It’s about hamburgers, hot dogs and other picnic pleasures. Family reunions and gatherings and parades.

Of course, all things fireworks-able. All those images, all those thoughts, all those plans – all of which usually include the words “long weekend” – come more quickly to mind than the true significance of the day.

Even though our Fourth of July holiday is often summed up by that one word “fireworks,” let’s set aside our “ooing and aahing” at those high-in-the-sky sights and sounds for a moment and use another word to sum up this day: freedom.

After all, that’s what those

fireworks symbolized, at least initially. Freedom. Let’s take a minute to excavate that word or its partner “liberty”, those words often buried in common phrases like “Give me liberty or give me death,” or “freedom isn’t free,” or “certain unalienable rights” including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Wait. Let’s dig into that last one a bit more.

Recognize it? The second sentence of The Declaration of Independence. The declaration that spelled out actions planned and taken by the colonists through powerful and inspirational words.

The text of the declaration was almost ignored for a time after the American Revolution, having served its original purpose in declaring independence.

But it has indeed come to be considered a major statement on human rights, particularly that second sentence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all (men) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Let’s zero in on one word found in this sentence and connect it with our word of the day – freedom.

What word is that? Truth.

(Aha! You thought it was going to be life, or liberty, or happiness, didn’t you?)

Truth, the singular of “truths,” but that which actually becomes the greater “Truth.”

And here’s the connection with freedom:

Freedom does not mean freedom from truth.

Like freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.

But that’s a freedom to be explored another day.

Truth and freedom; the freedom of truth.

So why truth, why now, why in this “week of a Wednesday Fourth of July”?

Truth has been on my mind for two reasons.

The first arose out of a decision recently handed down by our national Supreme Court, reported in Monday’s edition of the Anchorage Daily News.

The headline read “Vets’ feelings mixed over ruling.”

The ruling was that the so-called “Stolen Valor” law limits free speech and is thus unconstitutional.

The result, anyone can lie about receiving a military medal. What do you think about that? Just another example of “freedom from truth?”

But the editorial that really

got me thinking about truth and freedom was one by Leonard Pitts of the Miami Herald, reprinted in the Anchorage Daily News last Sunday.

I often appreciate his columns even if I don’t agree with him, because he has a way of conveying his opinions that challenges my thinking.

His writing makes me think.

The title of his column last Sunday jumped from the starting blocks faster than a lightning bolt: “Like zombies, lies keep shambling along.”

I encourage you to look it up and read it in its entirety, but here’s a short quote to further our theme, the importance of uniting truth and freedom.

“These days, facts seem over-matched by falsehood, too slow to catch them, too weak to stop them. Indeed, falsehoods are harder to kill than a Hollywood zombie.

“Run them through with fact and they still shamle forward, fueled by echo-chamber media, ideological tribalism, cognitive dissonance, a certain imperviousness to shame, and an understanding that a lie repeated long enough, loudly enough, becomes, in the minds of those who need to believe it, truth.”

OK, I admit it—I pinged Wikipedia for a fact or two while writ-

ing this article.

But at best, I consider what I learned to be “a” truth with a small “t” rather than any form of capital-“T” Truth.

So what is my now-much-belabored point?

Never surrender; never give up your search for the truth.

Don’t simply take someone’s word for something just because it supports your pre-determined opinion or hoped for result.

Consider the dangers inherent in thinking our goal is freedom from truth rather than freedom of truth.

And consider these final quotes about truth on your journey:

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad.” (Aldous Huxley, English author)

“It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself.” (Thomas Jefferson, Notes on Virginia)

“If you cannot find the truth right where you are, where else do you expect to find it?” (Dōgen Zenji, Zen Buddhist teacher)

“Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold.” (Leo Tolstoy, Russian author)

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (Jesus, recorded in John 8:32)

Remember the courageous 56 this holiday - continue the legacy

Commentary by Air Force Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr. Air Force News Service

When 56 courageous patriots put their signatures to a single piece of parchment 236 years ago, the course of world history changed in an instant.

Although we celebrate the fourth day of July as Independence Day, it should not be lost on us that those signatures were the culmination of months of disagreements and passionate arguments.

In fact, the Second Continental Congress that would eventually adopt the Declaration of Independence first convened more than a year earlier – in May of 1775.

