



Soldiering at its best

Above: Soldier of the Quarter Spc. Raul Rubio, Medical Department Activity-Alaska, shakes hands with U.S. Army Alaska Commanding General Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Layfield following the Fort Wainwright Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter ceremony Tuesday at the Northern Lights Religious Education Center. Businesses, organizations and individuals joined in the luncheon and offered gifts and tokens of appreciation to the award winners. During his acceptance speech, Rubio said his wife, Tessa, (left) helped him study for the quarterly boards, explaining she probably would have fared even better than he had because she knows the study guide so well.

Right: U.S. Army Alaska Commanding General Maj. Gen. Layfield pins an Army Achievement Medal on Spc. Raul Rubio, Medical Department Activity-Alaska Soldier of the Quarter, as Staff Sgt. Neftali Bonilla, Task Force 49 Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, stands at attention. The Fort Wainwright Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter awards ceremony took place Tuesday at the Northern Lights Religious Education Center. Joining the Soldiers' celebration and luncheon were family members, colleagues and Fairbanks community leaders. During his speech, USARAK Command Sgt. Maj. David Turnbull said he is looking forward to the annual Soldier of the Year competition at Fort Richardson in May.



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Fort Wainwright Chapel Schedules

Northern Lights Religious Education Center,
Building 3430
Sunday services

11 a.m. - Protestant Worship
5 p.m. - Protestant Youth of the Chapel

Monday
6:30 p.m. - Protestant Choir practice

Saturday
8 a.m. - Protestant Men of the Chapel meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month

Southern Lights Chapel,
Bldg. 4107

Sunday services
10 a.m. - Roman Catholic Mass
11 a.m. - Roman Catholic Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Wednesday and Friday
7 p.m. - Catholic Choir practice
Noon - Roman Catholic Mass

Saturday
11:30 a.m. - Daughters of Saint Anne at (first Saturday of each month).

Basset Army Community Hospital Chapel

Tuesday and Thursday
Noon - Roman Catholic Mass

Wednesday
Noon - Protestant Service

For more information, call 353-9825.

This Week

SATURDAY

Meet the players

Soldiers and family members may meet former National Football League players hosted by the garrison chaplain's office today through Operation Touchdown.

Featured former NFL players include Kevin Davis, New York Giants; Ben Steele, Houston Texans; Devin Wyman, Seattle Seahawks; Kevin Barry, Green Bay Packers; and Steve Grant, Indianapolis Colts.

The players will be available to chat, sign autographs and take pictures at the Post Exchange at 10 a.m. and the commissary at 11:30 a.m. The players will be at Nugget Lanes at 1:30 p.m. to bowl with Soldiers and their families.

SUNDAY

Football visit finishes

The chapel's National Prayer program continues today with National Football League players joining Soldiers and families at the 10 a.m. Catholic mass, the 11 a.m. Protestant worship service and the 4 p.m. youth programs at the Northern Lights Religious Education Center.

For more information, call 353-9825.

TUESDAY

Trade knowledge

Those who are curious about opportunities in the building and construction industries or apprenticeship programs can meet with Ed Flanagan, Helmets to Hardhats coordinator, to-

day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Army Career and Alumni Program Center in Building 3401, Room 248. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 353-2113.

Upcoming

MARCH 30

Women's history

The Fort Wainwright Women's History Month observance will take place at the Last Frontier Community Center from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. March 30.

A panel of experts will join in the "Future Leaders Working as One... Embracing Cultural Change and Strengthening Our Environment" themed symposium.

Col. Maria R. Gervais, U.S. Army Environmental Command commander, will give the keynote address. A seminar will be presented by Doug Mills, Diversity and Civil Rights chief with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Region.

A question and answer session with a select panel will conclude the symposium.

The panel will include Gervais; Mills; Seema Salter, Installation Management Command Equal Employment Opportunity office; and Mae Marsh, garrison EEO.

The Women's History Month observance will be hosted by Fort Wainwright's EEO and the 472nd Military Police Company.

For more information, call 353-9156 or 353-6917.

For information on Women's History month, log on to www.womenshistorymonth.gov.

APRIL 17

Fathers, daughters dance

Tickets are now on sale for the third annual Armed Services YMCA Father Daughter Ball, which will be April 17 at the Princess Lodge in Fairbanks.

Father and daughter couples will be traveling from Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Greely, Clear Air Force Station and Kodiak to participate in the festivities, which will include music, dancing and dinner.

Tickets are \$10 per couple and \$5 for additional individuals and may be purchased at the ASYMCA office at 1047 Nysteen Road.

Call 353-5962 for information.

Births

MARCH 3

A daughter, Ellah Kristyne, was born to Sienna and Pvt. Brock Babcock, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment.

A son, Thomas Michael, was born to Christan and Sgt. David Wilson, D Company, 123rd Aviation Intermediate Maintenance.

MARCH 4

A son, Jake Thomas, was born to Jessica and Staff Sgt. Timothy Olsen, C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment.

MARCH 7

A daughter, Zariah-Jane Marie, was born to Sarah Guzman and Spc. Dencyll Guzman Piedra, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment.