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## Barracks fires on the rise

**Sarah Chapman,**  
Fort Wainwright Fire Department

Unattended cooking fires have significantly increased in the past few months. There have been five cooking fires in the barracks since September causing significant damage to several occupants' personal property and buildings.

The U.S. Fire Administration has several tips listed below to help prevent cooking fires.

### Watch what you heat:

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking,

roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

● Stay alert. To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.

● If your pan catches on fire, turn the heat off and place a lid on the pan to extinguish the fire. Or use a fire extinguisher. NEVER use water! NEVER remove the pan to the bathtub or the outside.

### Keep flammables and heat sources apart:

- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels or curtains

- away from your stovetop.

● Keep the stovetop, burners, exhaust vent and oven clean.

● Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the burner.

● Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

It is important to evacuate the facility when the fire alarms sound. Soldiers staying in the facility and the arctic entry way prevents firefighters from being able to do their jobs effectively. Also, remember to always dial 911 to report a fire even if it has been extinguished.



Carelessness while cooking can quickly lead to a fire and cause extensive damages as shown in this photo of a kitchen fire here, Feb. 9. For more information about fire safety, call the fire prevention office, 353-9140. (Courtesy photo)

## Forged Arctic tough



Soldiers from the Brigade Troops Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, participated in Arctic Forge, an arctic skills competition between the companies comprising the BTB, which tested their physical fitness, endurance, and ability to operate in extreme conditions Dec. 6. (Photo by Sgt. Michael Blalack/1-25th SBCT PAO)

## Is your family safe when they are home for the holiday?

**Trish Muntean,**  
Fort Wainwright PAO

So you and your family have the ideal holiday planned. No last-minute preparation this year. The tree was bought and decorated Thanksgiving weekend, the holiday lights inside and out have been strung, the gifts have been bought and the menu planned. The family goes

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## Customer service awards presented



The DPW contract paving team received an award for customer service. The team (Dennis Holtry, John Weinberger, David Moody, Lee Olsen, Gregory Dominique and Barbara Shaw, shown here with Lt. Col Robert Erickson, garrison chief of staff) has worked together for two seasons. (Photo by Trish Muntean/Fort Wainwright PAO)

**Trish Muntean,**  
Fort Wainwright PAO

Employees were recognized for their exemplary customer service during the Community Action Council meeting, Dec. 5.

James Smith of the Outdoor Recreation Center and the Department of Public Works contract paving team received Customer Service Awards.

"The Fort Wainwright Garrison Customer Service Award was developed during Maj. Gen. (Raymond P.) Palumbo's Family Flagship initiative," said Sonya Taylor, Customer Evaluation analyst. "Since its inception we have recognized five individuals and two teams who possess a first-class customer-first mindset, attitude and approach while serving our (Fort Wainwright) customers."

In keeping with tradition, the garrison and mission have jointly recognized the recipients and present a certificate and coin at the Community Action Council, she said.

At the December meeting Smith, who started working at Fort Wainwright in March

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### WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday**  
Mostly cloudy  
Highs around -5  
Lows: -10 to -25



**Saturday**  
Partly cloudy  
Highs around -15  
Lows: -25 to -35



**Sunday**  
Partly cloudy  
Highs around -15  
Lows: -25 to -35

### BRIEFS

#### See you next year!

Happy holidays to you and your family from the Fort Wainwright Public Affairs Office. The next issue of the Alaska Post will be published on Jan. 4, 2013 to allow us to spend time with our families during the holiday season.

#### Joy to the World

The 9th Army Band will give a holiday concert 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hering Auditorium. There is no cost for this event and it is open to the public.

#### Rising Star

Congratulations to Fort Wainwright's Operation Rising Star winner, Calvin Snead (former active duty Soldier) for progressing through the first two phases and the top eight by press time. Catch the ORS finals on the Pentagon channel and the Web. Viewers can help choose the Army's winner by voting, go to [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com).

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## Installation Management Command leaders' holiday message

### *Enjoy the holidays but keep in mind - team, service, safety, future*



Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army Installation Management Command commander, right, poses with IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, left, during the 2012 Army Family Action Plan conference in Arlington, Va. (U.S. Army File photo)

**Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter and Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, U.S. Army Installation Management Command**

It's been immortalized in carols as "the most wonderful time of the year," and it is for the Army's home. It's a wonderful time to be part of U.S. Army Installation Management Command. We have an incredible workforce and mission. Ours is a diverse team made up of Soldiers, civilians and family members. The IMCOM team hails from every corner of the globe, with differing cultures and beliefs - all united in the service of others. It's just the right mix to support troops, provide programs and offer world class customer service to the best trained Army in the world. Whether anticipating Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah or time among Family and friends during this holiday season know that you are a valued member of the team. Command Sgt. Maj. Rice and I can never thank you enough for the life of service and sacrifice you've chosen and for the opportunity to share that with you here at IMCOM, the Army's home.

We hope that this holiday season provides opportunities for reflection, recreation and renewed commitment to improvement. Team, we've accomplished

a lot in the last ten years -- developing our workforce, being good stewards of financial and environmental resources, improving the quality of life in Army communities worldwide. IMCOM is a world class operation because of you.

Our mission is complex - a job that is 24 hours a day, seven days a week. While some can rest briefly, others may not. Remember your teammates who will be manning facilities, serving chow to deployed troops or helping newly arrived families find lodging. This is the essence of what we do every day - provide a quality of life commensurate with their quality of service.

