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## What is sexual assault? And how JBER aims to stop it

By Air Force Staff Sgt. William Banton  
JBER Public Affairs

This week's public announcement of yet another sexual assault-related prosecution on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson has brought to the forefront a problem plaguing the Department of Defense to JBER's community.

"We take this matter very seriously, and my hope is that people will not walk away with the idea that the military is not addressing this in as quickly a way as we can," said Air Force Col. Brian Duffy, commander of the 673d Air Base Wing, in an interview with KTVA Channel 11 May 16. "We take our prevention program very seriously, we take our education program very seriously, and I as a commander take accountability of our personnel very seriously."

According to the U.S. Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program web page, the military defines sexual assault as any intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. This can include everything from non-consensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), rape, and attempts to commits these acts. Other sex-related offenses, which do not meet the definition of sexual assault are defined as all other sexual acts or acts in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In order to ensure the Air Force is ad-

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## USARPAC CG identifies top priority

Editorial by Army Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski  
USARPAC commanding general

Prevention of sexual harassment and assault, as well as response to victims of these crimes, is our No. 1 priority. In keeping with this, commanders and leaders at all levels will weight this main effort accordingly. We own this problem; we will solve it by working together.

Recent events demonstrate the critical importance of selecting the right personnel for the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program. I want to emphasize the importance of personally interviewing and selecting the best qualified personnel.

Your SHARP team are your top leaders, second only to your commanders. They must be of the highest moral, ethical and professional character. To meet these standards,

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Air Force Staff Sgt. William Cenna, 212th Rescue Squadron pararescueman, poses for a portrait Monday at the 176th Wing Headquarters. Cenna was awarded the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars during an Alaska National Guard awards ceremony Saturday. The Silver Star is the third highest decoration awarded for gallantry in action. (U.S. Air Force photo/David Bedard)

## Guardian Angel conquers mountains, saves lives

By Senior Airman Blake Mize  
JBER Public Affairs

**E**LITE IS A WORD THAT GETS thrown around with reckless abandon. Politics. Sports. Advertisements. The word is as overused as an Alaska snow shovel.

The 212th Rescue Squadron on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, and one of its members in particular, is truly elite.

"Pararescuemen are in the only Department of Defense career field specifically dedicated to personnel recovery," said Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Bill Cenna, pararescueman with the 212th RQS. "We are the only full-time-alert pararescue squadron. There are other pararescue squadrons, but none of them have a full-time alert commitment like us. The other squadrons just don't have the real-world commitment that keeps us on our toes, keeps us training and keeps us thinking about the mission."

What that means is of all the units that make up the U.S. military's most specialized troops, the 212th RQS is the only one with the unique capability of being ready at all times, no exceptions. That's elite.

Their training further illustrates the point.

Mount McKinley, or Denali as it's known to Alaskans, is the highest peak in North America. From base to peak, it is the largest mountain in the world entirely above sea level. Wind chills of more than 100 degrees below zero and actual temperatures almost that cold have been recorded on its slopes.

Pararescuemen with the 212th RQS climb it for training purposes.

"We operate in mountains just like we operate on land, tactical environments and the water, so it's just one facet of our training. We chose Denali because of the opportunity it presents and the challenge of actually

surviving out there. When you're out there, resources and rescue are very limited, so you basically have to take care of yourself and plan ahead," said Cenna, who was among a group of five Airmen from the 212th to summit Denali recently. "It's about 90 percent survivability and 10 percent climbing. It's all about planning, logistics, surviving and knowing what to do and when to do it, as opposed to technical climbing."

A true Alaskan, Cenna added the temperatures the Airmen faced, which reached an estimated 40 degrees below zero, were not unbearable.

"It wasn't extremely cold like a winter ascent would be, but it was definitely not as warm as it will be in June and July when some other groups will be summiting," he

said. "The cold weather was a challenge for us, but we are trained, equipped and prepared for cold weather operations."

That being said, even though they were technically walking in Denali National Park, this jaunt up one of the world's Seven Summits was no walk in the proverbial park.

"It's not a place where you can hang out for long. If you take your glove off and set it down, the wind is going to blow it away, you're not going to have a glove, you're going to get frostbite on your hand and then you're done. It's the little details that matter," Cenna said. "We had a very, very strong team. We had five individuals that were solid. Two of us had been up there

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A Silver Star and two Bronze Stars are pinned on the uniform of Alaska Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Bill Cenna for heroic actions on three separate occasions while he was deployed to Afghanistan supporting rescue operations in 2011 and 2012. Cenna received the medals during a Saturday ceremony at the Arctic Warrior Event Center. (Alaska National Guard photo/Air National Guard Maj. Guy Hayes)

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# 'Such fitting services'

## Memorial Day is a day of reflection

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

On Monday, we will pause to mark the 145th official observance of Memorial Day. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Union Army Maj. Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

While to many it marks the unofficial start of summer, the true origins and intent of this day of reconciliation can be found in excerpts from Logan's General Order Number 11.

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion," Logan wrote. "In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

"It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

The tradition of wearing red poppies on



Retired Army Master Sgt. Michael Baty plays Taps as part of the Bugles Across America presentation at the 2011 Memorial Day ceremony at the Richardson National Cemetery. (U.S. Air Force photo/John Pennell)

Memorial Day was conceived by Moina Michael, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields." She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to friends and acquaintances with the proceeds donated to benefit service members in need.

The practice expanded to include the production and sale of artificial red poppies and has been advanced by agencies including the early Franco-American Children's League, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and others.

Remembrance activities are also many, and remind us all of this day's origins. Flags are placed by Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infan-

try Regiment (The Old Guard) at more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts place flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery near St. Louis, and with the assistance of the Girl Scouts, place a candle at the 15,300 grave sites of those buried at Fredericksburg, Va., and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Va..

On JBBER, we will have our Annual Memorial Day Service on Monday at noon at our Fort Richardson National Cemetery. We sincerely hope you can join us to mark this very special day and keep the true meaning

of Memorial Day at the forefront.

That said, this time of year also begins our Critical Days of Summer with this year's theme of "Safe and Sound - All Year Round." As described in his April 26 memo to all personnel in Pacific Air Forces, Air Force Gen. Herbert Carlisle states, "More reportable mishaps occur in the Air Force from Memorial Day through Labor Day than during any other same-length period of the year."

Last year, PACAF achieved our critical days of summer goal of zero fatalities, and reduced reportable mishaps an impressive 25 percent.

Our campaign this year will consist of 14 weekly modules, which will provide focus and attention on topics and activities that can present opportunity for mishaps through our critical days of summer period and, honestly, well beyond that and throughout the remainder of the year.

Commanders and supervisors at all levels will be highly encouraged to take time each week during our campaign to realign and refocus work center's sight pictures with our goal of further sharply reducing or eliminating preventable mishaps. Risk management not only has its place in a mission setting, but with life in Alaska simply being different than what most experience in the lower 48 and in other locations, it has a big role in daily life.

I'm extremely proud to serve with all of you here on freedom's front lines and thank you again for your collective efforts to support the many missions and people of Team JBBER. Please take time to put the true meaning of Memorial Day first and foremost as we take time to reset and recharge. And, as always, have a plan, have fun, and know your limits.

