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Fast times for Anchorage Police



Anchorage Police Department recruits participate in an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Nov. 6. As part of the training, recruits are tested on their driving skills during a simulation which includes driving around obstacles instead of using the brakes. The purpose of the training is to prepare every recruit for real-life scenarios they might encounter on the job. The training also included backing up, blocking and spinning a vehicle, and a final pursuit which combines all the techniques taught during the training. (U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Jonathan Valdes Montijo and Airman 1st Class Crystal A. Jenkins)



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JBER BASH program soars to new heights

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
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On Sept. 22, 1995, an E-3B Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System, call sign Yukla 27, crashed, killing all on board.

Upon investigation, it was determined that up to 33 Canada geese near the then-Elmendorf Air Force Base flightline had struck the aircraft.

In response to this and the thousands of bird strikes reported every year, the piecemeal strike-prevention programs, different at every installation, were formalized into the Air Force's Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program. The program was designed to preserve war-fighting capabilities and provide pilots with safe operating environments through the reduction of wildlife hazards.

"I was living in Alaska when the Yukla 27 crash occurred; it's one of the things that significantly impacted my decision to go into this field of work," said Jerry Morrill, United States Department of Agriculture wildlife specialist. "By 2000, I was heavily involved and working in coordination with airfield management

and other base officials to maintain consistent reporting of strike events while trying to identify the species involved."

According to USDA and flightline safety reports, more than 70 birds have been trapped, USDA banded and relocated from the JBER flightline this year, almost doubling what was trapped last year.

"One of the goals we have is to try and better understand why certain species are attracted to particular areas or routes," Morrill said. "This year our raptor trapping saw a huge influx in the population of short-eared owls. We think it might have something to do with their migratory pattern and the normal population booms we see from this particular species. Either way, we implement procedures which will keep pilots safe while also working to preserve the local wildlife."

Mostly, the JBER flightline areas are frequented by short-eared owls,

red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, and merlin falcons, while other larger species include coyotes and bear.

"Challenges we have faced this year and last were the grasshoppers and caterpillars," Morrill said. "These things might seem small but can be quite an issue as they were a main food source for sandhill cranes and other waterfowl. We have to adapt to whatever comes our way, because each year's weather and circumstances can be different."

The Department of Defense and JBER are constantly striving to improve their aviation safety programs. The Yukla 27 crash changed things significantly.


"After the accident, the BASH program was implemented throughout all Air Force bases," said Master Sgt. Russel Benjamin, the 3rd Wing flight safety noncommissioned officer in charge. "It was a huge wake-up call to everyone, and because of

our unique environmental situation at JBER, we rely heavily on the USDA's involvement. We could not do what we do without the USDA experts and their constant assessment of the BASH program. As a team we are always looking for ways we can make it better."

While a BASH program is mandatory for all U.S. Air Force bases, the way it is implemented is different for each one. Since species and migratory patterns are dependent on several factors, each base contracts USDA and local wildlife specialists to address the specific needs of a local area.

Although raptor trapping is used as one of the main techniques for bird deterrence here, propane cannons, which put out a loud acoustic sound to scare off wildlife, are also used.

"I feel like the thing that makes our program and our team so successful is that we really care about our job," Morrill said. "We care about the continued safety and well-being of the pilots and wildlife."

To help pinpoint problem areas around the base, call the bird hotline at 552-BIRD. 



Spill Drill readies JBER for major incident

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
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Members of the 611th Civil Engineer Squadron participated in the annual Fall Spill Drill on Oct. 30, at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Throughout the exercise, the 611th CES simulated a small aircraft damaging a fuel tank and causing JP-8 aviation fuel to spill into one of JBER's lakes. These exercises help prepare 611th CES members, if there ever was a major incident, to be familiar with proper clean-up methods. Each year, the team practices two hazardous spill exercises. The second exercise of this kind will take place in the winter, after the lake has frozen over.

