



# Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



## DMVA in the Arctic



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# ***Preliminary Vision for DMVA***



## **DMVA Organizational Culture**

- **Adherence to Doctrine**
- **Sound Processes**
- **Customer Focus**



# ***DMVA in the Arctic***



**The Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs understands the importance of the State taking an active role in the implementation of the Nation, DoD, and Alaska's Arctic Policy**

## **Efforts in support of the Arctic Policy**

- **Alaska National Guard in Arctic Operations**
- **Search and Rescue Forces**
- **Homeland Security & Emergency Management**
- **Alaska Aerospace Corporation postured to support enhanced presence and development in the Arctic**





# ***Alaska National Guard in Arctic Operations***



The Alaska National Guard is

- Increasing training exercises in Rural & Arctic Alaska
- Continuing leadership in the National Guard Bureau's Arctic Interest Group
- Examining methods to increase recruiting and outreach efforts in Rural & Arctic Alaska
- Synchronizing Arctic efforts among DMVA, Alaska Command, US Army Alaska, and Coast Guard District 17
- Partnering with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks for an Arctic 101 course





# Search and Rescue Forces



**The National Search and Rescue Plan delegates aviation Search and Rescue in Alaska to the military and the Alaska National Guard**

## **Alaska National Guard Search and Rescue Forces**

- **210<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron**- ONLY helicopters in Alaska with air-to-air refueling capability necessary to cover distances in the Arctic
- **211<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron**- HC-130s with unique capabilities for air-to-air refueling of HH-60 helicopters and performing aerial searches over extensive distances
- **212<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron (Guardian Angels)**- Special Operations forces with unique skill sets for the Arctic.
- **1<sup>st</sup> BN, 207<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regt**- Additional aerial search and rescue support from Army National Guard UH-60s
- **AKNG augments Coast Guard, Alaska Department of Public Safety Aviation, and aviation assets in North Slope Borough**







# ***Homeland Security & Emergency Management***



**The DMVA Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management provides critical services to protect lives and property from terrorism and all other hazards, as well as to provide rapid recovery from disasters.**

## **DHS & EM**

- Helps Arctic communities prepare for disasters and create disaster response plans**
- In case of disaster, helps communities recover through coordination with local, State, Federal, Tribal, and commercial entities**





# ***Alaska Aerospace Corporation***



**Alaska Aerospace Corporation (AAC) is strategically postured to support enhanced presence and development in the Arctic**

- As operator of the Kodiak Launch Complex, Alaska Aerospace has the optimal launch location for polar orbits at a time when multiple constellations of satellites are needed for the Arctic
- By partnering with a firm for satellite digital imaging, AAC is prepared to bridge a key information gap to assist commercial entities with Arctic Development





# *Questions?*