## Honoring service, sacrifice on Memorial Day

Editorial by Command Sgt. Maj. Bernie Knight  
USARAK command sergeant major

Monday is Memorial Day. This day symbolizes the unofficial start of summer: long weekends featuring cookouts, family outings and other events. But Memorial Day traditionally signifies a time of reflection on all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

I encourage all of our Arctic Warriors and their families to enjoy this holiday weekend. While doing so, take a few moments to reflect on what this day truly represents.

Memorial Day's origin dates back to the days following the American Civil War. Originally known as Decoration Day, it served to commemorate both Union and Confederate Soldiers who died during the conflict.

By the 20th Century, Memorial Day marked a time of honor and remembrance of all Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in times of war.

I joined the military about 10 years after the Vietnam War ended. During my first decade in the Army, I saw Memorial Day as a way to memorialize those whom I did not know personally. Since 9/11 and the

subsequent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we now find it more important to spend Memorial Day reflecting on the time spent with our brothers and sisters and the service in arms they provided us. Many of us have a personal experience and relationship with a fallen Soldier and their family. Now, many of those we memorialize are Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen who died while serving alongside us.

Take this weekend to spend time with those you've served with in combat. It sometimes brings back memories we don't want to re-live, but it helps with the healing process in coming to grips with our emotions. I would suggest sharing this event with family, friends or other battle buddies who share the same experience with you and our fallen warriors.

There are numerous ways you can pay tribute to the fallen. Local organizations, such as the Veterans Affairs and Veterans of Foreign Wars, offer volunteer opportunities as a way for Soldiers, family members and civilians to honor them. Encourage your Soldiers to visit memorials and other sites dedicated to preserving the memory of those we lost. Use this as an opportunity to teach your kids about the true meaning of

Memorial Day.

Come out and support Memorial Day events taking place in your area. The American Legion in Fairbanks will host a Memorial Day observance May 27, where USARAK leadership was invited to speak. On JBBER, the USARAK deputy chief of staff and JBBER commander will both participate in a wreath-laying ceremony.

Memorial Day also represents the people of America and their pride for their country.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan claimed the lives of more than 6,000 of America's warriors, many of whom joined the military while our nation was already engaged in combat. That means scores of families have had the daunting task of continuing life without their loved one.

While their absence brings sadness and tears to our eyes, the patriotic symbol they left have brought proud smiles to their families and countrymen. I ask that you reach out to those families. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they have also sacrificed.

As Arctic Warriors, we represent the best that the Army has to offer. While enjoying the long weekend, it is still everyone's responsibility to instill and enforce safety in

all we do. Road trips afford us the opportunity to view the beautiful Alaska landscape. However, some of those trips can be long. Plan ahead. Get plenty of rest before your trip and stay hydrated. And if you must drive, do not drink. Identify a designated driver to get you to and from your celebrations safely.

Avoid texting or talking on cell phones while driving. No text is that important you cannot wait until you reach your destination to check it. If you have to take a call, pull over to a safe area. Or simply use a hands-free device.

May is also Motorcycle Safety Month. Ensure your Soldiers received the required training, are properly licensed and are wearing authorized personal protective equipment.

Don't dishonor your service and the memory of our fallen by being irresponsible.

So, during this long weekend, I ask that you take a moment to pay tribute to all who've made the ultimate sacrifice. Reflect, remember, volunteer, teach ... and preserve the memories of our brothers and sisters in arms on this day dedicated to them.

Hooah!  
Arctic Warrior!

## Putting the 'memorial' back into Memorial Day

Editorial by Air Force  
Col. David Stimac  
3rd Maintenance Group commander

A few years ago I was asked to speak at a Memorial Day ceremony for a retirement community in St. Petersburg, Fla. I am not sure why I was asked, as I certainly did not feel qualified to speak to a crowd of proud veterans on Memorial Day. I am sure it was the simple fact I was an active duty member of the armed forces.

I accepted the offer and desperately tried to come up with a topic to discuss. I was a little embarrassed, because I really did not know anything about the history of Memorial Day.

As with many Americans, Memorial Day has simply become another three-day weekend. It is the beginning of the 101 Critical

Days of Summer; it is baseball, boating, barbecues and hanging out at the beach. It is a major shopping day with lots of sales. It is also the first day the fashion conscious among us are allowed to wear white. Needless to say, I had to do some research to learn more about Memorial Day.

Three years after the Civil War ended on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union Veterans established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

Union Army Maj. Gen. John Logan declared Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. Logan ordered his posts to decorate the graves "with the choicest flowers of springtime."

"We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance," Logan said. "Let pleasant paths invite

the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic."

Many cities have claimed to be the "birthplace" of Decoration Day. On May 5, 1868, the community of Waterloo, N.Y., hosted a ceremony honoring local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. In 1966, Congress declared Waterloo, the birthplace of Decoration Day and renamed it Memorial Day.

It was not until after World War I that Memorial Day was expanded to honor those who had died in all American wars and in 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday on the last

Monday in May.

Sadly, many Americans have lost this connection with Memorial Day. For many, the spirit of remembrance is absent. Many Americans have no experience with, or connection to, the military. We have fewer and fewer veterans to share their stories and many older veterans do not like to talk about their service.

What can we do? We can make all the difference in our families and in our communities by putting the "Memorial" back into Memorial Day. Congress has done its part by establishing "The National Moment of Remembrance Act" in 2000; encouraging all Americans to pause, wherever they are, at 3 p.m. Memorial Day for a moment of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to our nation.

I encourage everyone to learn

more about the sacrifices of our veterans and share with others your experiences of serving in the military today. I am confident we all have a story to tell about someone we know who has paid the ultimate price while serving this country. Look up people like Air Force Capt. Derek Argel, Air Force Capt. Jeremy Fresques, Spc. Joseph Kennedy, Senior Airman Jonathan Yelner, Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, and Pvt Robert Frantz, just to name a few. Share their stories and honor their service.

I will leave you with this last thought: on Monday and every Memorial Day after, honor our deceased veterans with the highest regard and deepest respect for their service and sacrifices that gave us the gift of freedom. May God bless them, their families and this great country of ours.

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# JBER security forces ready for high-risk situations

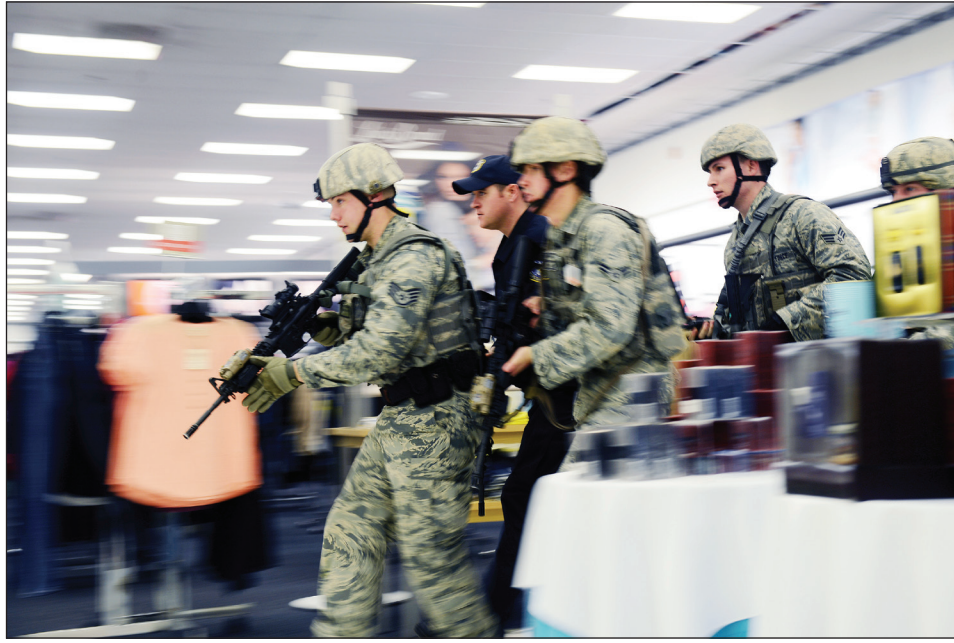
By Airman Ty-Rico Lea  
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Airmen and civilians of 673d Security Forces Squadron performed their annual high-risk response training during Police Week, training that is part of a Pacific Air Forces-wide program.

