



176th Wing • Alaska Air National Guard

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## 2022 Super Drill

### **10 STEPS TO A FEDERAL JOB CLASS** *Feb. 26*

The 176th Wing Airman and Family Readiness program manager will teach the 10 Steps to a Federal Job class Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 a.m. in the Wellness Center. If interested, please let the program manager know by calling (907) 347-4194. The class is anticipated to be roughly 3-4 hours long.

The class sizes are small due to room size so there will be more classes soon. If the program manager isn't able to get you into the class, he will put your name on a list for the up-coming classes.

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## EVENTS / OPPORTUNITIES

### **WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY, BECOME LESS OVERWHELMED THROUGH PURSUING BRAIN HEALTH**

The 176th Wing has been chosen as one of the sites for the Brain Health Cognitive Training Pilot Program – a joint partnership with the National Guard Bureau Warrior Resilience and Fitness Division and the Center for Brain Health.

The objective of this program is to build a service member's overall wellness through fostering brain health (cognitive enhancement, improvement in strategic thinking skills and memory, focus on overall wellbeing). It is a brain fitness program that includes cognitive training – online training modules, direct feedback from a brain coach and customized/personalized app use to enhance cognitive skills. If the program is utilized effectively, anticipated benefits will result in statistically significant improvement in one's strategic attention and focus, improved reasoning, increased innovation, increased processing speeds, as well as, improved emotional regulation, increased mindfulness, decreased stress, anxiety, and depression symptoms, and increased resiliency skills.

The 176th Wing director of Psychological Health, Diann Richardson, is the POC and will serve to coordinate the project. Any of your personal/specific brain health data is communicated with the Center for Brain Health (not 176 WG personnel). If you have any questions, please contact her at (907) 306-9941 or [diann.richardson.1@us.af.mil](mailto:diann.richardson.1@us.af.mil)

If you are interested in participating (200 Airmen AND their spouses) and can commit to training/app engagement (@15 minutes a day, 5 days a week for 6 month) for the time outlined, please email [diann.richardson.1@us.af.mil](mailto:diann.richardson.1@us.af.mil) with the below information to complete the registration. All submissions will go directly to the POC.

Name  
ANG occupation  
Cell Phone  
Work Email  
Personal Email  
Comments or Questions

## **FAMILY RESILIENCY MEMBERSHIP**

The Family Resiliency Membership is an initiative to provide resiliency resources to Alaska National Guard families.

Here's what participants get when they register:

- At the beginning of each month, participants will receive a packet with resiliency facts, activities or crafts, and challenges to do that month with the family.
- We will have virtual meetings once a month to share how families did with the resiliency challenges and discuss additional resources.
- Registration is valid for the year (except June and July)
- The membership is completely FREE!

Please send us an email to receive a registration form to [jordanweber.ctr@gmail.com](mailto:jordanweber.ctr@gmail.com) or [gaizka.c.vazquez-lam.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:gaizka.c.vazquez-lam.ctr@mail.mil)

## **ONGOING FREE COUNSELING SERVICES**

Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC) provide short term non-medical solution-focused counseling to support military families with the challenges of deployments, reintegration, parenting, relationship issues, conflict resolution, anger management and other life issues. They provide free, confidential services on and off military installations, flexible service delivery in non-traditional settings

and times. With the exception of child abuse, domestic violence, mandatory reporting, and duty to warn situations, services are confidential.

In response to COVID-19, MFLCs are providing services via secure, encrypted video teleconference.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Husch Hathorne-Cantil at 907-382-1407. Appointments are available within 24-48 hours.

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## **SERVICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MILITARY ONESOURCE RESOURCES**

Did you know that Military OneSource is bigger than a 24/7/365 toll free number? The program offers more than just free non-medical counseling. It also provides assistance for the deployment readiness cycle. Military OneSource is a Department of Defense funded program that aids eligible service and family members with building resiliency; both within the military culture and on the homefront. To help strengthen one's resiliency skillset, Military OneSource offers many activities that you and your family members can partake in. For example:

MWR Digital Library:

- Ancestry.com Library Edition - unlock the story of your family using more than 8,000 resources.
- Consumer Reports – are you looking to make a purchase? Use this online library to access 1,000+ ratings, reviews, expert buying advice, product comparisons, consumer user reviews and product video clips.
- EBSCO Audiobooks - more than 2,000 audiobooks in different subjects and categories available for free download.
- Mango Languages - check out this digital language learning program for learners of all levels, with courses in more than 70 different foreign languages, 21 English language courses, and 44 specialty courses.
- Morningstar Investment Research Center - find information and advice on mutual funds, stocks, exchange-traded funds, and market returns. Track investments, access daily market news and commentary, view snapshots on investments, and interact on the research center forums.

