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Alaskan Command welcomes new leader

By Senior Airman
 Cynthia Spalding
 JBER Public Affairs

Air Force Lt. Gen. Stephen Hoog replaced Air Force Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins as the senior military leader in Alaska during a change of command ceremony here Monday at Hangar 20.

Adm. Robert Willard, U.S. Pacific Command commander, Army Gen. Charles Jacoby, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command commander, and Air Force Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, presided over the ceremony.

As commander of Alaskan Command, a sub-unified command under U.S. Pacific Command, Hoog integrates the activities of more than 21,000 active-duty, Guard and Reserve members from all services in Alaska. General Hoog also commands 11th Air Force and oversees the training and readiness of three wings and Air



Air Force Lt. Gen. Stephen Hoog assumed command of Alaskan Command, Monday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Steve White)

Force installations located throughout the state. As commander of the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, he directs air operations within Alaska to ensure defense against all

hostile airborne threats. Reporting to U.S. Northern Command, Hoog is also the commander of Joint Task Force Alaska and is responsible for the planning and execution of all Homeland Defense operations

within the theater, including security and civil support actions.

All components that make up Alaskan military forces assembled for the ceremony. U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian Forces gathered along with civic leaders, family, and friends to welcome their new commander and his wife.

"This morning we welcome Boss (Lt. Gen. Hoog) and Cinde," Willard said. "Here is an impressive leader with a distinctive career, uniquely well suited to assume this strategically important post and manage the multi-faceted nature of this assignment."

Willard added he has no doubt Hoog will build upon the proud heritage of Alaskan Command.

Hoog, the former 9th Air Force commander, Air Combat Command, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., focused his comments on the opportunity and challenges which lie ahead.

"I'd like to thank General North

for your trust and confidence which led to this opportunity to command," Hoog said. "Sir, as you know there is no higher honor or responsibility than being charged with our nation's mission success and the welfare of our incredible people."

The new commander told the crowd how impressed he was with the local community and the servicemembers who make up forces in Alaska.

"To the men and women who make up this team serving in the last frontier, my pledge is simple, together we'll accomplish the mission our nation requires, while focusing on our greatest asset, our people," Hoog said. "I don't need to tell anyone about the fiscal realities we face in the future and I'm looking forward to working with each of you as we meet the challenges that lie ahead."

The outgoing commander expressed his gratitude and respect

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Arctic paratroopers take training in tropics

By Army Capt. John Lunieski
 8th Forward Surgical Team
 (Airborne)

The 8th Forward Surgical Team (Airborne) is preparing to deploy in the next few months to support troops wounded in combat.

A recent training mission in the lower 48 is the latest test of the unit's readiness.

The 8th FST has come full circle, in less than two years.

About 18 months ago, in the warmth of sunlit tropical Hawaii, an 18th Medical Command assembly stood in tight formation to welcome home 20 heroes from their deployment to Afghanistan.

Their work done, the 8th Forward Surgical Team inactivated.

Under the lush palm trees of Fort Shafter, the unit cased its maroon guidon, smartly saluted its commander and meandered off the parade field.

Six months later, the approaching Alaska winter a sharp contrast to the Hawaiian spring, a lone supply officer unceremoniously handed off the same cased guidon, re-activating the now 8th Forward Surgical Team (Airborne) in a

new home.

Despite few supplies, no personnel and limited experience the unit grew, sought training and embraced its new Arctic-Airborne identity.

Nearly a year later the unit again found itself in the shade of tropical palm trees, this time proving its mettle as a combat ready Army Forward Surgical Team.

After two weeks at the Army Trauma Training Center in Miami, Florida and treating 62 patients at one of the nation's busiest Trauma Centers, the Soldiers of the 8th FST are ready to deploy, and fight to save the lives of American service members wounded in war.

Describing the ATTC, the team's commander, Army Maj. Nathan Marsh said, "As a young team, we have not yet had the opportunity to work together treating acute trauma patients. Success in our deployed mission, fighting to save life and limb, is impossible without a team focused approach to trauma. At ATTC we have had an outstanding opportunity to rehearse that care. Our experiences there

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Kashim Club to close due to high maintenance costs

By Luke Waack
 JBER Public Affairs

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's Kashim Club is scheduled to close in a few months, due to high maintenance costs and a lack of business.

The Kashim closure should coincide with the re-opening of the Iditarod Dining Facility in late December or early January.

"Given the current tighter fiscal environment, we're being very conscious about where we spend funds to support the JBER community," Rendell said. "In looking at our operations, it became clear that putting money into the Kashim was short-changing our customers; the facility has high utility costs, rising facility maintenance costs, decreased customer usage, and continued Nonappropriated Fund losses said Air Force Maj. Brian Rendell, 673d Force Support Squadron, commander."