The U.S. Air Force partnered with Analytical Services Incorporated to conduct a diverse range of high-risk response exercises. Headquartered in Shirlington, Va., ANSER is a public service research institute that worked with the Air Force in 1958 to help with the research and development of more proficient ways of assessing situations that threaten the security of America and its people. A cadre consisting of ANSER senior analysts devised several exercises, which utilized the concepts of responding to high risk situations.

“All throughout Police Week, we exercise training involving an active shooter that could appear anywhere on base,” said Air Force 2nd Lt. Amber Evans, a 673d SFS flight commander. “Scenarios included places such as elementary schools at the base exchange.”

Security Forces service members were trained on the key pieces of high-risk response principles, including the use of force,



**Airmen of 673d Security Forces Squadron and civilian police officers perform their annual High-Risk Response training in conjunction with Police Week at the Base Exchange May 17. High-Risk Response is training used to familiarize 673d Security Forces with active-shooter situations. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Ty-Rico Lea)**

the history of active shooters and navigating through a hostage situation.

“The high-risk response training that took place at the [base exchange] was the

culmination of all aspects used to train for any active shooter situation,” Evans said.

“High-risk responses are particularly challenging as you always have to go in with

the mind-set that it’s going to be a no win situation.”

According to a public release written by Air Force Staff Sgt. Rogelio Diaz, 673d SFS training instructor, this type of training is used to avoid any type of loss, ranging from lives to property damage. Situations in the past have proven this type of training is critical as each one is variable and unpredictable. The Office of the Secretary of Defense advised all services to provide “active shooter” response training to all security personnel in response to the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting.

As part of the exercise, Air Force members from different squadrons also played the parts of hostages to gain the feel and experience of being in a hostage situation.

“We all had fun participating in the high-risk response training,” said Airman 1st Class Patrick Frick, 673d Communications Squadron cyber system operator. “Ultimately we were really glad to help out.”

Evans said whenever responding to an active shooter situation, security forces members always use the implementation of non-lethal approaches unless instructed otherwise or if they deem the shooter hostile.

“When it comes to saving lives, saving one is better than saving none,” Evans said.

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before, and the three other guys were very solid in their actions. We had no altitude illnesses, no injuries, no crevasse falls and no broken bones. We were safe up and down the mountain.”

So why the extreme training? Why do something that is a distant, bucket list-type pipe dream for even some of the most adventurous?

“There are lots of mountains in Alaska. We can be asked to perform missions all over the state in any mountain range, so we need to be prepared. The training ground on Denali is the cream of the crop when it comes to training opportunities,” Cenna said.

You see, for pararescuemen, this type of training is what they’re all about. They are among the most uniquely-trained and well-rounded troops in the entire U.S. military, bar none. Their capabilities rival any special operations unit there is. And for those who are truly among the best, like Cenna, it leads to great things.

In a ceremony May 18 at the Arctic Warrior Event Center on JBER, Cenna and four of his 212th RQS brethren were recognized for acts of gallantry performed during recent deployments to Afghanistan.

Air Force Capt. Chris Keen, Air Force Master Sgt. Chad Moore, Tech. Sgt. Chris Harding and Air Force Staff Sgt. Nic Watson, all of the 212th RQS, each received a Bronze Star medal, which is an incredible honor reserved for those who display heroic or meritorious actions while in a combat environment. It is fifth-highest combat decoration an individual can receive.

Cenna, however, distinguished himself among the group of heroes. In the same ceremony, he was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Silver Star for his actions during three separate scenarios over the course of two different deployments. The Silver Star is the third-highest award a military member can earn.

“There are guys who have done more and received less,” Cenna said humbly. “There are plenty of guys in this building [the 212th RQS] that have gone to war many more times than I have and done a lot more for the team and for the United States than I have.”

Although he insists any pararescueman would have been equally valiant, Cenna admits that the situation during which he earned the Silver Star was special. He and a team of fellow PJs were sent in to recover a pair of OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter pilots who had crashed in the mountains of Afghanistan. After recovering one of the two pilots, Cenna and a teammate were dropped close to the crash site to contract the second, who they soon would learn had died from his injuries. Enemy combatants’ gunfire then forced the recovery helicopter to retreat, and the two of them, with the assistance of friendly combat aircraft, were forced to



**ABOVE: Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Bill Cenna, 212th Rescue Squadron pararescueman, prepares to move a patient on a litter while a 210th Rescue Squadron HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter lands during training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson on Sept. 21, 2011. Pararescuemen are charged with the duty to locate and rescue friendly personnel isolated behind enemy lines. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf)**

**RIGHT: Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Bill Cenna takes a break May 7 to take in the Denali National Park landscape during a Mount McKinley Summit. Pararescuemen see the summit as a part of their training because they often operate at high altitude during rescues. His team of five 212th RQS pararescuemen were the first to summit North America’s highest peak in 2013. (Courtesy photo)**



fight off enemy combatants for more than five hours while protecting the remains of the pilot and maintaining the integrity of the crash site.

“There were a lot of close calls. It was a mix of skill and luck that we’re still alive,” Cenna said. “There were times when we would have to take cover and use our overhead air support in the fight. As aircraft were flying over, the brass [from the rounds they were firing] was landing right next to us. It was raining brass.”

Cenna and his fellow pararescueman were eventually able to outlast the enemy and successfully recover the remains of the American pilot and others who did not survive the battle. He said the key to their survival was to remember their training.

“You just have to go to the basics, keep it simple and think about your mission and your job. That’s priority number one,” he said.

As impressive and heroic as his actions may sound, Cenna is insistent that any PJ in

his squadron would have done the same and is reluctant to differentiate himself from his team, even after the abundance of recognition and praise he received May 18.

“It was definitely a special day,” Cenna said. “It means a lot to me to be recognized, so I’m not taking that lightly. But there are a lot of guys on this team that have taught me a lot and I’ve learned a lot from them, so I owe them a lot of the credit. It was just time and place. Anyone else in this building would have done the same, if not better.”

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Addressing a problem President Obama recently described as a “shameful and disgraceful crime” and an “insidious germ that will eat at the trust necessary to hold service members together under tough circumstances,” this past March the Air Force Office of Special Investigations began heading the investigations of all sexual assaults regardless of severity. To help support this new policy, the Air Force hired and trained 24 AFOSI agents charged exclusively to investigate sexual assaults.

