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Pvt. Va'Quaviyae Hampton, a native of Chicago, left, and Pvt. Jordan Cisco, a native of Freedhold, N.J., both assigned to the 109th Transportation Company, 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, U.S. Army Alaska, pack grease into wheel bearings while fellow Soldiers process new trailers and maintain equipment at their unit motor pool on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Sept. 28. The Soldiers conduct weekly equipment and vehicle transportation missions to and from US-ARAK assets, and maintain readiness for deployments in support of contingency operations. (U.S. Air Force photos/Justin Connaher)

BELOW: Sgt. Jeremy Koby of the 109th Transportation Company inspects the under side of a trailer.

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BELOW RIGHT: Army Spc. Chace Obermueller, a native of Ogden, Utah, inspects a trailer.

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# Energy Action Month: How can you reduce your use

By **GRIFFITH TURPIN**  
*JBER Energy Flight*

October is Energy Action Month with the theme “I Am JBER Energy.” The month is an opportunity to learn more about the impact of energy to our mission as part of a national campaign led by the Department of Energy.

The theme puts each of us at the center of the campaign. The goal is to inspire everyone to be more efficient so we can provide an assured energy advantage in support of the mission. It also reflects the idea that energy conservation is in your hands. All aspects of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson mission depend on a reliable supply of energy, and using that energy intelligently means flying our aircraft farther, transporting more cargo and accomplishing our mission in a more efficient and effective way.

Everyone on JBER, from civilians and contractors to service members and families, plays a key role in achieving our energy goals by making energy a consideration in all that we do.

So the JBER energy flight challenges service members everywhere to protect the power we have by looking for ways to save energy, water and other resources.

Every effort counts – small changes in our daily habits lead to substantial savings when multiplied across the installation. You can help to control how much or how little energy your facilities consume every day.

During Energy Action Month, the JBER Energy Team will highlight specific steps everyone can take in

their jobs to conserve energy. Although we highlight action in October, our objective is to get into and maintain an energy state of mind every day.

In fiscal year 2017, JBER spent \$13.8 million on natural gas and \$20.5 million on electricity. Facility energy makes up approximately 16 percent of the Air Force’s total energy consumption and is an area we can all work toward savings. Every dollar not spent on energy allows for investment in you, your family and your mission.

At JBER, we have reduced facility energy intensity by more than 20 percent since 2006 by replacing inefficient interior and exterior lighting, upgrading windows and doors, installing lighting occupancy sensors, controlling inside temperature set-points, upgrading heating equipment and building energy-efficient new construction.

The JBER energy flight has been recognized for its successes by winning several annual Federal Energy Management Program awards three years in a row.

In 2014, we were awarded the project division based on the Landfill Gas-generating plant.

In 2015, the Energy Management Team won the overall Energy Program Award.

In 2016, Jon Dalsfoist of the 673rd Civil Engineer Squadron was recognized with a FEMP Career Exceptional Service Award for his 40 years of outstanding technical service as a mechanical engineer with the federal government, specializing in the area of energy efficiency.

With the current budget environment, we must con-



**Reducing energy use at home and at work not only helps the environment, it saves money – and in an organization as large as JBER, it adds up to a lot of money. October is Energy Action Month; what can you do to reduce your energy use this month? (Courtesy photo)**

tinue to add to the progress made by capital investments by taking individual actions to reduce energy consumption.

Some ways for individuals and units to contribute:

- Maximize daylight by opening or closing blinds to make the best use of natural daylight sources.

- Modify the temperature in the office based on the season and business hours. You can save up to three percent for each degree the thermostat is lowered in the winter.

- Make sure all air vents are clear of paper, files and other office supplies. Blocked air vents means heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems have to work harder and use more energy to circulate warm air in the office. As much as 25 percent more energy is required to distribute air if vents are blocked.

- Turn off lights in unoccupied areas.

- Reduce individual office lights and use task lighting.

- Appropriately reduce exterior lighting in unutilized parking and storage areas.

- Turn off computer monitors at the end of the day or when not in use for more than 20 minutes so it can properly enter energy-saving sleep mode.

- Consolidate personal appliances like coffee makers, refrigerators or microwaves in break rooms.

- Call CE if your building is too warm in the winter. They can adjust the temperature set point of the building’s heating system and save energy.

- Look at the job you do every day. Individuals can personally impact JBER’s energy posture by evaluating how they use energy and then finding ways to do it smarter.