The Kashim building is more than 50 years old, and

renovations would require substantial amounts of money.

"Currently, over \$2 million is needed, just to keep the facility operable. In an era of declining budgets, this is economically unsustainable," Rendell said.

Kashim patrons will have plenty of options left on JBER-Elmendorf for dining and club activities, Rendell said.

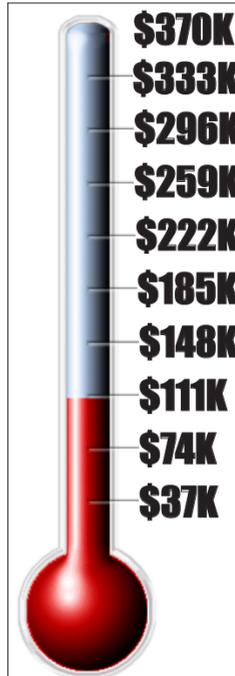
"By closing the Kashim, we can focus our funding on other operations that are more popular with the JBER community," he continued.

"For special events, they can use rooms in the Arctic Warrior Events Center; for club activities, they can use The Cave or The Chill, or even use the bar at the bowling center or the golf course," Rendell said.

The Food Transformation Initiative will give JBER community members more options as well.

"The Iditarod is currently undergoing \$600,000 in renovations as part of the Air

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On Nov. 4, JBER had raised \$105,268 toward the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign goal of \$370,000. Call USARAK CFC/384-0995, 3rd Wing/551-9035 or 673d ABW/552-1060.

Air Force Reserve pilot, first to reach 1,000 F-22 flight hours

By Air Force Capt. Ashley Conner
 477th Fighter Group (Reserve)

Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. David Piffarero, 302nd Fighter Squadron commander, flew his 1,000 flight hour in the F-22 Raptor here Nov. 4, making him the first Air Force pilot to do so.

"This is a great milestone for the pilots, maintainers and contractors working on the jet and the F-22 program as a whole," said Piffarero. "The aircraft is maturing and getting better the more we fly and perform maintenance on it."

Air Force Staff Sgt. Hank Robinson, 525th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, launched Piffarero on his sortie.

"It is neat to know that I was a part of launching a 1,000 hour flight," Robinson said. "Whether it is a 1,000 hour flight or a routine

sortie I am focused on the job I have to do."

Upon landing, Piffarero was met by his wife Jennifer along with active duty and Reserve pilots and maintainers to include Air Force Col. Dirk Smith, 3rd Wing commander, who received a check ride from Piffarero during the milestone flight.

Piffarero was a part of the initial cadre who stood up the 477th Fighter Group in 2007, of which the 302nd Fighter Squadron falls under.

The pilots and maintainers from the 477th Fighter Group are fully integrated with the 3rd Wing's active duty F-22 mission, officials said.

Prior to being assigned to the only Reserve unit in Alaska, Piffarero served 13 years on active duty in a variety of F-15E and F-22 assignments.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Hank Robinson, 525th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, prepares Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. David Piffarero, 302nd Fighter Squadron commander, for the flight which marked 1,000 F-22 flight hours for Piffarero, the first Air Force pilot to reach this milestone. (U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Ashley Conner)

After being selected in 2002 as initial cadre to test the F-22 during follow-on evaluations, he served as program manager and F-22 test

director at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Although the four month stand-down of the F-22 fleet earlier this

year did delay the 1,000 hour flight, Piffarero was unfazed.

"More important to me than this milestone is that the F-22 fleet is safely in the air and accomplishing the mission," he said. "Air Combat Command's plan to resume flight operations was done in a deliberate and methodical manner with the safety of the pilots in mind."

When Piffarero looks back on his time in the F-22 an event that stands out the most was when initial operating capability was declared in December 2005.

He credits the decision to declare IOC to the work of the pilots, maintainers, flight test engineers and analysts leading up to the decision.

"There were significant hurdles that we had to overcome but the

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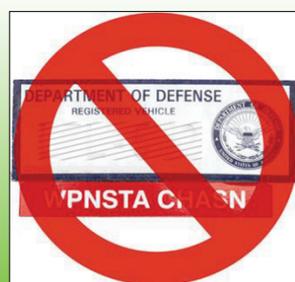
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DoD decals no longer issued at JBER

Department of Defense decals are no longer issued at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.



Resiliency is the key to success

Commentary by
Army Maj. Gen. Raymond Palumbo
USARAK commanding general

I'd like to first say that I am extremely proud of the work that each of you do in support of U.S. Army Alaska's important mission.

This goes for the most junior Soldiers in the command to our senior leaders. I often say that my primary mission is to get units and Soldiers ready to go, and families ready to stay.