- PressReader Digital Newspapers - unlimited digital access to more than 7,000 newspapers from 120 countries in more than 60 different languages. These newspapers are provided in full-color, full-page format, and appear on your screen exactly as they appear on the news stand, many providing instant translation and audio.
- Stingray Qello Concerts - enjoy more than 1700 live moments in music history with the world's largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries streamed on-demand to just about any digital device. From the 1920s to today's hottest artists, Qello Concerts spans more than 30 genres, from classical to rock, reggae to country.
- Small Business Builder - helps patrons interested in planning and optimizing their businesses or nonprofits. Built for aspiring entrepreneurs and those with existing small businesses, it provides a step-by-step process supported by a rich variety of recognized tools that enable users to produce complete business plans and other documents essential for gaining access to capital and growing their enterprise.
- Universal Class - over 500 online courses to aid with personal and professional interests: including FREE CEUs, plus online books, movies and music for all ages. Over 40 different references to use.
- Weiss Financial Ratings - Enjoy access to financial literacy tools on retirement planning, home and mortgage, insurance strategies, and saving for your child's education.
- Chill Drills: An overview of four simple drills to help reverse the symptoms of stress. These drills can help slow your heart rate, lower your blood pressure and reduce the level of stress hormones in your body. By doing these drills regularly, you can lower your baseline stress level and be better prepared to deal with stress in the future. Order yours online (free shipping) or download to your smartphone.
- MilTax - free tax services, which provides easy-to-use software that is designed specifically for the military community and is available mid-January through mid-October. MilTax also offers free consultations with experts trained to help military members and their families take command of their taxes.

Many other resources are located online with just a click of the mouse or online chat with a trained consultant to provide more guidance with your ideal topic.

See: [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil).

## **AIRMAN SAFETY APP**

If there was a way to anonymously and quickly make safety reports on your phone, would you use it? There's an app for that. The Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) a voluntary, identity-protected means of reporting safety issues that increase the risk to Aviation, Occupational, or Weapons Safety. The goal of the program is to prevent future mishaps and strengthen a culture of safe, effective mission accomplishment. The two ways to submit an ASAP report are on the website (<https://asap.safety.af.mil>) or the smartphone app "Airmen Safety App." Contact: your friendly safety office (551-7604, [176wg.se.176wg@us.af.mil](mailto:176wg.se.176wg@us.af.mil))

## **UPCOMING AWS DAYS**

The 176th Wing is essentially shut down for business on the upcoming Alternate Work Schedule days. RDs (rescheduled drills) and AT days should not be scheduled for these times. The full AWS calendar can be found on the new Wing SharePoint in the Resource Library.

March: 4, 18

April: 1, 14

May: 6, 20, 27

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## **ALASKA NEWS**

### **70 YEARS OF 176TH WING: LARS JOHNSON ARCHITECT OF 176TH WING, ALASKA AIR GUARD**

By David Bedard | 176th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — To establish the Air National Guard Sept. 15, 1952, in the Alaska territory before statehood, the effort required a single-minded Alaska sourdough and aerospace visionary in Col. Larry "Lars" Johnson.

According to "The Guard" by 1st Lt. James Richardson, Johnson had worked as a miner at Independence Mine near Palmer before commercial fishing on sailing boats in Bristol Bay. In 1938, he went to the University of Washington for a year before he was drafted and went to Fort Richardson as an administrative officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps having earned his commission through a military training correspondence course.