As service members, we are dedicated to serving a nation that even 236 years after declaring its independence is still a wonderful grand experiment; always changing, always challenging itself.

It should be no surprise that the men and women who serve today in our military reflect this national character.

Since our very beginnings, Soldiers and Airmen have always challenged what is possible.

When we think about our own times, as the debate about the future of our Army and Air Force continues, consider what those 56 signers delivered to the world after months of uncertainty.

Their optimism and hope for the generations of Americans that would follow them should be an inspiration to all of us.

Like the first volunteer Soldiers at Concord and Lexington, service members answer the call so that others may prevail.

We are a strong total force team entrusted with conveying the values and determination of the American people on a global stage.

Every Soldier, every Airman, every skill is critical to delivering hope, fueling the fight

and saving lives.

And we know behind every Soldier and Airman is a network of family and friends who will be their biggest supporters when the call comes in the middle of the night because somewhere, someone needs something.

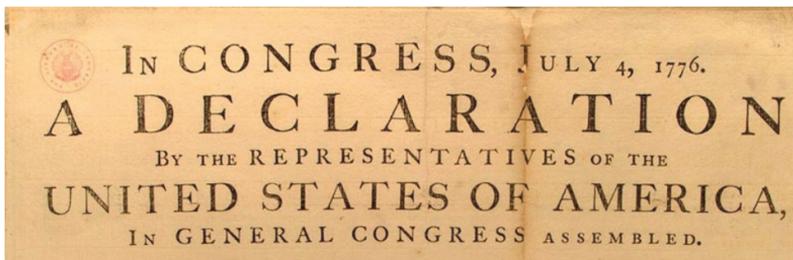
Please enjoy this Independence Day. Some of you will turn the mid-week holiday into an extended weekend to recharge. As you do, be smart and have a plan.

If you’re traveling, be especially careful on the roadways, as we all know they tend to be more dangerous over holidays.

Be mindful of those with whom you share the road; if you choose to drink, please hand the keys to someone who hasn’t.

For those who will celebrate the holiday away from home because we’ve asked you to go yet again, thank you.

Carry on the work that began with the courageous 56.



FSS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

JULY EVENTS



FAMILY DAY BOWLING!
SUNDAYS 1 - 8 P.M. • \$2 PER GAME ALL DAY
\$3 SHOE RENTAL
POLAR BOWL
753-PINS (7469)



OPEN BOWLING
FRIDAYS 4 - 11 P.M. • 3.25 PER PERSON PER GAME
POLAR BOWL
753-PINS (7469)



FSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
FREE ROUND OF SKEET FOR FSS MEMBERS
FREE ROUND OF SKEET FOR BOSS VOLUNTEERS WITH 50+ HOURS IN 2012
SKEET RANGE • BLDG 45-100
ARCTIC CHILL • 384-7619/1480



MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE
BEAUTY LOU AND THE COUNTRY BEAST
JULY 9 - 14 & 16 - 21 • CALL FOR MORE INFO
ARCTIC OASIS COMMUNITY CENTER
BLDG. 9497 • 552-8529

FUN FOR EVERYONE



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



SWEET FREEBIES!
COTTON CANDY
JULY 9 & 13 • 2 - 4 P.M.
ARCTIC OASIS COMMUNITY CENTER
BLDG. 9497 • 552-8529



BOOTHS ON THE LAWN
JULY 11 • 2-4 P.M.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM INVITES YOU AND YOUR CHILD TO COME DECORATE A CHEF'S HAT AND ENJOY SNACKS FROM THE FRUIT TABLE.
JBER CONSOLIDATED LIBRARY
BLDG. 7 • 384-1640

Community happenings

THROUGH SUNDAY
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. Visit 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.

MONDAY
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.

WEDNESDAY THROUGH JULY 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.

JULY 20
EcoChallenge
 Individuals and teams are invited to participate in the annual EcoChallenge - a four-and-a-half-mile cross-country run, a nine-mile bike course, a half-mile kayak course and a four-mile hike.
 The challenge kicks off at 9 a.m. at the Hillberg parking lot on JBER.
 Participants can pre-register at the Elmendorf Fitness Center or call 552-0610.