- Reduce morning vehicle warm-up times or carpool to interoffice meetings

- Maintain proper tire pressure and follow a maintenance schedule.


The average commercial building wastes 30 percent of the energy it uses.

By utilizing the above tips, it is possible to reduce energy use by 10 percent with little or no cost.

During Energy Action Month, the JBER Energy Team will be providing tips and information via the Arctic Warrior, social media and other public forums. It is important we maintain this momentum as an operational imperative.

Smarter energy use means greater energy security and serves our national interest.

JBER leadership is serious about this commitment and together we can successfully execute awareness every day.

For more information, call Air Force 2nd Lt. Gerald Mora at 384-1781. 

# No father left behind: Dads 101 classes

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
CAITLIN RUSSELL**  
*JBER Public Affairs*

The birth of a child is the beginning of a new and often scary adventure. Soon-to-be parents may feel overwhelmed with questions or concerns. While many forums offer education and insight to expecting mothers, fewer are available specifically for fathers.

“We [Family Advocacy] offer a program called Dads 101,” said Suzette O’Donnell, Family Advocacy outreach manager. “The class is for first-time fathers or fathers looking for a refresher, with the instructors being experienced dads.”

The class is designed to teach fathers the tools to be effective parents and to help them become more confident in their new role as a father.

“Dads 101 covers everything from what to pack in a hospital bag, how to properly put on a diaper and the overall basics of fatherhood,” O’Donnell said.

Classes also teach fathers how to handle specific stresses related to parenthood, such as how to cope with crying, accumulation of stress and shaken-baby syndrome. Every class requires participants learn about shaken-baby syndrome and covers causes and effects, as well as preventive measures.

All the information in the curriculum is tailored from a father’s perspective and is designed to address the concerns of an expecting father. Instructors use personal accounts to aid learning.

“When the opportunity to be an instructor came up, I knew it would be a great way to give back and to net-



Air Force Staff Sgt. Mikel Dualos, 20th Medical Operations Squadron medical technician, holds a baby doll during a Dads 101 class at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., April 13. The class provides attendees the opportunity to learn from experienced fathers about topics such as managing stress, infant care, shaken baby syndrome and bonding with the baby while gaining hands-on practice. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Kathryn R.C. Reeves)

work with other dads,” said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Daniel Scheu, 381st Intelligence Squadron section chief of national tactical integration. “I’m excited to share my own experiences, talk about resources available, and help fathers feel comfortable and confident in their roles.”


Scheu mentioned feed-

back from the class had been great and he looked forward to having more fathers participate.

“The class is great because dads are learning from somebody who has been in their shoes, who wants to help and is willing to share their struggles,” O’Donnell said. “Children don’t come

with a manual, so even just a couple of helpful hints can go a long way.”

For fathers looking to share stories, learn more about raising a child or to ask questions, the Dads 101 class can be the perfect outlet.

For more information, contact Family Advocacy at 580-5858. 

# Ammo barge makes delivery

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
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Twice a year, a shipment of ammunition travels north through the Pacific on a barge in a migration to resupply military installations across Alaska.

This year, three trucks toting seven containers of ammunition – weighing a total of 156,000 pounds – arrived for Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

The operation also supplies Fort Wainwright, Eielson Air Force Base and Air Station Kodiak with the munitions they need – 53 containers of them.

“The operation involved 40 personnel and took approximately 30 hours to complete,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Austin Burke, 3rd Munitions Squadron production supervisor. “The process for us began when the trucks arrived at JBER. We started by providing escorts, transportation management and inspection services at the gates. From there, the trucks drove to the munitions storage.

“Once they reached the storage area, the assets were unloaded and inspected. Our inspection crew recorded them, and then we stored them in our munitions structures.”

Inside the containers is a munition shipment supplying everything from the pistols the gate guards use, to the precision-guided missiles used by F-22 Raptors.

“The munition items range from high explosives such as demolition charges, mines and grenades, down to small-arms munitions, aircraft flares and ejection-seat components,” Burke said. “The munitions we receive are issued out to a total of 32 accounts on JBER.”

These shipments are noteworthy because of the time it takes, as well as the planning beforehand.

Since shipments happen twice a year, planning has to start six months to as much as five years in advance.

With the vast array of materiel and organization involved, personnel encounter challenges along the way.

