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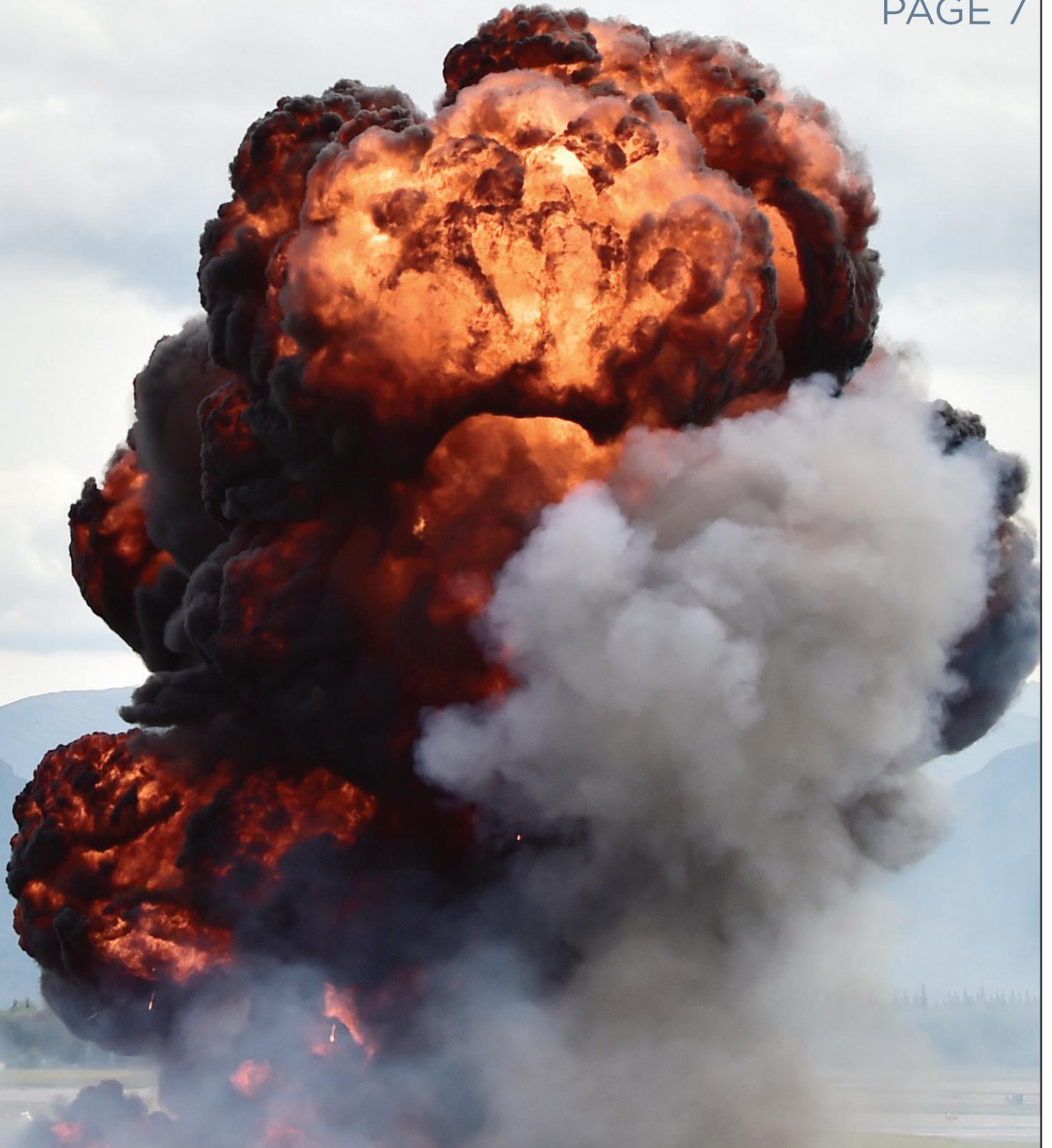
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Senior Airman Levi Roark, 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron, fuels distribution journeyman pulls a hose out to a C-17 Globemaster III on the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson flightline July 22. Rain or shine, aircraft need fuel. (U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Kyle Johnson)



ABOVE: Roark, a fuels distribution journeyman, dons his coveralls for cryogenic servicing. Aviators rely on the oxygen fuels Airmen fill to breathe during flight. RIGHT: refills an oxygen tank outside the flightline July 22. The tanks are picked up by Aircrew Ground Equipment Airmen when they are empty and then delivered back out to the jets after they've been filled.