The Fall Spill Drill tested the response actions of base recovery agencies in the

event of a mass fuel spill, to ensure installation safety and minimal environmental impact.

A majority of the squadron members are relatively new to the 611th CES, so for most of them this was their first time practicing these procedures.

"They're doing really well and are ready and willing to learn," said Robert Lopez, 611th CES assessment management program manager. "It's something new, exciting and different from what they do in their everyday job."

The Airmen practiced tactics and attended safety briefings throughout the week, and were instructed what to expect from the exercise.

"To properly respond to each incident, the 611th CES starts by stopping the flow of

fuel, finding the direction of fuel flow, surveying the area and then working to contain the fuel with the proper tools," Lopez said. "Airmen simulated using equipment such as a containment boom, oil decanter, skimmers, absorbent pads and more."

A containment boom is a large, maneuverable flotation device used to contain oil within a given area. After a boom is placed into the lake, Airmen wipe the hazardous waste off of the water using machines called drum skimmers. The skimmers contain a rotating wheel that collects the waste and scrapes it off on a blade as it rotates.

"Without the training, Airmen wouldn't know how to operate the equipment," Lopez said. "Getting our Airmen out to do this exercise is important so that they can become familiar with




Airmen with the 611th Civil Engineer Squadron carry a skimmer to the annual Fall Spill Drill at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Oct. 30. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Caitlin Russell)

the equipment. Training is absolutely necessary if and when a spill occurs."

Lopez said the exercise is critical in regards to incidents on JBER, because the unit is one of the only civil engineer squadrons in the Air Force to practice their strategy hands-on due to the site's remoteness.

Lori Roy, 611th installation management chief, said the 611th CES area of responsibility includes all Air Force communication and radar sites, currently and formerly operated, throughout remote Alaska.

While catastrophic events cannot be predicted, the base can still be prepared. 

Spartans and Sugar Bears jump



ABOVE: Army Pvt. Luis Silva, assigned to B Company, 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, smiles while proceeding to the rally point after successfully jumping from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Nov. 1. (U.S. Air Force photos/Alejandro Peña)

RIGHT: Army paratroopers assigned to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, jump from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during airborne training. Army aviators from B Company, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment out of Fort Wainwright operated the aircraft to support the airborne training.



LEFT: A paratrooper assigned to the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, descends over Malemute Drop Zone during airborne jump training. The Soldiers of 4/25 belong to the only American airborne brigade in the Pacific and are trained to execute airborne maneuvers in extreme cold weather and high altitude environments in support of combat, partnership and disaster relief operations.

ABOVE: Army Pfc. Kathleen Klink, assigned to B Company, 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, recovers her parachute after successfully jumping from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

Friday

Singles bowling

It's a fun night of free games and shoes for single service members at the Polar Bowl from 7 p.m. to midnight. All branches are welcome. For more information, call 753-7467.

Rock wall climbing

Youth members can join a fun evening of climbing at 2Rivers Youth Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Open to participants ages 9 to 12 with a signed permission slip. For more information, call 384-1508.

Saturday

Season pass sale

Don't forget to pick up your pre-purchased season passes and rentals from Hillberg Ski Area from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Or stop by to purchase new season rentals, passes, and lessons. For more information, call 552-4838.

Ping-pong tournament

Compete to be the best ping-pong player at the Warrior Zone starting at 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place. Must be at least 18 to participate. For more information, call 384-9006.

Monday

Veterans Day meal

Join the Iditarod DFAC to celebrate Veterans Day with a special meal. For more information and pricing, call 552-3114.

Tuesday

Indoor rock climbing

Scale the climbing wall at the Outdoor Adventure Program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and receive a belay certification for use at Buckner

Fitness Center. Must register prior to class date; open to ages 12 and up. For more information, call 552-2023.

Wednesday

Ladies Night at the Range

Learn the basics of shooting, handling shotguns, and safety at the Skeet and Trap Range from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Ammunition, rounds, and rentals available for purchase. Any level of experience, abilities, and backgrounds are welcome, provided they meet minimum age requirements. For more information, call 384-1480.