“One of the main challenges we deal with is coordinating with logistics and resource-sharing between multiple agencies,” Burke said. “We coordinate directly with the Global Ammunition Control Point at Hill Air Force Base, Surface Deployment



**Air Force Staff Sgt. Zachary Bernardi, assigned to the 3rd Munitions Squadron, signs an inventory receipt during a semiannual ammunition delivery operation at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Sept. 25. The biannual delivery included munitions for a variety of weapons ranging from small arms to guided aircraft missiles, and supplies all the ordnance for military operations in Alaska. (U.S. Air Force photos/Alejandro Peña)**

**LEFT: Air Force Staff Sgt. Zachary Bernardi, assigned to the 3rd Munitions Squadron, operates a forklift while unpacking containers loaded with various types of explosives and munitions. BELOW: Airmen of the 3rd MUNS verify inventory.**



and Distribution Command, and 673d Logistics Readiness Squadron to determine munitions requirements, transportation and personnel support needed for the barge.”

The 673d LRS Transportation Management Office, civilian contracted truckers and the 176th Wing of the Alaska Air National Guard were also involved in the process of


moving and storing the truckloads of material.

The munition shipment is supplied through a variety of sources such as the Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania and the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in Oklahoma.

Shipments are consolidated at the Military Ocean Terminal Concord in California, before being shipped to

the port of Valdez, Alaska.

Airman 1st Class Dane Nanney, 3rd MUNS stockpile management technician, said the operation allows units throughout Alaska to fulfill their important training and operation requirements.

Without the munitions barge, personnel wouldn't be able to conduct missions throughout PACAF. 

**Friday**

**Oktoberfest**

Celebrate fall with this Oktoberfest celebration starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Perma-Frost Pub. Food served from 4 to 6 p.m.; for information, call 552-3669.

**Free movie night**

Head to the Talkeetna Theater for this showing of Solo: A Star Wars Story. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the film starts at 6; concessions are cash only. For information, call 552-8529.

**Through Sunday  
Make It Alaskan festival**

This three-day celebration of everything Alaska features food, fun and music for the whole family with a selection of local products, crafts, clothing and more at the Dena'ina Center. Times vary; for information, visit [makeitalaskanfestival.com](http://makeitalaskanfestival.com).

**Saturday and Sunday  
Seawolves hockey**

The University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolves take on visitors from Colorado College at the Sullivan Arena Saturday at 5:07 p.m. and Sunday at 7:07. For information, call 786-1562.

**Saturday**

**Fight Night**

Get to the Igloo Lounge in the Polar Bowl for UFC 229: Khabib vs. McGregor, starting at 4 p.m. Test your fight night knowledge with trivia for exciting prizes. For information, call 753-7467.

**Tuesday**

**Bounce Tween Talk**

Join 2Rivers Youth Center for this fast-paced interactive workshop for ages 9 to 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. Military

Family Life consultants will be available to help tweens. For information, call 384-1508.

**Wednesday**

**Alpha Warrior regionals**

Cheer on JBER's contestants at Hangar 5 at 2 p.m. as they battle for the regional Alpha Warrior title and a chance at the Air Force's final battle. For information, call 552-5353.

**Cold weather safety class**

Winter is coming – mosey over to the Eagleleglen Fitness Park Lodge and learn how to protect yourself and others from the elements with this class from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For information, call 552-4599.

**Oct. 13**

**Wolf Day at the Zoo**

The Alaska Zoo is celebrating wolves. Zoo guests will enjoy activities such as wolf encounters, enrichment, and a howling contest from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 341-6463.

**Nov. 3**

**Country Fair**

The Richardson Spouses Club celebrates 40 years of their annual Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Buckner Physical Fitness Center. The event is open to the public. For information, visit [richardsonspousesclub.com](http://richardsonspousesclub.com).

**Ongoing**

**Civil Air Patrol**

Adult members of the Civil Air Patrol meet at the Aero Club Hangar the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Cadets meet every Saturday.

For information or to join,

call 350-7951.

**Thursday science club**

Youth are invited to the JBER Library to experiment and think about science from 6:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 384-1640.

**Library story times**

The JBER Library hosts Preschool story times Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.; Toddler Tales is Wednesdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. All-ages story time is Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. For information, call 384-1640.

**Model railroading**

The Military Society of Model Railroad Engineers meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Saturday in the basement of Matanuska Hall. Anyone interested in model railroading is invited.