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ABOVE: Thousands packed the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson flightline July 30 and 31 for the Arctic Thunder Open House. Static displays of aircraft, Humvees, weapons and other equipment provided hands-on experiences as aircraft danced in the sky. The biennial event is historically the largest multi-day event in the state and one of the premier aerial demonstrations in the world. The event featured more than 40 key performers and ground acts, including the U.S. Air Force F-22 and U.S. Navy Blue Angels demonstrations teams. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman James Richardson)
ABOVE LEFT: A P-51 Mustang and F-22 Raptor fly side-by-side during a heritage flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Javier Alvarez)
LEFT: Viper Airshows and Gary Ward fly by each other above the Arctic Thunder Open House July 31. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kyle Johnson)
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Transparent leadership: an old concept for modern times

by **AIR FORCE COL. SEAN LARKIN**

Air and Space Intelligence Center

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — We're living in an age of hyper-connectivity.

With sensors everywhere and supercomputers in our pockets, there's a wealth of information available to everyone, whether it's a review of a restaurant, an updated Air Force instruction or the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow (African or European).

There are unofficial forums and social media groups devoted to nearly everything — including the Air Force. Further, your words and actions can live on indefinitely on the internet. Nothing stays in Vegas. Now, more than ever, to quote Gen. George S. Patton, "You are always on parade."

The combination of instant information, rapid social interaction and recorded behavior has changed the environment and expectations for leaders. Our Airmen expect and deserve leaders whose actions match

their words and whose decision-making is open, fair and consistent.

While discretion and the safeguarding of sensitive, classified and personal data remain critical responsibilities of military professionals, the fact remains that any gap between what you say and what you do will be exposed, one way or another.

But there is no reason to fear such scrutiny; in fact, we must embrace transparency to lead in the 21st century.

Transparency is not a novel concept. Political scientists, journalists and policy advocates have been touting its importance for more than a century.

In 1913, Louis Brandeis, who would go on to serve as a justice U.S. Supreme Court, famously referred to sunlight (transparency) as "the best disinfectant." An organization that maintains open records, encourages honest dialogue, and is accountable for its actions is less likely to violate the public trust.

The benefits of transparency go beyond our external relationships,

to the heart of our organizations.

Open, honest and consistent leaders will develop trust, strengthen relationships and bolster our core values.

For example, as a commander, I have to make tough decisions on personnel matters, strategic priorities, resources and mission execution. I trust my team to provide the best available information and their recommendations to inform those decisions. While I could technically make decisions without seeking such advice, involving the right subordinates and stakeholders in a transparent decision-making process is essential to leading effectively and building organizational trust. Transparency helps establish this trust over time and strengthens critical relationships when your Airmen and your mission partners can see how your actions match your stated priorities and vision.

Openness also allows your Airmen to understand how and why decisions are made, even if they disagree with a particular outcome. This transparency encourages col-

laborative decision-making, empowers our Airmen and fosters the professional development of all stakeholders, which ultimately strengthens the organization.

Finally, transparency can reinforce and uphold the Air Force core values. I believe in these values and wholeheartedly believe we need to serve with integrity, service and excellence, every day.

When your leadership style is transparent and collaborative, it is easier to model and enforce the ethical behavior we expect from everyone in the Department of Defense.

Additionally, an open environment with high standards of personal conduct reinforces positive norms and discourages behavior that violates our values.

What we say is important, but our actions are what really speak to our Airmen.

Leading with transparency creates strong, accountable organizations built on trust and guided by the Air Force core values. So, let some sunlight into your leadership style — it's a great day for a parade. ●

Munitions inventory

The 3rd Munitions Squadron will conduct semi-annual inventory Sept. 1 through 9. Users must schedule requests for issues and/or turn-in around these dates.

During the inventory, only emergency requests will be processed. They must be submitted in writing and approved by the group commander or equivalent. For information, call 552-3098 or email jber.FV5000@elmendorf.af.mil

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.

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.

DLA Document Services

Defense Logistics Agency Document Services duplicates and prints 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.

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. 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 providing care in another family's home or occasional care. Licensing adds benefits like training and support, a library of books, toys and supplies, and reimbursement for food.