Despite the increase in trained personnel, the prosecution of individuals accused of sexual assault or sex related crimes can still be a long and drawn out process.

According to Air Force Capt. Tyler Sena, chief of Military Justice for the 673d Air

Base Wing Judge Advocate, the completion of the investigation is just the beginning.

“At the completion of an investigation by AFOSI or other law enforcement agency, all the available evidence is reviewed by both JA and command,” Sena said. “Based on the investigation, we outline the commander’s legal options as to which offenses are supported by the evidence and he or she makes a determination to prefer charges or not. In this process, victims are also given an opportunity for input on disposition decisions.”

This process can take months and is the reason crimes committed last fall are just going to trial.

Those accused of sexual assault are also entitled under the UCMJ an opportunity to be represented by an Area Defense Counsel, a military attorney whose chain of command is distinct from the commander deciding

disposition of the allegation. Making sure the accused is provided a proper defense plays an important role in assuring justice, but can also factor into the decisions of when a case goes to trial.

“If there is a prosecution [of the accused] that results in a conviction, the court-martial could adjudge jail time up to life in prison for the most serious types of sexual assault offenses,” Sena said. “The court-martial could also adjudge a punitive discharge. In addition, most jurisdictions require some type of sex offender registration.”

The Department of Defense is continuously evaluating how best to combat the problem of sexual assault, not only through increased publicity and greater familiarity with prevention and awareness programs but also by focusing on victims’ rights.

The legal office has a Victim Witness As-

sistance Program designed to ensure victims are informed of the legal process, their rights in it, and to coordinate with other agencies for their victim support services.

Starting this summer, JBER will also be implementing a new DoD pilot program, the Special Victims’ Counsel, which will provide sexual assault victims a specially trained Judge Advocate who will represent them throughout the investigation and prosecution processes. The new program provides another avenue for victims to receive help and is designed with the intention of increasing a victim’s empowerment and willingness to cooperate in military justice system.

For more information on sexual assault prevention, the reporting process or to report an assault, contact JBER’s Sexual Assault Response Coordinator; Air Force at 551-7272, Army at 384-7272.

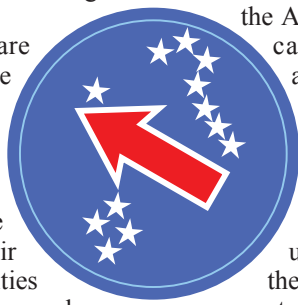
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You will immediately re-screen SHARP personnel at all levels. If screening identifies issues, take immediate, appropriate action to reassign personnel. Further guidance on retraining will follow.

While you are required to appoint full-time personnel at the brigade level, I ask you to consider appointing full-time personnel at

levels above and below brigade as well.

Sexual assaults are violent crimes that are devastating to victims. Such crimes diminish readiness and resiliency throughout the Army. Everyone must understand their roles and responsibilities in the prevention of sexual



assaults and remain committed to the Army’s I. A.M. Strong campaign (intervene, act and motivate) and our main effort. These efforts require strong leadership, a healthy unit climate, adherence to Army Values, and respect for the bonds of trust which run to all members of our

Army family.

We are currently failing in our mission to eradicate assaults and harassment from our ranks. We must investigate every allegation of sexual assault or harassment thoroughly and professionally and take appropriate actions to establish a command climate and culture of mutual respect, trust and safety.

Our formation must be confident complaints will be handled

quickly and decisively, and that our system will deliver justice and protection throughout the reporting, investigation, and adjudication process.

There are no bystanders in this effort. We are all accountable. Just as we have defeated every enemy we have faced, we will defeat this enemy within our ranks. Make this your top priority – one assault is one too many.

## Community survey

The 2013 Air Force Community Assessment Survey is sponsored by the Air Force Integrated Delivery System, and the goal of the survey is to make known the opinions and needs of the entire Air Force community including active duty members, Reservists, Air National Guardsmen, their spouses and Air Force civilian employees.

IDS will send email invitation to selected personnel. Postcard invitations will be mailed to spouses, inviting them to complete the survey. Each invitation will include a link to the online survey.

The survey is scheduled to begin this month and participants' replies are completely anonymous. Neither the Air Force, the government nor the contractor can link any aspect of community members' responses to personal identifiable information.

Through the completion of the community assessment survey, responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force.

For any questions regarding the survey, please contact Stevan Cady at 552-0644.

## JBER's Attic

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson's Attic (formerly known as the Airman's Attic) located in building 8515 off of 20th Street is open on Tuesdays for paygrades E1 to E4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays for paygrades E1 to E6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month for all paygrades from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the Attic at 552-5878.

## Volunteers needed

JBER's Attic is looking for permanent volunteers to perform duties as assistant manager of the Attic. Please contact Senior Master Sgt. Jens Rueckert at 580-6820 or Susan Hoversten at 854-5959 if interested in the position.

## School physicals

The 673d Medical Group recommends children receive their well child examinations, school physicals and sports physicals

from their assigned clinic team at the 673d MDG Pediatric Clinic or Family Health Clinic.

A child's primary care provider is most familiar with the child and can most efficiently complete the physical.

With high demand for physicals June through August, now is the time to beat the rush.

Call 580-2778 to schedule an appointment.

## 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).

## Utility allowance changes

Starting last month, the utility allowance will be adjusted for all Phase I (Sunflower- those units on Fairchild Avenue, Dallas, Silver Run and Chugach housing areas) and Phase II (Moose Crossing, Denver, Houston, general officer housing and Dayton housing areas) metered housing units to reflect decreases or increases in electricity and natural gas rates Aurora pays to the government and a local provider, respectively.

The Phase I and II utility allowance is a portion of the basic allowance for housing that Aurora sets aside to cover the gas and electric utility costs for each house. Aurora pays for each resident's water and sewer costs regardless of the usage. The utility allowance encourages energy conservation.

In accordance with the agreements between Aurora and the Air Force, Aurora is required to annually adjust the utility allowances based upon actual metered usage data and current utility rates.

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

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

Conversely, if an account re-

flects a debit balance in excess of \$250, residents are required to make payment to Aurora in the amount of the account balance.

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

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

For more information about the utility program, please contact the Aurora Utility Staff at 375-0508 or Aurora Office at 753-1023.

## 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 2011.

Patients can 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.

Once registered, patients have the ability to participate in the study by completing a short series of surveys during the course of the next year.

This provides an opportunity for all active-duty, retired and dependent patients to have an impact on shaping the future of Air Force health services.

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

All beneficiaries who are enrolled in the family health, pediatrics, flight medicine and internal medicine clinics are eligible to participate.

Patients need to show a military identification card and provide information, including name, social security number, birthday and email address.

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

## Find housing

Visit the Automated Housing

Referral Network at [www.ahrn.com](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.

## Article 139 claims

A Uniform Code of Military Justice Article 139 claim is a claim against any service member for willfully damaging or wrongfully taking property while the service member is not on duty. Claimants are eligible to file an Article 139 claim whether they are civilian or military, a business, a charity, a State or local government.

Claims covered by Article 139 are:

- Claims for damage to property inflicted intentionally, knowingly, purposefully, and without a justifiable excuse.