The importance of this could not be more obvious than right now, as we are near the midpoint in the deployment of more than 4,000 Soldiers from our Stryker Brigade Combat Team and about to send another 3,500 Soldiers from our airborne brigade combat team into combat before the end of the year – not to mention the other smaller unit and individual deployments.

Many of us in the ranks have deployed numerous times, while others are experiencing the rigors of combat for the very first time. No matter how many times Soldiers and their families have tackled the variety of challenges associated with a deployment and military life, it is clear that resiliency is the key to success.

The Army's effort to enhance readiness and quality of the life of the force has resulted in the investment in a relatively new program called Comprehensive Soldier

Fitness. The Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program was unveiled in 2009 to build resilience in Soldiers, family members and Army civilians by developing five dimensions of strength: physical, emotional, social, spiritual and family.

There are four major components of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness.

They include the Global Assessment Tool, Comprehensive Resilience Modules, Master Resilience Trainer Course, and unit Resilience Training.

The Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program uses a life-long learning model of virtual and classroom training to provide Soldiers and families with critical skills.

The program uses a balanced, multifaceted approach and life-long learning model that uses individual assessment, tailored virtual training, classroom training at all levels of Army education, and embedded resilience experts to provide Soldiers the critical skills they need to take care of themselves, their families and their teammates.

In August, we were fortunate to have resiliency instructors from the Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program and the University of Pennsylvania execute a mobile Master Resilience Trainer class to more than 70 Soldiers, Airman and civilians from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely.

Graduates of this course are now capable



of taking the knowledge they learned about scientifically-proven resilience techniques, which can help service members and their families weather the storms of life, back to their units and give frequent resilience training.

Army Brig. Gen. Rhonda Cornum, the Army's Director of Comprehensive Soldier Fitness, traveled to Alaska to provide opening remarks for the mobile MRT course in August and captivated everyone in attendance with her own inspirational story of resilience and determination.

As former prisoner of war of the Persian Gulf conflict, Brig. Gen. Cornum shared what went through her mind while she was held prisoner and how her thought processes then directly apply to what Soldiers in combat and families at home may be going through right now.

We are fortunate to be able to welcome Brig. Gen. Cornum back to Alaska this month to speak as part of the USARAK leadership development program guest lecture series.

She will discuss her personal experience and the techniques she used to not only survive her imprisonment, but thrive after her ordeal. I invite you to attend her lecture on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Arctic Warrior Event Center.

I also encourage you to take advantage of the resources provided by the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program, including the knowledge of one of our recent graduates of the Master Resiliency Trainer course.

Thank you for all you continue to do to make serving in Alaska such a wonderful experience.

Arctic Warriors!

Snow storm a reminder of reporting protocol

JBER Public Affairs
News release

There is no telling when Anchorage will be hit with the next large snowfall. When this happens, members must know base procedures during inclement weather.

Base officials have three options when winter weather makes driving conditions hazardous for Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Mission essential reporting: Only mission-essential personnel, as determined by unit commanders and supervisors, are required to report to duty. Unit commanders must specifically identify who they determine as mission essential in advance. If you have not been told, ask your supervisor.

Delayed reporting: All members report for duty while exercising caution and arriving as soon as conditions permit. Expected reporting time will be specified, but it will normally be 10 a.m.

Early release: Unit commanders are responsible for managing early release within their organization when the commander initiates this action. The goal is to stagger departure times to alleviate congestion



A 673d Civil Engineer Group bucket loader moves snow in a parking lot at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Wednesday. JBER had 12 inches of snow Sunday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Luke Waack)

and to allow those who live farthest from the base to leave first.

These options give us the flexibility to balance safety and mission needs against the weather situations. However, this is Alaska, and with snow and ice no stranger to the area, you can expect these options to be used infrequently.

When conditions at home are severe enough to warrant changes

to normal reporting times and no option has been directed, personnel must coordinate with their supervisors and unit commanders.

When the commander decides to initiate any of these actions, the command post is notified and disseminates the information and specific reporting procedures.

The public affairs office notifies local news media and initiates

changes to the JBER Information Line at 552-INFO (4636), Facebook (www.facebook.com/JBERAK), and Twitter (http://twitter.com/JBER_PA) with the latest reporting instructions.

The information is also distributed through Top Cover (accessible from government computers only). JBER personnel can expect to receive the information as early as possible, but decisions will normally be made by 5 a.m.

If the base goes into mission-essential reporting, dining facilities and lodging will continue to operate to the maximum extent possible to meet the needs of customers. However, AAFES and commissary facilities may be closed. Call AAFES at 753-4422 and the commissary at 580-4425 for operating hours.

A related concern is driving under snowy and icy conditions. People operating vehicles on JBER during inclement weather need to slow down and drive with the conditions of the roadways.