Cold weather safety

Protect yourself and others from the winter elements and learn how to prevent cold weather injuries with proper clothing, food, and hydration at the Eagleleglen Fitness Park Lodge in this free class from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Must register prior to class date. For more information, call 552-2023.

Thursday

Family game night

A little family competition never hurt anybody; enjoy board and card games at Ketchikan School Age Center from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and enjoy warm apple cider. For more information, call 552-5091.

Ongoing

Elmendorf pool closure

The Elmendorf Fitness Center Pool will be closed for annual maintenance throughout November. Buckner Fitness Pool and the Polar Paradise Pool will be under normal operations. For more information, call 552-5353.

Polar Nights First Friday

The Anchorage Museum's Friday After Hours program

has live music, art activities, food and more on Friday nights. The museum stays open Fridays through April with free admission from 6 to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of the month.

For more information, visit anchoragemuseum.org.

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 Saturdays. For more information, call 350-7951.

Thursday science club

Youth are invited to the JBER Library to conduct 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 more 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. They also host an open house every third Saturday through April; everyone is invited.

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

Evening Hike

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

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.

Operation Santa Claus



Alaska Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Vanessa Peterson hands out snacks to children in Emmonak during Operation Santa Claus on Nov. 1, 2018. Operation Santa Claus is an Alaska National Guard annual community outreach program that provides Christmas gifts, books, backpacks filled with school supplies, fresh fruit, and sundaes to youngsters in rural communities. (U.S. Army National Guard photo/Spc. Michael Risinger)

Remember and honor service and sacrifice

By **ARMY CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) GREG THOGMARTIN**
Deputy Installation Chaplain

In January 2009, HBO released the movie “Taking Chance.” I first saw it in the early fall of that year while serving as the ethics instructor at the U.S. Army Engineer Center and School at Fort Leonard Wood.

That evening in front of the television with my oldest son was a powerful experience for me. It helped me be able to share some of my story about Soldiers with whom I had served. It was the story of the service of those Soldiers and the mutual sacrifice of those Soldiers and their loved ones.

One of my fellow instructors incorporated it into a class in our curriculum; we used it as a springboard to discuss issues about all things related to the loss of a service member within our formations, care for the family, and remembering and honoring.

I was struck at that time by what a powerful emotional experience that class and the follow-on discussions were for those young officers.

Almost everyone in the room had known the loss of a member – in some cases multiple members – of their units. All of us wanted to be able care effectively for our units and our families in the event of potential future losses. It was gut-wrenching to discuss what we had previously experienced and think about how we could apply those lessons to future situations. Gut-wrenching – but very, very important.

One of my take-aways from the movie and from those discussions was the importance of remembering. Taking Chance illustrated how remembering is a crucial aspect of honoring.

Think about the scene outside the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Dubois, Wyoming. Listen to the conversation between Marine Corps Lt. Col. Mike Strobel, played by Kevin Bacon and Charlie, the old Korean War veteran played by Tom Aldredge.

“You brought Chance home, and for that we are grateful,” Charlie says. “You are his witness now. Without a witness they just disappear.”




Keeping the flame of memory alive honors those lost (Courtesy photo)

For me, those lines were worth the price of the movie. They live in my heart as a reminder of how important it is both as a fellow veteran and as a citizen to remember those who have served and sacrificed. How important it is to honor their memory and not to allow their service or sacrifice to be forgotten.

As we come into Veterans Day, I take this opportunity to thank you all for your service and sacrifice. I am humbled and grateful

both as one who wears a uniform as well as one who is a citizen for the precious gift that you and your loved ones who support you offer our nation.

And as we come into Veterans Day, I ask you to join me in being a witness to those who have served before us and those who continue to serve with us. May their commitments, their endurance, and their struggles not be forgotten. Don't let them disappear. 