To become a Family Child Care provider, call 552-3995.

ADS

STILL GOING STRONG: CIVILIAN REACHES MILESTONE

by **TOMMY BAKER**
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ALCOM SECRETARY HAS SERVED SINCE 1966

Codes of conduct, values, responsibilities ... these are phrases which are ingrained in military training.

However, these same phrases are integral to the civilian workforce as well. For Joanne Frank, these have not been buzz words or catch phrases; they have been a way of life for 50 years.

Her sacrifices and dedication as a civil service member have added significant value to the U.S. government and those who have had the honor to work with her.

Many military members strive to retire after 20 or 30 years of service.

Frank, the Executive Secretary to the Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command, Eleventh Air Force here, has put in that combined and is still going strong.

With a gentle yet firm demeanor, she greets everyone who enters the command section. She answers the phone with a cordial voice and goes about the daily grind serving as the command secretary, calendaring events, scheduling meetings and dispensing customer service. She enjoys interacting with people.

"I love taking care of my boss and his busy schedule, it doesn't get old," she said. "The thing I probably like most about my career is being able to work with and assist so many people," Frank said. "That's why it is so interesting."

Entering civil service as the spouse of a military member in 1966 had its challenges and rewards.

After arriving at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Frank was looking for a position as a private secretary. The neighboring town of San Angelo was thriving and jobs were readily available.

However, the prospect of a position with the federal government availed itself and presented the mobility which many military families find favorable.

Finding a job in the '60s as a military dependent was often a grueling process; military spouses were at a disadvantage because most employers wanted someone who would be around for a while, and military families often moved on after three to four years.



Joanne Frank, foreground, accepts a gift from Roma Samson, Tamara Hoch, and Susan Sullivan. Mrs. Frank has surpassed 50 years of civil service. (Courtesy photo)

"It wasn't too hard for local people to find work downtown," she said. "But when employers discovered you were a spouse of a military member, the obvious objection to hiring you was the fact your military family would have a permanent change of station to another base, leaving little time to have stability in the job."

Frank had entertained dreams of becoming an English teacher, but the allure of a federal position was quite enticing.

Add to that the fact the position was the executive secretary to the Postal Inspector of the Postal Inspection Section, and was a GS-06 position, not a bad way to enter civil service.

When she took the civil service test, she was told she had scored extremely well, a key point to her getting the GS-06 position.

Contrary to the norm, Frank and her spouse remained at Goodfellow until 1977, at which time they transferred to Elmendorf Air Force Base.

She was readily hired in 1977 at the 21st Medical Group and transferred in 1979 to the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, serving nine com-

manders

through 1991. The 3TFW was redesignated the 3rd Wing in 1991, and Frank continued as the executive secretary, serving 13 more commanders.

In 2011, the Alaskan Command requested she be transferred from the wing over to his office.

Her skills and dedication had paid off and she relished the opportunity to serve in a different position.

Another perk to Frank about going over to work for Alaskan Command has been the opportunity to work in a joint environment.

Why would that be a perk to a civilian executive secretary one might ask?

Because, as she puts it, it affords her the ability to be around "purple" all the time. By the way, purple is

her favorite color.

"I liked my job with the wing; I'd been there for 34 years," she said. "However, I realized things wouldn't be that much different. I'd still be on base. I'd still have the same friends around me. I'd just be in a different building, with a few more responsibilities."

Now, with another three commanders behind her, and another arriving in a few weeks, one might ask when she plans to retire.

Civil service members can officially retire when they have dedicated 30 years of service, but they must be at least 55 years of age.

For Frank, the question of retiring isn't even an issue. "I have no immediate plans to retire. I love what I do," she said. "The sense of family the position has allowed has made it easy to desire to stay around."

"I have my family, the church, the Air Force, and I love living in Alaska, especially the beautiful mountains. When it's time to retire, I'll know."

Along with her base family, Frank has her son, her daughter, and four grandchildren in the local area.

Johnny Carson, talk show host and comedian once said, "Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you will have had more success than you could possibly have imagined." ●

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**Saturday
Guard community day**
Head to the Delaney Park Strip from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to enjoy infantry demonstrations, bouncy houses, games and more.

The Alaska Army National Guard will deactivate the 297th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade and activate the 297th Regional Support Group in a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Alaska Gov. Bill Walker will sign the Alaska Code of Military Justice at 12:30 p.m. A free lunch follows, with activities throughout the day.