Speed, following too closely, and decreased visibility are major problems to safe driving. Nothing is more important than the safety

of our forces and families.

Road condition advisories for Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson are:

Green: Roads are clear and dry. Drivers will comply with normal vehicle operating procedures and posted speed limits.

Amber: It has been determined that roads may be slippery due to snow, ice, or reduced visibility. Drivers will exercise caution.

Red: It has been determined that roads may be hazardous due to snow, ice, or reduced visibility. Drivers will exercise caution and reduce speeds by 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

Black: It has been determined that road conditions are extremely hazardous due to ice, snow, or reduced visibility. Vehicle dispatching is prohibited unless directed by command authority. Only operate mission essential and emergency response vehicles. Drivers will exercise extreme caution and reduce speeds by 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

Road conditions will be posted at all gates and will be displayed on Top Cover, Facebook and Twitter and 552-INFO.

Housing snow removal

Aurora Military Housing
News release

Aurora Military Housing provides snow removal on traffic surfaces within its housing communities.

Snow removal will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Safety is Aurora's first concern: vehicle passage is essential for the safety of all residents.

Hours can be extended with approval from the installation commander, as needed.

Please limit on-street parking in all areas during plowing/sweeping activities.

To enhance emergency vehicle passage, AMH encourages tenants with front yards to shovel their snow into their yards.

Those that do not have front yards, can place their snow in the streets with the understanding that they do so prior to the snow plows removal of snow.

Although not preferable, AMH does allow the snow from resident's homes to be placed into the street for the plowing equipment to remove; but only if the placement is done prior to the snow equipment coming through the subdivision.

The snow placed in the road right-of-way is not to be in piles or mounds that prohibit vehicle passage, create an obstacle or impede traffic.

Use caution around all snow plowing equipment and maintain a minimum distance of 50 feet at all times.

Obey speed limits; 15 mph is the on-base housing speed limit. Keep children from using snow piles as play areas, forts

or sledding hills.

In an effort to help keep our residents safe, the snow contractor will attempt to avoid times when school buses are en route with children on the curbs.

Each neighborhood situation (small yards, narrow streets, dense areas) will have a different solution for snow placement; the policies are rooted in "common sense."

Please be patient: The snow removal contractor will be in your housing area as soon as possible.

Snow removal begins after two inches of snow has accumulated.

Clearing of the major roadways and sidewalks is priority. Wind rows will be created from the clearing and later picked up by the equipment.

The contractor will place more cut outs of these wind rows to allow easier access to homes.

Do not attempt to go through a wind row, instead, take the time to find the next cut out to make your turn.

Please be considerate: It is extremely important for everyone to consider when placing snow into the roadways that you are not creating vehicle and emergency hazards. Please limit on-street parking in all areas during plowing/sweeping activities. This will allow for quicker and safer vehicle flow patterns, while reducing tenant inconveniences.

Please be responsible: Residents are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from driveways, all sidewalks, decks, porches, mail boxes and fire hydrants located within 75 feet, within 24 hours after snow fall.

Bob Delaney,
NBA ref,
former
undercover
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PACAF commander: honor all veterans, then and now

Commentary by Gen. Gary North
Pacific Air Forces commander

Each year we take a moment to remember the sacrifices of those who have worn the uniform in defense of our great nation.

This year, Veterans Day falls just weeks before we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the attack on Oahu, Hawaii – that fateful day which led our country into World War II in the Pacific.

The battle scars that still mark our Pacific Air Forces Headquarters building remind us of the sacrifices and the courage with which our service members responded to this unprecedented bombing of our homeland.

Our nation pulled together in a united effort and our youth rushed to enter into the service of their country.

They left the safety and comfort of their homes and families to protect America and our values.

This same intrepid spirit burns within our service members today.

Our Airmen, and their families, alongside Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and their family-members, know what it means to experience hardship, to be separated from their loved ones, and to continue to answer the higher call.

They have volunteered to stand in harm's way so those left behind may continue to live safe and free.

I recently attended the Air Force Association conference where we recognized several Air Force members who epitomized this spirit of selfless service in the performance of their duties.