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 get in and race it at Anchorage's 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 demonstration team and the Army's Golden Knights parachute team headline, with many other air acts and static displays including Army vehicles and demonstrations.
 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/.

AUGUST 11 AND 12
Alyeska blueberry festival
 Celebrate the lush blueberry season with this family-oriented outdoors event.
 With more than two dozen booths in the Hotel Alyeska Pond courtyard, live music, and all the blueberry concoctions you can try, this festival is a yearly hit.
 Find your own stash of berries to pick.
 For information, visit www.alyeskaresort.com or call (800) 880-3880.

AUGUST 13 THROUGH 16
Oil painting class
 Learn to create compelling and vibrant landscape art in oil paints with this class on color-mixing to achieve depth, distance and atmosphere.
 Hosted at the Anchorage Museum from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
 For information, call 929-9280 or visit www.anchoragemuseum.org.

AUGUST 17
Greek Festival
 Celebrate the best of Greek culture in Alaska at the 18th Annual Greek Festival.
 Traditional foods including lamb and vegan offerings and

pastries meet up with Greek folk music and dance lessons.
 Greek books, jewelry and more are available, and plenty of activities for the younger crowd are hosted by the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox church on O'Malley Road.
 For information visit www.akgreekfestival.com.

AUGUST 18
Autumn Wings festival
 Join Bird TLC for a celebration of birds, wildlife, the outdoors, and Alaska's autumn.
 A live bird program featuring eagles, owls, falcons, hawks, corvids and songbirds, a bird calling contest, and the release of a rehabilitated eagle are just a few of the activities planned.
 For more information, visit birdtlc.net or call 562-4852.

AUG. 23 THROUGH SEPT. 3
Alaska State Fair
 Visit the Palmer Fairgrounds for the 76th annual state fair. As usual, agriculture, produce, food, friends and family take center stage. Live music is also a hit.
 For information visit alaskastatefair.org.

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.
 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 about meetings, work days, and shows, call 552-5234, visit their site at 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 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.anchoragemarkets.com.

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.)

Road Warriors running
 Military, family members and civilians alike are welcome to train and get involved with running, biking and swimming events.
 For events and more information, check the Road Warriors (Alaska) Facebook page or call 384-7733 or 552-1361.

FSS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

GET OUT THERE!

ADVENTURE SKILL BUILDING



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



NON-GUIDED RUSSIAN RIVER FISHING
 JULY 23 & 30 · 6 A.M. - 5 P.M. · \$40
 8 YRS & UP. TRANSPORTATION ONLY. EQUIPMENT MAY BE RENTED FROM ORC
JBER ELMENDORF OAP
 BLDG. 7301 · 552-2023



CROW CREEK GOLD PANNING
 JULY 11, 21 & 25 · 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. · \$54
JBER RICHARDSON OUTDOOR RECREATION
 BLDG. 794 · 384-1475/1476



ATV SAFETY COURSE
 JULY 10, 24, & 31 · 1 - 5 9.M.
 \$50 OR FREE WITH YOUR OWN ATV
JBER RICHARDSON OUTDOOR RECREATION
 BLDG. 794 · 384-1475/1476



BACKPACKING 101
 JULY 13 · 6 - 8 P.M. · \$5
 @ DYE SKI FACILITY
JBER RICHARDSON OUTDOOR RECREATION
 BLDG. 794 · 384-1475/1476



FREE SALTWATER BOAT TRAINING
 JULY 17, 24 & 31 · 6 - 8 P.M.
 @ DYE SKI FACILITY
THIS CLASS IS REQUIRED FOR RENTAL USE
JBER RICHARDSON OUTDOOR RECREATION
 BLDG. 794 · 384-1475/1476



JBER drinking water quality scores high marks in EPA testing

Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight
673d Aerospace Medicine Squadron
News Release

A water utility seldom takes the opportunity to tell its customers about all they are doing to produce exceptional quality drinking water in conjunction with myriad additional things the utility does to ensure public safety.

All too often, we concentrate only on our mission of producing water that goes through a rigorous testing and quality control process before being introduced into a water distribution system for customers.

Beyond that, we don't broadcast what we are doing. In essence, we fail to "toot our own horn."