For more information, call 552-4353 or visit [facebook.com/msmrre](https://www.facebook.com/msmrre).

**Hatchery tours**

Learn about the life cycle of salmon, trout and Arctic char, and how they're raised in and released from the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery just outside Post Road Gate.

Guided tours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, call 269-2000.

**Evening Hike**

These year-round hikes hit a different route each time. Mondays are easier and are great for families; Thursdays are moderately difficult. Hikes start at 6:35 p.m. sharp. For more information, call 440-9934.

**All Alaska Biennial**

This Anchorage Museum art exhibit highlighting contemporary work produced in Alaska opens October 19. For more information, visit [anchoragemuseum.org](http://anchoragemuseum.org).

**Chapel services**

**Catholic Mass**

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. – Arctic Warrior Chapel  
**Monday and Wednesday**  
11:40 a.m. – Arctic Warrior Chapel  
**Tuesday**  
Noon – JBER Hospital Chapel  
**Friday**  
Noon – JBER Hospital Chapel

**Confession**

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

**Protestant Sunday worship services**

**Gospel**  
9:30 a.m. – Midnight Sun Chapel  
**Contemporary**  
11 a.m. – Arctic Warrior Chapel  
**Traditional**  
11 a.m. – Heritage Chapel

**Religious Education**

For schedules, call the Religious Operations Center at 552-5762.

**Watching out for each other**



**Army Capt. Tyrone Norman, commander of the 109th Transportation Company, 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, U.S. Army Alaska, addresses his Soldiers after marking a safety milestone of more than 365 days DUI-free, Sept. 27. (U.S. Air Force photo/Justin Connaher)**

# Keep your first priority first, even in tough times

By **ARMY CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) DRUE THOMPSON**  
2-377th PFAR Chaplain

If you are like me and my family, we are constantly trying to figure out things to do, especially when the weather is beautiful and we are looking to go outside and have some fun. This leads to some hard questions.

But “What should we plan to do this afternoon?” is not as hard a question as some others.

What are your goals and intentions for your life?

What do you think about and spend most time, money and effort on?

How we answer these questions ultimately reflects what drives our lives. In other words, it reflects on what is the first priority in your life.

Every one of us has a first priority in life – our spouse, kids, family, God, religion, the Army, the Air Force, or whatever it may be. Whatever the first priority in our life is, it is the driving force in everything you do in life.

The first priority in your life

drives every decision you make. For many of us, it allows us to know that we are secure and safe. When life begins to be too much, our questions turn to anxious negative questions and thoughts, like:

How will I pay bills this month?

How will I find a new job?

How will I find money to repair my car?

I’m so lonely, but I don’t have time to look for a companion.

Many times we are so focused on these questions and worries, we neglect the most important priorities in our lives.

We often get too focused on the outside distractions instead of the important people, and things in our life. Falling into this trap is a big mistake.

Far and away above anything else should be our first priority, whatever it is. But when problems and struggles trouble us, quite often we tend to concentrate on them and put that “first priority” on the back burner - at least for a while.

This is, of course, backward. My challenge for you is to fight to keep your first priority, first.



**Whether it’s family, your marriage, or spirituality, whatever your priority is, don’t put it on the back burner in tough times. (Courtesy photo)**

I understand it is hard due to the operational tempo, the weather, finances and a host of other distractions. But hold on to your first priority and keep it first – because when everything collapses around you, it is the one thing that you can rely upon.


My first priority is my relationship with God.

The Bible’s book of Matthew says, “... do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or

about your body, what you will wear.”

Isn’t life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

In that passage, Jesus is encouraging his disciples to keep the first priority in their life first.

Doing so will help you navigate all the hazards of life and keep you steady. Stay strong, and hold fast to your number one. 

**Disposition of effects**

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Monique Robinson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, is authorized to make disposition of personal effects of Spc. Porfirio Gutierrez, 98th Maintenance Company, 17th CSSB, as stated in Army Regulation 638-2.

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of the deceased should contact Robinson at 384-2598.

**Firewood permits**

Free personal-use firewood permits will not be issued after Oct. 26. Free permits will expire Oct. 31; effective Nov. 1, there will be a cost of \$35 per cord of firewood, and \$17.50 for a half-cord. To receive a permit, an iSportsman permit is required. For information, visit <https://jber.isportsman.net/Firewood.aspx>.

