

IN HONOR OF THE FALLEN

Anchorage, JBER mark holiday with wreaths, words

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Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson leadership, along with state and local government officials and members of the public, gathered Monday at Memorial Day ceremonies in Anchorage and at the Fort Richardson National Cemetery to honor those who died serving their country.

The events, which included patriotic music, guest speakers, wreath layings and rifle volleys, provided an opportunity for community leaders to provide their insight on the importance of observing Memorial Day.

“Many Americans think of Memorial Day as some extra time to spend with family and friends and that’s completely understandable, but gatherings like this and people like you give meaning to this day,” said Air Force Brig. Gen. Karen Mansfield, the Alaska Air National Guard assistant adjutant general.

Mansfield, the key speaker for the Anchorage ceremony, explained Memorial Day was born from compassion and empathy for the lives lost during the Civil War and from the ceremonies and



Army Maj. Gen. Bryan Owens, U.S. Army Alaska commander, and USARAK Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Ferrusi lay a wreath as Air Force Lt. Gen. Russell Handy, Pacific Air Forces, Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command and Eleventh Air Force commander and Chief Master Sgt. Gay Veale, Eleventh Air Force command chief master sergeant and senior enlisted leader of ALCOM and Alaskan NORAD Region salute the wreath they placed at Anchorage’s annual Memorial Day ceremony May 30. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. William Banton)

observances created to honor them after the war.

Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz spoke about the importance of those who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we have today.

“We reflect in gratitude to the sacrifice, courage and commitment this country stands for,” Berkowitz said. “Recommitting to exhibit those same characteristics in our

lives is the best way to honor the memory [of the fallen] ... In these times, when we do not know what the future holds, recommitting to the values that make us great are the values that will see us through.”

Ron Siebels, a retired Chief Warrant Officer four and guest speaker for the Fort Richardson National Cemetery ceremony, spoke to the gathered attendees about a broader sense of service

to America.

“There are many ways to serve and sacrifice for our nation,” Siebels said. “There are those who stood to create America, there are those who stood up to expand America and those who stood up to preserve America. I think all who stood up to preserve America, but are now de-

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JBER motorcyclists host ride, mentor one another

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JBER Public Affairs

The Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club hosted the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Motorcycle Safety Ride May 26.

As part of resiliency day, the ride provided an opportunity for new and experienced riders alike to hone their skills and develop mentoring relationships.

“It’s a whole [crowd] of different riders,” said Senior Airman Anthony “Rocky” Burton, 3rd Maintenance Squadron, aircraft structural maintenance technician, and president of the Green Knights. “We’ve got guys who’ve been on bikes for 30-plus years and guys who’ve been on bikes for a week and a half. That’s the whole point of the event, to make sure the guy with 30-plus years of experience helps the guy that just got his license last week – and vice versa; there’s something that the guy who got his license last week can teach the more experienced riders too.”

For some, this would be their first major ride ever.

“I think it’s a great way to bring the community together,” said Danielle Pineiro.

Pineiro and her husband – who’s in the Air Force – just got their motorcycle licenses and purchased their bikes the day before the ride.

“My husband just met someone from the off-roading group so we might be able to go out and do what these dual-sports are designed to do,” Pineiro said.

Learning to ride a motorcycle can feel like jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire – and can be just as dangerous.

By establishing mentor-relationships, the Green Knights – and base leadership – hope to reduce these risks.

“Our goal of the Green Knights is to educate and mentor young and seasoned riders so they have a safe and effective season wherever they go,” Burton said. “So the purpose of this event is to make sure these riders know the dangers of riding in Alaska. Beyond that, we’re making sure they have the skills they need and know how to react in certain situations. We want to prevent as many accidents as possible for military riders because we like to go out and enjoy our weekends like anybody else.

“If a military rider goes down, that’s more than them not being able to go to work. That affects the mission.”

By 8 a.m. more than 100 motorcycles had gathered in a JBER-Richardson parking lot and riders began the process of registration and vehicle inspection.

“During registration we’ll identify who each rider is and what unit they’re with,” Burton said. “We’ll also be inspecting each individual rider’s bike very thoroughly to make sure the bike itself is mechanically sound. We’re putting very strong focus on the pre-ride inspection this year.”



Spc. Jacob Ewing, Comanche Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, inspects Air Force Master Sgt. Juan Gutierrez’s motorcycle at the safety pad on JBER-Richardson May 26. The Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson annual motorcycle safety ride is designed to connect new and experienced riders to foster mentoring relationships. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Kyle Johnson)



A.J. Melvin, son of Fort Wainwright firefighter Heath Melvin, waits by his father’s motorcycle May 26. More than 100 motorcycles participated in the annual safety ride – some, like Melvin’s, carrying passengers.

The pre-ride inspection was nothing short of extensive.

Riders didn’t check their own bikes but their neighbor’s, and the checklist covered virtually every functional part of the motorcycle, from hoses to tires, Burton said.

After everyone’s bikes checked out, riders spent about two hours performing a skill assessment for licensed motorcycle safety representatives who had offered to help.

“A lot of people have new motorcycles so they don’t know how quickly they can stop,” said Dan “Havoc” Coffey, Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor and member of the Alaska Veterans Motorcycle Club. “That’s a life-saving skill and we’re going to practice it. Also, single-vehicle motorcycle accidents happen in corners because

we don’t know how to take corners. It’s not intuitive; you have to be taught how to take a proper corner. We’re going to practice that today as well.”

After the skills assessment and meeting other riders, the group headed out to Palmer for lunch.

“The road to Palmer takes the Old Glenn. The Old Glenn is a beautiful ride,” Burton said. “It also offers a lot of opportunity to put to work what you’ve learned and test your skills.”

A large number of motorcycle groups turned up to support the event.

They understand a passion for motorcycles, but they also understand the risks involved.

For more information, contact a unit safety representative, find a mentor, and ride safe.

Alaska Army Guardsmen teach at Khaan Quest

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FIVE HILLS TRAINING AREA, Mongolia — A team of U.S. Soldiers with the Alaska National Guard Medical Detachment are supporting the multinational peacekeeping exercise Khaan Quest 2016 by training both U.S. and international partners in combat medical care.

The medical training station is one of several stations, also known as lanes, in which multinational platoons are enhancing their skills in a variety of training events focused on preparing them for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.

The course topics are summarized with the acronym MHARCH, which stands for ‘Major Hemorrhage, Airway Respiration, Circulation and Hypothermia’, and covers a wide range of immediate care techniques service members could encounter while supporting peacekeeping missions around the world.

The U.S. instructors started with an introductory class explaining the hierarchy of care and the appropriate techniques to be administered to different injuries.

Sitting in folding chairs in large, green multipurpose military tents, students with 297th Military Police Company Alaska National Guard listened intently and posed questions to the instructors in an attempt to increase their knowledge in a topic that may save theirs or a fellow service member’s life someday.

After the classes, instructors demonstrated how to administer casualty care using students as dummies to perform the techniques on. U.S. Soldiers encircled the instructors outside the training tent to observe demonstrations of bandaging, tourniquet application and techniques for carrying wounded patients.

“We are teaching MHARCH management, which begins at the highest priority casualties and goes down the list of the main battlefield complications,” said Staff Sgt. Heather Percy, a combat medic with the Alaska National Guard Medical Detachment. “This is training that anyone can utilize in the field and it is vital for missions in unstable locations.”

Since the exercise started the medical lane has imparted this knowledge to the international community, with platoons from countries like Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia, and the host nation of Mongolia rotating through.

“We have been teaching members of many different countries, and each has brought a new dynamic to the training,” said Army Capt. Francis Marley, who is assigned to the Alaska National Guard Medical Detachment. “Different countries have different approaches and, medical care capabilities, from the most rudimentary to the more advanced. These differences allow us to learn from each other and improve based on the additional perspectives.”

For the U.S. Soldiers of the Alaska National Guard participating in the lane training, the practical application and the foreign environment were positive aspects of the medical lane.

