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# 'SPARTA LIVES'



## Spartan Brigade continues strong legacy with new commander

By Army Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Smith  
4-25th ABCT Public Affairs

Army Col. Matthew W. McFarlane assumed command of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, from outgoing commander Army Col. Morris T. Goins during a change of command ceremony hosted Wednesday at Hangar One.

The event was attended by many dignitaries and family members from JBER, including the commander of Alaskan Command, Air Force Lt. Gen. Stephen Hoog; and U.S. Army Alaska commander, Maj. Gen. Michael Garrett.

Garrett, who was the 4-25 ABCT's first commanding officer when it was formed in 2005, said he remembers when the Army gave an order to stand up the brigade. Since then, the brigade's colors now bear three combat tour streamers, signifying multiple deployments in its short history.

Garrett said the paratroopers looked great as they stood in formation for the change of command ceremony, and they were representative of the paratroopers who have come before them.

"On many levels this is very special for me," Garrett said. "I fondly recall the hard work by many great men and women, some of who are in this formation and in attendance today, [who built this], the Army's newest airborne brigade combat team."

Goins said when one spells out the word team, the two center letters are "ea," and without the individual "eaches," there would be no team.

Goins thanked each member of his team, starting with JBER and its surrounding communities.

"To the community, (one each), the best community a commander could ever ask for, there are too many to thank," he said. "But know that your efforts will always make us smile and have a special place in our hearts."

"To the 'one each' fallen Soldiers, you will not be forgotten, nor will your families," Goins said. "To the 'one each' paratroopers and to the 'one each' noncommissioned officers in this great organization, your efforts and your sacrifice allowed for the freedoms of many generations to come. To each being represented here today, thanks for being the best that our nation truly has to offer"



Goins thanked many other members of his team, to include company commanders and first sergeants, the brigade staff element, the brigade's battalion commanders, the brigade's deputy commanding officer, Army Lt. Col. Jeremy Miller; and the 4-25 ABCT's command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Gardner.

Lastly, Goins thanked his wife, Yolanda, for her lifelong commitment and continued support.

Goins sent McFarlane and McFarlane's wife, Kelly, his best wishes as he stepped away and relinquished command of the storied brigade.

Goins will take a position in Washington, D.C.

McFarlane expressed his feelings upon taking command.

"I am humbled, but grateful for the privilege of serving in such an outstanding unit on this tremendous joint installation and a very supportive Anchorage community," McFarlane said.

McFarlane thanked Goins and his wife for their help during McFarlane's move and transition into the brigade and Alaska.

McFarlane also thanked many members of the armed services, his parents, his wife, Kelly, and his two sons, Collin and Ryan, for their support throughout his career.

McFarlane took a moment to address the Spartan paratroopers and their families and friends.

McFarlane expressed his feelings at becoming a member of the brigade.

"To the Spartan family: troopers, families and friends of the brigade – the McFarlane's are truly honored to join your ranks," McFarlane said. "To the troopers, I look forward to serving you and soldiering with you each and every day. One team. Arctic Warriors. Sparta lives. Airborne."

The ceremony concluded a long string of change of command ceremonies hosted within the brigade during the last several days, which saw all six of its battalion's receive new commanders.

Soldiers of the 4-25th ABCT has fully returned from their recent deployment to Afghanistan, and the brigade will now focus its attention on retraining to fill its mission as the only Airborne brigade in Pacific Command.



U.S. Army Alaska Commanding General Maj. Gen. Michael Garrett passes the unit colors of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division to the incoming commander Col. Matthew McFarlane during a change of command ceremony at JBER on Wednesday. (U.S. Army photo/Sgt. 1st Class Jason Epperson)

## Stryker Soldier dies in vehicle accident

USARAK news release

A Fort Wainwright Soldier died Nov. 30 in a motor vehicle accident near Mile Post 336.5 on the Parks Highway.

Sp. Shawn Dugan, 25, of Webster City, Iowa, was a heavy-vehicle driver with the 25th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Fort Wainwright.

The incident is under investigation by Alaska State Troopers.

The next of kin have been notified.



## Air Force delays MilPDS upgrade

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Air Force officials are delaying the upgrade of the Military Personnel Data System originally scheduled for this month.

Delaying the upgrade is necessary to ensure the new system is thoroughly tested by the Air Force Personnel Center and other Department of Defense and Air Force agencies that use personnel information from MilPDS.

"Despite the best efforts of many, we must delay the upgrade," said Robert Corsi, Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "It's critical we ensure our Airmen have the best possible personnel data system, and to do that we need to complete testing on the new system before we upgrade MilPDS."

The delay will have minimal impact on total force Airmen. The personnel processes and programs identified below will revert back to the requirements and timelines outlined in their respective Air Force instructions:

- Scheduling oral proficiency interviews, Defense Language Proficiency Tests for foreign language proficiency bonuses
- Applying for reenlistments and enlistment extensions
- Completing base of preference applications
- Completing in-place base of preference applications
- Applying for voluntary retraining
- Updating Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance policies

MilPDS is the primary records database for personnel data and actions that occur throughout every total force Airman's career.

MilPDS is also used to initiate Airman pay actions, maintain Air Force accountability and strength data and support a host of interactions with other Air Force processes and systems that rely on personnel data.

Reserve and Guard members will receive specific instructions from the Air Force Reserve Command and Air Reserve Personnel Center concerning how the delay will impact their personnel programs. More information is available on the ARPC public website at [www.arpc.afrc.af.mil](http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil).

For more information about personnel services and programs, visit the myPers website at [mypers.af.mil](http://mypers.af.mil) or call Military Personnel at 384-0338.