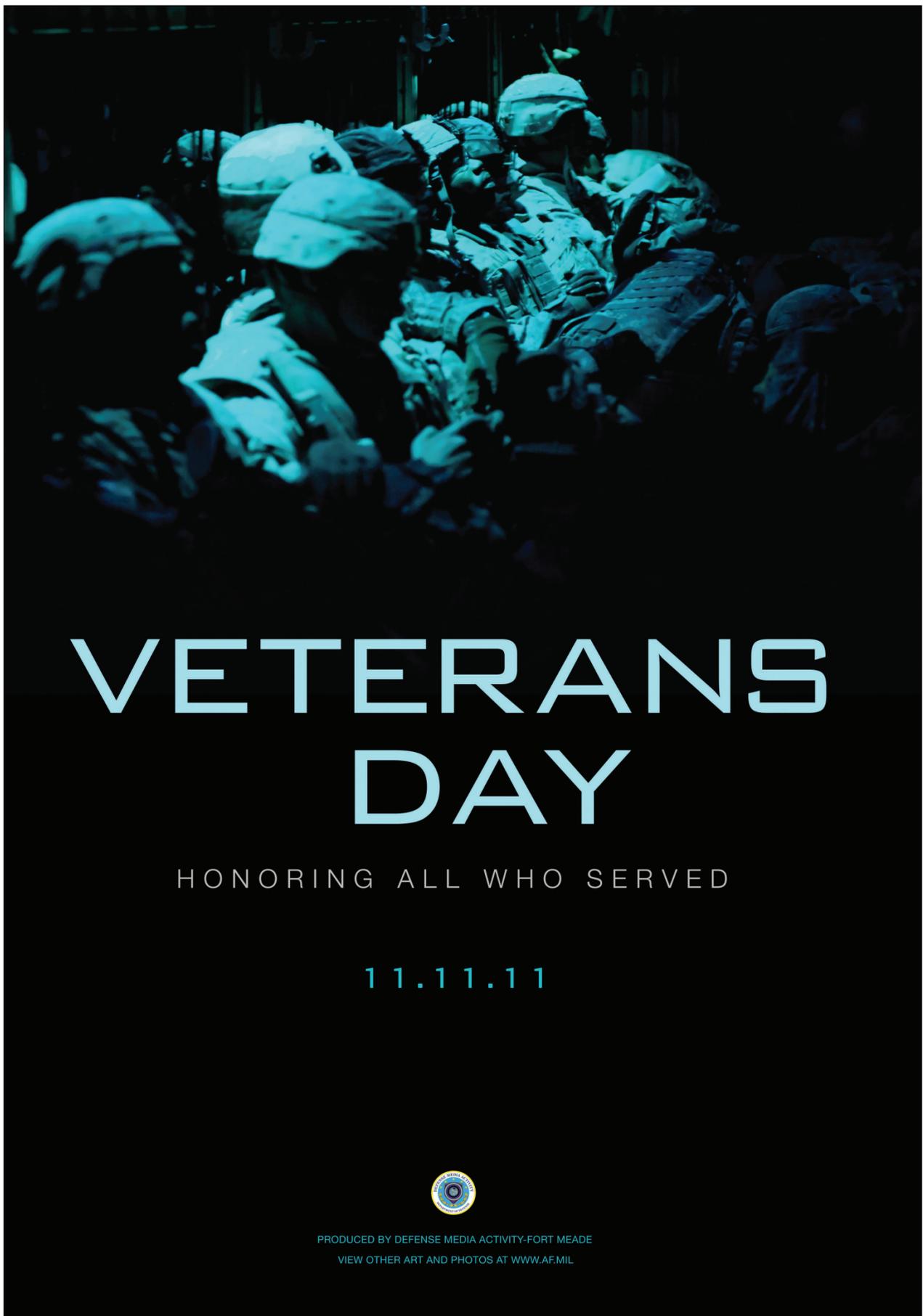
Among them were four of our own PACAF Airmen.

Some of them were recognized for their combat action in Iraq and Afghanistan and others for their tireless efforts assisting with humanitarian relief efforts in Japan and Pakistan.

It is a privilege and honor to serve alongside our Airmen and their families here in PACAF, and throughout our Air Force, who continue the legacy of our honored veterans and the long tradition of service to our nation.

All veterans understand that the freedoms we cherish are never free.

Please join me this Veterans Day in honoring our fellow veterans, past and present, as we Aim High to the future.



ALCOM

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for his Alaskan team and for the future.

“General and Mrs. Hoog, the best hand in poker is a royal flush and I’ll tell you that you’ve just inherited a royal flush and it’s not because of me, it’s because of what you see out in front of you; it’s a phenomenal team. It’s what sits beside you right now on this stage; phenomenal commanders that allow us the flexibility to lead,” Atkins said. “I think that you are going to find that Alaska is the bench mark of all communities; Alaska is truly different.”

Atkins is scheduled to retire Jan. 1 and will take his place as president of The Augusta Chronicle in Augusta, Ga.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Maria Carlson, Alaskan Command’s dedicated crew chief from the 3rd Wing, salutes after presenting the new ALCOM commander’s F-22 Raptor at the change of command ceremony Monday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sheila Devera)

3rd Wing assigns dedicated crew chief to ALCOM

By Luke Waack
JBER Public Affairs

The new ALCOM commander is the first who is also an F-22 Raptor pilot and he will have a dedicated crew chief from the 3rd Wing, Air Force Staff Sgt. Maria Carlson.

