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Alaskan Command Update

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The Overall Classification of this Briefing is: **UNCLASSIFIED**



Overview

- **Strategic Environment**
- **Exercises & Training Update**
- **Units' Year in Review**
- **People Issues**



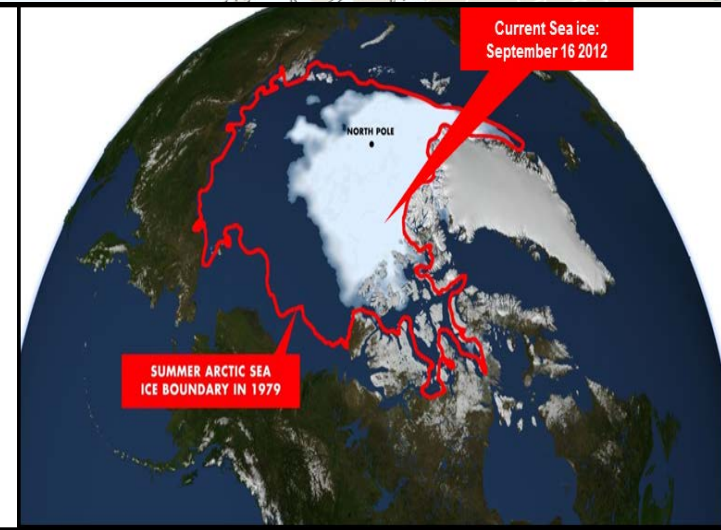
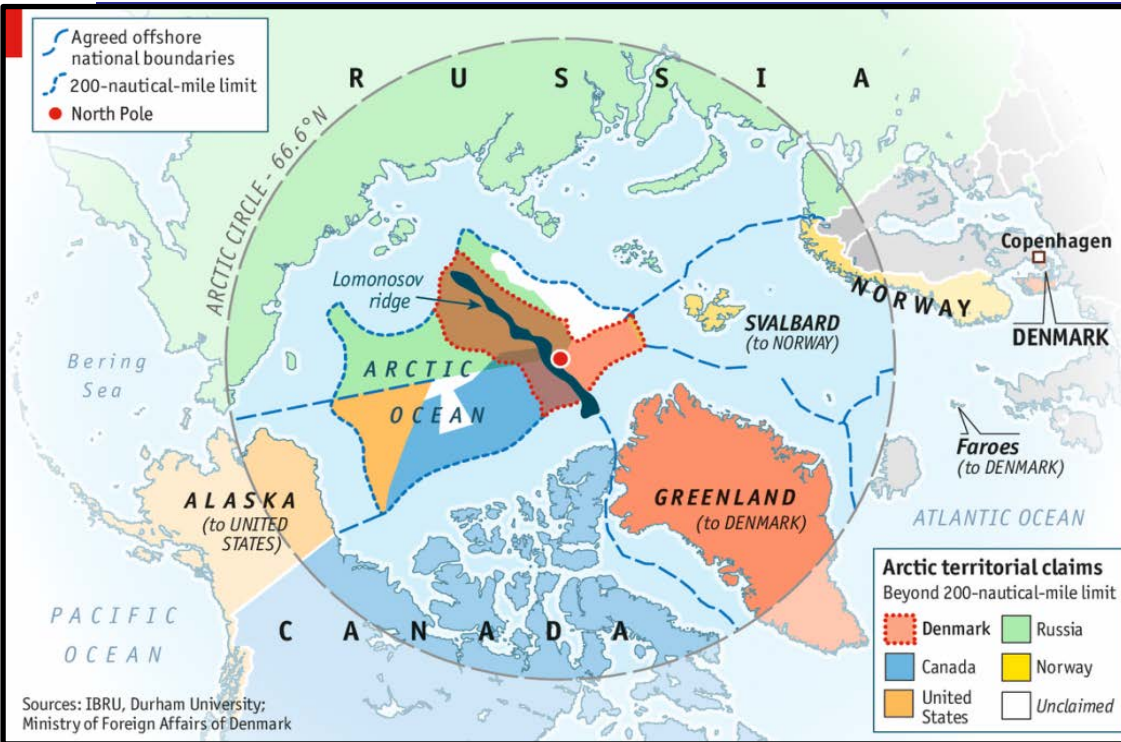


The Way Most View the World





Our View of the World



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

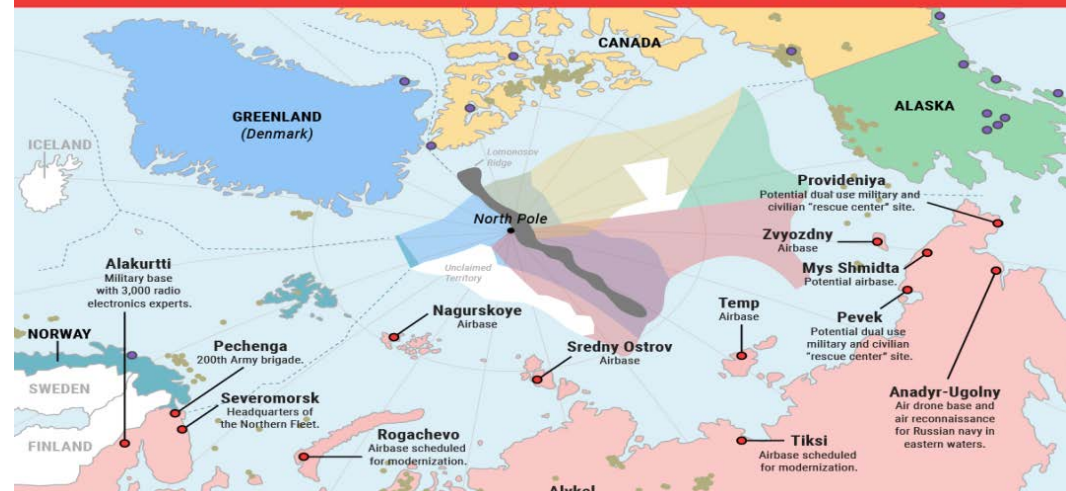
....Arctic understanding is a GLOBAL issue...



Our Evolving Environment

- Russia
- China
- North Korea
- Iran
- ISIL

RUSSIA'S MILITARIZATION OF THE ARCTIC

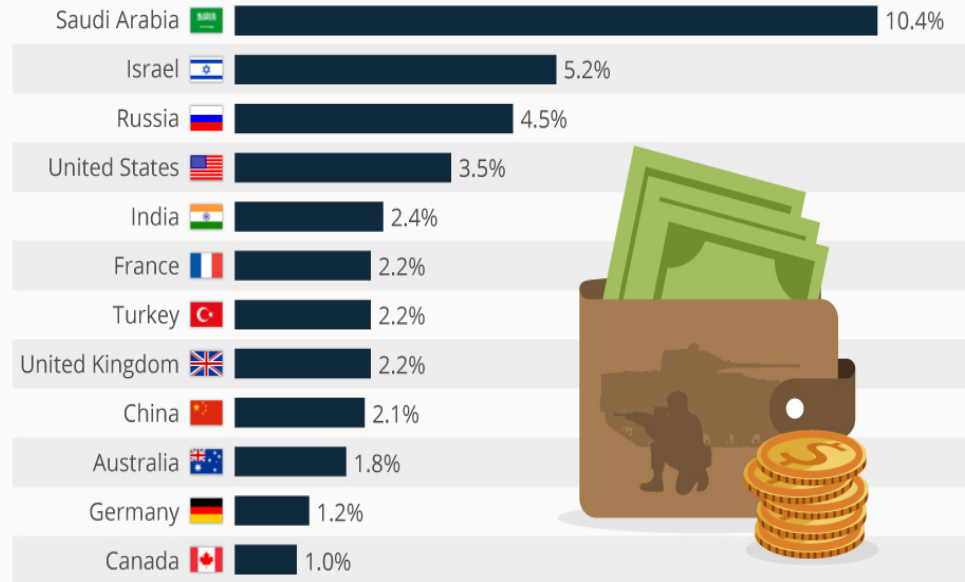




Military Spending

The Biggest Military Budgets As A Percentage Of GDP

Estimated military expenditure as a % of GDP in selected countries in 2014



- Increased military spending by many countries
- Many lack transparency
- DPRK estimate: 25% of budget
- Major evolution in Russia and China