“The training today is a lot like our regular combat lifesaving classes, except we are now in a field environment so it is easier for us to see the real-world application to our classroom training,” said Spc. Justin Martin, who is assigned to the Alaska National Guard Medical Detachment. “It’s good to have this training in a different environment away from home so we know what it’s like to work around unknown factors, such as weather and terrain, so we

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JBER’s Moose Run Golf Course offers fun and time to unwind

By Senior Airman James Richardson
JBER Public Affairs

Questions, checklists and procedures plague the mind. . . Will the wind affect my shot? What is the best path in identifying my target? If I miss, what’s behind my target? Am I controlling my breathing? How will I react if I miss?

Many Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines have been troubled by these questions as soon as they set foot on the Moose Run Golf Course on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

The game of golf is one that involves concentration, discipline, integrity and commitment – all behaviors which go hand-in-hand with a military career.

Setting up a drive on hole 18 on the Hill Course is very similar to setting up a shot downrange; although the stressors and sub-

ject matter are drastically different, taking the right shot requires knowledge, muscle memory and swift execution.

A Soldier will not conduct a successful flanking maneuver on their first day in the Army nor will someone hit a hole-in-one their first time playing golf (unless they are extremely lucky).

An infantry Soldier must at least graduate basic training and advanced individual training before they can successfully apply tactical movements in a deployed environment.

Golf is no different, as proper coaching and practice is necessary.

“Please, please, please get instruction to start out with,” said Moose Run Golf Course Professional Golf Association pro, Donald Kramer. “We offer junior camps, programs for women, a program called Get Golf Ready, and we do individual lessons to

help anyone’s game.”

Even though golf requires a lot of hard work and determination, it is a great sport to decompress from the day-to-day grind.

“I did 10 years in the Air Force working on the flightline and am very familiar with the discipline and stress that’s associated with being in the military, but playing golf is a great way to unwind,” Kramer said. “You get to essentially go for a walk in the park and see wildlife and the beautiful scenery of Alaska.”

Voted the No. 1 golf course in Alaska by Golf Digest in 2014, Moose Run Golf Course offers more than a tough course and the title of world’s northernmost 36-hole golf facility. Moose Run offers a great place for JBER Airmen and Soldiers to develop friendships, camaraderie with co-workers and an individual peace of mind.

“Some days, I will go out by myself to

unwind or to get my mind off stressful things in life,” said Senior Airman Ryan Myers, loadmaster with the 517th Airlift Squadron. “Other days I enjoy the competition and just being out on the course with friends.”

With greens opening up on the course every day, the frustration of golfers will rise with it.

“Golf, like the military at times, is very frustrating but also very rewarding,” said Myers. “I really enjoy not knowing what type of shot I will have to face next.”

Whether it is learning the game for the first time with lessons from Kramer, playing the weekly round of 18 with friends on the Creek Course, or finding solace in hitting a bucket of balls at the driving range to get your mind off of the workweek, Moose Run Golf Course offers enormous potential for personal development and something we all seem to forget at times . . . fun.

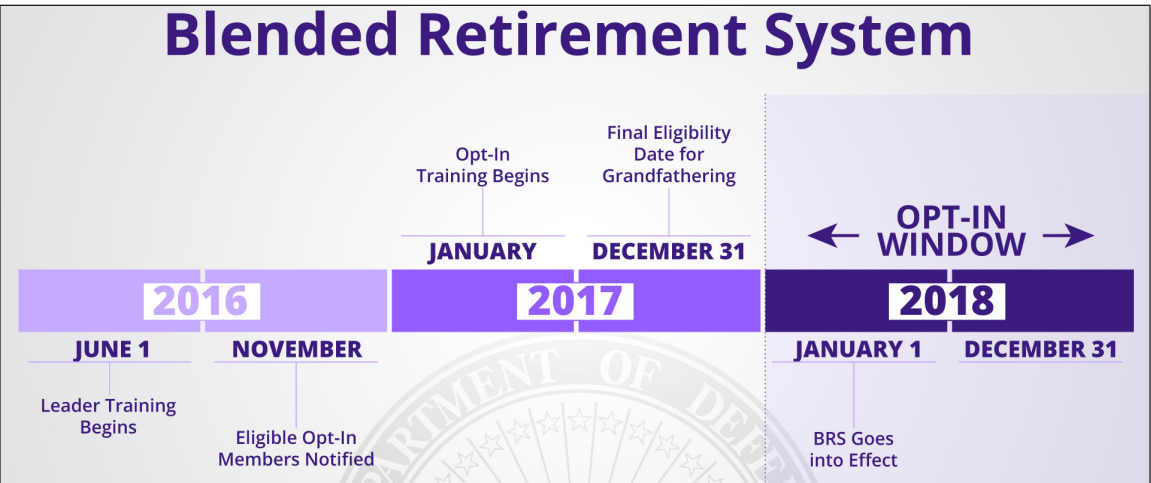
Blended retirement system will mean those who ETS don’t lose out

By Karen Parrish
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department’s new retirement system will affect some 2.2 million people who all need to get smart on what it will mean.

Two subject-matter experts from the department’s personnel and readiness branch described the issues involved to DoD News: Army Sgt. Maj. Luther Thomas Jr., senior enlisted advisor to the Defense Department’s Manpower and Reserve Affairs Division, and Wayne Boswell, DoD’s director of financial readiness.

Thomas described the four-phase overall training program planned for the Blended Retirement System, or BRS, as “a very comprehensive financial education strategy.”



The DoD is ramping up the new retirement system – starting by training leaders. Until the end of 2018, service members can choose whether or not to opt in. The program combines the Thrift Savings Plan and an annuity provision for those who spend 20 years in the military. This means those who serve less than 20 years still build their retirement savings, unlike the current system. (DoD graphic)

to translate this for their members,” Boswell said.

Modules and Milestones

The learning strategy for BRS includes four separate modules:

- Leader training starts June 1;
- Training for installation and command financial counselors rolls out in the fall;
- Opt-in training for current service members begins in January 2017; and
- Service members who join after January 2018 will receive training during their first months of service.

Everyone serving as of December 31, 2017 will be grandfathered under the current retirement system.

Service members who have served fewer than 12 years on active duty or accrued fewer than 4,320 retirement points in the reserve component will have the option of remaining covered under their current retirement system or enrolling in BRS.

Those with more than 12 years on active duty or more than 4,320 retirement points in the reserve component will stay under their current system.

Both men emphasized that

while training will happen at all levels, the decision on whether to opt in belongs to the individual. Leaders will be informers of – not advocates for – the new system, they said.

Service members who join on or after Jan. 1, 2018, will automatically be enrolled in BRS. Members eligible to opt in to BRS will have until Dec. 31, 2018, to decide if they want to switch to the new plan.

More benefit for more troops

“Under the current system only about 19 percent of service members actually leave with some type of retirement benefit, and 81 percent of service members don’t,” Thomas said. “We believe under this new system, about 85 percent of those who serve, if they serve two years or longer, will be able to leave with some type of portable retirement benefit that they can take with them to a future employer.”

The “blending” in BRS comes from the combination of the Thrift Savings Plan and an annuity provision for those who retire after 20 or more years.

The BRS will use the annuity formula currently in place: the

average of the service member’s highest 36 months of basic pay times 2.5 percent of his or her years of service – but the 2.5 percent is adjusted downward by half of a percentage point, from 2.5 to 2 percent.

The Thrift Savings Plan is currently offered to service members without government contributions, but under BRS several changes take place. After their first 60 days in the service, all members will be enrolled in TSP and receive an automatic government contribution of 1 percent of basic pay into their account each month.

Additionally, the service member will be automatically enrolled with a 3 percent contribution from their own pay. After two years of service, the government will match the member’s contributions up to an additional 4 percent.

In total, members can get up to a 5-percent government contribution on top of what they contribute each month.

BRS also includes a mid-career continuation pay at about 12 years of service, as a further incentive to continue serving toward the traditional 20 years to qualify for monthly military retired pay.

Congress enacted BRS follow-

ing upon the recommendations of the congressionally-mandated Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, Boswell said, adding that the commission heard from “a vast swath” of stakeholders and subject-matter experts who “are very interested in the military and are connected to the military” when making this recommendation.

Taking part of my pay?