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### Community

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Tribal and military leaders work together

# Command Emphasis

## Living ethically by the Army Values

Editorial by Army Maj. Gen. Michael Garrett  
U.S. Army Alaska commanding general

According to a 2011 Gallup poll, 78 percent of the American people have a “great deal or quite a lot” of confidence in the U.S. military, more than in any other of the polled national institutions; which included organized religion, public schools, newspapers and Congress. Undoubtedly, if this poll had been limited to just Alaska, that percentage would have been considerably higher.

It is an honor to live in this great state and to serve in such patriotic communities. With this honor comes a moral responsibility to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of their confidence.

Though the vast majority of service members behave themselves ethically and in accordance with our Army Values, there have been Soldiers in the news during the past few years whose actions don’t meet the standards we collectively strive to uphold. These actions, though committed by the few, can reflect negatively on the rest of us.

The U.S. Army is among the most diverse organizations in the world. We welcome people from every race, ethnicity, creed and social class to serve in our ranks. With such a wide variety of backgrounds and upbringings, it is vital to emphasize key ideals that every Soldier can emulate and be expected to live by. The Army Values aren’t just noble principles; they are the common standards that unite us as professional Soldiers.

As such, we must always be physically, mentally, emotionally and ethically prepared to carry out whatever mission our nation assigns us. It is equally important for us to be in top physical condition as it is for us to maintain the highest ethical standards, and it takes just as much personal resolve and effort.



**Army 1st Lt. Greg Lins, a native of Point Pleasant, N.J., of 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment, greets a local Afghan boy inside a qalat of a female school in the village of Mangas July 7. A strong sense of ethics are critical on the modern battlefield. (U.S. Army photo/Sgt. 1st Class Jason Epperson)**

Regular exercise is crucial to keeping our bodies primed for combat, just as constant reflection on our decisions is necessary to living honorably. Any and every choice we make is an opportunity to train ourselves to better live the Army Values. If you have already decided to respect others, regardless of the situation, it will be easier to do the right thing and treat them as they should be treated.

Because we are members of a profession with superior ideals, principles and values, we must hold ourselves to a higher standard than many of our fellow countrymen. We are Soldiers every moment of every day for as long as we choose to serve.

We don’t take off our morals with our

boots at the end of the duty day. Whether you are in the field, at the club or at home on leave, I expect you to always do the right thing by behaving honorably, ethically and in accordance with the Army Values.

Soldiers who have made integrity a matter of daily living are those who strive to always do the right thing, especially when it seems nobody is watching. They have learned to take appropriate actions in the absence of orders and apply the ideology of the Warrior Ethos in every other aspect of life. The principle “I will never leave a fallen comrade” applies just as much in the barracks as it does on the battlefield. If you know one of our own is in trouble, then

integrity demands you do something to help.

Service in our Army is a public trust. We must place our obligations to the Constitution, our fellow Soldiers and the Army Values above any opportunity for personal gain. We must abstain from decisions and circumstances that even bear the appearance of violating our ethics. We will protect and conserve the resources entrusted to us by the American people and not use them for inappropriate purposes.

I will not tolerate anyone in this command having nefarious financial interests that conflict with their obligation to the nation or use government information, property or their position to advance any private interests. This includes accepting inappropriate gifts.

It is the responsibility of leaders to know, live and enforce these standards. Those who don’t lead by example can’t effectively inspire their subordinates to live ethically. Actions speak louder than words. Leaders who don’t live what they preach lose all credibility with those they lead and anyone else who witnesses their lack of morals. When I pray each night, one of the things I ask God for is that I will have the strength to not be a hypocrite. When we choose to live the Army Values, our actions will instruct those we lead more than our words ever could.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your commander. I have been in the Army longer than most Soldiers, and I’ve seen units and commands all around the world. What we have here in Alaska is truly unique, and I hope you all recognize what a privilege it is to be stationed here. I am immensely proud of each of you and the work you do for our nation every day. You truly are the finest America has to offer.

Arctic Warrior! Arctic Tough!

# SEXUAL ASSAULT

## The only acceptable number is zero

Editorial by Air Force Col. Brian Duffy  
JBER and 673d ABW commander

On Nov. 14, our new Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. Mark Welsh, released a memorandum to all commanders and command chiefs entitled, “Combating Sexual Assault in the Air Force” in which he states, “There will be approximately 700 reported sexual assaults in our Air Force this year.” He goes on to state, “It’s time we all wake up and get mad about it, because the only acceptable number is zero.”

So serious is our new CSAF on eradicating this destructive behavior, that on Nov. 26, he met with all active-duty wing commanders to discuss the issue and challenged us to work to eliminate it from our ranks.

Not one of us should be forced to be in

an environment, be it at work or at home, where common decency isn’t the prevailing way or where we should be fearful for personal safety.

For victims of sexual assault, the challenges can seem daunting; however, we have avenues for you to get help and to put you back in control. First and foremost, we encourage you to come forward and report the crime.

As a reminder, there are two reporting options available, unrestricted and restricted.

Unrestricted reports: This option is for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment, referral services and an official investigation of the crime. When selecting unrestricted reporting, you should use current reporting channels – e.g. chain of com-

mand, law enforcement or report the incident to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC); or request healthcare personnel to notify law enforcement. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Restricted reports: This option is for victims of sexual assault who wish to confidentially disclose the crime to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and services without triggering the official investigative process. Service members who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy must report the assault to a SARC, Victim Advocate (VA), or a healthcare personnel.

To contact our Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, two options are available. The Air Force hot-

line is 551-7272 and the Army hotline is 384-7272. For those wishing to visit in person, the Air Force office is located in Building 7153, our JBER-Elmendorf Arctic Warrior Orientation Center; while, the Army office is located in Building 600, Room B-363 on JBER-Richardson.

Simply said, sexual assault has no place in our armed forces. If you’re a perpetrator or contemplator, we want you to think twice. If you’re a witness, we need you to intervene. If you’re a victim, we ask you please come forward so we can help.