Source: SIPRI

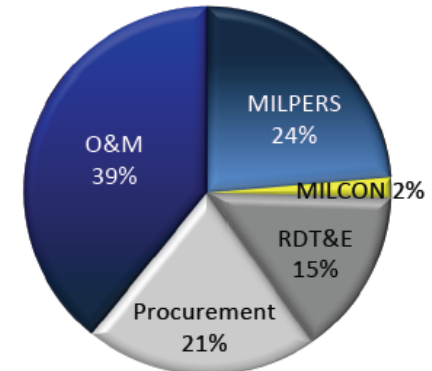
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DoD Budget

- FY16 budget seeks to accomplish:
 - Balanced force
 - Manage prolonged readiness challenges
 - Recover from sequestration
 - Meet today's demands
 - Prepare to surge for contingencies
 - Institutional reform
 - Pursue investments in emerging military capabilities
 - Reduce infrastructure
- Modernization of the Force
 - Personnel Cost Growth
 - BRAC reducing excess infrastructure

FY16 President's Budget Request

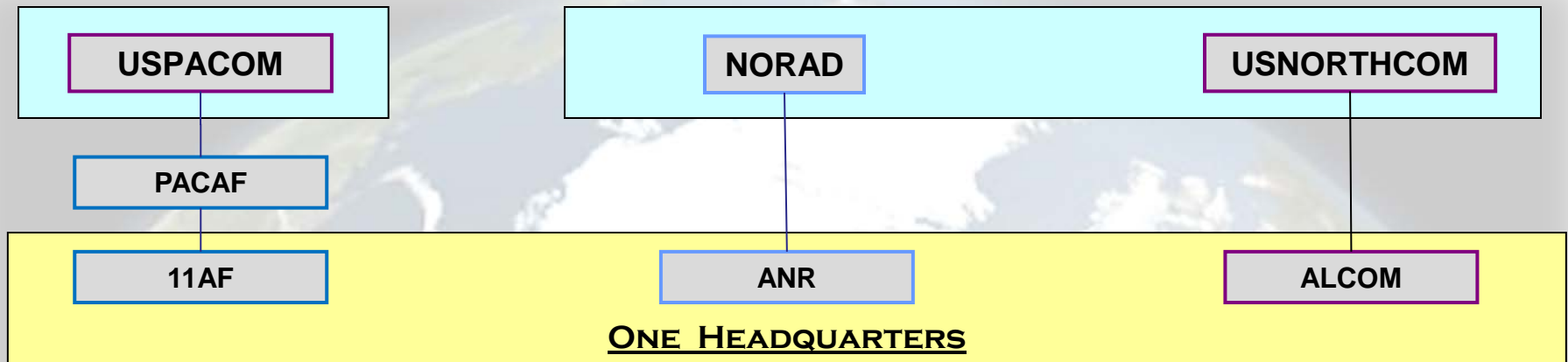


'MUST PAYS'-----Ops & Maintenance-----MODERNIZATION

	Planned End FY 2015	Planned End FY 2016	Δ% FY15/FY16
Active	1,315.7K	1,305K	-10.5%
Guard/Reserve	816K	811K	-5.8%
Civilian FTEs	776.8K	772.6K	-5%



Headquarters Organization



Eleventh Air Force U.S. Service

- Organize, Train, Equip
- Provide forces to unified commanders
- Logistics and infrastructure support throughout Pacific



Alaskan NORAD Region BI-National

- Provide continuous warning/assessment of Aerospace Attack
- Maintain Aerospace Control to include Air Sovereignty and Air Defense of ANR's AOR



Alaskan Command U.S. Joint Sub-unified

- Facilitate readiness of Alaska forces
- Plan, execute and assess HD/CS operations
- Assist USNORTHCOM /Services with identifying Arctic requirements and capability shortfalls
- Maintain key mission partnerships