After subsequent Alaska service in Kodiak, Umnak and McGrath, Richardson wrote Johnson flew A-20 Havoc fighter bombers in the Philippines, starting out as a combat-loss replacement before promotions to assistant flight leader, flight leader and eventually one of the youngest squadron commanders in the Pacific Theater.

"Guys kept getting killed, and I kept moving up," Johnson recalled in the Alaska Air National Guard's 40th anniversary volume.

According to the volume, Johnson's A-20 carried nose art of an arctic tundra wolf with a gold North Star, which would later become the emblem of the 144th Fighter Bomber Squadron and today's 144th Airlift Squadron.

After the war, the volume detailed, Johnson returned to Alaska and became Alaska's first adjutant general of the state's National Guard at the age of 33. After working to field an Army National Guard with its first annual training camp, Johnson approached Alaskan Command commander Air Force Lt. Gen. William Kepner about starting an Air National Guard, securing the general's endorsement in a letter to the National Guard Bureau in Washington.

"At first, there was some reluctance to establish an Air Guard unit," Johnson wrote in his forward to the volume. "The territorial legislature did not want to provide money. Some in the military felt the territory would not be able to support a squadron.

"Gov. Ernest Gruening, territorial delegate to the U.S. Senate Bob Bartlett, and territorial Sen. Bill Egan and others knew we could support an Air Guard," Johnson continued. "Governor Gruening, one day in autumn of 1952, invited Lieutenant General Kepner, Alaskan Command, and Maj. Gen. [William] Old, Air Command, to have lunch with us in Juneau. I presented our plan to seek authority for an Air Guard unit. They agreed it was a good idea."

According to the volume, Johnson leased an office on Anchorage's 4th Avenue atop the bus depot, put a recruiting notice in the local newspaper, and requested \$20,000 from the state legislature. The Alaska Air National Guard was finally organized Sept. 15, 1952, as the 8144th Air Base Squadron with a roster of five officers and 11 enlisted Guardsmen.

The first aircraft the fledgling unit fielded was the C-47 Skytrain military transport as an administrative aircraft to get around the state. The "Gooney Bird" was shortly followed by a T-6G Texan advanced training aircraft.

The 8144th ABS quickly transformed into the 144th Fighter Bomber Squadron fielding the F-80 Shooting Star and later the F-86 Saber fighter in 1955. Through multiple incarnations, the 144th – the nucleus of today's 176th Wing and Alaska Air National Guard – eventually became the 144th Airlift Squadron flying the C-17

Globemaster III strategic and tactical airlift aircraft. To the airlift function, the wing has added the missions of homeland air defense and combat search and rescue.

Ultimately attaining the rank of major general, Johnson would later serve as the state assistant adjutant general-Air before serving a long tenure as the state civilian director of the Aviation Division.

Shortly after the Alaska Air National Guard marked 50 years, Johnson died Nov. 1, 2002. In his forward to the Alaska Air Guard's history, Johnson recalled how he had to assure stakeholders in the early organization that the small group of little more than a dozen Airmen would be equal to the task of building a viable territorial Air National Guard.

"They said they would back it with the assurance we pick up the ball and never drop it until the Air Guard was authorized," he wrote. "And, as you know, that is exactly what we did."

*Editor's note: Alaska National Guard historical documents were corroborated with Anchorage Daily News archives to ensure best accuracy for this article.*

## **70 YEARS OF 176TH WING: FORMER ARCTIC GUARDIANS COMMANDER WAS ALASKAN, AVIATION PIONEER**

By David Bedard | 176th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Growing up during the segregation era, Alaska Air National Guard Col. Lawrence "Larry" Campbell lived in an all-black Tulsa, Oklahoma, neighborhood and attended an all-black school.

In a 1991 interview provided to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum by his daughter, Sigrid Benezra, Campbell said he didn't recall being subjected to discrimination because he rarely ventured outside of black neighborhoods or business districts.

Tulsa was the site of the June 1, 1921, race massacre when the Greenwood District, a haven for black businesses, was razed to the ground. Despite the atrocity, black businesses later flourished in the city, providing young Campbell places to shop within the constraints of segregation statutes.

Still, Campbell recalls his parents' warnings of staying within the law's boundaries.