Now more than ever is the time to remember your family and extended Army family as well -- battle buddies, co-workers and the person next to you now. As you travel or attend celebrations, be mindful of your actions and surroundings, keeping safety and responsibility to your teammates and families in mind.

We wish you and your families a happy holiday season, prosperous New Year and look forward to starting 2013 with each member of this team, ready, resilient and committed to the next step in enhancing the lives of our Soldiers. Army strong!

## Medical Department Activity - Alaska

# Improving patient care - more appointments available, walk-in clinic

**Col. Dennis LeMaster,** commander Medical Department Activity-Alaska

This summer I asked our beneficiaries, to be patient with us here at Bassett Army Community Hospital when trying to make appointments, especially in our Patient Centered Medical Home. While we continued to offer high quality, safe care, the accessibility of appointments was a challenge for all of us.

This challenge was due to the unanticipated departure of several civilian providers, along with the cyclical PCS season and deployments of so many

of our military staff.

I am pleased to report that our PCMH does not currently have a shortage of available appointments. PCMH is now near its full complement of providers and our active duty primary care providers and nurses are exempt from future deployments to ensure continuity of your provider team.

Since August, when we were at the lowest point in available providers, the availability of appointments has increased by 40 percent. Additionally, by being almost fully staffed, we have increased continuity of

care by being able to fully implement PCMH.

By having more staff available for appointments, we have increased the number of daily appointments available and instituted an extended-hours clinic open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays to continue to enhance access. These efforts have ensured that more than 65 percent of your appointments are with your primary care provider and more than 95 percent of your appointments are with your medical home team. This is significantly increased from 43 percent provider continuity in July of this year.

As a result of these additional appointments, our patients are generally receiving a primary care appointment within 24 hours of their request.

As an added effort to increase the number of available appointments, BACH has a walk-in clinic for patients with a group of symptoms or concerns that are easily addressed. The clinic can be used from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. for the following: strep throat symptoms, pregnancy tests, urinary tract infection symptoms, blood pressure checks, wart freezing, birth control shots, B12 shots and testosterone shots.

By using the walk-in clinic, more appointments become available for more complex patient needs.

However, those at Medical Department Activity-Alaska were not the only ones responsible for us meeting our health-care mission during those challenging months. Our patients have taken an active role in contributing to this success. I thank everyone who took time to cancel their appointments. With this support, our average no show rate has dropped from 12 percent to seven percent.

Cancelling appointments well in advance al-



**Col. Dennis LeMaster** MEDDAC-AK commander

lows other to be seen and ensures we optimize our resources for the entire community.

Appointments may be made or canceled by calling 361-4000. The BACH information line is 361-5172.

Thank you for your continued support. The staff and I are honored to serve this great community and are ready to assist you with your medical needs.

## Record breaker - 2012 Combined Federal Campaign contributions

**Cindy Blum,** CFC coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in this year's Combined Federal Campaign, better known as the CFC.

How did the annual CFC come about? Prior to the 1950s, on-the-job fundraising in the federal workplace was an uncontrolled free-for-all. Agencies, charities and employees were all ill-used and dissatisfied. In 1964, the first "combined" campaigns, officially called "Combined Federal Campaigns, or CFC," were conducted. The result was a substantial increase in contributions, ranging from 20 percent to 125 percent, and a highly favorable response within the federal community: Agency managers were pleased with having to deal only with a once-a-year effort; federal employees responded with favor to the single solicitation. By 1971 all campaigns had become "combined." President Nixon announced on March 3, 1971, that the CFC would be the uniform fundraising method for the federal service.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective. The annual CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 200

CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally to help to raise millions of dollars each year.

All that being said, now to the real purpose of this article: Thank you to each and every one of you, as a team captain, a key worker, or a donor, for your hard work on this year's campaign. We raised \$214,379.30! We beat the 2009 CFC by 74 cents! That year we raised \$214,378.56, which until this year, was the highest amount ever raised at Fort Wainwright.

To the team captains and key workers, as the overall Fort Wainwright CFC campaign coordinator, I know that the yearly CFC can never be a success based on just one person's efforts. To run a successful campaign -- a highly successful campaign like this year's -- takes dedication, persistence and hard work by all the team captains and key workers to truly have an outstanding campaign. I know that many of you, probably a good 95 percent of you, were 'volunteered' or 'volun-told' to be a team captain or key worker for your area as an additional duty. It is a tribute to your ethics and integrity to do the best job you could as an appointed/tasked team captain/key worker on the campaign. I know that it is not easy to make that 100 percent contact of every person, whether they are military or civilian, whether it is three people or 4000-plus, in your

area(s) of responsibility. Many times it takes persistence and doggedness to get a donation slip into every single person's hand. How do I know this? I am the key worker for a couple of small areas and I had to make repeat trips to contact eight people. But that persistence pays off...not only did we reach our 100 percent contact but we exceeded our unofficial monetary goal of \$210,000.00...we exceeded it by \$4379.30! In today's economy that was no small feat!!

And conors, while team Captains and key workers were very important and instrumental in this year's outstanding campaign, we cannot forget that without the DONORS we certainly never would have been successful! So to those who donated, whether it was \$1.00 or \$1300.00, Thank You! Every single penny contributed by you allowed us to be successful.

The 2013 Fort Wainwright CFC is set for Sept. 16 to Oct. 13. Thank You!