So while those in BRS may see part of their pay deducted for TSP contribution, Thomas said, “what’s happening is they’re going to have to help contribute to their retirement, just like in the civilian world. . . It’s still the service member’s money.”

The new system offers the potential for a greater retirement income than the current system for “disciplined savers,” Thomas noted, adding that with DoD’s 1 percent contribution plus matching contributions, members who contribute from their own pay, even in amounts as small as the cost of a pizza or movie each week, could end their careers with potentially sizable savings for retirement. And those who don’t retire won’t walk away with empty pockets.

“When they go into a new job in the private sector or public sector at [age] 24, 25, 26, they don’t start with zero,” Thomas said. “They start with the retirement savings they accumulated [starting] 60 days after they joined the military.”

Boswell said the new system will add to the benefits of military service.

“I think lifelong success comes from self-investment and self-preparation,” he said. “I think service members who leave after four years leave with a lot: they leave with skills, experience, [and] education. They’ve had their mettle tested to some degree.”

With BRS, those leaving service will have skills, education and financial resources, he said.

USARAK civilian, deployed for Balikatan 2016, saves a life in Philippines

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Civilians who serve in the Department of Defense perform important work worldwide with active duty and reserve component military members to protect the United States and its interests.

Much of their work is done behind the scenes on the homefront, but for one U.S. Army Alaska civilian, his dedication to the Army mission took him halfway around the world.

Daniel Staicer, a facility operations specialist at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, recently deployed to the Philippines in support of Balikatan 2016, an annual bilateral exercise between Philippine and U.S. military forces that focuses on partnership, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief capabilities, Philippine capability development and military modernization.

While there, he met, befriended and worked closely with Philippine Army Sgt. Jehsie Ariola, a local national and noncommissioned officer in charge of the Fort Magsaysay fire department.

“I met Sgt. Ariola with my boss Antonio Granillo when we got there,” Staicer said. “Because it’s the dry season over there and we had to deal with a lot of fires, he put the fires out for us as we supported Soldiers on the range.”

It was through that chance meeting that



U.S. Army Alaska Facility Operations Specialists Antonio Granillo (far left) and Daniel Staicer (far right), poses with the Ariola family while in the Philippines while supporting Balikatan 2016. Philippine Army Sgt. Ariola’s wife needed an emergency blood transfusion and with the blood donated by Stacier, she is now healthy. (Courtesy Photo)

Staicer’s deployment took a rather unexpected turn.

“About a week after we got there, I found out Jehsie’s wife needed an emergency blood transfusion,” Staicer explained. “The local blood bank was out of her blood type and the odds of her surviving without it were 50/50.”

Without hesitation, Staicer offered to donate his blood that day.

“It was an easy decision,” Staicer said. “She needed blood, I had the right blood type, and it only took an hour of my time. It was no big deal.”

But it was a big deal.

Because of his selfless act, Ariola’s wife, survived. She is healthy and able to care for her husband and their three children.

“I’m convinced his single act of kindness and genuine concern for the well-being of this young lady saved her life,” said Granillo, USARAK supervisory facility operations specialist.

“Here stateside, we take everything for granted and think we have everything we need at the blood bank,” Staicer said. “Other countries don’t have that, so when they said they needed blood donors with my blood type, it wasn’t something I had to think about.”

Since then, both Staicer and Granillo have stayed in contact with the Ariola family, and were even named godparents of their youngest child – though there may be a disagreement over who is the godmother.

“Oh, Tony is definitely the godmother,” Staicer jokingly said.

Overall, Staicer believes this deployment was unlike any other.

“I served in the Army for 22 years and retired from the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry, here. I’ve been to Bosnia, Iraq and other places, but deploying to the Philippines and working with the host nation taught me a lot,” he said.

“I wasn’t expecting for this situation to happen – but it was something I will never forget,” he said.

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KNEES IN THE BREEZE

COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Paratroopers assigned to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska execute a parachute jump on Malemute Drop Zone at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Tuesday. (U.S. Air Force photos/Justin Connahey) Sgt. Juan Irizarry, a native of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, assigned to the 4th Quartermaster Detachment (Airborne), 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, uses a digital video camera to record Soldiers as they descend. A Soldier gathers up his parachute after a training jump at Malemute Drop Zone on JBER. Soldiers drift to the ground below T-11 parachutes, the Army's newest variant. Soldiers attempt to deflate a canopy on a windy Wednesday afternoon.



Space-available travel: an often-underused service benefit

732nd AMS
News release

There are many unique benefits for both active-duty and retired military members and their families.

Unfortunately, many of these benefits are over looked and underutilized by our members.

The 732d Air Mobility Squadron provides one of these benefits through the Space Available travel program.

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on categories preset by Air Mobility Command.

While this process can seem a little overwhelming at first, it is actually quite simple and easy to master.

The 732d AMS is the AMC tenant unit on base and handles all Space-A travelers coming into and out of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Travelers looking for Space-A opportunities should stop by the customer service counter at the AMC passenger terminal and ask the passenger service agents.

Up-to-date flight information is also available on the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Passenger Terminal Facebook page.

With summer quickly approaching, many travelers may be wonder where they can travel to out of Alaska.

Common destinations include locations in the Lower 48 like Travis Air Force Base and Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

For those looking to see more of the world, there are also often flights to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan; Yokota Air Base, Japan, and the ever-popular Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

While there are no guarantees with Space-A, it is certainly worth looking into for military travelers.

Whether you want to take a single hop, or make the passenger terminal your second home, the local passenger service team can set you up for success when it comes to Space-A travel.

For information, call 552-3781.

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can be ready at all times.”

The training culminated with a practical application event that consisted of a tactical movement replicating how Soldiers would maneuver under fire to perform immediate, lifesaving care to a simulated casualty.

“The various scenarios are the pinnacle of the training,” said Marley, an Anchorage native. “The students are very motivated and have been in harsh conditions here in Mongolia, but have pushed through because training and readiness are continuous concepts that are the same in every environment around the world. Even with limited resources, our soldiers have been creative and innovative and have worked out ways to train best.”

After the practical application, students and instructors gathered to reflect on the training and provide after-course critiques.

“This is my first year participating in Khaan Quest and it is my hope that (the instructors) will become better at working with other nations in challenging conditions,” said Marley. “Khaan Quest has provided them with the opportunity to interact with different cultures and gain new experiences. I am looking forward to participating in the future and bringing what I’ve learned back to further improve training.”



Soldiers with the Alaska Army National Guard provide medical care to a simulated casualty during a practical application exercise in the combat medical care lane of Khaan Quest 2016 at Five Hills Training Area near Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia May 30. The training equipped soldiers with essential life-saving skills and the ability to prioritize injuries and medical care. Khaan Quest 2016 is an annual, multinational peacekeeping operations exercise hosted by the Mongolian Armed Forces, co-sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command, and supported by U.S. Army Pacific and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. (U.S. Marine Corps photo/Cpl. Janessa Pon)

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parted, deserve to be remembered. Today they will be remembered.”

“The central focus today is to honor those who gave their lives to military service to America but there are other ways to serve America and I believe it’s proper to honor and remember all who have affected our lives,” Siebels said.

Siebels also said he believes Memorial Day is also the proper day to celebrate all who have served to preserve the American way through supporting the military.

“[Victory during battle] is dependent on the materials and

equipment produced by those not in battle,” Siebels said. “There is a saying that goes ‘it takes a village to raise a child.’ I personally believe that it takes a nation of devoted people to come together to participate in that fight for freedom.”

The following commanders laid wreaths in the in memory of those lost at the ceremonies: Air Force Lt. Gen. Russell Handy, Pacific Air Forces, Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command and Eleventh Air Force commander; Army Maj. Gen. Bryan Owens, U.S. Army Alaska commander; Canadian Forces Brig. Gen. J.R.P. Laroche, Alaskan North Ameri-

can Aerospace Defense Command deputy commander; Air Force Brig. Gen. Karen Mansfield, Alaska National Guard assistant adjutant general; Air Force Col. Brian Bruckbauer, JBER and 673d Air Base Wing commander; and Coast Guard Capt. Paul Albertson U.S. Coast Guard Sector Anchorage commander.