- Claims for property wrongfully taken. A wrongful taking in an unauthorized taking or withholding of property not involving a breach of a fiduciary or contractual relationship, with the intent to deprive the owner of the property temporarily or permanently.

Claims not covered by Article 139 are:

- Claims resulting from negligent acts such as normal "fender-benders" or other such accidents;
- Claims for personal injury or death;
- Claims resulting from acts or omissions of military personnel acting within the scope of their employment (these may be payable as a tort claim);

- Claims resulting from the conduct of Reserve Component personnel who are not subject to the UCMJ at the time of the offense;

- Subrogation claims. That is a claim where your insurance company pays you and then seeks reimbursement;
- Claims for theft of services.

Claimants should submit claims within 90 days of the incident from which the claim arose unless there is good cause for the delay

Your claim must be presented either orally or in writing. If presented orally, the claim must be reduced to a signed writing within 10 days after oral presentation.

Claims should be filed by branch of service. For claims against Army members, contact the Army claims office in Bldg 600, Suite 313, at 384-0330. For claims against Air Force members, contact the JBER claims office in the People Center, Suite 330 at 552-3048. Claims relating to members of any other branch may be made at the Army claims office and will be forwarded to the proper service.

## 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.

## 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>.

## 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).



## ome away from home

### Pastor's heart for military opens home

By Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett  
JBER Public Affairs

Single Soldiers and Airmen from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson search for parking spots along a winding street in Eagle River through the snow and in the dark on a Friday evening. Some have to park blocks away, and then trudge the hills through knee-deep snow. They all have their minds fixed on the house not far away. The door is unlocked. Inside, the home is warm and cozy, and the kitchen area and tables are alive with people. Some are helping to prepare food, cook, clean dishes and take out the trash. Others are sitting at tables laughing or are engaged in conversation with friends. The food is free and the fellowship is abundant.

When dinner is finished, the crowd heads to another room to begin the events of the night. Creative games are played, often similar to those played in a youth group. Laughter is heard and fun is had. Announcements are made of upcoming ski and snowboarding trips, hiking adventures and other events for the singles and families to take advantage of Alaska.

Finally a Bible study is provided. Even those uninterested in God or choosing not to believe the Bible generally stay. They may not agree with the lesson, but they belong and are with friends.

"Anyone can come," said Dan Evans, pastor and director of the Mountain Chapel Hospitality House. "We've had Wiccans, we currently have Catholics and all different brands of Protestants and agnostics and atheists, Jehovah's Witnesses, we've had everybody. So anyone can come and get the sense of belonging."

The hospitality house was started by Evans to be a home away from home for single military and young families. Fellow pastor Bob Caudle and his wife Stephanie, Evans' wife, Erin, and his children Caleb and Audrey are also there to be a part of the home. Love and friendship fills the air.

"We're two houses with one mission," Caudle said. "To serve the military community by providing a home away from home. Right now we have some things going on in Dan's house and the big meetings at our house because we have a larger space to accommodate that."

They have three goals they want the atmosphere of MCHH to foster: belong, believe and behave.

"We want to provide an atmosphere where people feel this is a place where they belong right away," Evans said. "They don't have to feel like they need to be extra spiritual; they may have no relationship with God at all, or they don't share any Christian values, but I want them to feel accepted and like they belong."

"Then, over time, if they stick around, and they are part of our faith discussions and our Bible studies, they grow and believe the things about the Bible. As they begin to grow in their own journey, at their own pace, they really grow as a person."

"Then God is the one who changes and prompts behavior. So if there are bad habits or some things that are not good in a person's life, God helps them to believe the right things by reading their Bible and being a part of community. Eventually God's



Dan Evans stands in his home in Eagle River April 19. Evans is the director of the Mountain Chapel Hospitality House, dedicated to providing a home away from home for single military members and young families. Evans is a pastor working for Cadence International and alongside chaplains on JBER. Cadence International is a Christian ministry serving military and their families. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Robert Barnett)

going to prompt them and help them change their behavior.

"That's a personal journey and that takes time. That's about having a personal relationship with God. But, it's okay not to have a relationship with God and still belong," he added.

Different people respond to the messages in different ways, he explained. Some people will respond and jump in right away.

"Some people stick around for years and don't fully respond to faith, but they felt loved and accepted, and that's good. It takes a long time to change," the pastor said.

Evans didn't originally intend to run a hospitality house. His original plans went a different direction entirely, but he believes God has a way of directing lives in ways other than people plan.

"When I was 18, I had no way to pay for college," Evans said. "My parents didn't have any money, so someone told me about the military reserves. I signed into the Army Reserve. I graduated high school a semester early in Sparta, Wisc., and then went to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. I was a heavy equipment operator and combat engineer in January 1986."

Disaster struck when he discovered he had medical problems.

"I found out I had some birth defects that no one knew about," he said. "I had a spinal fusion and several surgeries, so I had to get out of the Army Reserve."

Evans has always had the passion to work with the military, but he didn't start out wanting to be a pastor. The seed of doubt was planted, and he received what Christians describe as a "pastoral calling."

"I started college in the fall; I had a business major, but then it just hit me," he said. "Why? What really changes? When I'm done, when it's time for me to go to Heaven, what impact will really last? In the end, when the world is over, any building that I could have built or any amount of money I could have made ever, it's all going to be gone."

"The only things that really last are God's Word, God, and people's souls," he said. "And I can't change God or God's Word, but if God can use me to have an impact on people, that's lasting. I realized it wasn't all about money. I can't take that home, I can't take it to the future, so I switched to ministry."

Evans said he believes God opened a door down a path he wanted Dan to take.

"As I was graduating," the pastor said,

"Cadence came over and asked if I wanted to be a youth pastor to military overseas. So as I was getting out of the Army Reserve, I started working alongside the military as a youth pastor with Cadence."

Cadence International is a Christian ministry that serves military and their families. Working for Cadence, Evans has been able to serve alongside the military and live his passion of ministering to troops. In the process, he started his family.

"Barb and I were married December 1989," Evans said of his first marriage. "We were married less than a year when we moved to Germany."

"I ended up in Pionier Kaserne in Hanau, Germany in 1990 right during the Gulf War," he said. "After that I went to graduate school and then came back to Mannheim, Germany in 1996."

While in Germany, the Evans ministered to the youth, running middle school and high school programs. They arranged and led various trips to places like Ibiza, Spain, and even held friendly wrestling matches where Evans defeated multiple Soldiers but tapped out against a high-school Army dependent.

Growing their own family turned into a challenge when the couple discovered they were unable to have children.

"We couldn't have children and we prayed that God would provide," the pastor. "Adoptions were \$25,000 each."

He believes that God granted their prayers.

"God gave us children," he said excitedly. "It was a blessing to us. We adopted Caleb and, years later, Audrey – got both straight from the hospital."

As they celebrated and welcomed a son and daughter into their lives and ministry, Evans was training other youth pastors in Ramstein, Germany, when he felt God pulling his heart towards Alaska.

"We came to Alaska in 2006," he said. "We started the ministry with the chaplains in May of 2007, the Mountain Chapel Hospitality House."

The job didn't come without challenges. "Our very first time in our house, they said 'welcome, please don't flush,'" he said.

