

## Fort Richardson

### Ongoing

#### Free motorcycle training

Military personnel and Department of the Army civilian employees are required to complete an Army-approved motorcycle safety course to operate a motorcycle on military installations. This applies to military personnel on or off post and on or off duty. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course are acceptable for meeting this requirement.

The Fort Richardson Safety Office has coordinated with Alaska Bikers Advocating Training and Education of Alaska Inc. to provide this required training. Priority for training will be given to active-duty military, guardsmen, reservists, DA civilians, family members and retirees in that order.

The BRC requires no previous riding experience, and motorcycles will be provided at the training site. Participants in the ERC must provide their own motorcycles.

Training is subsidized by the Army for active-duty personnel of all components, Department of Defense civilians and family members, when space is available. To obtain a voucher for the cost of either course, stop by the Fort Richardson Garrison Safety Office in Building 600, Room B345.

For more information, call 384-2383 or 384-2382.

### This Week

#### TODAY

##### Get focused

Today is the deadline to sign up for child care for those participating in the May 19 Army Family Action Plan family member focus group.

The group is geared toward addressing installation-level issues and will meet from 10 a.m. to noon in Building 600, Room A18.

No more than 20 family members will be able to participate, so sign up early.

Issue forms are available online at [www.usarak.army.mil/fracms/sites/local/](http://www.usarak.army.mil/fracms/sites/local/) and can be submitted at anytime.

For more information or to sign up, call Christine Crawford at 384-3430.

#### MONDAY

##### Abuse awareness

Russell Strand, chief of the U.S. Army Military Police School Family Advocacy Law Enforcement Training Program, is the featured speaker at a child abuse awareness training session at Elmendorf Air Force Base's Chapel 1 today at 6 p.m. This train-



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### First serve

Air Force Col. Jeff Vinger, commander of the 673rd Joint Base Wing (Provisional), prepares to serve the first ball at the first joint installation youth volleyball opening ceremony Saturday. This is the first year Fort Richardson Youth Sports has offered volleyball. Fort Richardson teams will face-off against teams from Elmendorf Air Force Base weekly. Games start at 6 p.m. Fridays in the Fort Richardson Youth Center and noon on Saturdays in the Elmendorf Youth Center.

ing is free and open to the public.

Strand has more than 30 years of law enforcement and investigative experience training police forces about domestic violence.

Call 551-2033 for information.

#### MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY

##### Build job skills

A Transition Assistance Program workshop is today and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Education Complex in Building 600, Room 203.

The workshop is presented by the Department of Labor and addresses how to find a job, how to write a resume, interviewing skills and how to negotiate a job offer.

Call the Army Career and Alumni Program at 384-3501 for more information or to sign up for this event.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Employers' panel

The Army Career and Alumni Program is having an employers' panel today from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Education Complex in Room 203.

Guest speakers include Brian Howe, coordinator of training for the Southern Alaska Carpenters Training Center; Tim Ahern, executive search consultant for Alaska Executive Search Inc.; and Harlow Robinson, hu-

man resource development manager for Alaska Children's Services.

These speakers and others will give helpful information and advice on resumes and interviewing skills and will answer questions about what employers are looking for on resumes and during interviews.

Call 384-3501 to sign up.

#### SATURDAY

##### Free zoo admission

Celebrate Kids Day at the Alaska Zoo today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free admission for children 17 and younger.

This event will feature up-close encounters with educational animals and enrichment activities. The Earth-friendly day celebrates the three "Rs" of reduce, reuse and recycle with games and activities throughout the zoo.

Dianne Barske, author of "How Do You Say Goodbye to an Elephant," is also signing copies of her book in the zoo gift shop from 2 to 5 p.m.

### Upcoming

#### JUNE 5

##### Army Birthday

Join in the celebration of the 234th U.S. Army Birthday, which commemorates the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, at the 2009 Army

Birthday All-Ranks Ball June 5 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Military uniform is dress blues, mess dress or Class As with bow tie, and civilian dress is black-tie optional.

Tickets are \$50 for privates through staff sergeants; \$60 for sergeants first class through first lieutenants; \$70 for captains and above and \$75 for civilians.

The ball is sponsored by the Association of the United States Army Last Frontier Chapter.

Call 384-2202 for further details.

### Births

#### APRIL 2

A daughter, Keilee Vienna-Ellen, was born to Sgt. Brandee Eubanks, Alaska Army National Guard, and Thomas Crenshaw.

#### APRIL 6

A son, Deacon Thomas, was born to Jayme and Sgt. Eric Skogen, 4th Quartermaster Detachment.

#### APRIL 7

A son, Sean Avery, was born to Katherine and Spc. Christopher Beaverson, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

#### APRIL 8

A son, Travis James Huggett Jr., was born to Desiree and Sgt. Travis James Huggett, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

A daughter, Alexandra Lynne, was born to Pfc. Kristine Graham, Medical Department Activity-Alaska.

#### APRIL 9

A daughter, Evalynn Calloway, was born to Cheryl and Sgt. David Wallace, 864th Engineer Battalion.

#### APRIL 10

A daughter, Jennina Yvette, was born to Teresita and Sgt. Arturo Teck, 725th Brigade Support Battalion.

A son, Evan James, was born to Rachel and Spc. James Kosakowski, C Company, 84th Engineer Battalion.

#### APRIL 11

A son, Christian Robert, was born to Hollie and Pfc. James Pitts, C Company, 84th Engineer Battalion.

**Editor's note:** Births are published in the order in which they are received.

## Fort Wainwright

### Ongoing

#### Be aware

The Department of Defense is offering free, anonymous assessment tools online throughout April for Alcohol Awareness Month.

The site offers a quiz to help educate people about the potential risks associated with alcohol use and to learn to make informed decisions about drinking behaviors.

The Web page also provides resource information for Soldiers and their families. The Web page is at [www.DrinkingIQ.org](http://www.DrinkingIQ.org) and is available around the world.

#### After Army life

The Army Career and Alumni Program offers free classes in resume writing, job searching, networking techniques, salary and benefits negotiation, veterans' benefits, retiree benefits and more.

To sign up or for more information, call 353-2113 or e-mail [ACAP.wainwright@serco-na.com](mailto:ACAP.wainwright@serco-na.com).

### This week

#### THURSDAY

##### Never forget

The Holocaust Days of Remem-

brance observance is today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Last Frontier Community Center.

The guest speaker is author Alexandra Dunlap, whose grandmother was a Holocaust survivor who greatly influenced her writing. Musical guest Eva Rothman will play the guitar.

Congress has selected Sunday through April 26 to be the 2009 Week of Remembrance as a part of America's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust.

Days of Remembrance are observed by state and local governments, military installations, workplaces, schools, churches, synagogues and civic centers.

### Upcoming

#### APRIL 29 AND APRIL 30 Kindergarten roundup

Parents of children who will be 5 on or before Sept. 1 may register their children for kindergarten April 29 and April 30 at Arctic Light Elementary School.

Students should accompany their parents for pre-screening, and parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card, proof of address and immunization records.

Call 356-2038 for more information.