The chiefs of staff for the Army and Air Force also released statements to their respective services on the importance of remembering and honoring those who have come before us.

“Memorial Day is more than just a holiday, it’s a day for America to pay tribute to the millions

of service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation and we the living must never forget their courage and service to this nation,” said General Mark A. Milley, the Chief of Staff of the Army.

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Mark Welsh in a shared message, also sent out gratitude to those continuing to serve.

“As we remember our veterans, we express deep gratitude to those currently defending our liberty,” James and Welsh said.

“Today’s 660,000 military and civilian Airmen exemplify service

before self – please know your service makes a tremendous difference to our great nation.”

Gratitude was a common theme in the words and proclamation provided for the day.

“Those who gave their last full measure of devotion for the values that bind us as one people deserve our utmost respect and gratitude,” said President Barack Obama. “In recognizing those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we pledge to never stop working to fulfill our obligations to all members of our armed forces so they know we stand beside them every step of the way – not just when we need them, but also when they need us.”

Disposition of effects

Air Force 2nd Lt. Leigh Ann P. Richardson, 3rd Munitions Squadron, is authorized to make disposition of the personal effects of Airman 1st Class Robert Brown, 3rd MUNS, as stated in AFI 34-244. Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of the deceased should contact Richardson at 551-0854.

Air Force 1st Lt. David M. Harris, 3rd Maintenance Squadron, is authorized to make disposition of the personal effects of Senior Airman Zane Montana of the 3rd MXS, as stated in AFI 34-244. Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of the deceased should contact Harris at 552-6271.

Road closure

Arctic Warrior Drive between Pease and Sijan avenues will be closed until June 13 while crews repair the roadway.
For information, call 552-3042.

OTC pharmacy counter

The main pharmacy at the JBER hospital has opened an over-the-counter medication clinic for DoD beneficiaries, open from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Select “over the counter drug needs” at the kiosk. This is not meant to replace a visit with a provider.

Flyers and patients who are on personnel reliability program status, pregnant, or under the age of 2 are not eligible due to special needs. The clinic offers basic pain relievers, cough, cold and allergy medications and nasal sprays, ointments, and constipation and diarrhea medications.

For information visit www.facebook.com/JBERPharmacy.

In-Home child care

Providing child care in your on-base housing comes with many responsibilities. The licensing process applies to anyone regularly caring for other families’ children more than 10 hours a week. It does not apply to those providing care in another family’s home or for occasional care. The Mission Support Group commander approves and monitors licensing and program requirements. The licensing process comes with benefits such as training and support, a lending library of books, toys and supplies,

and reimbursement for food costs.

To become a Family Child Care provider, call the FCC Office at 552-3995.

Reserve ‘Scroll’

Officers wanting to transition to the Air Force Reserve must have their commission transferred to a list called “the Scroll” and approved by the Secretary of Defense. The process averages 120 days, but can take longer, and must be approved before you begin participating in the Air Force Reserve, which may mean a break in service.

Even if you’re unsure about transitioning to the Reserve, the Scroll process can be initiated.

For information, call 552-3595.

Pothole repair

The 773d Civil Engineer Squadron encourages all Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson personnel to report potholes.

In housing areas, contact Aurora Housing at 753-1051. All other requests will be tracked by 773d CES. Take note of the location – including street and cross-street names or building numbers.

Then email 773CES.CEOH.PotHoleRepair@us.af.mil or call 552-2994 or 552-2995.

Include your name and contact information so crews can follow up about location or the severity. Weather and mission permitting, potholes will be repaired within 24 hours of being reported.

Home buying seminar

Volunteer realtors and mortgage lenders present an hour-long home buying seminar every Wednesday at either the JBER-Elmendorf or JBER-Richardson Housing Management Offices from 1 to 2 p.m.

These seminars are intended to support those interested in purchasing a home by explaining the buying and selling process.

The seminar covers loan pre-qualifications, offers and acceptance, inspections, title searches, types of loans, and closure process.

For information or to sign up, contact the office. For the JBER-Elmendorf HMO, call 552-4312, or visit Bldg. 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive. For the JBER-Richardson office, call 552-3088, or visit Bldg. 600, Room 104.

Special victim counselor

Victims of sexual assault are

entitled to legal assistance services.

Communication is protected by attorney-client privilege. The SVC ensures the victim’s rights, as outlined in the Crimes Victim Act, are protected.

Those rights include being treated with fairness and respect; being reasonably protected from the accused offender; being notified of court proceedings; being present at all public court proceedings related to the offense; being able to confer with the prosecutor; receiving available restitution; and receiving information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.

Eligible clients include all active duty military of all branches of service, mobilized Reserve Component members, retirees (and the dependents of these sponsors) who make a restricted or unrestricted report for sexual assault.

For information, call 353-6507.

Rental Partnership

The Rental Partnership Program is available to all eligible active-duty members. The first option, RPP Plus, includes utility and sometimes cable costs, providing an easier budget with a set payment year round.

The other option, RPP 5 Percent below market, saves the member five percent off the rental fee other tenants pay; however, utilities are paid for by the tenant.

Both options are available with no deposits or fees to the member except pet fees as applicable.

This program provides active-duty military personnel, enlisted and officers, accompanied and unaccompanied with affordable off-base housing.

An allotment must be executed under either option for the rental payments, made directly to the landlord resulting in a more trouble free transactions.

JBER-Elmendorf members can see RPP officials at the Capital Asset Management Office, Building 6346, Arctic Warrior Drive, or call at 552-4328 or 552-4374 for information and assistance.

At JBER-Richardson, visit the Housing Management Office in Building 600, or call 384-3088 or 384-7632.

DLA Document Services

Defense Logistics Agency Document Services duplicates and prints documents. Document

Services provides documents including black and white, color, large format, photographic prints, engineering drawings, sensitive materials, technical manuals and training materials. They also do design, printing and distribution of business cards, letterhead, invitations and programs.

The Equipment Management Solutions Program provides multifunctional devices that print, scan, copy and fax. Facilities offer scanning and conversion services for all types of documents.

They also offer Document Automation and Content Services, a service for building digital libraries of content with online access. It is open 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information, visit www.documentservices.dla.mil, visit the office at 984 Warehouse Street, or call 384-2901.

U-Fix-It Store

The U-Fix-it stores, open to all Aurora Military Housing tenants, issue home maintenance items.

Availability is subject to change and limits; some may have a cost. American flag kits and fire extinguishers are available.

U-Fix-It work includes all home maintenance activities, allowing occupants to make minor improvements and repairs and cut down on service orders.

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

The JBER-Richardson office is at 338 Hoonah Ave., open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and closed from 1 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch. A blind-cleaning machine is available at the JBER-E location; priority goes to those PCSing.

For information, call 375-5540.

Priority placement

The Priority Placement Program and Executive Order 13473 provide non-competitive appointment for spouses of active-duty service members, including full-time National Guard and Reservists, who are relocating to accompany their service member during a permanent change-of-station.

The program allows spouses to register for Department of Defense

positions and be considered for jobs offered internally.

Spouses are matched with jobs based on their qualifications and preferences. Spouses are eligible for up to two years from the date of the PCS orders and are in the program for one year. Spouses, even those who have never filled a federal position, can now register at the either of the JBER personnel offices.

For information about the program or to register, call 552-9203.

Richardson Thrift Shop

The JBER-Richardson Thrift Shop, in Building 724 on Quartermaster Drive, is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m., and first and third Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Consignments are accepted whenever the shop is open. For information, call 384-7000.

Veterinary hours

Though the JBER Veterinary Treatment Facility primarily works on JBER’s military working dogs, the facility also provides services for pets of active duty service members, retirees, National Guard and Reserve service members on active orders (greater than 30 days), and their dependents.

The facility can provide most routine services, including vaccination and sick call. and is open Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information or appointments, call 384-2865.

JBER Bargain Shop

The Bargain Shop, at 8515 Saville, across the street from the log cabin, is open for summer hours Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Consignments are accepted Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. For information, call 753-6134.