Carlson, from Zimmerman, Minn., has been a crew chief since she joined the Air Force five years ago. She started out on the F-15 Eagle, C and D models, before moving on to be an F-22 maintainer.

Crew chiefs are responsible for the condition of the Air Force’s flying fleet, and for the safety of its flying team.

Their job is to see that aircraft are operationally ready by performing scheduled inspections, functional checks and preventive

maintenance both before and after flights, and ensuring the aircraft has been properly serviced with fuel, hydraulic fluid and and ensures the aircraft oxygen systems are functional.

As a dedicated crew chief of one particular aircraft, it will be Carlson’s responsibility to maintain the aircraft beyond the standards.

She will ensure it is clean, properly serviced, passes inspections and ensures it is in excellent condition, officials said.

She “owns” the jet and will care for it as if it is her own.

Carlson’s grandfather was a pilot in the Air Force, and that made her choose a career in aviation, she said.

Working on the F-22 has unique challenges, she said.

“Adapting to the advancing

technology as we update and modify our aircraft inventory can be difficult,” Carlson said. “F-22 maintainers are in a unique position due to the fact that the aircraft is young and there is a possibility that a malfunction may arise that has never been addressed or is infrequent. We then work together with the engineers to find a viable solution.”

And then there is the arctic environment.

“The weather can be a challenge to deal with especially here in the unparalleled environment of Alaska,” Carlson said.

JBER is Carlson’s third duty station; she served at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England and Joint Base Langley-Eustice, Va.

Carlson was selected to be the 11th Air Force dedicated crew chief

by Air Force Master Sgt. Joshua Franzen and Air Force Maj. Jon Eberlan, 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, commander.

“I selected Staff Sergeant Carlson because she was the as-

sistant dedicated crew chief for the 493rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit flagship at Lakenheath, RAF,” Franzen said.

“She held that position for two years all while completing 13 classes, earning her Community College of the Air Force degree. I am most impressed with

her dedicated mentality; she leads her troops with confidence and maintains aircraft to the highest standards. She has many more accolades that clearly put her as my number one DCC.”



Briefs and Announcements

Dining facility change

The Wilderness Inn, in Building 647 assumed all JBER-Richardson dining facility operations Oct. 31.

The Gold Rush Dining Facility in Building 655 closed and is scheduled to reopen 90 days after the return of 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division next year.

Effective Monday, new hours for the Wilderness Inn are:

- Monday thru Friday
- Breakfast: 7-9 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Dinner 5-6:30 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday
- Breakfast: 8-10 a.m.
- Lunch: noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Dinner 4-5:30 p.m.

Renters insurance

Aurora Military Housing is providing free renter's insurance to tenants of all Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson housing.

The renter's insurance will be provided, at no cost, to all existing and future JBER residents under a blanket policy with Great American Insurance.

For those tenants currently under the Aurora Allstate Policy, conversion to the new policy will be totally transparent and will be taken care of by Aurora.

Aurora will continue to honor its reimbursement arrangement with those tenants who have previously elected renter's insurance coverage by an insurer other than Allstate.

These tenants will be grandfathered under the previous reimbursement option and will continue to receive reimbursements during their stay with Aurora.

A copy of the insurance policy will be available at the Aurora Military Housing office or visit www.auroramilitaryhousing.com.

Defense attaché officer

Air Force active duty officers, senior captains, majors or lieutenant colonels, interested in opportunities to help build and sustain international relationships can apply for attaché duty at locations ranging from Burma to the United Kingdom.

AFPC and the Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs are accepting applications for senior defense official/defense attaché, air attaché and assistant air attaché duty at nine locations, with selectees

reporting for training between April 2012 and April 2013.

Applications must be received by AFPC and SAF/IA by Dec. 15. Several defense attaché offices have C-12 aircraft assigned, so applicants for those offices will need to be fixed-wing pilots.

An operations background, foreign language skills and experience in the region are highly desired, although not mandatory. Applicants must have taken the Defense Language Aptitude Battery, and all their immediate family members must be U.S. citizens.

The application can be downloaded from the Air Force Portal.

Check your university

Effective Jan. 1, 2012, an academic institution must have signed a Department of Defense memorandum of understanding and be on the list of participating institutions in the DoD Tuition Assistance Program to be eligible to receive funds from the Service's Military Tuition Assistance program.

Military publications

Visit the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Public Affairs Office, 10480 22nd Ave., Suite 123, for copies of the following official military publications: the 2011 JBER Installation Guide and Phonebook (limited supply), Air Force Priorities poster series (large and small sizes), and Airman Magazine (2011 almanac issue). City of Anchorage maps are also available.