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**SOLDIERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING**  
**Have a Plan, Call Someone. 353-6610**

# USARAK holiday greetings



Seasons greetings from U.S. Army Alaska Command, Maj. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Bernie L. Knight, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. (Courtesy photo)

**Maj. Gen. Michael X. Garrett and Command Sgt. Maj. Bernie Knight,**  
U.S. Army Alaska  
Command Team

As another year draws to an end, we encourage you to celebrate the things in life that matter most. Surround yourselves with Family, friends and those you love. Being a Soldier can be a demanding lifestyle and not everyone will be with their nearest and dearest over the holidays, but modern technology affords us the opportunity to participate in Family events from just about anywhere. Whatever your situation, please spend as much time as you can with those you love this holiday season.

We should also reflect on the blessings we enjoy as Americans, especially the freedom we as Soldiers are committed to defend. The benefit of these blessings is evident not only in the peaceful lives enjoyed by the citizens of our nation, but also throughout the

world among all those who aspire to the ideals of liberty, dignity and the worth of the individual citizen.

With so many members of our Arctic Warrior Family having spent last Christmas deployed, we hope you will join us in remembering the thousands of our fellow Americans who are still deployed in harm's way. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We also ask you remember their Families, our Wounded Warriors and the Families of our fallen. If you have the means and ability, please extend your kindness to make their holiday season a little brighter.

The personal commitment and concern of a leader can make all the difference in the life of a young Soldier. Each Soldier must receive a thorough safety briefing from their first line supervisor before leaving Alaska. Every leader will know what their Soldiers plan to do while home and will impress upon them how essential they are to our Army Family

and remind them that their conduct at home, whether good or bad, will reflect not only on themselves, but on the Army as well.

As professionals, we must all be mindful of our actions and live the Army Values. Regardless of who you are or where you are from, you are a Soldier and your behavior must be in accordance with our collective standards. We will accept nothing less. So as you go home and spend some much deserved time in the Lower 48 and with your families around the world, please enjoy yourselves, recharge your batteries and always remember you are a professional.

We send season's greetings to every Soldier, civilian and Family member in the Arctic Warrior Family and want to emphasize how important each of you are to our USARAK team. We pray your holidays will be safe, joyful and fulfilling. May God bless every one of you and this great nation.

Arctic Warriors!  
Arctic Tough!

## Soldiers and Families to receive 'gift' of new 24-hour store

**Allen Shaw,** Fort Wainwright PAO

Most everyone gets excited this time of year anticipating a surprise or a gift under the tree. But some things are well worth waiting for.

Fort Wainwright will soon have a 10,624 square foot 24 hour Express, complete with groceries, ready-made food, a class 6 store and 10 new gas pumps. "The new state-of-the-art store will be bigger than both shoppettes put together," said Anna Van Hovel, AAFES

Fort Wainwright general manager.

"It's all about convenience and providing the best service possible to Soldiers and Family members."

The current gas station was built in 1951 and although the bays will remain open for car repairs, customers will hopefully benefit from the additional gas pumps on Gaffney.

The new structure is currently tented off with space heaters keeping it warm and inflated for the construction workers. The

outdoor covered area is where the gas pumps will be located.

The new 24-hour Express is located on Gaffney Road, "not far from the main gate, where the old sports store used to be," said Van Hovel.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances the store is scheduled to early summer 2013. Van Hovel said, "We're planning to have a big grand-opening as soon as it's warm enough to pave the parking lot."



An artist's rendering of what the outside of the building will look like. Inside the building will be a class-six store, groceries, convenience foods and beverages. (Photo illustration courtesy of AAFES)

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# Winter driving requires proactive participation not reactive contributions

Allen Shaw,  
Fort Wainwright PAO

Operating a vehicle in Interior Alaska is a challenge and often understated. Once someone sits behind the wheel and turns the key a prudent driver should be ready for anything. Interior Alaska drivers experience road conditions at their worst. A mixture of snow and fluctuating temperatures along with wind affect the driving surface, causing it to melt and freeze making ruts, bumps and humps that often cause drivers to lose their grip sending them skidding out of control.

Many vehicles have already visited the ditch, a fence, a power pole and in some cases, other vehicles. Just because you were issued a license, doesn't mean you know how to drive on ice. Unfortunately one of the things they don't test for is common sense. When driving, don't answer the phone. It is most likely something that can wait until you're able to concentrate on one thing at a time. And by all means - don't text. It is so obvious when you're doing it, it is dangerous, people die and you know it. So don't - pay attention to the vehicle you are operating. Quit glancing up and down at the stoplight. Put the darn thing down, leave your phone alone.

Alaska has a unique law where you can be cited for driving too fast for conditions. No matter what type of surface or situation you are responsible to move, steer and stop that vehicle in a safe manner. If you are unable to do these things, perhaps you shouldn't drive in the winter.

In addition, your vehicle should be in good operating order with working headlights, taillights, windshield wipers, proper tires and decent brakes. There should not be pieces of the body, trim or bumper flapping in the wind and everything should be attached to the undercarriage so you're not clanking, dropping debris or spitting sparks as you travel down the road.

