***FOCUS AREA***
Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

***POSITION TITLE***
AIR FORCE: Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, (O-5, non-supervisory)

***LOCATION DESCRIPTION***
This position is located at 673rd MDG on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK

The 673d Medical Group (673 MDG) is a 55-bed military/8 operating room treatment facility (MTF) providing primary and subspecialty, outpatient and inpatient care to 159K DoD and VA beneficiaries. This Joint Venture hospital is a primary referral center for Alaska. It supports global engagement through multiple Expeditionary Medical Support elements, Critical Care Air Transport Teams, and casualty reception with mission capability of expanding to 170 beds, and a 100-bed En-Route Patient Staging System. As a Joint Venture facility, 673 MDG is recognized throughout the nation for our partnership with the Alaska Department of Veteran Affairs. We continually explore ways in which we can collaborate and integrate services to provide more effective and efficient healthcare.

***CLOSING DATE***
Open until closed

*** JOB DESCRIPTION***
Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) provides comprehensive psychiatric mental health care to the adult military population, retirees, and their significant others between the ages of 18 and 65. The PMHNP interfaces and collaborates with other professionals to insure appropriate and coordinated multidisciplinary patient evaluation and treatment. The PMHNP is able to function independently and in collaboration with credentialed health providers. The PMHNP serves as a role model and consultant to staff in the provision of psychiatric care, education, and research. Institutional and departmental visions, goals, philosophies, and objectives are supported by the PMHNP.

The duties include but are not limited to the following: Provide a full range of nurse practitioner services in accordance with privileges granted by the credentials committee (e.g., completes comprehensive/psychiatric mental health assessments, diagnosis, short-term individual, couple, family and group psychotherapy and medication prescription as delineated by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and monitoring for acute and chronic psychiatric illnesses).

Interviews patients and/or significant others to obtain and record clear, logical and concise psychiatric and health history. Performs physical assessment as indicated. Develops treatment plans that sets goals to meet identified mental health needs evaluates responses to intervention,
reviews treatment plans and reevaluates as necessary according to applicable regulations. Provides psychiatric/mental health care to patients, and their families, through crisis intervention, individual, group, and family therapy. Provides accurate psychiatric diagnoses and formulates treatment plans both independently, and within a multidisciplinary team.

Prescribes medication from the approved facility formulary. Instructs patients in the proper use, side effects and efficacy of prescribed medications within the scope of practice. Orders and monitors the appropriate lab studies and/or X-rays to assist in competent and safe diagnoses and to substantiate medical intervention. Persists in close follow-up of any abnormal findings with appropriate physician referral. Coordinates the inpatient/outpatient aspect of patient care when appropriate, including coordination with other health care providers, family members and duty section. Assesses physical condition, and orders various tests (e.g., laboratory, neurological, and psychological) as indicated. Promotes population based primary mental health care and disease prevention through direct patient care management and consultation in primary care optimization settings.

Communicates, collaborates, and works effectively with clients, families and employees. Ensures compliance with standards of care and practice in accordance with all established policies, procedures, and guidelines used in the medical treatment facility. Provides care within ethical and legal boundaries. Completes orientation and competency verification programs in accordance with (IAW) unit guidelines. Participates in the orientation and training of newly assigned personnel, as appropriate.

Maintains all basic readiness standards as required by the U.S. Public Health Service. PHS officers assigned under this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must remain available for PHS deployments. Under this MOA, PHS officers are not authorized to deploy with the military. 3-year (minimum) assignment tour.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

A minimum of 1 year experience in mental health or psychiatric care for adults, individuals, families, couples, or group therapy.

Graduated from an accredited baccalaureate degree program in nursing (BSN) acceptable to the USAF Surgeon General (SG).

Graduated from an accredited masters degree program in nursing acceptable to the USAF SG

Certified as a PMHNP by the ANCC; State license as an advance practice RN & current BLS certification.

SECRET Clearance or ability to obtain a SECRET Clearance

***CONTACT INFORMATION***
Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter with references, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS via email to CDR Jay Carr, james.b.carr6.mil@mail.mil