As General Welsh concluded in his memo, “we owe the men and women of our profession...the ones that selflessly volunteered to serve our great nation...an environment of trust and the dedicated, caring leadership they deserve.”

# Military ethics and the mantle of leadership

By Chief Master Sgt. JJ Little  
Commandant, JBER Professional  
Military Education

I thank God for the leaders you already are and stand alongside you as we develop our noncommissioned officers and petty officers to prepare for the battlefields of tomorrow. “I am a warrior...I am an expert and a professional...”

Bottom line up front, lest we forget: We are a human organization whose primary function is the application of violence. This is the primary skill of all military professionals. Warriors, we must start with each of us as members of a total force team who commit ourselves to ethical principles and selfless goals.

Our aim is to assure the security of the United States, defend against aggression, and aid our allies as directed by our elected civilian leaders. In order for this mission to succeed, we must always give our best. We must strive to be resilient: physically, mentally, emotionally,

and spiritually prepared to meet the challenges inherent to being a member of a fighting force, both in the deployed environment and at home station.

### Integrity

As NCO’s we must, demonstrate a warrior’s passion... advise the moral truth, as seen, about the challenges discussed. Provide the ethical framework and sound recommendations to commanders.

Our leadership responsibilities demand components of candor, courage and commitment and are essential elements of our integrity and military judgment. These are enhanced through the application of service traditions, ethics, and standards of performance.

Our integrity must facilitate frank and independent advice to superiors, providing clear expressions, which directly relate to trust, and sincerity and results in a collective confidence.

Our own integrity is an individ-

ual human concern; responsibility cannot be shifted to a “process,” inanimate object or another being.

Integrity is not something that can be turned on and off in combat nor peace. It reflects the value systems in which our lives are grounded. Thankfully, integrity is a character trait and as such can be developed; we should be vigilant and remain attentive to opportunities to do so. In ourselves and those we lead, we must never forget that integrity is a reluctant partner to “friction” and is a cornerstone to resiliency.

### Selfless service

I recently heard Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, Air University command chief, state “It’s about national security not social security.”

We would all do well to remember this simple, basic and selfless fact.

The military services are just that – services. They exist to defend and support basic human

values as defined by our Constitution and the American people. The duty of the military professional – particularly senior NCO’s and chief petty officers, is to develop from a warrior’s perspective, our nation’s most precious asset – its youth, by conducting person-oriented leadership consistent with the fundamental commitments of our nation.

Priorities once espoused by our past historical leaders; God, country, mission, service, organization, fellows, family, and self still remain today. Unfortunately, too many of us at times practice a priority system where self-concern is commonality. We tend to self above all others including God, family, fellows, country, mission or organization.

Audacious ambition towards a common goal is productive and necessary however, we must remain on guard against moments of self-serving indiscretions. Every leader at each level of warfare; strategic, operational or tactical

must not only have a strong ethical character but are expected to respectfully represent our country within our own stories whilst selflessly serving in the larger epic story of our nation.

Leaders, we are part of something bigger than ourselves and should act as faithful stewards.

Today’s NCO Corps should embrace a return to fundamental integrity to enhance and identify that, which contributes to our resiliency. Our professional NCO Corps rests upon the bedrock of a common integrity; that selflessly extends a hand to pull-up those within our charge to be self-reliant and audacious leaders of the future.

In essence, an “always faithful” approach to leadership while specifically remaining physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually prepared to meet the challenges inherent to being a member of a joint fighting force on the persistent battlefields of tomorrow.

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An Alaska Air National Guard pararescueman assists a Marine during Exercise Mojave Viper in March 2012. The Alaska Air National Guard's 210th, 211th and 212th rescue squadrons participated in the exercise with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C., before they deployed together to Afghanistan. The exercise prepared both units for real-world combat in Afghanistan and assisted them in saving 226 lives from late May to October 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Cynthia Spalding)

## JBER Pararescuemen save 226 lives in Afghanistan

By Air Force Maj. Guy Hayes  
Alaska National Guard PAO

Wars are won by the men and women who fight in the air, on the sea and in the trenches. They fight to bring peace, stability and liberty to our fractured world, while adhering to the core values this country was founded upon.

Spirited in fight, these troops meet the enemy on uneven ground, some giving their lives for their fellow service members, while others are seriously injured on the field of battle.

In the critical moments that follow, during this golden hour – where prompt intervention is needed to get a wounded warrior to a trauma care facility – America's troops depend on elite combat search and rescue units like the Alaska Air National Guard's 210th, 211th and 212th rescue squadrons.

From late May to October 2012, more than 180 citizen Airmen of the Alaska Air National Guard's 176th Wing were deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. At the peril of losing their own lives, these men and women dedicated themselves to the mission of helping fellow service members get the critical help they needed, resulting in 226 American troops' lives saved.

"The men were very satisfied with the missions we executed over

the five month stretch," said Air Force Maj. Matt Komatsu, 212th Rescue Squadron director of operations. "We saw it all – wounded coalition and Afghan civilians, downed aircraft, extended ground operations while integrated with U.S. Marine Corps [reconnaissance] troops. We even fought alongside [British Army] troopers in defense of Camp Bastion during the most devastating airfield incursion to occur since the Vietnam War. The experiences were diverse, challenging and dangerous, and each man was tested and found equal to the task."

Intervening to save lives, Komatsu and fellow Guardian Angels from the Alaska Air National Guard rescue squadrons often found themselves in difficult situations engaging enemies while attempting to bring back the sons and daughters of coalition forces.