For information, call 428-6031.

Stand-up paddleboarding

Learn the ins and outs of this popular sport at Otter Lake from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; preregistration is required. To learn more, call 552-4599 or 552-5091.

Paintball open play

Hot dogs are on the house, and gun rentals are discounted from noon to 5 p.m. at the Extreme Paintball course. For information, call 384-6245.

Portage Lake kayak trips

Choose a regular or inflatable kayak and leave from the Outdoor Adventure Program at 8 a.m. for this fun outing with equipment provided. Sign up before the class; for information, call 552-4599 or 552-5091.

**Sunday
Glacier ice climb**

Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Program at 8 a.m. and get ready to climb the Matanuska Glacier. Equipment is provided – all you need to do is sign up. For information, call 552-4599 or 552-5091.

ADF&G Sighting-in day

Get ready for a safe fall hunt. Head to Rabbit Creek Shooting Park and get a tune-up and assistance with gunsmiths, chronographs, and other services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 345-7831.

Eklutna ATV trip

Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Program at 9 a.m. and head for

Eklutna. Preregistration required; call 552-4599 or 552-5091.

**Monday
Aladdin auditions**

Let your aspiring actor fly – the Missoula Childrens' Theater is taking auditions at the Talkeetna Theater from 10 a.m. to noon. Rehearsals are daily until the performance Aug. 13. For information, call 384-1508 or 552-2266.

Back to School science

This free STEM program geared toward students up to 6th grade meets afternoons at the library from 1 to 2 p.m. (See the bottom of this page.) For information, call 384-1640.

**Wednesday
Indoor rock climbing**

Learn the fine art of clambering at the JBER-E Outdoor Recreation Center from 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

**Thursday
Intro to raft hunting**

Learn how to bag your game using Alaska's waterways for transport from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the JBER-E Outdoor Recreation Center. For information, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

Kayak training

Learn the ropes before you hit the river at this class from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Elmendorf Fitness Center pool. To sign up, call 552-4599 or 552-2023.

**August 18
Arctic Oasis Community Center Yard Sale**

Come check out the household goods available during the Back to School Bash Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 552-8929.

Back to School Bash

The Arctic Oasis hosts this annual extravaganza just before school gets underway.

Learn about JBER resources and enjoy this family day with plenty of events.

For more information, visit jberlife.com.

**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 5K at 9 a.m.

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

Alaska Greek Festival

Alaska's large Greek community hosts their 22nd annual festival of food, dance and music at the Orthodox church at 2800 O'Malley Road. Tour the new church with its lavish icons, or just indulge in moussaka and dancing.

For information, visit akgreek-festival.com.

**Ongoing
Fitness Sit-up and Push-up clinics**

Every first and third Wednesday of the month, the Elmendorf Fitness Center hosts clinics designed to teach proper sit-up and push-up techniques in an effort to enhance overall performance and fitness test scores.

For more information, call 552-5353.

Potter Marsh Bird Walks

Join the guides Saturday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m., or Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a leisurely guided walk – rain or shine – and learn about the birds and wildlife that make the edge of Cook Inlet their home.

For information, call 267-2281.

Nine & Dine

Enjoy dinner, nine holes of golf, a cart, and prizes Mondays. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and

golf begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring a team or join a team 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.

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 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 of wildlife research in Alaska.

For information, visit alaska-zoo.org.

Library Story Times

Evening Story Time: Tuesdays 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Toddler Tales: Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m.

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

Surprising Science: Thursdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Pizza and Pins

Enjoy bowling and pizza at the Polar Bowl with deals on pizzas, sodas and shoe rentals for up to five bowlers.

For information, call 753-7467.

Alaska's Northern Lights

Love the aurora, but don't love standing in the cold in the middle of a winter night?

Check out the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts as they bring the grandeur to you in high-definition in summer. Shows start every hour from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sept. 4.

For more information, call 263-2993.

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.

Back-to-school STEM program is 'controlled chaos'

by **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS VALERIE MONROY**
JBER Public Affairs

JBER Library hosts daily experiments

The Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson library is scheduled to host a "Back to School" science program, Monday through Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

The program will revolve around a science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum and

be geared towards children from kindergarten to sixth grade. STEM education is a way of teaching the four separate areas as one cohesive subject.

The library will offer various experiments and activities each day throughout the week.

