

Combined Headquarters



Command Overview

For
Joint Armed Services Committee

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Overview

- Where We Are Today
- Year in Review
- A Look to the Future
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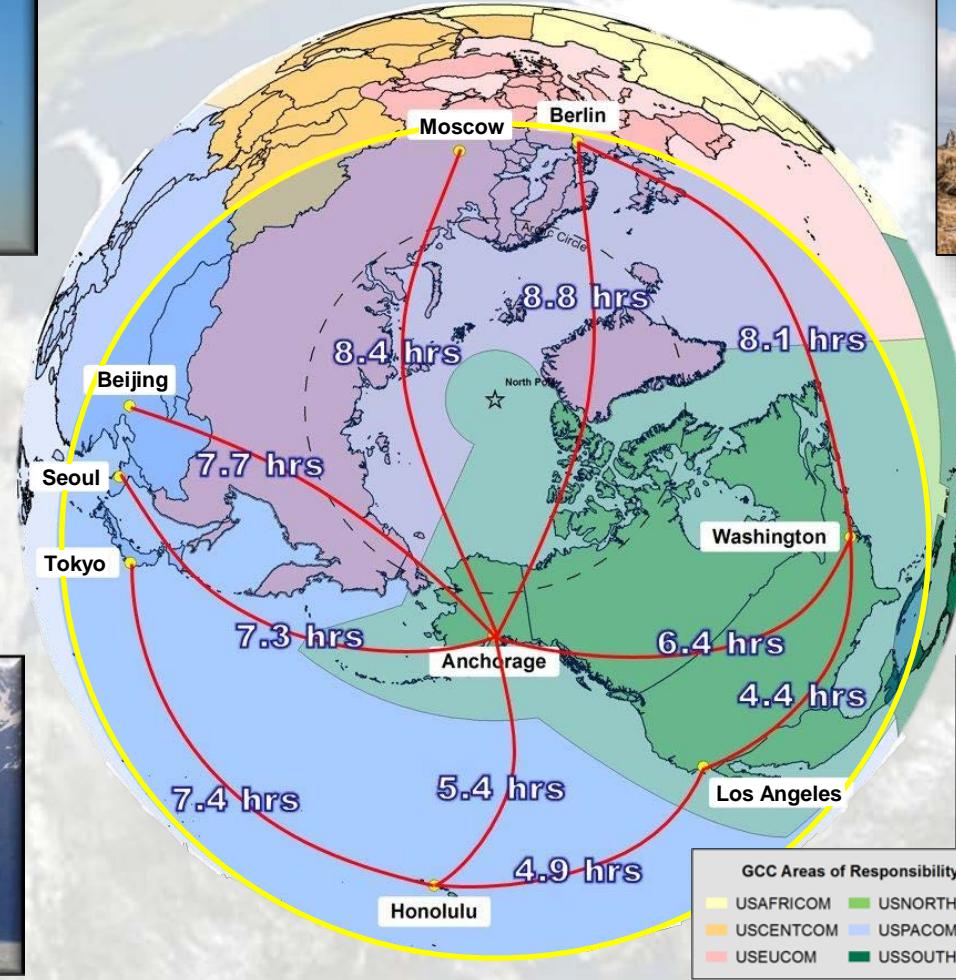