"There was a well issue, they tried to fix it and the well broke. So we had no water. So we had a bunch of Airmen and Soldiers over and said 'don't flush.' Thankfully, we've resolved that."

The hospitality house turned out to be sorely needed, Evans said.

"The ministry probably started with 12 people," the pastor said. "In the first two years, there was dramatic growth. One night, we had 87 people packed in there. Over the years, we've probably had an average of 50 people weekly. I would say 60 percent singles, 40 percent married, but it just depends."

"When I first started the Mountain Chapel Hospitality House, I named it Mountain Chapel, implying that we work for the chapel as a hospitality house. The chaplain's call it the JBER Young Adult Ministry."

Disaster struck again and cancer was discovered in Evans' wife, Barb.

"When Barb passed away from cancer, the JBER community and the chapels supported us really well," he said. "There was a lot of peace when she passed on and she was grateful when it was finished. She wanted

to go to Heaven."

The family continued to be connected to the community throughout the difficult times.

"We still did ministry with military here and had partners, and we felt like we were on the inside and very much a part of the community," he said. "They loved us well; we had a huge memorial service right in Chapel One with probably 300 people or so."

Evans mourned and eventually continued his life as a single father. Later, a friend arranged a blind date.

"How I met Erin was really kind of neat," he said. "A C-17 pilot here in the community had been praying for both of us and when the timing seemed right, introduced us. So I met Erin on a blind date, and God just brought us together in a very unique way."

Erin, now Erin Evans, was an Air Force major serving as a nurse. She served seven years of active service, and then another five in the Air Force Reserves.

She is currently in the Individual Ready Reserve, but not currently drilling.

Together, the Evans family, along with their partners, aim to help single service members and young families feel at home, no matter where they come from or what beliefs they come from.

"I really enjoy exposing young men and women to the truth of Jesus Christ and His love for them," Caudle said. "We do that by having them in our home and loving them."

Years ago in college, Dan Evans had the chance to do something else. He's never regretted his choice or his calling.

"I really consider it a privilege to work alongside the military," he said. "I can't be in the military because my body's broken, but I love the military. It's more than just a job; it's sacred to me."

"It's neat to be part of young Airmen and Soldier's lives. They're lost without parents, they're out of their home, they're just crazy lost and they're lonely, needing friends. I get to point them in the right direction, link them up with other good Christian friends, and be their friend. I get to take them out to enjoy wonderful Alaska and it's adventure and things like that."

In some cases, he was able to help couples meet and form the foundation of their relationships.

"I met Kyle through mutual friends," said Air Force 2nd Lt. Heather Maeger, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron assistant Aircraft Maintenance Unit officer in charge. "He invited me to the hospitality house and that's where our relationship began to grow in Christ because we both had a relationship with God. Through that community we have really developed a Christian family together, we have friends we have spend time with, or people I can babysit for, just to face life's trials and have support from other people along the way," the native of Lindsborg, Kans., said.

"I see a lot of struggling marriages," Evans said. "If God's able to use me to help them along the right path, and to help guys who first meet young gals, I just think it's a privilege to be a part of life with them in that deep, rich way. It is definitely intertwined with relationship and also with faith."

It's why MCHH exists, he said. That's why he's here.

"That's largely why we do things in a home, and not in a building on base. There's nothing wrong with the buildings, but a home is a home. We've got warm dessert baking, we've got a dog, kids, and a garden; it's a home. I consider it a wonderful privilege to be a part of Cadence and that the chaplains allow me to be able to minister alongside them on base."

For more about the Mountain Chapel Hospitality House, which meets Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in Eagle River, visit the Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/mchhalaska>.



Service members play videogames at Pastor Dan Evans' Mountain Chapel Hospitality House in Eagle River. The house provides a "home away from home" for single service members and families in the JBER area. (Courtesy photo)

## Do you have real 'close air support' on station?

Commentary by Army Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Thompson  
1-40th Cav. Chaplain

Question: In the midst of an intense firefight, what makes a Soldier or Airman feel like everything is going to be OK?

Answer: The sound of an A-10 Warthog or AH-64 Apache helicopter engaging the enemy with their earth-shaking 30-mm cannons. (I bet you were expecting a different answer from a chaplain ... I'll get to that later.)

I remember standing next to a sergeant first class in a training area at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., two years ago as our unit prepared to deploy the following winter.

We watched as an Apache helicopter began approaching a mound of dirt a kilometer away.

With excitement, he told me, "Check this out."

The Apache ripped into the dirt, engaging the imaginary enemy with a "gun run" as part of the close air support training mission.

I looked back at my combat-hardened counterpart and saw the thrill and relief in his eyes as he remarked, "I love that sound!"

Without even asking, I could tell he had been in some extreme battles in the course of his three or four deployments and, undoubt-

edly, was saved by his friends from above on more than one occasion.

Recently, I asked more of the Soldiers in my unit how they felt when CAS came on station during their patrols in the mountains of Afghanistan.

I heard the following responses: "At ease..."; "Like everything would be all right and I was going to make it back that night,"; "Like I just finished a 12-mile ruck march and dropped the ruck sack off my back."

One Soldier said aircraft and the crews that come in support of the Soldiers on the ground are sometimes referred to as "angels on our shoulders."

You see, even the most tactically proficient and physically fit Soldiers or Airman may find themselves outmanned, outgunned and in need of help in the rugged terrain of eastern Afghanistan against a well-camouflaged and fortified enemy.

In those times, when battle is most fierce and anxiety is at its peak, the platoon leader may turn to help from above.

Sometimes in our lives we need some help from above.

In the mountains of Afghanistan, the enemy is well-entrenched and difficult to distinguish from the terrain making it almost impossible to engage from the ground.



An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior from Task Force Saber, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, fires a 2.75-inch rocket at a mountainside during a test flight in eastern Afghanistan. (U.S. Army photo/Sgt. 1st Class Eric Pahon)

Our own personal enemies like addiction, abuse, anxiety, depression, marital issues etc. are similarly well embedded in our lives and are difficult to deal with by ourselves.

In combat, a Soldier can only carry a certain load of ammunition, limiting his or her combat power to several hundred rounds.

No matter how proficient a warrior is with his sophisticated equipment, eventually, he will run out of ammo.

Many of us handle our many daily challenges with incredible perseverance.

However, even the most resilient of us may run out of the emotional energy or coping ammunition in our personal pouches to deal with our most extreme individual battles.

When a platoon leader or platoon sergeant feels like he could use some fire power beyond that which they carried into the battle, he turns to his joint tactical air controller or his forward observer to call on their "angels" for assistance.

With overwhelming speed, power and accuracy the CAS aircraft engage the enemy and

provide relief to the combat weary element.

Contacting the aircraft can be a technical challenge in the mountains, and the Air Force JTACs or Army FOs are experts with the radios.

But, in its simplest form, all they have to do is push a button in the hand-held microphone and talk.

We too, can easily access our CAS by taking a few moments to talk.

Sometimes, our environment makes it difficult for us to talk to God.

We need to make a concerted effort to make time in our busy schedule for regular communication with God.

This is especially crucial in our moments of greatest trial or crisis.

Some of the Soldiers even told me they had a great sense of confidence and comfort whenever they heard a "bird" in the area – even if they were not engaged in a firefight.

Just knowing God is present in our lives is tremendous comfort as we face our daily challenges.