"It's a way to get students more involved in the sciences," said Teresa Couch, 673d Force Support Squadron library technician. "Our spring break [STEM program] was very popular. We averaged 100 kids every day and we're expecting the same response this time."

Students will conduct two experiments each day including a sink-

or-float challenge, making batteries with lemons, bottle rockets and building bridges with gumdrops.

For many children, going back to class isn't the most popular idea, but with this program they have the opportunity to have fun while also learning.

"It's hands-on learning," said James Campbell, 673d FSS library technician. "Instead of reading about thrust and propulsion, we can put a balloon on a straw and shoot it across the room. It's much more interactive."

This program is bringing a different aspect to learning, Couch said.

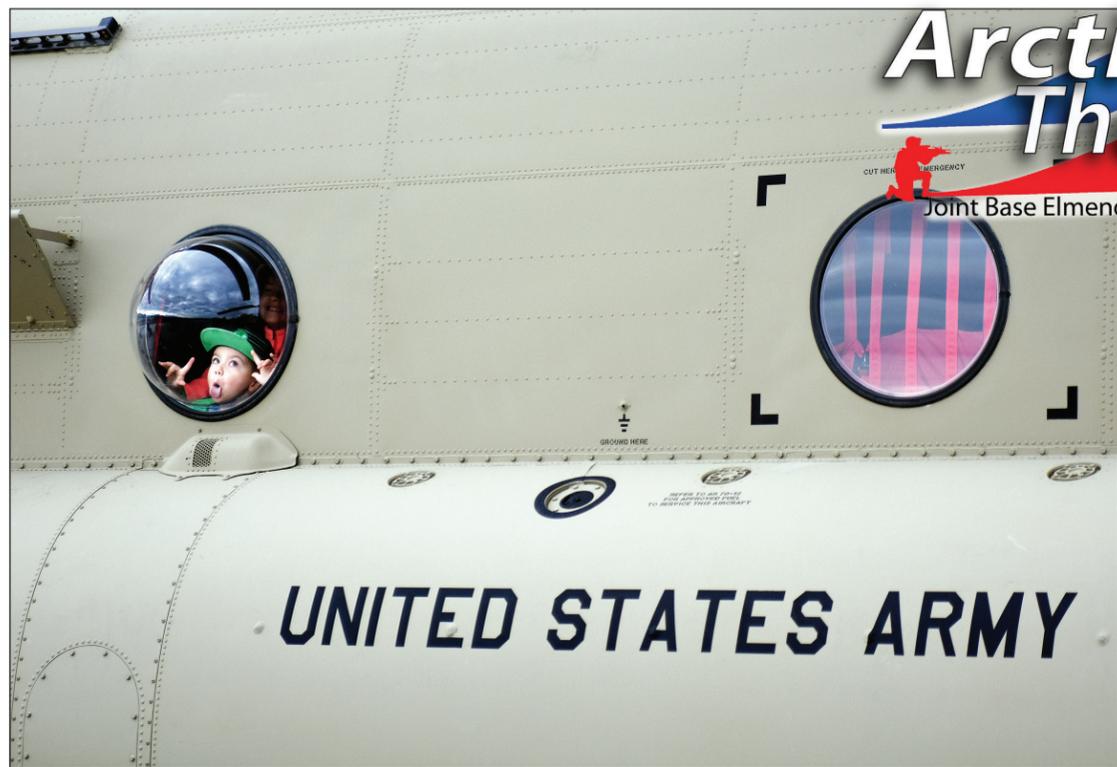
"The kids all love it," Couch said.

"They get to be messy, and it's basically controlled chaos. They should come prepared to get dirty."

With the Anchorage School District also offering STEM curriculum opportunities throughout the year, the library team can expose children to the information before they head back to school, without fear of failure, Campbell said.

"There is no pressure to produce correctly," Campbell said. "As a matter of fact, some of the best inventions were the results of a failure. We're just here to create something and learn from our mistakes."