Alaska's Strategic Importance



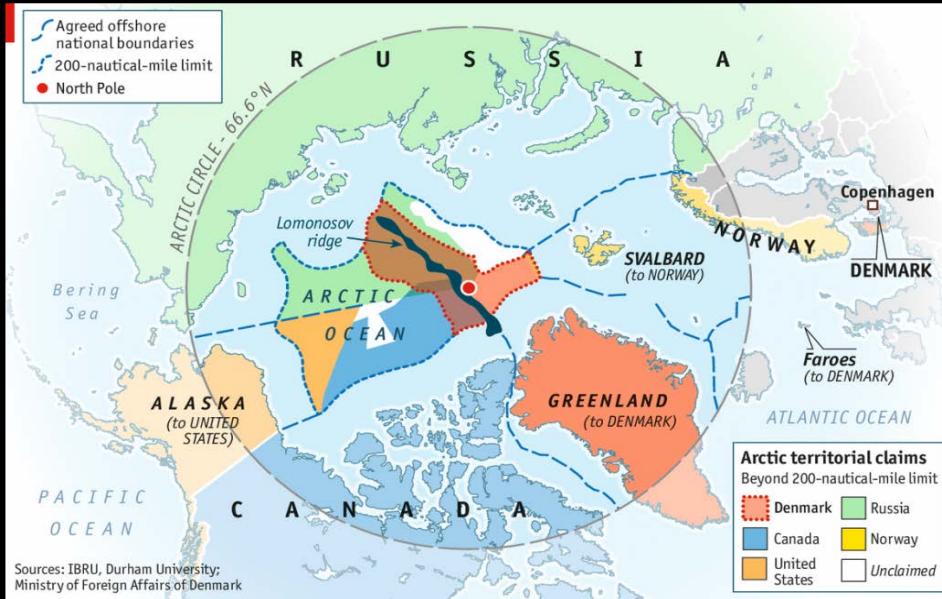
4,000 NM Radius from
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska
Approximate Range of USAF Aircraft flying 450 knots (.75 Mach) for 9 hrs



“Alaska is the most strategic place on earth” – BG William “Billy” Mitchell, Testimony to Congress 1935



Understanding the Arctic



Receding Arctic Sea Ice, 1979-2012



Arctic Evolution

- Decrease in seasonal sea ice
- Increase in human activity
- Access to natural resources
- Proximity to national interests
- Russian trends & sovereignty implications