Always use extreme caution when coming to an intersection. These are some of the slickest spots on the road. The intersection is where many skid to a stop and then spin-out to get moving again. Whenever other drivers are involved watch what you are doing, try to anticipate what everyone else is going to do and what you are going to do if there happens to be someone who isn't a sensible driver like yourself. There are people who think when a light turns from green to yellow you are supposed to give it more gas, while others think it means slam on the brakes. These are the dweebs fish-tailing or sliding out of control through a red light. Do whatever you can to avoid these people. Watch for them every time you are out there and don't give them an opportunity to ruin your day.

Learn to stay in your lane. If you can't or don't want to stay in your lane, signal, make sure other cars around you are well aware of what you plan to do, then execute the operation with caution. Merging into traffic is another one of these often misinterpreted actions. It is the responsibility of the vehicle who wants



Road conditions in the Interior can go from bad to worse in a matter of minutes. Drivers must be aware of their surroundings and pay attention to the road at all times. (File photo)

to join the traffic flow to blend into the activity that's already taking place. It always requires a signal, but sometimes it's necessary to increase or decrease your speed to merge. The herd does not have to make accommodations for you to join. If someone can safely make it easier for you then so be it. This is another action that requires your full attention, patience and good sense.

Another avoidable road hazard this time of year is often caused by someone just being neighborly. Without the assistance of safety personnel, flares or warning lights roadside assistance is another accident waiting to happen and being fueled by a lack of good judgment. It's just like everything else written so far, just because you've got a big truck and a tow strap doesn't mean you have a

license to ignore the rules of the road and put others in danger while you drag your buddy's truck out of the ditch. You don't have the credentials to drive down the opposite side of the road and take up an extra lane of traffic while you find something to hook to. You should only "be nice" when public safety is being protected.

There are awesome, highly-trained individuals who know how to do this and do it safely.

Since the first snowfall there have been way too many incidents and accidents, and as someone who has been hitting these roads for more than 35-years I feel qualified enough to share an opinion on the subject.

Now, more than ever drivers have to be smart. Since December has been designated National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, a

time to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, let me reemphasize the importance of ordinary intelligence. Driving impaired is one of the stupidest things someone can do, it is against the law and it kills innocent people. Many of us have loved ones and children in those vehicles. It is said more than a hundred people die every day in vehicle accidents; one every 13-minutes. This proves that attempting to operate a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs is the ultimate in ignorance. The victims are countless and the sorrow caused is unimaginable.

December is a time of sharing joy and as we transition into holiday spirit there will undoubtedly be parties involving some overindulging

in food and beverage. It happens and if your drink has alcohol content - don't drive.

The Mothers Against Drunk Drivers offers a few tips to help ensure safety this holiday season:

- Designate a sober driver before celebrations begin.

- Plan safe parties, including providing non-alcoholic drink options to guests and not serving alcohol the last hour of the gathering.

- Be prepared to get everyone home safe in case your plans or individual circumstances change.

Driving buzzed, impaired, drugged, drunk or even after having only a few, is wrong, it could ruin your life and could take an innocent. Just don't do it and we won't have to worry. You have plenty of options.

## Awards: Customer service recognized

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2011, was recognized for his interpersonal skills with customers, his technical skills and his extensive knowledge of Alaska.

He continually goes above and beyond performance expectations and is the person at the end of the day who is willing to do more. It is his customer first mind-set, enthusiasm, energy and willingness to share his love of the outdoors with others that made him stand out and worthy of receiving a U.S. Army Alaska Coin.

The DPW contract paving team also received an award for customer service. The team (Dennis Holtry, John Weinberger, David Moody, Lee Olsen, Gregory Dominique and Barbara Shaw), has worked together for two seasons.

The team designed, contracted and placed new pavement on Fort Wainwright in excess of \$6 million dollars this summer. Virtually every project directly impacted numerous customers, however through diligent preparation, communication and willingness to take a common sense approach, no customer was blocked in without a way out during every phase of the construction. The team coordinates literally hundreds of activities behind the scenes that customers are not even aware of.

The team is also responsible for responding to emergency road repairs like the one needed this summer when a 70 year old storm drain system under Gaffney Road failed and was ready to collapse. The paving team developed a rapid engineering solution and installed a permanent fix to the problem.

If you know of someone worth of recognition, contact Taylor at 353-9721.



James Smith of the Outdoor Recreation Center received a customer service award at the Community Action Council meeting Dec. 5. Smith, who started working at Fort Wainwright in March 2011, was recognized for his interpersonal skills with customers, his technical skills and his extensive knowledge of Alaska.

## Safety: Tips for a safe holiday home

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to sleep dreaming of the perfect Christmas and is suddenly wakened by the sound of smoke alarms. Everyone's Christmas dreams just went up in smoke because they didn't follow these simple guidelines provided by the Fort Wainwright Fire Department: When selecting a live Christmas tree, needles should be green and hard to pull back from the branches. Needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. To ensure it is fresh enough, bounce the tree trunk on the ground, lots of needles will fall off a dried-out tree and dried-out trees are a fire hazard.

To care for a live Christmas tree, do not place it close to a heat source as it will dry it out, causing it to be easy to ignite. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Remember that real trees are only fresh for about two weeks.

Decorating the tree is just as important as caring for it. Use only nonflammable decorations and UL lights. Do not use burning candle decorations. Maintain holiday lights by inspecting each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting

listed by an approved testing laboratory. Also, do not link more than three light strands. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Periodically check the wires - wires should not be warm to the touch.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency website states that "based on data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), an estimated 240 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 150 home fires involving holiday lights and other decorative lighting occur each year. Together, these fires result in 21 deaths and \$25.2 million in direct property damage."