Quartermaster Laundry

The Quartermaster Laundry, located at 726 Quartermaster Road, cleans TA-50 gear for free.

The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Seward thanks service members with a day of fishing

By John Pennell
U.S. Army Alaska Public Affairs

RESIDENTS OF THIS small fishing town opened their hearts and wallets last week for service members stationed in Alaska, continuing a tradition that organizers call the largest thank you of its kind in any of the United States.

The 10th Annual Armed Services Combat Fishing Tournament, May 26, hosted by the city of Seward and the Alaska Armed Services YMCA, gave more than 200 military anglers stationed in Alaska a free day of halibut fishing and more to thank them for their service.

After a long day hauling 'buts from the depths of Resurrection Bay, the military anglers were treated to free fish filleting and packaging, followed by a banquet set up by even more volunteers where they received free food and drinks, entertainment by Alaska legend Hobo Jim and tons of door prizes.

The tournament began in 2006 as the brain child of Keith Manternach and has grown from 60 anglers the first year to the modern production which harnesses fundraising efforts by the ASYMCA and the donation of much time and effort from local charter boat captains and crews and shopkeepers in the Seward community.

Buddy Whitt, executive director of the Alaska ASYMCA, estimated that over the past 10 years the 2,000-plus military anglers have cached more than 19,000 pounds of fish while the event has given more than \$215,000 in cash prizes and \$300,000 in door prizes to the competitors. This year alone, 21 fishing boats from 15 charter services donated their time, equipment and expertise to the cause.

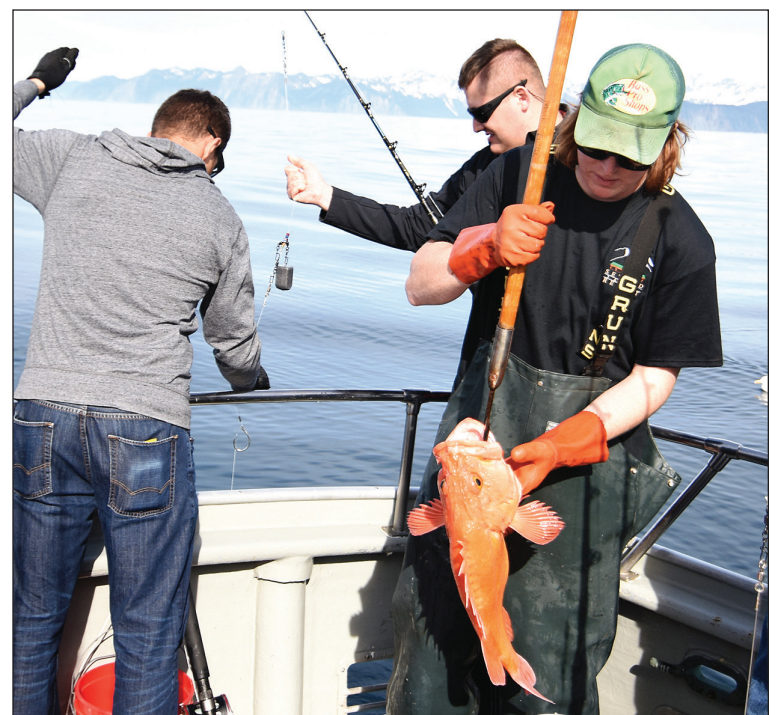
Volunteer deck hand Kyle Collins lands a small halibut for Air Force Staff Sgt. Parker Dalla in the 10th Annual Armed Services Combat Fishing Tournament May 26 aboard the Seward Military Resort boat, Snowbird. The tournament, hosted by the city of Seward and the Armed Services YMCA, gave more than 200 military anglers stationed in Alaska a free day of halibut fishing to thank them for their service. (U.S. Army photos/John Pennell)



A variety of volunteer fishing charter boats head out into Resurrection Bay from Seward May 26 with service members taking part in the 10th Annual Armed Services Combat Fishing Tournament. The tournament, hosted by the city and the Armed Services YMCA, gave more than 200 military anglers stationed in Alaska a free day of halibut fishing to thank them for their service. (Army photos/John Pennell)



Alaska Armed Services YMCA director Buddy Whitt welcomes service members to Seward May 26 to take part in the 10th Annual Armed Services Combat Fishing Tournament.



Volunteer deck hand Kyle Collins prepares a yellow-eyed rockfish for the fish box as military anglers wet their lines in the 10th Annual Armed Services Combat Fishing Tournament May 26 aboard the Seward Military Resort boat, Snowbird.



Volunteers hang one boat's catch of halibut for photographs as part of the 10th Annual Armed Services Combat Fishing Tournament in Seward May 26.



Volunteer deck hand Kyle Collins goes to work filleting a large halibut caught during the 10th Annual Armed Services Combat Fishing Tournament in Seward May 26.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Senior Airman Jessica Duran, 673d Medical Operations Squadron mental health technician, gives a demonstration on alcohol consumption at the safety fair on joint base Elmendorf-Richardson May 26. ADAPT and the Army Substance Abuse Program are the substance abuse, prevention and treatment programs available on JBER. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Javier Alvarez)

Airman 1st Class Cory Gardner, 673d Communications Squadron cyber transport systems specialist, fires a foam dart at a plastic ball at the safety fair in Hangar 1, on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Various vendors spanning multiple organizations provided information on how to recreate safely in Alaska.

Safety fair attendees drive pedal carts wearing beer-goggles to simulate the impaired vision alcohol causes in Hangar 1 on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. According for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the U.S. 28 people die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver each day.

BELOW: Airmen grill hotdogs and burgers at the safety fair on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson May 26. The JBER occupational safety office hosted the event to raise awareness of the safety resources available on the installation.



The Arctic Warrior Chapel will undergo a renovation through June. The 8:30 a.m. Catholic Mass and 11 a.m. Collective Chapel Services will meet at the Richardson Community Center on Hoonah Ave. during the renovation.

FRIDAY

BOSS Bash

Open to all single members, single parents, and geo-bachelors. Activities include horseshoes, cornhole, sumo suits, and more.

For more information, call 384-9023.

RecOn: Mountain Bike Kincaid Park

Enjoy a day mountain biking at Kincaid Park from 5 to 9 p.m. Open to all service members and dependents. Minimum and maximum sign up numbers apply.

For more information, call 384-9023.

View From Up Here

Join the Anchorage Museum for a gallery talk at 7 p.m. in *View From Up Here: The Arctic at the Center of the World*, an international contemporary art exhibit that highlights contemporary investigations into the Arctic through the perspective of artists.

Admission is free.

For more information, call 384-1461.

SATURDAY

BOSS Jim Creek ATV Trip

Depart the Outdoor Adventure Program at 7:45 a.m. for a day at Jim Creek from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to all single members, single parents, and geo-bachelors.

For more information, call 384-9023.

RecOn: Kayak Portage Lake

Kayak Portage Lake from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., meeting at the Outdoor Adventure Program with all equipment provided. Open to all service members and dependents. Minimum and maximum sign up numbers apply.

For more information, call 384-9023.

Arctic Valley Run

The 42nd Annual run begins at the Moose Run Driving Range at 9 a.m., with registration from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. five and 12.6 mile

courses are available.

For more information, call 384-1304 or 384-1312.

SUNDAY

Matanuska Ice Climb

Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Program for a day of ice climbing from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Must be 14 years or older to participate.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

Eklutna ATV Trip

Equipment and transportation is provided for this ATV trip at Eklutna from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

TUESDAY

Backpacking/Camping Class

This free class at the Outdoor Adventure Program is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

Fly Casting Class

Learn fly casting at this free class at the Outdoor Adventure Program at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

RecOn: Kayak Training

This training is required for kayak rentals through the Outdoor Adventure Program from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

PWOC Summer Study Kick Off

Join the P.W.O.C. at the Richardson Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. to kick off the summer study of the book *Anonymous*, by Cindi Wood.

Study groups will take place June 14, 21, 28, and July 12, 19 and 26.

For more information, call 384-1461.