"We all knew – our parents told us and everything – that to keep out of trouble, you followed the signs and did what the law said," Campbell recalled. "When you went downtown, they had a fountain for the white people and a fountain for [blacks.]"

Ultimately, Campbell surmounted the constraints of segregation, joining the Army Air Forces and becoming the first black to pilot a jet fighter and the first black Air National Guard group commander when he took command of the 176th Tactical Airlift Group, which later became today's 176th Wing.

Campbell said his family moved from Tulsa to Portland, Oregon, when his father landed a job supporting increased war production for World War II. He attended an integrated high school in an integrated community.

"The war had just begun, and my dad went to work in the shipyards," he said. "It was a much better way of life."

Campbell volunteered for military service, reporting to Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1945 to take examinations before assignment to Tuskegee, Alabama, for cadet pilot training.

"It was an experimental program to see if black people could fly," Campbell said. "There was some thought they didn't have the intelligence or the ability to fly airplanes and do command things in the military."

Allied victories in Europe and Japan seemingly cut Campbell's budding military career short.

"I got into the primary flying school and soloed before the war ended," he said. "Since I was a volunteer after the war ended, they let me out, and I came home."

Campbell attended college after coming home, and fate would have him put on an Air Force uniform to follow his aviation dream with renewed vigor, attending pilot training in 1947 at then Randolph Field, Texas, and Williams Field, Arizona, graduating as a second lieutenant in 1948 with pilot wings.

Though Campbell said flight school was integrated, he reported to a segregated unit at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, with the 100th Fighter Squadron flying P-47 Thunderbolt fighter bombers. Having flown the P-51 Mustang – a dedicated fighter – in training, Campbell said he would cross services to fly the Mustang again.

"The [Ohio] National Guard there had P-51s, and I would go over and borrow theirs because we flew P-51s in flight school," he said. "That was the Cadillac of fighters. I really liked that one."



According to Campbell's National Air and Space Museum biography, he was the first black Air Force pilot to solo in a jet fighter, flying the P-80 Shooting Star.

"I also checked out in jets," Campbell said. "I was lucky enough to be the first black to fly a jet. My roommate, Cyril Burke, soloed the next day in the jet."

Executive Order 9981 ended military segregation with its issuance July 26, 1948, deactivating units with Tuskegee heritage and integrating the force. Campbell reported to Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts, with the 33rd Maintenance Squadron. He left the regular Air Force in 1950 and joined the Air Force Reserve upon returning home to Portland to fly C-46 Commando cargo aircraft with the 65th Troop Carrier Squadron.

While on temporary duty in another state, Campbell said he ran into a contentious situation while socializing with white colleague Lt. Col. Leverett Richards. Richards brought Campbell to a segregated establishment without fully considering how the circumstances might unfold.

"I don't think Lev was thinking," Campbell recalled. "I know he probably knew better and had been exposed, but I don't think he was thinking. We hit one of these cowboy joints — foot-stomping, butt-kicking cowboy joints — and the first thing that happened was they threw the both of us out, purely because I was black."

In his full-time job Campbell worked for the Civil Aeronautics Board, now the National Transportation Safety Board, and he was offered a posting to Alaska in 1963.

"They had an opening up here, and they offered me an immediate promotion," Campbell said. "It was a chance at adventure."

Campbell said he transferred from the Air Force Reserve to the Alaska Air National Guard at the recommendation of a friend. When he joined, the Guard comprised the 144th Air Transport Squadron (Medium), which became the 176th Tactical Airlift Group in April 1969. Both units flew the C-123J Provider cargo aircraft.

According to a public affairs article by Sgt. Jackie Wilson in the February 1988 edition of The Guardian — the wing's magazine before today's eGuardian — Campbell flew one of the first relief missions into Seward following the devastating 1964 Good Friday Earthquake.

"At that time, we were flying the old C-123Js," Campbell recalled. "We flew constantly. We went in, picked up people, and brought them out. We took in supplies, picked up people, brought them out. It went like that for days. We had the only planes and pilots that could get into some of those places."

Campbell took command of the group in January 1972 as the unit's first traditional weekend-drilling commander and the first black Air National Guard group commander in any state.

Campbell said he was impressed with Alaska Air Guardsmen during his time with them, citing their ability and willingness to do other jobs in order to accomplish the mission with few people and resources.

"As far as I was concerned, the whole tenure – 10 years in the Guard – was the highlight [of my career]," he said. "There were so many things that went on that I found unique in this unit – some things that just didn't happen in other outfits. It was a small outfit, and they had a lot to do, and people were willing to do it."

Whether flying C-123s over Alaska mountain ranges or hotdogging P-51 fighters, Campbell said he realized his dream of becoming an aviator – a dream sparked by images of biplane fighters flying over the Randolph Field Administration Building, nicknamed the "Taj Mahal."

"They used to have these pictures of the old open-cockpit fighters flying in echelon over the Taj Mahal down in Texas, and that's what got me interested," he said. "I thought: that's the thing to do, boy. I wanted to become a pilot. Fortunately, I was able to do it."

## **ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S NEWEST STATE COMMAND CHIEF HEADS INTO 2022 WITH VISION AND PURPOSE**

By Spc. Grace Nechanicky | JFHQ Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Chief Master Sgt. Kim Groat was selected to be the Alaska Air National Guard's state command chief last fall, and she is embracing the position with her sights on motivating, inspiring and empowering Airmen.

As command chief, Groat represents the highest level of enlisted leadership and serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the commander of the Alaska Air National Guard. Her primary duty is to advise the commander on enlisted matters and serve as a direct conduit to enlisted members of the organization.

Groat's exemplification of leadership qualities and diverse career experience, paired with her competence, humility and commitment to the mission and the Airmen are major reasons why she was selected for the state command chief position, according to Brig. Gen. Tracy Smith, commander of the Alaska Air National Guard.

"She is the most capable Airman for the job," said Smith, who is also the Alaska assistant adjutant general for Air. "During my tenure, Chief Groat continually demonstrated to me that she is a humble servant who is driven to make others' lives easier in her day-to-day dealings with the Airmen on our team," Smith stated. "I have consistently observed that she's just the type of natural leader who has a heart to serve others."

Groat epitomizes the values instilled by the U.S. Air Force, which are grounded in "integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do." These selfless and service-oriented core values are central to enlisted Airman leaders who take care of the force as a whole and at each individual level. Groat also believes these principles are a key to effective leadership.

"I think it is important to motivate, inspire, and empower our Airmen," said Groat. "Our Alaskan Airmen have a competitive fighting spirit with creative minds that already come up with innovative ways to accomplish the demanding missions in our state. I am excited to help harness that fighting spirit and ingenuity to see where it takes us as an organization," she said.

Groat shared that compassion, integrity and decisiveness, along with clear intent are important attributes for ensuring organizational success.

"I wholeheartedly believe, in order to lead you must show compassion for people, be honest and fair, demonstrate integrity, and be able to make hard decisions," said Groat. "I believe those traits paired with providing a clear understanding of expectations and fairly recognizing and rewarding our Airmen is key to their success and in turn the organization's success," she said.

While serving as state command chief, Groat plans to promote an environment of diverse Airman capabilities that are conducive to a successful fighting force.

"I am proud to be a Vietnamese American woman and honor my heritage, but diversity and inclusion are not just about gender or race," said Groat. "A healthy organization is also comprised of people at all levels from different cultures, backgrounds, and experiences. By bringing together our different backgrounds, skills, ideas, and experiences, we are better able to foster a strong and inclusive workforce with innovative ideas," she explained.

Groat shared her perspective that a diverse force in every sense is what makes it a stronger force, able to successfully execute mission requirements, training, and exercises while also taking care of Airmen, prioritizing morale, and ensuring appropriate career progression.

Groat's own unique background is one of the features that sets her apart as a

multi-capable Airman. She has been trained in six different Air Force specialty career fields and has experience in medical, airlift, air defense, training, joint operations, personnel, command support and headquarters leadership. She has also worked in both of Alaska's wings and at the state's Joint Force Headquarters.

"Chief Groat's diverse experience in the Alaska Air National Guard spans the medical, operations and personnel fields, and gives her a broad range of experience to draw from," said Smith. "I've watched her thrive while empowering and engaging effective teams to solve problems, and while diligently serving our Airmen. All of this and more made her my optimal and obvious choice as the Alaska state command chief."