Should your family be one of those tragically struck by fire, they need to be ready. Fires can grow and spread very quickly. All families should conduct Exit Drills In The Home. By having an EDITH plan they increase their chances of escaping safely. Once they have escaped they need to have a gathering point. A neighbor's front yard or sidewalk may be ideal. Keeping an extra set of winter gear in the car will help to prevent cold weather injuries if outside for a while.

For more tips on fire safety tips in all seasons, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

## Getting down to the nitty-gritty: That's what I'm talking about

**Allen Shaw,**  
Fort Wainwright PAO

It is that time of year again when the Alaska Post takes a break from publishing for a couple weeks, but the prognosticators will still be making their picks. When you open the January 4, 2013 paper it will be just like opening a gift on Christmas day. It will be a surprise and you'll know who owns the bragging rights as Team Wainwright's pigskin guru. But first things first; it was an interesting week.

Denver quarterback Peyton Manning threw his thirtieth touchdown pass of the season on the game's opening drive to help beat the Oakland Raiders, 26-13. Bronco running back Knowshon Moreno carried the ball 32 times for 119-yards and a TD.

The St. Louis Rams snatched a 15-12 victory from the Buffalo Bills.

The Carolina Panthers surprised the Atlanta Falcons as Carolina QB Cam Newton threw for 287-yards and two touchdowns, while the Dallas Cowboys overcame emotion to rally a 20-19 win over the Cincinnati Bengals. Cowboy teammate Jerry Brown died in an auto accident early Saturday, a day before the game. Dallas defensive lineman Josh Brent, who was driving, was jailed in Irving, Texas, and charged with intoxication manslaughter. The case remains under investigation.

The Cleveland Browns beat the Kansas City Chiefs 30-7, the Indianapolis Colts had a 27-23 comeback win over the Tennessee Titans and the New York Jets defeated the Jack-

sonville Jaguars, 17-10.

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson rushed for 154-yards and two touchdowns as they beat the Chicago Bears 21-14.

Even with Big Ben back at the helm, the Pittsburgh Steelers couldn't muster enough points to beat Philip Rivers and the San Diego Chargers. The San Diego QB threw for 200-yards and three touchdowns guiding his team to a 34-24 victory.

The Philadelphia Eagles slid past the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 23-21, the Washington Redskins beat the Baltimore Ravens 31-28 in overtime and the San Francisco 49ers filleted the fish, defeating the Miami Dolphins, 27-13.

The New York Giants offense rode the arm of quarterback Eli Manning who threw

for 259-yards and four touchdowns, and used the 97-yard kickoff return for a TD by rookie David Wilson to beat the New Orleans Saints, 52-27.

The Seattle Seahawks also went on a score-fest blowing out the Arizona Cardinals in records fashion. Hawk running back Marshawn Lynch had three touchdown runs, helping his team score franchise-high, 53-points. The Cardinals laid a goose egg. The Seattle defense forced eight turnovers with Richard Sherman and Bobby Wagner pulling in two interceptions each. The Seahawks look play-off bound and that's what I'm talking about.

The Green Bay Packers grabbed their 22nd straight home win over the Detroit Lions 27-20 and on Monday night, four Tom Brady touch-

down passes launched the New England Patriots over the Houston Texans, 42-14. Everybody but Brain and Jones Bros got that one wrong.

As for the Fort Wainwright predictors, A-Team has a one-point lead over Jones Bros, while Brain and Bear fell back a little. BrowBrose Salsa and Tate remain in the hunt and Urbi continues looking up.

Two more weeks will tell the tale and we'll see how it all washes out. It's been another great football season and I appreciate the dedicated prognosticators and hope they're all back for another season. I've also heard from a few others out there who think they can take the crown. I say bring it on, the more the merrier, just for the fun of it and that's what I'm talking about. Enjoy the holidays.

### Prognosticators – football predictions for fun and braggin' rights

						
<b>A-Team</b> (138W-69L-1T)	<b>Brain</b> (134W-72L-1T)	<b>Browbrose Salsa</b> (130W-77L-1T)	<b>Bear</b> (133W-75L-1T)	<b>Urbi</b> (110W-94L-1T)	<b>Jones Bros</b> (137W-70L-1T)	<b>Tate</b> (129W-78L-1T)
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### Soldiers support Santa



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division donated more than 1,000 toys to Santa's Clearing House in Fairbanks and delivered them Dec. 6. Soldiers went far beyond what they were hoping for or expecting, not just donating toys, but taking the time to help sort as well, Santa's representative told the Alaska Post. (Photo by Sgt. Michael Blalack, 1/25 SBCT Public Affairs)

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FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS/ARCTIC

**Friday – 14th**

**FAME FITNESS SESSIONS**, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Melaven Fitness Center, Building 3452. Call 353-9137.

**EMOTION COACHING**, 11:30 a.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7713.

**AFTB BIRTHDAY**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Army Family Team Building program's birthday at the Exchange food court. Call 353-4227.

**STORY HOUR: SO MANY HOLIDAYS**, 4 p.m., Post Library, Building 3700. Call 353-2642.

**TOWN HALL MEETING**, 6:30 p.m., Youth Center, Building 4109. Call 361-5437.

**COSMIC BOWLING**, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Nugget Lanes Bowling Center, Building 3702. Call 353-2654.