When we ask God to be present during our trials, we will feel his peace in our hearts in an indescribable but powerful way.

We have access to the greatest CAS available, let's get him on station in our lives.

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## FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

**DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**May 25, 2 p.m.**  
**Buckner Field**  
(location may change due to weather)

**PRIZES!**

teams of 2  
scramble start  
best disc

Sign up required:  
call 384-9023  
or 384-9006



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**Paddle BOARDING**

**SUP Class**  
5 - 7 p.m.  
May 28th  
\$25  
OAP- 552-4599

## Sea Kayak Day Trip to Prince William Sound

May 25, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. • \$90 • 12 yrs old & up  
Paddle along the northern shore of Passage Canal, past cliffs and waterfalls, to a large bird rookery. Keep your eyes open for eagle, otters, and sea lions. Space is limited, sign up early!  
Call OAP at 552-4599 to register.

**MAY 29 THROUGH JUNE 2  
Alaska Airlines Cup**

The largest youth soccer tournament in Alaska brings more than 2,000 players to the Alaska Dome. Opening ceremonies are at 5:30 p.m.

For information, visit [alaska-rush.com](http://alaska-rush.com).

**MAY 31  
Skinny Raven 12K**

Hit the streets of Anchorage in this evening road race that winds through the Government Hill neighborhood, through Bootleggers' Cove, and the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail.

The finish, at the Delaney Park Strip, features pizza and beverages for those who complete the race.

For information, visit [skinny-raven.com](http://skinny-raven.com).

**JUNE 1  
Festival of Flowers**

Downtown Anchorage is filled with live music, food, an art fair and master gardeners, flowers and gardening supplies.

This one-day celebration of the "City of Flowers" is a great reason to get outside.

For information, visit [anchorage-downtown.org](http://anchorage-downtown.org).

**JUNE 1, 2, 9 AND 10  
The Three Barons Renaissance Fair**

Join the Three Barons for their 21st anniversary in revelry and merriment.

This yearly festival is an Anchorage mainstay, bringing together three "nations" at the Tozier Track from noon until 8 p.m. each day.

For more information, visit [kandhgraphics.com/38](http://kandhgraphics.com/38).

**JUNE 7  
F Street Farmers' market**

Need to stock up on veggies? This farmers' market on F street between 6th and 7th avenues features fresh Alaska-grown foods from 4 to 8 p.m.

**JUNE 7 THROUGH 16  
Slam'n Salmon Derby**

A stone's throw from downtown Anchorage is Ship Creek, an urban fishing hot spot.

Anglers, both tourists and locals alike, wet their lines and vie for the biggest king salmon and

the cash and prizes that go with it. For more information, call 277-4302.

**JUNE 8  
Potter Marsh Discovery**

Check out Potter Marsh and some of Anchorage's abundant wildlife in the viewing area.

The event is on National Get Outdoors Day and offers games and prizes, invertebrate sampling, birding, animals from the Alaska Zoo and other activities.

For information, visit [www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov).

**JUNE 9  
RC Plane Fun Fly**

The Alaska Radio Control Society hosts their annual memorial fun fly and barbecue at the JBER RC field.

Watch the planes, learn about the pilot instruction program, and check out the club.

For information and directions, call 440-4230 or 245-3550.

**JUNE 14  
Military Appreciation Day**

The annual Military Appreciation Day picnic at the Buckner Physical Fitness Center field and the Arctic Warrior Olympics are a summer standard. Everyone on JBER is invited to eat, socialize, and enjoy the summer.

For information on the picnic, call 552-9596; for the Olympics, call 552-9177.

**JUNE 15  
Amazing Pet Expo**

The Anchorage Pet Expo at Sullivan Arena welcomes your dog, cat, bird or even lizard (with proof of applicable vaccines) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special guest is Shorty Rossi and his pit bull Hercules, star of 'Pit Boss' on television.

This event also offers a mega-adoption event, with low-cost vaccines and microchipping for mammals.

For information, call (800) 977-3609.

**JUNE 15 THROUGH 21  
Solstice Week and the Hero Games**

Celebrate summer solstice with a week of hands-on activities downtown. The Anchorage museum hosts planetarium shows,

and the annual Hero Games which pits police, firefighters, Soldiers and Airmen against each other in challenges.

For information visit [anchorage-downtown.org](http://anchorage-downtown.org).

**The Color Run**

This race is less about speed and more about crazy color fun. The 5k race is open to runners and walkers of all speeds.

Most of the runner's clothing must be white - so the colored corn starch thrown during the race has a canvas.

For information, visit [thecolor-run.com/anchorage](http://thecolor-run.com/anchorage).

**JUNE 22 AND 23  
Ham Radio Field Day**

Paxton Park hosts JBER's annual Amateur Radio Relay League field day, with setup beginning at 9 a.m. and operation starting at 10.

Operations may continue through 4 p.m. Sunday.

This combination social gathering, emergency communication exercise, contest and training offers something for everyone, and everyone with JBER access is invited.

For information, visit [KL7AIR.us](http://KL7AIR.us) or email [club@kl7air.us](mailto:club@kl7air.us).

**ONGOING  
Anchorage Market**

The summertime farmer's market kicks off at the 3rd and E Street parking lot downtown.

Seven acres of vendors offer produce, exotic goods, Alaska souvenirs, meat and so much more.

For information, call 272-5634.

**AER scholarships**

Army Emergency Relief is taking applications for scholarships. Scholarships are available for children or spouses of active duty, retired and deceased Soldiers.

Applications and instructions are available at [aerhq.org](http://aerhq.org).

For information, call 384-7478.

**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.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel meetings**

Christian women are invited to meet with Protestant Women of the Chapel. Meetings will be at parks throughout the summer, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The June 11 meeting is at Cottonwood, June 25 at Moose Crossing, July 9 at Mount Spurr Elementary, July 23 at the JBER-Richardson Library and Aug. 6 at the Arctic Oasis.

For more information, email [jber.ak.pwoc@gmail.com](mailto:jber.ak.pwoc@gmail.com) or call 384-1461.

**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/msmrrre](http://www.trainweb.org/msmrrre) or email [bjorgan@alaska.net](mailto:bjorgan@alaska.net).

**Motorcycle training**

Military motorcycle riders and civilians using motorcycles for their jobs on JBER must attend an approved safety course.

Riders must wear all personal protective equipment - including approved helmet; shatter-resistant goggles, glasses or face shield; long sleeves and trousers, full-finger gloves; sturdy footwear and a reflective vest or jacket.

These requirements are based on Department of Defense Instruction 6055.04.

For information, contact a unit safety representative or the 673d Air Base Wing Ground Safety Office at 552-6850.

**Borealis Toastmasters**

Conquer your fear of public speaking with Toastmasters.

This safe, friendly club helps build confidence through speeches, presentations, feedback and listening. The club meets every Thursday in Room 146 of the BP building from 7 to 8 p.m.

For information, call 575-7470.

**Wired Cafe for Airmen**

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

## Chapel services

**Catholic Mass**

**Sunday**

9 a.m. - Soldiers' Chapel  
10:30 a.m. - Elmendorf Chapel I

**Monday through Friday**

11:40 a.m. - Soldiers' Chapel  
11:30 a.m. - Elmendorf Chapel Center

**Thursday**  
11:30 a.m. - Hospital Chapel

**Confession**

30 minutes before Mass at the chapel in which Mass is being celebrated, or anytime by appointment. Call 552-4422 or 384-5907

**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

and Yukla dormitories.