**Law School applications**

The Office of The Judge

Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

The Army projects sending up to 25 active-duty officers to law school at government expense beginning the fall of 2018; officers will remain on active duty while attending.

Interested lieutenants and captains should immediately contact the Staff Judge Advocate at 384-2434 for information.

**Main Pharmacy hours**

The main JBER pharmacy, on the first floor of the JBER hospital near the Bear entrance, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The pharmacy at the Exchange is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for civilian prescriptions and refills, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for refills only.

**iSportsman enrollment**

Anyone choosing to recreate in JBER training areas must obtain an iSportsman

permit and sign in and out using the iSportsman system prior to recreating.

A pass costs \$10; \$5 for those 60 and older and disabled persons. Passholders may also need an installation access pass. For information, visit [isportsman.jber.net](http://isportsman.jber.net) or call 552-8609 or 384-6224.

**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 participating in the Reserve, which may mean a break in service. Even if you're unsure about transitioning to the Air Force Reserve, the 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.

For holes in housing areas, contact Aurora Housing at 753-1051. Other requests will be tracked by 773d CES. Note the location, including cross-streets or building numbers. Then email [773ces.ceoh.potholerepair@us.af.mil](mailto:773ces.ceoh.potholerepair@us.af.mil) or call 552-2994 or 552-2995. Include contact information in case crews need to follow up.

**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 items may have a cost.

U-Fix-It allows occupants to make minor improvements and repairs.

The JBER-E location, at 6350 Arctic Warrior Drive, 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.

The JBER-R 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.

**DLA Document Services**

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To register, go to <https://www.dso.documentservices.dla.mil>.

For information visit [documentservices.dla.mil](http://documentservices.dla.mil) or call (808) 473-1699 or (315) 473-1699.

# PME auditorium memorializes JBER advocate

## 'Bulldog' Becker honored

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CAITLIN RUSSELL**

*JBER Public Affairs*

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson paid tribute to Air Force veteran, Fred "Bulldog" Becker IV, during a dedication ceremony of the Professional Military Education center auditorium on JBER, Alaska, Sept. 24, 2018.

A veteran, father of three, supporter and active participant in the community, Becker was known for his enthusiasm and commitment to those around him.

"During my first graduation as a PME instructor, I can vividly remember the first time I met Bulldog," said Senior Master Sgt. Shane Holtz, an Air Force career assistance advisor. "There were service members in mess

dress, semi-formal, spouses in formal attire, and in walks this guy in full motorcycle club attire. My immediate thought was, "Wow, this guy is not in the right place." But as time went on, I came to realize Bulldog and his motorcycle club family did lots and lots for us. Bulldog always stood, always faced the crowd and always had a salute for every one of us."

Becker, who died on June 11, 2016, at age 73, was an Air Force Vietnam veteran. In the decades after he retired from the military, he became well known in Anchorage and JBER as an advocate for veterans and service members, committed to POW/MIA causes and dignified treatment for returning combat veterans.

During Becker's 20 years of active-duty service, he spent five years as a PME instructor. The PME center auditorium was chosen as the location to honor Becker.


"Bulldog spent decades



**Lee "Scrounger" Cromwell and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Venning, Professional Military Education center commandant, unveil the plaque dedicated in memory of Frederick "Bulldog" Becker IV, at the PME center at JBER Sept. 24. During "Bulldog's" 20 years of active-duty service, he spent five years as a PME instructor, so the JBER PME center auditorium was chosen as the location to honor "Bulldog." (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Richy Hayes Jr.)**

spreading passion and support to all the service members and veterans every chance he could," Holtz said. "I cannot think of a

better way to commemorate Bulldog, not only through this dedication but in order for us to remember him in our hearts always."

Holtz said now every service member who walks through the auditorium will ask about, and be reminded of, "Bulldog" Becker. 

# 11th AF chief to host Facebook event

By **AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. JAMES RICHARDSON**  
*JBER Public Affairs*

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. David Wolfe has returned to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson on a new mission as the 11th Air Force command chief.

After serving as the 1st Special Operations Wing command chief at Hurlburt Field, Florida, Wolfe returned to Alaska, where he has served in numerous positions throughout his career – notably, as the 673d Security Forces superintendent, the commandant of JBER’s Professional Military Education center, and as 3rd Wing command chief.