**Saturday – 15th**

**STILES CREEK SNOWMACHINE TRIP**, 8 a.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$75 per person.

**PARENT'S DAY OUT**, 9 a.m., Child Development Center I, Building 4024. Must have registered by Dec. 7, call 353-7713.

**CHENA RIVER SKI**, 10 a.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$10 per person.

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, 10 a.m. Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**HOMEMADE BABY FOOD CLASS**, 10 a.m., CDC I Building 4024. Call 353-7713.

**YOGA FOR ATHLETES**, 11 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 1 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Cost is \$7. Call 353-7294.

**FAMILY TUBING DAY**, 1 to 7 p.m., Birch Hill Ski Area, Building 1172, Call 353-6795

**CHESS CLUB**, 3 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7755.

**BIRTHDAY AND HOLIDAY PARTY**, 8 p.m., The Warrior Zone, Building 3205. Open to DoD cardholders 18 and older. Call 353-1087.

**COSMIC BOWLING**, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Nugget Lanes Bowling Center, Building 3702. Call 353-2654.

**Sunday – 16th**

**PRO FOOTBALL**, 9 a.m., The Warrior Zone, Building 3205. Open to DoD cardholders 18 and older. Call 353-1087.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES**, 9:30 a.m. Catholic religious education and 11 a.m. Catholic Mass, Southern Lights Chapel, Building 4107. Call 353-9825.

**GOSPEL SERVICES**, 9:45 a.m. Gospel Sunday school; 11 a.m. Gospel Worship service, Bassett Army Community Hospital, third floor conference room, Building 4076. Call 353-9825.

**PROTESTANT SERVICES**, 10 a.m., Sunday school and 11 a.m., Sunday Protestant worship Northern Lights Chapel, Building 3430. Call 353-9825.

**FAMILY SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE** 1 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$5.

**FAMILY SNOWMACHINE RUN**, 1 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$25 per person.

**Monday – 17th**

**CORE TRAINING**, 5:30 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**ROMP AND STOMP PLAYGROUP: COMMUNITY RESOURCES**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7372.

**FAME FITNESS SESSIONS**, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Melaven Fitness Center, Building 3452. Call 353-9137.

**SNOW ON SNOW ON SNOW**, 10 a.m., SAC, Building 4166. Call 353-7713.

**CHILD ASSESSMENTS**, 11 a.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7713.

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, noon, Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 6 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Cost is \$7. Call 353-7294.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**, 5:30pm. Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7755.

**Tuesday – 18th**

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, 6:30 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**SNOW ON SNOW ON SNOW!** 10 a.m., SAC, Building 4166. Call 353-7713.

**LEAPS FOR LEARNING**, 10:30 a.m., Murphy Hall Basement, Building 1045. Call 353-7713.

**FIT MAMA PREGNANCY GROUP**, 11 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**HOOR OF POWER GROUP STRENGTH CLASS**, noon, Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, 5 p.m. Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**YOGA FOR ATHLETES**, 6 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**Wednesday – 19th**

**CORE TRAINING**, 5:30 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**FAME FITNESS SESSIONS**, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Melaven Fitness Center, Building 3452. Call 353-9137.

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, noon, Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AT BIRCH HILL**, 1 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$5/per person.

**FORT WAINWRIGHT SNOWMACHINE RUN**, 1 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$25/operator.

**TURBO KICK**, 5 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**Thursday – 20th**

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, 6:30 a.m. Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**LITERACY MAKE IT & TAKE IT**, 11 a.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7713.

**HOOR OF POWER GROUP STRENGTH CLASS**, noon, Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**FORT WAINWRIGHT SNOWMACHINE RUN**, 1 p.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$25 per driver.

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, 5 p.m. Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING**, 5 – 7 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7755.

**YOGA FOR BEGINNERS**, 6 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 6 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Cost is \$7. Call 353-7294

**Friday –21st**

**FAME FITNESS SESSIONS**, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Melaven Fitness Center, Building 3452. Call 353-9137.

**COSMIC BOWLING**, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Nugget Lanes Bowling Center, Building 3702. Call 353-2654.

**Saturday – 22nd**

**INTERIOR ICE FISHING**, 8 a.m., Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 4050. Call 361-6349. Cost is \$45 per person. Must have Alaska State Fishing License.

**GROUP CYCLING CLASS**, 10 a.m. Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**SANTA SCORCHER**, 10 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**YOGA FOR ATHLETES**, 11 a.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**WINTER BOGO**, 11 a.m., Nugget Lanes Bowling Center, Building 3702. Call 353-2654.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 1 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Cost is \$7. Call 353-7294.

**HOLIDAY ICE SKATING**, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**CHESS CLUB**, 3 p.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7755.

**DARTS TOURNAMENT**, 6 p.m., The Warrior Zone, Building 3205. Open to all DoD cardholders 18 and older. 353-1087.

**COSMIC BOWLING**, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Nugget Lanes Bowling Center, Building 3702. Call 353-2654.

**Sunday – 23rd**

**PRO FOOTBALL**, 9 a.m., Warrior Zone, Building 3205. Open to DoD card holders age 18 and older. Call 353-1087.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES**, 9:30 a.m. Catholic religious education and 11 a.m. Catholic Mass, Southern Lights Chapel, Building 4107. Call 353-9825.

**GOSPEL SERVICES**, 9:45 a.m. Gospel Sunday school; 11 a.m. Gospel Worship service, Bassett Army Community Hospital, third floor conference room, Building 4076. Call 353-9825.