"In late July, we were alerted with a [casualty evacuation] of two Danish soldiers whose vehicle hit an [improvised explosive device] and were in the middle of a fire fight," Komatsu said. "Guardian Angel teams responded on HH-60 [Pave Hawks] into an active landing zone with small arms fire and grenade launches coming from multiple directions. When the helo landed, Tech Sgt. Chris Harding, [Air Force] Staff Sgt. Nick Watson and [Air Force] Staff Sgt. Bill Cenna made a run under fire

through an uncleared IED field, a flowing canal and then climbed a 12-foot embankment to reach the wounded Danish soldiers.

"After rendering care to the wounded, they realized they had four, not two patients to move, so the team quickly stabilized the patients and made their way back to the helicopter through a barrage of small arms fire before turning around and going back to bring the other two back safely to the helo waiting to take them to the hospital," Komatsu continued. "Their actions resulted in four lives saved."

Extreme stories of heroism and courageous actions, as shared by Komatsu, have become the norm for Guardian Angels from the Alaska Air National Guard at home and abroad. Their missions are detailed in the countless recommendations for decorations from this deployment, but it's the team and the unity of effort at every level of the operation they will tout as the reason they are so successful in saving lives in these austere conditions.

"Guys were getting off the ground in six minutes, even though we were on a 15-minute response time per the directive," said Air Force Lt. Col. Steve Latham, 210th Rescue Squadron director of operations. "I think our quickest mission from takeoff to landing was 13-minutes, and the Soldier was

seven miles away. These guys were always ready to go when the call came in and performed extremely well under pressure, frequently taking fire during rescues."

Flying more than 850 missions and nearly 600 hours in a five-month period also requires a significant support team ready to assist any way it can, and according to Komatsu and Latham, the 176th maintenance personnel deserve a lot of credit for their part in Afghanistan.

"Maintenance deserves a lot of praise for what they did," Komatsu said. "They got birds up in the air, kept them up in the air and repaired them after they got shot up; it was a huge team effort."

"Our maintenance troops were stellar," Latham said. "We fly them hard over there, and it's hard to maintain them because stuff breaks more often, but they were extremely focused and absolutely understood the importance of what was going on. A less motivated crew, and we would not have been as effective."

"When we got a radio call these guys were sprinting out towards the helicopter to help get us airborne, throwing vests on the guys, helping them strap in and that's not something you normally see in the helicopter world," Latham continued. "But because we've known most of these guys for 10 to 15 years in some cases, there's a motivation to

do the best you can for your bros. There's a special relationship with a Guard or Reserve unit."

Back at home in Alaska, the unit now continues to focus on training and the mission of saving lives in their home state, a mission Komatsu says helped them greatly in Afghanistan.

"It is a concrete truth that the 11th Air Force Search and Rescue mission and the 100-plus search and rescues we execute a year prepare us for an effortless transition to combat personnel recovery," Komatsu said. "We have seamless integration with our HH-60s and HC-130 [Kings] up here in Alaska, which became absolutely crucial in Afghanistan."

"You have to know that when the money is on the line, your pilots can work together to conduct air refueling out there," he continued. "Guardian Angels in Alaska don't have to be sharp the four months they deploy, they have to stay sharp 365 days a year. You can't buy that kind of mission focus through training; it can only come with repeated operations, which we have up here. The transition is seamless, the mission essentially the same; we simply transition from weather and environmental threats to combat threats."

The deployment to Afghanistan was the single largest deployment of personnel from the 176th Wing since 2003.

## Reservist earns top BMT award, credits home station training

By Tech. Sgt. Dana Rosso  
477th Fighter Group Public Affairs

A member of the 477th Fighter Group was named top graduate out of 620 Airmen from Basic Military Training during his BMT graduation ceremony Nov. 9 at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

Airman 1st Class Andrew Morgan is a traditional reservist who will be assigned to the 477th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as an F-22 avionics specialist. Morgan is a resident of Anchorage.

Top honor goes to the one Airman who has surpassed all other in the challenges of Air Force BMT. Morgan was the weapons monitor, he scored a 97 percent on his end-of-course test, and completed the mile and half run in 10 minutes and 34 seconds in addition to 52 sit-ups and 48 push-ups.

"The training I went through before leaving for BMT helped out immensely," Morgan said, "I was way ahead of the game because of what we did with the Reserve training prior to BMT."

Morgan's success can be attributed in part to his participation in the 477th FG Development and Training Flight, a new Air Force Reserve initiative which prepares enlistees for BMT by educating them on Air Force customs and courtesies, drill and



Airman Andrew Morgan, 477th Fighter Group, is recognized as the top graduate of the Basic Military Training class graduating Nov. 9 at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. He is recognized by Air Force Col. Deborah Liddick, 737th Training Group commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Williams, 737th TG superintendent. (Courtesy Photo)

ceremony, and physical fitness prior to arrival at BMT.

"The D & T Flight has sent 21 trainees off to basic training so far," said Tech. Sgt. Travis Marshall, 477th FG D & T Flight

facilitator. "Eight members have returned after training, a few of them held roles such as dorm chiefs and element leaders, but Morgan is our first trainee to be recognized as the Top Graduate. We will continue to

provide them with the tools that they will need to be successful in BMT."

Prior to the stand-up of D&T Flight program, new enlistees' only contact with the military was twice a month contact with their recruiter and weekly contact during the month prior to leaving for BMT.

The D & T training so far has proven to increase the success rate of Airmen in BMT. According to the office of the Program Manager of the Development and Training Flight there was a 7 percent discharge rate of Reserve Airmen who were not in a D & T Flight prior to coming to BMT and only a .5 percent discharge rate for those who were.

"Trainees can be a part of the program for as short as one month up to one year as they await their training dates," Marshall said. "As of right now, they are averaging six to seven months in the program before leaving for BMT."

The Air Force Reserve currently has 37 units with active D & T Flights.

"Prepare yourself mentally, but don't stress about it," Morgan said. "Most trainees get used to the conditions of BMT after a while, but being able to handle one's self under pressure is the biggest thing to overcome. The sooner you can get a start on that, the better, and the D & T Flight at the 477th FG did that and more."

# Briefs and Announcements

## Increased range activity

Small arms up to .50-caliber machine guns and automatic grenade launchers will be fired on JBER-Richardson ranges from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. through Wednesday.

For more information, call 384-3508 or 384-6231.

## Pharmacy volunteers

The 673d Medical Group Pharmacy needs volunteers to provide the best possible customer service to beneficiaries.

Pharmacy volunteers can help perform such critical tasks as bagging, shelving and handing out medication.

For more information on how to volunteer, call 580-6807 or email [christina.mcquaide@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:christina.mcquaide@elmendorf.af.mil).

## Christmas tree cutting

Christmas tree cutting permits will be issued through Dec. 21.

Users first need to obtain an iSportsman permit from [jber.sportsman.net](http://jber.sportsman.net), the iSportsman kiosks at the visitor centers, or at the Wildlife Education Center, Building 8481.

Users can read more about the Christmas tree cutting program by clicking on the "Forestry" tab on the iSportsman website.

For more information please contact Sarah Jones, coordinator for the Wildlife Education Center, at 552-0301 or [sarah.jones.ctr@elmendorf.af.mil](mailto:sarah.jones.ctr@elmendorf.af.mil).

## Satellite pharmacy

The refill pharmacy at the Moose Entrance of the JBER hospital is closed.

The AAFES satellite pharmacy is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday for pickups only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The main hospital pharmacy is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Road closures

Gulkana Avenue is closed west of Sixth Street for housing construction, opening again time to be determined.

Dyea Avenue is closed from Fifth to Sixth streets until December for housing construction.

Juneau Avenue is closed near Fifth Street until March 15, 2013, for housing construction.

Alpine Avenue and Birch Hill Drive near Alpine Avenue will be closed until February for housing construction.

Seventh Avenue is closed between Beluga and Dyea avenues until April 15, 2013.

## Brain injury classes

Every Tuesday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., the JBER hospital Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic will host education and peer-coping strategies class for spouses and partners of service members affected by TBI.

For more information, call 580-0014.

## Scholarship opportunity

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Eligible spouses will have an opportunity to receive up to \$2,000 to fund their college education. To apply, please visit [www.afas.org/Education/ArnoldEdGrant.cfm](http://www.afas.org/Education/ArnoldEdGrant.cfm).

## Lunch with a Lawyer

Judge Advocate General lawyers will meet with troops every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Iditarod Dining Facility to answer general legal questions.

## 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).

## Public Health hours

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.

## 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.

Please contact the JBER-Elmendorf office at 552-4439 or the JBER-Richardson office at 384-3088 for specific times to be included in the sign-up roster.

## Arctic Watch

The JBER Antiterrorism Office encourages all personnel to be vigilant against threats and report suspicious activities to iWatchArmy at 384-0824 or Eagle Eyes at 552-2256.

## Find housing

Visit the Automated Housing Referral Network at [www.ahrn.com](http://www.ahrn.com), or [www.ahrn.org/mobile](http://www.ahrn.org/mobile) if using a mobile device, to find housing before packing up.

Sponsored by the Department of Defense, the website listings include available community rentals, military housing, shared rentals, temporary lodging and military for sale by owner listings.

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

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

For more information, call the 673d Civil Engineer Squadron Capital Asset Management Office at either 552-4439 for JBER-Elmendorf or 384-3088 for JBER-Richardson.

## Rental Partnership

The Rental Partnership Program at JBER 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 applicable.

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.

## Dining facility survey

ARAMARK is conducting a survey to evaluate how the contractor can better offer dining service to JBER.

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

## Furnishings management

The Furnishings Management Office offers 90-day loaner furniture for troops 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.

## 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.

## Do not trespass

Trespassing on JBER-Elmendorf combat-arms firing ranges is both dangerous and illegal.

Units fire on ranges at random times in accordance with their training schedules.

The outdoor range is located approximately one mile north of Sixmile Lake and the indoor range is at Building 4309 Kenney Ave.

For more information or to inquire about access to these areas, call Combat Arms at 552-1846.















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## Calling all nations

Multi-Tribal gathering share culture and heritage

Photos and story By Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Smith 4-25th ABCT PAO

A heritage stretching back thousands of years in a cold and harsh Alaskan environment was celebrated with a free powwow show by the All Nations Multi-Tribal Gathering Wednesday afternoon at the Frontier Movie Theater here.

The 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division and JBER's Equal Opportunity Of-

fice hosted the event.

The purpose was to celebrate National Native American Heritage Month by providing educational and fun activities to enhance knowledge and awareness of Alaskan Natives and Native Americans, according to event organizers.

The Alaska Native Heritage Center brought artifacts and literature for the exhibition while dancers and performers with The Yup'ik Dancers, and The Mount Susitna Drum, Singers, and Dancers displayed their talents with

traditional dances and music from their native heritage.

American Indian artwork was exhibited in the rear of the theater by a local artist, and there was fresh ethnic food in the form of "Indian tacos" for sampling.

Guest speaker, Margaret Nakak from The Alaska Native Heritage Center, said we are blessed to be on this land in Alaska.

Nakak said her ancestry believed all natural resources such as, animals, birds, and fish have spirits, and because of this it helps promote mutual respect between nature and humanity.

She said Alaskan Natives have developed universal values over thousands of years.

These values include showing respect to others, sharing what you have, knowing who you are, accepting what life brings, having patience, living carefully, taking care of others, honoring your

elders, praying for guidance, and seeing connections because all things are related.

Nakak said a strong value is to know who you are and where you come from.

She said there are connections from different tribes from all around Alaska.

Nakak said her home community of Point Hope, Alaska has a naming culture which connects members of the village.