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation have given us an opportunity to tell the rest of our story in the form of this Consumer Confidence Report.

Doyon Utilities and 673rd Bioenvironmental Engineering are pleased to jointly prepare this comprehensive report for our customers who work and reside on both sides of the JBER boundary.

Our goals and efforts have been closely coordinated with the environmental staff from both JBER and DU to provide you with a complete picture of the water quality program.

As you will clearly see from the report, the water you consume is of exceptional quality and clearly exceeds the standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

While there are two Public Water Systems at JBER, the two systems are connected and in essence operate as a continuous system from the water plant to the consumer.

The commonality of the two systems allows us to efficiently operate as a team in order to serve our most deserving customers; the military personnel and civilian employees assigned to the joint installation.

This report will provide many technical aspects of our water quality but just as importantly, it will allow us an opportunity to let you know some of the work going on behind the scenes.

Doyon Utilities owns and operates the utilities located at

JBER-Richardson.

This relationship was initially established through a Utility Privatization Contract with the Army at Fort Richardson and later expanded due to the joint basing efficiency program that consolidated Richardson and Elmendorf.

As the water purveyor on JBER-Richardson, Doyon manages the water plant and distribution lines, while conducting a myriad of bacteriological and chemical tests to ensure all standards are met.

Once the water reaches the JBER-Elmendorf side, the 673d Civil Engineer Group and 673d Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering take over.

CEG provides distribution system oversight, while Bioenvironmental Engineering monitors water quality.

This includes additional testing of the system for bacteriological contamination, with each major loop and population area sampled at least once per month.

Additionally, several select contaminants are re-sampled to verify results seen on JBER-R, as required by the State of Alaska.

The results of Bioenvironmental Engineering's samples, in conjunction with those obtained by Doyon Utilities, are used to ensure base wide water quality.

In order to ensure long term reliability of the water source, we have conducted assessment studies to determine areas where we need to focus our resources.

As a result of those condition assessments, we have initiated a comprehensive repair project of the water system with the overarching goal of improving the quality of your water.

Our water treatment plant received continuous oversight of the drinking water it produces.

The quality of water you drink is superb and our standards will not be compromised.

Testing results from 2011 are included in this report and from the data, you can be confident that the dedicated staff of highly qualified and state certified professional water treatment operators will protect the integrity and quality of your drinking water.

After all, our reputation is only as good as the quality of water, and we value that reputation.

We are proud to be partners in preparation and publication of this

annual Consumer Confidence Report and welcome any suggestions on how to make it more informative in the future.

As a side note, we encourage you to use the water you need but don't needlessly use water. Conservation of any resource is important and we ask you to do your part in this effort.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or underground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals. In some cases, water can pick up radioactive material, or substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Although our water supply may contain some of these contaminants, it is important to know that these substances are either removed completely or reduced to a safe level before it arrives at your tap.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment facilities, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which may naturally occur or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources like agriculture, storm water runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic compounds, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which may occur naturally or result from oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. More information about contaminants

and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable than others to contaminants in drinking water. Immunocompromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk of infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC published guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

For general information or for water quality questions call Doyon Utilities site management office at 907-338-3600 or JBER Bioenvironmental Engineering at 384-7790, or visit www.waterdata.com.

Lead and Copper

The EPA Safe Drinking Water Act requires public water systems to test water samples from its customers to determine lead and copper levels.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

There is nothing in the treatment process that would introduce lead into the water; therefore, the water is tested at the individual service locations.

If abnormal levels of lead or copper are detected in the water supply, residents will be notified and JBER will initiate action to correct the problem.

One method to minimize the risk of lead or copper contamination is to let the tap water run for 30 seconds to two minutes to flush any water that has been sitting for several hours.

It is important to use this approach for drinking water or cooking water.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Hydrant Maintenance

Hydrant maintenance is a top priority for our utility. Twice a year, April and September, we visit each hydrant in our system. We test the water flow at each hydrant and make sure each one is working properly. This is our way to provide superior fire protection to ensure the safety and well being of our consumers.

Source Assessment

For the last several years, the ADEC has been working on assessments of the vulnerability of the water sources that provide water to all of the public water systems in Alaska.