Firewood permits

There is 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 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 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 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.

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To register, go to <https://www.dso.documentservices.dla.mil>. For information, visit documentservices.dla.mil or call (808) 473-1699 or (315) 473-1699.

OTC pharmacy counter

The pharmacy at the JBER hospital has over-the-counter medication for DoD beneficiaries from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Flyers and those on personnel reliability program status, pregnant, or under the age of 2 are not eligible.

The clinic offers pain relievers; cough, cold and allergy medications; ointments; constipation and diarrhea medications, and others. For information, visit facebook.com/JBERPharmacy.

ASYMCA Bargain shop

The ASYMCA Bargain Shop, 8515 Saville Ave. on JBER-E, is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, call 753-6134.

JBER recipe for success: Joint Culinary Institute

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CRYSTAL JENKINS**
JBER Public Affairs

Since the beginning of September, Airmen with the 673d Force Support Squadron and food-service Soldiers from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, now have the opportunity to gain and build on additional skills through a program called the Joint Culinary Institute operated at the Gold Rush Inn.

JCI is a new bi-monthly, two-week course, providing 10 food-service members from any military branch an opportunity to experience in-depth courses relating to the profession.

“The classes we have put together are designed to improve the skills students already have and deepen their understanding of what their mission is,” said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Durrell Davis, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) senior food-service specialist, cu-

linary team manager and Joint Culinary Institute instructor. “You definitely have to come with a motivated attitude. The comprehensive curriculum is taught at a fast tempo. For the participant it is demanding, but also very rewarding.”

Lessons are geared towards food knowledge, and start with students relearning the basics on day one. Within the first few days they begin learning about various types of meat, wild and domestic, in addition to learning about special cuts and knife sharpening. By the beginning of week two, participants work on meal planning, dessert and food preparation.

On Nov. 6, more than 30 personnel attended the JCI grand opening luncheon at the Gold Rush Inn. This tasting is just the start of many to come, mentioned Davis.

The menu was a collective decision by the 10 service members participating, and included orange tarragon sal-



Airman 1st Class Jose Santana-Medina, 673d Force Support Squadron food service specialist, arranges salad placement for an orange tarragon salad served during the grand opening lunch for JCI at the Gold Rush Inn. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Crystal A. Jenkins)

ad with honey, creamy butternut squash bisque, chicken Marsala with green peas and a sweet potato, followed by tres leche cake – All made from scratch.

“We have seen a lot of positive feedback from the individuals who have been able to go through similar internships last year and be a part of ‘Team Alaska’ in past Joint Culinary Training Exercise’s at Fort Lee, Virginia,”

Davis said. “They said they felt like they had gained more from getting in-depth instruction coupled by giving them the ability to be free from the normal daily grind.”

By receiving this type of training, troops can increase the quality of food and customer service at both dining facilities.

“This training is a great example of how different military branches can work

together towards a common goal,” said Airman 1st Class Jose Santana-Medina, 673d FSS food service specialist. “We wear different uniforms but our missions are the same, and it’s clear that we’re all a part of the same team.”

Service members interested in participating must submit a request through their chain of command and wait for a slot to open up.

“JCI is designed to primarily build on the overall skillset needed to operate a fine-dining service which is different than your regular dining facility,” Davis said. “Once their training is complete, they will present what they have learned to leadership through a special invite-only luncheon at the end of the two weeks. Of course, the main goal is for them to take the new skills they’ve acquired back to their dining facility.”

For more information visit www.facebook.com/army.culinary. 

Rocks, paper, scissors: FOD walks save mission

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
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Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson has several programs in place to ensure foreign objects debris are something in people's heads and not in the engines.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, FOD creates safety hazards and can impact safe operations by damaging aircraft. The main purpose of conducting a FOD walk is to help prevent damage to aircraft and maintain safety and mission readiness.

FOD refers to the objects of debris that if left on an airfield could be sucked into a jet engine and damage aircraft.

The causes of FOD are due to poor awareness of the actual hazard, failure to do rollover FOD checks at entry control points leading onto the airfield, breaking and chipping of pavements, mowers on the infield and leaving tools on the ground after working on equipment.

Performing a tire rollover FOD check takes only a few minutes, but can prevent catastrophic damage.

To properly perform a vehicle FOD check, personnel must stop at the designated FOD check point,

exit their vehicle, and walk around the vehicle inspecting the tires and entire vehicle for debris. After the first inspection, drivers should move the vehicle forward approximately one foot, then re-inspect the vehicle and tires before proceeding onto the airfield.

In addition to vehicle FOD check points, FOD walks are required to be performed before the beginning of the day's flying operations.

Weather can also produce FOD – hail, winds blowing debris around the airfield, and lightning striking the pavement are all examples of weather induced FOD.

Operations in the winter don't change, however Airmen are limited to the tools available to pick up debris.

"During the winter, Airmen aren't able to use tools such as a FOD boss or magnetic sweepers, so they are depending mostly on picking it up by hand or by snow plows," James said.

The FOD boss is a towable friction mat that can sweep and clear ramps and runways of debris as small as a pebble. Magnetic sweepers are used to remove nails, screws, bolts and other metal objects.

Although the Airmen use fewer




Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Airmen conduct a foreign object and debris walk July 2. The Airmen conducted the FOD walk after the Arctic Thunder Open House to remove debris that could damage aircraft and hinder mission readiness. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Crystal A. Jenkins)

tools, James said the importance of prevention stays the same. Understanding the importance of prevention and knowing how to eliminate the threat can prevent a major mishap or loss of life.

By following the proper procedures everyone can help the Air Force focus its manpower and money on the mission.

James said while FOD awareness begins with each unit appointed FOD monitor, the burden of being on FOD alert is shared throughout the flight line.

The 90th and 525th Fighter Squadron participate in daily FOD walks, and heavy aircraft units take part in the walk three times a week or before a flight. 

Oct. 4

A son, JeRyan Donte Hughes Jr., was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces at 8:39 p.m. and a daughter, Laryssa Naelei Hughes, was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds at 9:07 p.m. to Teresa Hughes and Army Staff Sgt. JeRyan Donte Hughes of the 98th Maintenance Company, 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

A daughter, Hazel Grace Rooks, was born 21 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces at 7:02 a.m. to Airman Sidney Danelle Rooks of the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Oct. 5

A daughter, Paisley Marie Bollinger, was born 22 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces at 8:24 a.m. to Kaitlin Michelle Bollinger and Senior Airman Skyler Devin Bollinger of the 3rd Maintenance Squadron.

A daughter, Opal Laxmi Parameswaran, was born 20 inches long and weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces at 10:51 a.m. to Jennifer Carolyn Wilson and Lt. Commander Antonio Sashi Parameswaran

of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Oct. 8

A son, River Anthony Buch, was born 20.5 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces at 5:26 p.m. to Jennifer Yvonne Buch and Spc. Ashlee Breanne Buch of the 241st Quartermaster Company, 725th Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne).

Oct. 11

A daughter, Everly Noelle Rotramel, was born 22 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces at 4:40 p.m. to Chelsea Marie Rotramel and Sgt. Jonathan Isaac Rotramel of D Company, 6th Brigade Engineer Battalion (Airborne).

Oct. 12

A daughter, Madigan Eleanor Lee, was born 20.75 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces at 2:47 a.m. to Rachel Louise Humphreys and Army 1st Lt. Alexander Russell Lee of 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Oct. 13

A daughter, Celeana Cheyenne Mullins, was born 20.5 inches long and weigh-

ing 8 pounds, 11 ounces at 3:59 a.m. to Jodi Desiree Mullins and Sgt. Zachery Morgen Mullins of C Company, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Oct. 15

A son, Jay'eeon Daniels, was born 20 inches long and weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces at 6:48 p.m. to Pvt. Jerrica Charmaine Daniels of the 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment (Airborne).