For information or to join in as an adult volunteer, call 384-1648. ●



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The CH-47D Chinook's bubble windows were a draw for most visitors. The U.S. Army Alaska Aviation Task Force helicopter was just one of many displays. (Army photo/John Pennell) The Blue Angels fly in a diamond formation. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Valerie Monroy) Riley Gustafson, 5, grandson of Air Force retired Master Sgt. James Barnett, points at an F-16 Fighting Falcon. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kyle Johnson) A paratrooper soars above the crowd as he prepares to land at the Arctic Thunder Open House. (U.S. Air Force photo/Justin Connaer)



ABOVE: Alaska Air National Guardsmen with the 212th Rescue Squadron conduct a mock rescue operation for a Joint Forces Demonstration during the Arctic Thunder Open House July 31 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The biennial event is historically the largest multi-day event in the state and one of the premier aerial demonstrations in the world. Arctic Thunder featured more than 40 key performers and ground acts July 30 and 31. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman James Richardson) **RIGHT:** Adella, 16 months, sits at the wheel of a U.S. Army truck static display. (U.S. Air Force photo/Alejandro Pena) **BELOW:** The Blue Angels soar away from the crowd. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kyle Johnson)



June 27

A son, Easton William Heckart, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces at 8:24 a.m. to Jenna Leigh Heckart and Army Staff Sgt. Jacob Alan Heckart of the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

June 29

A daughter, Emily Max Hiltbrunner, was born 20 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces at 9:34 p.m. to Tech. Sgt. Melissa R. Hiltbrunner and Air Force Master Sgt. Gregory S. Hiltbrunner, both of the 673d Communications Squadron.

June 30

A daughter, Amy Rose Martz, was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces at 12:52 a.m. to Air Force Staff Sgt. Amber Nicole Martz of the 477th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Cory Martz of the 673d Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

A son, Jack Edmund Tomic, was born 23 inches long and weighing 10 pounds, 9 ounces at 11:18 a.m. to Air Force Lt. Col. Beth Lee Tomic of the 673d Dental Squadron and Nikola Voislav Tomic.

A son, Marcus Alexander Shrader, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces at 10:01 p.m. to Jennifer Michelle Shrader and Senior Airman Matthew Robert Shrader of the 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron.

July 3

A daughter, Elizabeth Austyn Smithey, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces at 3:53 p.m. to Hannah Nicole Smithey and Spc. Hunter Dean

Smithey of the 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion (Airborne).

July 4

A daughter, Elise Jael Piper, was born 21.5 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces at 12:18 p.m. to Brittney Piper and Sgt. Michael Piper of the 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion (Airborne).

July 5

A son, Wyatt Andrew Abel, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces at 7:53 a.m. to Jamie Rose Abel and Army Capt. Benjamin Thomas Abel of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

A daughter, ErynRenae Northrup McMiller, was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces at 11:35 p.m. to Crystal-Renee Northrup McMiller and Sgt. Timothy Jr. McMiller of the 725th Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne).

July 6

A son, William Harold Westbrook, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces at 6:13 a.m. to Air Force Master Sgt. Rebecca M. Westbrook of the 176th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Matthew D. Westbrook.

July 7

A daughter, Rayna Monique Leon, was born 22 inches long and weighing 11 pounds, 1 ounce at 10:00 a.m. to Air Force Staff Sgt. Toni Monique Mendoza of the 3rd Operations Support Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Thomas Leon of 301st Intelligence Squadron.

July 8

A son, Alexander Scott Gordinier, was born 21.5 inches long

and weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces at 3:21 p.m. to Katherine M. Gordinier and Tech. Sgt. John S. Gordinier of Alaskan Command.

July 10

A daughter, Kinslee Rebecca Navarro, was born 22.5 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces at 1:54 a.m. to Nathalie Ruth Navarro and Senior Airman Melvin Saul Navarro of the 381st Intelligence Squadron.

July 11

A daughter, Reagan Grace Henry, was born 20 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces at 11:16 a.m. to Jennifer Evette Henry and Tech. Sgt. Edward Tyler Henry of the 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

July 13

A son, Owen Levi Lyon, was born 23 inches long and weighing 10 pounds, 3 ounces at 1:27 a.m. to Mallary Alexandra Lyon and Matthew Allen Lyon.

July 14

A son, Liam Slade Robin Hall, was born 23 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces at 8:15 a.m. to Kelsey Ellen Clark and Airman Jacob Robin Blakely Hall of the 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron.

July 15

A daughter, Eden Jane Brown, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces at 8:27 a.m. to Ashley Brown and Chief Petty Officer Chris Brown of the Navy Recruiting District, Seattle.