She said her mother's name is Bessy, so everyone in the village who has the name of Bessy is her mother.

One of her sisters is named Nora, so anyone in the village with the name of Nora is her sister.

A brother of hers is named Michael, and everyone in the village with the name Michael is her brother.

Nakak said another common cultural process of naming newborns is by giving them the names of the recently deceased members of the community.

She said it helps carry on lineages while fostering strong connections and a sense of belonging.

Michael Rico, the drum keeper with the Mount Susitna Drum Singers and Dancers, said his group travels and performs to teach others about their heritage, culture, and languages.

He said they usually close their performances with a prayer using one of their native languages.

Army Spc. Preston Reed, a Navajo and 11B infantryman paratrooper with the 3rd Battalion (Airborne) 509th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, said it reminded him of times when he would go to the annual Gathering of Nations celebration held in Albuquerque, N.M.

"It made me feel like I was at home again," said Reed. "Being in the Army and being away from my family, just seeing this brings a warm feeling in my heart. I really did enjoy it."

The event promoted and assisted the Department of Defense's initiatives of equal opportunity and cultural awareness, and all tribal members currently residing within the local area were welcomed to attend.



Michael Rico, a Native American and Yaqui Tribe, Otomi Indian from Yuma, Ariz., dances and celebrates during the All Nations Multi-Tribal Gathering powwow Nov. 28, at the Frontier Movie Theater on JBER



Alaskan Native Yup'ik Dancers use the participation of Army Sgt. Johnathon Owen from the 725th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division to demonstrate how to tell a story by using traditional native dance Nov. 29, at the Frontier Movie Theater on JBER. The 4-25 and JBER's equal opportunity office hosted the event to commemorate and observe National Native American Heritage Month. (U.S. Army photos/Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Smith)

## Tribal and military leaders work together

By Tommie Baker Alaskan Command Public Affairs

Nearly 30 Alaska tribal first chiefs and presidents and a dozen top military commanders from throughout the state met to discuss proposed 2013 military activities in order to receive tribal input during the Alaska Tribal and Military Leaders Meeting Nov. 27 at JBER.

"The goal of this meeting was to continue to carry out the Department of Defense American Indian and Alaska Native Policy by enhancing our understanding and cooperation between Alaska's military and federally recognized Alaska tribes," said Air Force Lt. Gen. Stephen Hoog, commander of Alaskan Command.

Echoing the general, tribal leaders shared the goal as well.

"This was my first time to attend, and I found it very informative. The government to government consultation is very important to the tribes," said Leo Lolnitz, first chief of the Koyukuk Tribal Council. "I learned quite a bit today. I would have even enjoyed another day to talk about the tribal concerns and the federal government's involvement."

These meetings help the military outline to the tribes: future deployments, new organizations and equipment, environmental clean-up efforts, and other activities the military anticipates in the near future.

Recognizing and respecting tribal sovereignty and the status of tribal leaders is critical in building the relationships between the tribes and the various federal agencies.

In Executive Order 13084, President Bill Clinton stated, "I am strongly committed to building a more effective day-to-day working



Tribal leaders and their military hosts for the Tribal Leaders and Military Leaders Meeting VI, held at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, receive a briefing on the equipment and capabilities of the 212th Rescue Squadron from Senior Master Sgt. Christopher "Doug" Widener, operations superintendent. The meeting was held here Nov. 27. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Omari Bernard)

relationship reflecting respect for the rights of self-government due to the sovereign tribal governments."

"The Department of Defense American Indian and Alaska Native policy places installation commanders and tribal first chiefs, chairs, and presidents on equal footing," said Dr. Jerome Montague, Alaskan Command native affairs and natural resources advisor.

"Developing relationships between these key parties is essential to implementation of the policy."

These relationships are pivotal to the military's success in Alaska

since military installations are often close to tribal communities.

"Consultation is always a dialogue, with information and opinion respectfully exchanged in both directions," states DoD Instruction Number 4710.02: DoD Interactions with Federally-Recognized Tribes.

Given how closely related the military and Alaska Native communities can be, the Alaska Tribal and Military Leaders Meeting is an excellent opportunity to address concerns that the tribes may have, Montague said.

There are 229 federally recog-

nized tribes in the state of Alaska. The active duty and National Guard have a presence in about 75 of the tribal communities across the state of Alaska, he added.

"The discussions throughout the day revealed there were several themes of broad tribal interest," according to Hoog.

The themes included: pace and degree of environmental remediation; effects of climate change on national security and village life; veteran tribal member access to veterans' benefits; and the need to always differentiate between the tribes and the corporations.

According to a 2008 Heritage Foundation, Center for Data Analysis report, it's noteworthy that American Indian and Alaskan natives serve in the military in the largest percentage for any ethnic group.

"The Alaska Natives and the military have had a good relationship in the past, and we want to continue to build and enhance that connection," Hoog said. "These types of meetings, where the leaders from tribes and the military gather for face-to-face discussions, are a cornerstone for building relationships for mutual trust."

# Light your candle and light up the world

Commentary by Air Force Chaplain (Maj.) Rolf Holmquist

Go light your candle... Since discovering how to first make a fire, people have been using candles to light their dark worlds nearly every day.

Naturally, because of this daily importance, candles found their way into nearly every religion, eventually coming to symbolize something special for each one.

Actual burning candles still play a role in many religions today.

From the Jewish menorah to candles set before Buddhist shrines or pictures of the Buddha, to various uses of candles in Christian churches and homes, special significance remains in this most basic form of light.

One of the Christian uses for candles is during the time of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas.

For Christians, advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas.

Christians both wait for the

second coming of Jesus and also reflect on his first arrival some 2,000 years ago.

Many Christian churches celebrate Advent with the lighting of Advent candles.

Each candle represents a different theme, often hope, peace, joy and love.