**PROTESTANT SERVICES**, 10 a.m., Sunday school and 11 a.m., Sunday Protestant worship Northern Lights Chapel, Building 3430. Call 353-9825.

**HOLIDAY ICE SKATING**, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Physical Fitness Center, Building 3709. Call 353-7223.

**Monday –24th**

**ROMP AND STOMP PLAYGROUP: COMMUNITY RESOURCES**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Last Frontier Community Activity Center, Building 1044. Call 353-7372.

**THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY**, noon to 4 p.m., Birch Hill Ski Area, Building 1172. Call 353-6795.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Sergeant 1st Class Bryan H. Hays of Bassett Army Community Hospital, Medical Department Activity-Alaska, may contact Capt. Hamilton H. Harris, Medical Department Activity-Alaska, Fort Wainwright, AK 99703 or call (907) 750-3966 or 361-5200.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of SGT Shawn Dugan, Distribution Company, 25th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, may contact 2nd Lt. Daniel Brownlee, Distribution Company, 25th BSB, Fort Wainwright, Alaska 99703 or call 353-1774.

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**REMOVE ICE, SNOW**

The Fort Wainwright Fire Department would like to remind everyone to please keep fire hydrants visible and accessible during the winter months. Soldiers, Families and civilian employees can help by keeping snow cleared at least three feet around fire hydrants. Please also keep a path clear from the hydrant to the road. This can help firefighters quickly find and use the fire hydrant to fight a fire, which can save precious time to save lives and property. Keep the sidewalks and entries clear of excess snow. All exit doors, mechanical room doors, sprinkler and standpipe connections should be kept free of snow and ice. Continued diligence will improve the fire department's access to the building and fire suppression systems in the event of a fire or medical emergency. Thank you for your assistance. If you have an emergency - police, fire or medical - remember to dial 911. Have a warm and safe winter.

**BUCK-A-RIDE**

The Armed Services YMCA Y on Wheels shuttle service provides rides anywhere on post for \$1. Schedule your ride Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., with last pickup at 7:30 p.m. Door-to-door pick-up and delivery. Children 5 and younger ride free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 353-3733.

**MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**

Military Appreciation Day takes place noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at Christmas in Ice. Bring military ID for free admission and a picnic lunch. Check out the ice carvings and children's ice slides. The park is next to the Santa Claus House in North Pole.

**MILITARY DISCOUNTS**

The ASYMCA offers discount hockey tickets for the home games in the Fairbanks Big Dipper arena, home of the Ice Dogs. ASYMCA sells tickets at their Fort Wainwright office, 1047-4 Nysteen Road. For more information, call 353-5962.

**APPLY FOR FEDERAL JOBS**

The Army Career and Alumni Program staff will share information about how to apply for federal jobs with the Department of the Army and with other agencies, completing applications and how to use the U.S. Office of Personnel Management website to search for federal positions at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

**BIRCH HILL SKI AND SNOWBOARD AREA**

The Birch Hill Ski and Snowboard Area is open. The lift will close when temperatures are 20-below zero or colder for safety reasons. Regular Rates: family pass, \$525; adult pass 18 and older \$250 and youth pass, 17 and younger, \$195. More information can be found on their Facebook page, search *BirchHillFtWW*.

**PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL**

The Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Northern Lights Chapel, Building 3430. Join PWOC ladies for food and fellowship. Childcare and a home-school room is available. PWOC also meets for an evening Bible study Wednesdays along with a spaghetti dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. at Northern Lights Chapel. For more information go to Facebook and search PWOC Fort Wainwright or email at [wainwright@pwoc.org](mailto:wainwright@pwoc.org).

**FREE CONCERT**

The 9th Army "Arctic Warrior" Band's annual holiday concert is slated for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the Hering Auditorium. From old standards to children's songs and new, chart-topping hits, the band can perform it all. Bring a friend or neighbor. This concert is free and open to the public.



**ARE YOU A VICTIM OF OR WITNESS TO ABUSE?**

**CALL 388-2260**  
(no name required)

**SKATING SEASON**

The Fort Wainwright indoor ice rink is located in the Physical Fitness Center. Open skating sessions take place 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. Fridays and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Lunchtime open skate is available Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays the lunch hour is reserved for hockey. Special hours and programs are planned during student break. Call 353-7223 for more information, rates are posted at [www.ftwainwrightfmur.com](http://www.ftwainwrightfmur.com).

**NEWSPAPER BREAK**

Happy holidays to all our Alaska Post readers. The Fort Wainwright Public Affairs Office is spending some time with our families over the holidays and our next edition will publish Jan. 4.

**WINTER GEAR**

The Armed Services YMCA Thrift Store stock changes daily. The store is located in Building 1031 at the corner of 102nd and Chestnut in north post housing. For more information call 356-1211.

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION**

Fort Wainwright's official Facebook page for installation news and events can be found at [www.facebook.com/FortWainwrightPAO](http://www.facebook.com/FortWainwrightPAO). It is also a great place to ask questions and get answers.

**PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS**

Fort Wainwright has a new, free, efficient system for notifying the community of emergencies and public safety information. The system enables subscribers to receive notification texts via their smart phones by sending a text message to "888777" without quotation marks and enter Fort Wainwright's zip code "99703" to register. Subscriptions are available at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). By registering via the Web, users can also elect to receive notifications via email or cell phone. Notices for the installation can be viewed via the website without registration by entering the zip code at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

**FLU SHOTS**

For more information on vaccinations call preventive medicine at 361-5182.