WEDNESDAY

Indoor Rock Climbing

Register prior to attending this class at the Outdoor Adventure Program from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

THURSDAY

Bear Awareness Class

Get bear aware at this free class hosted by the Outdoor Adventure Program from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

Kayak Safety Training

This training is required for kayak rentals through the Outdoor Adventure Program from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

Russian River Fishing Class

This free class is hosted by the Outdoor Adventure Program from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

AUGUST 19, 20, 21 Anchorage Run Fest

Celebrate and run at the Anchorage Run Fest. Pick up your bibs and attend a Health and Fitness Expo on Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dena'ina center.

Saturday races take place at Dena'ina Center with the Kids 2K Fun Run at 10 a.m. with warm-ups at 9:30 a.m. The Anchorage Mile begins at 11 a.m.

Sunday races begin at 6th Avenue and F Street, with the 49K at 7 a.m., marathon walk at 7 a.m., marathon at 8 a.m., marathon relay at 8 a.m., half marathon at 8 a.m., and Spenard Roadhouse 5K at 9 a.m.

For more information or to sign up, visit anchoragerunfest.org.

ONGOING

Toyland Sweepstakes

Military children at JBER can enter to win \$500 Exchange gift card in Toyland sweepstakes through June 17.

Children of authorized Exchange customers, between 3 and 12 years old, can submit in 10 words or less what it means to them to be a "military brat" at www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes.

One first-place winner will receive a \$500 Exchange gift card and a caricature. The caricature of the winner will be placed in the 2016 Toyland toy book, promotional materials for Month of the Military Child in April and various other 2017 marketing materials.

Second and third place winners will also receive gift cards.

No purchase is necessary to enter or win.

Nine & Dine

Enjoy a light dinner, 9 holes

of golf, a cart, and prizes every Monday beginning June 6.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and golf begins at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your own team or join a team when you arrive at the event for a great way to meet new people.

For more information, call 428-0056.

JBER Wildlife Education Center activities

Learn about Alaska's amazing animals and natural resources at this free museum, with interactive displays for the kids too. Join in for wildlife art hour to include "fish painting" and other animal print activities Thursday at 1 p.m. The center is located at Building 8481 and open Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. (subject to staffing availability).

For more information, call 552-0310 or email jberwildlife@gmail.com.

Wildlife Wednesday

Stay scientifically enriched this spring with the this free science lecture series on the second Wednesday of each month at the Alaska Zoo Gateway Lecture Hall.

Each lecture begins at 7 p.m. and covers a different topic focused on wildlife research in Alaska.

For more information, visit alaskazoo.org.

Zumba

Have fun with your fitness at the Arctic Oasis Community Center on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 552-8529.

Military Children Program scholarship

The scholarships for Military Children Program is accepting applications from eligible students at commissaries or online at militaryscholar.org.

For more information call (856) 616-9311.

Library Story Times

Family Homecare Series: Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m.

Toddler Tales: Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time: Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m.

Surprising Science: Tuesdays 3 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Chapel services

Catholic Mass

Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Richardson Community Center

11:30 a.m. – Midnight Sun Chapel

Monday and Wednesday

11:40 a.m. – Richardson Community Center

Tuesday and Friday 11:30 a.m. – Midnight Sun Chapel

Thursday

12:00 p.m. – Hospital Chapel

Confession

Confessions are available anytime by appointment or after any mass. Call 552-5762.

Protestant Sunday Services

Liturgical Service

9 a.m. – Heritage Chapel

Gospel Service

9:30 a.m. – Midnight Sun Chapel

Community Service

10:30 a.m. – Heritage Chapel

Collective Service

11 a.m. – Arctic Warrior Chapel

Chapel Next

5 p.m. – Chaplain Family Life Center

Jewish Services

Lunch and Learn Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Kosher lunch provided.

At the CFLTC
Call 384-0456 or 552-5762.

Religious Education

For religious education schedules, please call the Religious Operations Center at 552-5762 or 384-1461.

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REC-ON FEED YOUR RUSH

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Rafting Trip
June 18: Whitewater rafting - \$50
Depart from Warrior Zone (Bldg. 655) at 11 a.m. 14 spots available!

ATV Trip
June 4: Jim Creek ATV Trip
\$50 (\$25 refunded on trip date)
Depart from OAP at 7:45 a.m. 10 spots available!

ATV Trips
June 12: Eklutna ATV Trip
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - \$30

Outdoor Rock Climb
June 2 & 24
5 - 9 p.m. - \$10

Glacier Ice Climb
June 11 & 19: Matanuska Glacier
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - \$35

Mountain Biking
June 3 & 15: Mountain Bike Kincaid Park
5 - 9 p.m. - \$10

Mountain Biking
June 29: Mountain Bike Kincaid Park
5 - 9 p.m. - \$5

Glacier Ice Climb
June 25: Matanuska Glacier
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - \$5

Outdoor Rock Climb
June 10 & 30
5 - 9 p.m. - \$5

ATV Trips
June 19: Eklutna ATV Trip
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - \$5
June 25: Jim Creek ATV Trip
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - \$5

Glacier Ice Climb
June 4 & 18: Portage Lake
June 12: Portage River Inflatable
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - \$25

Kayak Training
June 7 & 23: Held at Elmendorf Fitness Center
6 - 8 p.m. - \$10

Kayak Trip
June 26: Portage Lake
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - \$5

Please call 384.9023 for more info.

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DEADLINE: JULY 6 AT 12 P.M.*

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Birth Announcements

ARCTIC WARRIOR

June 3, 2016 **B-4**

MAY 3

A daughter, Layla Rose Culver, was born 21 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces at 2:35 a.m. to Kathryn Brianna Culver and Army Staff Sgt. Zackary Arthur Culver of the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

MAY 6

A daughter, Paisley Ann Lloyd, was born 18.5 inches long and weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces at 7:54 a.m. to Spc. Jayme Lin Dawson of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and Army Staff Sgt. Caleb Robert Lloyd of the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

A son, Benjamin Leviathan Dalton, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces at 9:14 p.m. to Alicia Leah Dalton and Kevin Lee Dalton.

MAY 7

A daughter, Kalyn Pearl Orrick, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces at 1:37 a.m. to Karlicia Orrick and Lyndon Orrick.

MAY 11

A daughter, Olivia Joanne Herbst, was born 19.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces at 2:18 p.m. to Sonia R. Herbst and 1st Sgt. Michael D. Herbst of the 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment.



MAY 13

A son, Jeremiah Scott Robinson, was born 21.5 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces at 1:48 p.m. to Kirsten Danielle Robinson and Sgt. Clarence Darrell Robinson of the 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment.

MAY 14

A daughter, Zoe Amorie Medina, was born 19 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces at 5:11 a.m. to Mariah Medina and Spc. Daniel Medina of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

A son, Kobe Darnell Lockwood, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce at 10:31 a.m. to Maria Lorena Lockwood and Sgt. Darnell Douglas Lockwood of the 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion (Airborne).

MAY 14

A son, Jameel Erick-Hanlioun Bamba, was born 21 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces at 12:55 a.m. to Sgt. Jeannine A. Kouassi and Sgt. Hanlioun Bamba, both of the 725th Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne).

MAY 16

A daughter, Aspen Elise Bouchard, was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce at 3:13 p.m. to Whitney Myers Bennett Bouchard and Army Maj. Chad Phillip Bouchard, of

the Army Medical Department Activity-Alaska.

MAY 17

A son, Willie Malachi Crawford IV, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds at 1 p.m. to Romena Leah Latrice Crawford and Spc. Willie Devon-Crawford III, of the 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion (Airborne).

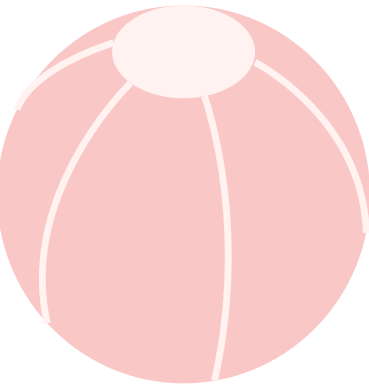
MAY 18

A daughter, Adilyn Miller, was born 22.5 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces at 6:34 p.m. to Jennifer Rose Miller and Tech. Sgt. Sherman Frank Miller of the 673d Civil Engineer Squadron.