....Arctic understanding is a global challenge

Russian Claimed Territory & Arctic Bases





Military Footprint

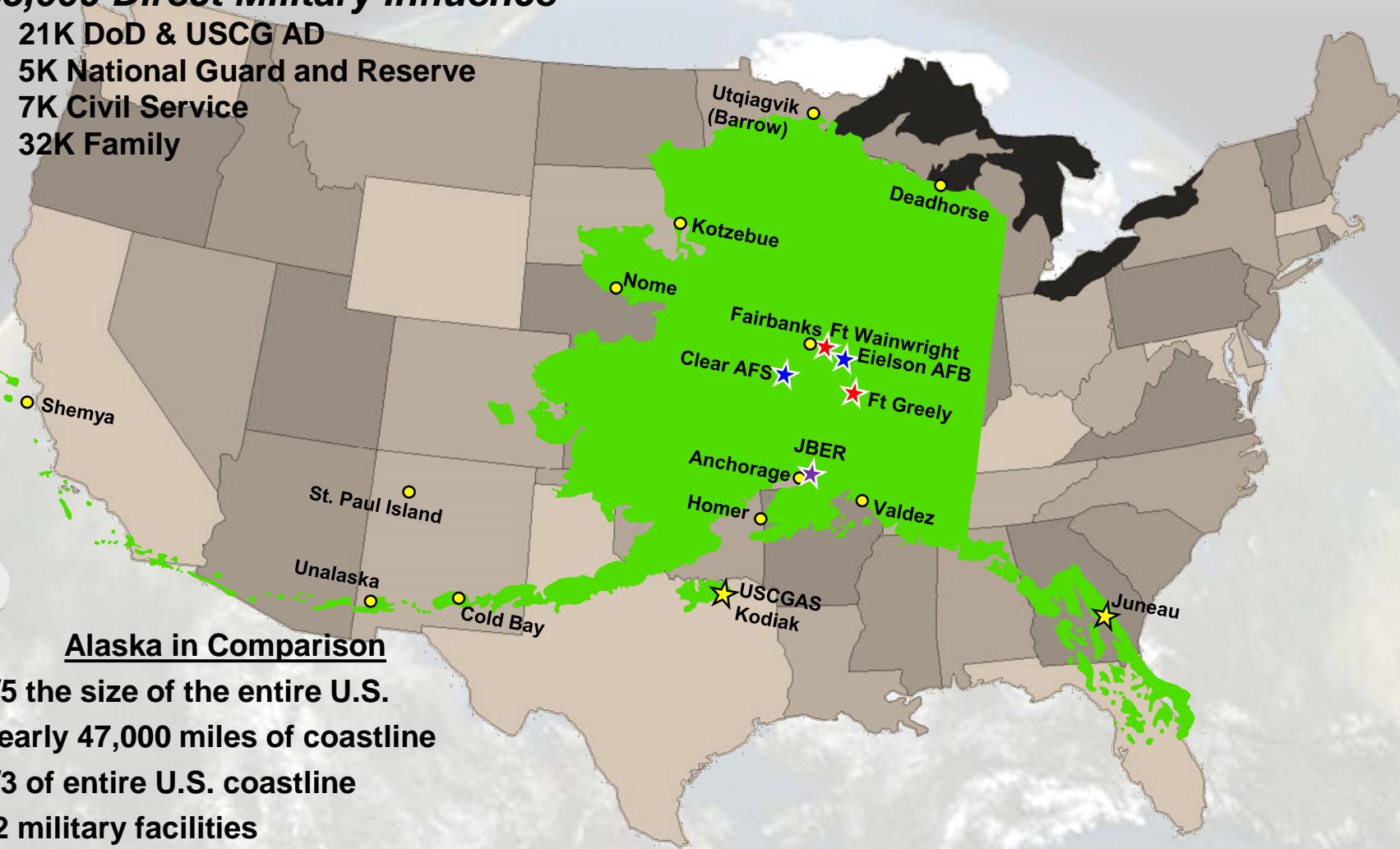
65,000 Direct Military Influence

21K DoD & USCG AD

5K National Guard and Reserve

7K Civil Service

32K Family

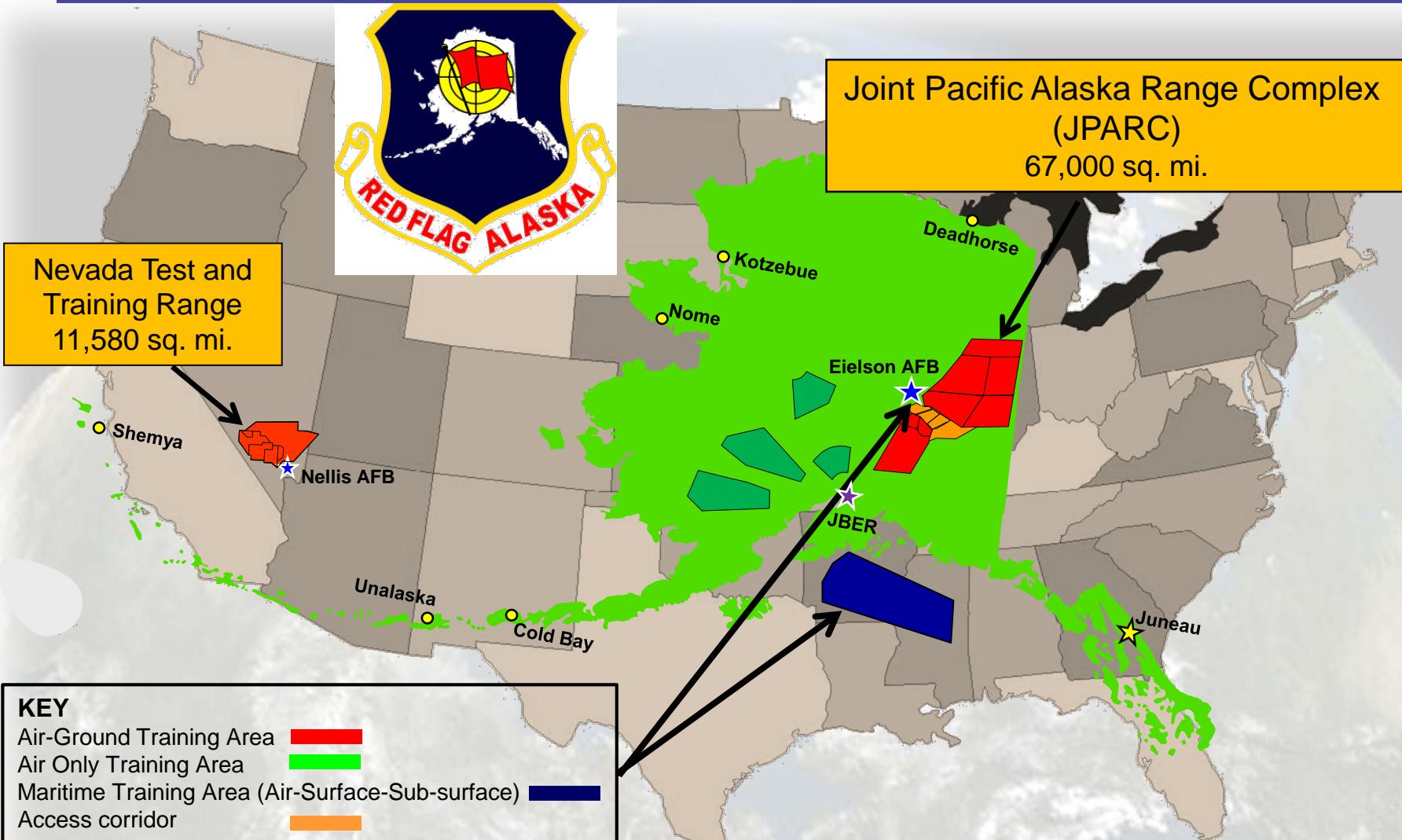


Alaska in Comparison

- 1/5 the size of the entire U.S.
- Nearly 47,000 miles of coastline
- 2/3 of entire U.S. coastline
- 32 military facilities
- 12 major military bases/stations



Valuable Training Resource



1 million cubic miles of training

(includes Temporary Maritime Activities Area and western MOAs)



Key Military Exercises

- **VIGILANT SHIELD (NORAD and USNORTHCOM)**

- Annual homeland defense exercise



- **ARCTIC EDGE (USNORTHCOM)**

- Biennial Homeland Defense and/or Defense Support to Civil Authorities exercise linked with joint/interagency/State Arctic exercises



- **RED FLAG-Alaska (USAF)**

- 3 to 4 events per year featuring joint and coalition/international partners
 - 14 nations participated in CY17