These themes were drawn out of scripture by Christian church fathers around the 6th century.

There is also significance in the color of the candles.

Historically within the Christian church, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is purple.

This is the color of royalty meant to welcome the Advent of the King.

In many Christian churches, the third Sunday in Advent remains the Sunday of Joy, marked by a rose-colored candle.

Lastly, the Christ candle is white to remind Christians that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins.

I have always liked candles. I enjoy the way candles cast a warm glow on a cold

winter's night.

I know about cold winters, of course, since I am stationed in Alaska along with many of you.

I often think about what it must have been like for the first settlers to endure a winter in wild Alaska.

The early pioneers lit candles just to see inside their cabin when the sun went down.

It is amazing how something as small as the flicker of the flame on a candle has the ability to light up a whole room.

I believe that is how it should be with Christians.

Though the candle of our soul may be small, it should light up the whole room.

This Advent season, we have a reason to be joyous.

We are deeply loved by a God who gave the very first present on Christmas – himself.

As we who are Christian light the Advent candles in church this month, think about what they represent – hope, peace, joy and love.

Does the world see these attributes of God displayed in us? Is our candle lit?

With this understanding of the love of God, we should be lighting up the whole world.

Go ahead this Advent – take your candle, and go out and light your world.



Advent wreaths with candles for each of the four weeks of Advent are traditional in many Christian sects – some use white candles, some do not. Candles are symbolic in many religions (Courtesy photo)

## NORAD tracks Santa across the U.S., provides real-time updates

By North American Aerospace Defense Command Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Children of all ages will be able to track Santa Claus on his annual journey, thanks to the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

The “NORAD Tracks Santa” website at [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org) is up and running for 2012.

The site features a holiday countdown, games and daily activities, video messages from students around the world and more, officials said.

The site is available in English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Chinese.

Official apps also are available in the Windows Store, Apple Store, and Google Play so parents and children can count down the days until Santa’s launch on their smartphones and tablets.

Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google Plus.

Santa followers just need to type “@noradsanta” into any search engine to get started.

Starting at midnight Mountain Standard

Time on Dec. 24, website visitors can watch Santa make the preparations for his flight.

Then, at 4 a.m. Mountain time, trackers worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa’s whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number (877) 446-6723 or by sending an email to [noradtrackssanta@outlook.com](mailto:noradtrackssanta@outlook.com).

NORAD’s “Santa Cams” also will stream videos as Santa makes his way over various locations.

It all started in 1955, when a local media advertisement directed children to call Santa directly.

Fortunately or unfortunately, the number was misprinted.

Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the crew commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center.

Air Force Col. Harry Shoup, who was on duty, answered the call with an update on Santa’s progress. As children called, operators reported Santa’s position. A tradition was born.

Every Christmas Eve, thousands of volunteers staff telephones and computers to answer calls and emails from children.

NORAD has carried the tradition on since the command was created in 1958.

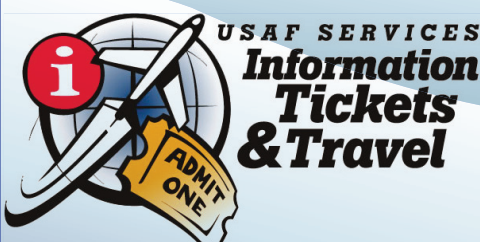


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# FOOTBALL FRENZY

**Thursday, December 6 Games at 4:30 p.m.**  
Denver at Oakland

**Sunday, December 9 Games @ 9 a.m.**  
Baltimore at Washington  
Kansas at Cleveland  
San Diego at Pittsburgh

**Sunday, December 9 Games @ 9 a.m.**  
Tennessee at Indianapolis  
NY Jets at Jacksonville  
Chicago at Minnesota  
Atlanta at Carolina  
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay  
St. Louis at Buffalo  
Dallas at Cincinnati

**Sunday, December 9 Games @ 12:05 p.m.**  
Miami at San Francisco  
**Games @ 12:15 p.m.**  
N.O. at NY Giants  
Arizona at Seattle  
**Games @ 4:20 p.m.**  
Detroit at Green Bay



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# & ACTIVITIES

# Community happenings

## A Christmas Carol

The classic Dickens novel comes to life at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m. The Alaska Theatre of Youth brings back Scrooge, Tiny Tim and all your favorites. For information, call 263-2787.

## Winter Wonderland Walk

Downtown Eagle River Commons hosts the annual tree lighting and features elementary school choirs. Santa and his team of eight real reindeer headline, while sleigh rides and treats are also planned. For more information, visit [www.cer.org](http://www.cer.org).

## SATURDAY The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The Alaska Theatre of Youth brings to life this story of an outlaw family who take over the annual Christmas pageant and give their own wild interpretation. Presented at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. For more information call 263-2787.

## Junie B. Jones

The Alaska Center for the Performing Arts presents a sneak-peek into the journal of precocious Junie B. Jones. This adaptation of four books is a not-strictly-for-kids performance. For information, call 263-2787.

## DEC. 15 Wreaths Across America

The Fort Richardson National Cemetery hosts this wreath-laying ceremony beginning at noon. Eight wreaths will be laid honoring fallen troops in this holiday tradition. For information, call 892-8944 or email [cdkimball@mtaonline.net](mailto:cdkimball@mtaonline.net).

## Christmas Village

One of the newest holiday shows in Alaska happens at the Dena'ina Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Buy and sell both Alaska-made and imported gifts.

For information, email [info@anchoragemarkets.com](mailto:info@anchoragemarkets.com).

## Reduced Shakespeare

The Reduced Shakespeare Company takes viewers on an irreverent trip through the holidays with the Ultimate Christmas Show. The "Three Wise Guys" celebrate familial dysfunction and slapstick merriment at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. For information, call 263-2787.