A son, David Peregrine Lang, was born 21 inches long and

weighing 7 pounds at 7:26 p.m. to Air Force Lt. Col. Sheila Ann Lang of the 176th Operations Support Squadron and Air Force Lt. Col. Alex X. Lang of the 211th Rescue Squadron.

July 18

A daughter, Leila Rose Shriver, was born 20 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces at 10:47 a.m. to Jessica Rosie Shriver and Spc. Michael Anthony Shriver of the 725th Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne).

A daughter, Aella Quinn Murray, was born 19.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces at 1:43 p.m. to Justina Marie Murray and Sgt. Nicholas Ryan Murray of the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

July 21

A daughter, Emmarhie Jade Sipin, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces at 8:21 p.m. to Rhie-Jane Luna Sipin and Sgt. Mark Angelo Sipin of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

July 22

A son, Logan James Fulsang, was born 23 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces at 7:55 a.m. to Mikala Margaret Fulsang and Army Capt. Neil Evan Fulsang of the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas.

A son, Augustus Montgomery James Terrill, was born 22.5 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces at 8:12 p.m. to Melanie Ann Terrill and Army Maj. Christopher Dale Terrill of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

(Airborne), 25th Infantry Division.

July 23

A son, Malachi Robert Bowman, was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces at 2:02 p.m. to Samantha Lee Bowman and Senior Airman Joshua Jericho Bowman of the 773d Civil Engineer Squadron.

July 25

A daughter, Farrah Amaya Jagun, was born 19.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces at 12:00 a.m. to Lashawna Airriona Jagun and Pfc. Omotayo Rashid Jagun of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

A son, Brandon Christopher Rawlins Jr., was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces at 8:07 a.m. to Donna Danielle Rawlins and Spc. Brandon Christopher Rawlins Sr. of the 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment.

A son, Roy Jesse Sotero, was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces at 2:42 p.m. to Melissa Marie Sotero and Spc. Rogelio Romiro Sotero of the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

A daughter, Lillian Carter Johnson, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces at 7:10 p.m. to Jennifer Carter and Senior Airman Jay Johnson of the 3rd Operations Support Squadron.

A daughter, Lydia Grace Smith, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces at 9:40 p.m. to Savannah Paige Smith and Airman 1st Class Jarred Michael Smith of the 673d Security Forces Squadron.



Youth summer camps aim to bring life skills to kids

by **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JAVIER ALVAREZ**
JBER Public Affairs

Charred marshmallows are sandwiched between graham crackers near the glow of a crackling campfire, and the hum of ghost stories being told beneath the moonlight – it’s a summer camping trip.

Substitute the glare of the sun for the moonlight, and the overnight camp excursion is not too far removed from what Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson youth center members get to experience at the JBER Youth Center Summer Camps.

Summer camps are known by some for providing an urban escape, allowing participants to be close with nature – something which may not be so readily available in the lower 48.

“People may think we are glorified babysitters,” said Andrew Curts, Two Rivers Youth Center instructional youth program and community coordinator. “But that’s not what we do here.

“We try to make sure these kids leave here with the knowledge, tools, and life skills that will ensure their journey into adult hood starts at the right place.”

The 2016 Youth Center Summer Camps kicked-off with archery camp May 23. Almost every subsequent week, another camp began – another opportunity for youth center members to learn a skill or participate in



Elizabeth Lewis, 10, sports a cap sewn by a sewing camp participant at the Two Rivers Youth Center at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Sewing camp is offered every summer at Two Rivers. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Javier Alvarez)

group-led activities.

“Any time you’re working with others and working with an adult, and building relationships, you’re building character,” said Kandis Kile, Two Rivers Youth Center recreation specialist.

All camps are presented with the intent of building relationships and inspiring life-long

learning, she said.

“Moving from all my friends and coming into a new environment was difficult,” said Elizabeth Etheridge, 17. “I remember seeing the youth center and wanting to be a part of it. I knew that this was something I would want to do. ... I see [the camps] as a way to get connected with other kids.”

This year’s specialty camps consisted of cooking, basketball, kayaking, backpacking, hiking, paintball, and photography – with theater and music camps bringing an end to the 2016 season.

No prior experience is necessary when participating in the camps, Kile said.

“During the first week [of sewing camp] we learn the basics,” Kile said. “The second week, we learn to give back. ... We try to learn something and give back to our community.”