- **NORTHERN EDGE (USPACOM)**

- Biennial exercise, joint air/land/sea (Gulf of Alaska), 6,000+ participants



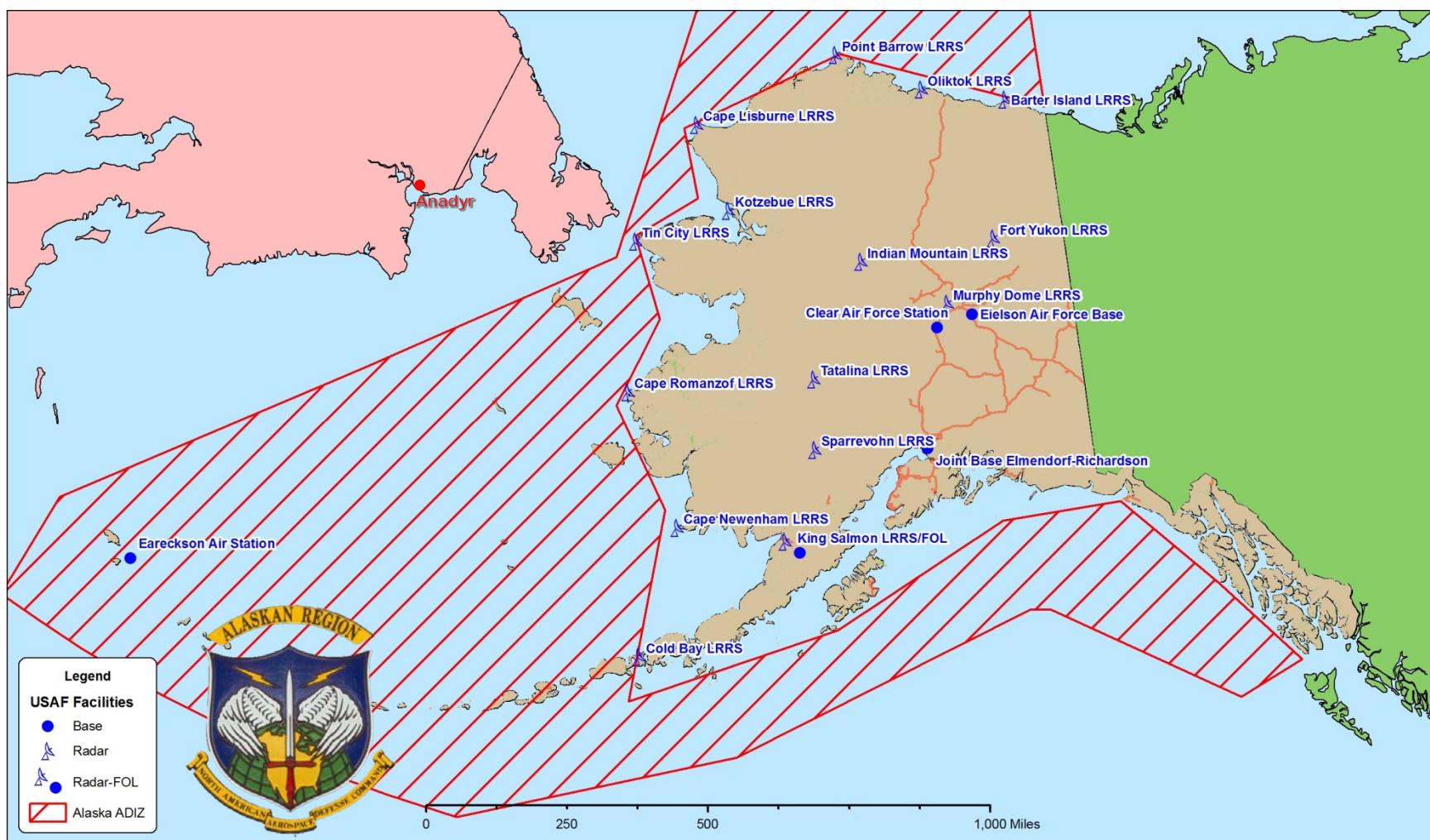
Operations and Events

- **USAF Arctic Security Expedition**
 - Improving operational capabilities
 - Support domain awareness, comm, infrastructure, and sustainable presence in the Arctic
- **Arctic Maritime Symposium**
 - Awareness of Arctic maritime challenges
- **Operation Colony Glacier**
 - Annual joint operation
 - Coordinated recovery of remains and debris from 1952 crash of C-124
- **Rescue Coordination Center**
 - 22 Saves
- **NORAD Alert Mission**
 - 24/7 x 365 Fighter Response Capability
 - 24/7 x 365 Aerospace Warning/Control





Alaskan NORAD Region



The Alaskan NORAD Region conducts aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning in the defense of North America.



FY18 MILCON

- **Fort Greely**
 - Missile Defense Field #4 - **\$200M**
 - Additional 20 Ground Based Interceptors
- **Eielson AFB**
 - F-35 Bed down - **\$169M in FY '18**
 - 54 Aircraft Arrive in Spring 2020 - 2022
 - Personnel – All Additive
 - 1245+ military / 65-80 Contractors
 - + Dependents
 - Total = ~3500 personnel
 - Will make AK only location worldwide with over **100 5th Generation fighters (F-22/F-35)**



FY 17 Totals:

- \$298M in new & renovated bldgs
- 11 bldgs built or renovated

FY 18 Totals:

- \$169M in new & renovated bldgs
- 19 bldgs built or renovated

FY 19+ Totals:

- \$45M in new & renovated bldgs
- 2 bldgs built or renovated

\$563M Invested in Alaska in FY17 – Over \$120M more than any other U.S. state

\$369M Invested in Alaska in FY18



Take Away

Defense of the Homeland and our citizens is our #1 Priority

- Our Forces are ready to deploy and fight in response to any regional threat
- Alaskan Command, in coordination with local civil authorities and interagency partners, continues to support and stands ready to assist when required.
- The strategic significance of Alaska to our Nation will continue to grow as the Arctic evolves.
- Alaskan support to our military service members and families is second to none.





Thank You for Your Support