“My last two assignments, really my last four assignments for that matter, have been amazing experiences,” Wolfe said. “My hope is the same as it’s always been – that I can help people move through this Air Force experience in the most positive way possible.”

Creating the ideal experience is tough for any leader, but Wolfe said he hopes his commitment to people will create an institution of innovation and fulfillment.

“If there is something in the way of an Airman meeting a goal, if they have an idea they want to push, or if they feel like there are barriers to



Chief Master Sgt. David Wolfe, left, command chief of the 1st Special Operations Wing, greets Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Aug. 8, 2017. Wolfe, now the command chief for 11th Air Force, Wolfe said he hopes to bring lessons learned from the SOW to JBER, starting with a Facebook Live event Oct. 12 to answer service members’ questions. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joseph Pick)

innovation or morale issues, I want to help,” Wolfe said. “The mission happens – it’s not magic, it happens because we have the best people in the world executing our priorities. My focus is on the people.”

The 1st SOW’s motto is, “Anytime, anyplace.”

This motto encapsulates much more to Wolfe than just the capabilities provided by Air Force Special Operation Airmen, he said; it represents trust.

“Leadership at the top of the Air Force is refocusing decision-making to allow for more execution at the

lowest level, a model that the Air Force Special Operations Command has been implementing for years,” Wolfe said. “Leadership trusts their people to get the job done, and leadership stays out of the way.”


Wolfe’s personal philosophy of having an open door and the empowering model of trust he’s learned throughout his career is a warfighting imperative that he is intent on inspiring for all of the 11th Air Force.

On Oct. 12 at 3 p.m., Wolfe will host a Facebook Live event titled “Open door, anytime, all the time.” The event will be available to anyone

who follows the 11th Air Force Command Chief Facebook page.

Viewers will have the ability to directly engage with Wolfe during the event.

If you are unable to view the event, you can still have your questions answered by sending them to the Facebook page prior to the event.

“We are an open book at the 11th Air Force, and I want people to know that no matter what your issue is, we can help,” Wolfe said. “There is not a problem we can’t fix if we are just given the chance – this event hopefully starts to open that door.” 

# Son follows parents' Air Guard service

By **DAVID BEDARD**

176th Wing Public Affairs

It could be said JP-8 fuel runs in Airman 1st Class Peter Reddington's veins.

The Alaska Air National Guard Airman serves in the 176th Wing as an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter special missions aviator with the 210th Rescue Squadron, and he has big combat boots to fill.

Peter's father, retired Senior Master Sgt. Paul Reddington, served as a pararescueman (PJ), and the Airman's mother, retired Master Sgt. Tess Walsh, served as an HC-130P/N King radio operator, both as members of the wing.

The three represent every side of the rescue triad: pararescue, rescue helicopter and rescue fixed-wing aircraft operations.

As an SMA, Peter said he supports the pilots and the PJs by preparing the aircraft for flight, operating the rescue hoist and providing high cover by way of his machine gun or minigun.

Growing up around the rescue community, Peter said it was perhaps a foregone conclusion he would follow in his parents' foot steps.

"Getting to see what he got to do, it was always in the back of my mind to join," Peter recalled. "Nothing else seemed cooler or better than joining the Guard and flying helicopters."

## That others may live

Paul's aeronautic journey began when he joined the regular Air Force as an electrician.

Though he was slated to learn about diodes and circuits, he would find out he was actually destined to dangle from a helicopter rescue hoist pulling people from danger.

PJ recruiters managed to rope Paul in with a simple movie pitch.

"I saw the video, and PJs were parachuting, scuba diving and mountain climbing – actually rescuing people,"



**Alaska Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Peter Reddington and retired Senior Master Sgt. Paul Reddington represent two generations of Guard service in the 176th Wing. Peter is an HH-60G Pave Hawk special missions aviator with 210th Rescue Squadron. Paul was a pararescueman with the 210th RQS before pararescue functions were split into 212th Rescue Squadron, where he serves today as a civilian scheduler. They are accompanied by Pete's dog, Earl. (U.S. Air National Guard photo/David Bedard)**

Paul said. "It seemed pretty cool."

After several months in the pararescue training "pipeline" learning all the skills he saw in the video, Paul reported to his first duty station at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. There he served as part of a small six-Airman detachment supported by UH-1 Iroquois helicopters in support of F-111 Aardvark fighter-bomber operations.

Paul said he was considering leaving the service unless he got his station of choice: Alaska. In 1986, the Air Force granted the PJ's wish, and he was stationed at then-Elmendorf Air Force Base with the 71st Rescue Squadron.

"There are more rescue missions up here than in any other unit of the Air Force," Paul explained, saying he only went on three civil search-and-rescue missions at Mountain Home. "You can get that in a weekend here."

Deciding Alaska was ev-

erything he wanted it to be, Paul said he left the regular Air Force and joined the Alaska Air National Guard with the fledgling 210th RQS, where he would meet Peter's mother.

## Aim high

Thirty years after Paul first set foot in Alaska, he attended his son's Basic Military Training graduation at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

"Of course I was super proud," Paul said before acknowledging the challenges of initial-entry training. "I also knew it was nice that it was over."

Peter went onto SMA technical school, which included water survival as well as survival, evasion, resistance and escape training in addition to everything he needed to know about the Pave Hawk.

It wasn't long after reporting to 210th RQS that Peter found himself in the thick of

a rescue mission.

The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received a request for assistance Aug. 21, 2018, from the Alaska State Troopers. A group's raft turned over in the Talachulitna River, and their survival equipment washed downstream.

Hypothermic and without the lifeline of their gear, the group needed help.

In quick succession, Peter was recalled on alert, he prepared the HH-60 for operation, and the helicopter with a Guardian Angel team of pararescueman and combat-rescue officer was airborne.

Expecting and planning for three rafters, the crew was surprised to find six shivering people on the Talachulitna sand bar. Peter crunched the numbers again – the Pave Hawk had the capacity to safely deliver everyone to the medical assistance they needed.

"There's no better feel-


ing of accomplishment than picking someone up and bringing them to the hospital," Peter beamed.

Paul said he envies Peter's ongoing aerial adventures over an Alaska landscape dotted with sprawling caribou herds and ranging wolf packs.

"Flying helicopters in Alaska has got to be one of the greatest things out there," Paul said. "I always loved flying on them. A lot of PJs don't, but I did."

Today Paul still serves in the rescue community as a civilian scheduler for 212th Rescue Squadron, where he is responsible for scheduling PJs for their alert rotations.

The younger Reddington, for his part, said service in the skies over Alaska is everything he imagined it could be.

"It really is living the dream," he said. "Growing up around it and thinking it would be so cool to do some day, I actually got to do it." 

# JBER, ASD kick off 2018 partnership

By **SENIOR AIRMAN JAVIER ALVAREZ**  
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More than 20 service members met with administrators and educators from the Anchorage School District at Begich Middle School Sept. 27 as part of Anchorage School Business Partnerships.

Since 1991, ASBP have matched schools with local businesses and organizations, allowing local leaders to engage and volunteer in classrooms. Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson service members representing 21 units are partnered with 25 schools for the 2018 school year. Currently, more than 600 partnerships are active throughout the ASD.

“Businesses, organizations, non-profit groups – all the things that make up our community can serve as partners with the schools to sup-

port student success,” said Bethany Fernandez, ASBP executive director.

Whether it’s helping with attendance, tutoring, or chaperoning an event, every partnership takes a different form depending on what the school needs and what the organization can provide.

Army Staff Sgt. David Vasquez, a squad leader with 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, discovered the ASBP after the request for volunteers was put out by his command.

While this is his first year participating, JBER service members have been volunteering since the program’s inception.

“We’ve met with Eagle River High School staff and have begun the dialogue to understand their needs,”



**Service members meet with Anchorage School District educators during a meeting at Begich Middle School Sept. 27. The meeting was the year’s first for the Anchorage School Business Partnership. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Javier Alvarez)**

Vasquez said. “We’ll likely meet again in the coming weeks to discuss long-term plans, but as of today it looks like there are some chaperoning opportunities available. Parents and educators lead busy lives and hopefully our involvement will help ease their workload.”

More than 8,000 tutor hours were completed by

ASBP participants in the 2016-17 school year, Fernandez said.

“Healthy schools have healthy community engagement,” said Michael Graham, ASD chief academic officer. “Studies show kids are more successful when the family is engaged.

“The same is true for schools where we have com-

munity groups in classrooms.

“We want to prepare students for success in life, and one of the things I personally appreciate is the people who volunteer their time,” Graham said. “The businesses and organizations involved are our student’s future employers. I love that they get to invest in student’s lives from the beginning.” 