As the Alaska Air National Guard's first female state command chief, Groat tipped her hat to her sister, a command chief who retired from Alaska's 168th Wing in 2012.

"As I reflect on the legacy I would like to leave, I know I spent a majority of my military career watching and looking up to my sister through all of her accomplishments," said Groat. "My sister was always an inspiration to me and I hope my selection for this position and my commitment to our Airmen will be an inspiration to others as well."

Groat has worked with operators, maintainers and support personnel, and shared that it is the differences that each Airman brings to the team that helps foster a strong and inclusive workforce.

"Innovative ideas coming from many different levels results in a lasting competitive advantage for the Guard family," she said.

Smith, who oversees the Air component of the Alaska National Guard, shared that Groat's leadership qualities extend beyond working hard, professional competence and dedication to the mission. She explained that her senior enlisted advisor's approachability facilitates communication at all levels, enabling her to resolve issues quickly and decisively.

"She is known as an empathetic listener, selfless servant and mentor to Airmen both up and down the chain of command, and her commitment to the mission and the people—while patiently dealing with challenges—makes her a good mentor and a great leader," said Smith. "She quickly gains the trust of those around her, which in turn facilitates open discussion and resolution of issues and challenges."

Groat's distinguished service with the Alaska Air National Guard has prepared her for the responsibility of leading its enlisted force.

"The Alaska Air National Guard has been my family for almost 27 years, and I am honored, humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Alaska state command chief," said Groat. "I look forward to the ability to make a difference in the lives of our Citizen Airmen, to advocate for Alaska's Airmen and their families, and to guide and develop our Airmen for the future."

## **ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD CONDUCTS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT EXCHANGES WITH MONGOLIAN AIR FORCE COUNTERPARTS**

By Spc. Grace Nechanicky | JFHQ Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Alaska National Guard participated in the second biennial Airman-to-Airman Talks with the Mongolian Air Force last November to plan for future training and subject matter expert exchanges together.

Hosted by the U.S. Pacific Air Force, A2AT develop interoperability, foster military-to-military relation, and improve bilateral cooperation. The U.S. and partner nation air forces conduct these engagements to plan for collaborative activities and discuss common goals.

This program has direct ties to the National Guard's State Partnership Program, which Alaska and Mongolia have been partners through since 2003. Via the SPP, the National Guard participates with other militaries in support of defense security goals. It also leverages whole-of-society relationships and capabilities to facilitate broader interagency and corollary engagements spanning military, government, economic and social spheres.

"[A2AT] gives each of our different components the opportunity to learn best practices from each other," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Keegan, chief enlisted manager for the 176th Civil Engineer Squadron and participant of the latest engagement. "For Alaska Guardsmen, it's an opportunity to participate in missions outside of their country, outside of their state, that ties directly into their [career] skills training."

Keegan said that working alongside the Mongolian Air Force for training on engineering and logistics skills goes a long way for country-to-country relations.

He continued that the program is also beneficial because the Mongolian Air Force is relatively new and uses the partnership with the Alaska National Guard to grow their own efficiency.

According to Maj. Nathan Pooler, the international partnership specialist for the Alaska National Guard, Mongolian Air Force command was established into law in

2016. Alaska and Mongolia first participated in A2AT in Hawaii March 2019.

U.S. and Mongolian military members participated in four working group topics for the 2021 A2AT: exercises and engagements, logistics, professionalization and education, and medical. During the working groups, the Mongolian Air Force and U.S. Air Force representatives worked side-by-side to develop a plan for future cooperation. The groups discussed common interests and developed a roadmap for activities and exercises, security assistance, and high-level visits.

Keegan, who was part of the logistics group, said that they discussed best practices, offered and solidified subject matter expert exchanges, airfield operations, security forces, and search and rescue. The Mongolian Air Force has a particular interest in rescue capabilities and looks to the Alaska Air National Guard's search and rescue assets for guidance.

The AKNG and Mongolian Air Force agreed to conduct upcoming subject matter expert exchanges and official visits in Alaska and in Mongolia.