**EASY PROFILE UPDATES**

MilConnect is a website provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) that allows sponsors, spouses, and their children (18 and older) to access information regarding their personal information, health care eligibility, personnel records, and other information from a centralized location. At <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect> you can update your address and/or phone number on your DEERS record by signing into, choosing "My Profile Information" and clicking "Update Address". Scroll to the bottom and click "Submit" to add or update any of your contact information.

**FREE TUTORING**

English and math students needing assistance can make an appointment for tutoring at the Post Library, Building 3700. For more information, call 353-4137.

**PREVENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

Help for abused and neglected children is available locally and through a toll-free hotline. The 24-hour

Child help National Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 4A-CHILD and on post, call Army Community Service at 353-7317. If you suspect a child is being hurt or neglected, contact the local police. Tips and resources are available for parents, educators, caregivers and volunteers at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com).

**MILITARY CHILD, FAMILY THERAPY**

Family members of active and retired military can consult the Child and Family Assistance Center for assistance with youth and Family issues. Individual and group therapy is available. Referrals are not required. For more information or an appointment, call 361-6284 or 361-6059.

**PRE-RETIREMENT BRIEFING**

A monthly summary of retirement benefits for those who are one to two years from retirement, presented by the Army Career and Alumni Program. To schedule Survivor Benefit Plan or SBP counseling and to register for the pre-retirement briefing call 353-2099.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Receive a weekly calendar of events offered in Fairbanks, North Pole and other towns via email. Using subject line: Subscribe, send an email to [pao.fwa@us.army.mil](mailto:pao.fwa@us.army.mil).

**ALASKA POST SUBMISSIONS**

Submit a photo, place a post event or class on the calendar, send an email to [pao.fwa@us.army.mil](mailto:pao.fwa@us.army.mil) no later than close of business Monday prior to the print week. Please include the name of the event or class, date, time, location and a contact phone number or email. For display advertising contact the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner at 459-7548.

**ALASKA POST HOME DELIVERY**

Housing residents who no longer want home delivery of the Alaska Post should e-mail the Public Affairs Office at [pao.fwa@us.army.mil](mailto:pao.fwa@us.army.mil) or call 353-6780.

**Holiday Hours**

- North Haven Communities offices will close at noon Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 through Christmas Day. Should you have a maintenance emergency or are locked out during this time, call the Maintenance Department at (907) 356-700 (press 2, follow prompts). Regular hours will resume Dec. 26 at 8 a.m.

- All Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities will close Dec. 25 for Christmas.

- The G8 Budget and Government Travel Card Office will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31. The offices will also close New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

- The Law Center will be closed Dec. 21, 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

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## Holiday happenings on Fort Wainwright



Sounds of carols, laughter and jingle bells filled the fitness center Dec. 5 during the 2012 Holiday Tree Lighting, hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Hundreds of Soldiers and Family members turned out for free ice skating, photos with Santa, carnival games and refreshments. The holiday treats and prizes were provided by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, FMWR and commercial sponsors. More photos are online at [www.flickr.com/fortwainwright](http://www.flickr.com/fortwainwright). (Photo by Connie Storch/Fort Wainwright PAO)



The Fort Wainwright Community Hand Bell Choir and 9th Army Band performed for Soldiers, Families and Civilians during the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at the Physical Fitness Center, Dec. 5. The choir will perform again during the Christmas Eve service 6 p.m. at the Northern Lights Chapel, Dec. 24 said director, Erin Smith. (Photo by Connie Storch/Fort Wainwright PAO)



A father-daughter moment is shared by Spc. Ernesto Bravo, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade, 25th Infantry Regiment and Natalya, 18 months. The event was a reunion for the Bravo family, who was separated during the brigade's yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. (Photo by Connie Storch/Fort Wainwright PAO)



Maj. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commanding general, United States Army Alaska greets Willa Henderson and Walter Watts during the Commanding General's Holiday Reception at the Last Frontier Community Activity Center on Fort Wainwright, Dec. 7. Watts is the commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3629. After exchanging holiday greetings with Garrett's wife, Marjorie and other members of the command staff, special guests enjoyed food, beverages and entertainment by the 9th Army "Arctic Warrior" Band. (Photo by Allen Shaw/Fort Wainwright PAO)

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ROAD CONDITIONS			
Ref. Garrison Policy #31 - SEVERE WEATHER PLAN			
Condition	Obstruction	Restrictions	Approval Authority
Green	No Obstructions	None	None
Amber	3 or Less Inches of Snow/Water; Icy Patches; Visibility 200 Meters Winds 15-20 MPH	Motorcycle Operation is Prohibited	None
Red	3 to 6 Inches of Snow/Water; Visibility 50 to 200 Meters Winds 20-30 MPH	Mission Essential Use of GSA/ Govt Vehicles	O-5/Division PAO/ief
Black	6 Inches or Greater of Snow/Water Sheet Ice Visibility 0 to 50 Meters Winds exceeding 30 MPH	Emergency Use of GSA/ Govt Vehicles	BDE/Garrison CDR



Changes to Road Conditions will be released through Garrison Public Affairs, PAO social media and the 24/7 Information line, 353-INFO / 353-4636. Get DES (Emergency Services) updates by texting zip code "99703" to 888777 or [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). For REPORTING STATUS check with chain of command.

