

## Ongoing

### Education hours cut

To accommodate reduced staffing, the Education Center Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays.

The Testing Center, FAST classes and Learning Center will continue to have normal hours of operation.

If there is an emergency, call 384-0970.

### Burn notice

The Army, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management's Alaska Fire Service, is initiating several prescribed burns on Fort Richardson training ranges now through the end of May, when weather conditions are favorable for burning and adequate smoke dispersal.

The primary objectives of the prescribed burns are to decrease surface fuels, primarily dead grass, in several training ranges. Removing the burnable vegetation helps increase the number of available training days for the Army. The burns will also help reduce the chance of catastrophic fires in the future.

During the burns, which include areas within the 272-acre Three Ranges facility and the 46-acre Fort Richardson Small Arms Complex, smoke lasting several days can be expected. Firefighting personnel, fire vehicles and other equipment will be in the area to monitor the burns.

Smoke from the debris burn will be visible in the Anchorage area but is expected to dissipate quickly.

For more information about the prescribed fire on Fort Richardson, contact Elmendorf Fire Dispatch at 552-2801 or the BLM Alaska Fire Service Dispatch in Fairbanks at 356-5554.

### 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 considered 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

### SATURDAY

#### Stamp out hunger

Letter carriers delivering mail on post today will be participating in the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Residents interested in donating non-perishable food for the drive should place the items in a bag by their mailbox for letter carriers to pick up. Donated items will support local food banks.

For more information, log onto [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com).

### MONDAY

#### Warrant ready?

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team member from U.S. Army Recruiting Command headquarters in Fort Knox, Ky., is briefing on the qualifications and application procedures for those interested in becoming warrant officers today and Tuesday at the Community Education Complex in Room 112 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call (502) 626-0466.

## Upcoming

### MAY 15

#### Talk back

The Health Consumers Advisory Council is convening at 2 p.m. today at the Elmendorf Air Force Base Family Readiness Center.

Col. Paul Friedrichs, 3rd Medical Group commander, invites all 3rd Wing, Fort Richardson and civilian organizations to send a representative to attend.

This forum is an opportunity for representatives from all organizations to articulate views and concerns about the medical group and to afford medical group representatives the opportunity to inform beneficiaries about offered services and programs.

Questions may be directed to Kimberly McClendon at 580-1072.

### MAY 15 TO MAY 17

#### Case lot sale

The Anchorage Area Commissary is having a Mega May case lot sale May 15 and May 16 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and May 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The list of items to be featured in the sale can be picked up at the commissary's customer service desk or viewed online at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).



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## And they're off

Staff Sgt. Marcus Smith, of Fort Richardson's Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Brevard Noncommissioned Officer Academy, encourages participants in a field day relay Tuesday at Abbott Loop Elementary School.

### MAY 16

#### Hear me roar

The Alaska Federation of Business and Professional Women is hosting the Individual Development Program today at the Community Education Complex from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lunch will be provided, and the event will include information on creating presentations, interviewing skills, networking, negotiating and business etiquette.

For more information about the federation, visit [www.bp-wusa.org](http://www.bp-wusa.org).

### MAY 16 AND MAY 17

#### Float smart

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 03-03 is providing free Vessel Safety Checks at the Eagle River Fred Meyer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 16 and May 17.

Any boater interested in knowing more about their vessel's condition before launching can bring the boat by for a check of its systems and safety gear. The checks are completely voluntary, and there is no penalty for not passing. Many insurance companies offer a discount for boats that earn the "Seal of Safety" from the auxiliary.

The Auxiliary is also accepting serviceable, used adult and children's flotation devices, which will be donated to the Kid's Don't Float life jacket loaner program.

The vessel safety checks are part of kickoff events for the 2009 North American Safe Boating Campaign, which is being observed May 16 through May 22 throughout Alaska.

For additional information or to arrange for an examination on a different day, call Doris Thomas at 694-3570.

### MAY 19

#### See red

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a blood drive with the Anchorage Blood Mobile today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2204 3rd Street on Elmendorf Air Force Base.

To make an appointment to give blood, call the Safety and Occupational Health Office at 753-2896, 753-2705 or 753-5712.

### MAY 27

#### Let's do lunch

Tickets are now on sale for the

41st Annual Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year Luncheon. The event will be today at 11:30 a.m. at the Hotel Captain Cook at 939 W. 5th Ave. in Anchorage.

Advanced tickets are available for \$11 through May 15. Tickets will only be available for purchase at the door following May 15 for \$15.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Robert Elzy at 384-1973 or Sgt. Maj. Derrick Crawford at 384-2062.

## Births

### APRIL 20

A son, Zavien Jaylen, was born to LaToya and Sgt. Warren Conner, C Company, 84th Engineer Battalion.

### APRIL 21

A daughter, Jaiden Nicole, was born to Amber and Spc. Kyle Vest, HHC, 6th Engineer Battalion.

A son, Louis Manuel Villa Jr., was born to Nisa and Pvt. Louis Villa, 23rd Engineer Company (Sappers).

A daughter, Emily Lam Thor, was born to Rany Lam and Spc. Muy Thor, 95th Chemical Company.

### APRIL 22

A daughter, Khloe Leona, was born to Dolores and Staff Sgt. John Cox, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

### APRIL 23

A daughter, Zoey Paige, was born to Sandra and Sgt. Eric Bujak, 545th Military Police Company.

### APRIL 26

A daughter, Hannah Ruth, was born to Maja and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Glen Spadin, Operational Support Airlift Command Regional Flight Center, Elmendorf Air Force Base.

### APRIL 29

A daughter, Alayna Maleah, was born to Isabel and Capt. Alpheaus Lamar, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division.

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

### Movies at the Post Theater

Building 2 on Richardson Drive.  
428-1200

Today, 7 p.m.  
Race to Witch Mountain  
(PG)

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Sunday, 6 p.m.  
I Love You Man  
(R)