A daughter, Penelope Jean Richardson, was born 22 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces at 5:25 p.m. to Rachel Marie Richardson and Master Sgt. James Randall Richardson of the 176th Wing.

A son, Luke Paul Spencer, was born 21.5 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces at 1:41 p.m. to Katrina Lorraine Spencer and Tech. Sgt. Aaron Spencer of the 673d Force Support Squadron.

Oct. 16

A daughter, Jade Nicole Jones, was born 21.75 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces at 5:03 p.m. to Kara Elizabeth Jones and

Army Staff Sgt. J.W. Jones of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

Oct. 20

A daughter, Qwindalyn Theresa Lee Smith, was born weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces at 6:47 a.m. to Katherine Elizabeth Smith and Air Force Staff Sgt. Eric Nicholas Dickson Smith of the 3rd Maintenance Group.

Oct. 22

A daughter, Emmalyn Grace Herrera, was born 18.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces at 8:24 a.m. to Whitney Kristine Herrera and Sgt. Jon Brian Herrera of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment.

Oct. 25

A son, Mateo Jason Paice, was born 20.75 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces at 1:17 a.m. to Marissa Paice and Air Force Staff Sgt. Stephen Edward Paice of the 673d Communications Squadron.

Oct. 26

A daughter, Elysia Rose Carreon, was born 20.25

inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces at 8:55 p.m. to Brandy Marie Carreon and Army Staff Sgt. Mitchell Javier Carreon of C Company, 3rd Battalion 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

A son, Truth Javier Davis, was born 21.25 inches long and weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces at 9:22 p.m. to Sgt. Grecia Davis of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Alaska, and Air Force Staff Sgt. True Jerome Davis Sr. of the 673d Communications Squadron.

Oct. 29

A son, Jayden Moroyoqui, was born 21 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces at 5:05 a.m. to Yemery Atenas Moroyoqui and Sgt. Jose Moroyoqui of the 4th Quartermaster Company, 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

Oct. 30

A son, Caleb Robert Miller, was born 21.25 inches long and weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces at 2:16 p.m. to Jenna Miller and Air Force Capt. Nathan Miller of the 90th Fighter Squadron.

JBADD promotes safe driving and volunteering

By **AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN VALDES**
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It was a long, stressful day for Airman 1st Class Kaja Johnson, 673d Medical Group medical equipment repair technician. The idea to go out and spend some quality time with friends after work to decompress was quickly accepted by everyone.

An evening of laughter and leisure gradually morphed into a potentially dangerous scenario as the group took in more alcoholic beverages.

It was soon clear that plans A and B needed to be scrapped, and that's when Plan Joint Base Against Drunk Driving, more popularly known as JBADD, came to the rescue.

JBADD is a joint-service volunteer program that gives JBER members and other Department of Defense ID cardholders a contingency plan to prevent drunk driving and DUI incidents, while providing a

safe, anonymous and free ride home.

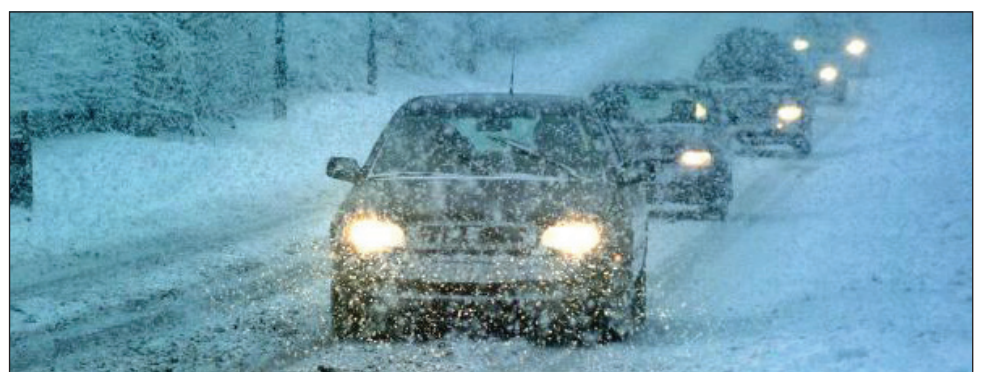
JBADD volunteers are always ready to shuttle people in need.