## DEC. 21 JBER Holiday Party

Hillberg Ski Arena hosts the JBER holiday gathering from noon to 4 p.m. with skiing, snowboarding, tubing, sledding and door prizes. Lift passes are free and concessions are available. For information call 552-4838.

## DEC. 24 Santa Skis Free Day

The Alyeska Resort hosts this ski-free day – if you're dressed right. Wear a Santa suit – hat, beard, jacket and pants – and ski free all day at the Alyeska Resort. For information, call 754-1111.

## DEC. 26 THROUGH 29 Stomp

This explosive, provocative, witty and unique percussive symphony uses dance and unconventional instruments like garbage can lids, buckets, and sticks. The Alaska Center for the Performing Arts hosts performances at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. For information, call 263-2787.

## DEC. 31 Masquerade Ball

The Dena'ina Center hosts this New Year's Eve masquerade ball and classy party; open to 21 and older only. For information, call 263-2800.

## Torchlight Parade

Skiers and snowboarders traverse the slopes of Mount Alyeska with torches on bamboo poles, lighting everything with a red glow. The parade is followed with a

massive fireworks display. For information, call the Alyeska Resort at 754-1111.

## ONGOING Discovery chapel classes

Soldiers' Chapel hosts classes for all ages, from elementary school through adults, Wednesday evenings. A free meal begins at 5:45 p.m.; classes last from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nursery care is provided. For information, call 384-1461 or 552-4422.

## 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 952-4353, visit their site at [www.trainweb.org/msmre](http://www.trainweb.org/msmre) or email [bjorgan@alaska.net](mailto:bjorgan@alaska.net).

## Wildlife Wednesdays

This science lecture series takes place at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Alaska Zoo Gateway Lecture Hall. From October through April, learn about different wildlife topics and enjoy coffee or tea. This series is aimed at older audiences, not children – university students and scientists especially. For more information, call 341-6463 or email [slhartman@alaskazoo.org](mailto:slhartman@alaskazoo.org).

## TBI coping classes

Does your spouse or partner suffer from a traumatic brain injury? Need help dealing with the effects? Meet with others and learn peer coping strategies Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the

JBER Hospital dining hall's conference room. For information, call 580-4081.

## Borealis Toastmasters

Conquer your fear of public speaking with Toastmasters. This safe, friendly club helps build confidence through presentations, feedback and listening. Meetings are every Thursday in Room 146 of the BP building from 7 to 8 p.m. For information, call 575-7470.

## Road Warriors running

Stay fit with a group who can help you stay motivated right here on JBER. Military, family members and civilians alike are welcome to train and get involved with running, biking and swimming events. For events and information, check the Road Warriors (Alaska) Facebook page or call 384-7733 or 552-1361.

## Experience the Aurora

It's the next best thing to the Alaska winter sky – and more comfortable than being out in a parka. The Anchorage Museum's planetarium provides an immersive show that explains the science behind the Northern Lights. For more information, call 929-9200 or visit [anchoragemuseum.org](http://anchoragemuseum.org).

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## Sing-along at the zoo

Pre-school-aged children can explore the world of the Alaska Zoo's animals through interactive music. Children can sing along or play with the instruments for kids. Sing-alongs are at 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the coffee shop greenhouse. For information, email [klarson@alaskazoo.org](mailto:klarson@alaskazoo.org).

# 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.)

## Night at the Fights

The Egan Center hosts boxing every Thursday night through early April in this 23-year Anchorage tradition with several fights each night. Doors open at 6:30; and fights start at 7. For information, visit [thursdaynightfights.com](http://thursdaynightfights.com).

Rink is operated as a self-directed, unsupervised activity. Skaters are required to wear a protective helmet per 3 WGI 91-202, para 12.1.



# Free skating on lighted rink! Open 24/7

NEED GEAR? Rent skates & helmets at JBER Elmendorf ORC. Call 552-2023 for more information. Cleared and resurfaced twice a week. JBER Elmendorf ice rink is situated behind the skate park, by Katmai and Ketchikan CDC's. Lights can be turned on at the breaker box on the 1st light pole, left of entrance.

## FSS Needs Assessment Survey

You are invited to participate in our survey. We are obtaining information on what your needs are at JBER.



## Youth Sports

**JBER Indoor Soccer Registration December 3 - January 15**  
**Ages 5 - 15 - \$65**

**Soccer Season February 4 - April 11**

**Kennecott Youth Center 552 - 2266**  
**Two-Rivers Youth Center 384 - 1508**

## Need a Quick Gift?

ITT has Regal **ULTIMATE PREMIERE MOVIE PACKS**. A great deal for 2 premiere movie tickets & a \$10 gift card for \$30. Call ITT at 552-0297 or 753-2378

## Check out the December Alaskan Adventurer

(or go online)  
For a coupon at JBER Elmendorf ORC for \$2 off of ice skates or helmet rental. coupon valid only at JBER Elmendorf ORC

## Winter Wonderland

December 15 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
\$7.50 per person includes entry, activities, a visit with Santa, and a ham or turkey sub with chips and a drink

**Dog Sled & Horse Drawn Carriage Rides**  
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**Tickets go on Sale December 1**



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# TOPS IN BLUE HEADLINES AT JBER

Tops in Blue Airmen perform a musical piece at the Talkeetna theater Monday. Tops in Blue is one of the oldest and most widely known traveling entertainment groups of its kind. This year's tour will take Tops in Blue across the United States and to more than 20 countries, with close to 130 performers during a 10-month period. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Ty-Rico Lea)

RIGHT: Tops in Blue Airman perform a jazz theme musical number during a Tops in Blue event at the Talkeetna Theater.  
 BELOW: Airman 1st Class Jessica Pitts, 606th Air Control Squadron, cyber systems operations apprentice, performs Michael Jackson's "Human Nature" at the Talkeetna Theater Monday.