In 2015, more than 300 pillow cases were donated to foster children, and both veterans and non-veterans at a Palmer senior center by youth center sewing aficionados, she said.

“These kids are beautiful about giving back,” Kile said. “They have the heart and passion for it.”

As the summer camps come to a close, the Missoula Children’s Theater is scheduled to host a production of Aladdin at the Talkeetna Theater August 8 through 13, Curts said.

“It’s a free, centrally funded camp where participants don’t have to be youth center members in order to attend,” he said.

Aspiring JBER actors from ages 6 to 18 can audition Monday for this year’s production of Aladdin, he said.

Auditions begin at 10 a.m. at the theater.

For more information about the youth center summer camps, contact Two Rivers Youth Center at 384-1508. ●

FAITH IN THE MILITARY: AN INTROSPECTIVE LOOK

by **ARMY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) JAMES HALL**
JBER Chaplain

As I sat and watched the sunset on my first Saturday evening at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, I found myself reflecting on the last 10 years of being an Army chaplain.

I often compare what religion and the religious experience in the civilian world would be like compared to religion in the military. We are often reminded by our good friend that unlike churches back home, religion in the Army is dirty, dusty and raw.

There are no battles over the color of the carpet, that's for sure. In fact, there are not frills and thrills as most of the world, or the "regular" church would see it.

The frills are normally getting a good shower, and the thrills are usually seeing one Soldier come out of his or her job long enough to reveal a spirit that is seeking greater things than themselves.

The glitter and gleam comes from spending a night having a bible study while the lights are flashing due to enemy attacks, huddling together to keep warm and trying to speak over the cooks preparing the next meal, or a fork lift moving pallets of ammunition to the trucks carrying them to the front lines.

People do not drive their clean cars to services and park them in lots. Most haven't bathed in several days. They arrive by boots, covered in dust or mud. They are wearing a dirty, well used uniform that may have been changed a week before.

The chapel they attend is folding chairs, a Meals Ready-to-Eat box, or the ground. If there is a tent available, we meet there, but it is usually shared with someone who is getting a few winks before their next shift or mission.

The first prayer is usually not for themselves, but for a brother or sister back home, struggling with whatever the world is offering.

A sick father or a mom that is out of work might be the next prayer.

Finally comes a prayer for a good night's sleep or a restful break for the day-in and day-out. This is the quintessential military "church" experience.

Who are the parishioners? They are the children of teachers, truck drivers, factory workers, secretaries, single mothers, and many other professionals. They hail from cities, suburbs, rural areas, and some from the hood. They are the Xbox, PSP, and smart phone generation doing things their peers would never dare to do. They wear a uniform, not nice dresses or fancy suits. They are America, from coast to coast.

Church is definitely different in the mil-

itary, but it is also the same in a few ways.

No matter the circumstances, religion is practiced with some consistencies.

First, there is always prayer. Second, there are the sacraments. Third, there is fellowship. These three things might look and feel different in a civilian church environment, but they are always present, no matter the environment, the time, or the circum-

stances of the service.

Every day we chaplains have an opportunity to help guide military members and their families through the walk of life, from births to baptisms, marriage and divorce, life and death. Sometimes even going to war together. I hope that we all pray daily for them all. Because, after all, faith still matters in our world. ●



A chaplain with the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, gives an Easter message to congregants attending a nondenominational Protestant service at Forward Operating Base Shank's St. Michael's Chapel in Logar province, Afghanistan, March 31, 2013. (U.S. Army photo/Staff Sgt. Elvis Umanzor)

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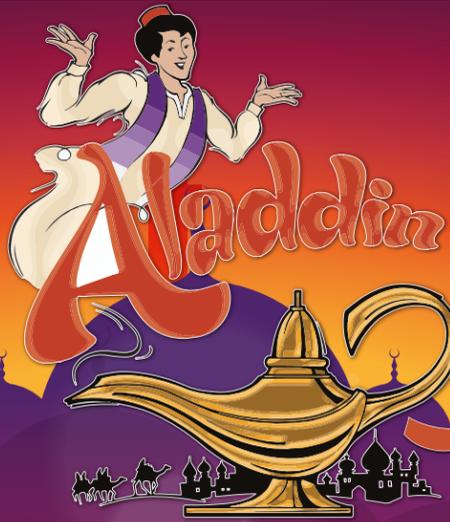
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