The cafe has wireless Internet as well as programs throughout the week for single Airmen living in the dorms. There are free homestyle meals Fridays at 6 p.m.

For information, call 552-4422.

**Sing-along at the zoo**

Pre-school-aged children can explore the world of animals through music.

They can sing along or play with instruments, 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the coffee shop greenhouse. For information email [klarson@alaskazoo.org](mailto:klarson@alaskazoo.org).

# events & activities



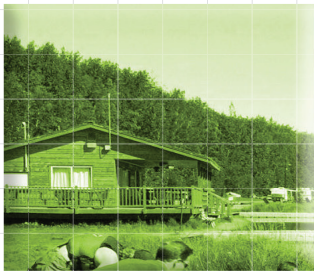
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Memorial Weekend - May 25**  
12 - 7 p.m., 7 days/week  
384-6245

**Electric Lake Cabins** \$50/night  
**Spillway Cabins** \$35/night  
**Rustic Cabins** \$25/night  
**Upper Otter L. Cabins** \$45/night  
**Tent Camping** \$12/night  
**\$5/additional tent**  
**RV** \$17/night

**Paddle Boat** \$7/Hour-\$15/Day  
\$25 overnight  
**Row Boat** \$8/Hour-\$15/Day  
\$25 overnight  
**Scanoes** \$8/Hour-\$15/Day  
\$25 overnight  
**Row/Scanoes w/motor** \$13/Hour-\$20/Day  
\$30 overnight  
**Electric Trolling Motor** \$8/Hour  
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If your plans fall through, JBADD is here for you!

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# Birth Announcements

B-4 ARCTIC WARRIOR

May 24, 2013

## MAY 6

A daughter, Ryleigh Ann Walker, was born 19.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces at 1:41 p.m. to Sarah Senters Walker and Air Force 1st Lt. Christopher Allen Walker of the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

## MAY 8

A son, Grady Alexander Patronas, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces at 1:58 a.m. to Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Garrett Patronas of the 673d Medical Services Squadron and Heath Clarke Patronas.

## MAY 9

A daughter, Mia Blair Hanley, was born 20.25 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces at 1:10 a.m. to Courtney Blair Hanley and Pfc. Ian Michael Hanley of the

1st Squadron (Airborne), 501st Infantry Regiment.

A son, Dominic Jace Murfin, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces at 7:23 a.m. to Liza Lee Murfin and Preston Benjamin Murfin.

## MAY 10

A son, Eli Hunter Goins, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces at 11:47 p.m. to Melissa Ann Goins and Airman 1st Class Shawn Allen Goins of the 3rd Maintenance Squadron.

## MAY 11

A son, Jaxon Thomas Lee Lanier, was born 23 inches long and weighing 10 pounds, 14 ounces at 10:20 a.m. to Daisha Jean Lanier and Spc. Justin Lee Lanier of Headquarters and Headquarters

Company, 2nd Engineer Brigade.

A son, Emilio Angel Maisonet Jr., was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces at 8:57 a.m. to Ashley Mata Maisonet and Spc. Emilio Angel Maisonet of the 84th Engineer Support Company (Airborne).

A daughter, Bayla Mae Morris, was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces at 8:21 a.m. to Cristilee Rae Morris and Senior Airman Andrew James Morris of the 673d Civil Engineer Squadron.

## MAY 15

A daughter, Violet Skye Ahl, was born 19 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces at 5:34 p.m. to Gaelle Vanderbeck Ahl and Tech. Sgt. Nathan

William Ahl of the Defense Courier Service.

## MAY 16

A daughter, Emily Marie Rowe, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces at 4:27 p.m. to Sarah Marie Rowe and Air Force Staff Sgt. Jack Allen Rowe III of the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Group.

## MAY 17

A son, Tray Delshawn Branch Jr., was born 19.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces at 10:39 p.m. to Quatrice Lache Branch and Spc. Tray Delshawn Branch Sr. of the 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

A son, Grayson Asher Martinez, was born 21 inches long

and weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces at 9:46 p.m. to Mary Evelyn Martinez and Air Force Staff Sgt. Joseph Paul Martinez of the 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

A daughter, Avah Machere Parris, was born 20 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce at 11:37 a.m. to Montina Yvonne Parris and Tech. Sgt. Damion Lamont Parris of the 673d Civil Engineer Squadron.

## MAY 18

A son, Jonathan Danger Powell, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces at 6:51 a.m. to Spc. Dorothy Cantonjos Zapf of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Engineer Brigade, and Aaron Michael Powell.

## Security forces, military police observe Police Week with events

By Airman 1st Class Tammie Ramsouer  
JBER Public Affairs

Every year in the spring on JBER, military and civilian law enforcement come together and remember those who have fallen in the line of duty.

At the beginning of National Police Week, a ceremony is held with a mandatory formation of the 673d Security Forces Squadron. The ceremony honors all police forces, both civilian and military, who have perished. The tradition started May 15, 1962, which was named Peace Officers Memorial

Day and initiated Police Week.

"The purpose of Police Week is to honor those who have died in the line of duty," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin White, desk sergeant at the 673d SFS, a native of Henderson, N.C.

The SFS and the 793d Military Police

Battalion schedule events such as military working dog demonstrations and a weapons display to show the public what they do on a daily basis.

"It gets the public more involved with what we do," White said.

The MWD demonstrations show the public how determined the military working dogs truly are, in search and rescue as well as in hostile situations.

A weapons display May 14, demonstrated by members of the SFS and military police from JBER showed how they use firearms and how useful they can be.

Not all of the weapons they use are lethal – the baton for example. It is only used when a suspect is out of control and will not cooperate. Officers use the baton to get the individual down on the ground to protect themselves and keep the individual from harming others.

Organizing these events is a big job that requires help from all the personnel who work in the SFS, including White. Events are different every year during Police Week, due to new ideas the SFS team thinks of.

"Anyone can come up with something new," White said. "They just need to have a safety plan with that idea."

Another event is a ruck march. It not only builds morale but also honors those who have sacrificed their lives while in the line of duty, White said. He wanted the SFS to participate as much as possible to show pride in what they do every day.

"I came to the ruck march not only to remember individuals lost while on duty but to remember my friends that I have lost over the years," said Tech. Sgt. Jeremy West, 673d SFS, a native of Pensacola, Fla.

All the members who participated in the ruck march needed a rucksack and water to participate. The weight of the ruck was up to the individual.

To wrap up the week on May 18, volunteering military police members participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run with the Alaska State Police in Anchorage. The worldwide torch run, in which law enforcement personnel run and host other competitions, is a grassroots event which, since 1981, has raised money for the Special Olympics.



Airmen of the 673d Security Forces Squadron set out on a memorial ruck march May 15 on JBER. The ruck march was part of Police Week, a national celebration which honors police officers, both military and civilian, who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. SFS and Army military police personnel also demonstrated the use of military working dogs, some common weaponry, and spoke to the Anchorage community about what they do. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Tammie Ramsouer)