While the service is available, don't make JBADD your first choice for a safe ride home; utilizing their services should be a last resort.

This program is not only a volunteering opportunity, it also has perks for those who volunteer their time.

"Every 50 hours we give out letters of accommodation, and every 300 hours we give out an Army Achievement Medal," said Airman 1st Class Jessica Pry, a 673d MDG unit deployment manager and JBADD secretary. "While we wait for calls we play movies, cards and board games. We have computers too, or you can bring your own computer and do schoolwork or homework. We provide snacks too – we make it as enjoyable as possible."

In this past year JBADD has saved 1,186 lives and in just the past month they helped 161 people who request-



(Courtesy photo)

ed their services.

JBADD is a great volunteering opportunity, but sometimes, it is more than that.

"It is really rewarding, and I very much enjoy volunteering," said Pry. "It's really rewarding knowing you saved people's lives by preventing them from making irrational decisions because of being under the influence. It's nice to know we are making a difference."


JBADD is located at the Warrior Center at 655 Richardson Drive and they run operations every Friday and

Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. as well as holidays and down days.

They made plans, things fell through, but thanks to the volunteers at JBADD, Johnson and her friends can continue their mission – and plan better for next time.

People interested in volunteering can show up during operation hours.

People requesting a pickup from JBADD can call 384-RIDE (7433).

For more information on JBADD, visit www.facebook.com/JBER. JBADD or email them at jberjbadd@gmail.com. 

JBER, UAA combine efforts to help students

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the grand opening of the academic tutoring room at the Education Center at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Nov. 2.

The academic tutoring room is the first of its kind at JBER and was provided by the University of Alaska Anchorage.

“This is a service that has not been offered before but has been very much requested by service members on a daily basis,” said Eva White, an education services specialist assigned to U.S. Army Garrison, Alaska. “It has been a working project for a long time and was finally made possible through UAA funding.”

One of the key features of the tutoring services is that it is not limited to active duty personnel, and enrollment in a UAA program is not necessary to use this service.

“Once the word is out that we are open to dependents and veterans no matter what school they are part of,

we are going to grow,” White said. “Any academic tutoring will be available depending on the demands at the time.”

The tutoring room is equipped with the necessary tools to facilitate a smooth study environment.

“We have laptop computers already established that can be used by people as they come into the room,” said Mel Kalkowski, UAA military programs director. “If you want to bring your own computer, that’s fine, we have anticipated that. We upgraded the wi-fi too and made it available to everyone.”

For some, studying might get frustrating and demotivating. For others, it could be overwhelming. Tutors help avoid those experiences.

“Having someone students can go to for help will improve student success,” Kalkowski said. “It gives a student a chance to bounce ideas off someone who understands what their questions are. It gives them an avenue to turn to if they feel they are losing ground in a class, and it should fundamentally improve their ability to pass.”



Education service staff prepare for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Education Center Nov. 2. The ceremony marks the opening of the academic tutoring room sponsored by the University of Alaska Anchorage. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jonathan Valdes Montijo)

As any other program, the collection of data will be part of the process to make changes along the way.

“The program will improve during the next few months as we get it locked down as to what people need,” said Kalkowski. “We are looking forward to seeing the program be

built, and we will make the necessary adjustments to adapt to the needs as they appear over time.”

For more information, contact the Education Center’s front desk at 384-0970, the UAA office inside the building at 428-1228 or [Facebook.com/EducationCenter](https://www.facebook.com/EducationCenter). 