The source water assessment for JBER's Water Treatment Plant has been completed and is available for review by contacting Jennifer Glanville at 384-7790 or Kathleen Hook at 455-1540.

Test Results

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The table lists the Regulated Contaminants required to be monitored by the EPA that were detected in your water.

While most monitoring is required annually, some contaminants are sampled less frequently.

The Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule required testing for trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids at the farthest end of the distribution system or any part of the system that retains water the farthest from the water treatment facility.

This sampling was done quarterly in 2011.

All the substances we found were present in quantities less than the EPA's limits for safe drinking water.

If you would like to view a complete listing of test results, please call Jennifer Glanville at 384-7790 or Kathleen Hook at 455-1540.

To see the results as a table, please turn to page B-9.

Water quality chart shows low contaminant levels for JBER

Substance	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Level Detected JBER/R PWS 2212039	Level Detected JBER/E PWS 2211423	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants							
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	Monthly 2011	N	Raw Water Range <1.00 - 4.73 mg/L Treated Water Range <1.00 - 1.55 mg/L	Tested by JBER/R	NA	NA	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity	Daily 2011	N	Highest single measurement 0.27 NTU 100% of samples <0.3 NTU	Tested by JBER/R	TT = 1 NTU TT = % of samples <0.3 NTU	NA	Soil Run-off
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride	Daily	N	0.02-1.30 ppm	Tested by JBER/R	4 ppm	4 ppm	Chemical Additive
Nitrate Bldg 28008 Well 1 Well 2 Well 3	Annually 1/10/11	N	0.326 ppm 0.480 ppm 0.665 ppm 0.624 ppm	Tested by JBER/R	10 ppm	10 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Free Residual Chlorine	Monthly 2011	N	0.20-1.90 ppm	0.05-1.79 ppm	MRDL 4 ppm	MRDLG 4 ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Lead ¹	Every 3 years	N	90%=3.96 May 09	90%=1.29 Aug/Sept 10	AL=15 ppb	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper ¹	Every 3 years 5/13/09	N	90%=0.0703 May 09	90%=0.0703 Aug/Sept 10	AL=1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing system
Chromium	BY ADEC Request 6/5/08	N	Highest level reported 0.75 ppb Range 0.63 - 0.75 ppb	Tested by JBER/R	100 ppb	100 ppb	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
¹ Samples were obtained from numerous locations, the 90th percentile for lead and copper were below EPA actions levels (AL). For a complete list of sites contact Jennifer Glanville at 907-384-7790 or Kathleen Hook at 907-455-1540							
Organic Contaminants							
Total Trihalomethanes Bldg 36010	Samples taken Quarterly 2011 <0.088 - 5.6 ppb	N	Stage 1 Location Running Annual Average 2.88 ppb	Stage 2 Taken 2010 Bldg 18220 12 ppb	80 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids Bldg 36010	Samples taken Quarterly 2011 <2.50 - 7.34 ppb	N	Stage 1 Location Running Annual Average 5.01 ppb	Stage 2 Taken 2010 Bldg 18220 13.6	60 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Radionuclides							
Alpha emitters	BY ADEC Request 7/9/09	N	Highest level reported 1.1 pCi/L Range 0.0-1.1 pCi/L	Tested by JBER/R	15 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/photon emitters	BY ADEC Request 7/9/09	N	Highest level reported 3.7 mrem/yr Range 0.0 - 3.7 mrem/yr	Tested by JBER/R	4 mrem/yr	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined radium (226, 228)	7/9/09	N	Highest level reported 1.3 pCi/L Range 0.4 - 1.3 pCi/L	Tested by JBER/R	5 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Terms and Abbreviations

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a system must follow.

JBER/E: Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson – Elmendorf side. Public Water System can be reached at 221-1423.

JBER/R: JBER’s Richardson side. Public Water System can be reached at 221-2039.

Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which, there is no known or expected risk to health. They allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

mrem/yr: Millirems per year.

Nephelometric Turbidity Units: The unit of measurement for turbidity samples.

Not Applicable: When NA is used in the range column, only one sample was taken, therefore, no range exists.

Not Detectable: The contaminant is below the detectable limits of the testing method.

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter.

ppb: Parts per billion or micrograms per liter.

ppm: Parts per million or milligrams per liter.

Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