"Our mission there throughout the Airman to Airman Talks was to work and develop together," said Keegan. "We're not giving them their objectives. We're there to offer assistance and help train them."

Keegan added that A2AT provided an excellent opportunity for Alaska and Mongolia to enrich their relationship, and they are looking forward to further growing their partnership and skills through this program.

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## **RSD SCHEDULE**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED DRILL WEEKENDS**

March: 26, 27

April: Core-drill dates, 9, 10; Quarterly drill, 9-14

May: 14, 15

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## RSD SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

### RSD ROTATOR PROCESS

Members sign up directly via Facebook, as well as check flight updates. Rotator riders can request access to the Facebook group by searching "AKANG RSD Rotator" and requesting membership.

Friday Pick-up						
South UTA Shuttle				North UTA Shuttle		
Location	Arrive	Depart		Location	Arrive	Depart
Elmendorf	CANCELLED	1715		Elmendorf		1900
Kodiak	1815	1830		Eielson	2000	2015
Homer	1910	1920		Elmendorf	2100	
Kenai	1935	1945				
Elmendorf	2000		PAX Transfer			
	CANCELLED					
Sunday Return						
South UTA Shuttle				North UTA Shuttle		
Location	Arrive	Depart		Location	Arrive	Depart
				Eielson		1700
Elmendorf	CANCELLED	1715	PAX Transfer	Elmendorf	1800	1815
Kenai	1800	1810		Eielson	1915	
Homer	1825	1835				
Kodiak	1915	1925				
Elmendorf	2030					

Log Plans will post events for each flight a week prior to departure. New riders fill out a new rider request form (LGRDX Share Point under the RSD Rotator folder) and send to the Log Plans shop ([176WG.LGRR@us.af.mil](mailto:176WG.LGRR@us.af.mil)) to be filed. Logistics Plans office cell: 947-4395

**PLEASE NOTE: the SOUTH UTA SHUTTLE has been CANCELLED until further notice. The North**

**UTA Shuttle will still be scheduled on a monthly basis.**

**JBER show time is two hours prior to take off at the passenger terminal.**

176OSS CURRENT OPS Number: 551-5208

JBER ATOC: 552-2104 (Call to update gates)

EDF PAX TERM: Fax 552-3996 / Office 552-3781 (Call to update gates)

**Eielson show time is three hours prior to take off at the passenger terminal**

EIL PAX TERM: Fax 377-2287 / Office 377-1250

**RSD Rotator Share Point:**

<https://jber.eis.pacaf.af.mil/176WG/176MSG/176LRS/LGRD%20Log%20Plans/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2F176WG%2F176MSG%2F176LRS%2FLGRD%20Log%20Plans%2FUTA%20Rotator&FolderCTID=0x01200074092A9858D1664D86D7BCF8C1287C0A&View=%7BC246B693%2DEB0F%2D4968%2DAEF8%2DD89451AEDCAA%7D>

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## WEEKEND DINING FACILITY HOURS

The Iditarod (Elmendorf) Dining Facility will be closed on Saturday August 1, as renovations are to be completed.

On Saturday members will be encouraged to have lunch at the Wilderness in (Bldg. 647 Ft Richardson).

The Wilderness Inn serves "brunch" from 1000-1400 on the weekend.

The Army DFAC will honor the provided ESM roster and not charge DSGs for their meal.

If anyone gets turned away on the Army side please contact MSgt Franz Deters 907-903-5545

If AGRs or officers wish to eat on the Army side, a flat rate of \$5.65 will apply.

On Sunday the Iditarod will be open again for business (normal hours).

There will not be POD support for the flight line over the weekend (located near F-22 hangers)

**Normal Hours:**

BREAKFAST: 0630-0830

GRAB-N-GO: 0900-1030

LUNCH: 1030-1330

GRAB-N-GO: 1330-1630

DINNER: 1630-1830

MIDNIGHT: 2300-0100

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**GATE HOURS**

For latest gate hours, visit <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Units/673abw/673SFS/>

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**POINTS OF INTEREST**

**176th Wing**

Website: <http://www.176wg.ang.af.mil/>

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Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/176thwing>

Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/176wg/>

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SharePoint (requires CAC):

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