Call 552-8918 for information.

Defense Biometric ID System

All DoD ID card holders are required to enroll into the Defense Biometrics Identification System on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to include Active Duty, Reserve, Army National Guard family members and retirees.

All personnel are required to be registered by January 2012. Register at the People Center, Building 8517, Room 100 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the main entrance of the JBER hospital. People can also register at the Visitor Control Center which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Personnel not registered by January 2012 will incur delays at the gate and be forced to the already

busy Visitor Control Center to gain access to JBER.

Air Force ID card changes

Due to long wait times for walk-in customers, effective Monday, all military members or Department of Defense civilians will be required to schedule an appointment via the Military Personnel Section Customer Service Appointment website at <https://673fssmpscustomerseer.clickbook.net>.

The MPS will only see military members on a walk-in basis if their card is lost, needs to be unlocked, certificates need updating, or it ceases to function.

It is also highly encouraged appointments be made for civilian, dependent, Reserve and retiree ID cards.

Travel charge card changes

Effective immediately, personal use of the controlled spend account government travel charge card is not authorized. The CSA card may only be used for expenses related to official government travel.

Payments in excess of overall expenditures placed on the CSA card, after completion of official travel (credit or residual balance), can be obtained by the traveler through electronic transfer to a personal account through Citi's on-line access system or by phone, request check by Citi, a check automatically mailed to cardholder after 60 days of activity, or ATM withdrawal (two percent fee).

Housing privatization

JBER-Richardson held four town hall meetings in October with some of the JBER-Richardson residents and their families.

Aurora Military Housing addressed the questions from these meetings and posted them on the JBER website.

The town hall meetings were focused on residents that will be affected by the next phase of demolition of their current units from Raven Ridge, Fireweed, Cottonwood, and Moose Haven neighborhoods.

Anchorage School District and Traffic Management Office attended the meetings to assist families with the move process and addressed their specific concerns individually. Some of the families will begin re-

locating to their new homes starting this month.

The entire privatization team and our leadership share the concerns of the service members and their families regarding the transition plan and the need to relocate those affected.

We want to assure everyone that Aurora Military Housing III, the Housing Management Office, and the JBER-Richardson privatization team are working closely to ensure all concerns are understood and addressed.

For further information, see our frequently asked questions posted on the JBER website at www.jber.af.mil. Our points of contact are listed below.

Furnishings management

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

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

These items are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The service member is responsible for transporting these furnishings. Airmen should take a copy of PCS orders to the Government Housing Office at 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive to schedule delivery.

Call 552-2740 for any questions regarding the FMO program. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Soldiers can call 384-0092 for the JBER-Richardson FMO.

Career fair

The 2011 Military Spouse Career Fair will be held at the Education Center, Building 7, JBER-Richardson Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 28 and 29 Room 237 will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist customers with their resumes. Call 384-6716 for info.

Winter driving

New base driving rules order drivers to slow to 10 miles per hour below posted speed limits during road conditions red or black, typically caused by inclement weather.

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Force's Food Transformation Initiative," Rendell said. "Also, as part of campus style dining, Airmen on meal card can now take part in campus style dining, which allows them eat at other NAF food operations, such as the Eagle's Nest and the Paradise Café. With Food Transformation, Aramark will be investing funds into both of those food operations to make them better for all JBER patrons."

Approximately 1,400 people who hold a 673d Force Support Squadron Benefit Card can use their membership benefits for a 10 percent discount at many FSS activities.

On top of those venues, and many other options provided by the Force Support Squadron, Airmen can also enjoy the Wired Café, which is located in the dorm area, Rendell said.

Call 552-INFO for the latest road conditions.

Green: Roads are clear and dry.

Amber: It has been determined that roads may be slippery due to snow, ice, or reduced visibility. Drivers will exercise caution.

Red. Roads may be hazardous due to snow, ice, or reduced visibility. Drivers will exercise caution and reduce speeds by 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

Black. Road conditions are extremely hazardous due to ice, snow, or reduced visibility.

Vehicle dispatching is prohibited unless directed by command authority.

Only operate mission essential and emergency response vehicles. Driver exercise extreme caution and reduce speeds by 10 mph below posted speed limits.

ATTC

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further strengthened our team with confidence that we can make a vital difference for critically injured fellow Soldiers.”

In collaboration with the University of Miami's Ryder Trauma Center, the ATTC opened as the official pre-deployment training center for the Army's Forward Surgical Teams a month after the September 11, terrorist attacks.