A son, Callum Jax Lastimoza, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds at 8:22 p.m. to Neomi Wolford Lastimoza and Airman 1st Class Christian Joseph Lastimoza of the 90th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

MAY 19

A daughter, Kalaya Sky Gibson, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces at 6:12 p.m. to Zakia Dariez Keshona Gibson and Pfc. Dominique Deion Gibson of U.S. Army Alaska.



MAY 20

A son, Marco Jay Payne, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces at 6:43 p.m. to Ruth Payne and Rodney J. Payne.

MAY 21

A son, Alex Cody Johnson, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces at 3:55 a.m. to Sgt. Denneisha Tashebbba Rhoden of the 59th Signal Battalion and Dorian Travis Johnson.

A daughter, Violet Grace Hensen, was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces at 7:07 p.m. to Shannon Nicole Hensen and Air Force Staff Sgt. Martin Sirach Hensen of the 611th Air Support Squadron.

MAY 22

A daughter, Wiley Camille Stille, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces at 2:32 p.m. to Air Force Maj. Kristen Mitchell Stille of the 673d Surgical Operations Squadron and Ted Stille.

A son, Lukas Anthony Zuchowski, was born 19 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce at 2:49 p.m. to Emily Kathryn Zuchowski and Army 2nd Lt. Derek Anthony Zuchowski of the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

MAY 24

A daughter, Emilia Jade Morrissey, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces at 5:40 a.m. to Nikki Lynn



Morrissey and Army Staff Sgt. Joseph Steven Morrissey of the 1st Squadron (Airborne), 40th Cavalry Regiment.

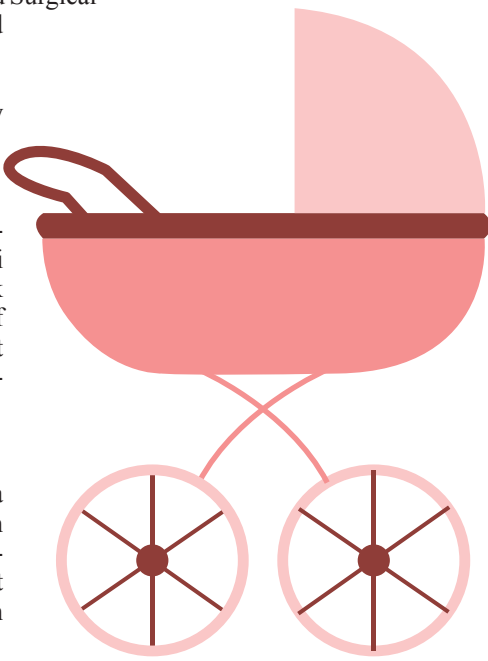
A son, Keegan Raymond Banks, was born 22 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces at 9:40 a.m. to Allison Kaitlin Banks and Army Staff Sgt. Michael Paul Banks of the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

MAY 26

A son, Kolton Lee Hanson, was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces at 6:58 p.m. to Christina Dawn Hanson and Command Sgt. Maj. David Paul Hanson of the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

MAY 27

A daughter, Gracelyn Michelle Smith, was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces at 2:28 p.m. to Senior Airman Mary Catherine Smith and Air Force Staff Sgt. Paul Michael Smith, both of the 3rd Munitions Squadron.



Drinking Water Quality on JBER

Drinking Water Quality
Commentary by Doyon Utilities and 673d Bioenvironmental Engineering Squadron

JBER’s drinking water mission

A water utility seldom takes the opportunity to tell its customers about all they are doing to produce exceptional quality drinking water in conjunction with the myriad of additional things the utility does to ensure public safety. All too often, we concentrate only on our mission of producing water that goes through a rigorous testing and quality control process before being introduced into a water distribution system for customers. Beyond that, we don’t broadcast what we are doing. In essence, we fail to “toot our own horn.”

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation have given us an opportunity to tell the rest of our story in the form of this annual Consumer Confidence Report. Doyon Utilities and 673d Bioenvironmental Engineering are pleased to jointly prepare this comprehensive report for our customers who work and reside on JBER. Our goals and efforts have been closely coordinated with the environmental staff from both JBER and DU to provide you with a complete picture of the water quality program. As you will clearly see from the report, the water you consume is of exceptional quality and exceeds the standards established by the U.S .Environmental Protection Agency.

Who are we?

While there are two public water systems on JBER, the two systems are connected and operate as a continuous system from the water plant to the consumer. The commonality of the two systems allows us to efficiently operate as a team in order to serve our most deserving customers; the military personnel and civilian employees assigned to the joint installation. This report will provide many technical aspects of our water quality but just as importantly, it will allow us an opportunity to let you know some of the work going on behind the scenes.

Doyon Utilities owns and operates utilities located on the Richardson side of JBER. This relationship was initially established through a Utility Privatization Contract with the Army at the former Fort Richardson and later expanded due to joint basing. As the water purveyor on the Richardson side, Doyon manages the water plant and distribution lines, while conducting a myriad of bacteriological and chemical tests to ensure all quality standards are met.

Once the water reaches the Elmendorf side, the 673d Civil Engineer Group and 673d Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering flight take over. CEG provides distribution system oversight, while Bioenvironmental Engineering monitors water quality. This includes additional testing of the system for bacteriological contamination,

with each major loop or population area sampled at least once a month. Additionally, several select chemical contaminants are re-sampled to verify results seen on JBER, as required by the state of Alaska. The results of Bioenvironmental Engineering’s samples, in conjunction with those obtained by Doyon Utilities, are used to ensure basewide water quality.

In order to ensure long term reliability of the water source, we have conducted assessment studies to determine areas where we need to focus our resources. Our water treatment plant received continuous oversight of the drinking water it produces. The quality of water you drink is superb and our standards will not be compromised. Testing results from 2015 are included in this report and from the data, you can be confident that the dedicated staff of highly qualified and state-certified professional water treatment operators will protect the integrity and quality of your drinking water. After all, our reputation is only as good as the quality of water we produce and we value that reputation.

We are proud to be partners in preparation and publication of this annual Consumer Confidence Report and welcome any suggestions on how to make it more informative in the future. As a side note, we encourage you to use the water you need but don’t needlessly use water. Conservation of any resource is important and we ask you to do your part in this effort.

Where does our water come from?

JBER’s drinking water is obtained from surface-water drainage and three local wells on JBER. Large debris is removed from the raw surface-water prior to it entering the treatment plant where it is undergoes several conventional water treatment processes. The plant is designed to produce approximately 7 million gallons of water a day – enough to fill more than eight Olympic competition-size pools. All our treatment processes are controlled and monitored by an interconnected set of computers. Because groundwater is a very high quality source of raw water, the only treatment necessary is disinfection. Each well is equipped with its own in-line chlorination equipment to ensure that water enters the distribution system free from any microbial contamination. The finished water is tested several times a day to ensure that pH, chlorine residuals, and fluoride are at appropriate levels.

Water Testing and Your Health

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or underground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals. In some cases, water can pick up radioactive material, or substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Although our water supply may contain some of these contaminants, it is important



to know that these substances are either removed completely or reduced to a safe level before it arrives at your tap.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment facilities, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which may naturally occur or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic compounds, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which may occur naturally or result from oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Some people in the general population may be more vulnerable than others to contaminants in drinking water. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk of infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water

from their health care providers. EPA/CDC published guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

We’re happy to answer any other questions about our water quality. For general information or for water quality questions call Doyon Utilities site management office at 338-3600 or JBER Bioenvironmental Engineering at 552-3985.

Water Quality Data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Source Water Assessment

For the last several years, the ADEC has been working on assessments of the vulnerability of the water sources that provide water to all of the public water systems in Alaska. The source water assessment for JBER’s Water Treatment Plant has been completed and is available for review by contacting JBER Bioenvironmental Engineering at 552-3985 or 455-1540.

Hydrant Maintenance

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

Lead/Copper in Drinking Water

The EPA Safe Drinking Water Act requires public water systems to test water samples from its customers to determine lead and copper levels. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children.