A decade later nearly 100 surgical teams have rotated through the intensive two-week program, which includes team-building exercises, a mass casualty incident response, and clinical rotations in the hospital's Trauma Resuscitation Unit and surgical areas.

The ATTC course offered tailored classes to all specialties and skill levels.

Everyone in the unit received a core of didactic training.

This included instruction in casualty triage, human surgical anatomy, and emergency trauma skills.

The ATTC staff reinforced the classroom lessons with multiple simulator based trauma scenarios and supervised patient care.

The training concluded after the 8th FST assumed control of the Ryder Trauma Center for a continu-



Members of the 8th Forward Surgical Team (Airborne), 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, move to pick up a critical patient from the heli-pad at the Ryder Trauma Center in Miami, Fla., as part of pre-deployment training. (Courtesy photo)

ous 48-hour period evaluating and treating every trauma patient that entered the doors over the Halloween weekend.

Everyone from fresh-faced privates to board-certified surgeons gained invaluable experience from the training.

The team's junior member, Pvt. Triolo described the ATTC as, "The best training I have received from the Army. It gave me an excellent opportunity to work with my new team and see how they do things."

The camaraderie of the unit proved to be its ultimate key to success.

From a collection of different personalities, varied specialties, and newly attached team members, a solid motivated core emerged with everyone acting in concert to save the lives of their patients.

None of the members of the 8th FST expect an easy deployment.

With the skills they honed in Miami and with new insight regarding their team's dynamics and capabilities the 8th FST knows it can make a difference to all the heroes who find themselves injured in the war zone, team members said after the training.

1,000 hours

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Edwards and Nellis team pulled it together to deliver a combat ready jet to the Combatant Commanders," said Piffarerio. "I was proud to have been a part of that team."

The 477th Fighter Group claims a legacy of historic pilots, with lineage which can be traced back to World War II and the famed Tuskegee Airman.

"Reaching the 1,000 hour milestone is a significant accomplishment for both Lieutenant Colonel Piffarerio and the entire F-22 industry team," said Air Force Reserve Col. Bryan Radliff, 477th Fighter Group commander. "We are proud to share this time with Piff as we recognize him along with our Total Force partners and our Tuskegee Airman legacy."



Air Force Reserve F-22 pilot, Lt. Col. Gary Piffarerio, 302nd Fighter Squadron, climbs into the cockpit at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson just before embarking on the flight for his 1,000 hours in the F-22 airframe, the first Air Force pilot to do so. (Courtesy photo)

Espionage charges preferred against USARAK Soldier

Millay charged with attempted espionage, false statements

U.S. Army Alaska
News release

Spc. William Colton Millay, 22, a military policeman assigned to the 164th Military Police Company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, 2nd Engineer Brigade, was formally charged with attempted espionage, failing to obey regulations, issuing false statements, solicitation and communicating defense information.

Millay, of Owensboro, Ky., was apprehended Oct. 28 at 6:30 a.m. on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, by Army counterintelligence and Army Criminal Investigation Division special agents for suspicion of espionage.

The charges are in connection with a joint investigation of Millay by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Army Counterintelligence and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

General nature of charges:

Attempted Espionage: Millay allegedly communicated and transmitted unclassified national defense information to an individual whom he believed was a foreign intelligence agent, with the intent to aid a foreign nation.

Millay had access to the information through the course of his normal duties both stateside and on a previous deployment, and although the information was unclassified, Millay believed that it could be used to the advantage of a foreign nation.

Failure to Obey General Regulations:

Millay allegedly failed to report multiple contacts with

someone he believed to be a foreign intelligence agent as required by Army Regulation 381-12, paragraph 3-1(d).

Millay violated US Army Alaska Regulation 190-1, paragraph W-2b and W-4a by wrongfully concealing and storing two firearms and ammunition in his assigned barracks room.

False Official Statements: Millay allegedly, knowingly issued false official statements to Army Counterintelligence officials regarding: the full scope of his attempts to contact foreign governments; and the full nature of information he disclosed to someone whom he believed to be a Foreign intelligence agent.

Solicitation: Millay allegedly, wrongfully solicited a fellow service member to obtain classified information and tangible items for the purpose of delivering the materials to an individual whom Millay believed to be a foreign intelligence agent.

Communicating Defense Information: Millay, having been entrusted with unclassified national defense information that could be used to the advantage of a foreign nation, allegedly, willfully communicated the information to persons not entitled to receive it.

Millay joined the Army in November 2007, graduated from Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and served in Korea and Fort Stewart, Ga., before being assigned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in May 2011.

Millay has had one combat tour of duty in Iraq from December 2009 to July 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Millay remains in pre-trial confinement at the Anchorage Correctional Complex. The case is under investigation by the Army Counterintelligence and the FBI.

Wake Island provides crew rest for fighter jets