Lead and copper samples were collected at numerous locations on JBER-R during June 2015, and at JBER-E during September and October 2013. During both sampling events the 90th percentiles were below the EPA Action Levels.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. There is nothing in the treatment process that would introduce lead into the water; therefore, the water is tested at the individual service locations. If abnormal levels of lead or copper are detected in the water supply, residents will be notified and JBER will initiate action to correct the problem.

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

It is important to use this approach for drinking water or cooking water. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods,

Retiree Activity Day shows appreciation on JBER

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Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Retirement Services hosted the 30th annual Retiree Appreciation Day on JBER May 21.

Multiple organizations attended, showcasing the various services available to retirees on the installation as well as who is supporting them out in the community, said Maria Johnson, 673d Force Support Squadron retirement services officer.

“[We had] a mix of everything so that whoever comes – whether they’re retired and 33 years old or retired and 90 years old – there is something for them,” she said.

Seventeen tables devoted to healthcare were set up in Building 600, Johnson said. The JBER hospital and the Alzheimers Association for the state of Alaska were among the attendees.

“You only retire one time from

the military,” Johnson said. “I feel that the more information you get, the better prepared you will be. Using your entitlements to their maximum stretches your dollar.”

This year’s event marked the first appearance of the Military Society of Model Railroad Engineers, and the Alaska State Department Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management.

“Once you leave active duty you tend to fall off people’s radar scopes,” said Suellyn Wright Novak, Alaska Veterans Museum president. “It’s easy to forget those who went before you.”

The event provides an opportunity for the retired members of the community to meet with base leadership, Johnson said. It’s through events like these and through joining the retiree council, people can effect change in their community.

“This is a great opportunity for [retirees],” Novak said. “There’s

all kinds of information here; opportunities for volunteerism, and benefits they can sign up for.”

The event was called Retiree Activities Day when it first came in existence, Johnson said.

“It changed in name but the premise was always to make sure our retirees, their family members, and survivors knew what they had for entitlements and benefits,” she said.

The benefits available to retirees today are significantly higher than those people may have had 10 years ago, Johnson said. Retirees are encouraged to visit their retirement services office every couple of years to learn about updates to their benefits and entitlements.

“It doesn’t matter what color the uniform is,” Johnson said. “The entitlements and benefits are for all services. It’s always been purple. And we want to make sure everyone feels included.”

For more information or to join the retiree council call 384-3500.



Suellyn Wright Novak, Alaska Veterans Museum president, meets with Bob Huntsman, retired Army pole lineman, at the 30th annual Retiree Appreciation Day event on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson May 21. Multiple organizations attended, to showcasing the various services available to retirees on the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Javier Alvarez)

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and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Drinking water test results

Substance	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Detected Range JBER-R (PWS 2212039)	Detected Range JBER-E (PWS 2211423)	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Organic Contaminants							
Total Organic Carbon	Monthly 2015	N	Raw Water Range <0.50-1.55 Treated Water Range <0.500-0.998	Tested by JBER-R	TT	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Total Trihalomethanes	Samples taken Quarterly 2015	N	Average	—	80 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
381st Intel Bldg 18220 Family CC Bldg 5091	Samples taken Quarterly 2015 Range <6.8 - 25 ppb	N	—	Average 16.1 ppb	80 ppb	NA	
Total Haloacetic Acids AAFCES Gas Bldg 986	Samples taken Quarterly Range 4.1 - 32.0 ppb	N	Average 16.2 ppb	—	60 ppb	NA	
381st Intel Bldg 18220 Family CC Bldg 5091	Samples taken Quarterly 2014 Range 6.2 - 25 ppb	N	—	Average 16.29 ppb	60 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOC)							
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	Sampled Quarterly 2015	N	Highest reported level 0.7 ppb Range <0.6 ppb - 0.7	Tested by JBER-R	6 ppb	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Radionuclides							
Alpha emitters	BY ADEC Request 7/9/09	N	Highest level reported 1.1 pCi/L Range 0.0-1.1 pCi/L	Tested by JBER-R	15 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/photon emitters	BY ADEC Request 7/9/09	N	Highest level reported 3.7 mrem/yr Range 0.0 - 3.7 mrem/yr	Tested by JBER-R	4 mrem/yr	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined radium (226, 228)	7/9/09	N	Highest level reported 1.3 pCi/L Range 0.4 - 1.3 pCi/L	Tested by JBER-R	5 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Terms and Abbreviations Used

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

JBER-E: Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson – Elmendorf side, Public Water System (PWS) 2211423

JBER-R: Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson – Richardson side, Public Water System (PWS) 2212039

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

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which, there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs do not allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The

highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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

MFL: Million fibers per liter >10 µm

mrem/yr: Millirems per year.

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

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

Not Detectable (ND): The contaminant is below the de-

tectable limits of the testing method.

pCi/L: Picouries per liter.

ppb: Parts per billion or micrograms per liter.

ppm: Parts per million or milligrams per liter.

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

The table lists the regulated contaminants required to be monitored by the EPA that were detected in your water. While most monitoring is required annually, some contaminants are sampled less frequently. The Stage 2 Disinfection By-Product Rule requires testing for trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids at locations in the distribution that produce the highest concentration

of these two categories of compounds.

This sampling was done quarterly in 2014. All the substances we found were present in quantities less than the EPA’s limits for safe drinking water.

If you would like to view a complete listing of test results, please call JBER Bio-environmental Engineering at 552-3985, or call 455-1540.

Substance	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Detected Range JBER-R (PWS 2212039)	Detected Range JBER-E (PWS 2211423)	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants							
Coliform Bacteria	Monthly 2015 All Samples Passed	N	—	—	Two or more positive samples/month	0	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity	Daily 2015	N	Highest single measurement 0.22 NTU 100% of samples <0.3 NTU	Tested by JBER-R	TT = 1 NTU TT = % of samples <0.3 NTU	NA	Soil Run-off
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride	Daily 2015	N	0.00 - 0.96 ppm	Tested by JBER-R	4 ppm	4 ppm	Chemical Additive
Nitrate Bldg 28004 Well 2 Well 3	Annually 1/12-15 1/6/15 1/6/15	N	0.3 ppm 0.5 ppm 0.6 ppm	Tested by JBER-R	10 ppm	10 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Golf Course Munitions Storage Hillberg Ski Lodge	Annually 3/3/15	N	Tested by JBER-E	<0.10 ppm <0.10 ppm <0.10 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	
Asbestos	Every 9 years	N	<0.115 um 2/25/14	<0.119 um 11/18/14	7MFL	7MFL	Decay of asbestos-cement water mains; Erosion of natural deposits
Free Residual Chlorine	Daily 2015	N	0.243 - 1.90 ppm	0.2 - 2.0 ppm	MRDL 4 ppm	MRDLG 4 ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Lead ¹	Every 3 years	N	90th Percentile <1.0 ppb June 2015	90%=<2.0 ppb Sept/Oct 2013	AL=15 ppb	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper ²	Every 3 years	N	90th Percentile 0.0265 ppm June 15	90% = 0.095 ppm Sept/Oct 2013	AL=1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing system

JBER takes weekly water quality samples as well as additional samples during every line break. Be assured Bioenvironmental Engineering and Doyon Utilities make every effort to ensure the water provided to JBER is safe for consumption and the installation is notified should water quality deteriorate.

Some residents may experience brown or rusty water coming from their faucets; more often in older housing. This is usually caused by a higher concentration of minerals in the water. This does not mean that the water is not safe. Any brown or rusty water that does not run clear after running faucets for several minutes should be reported to housing maintenance.

Another common occurrence is white cloudy water. This is due to more oxygen in the water and most often noticed during colder months. Any cloudy water that does not clear up after sitting for a couple minutes should be reported to housing maintenance. This Consumer Confidence Report summarizes drinking water quality for the period between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. In order to conserve natural resources and make it more efficient to distribute an electronic copy can be downloaded at www.doyonutilities.com or www.jber.af.mil. Hardcopies are also available at Doyon Utilities or 455-1540.