PRIMARY MISSION PARTNERS

Army (USARAK)

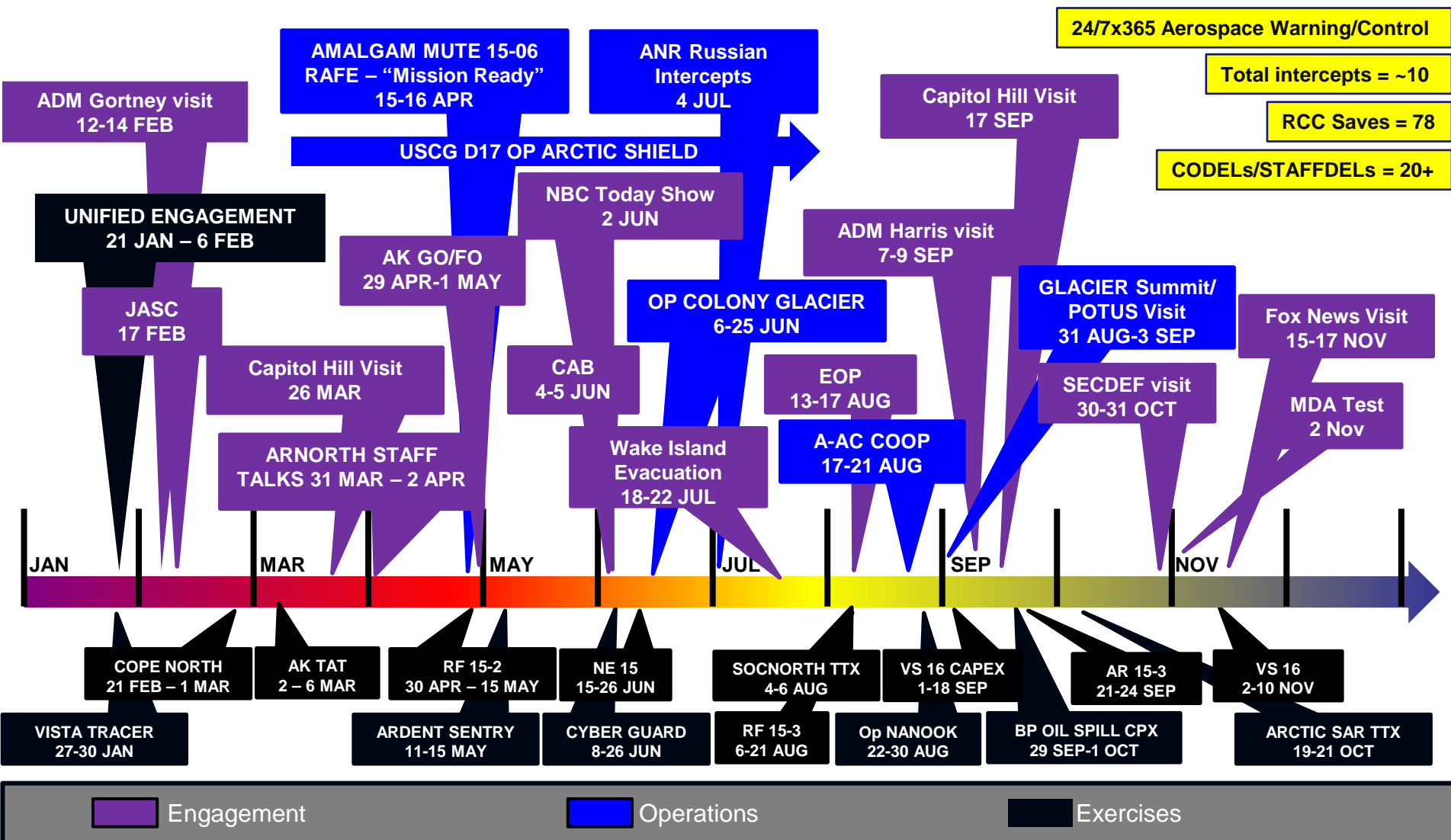
Coast Guard (USCG D17)

National Guard (AK/HI/Guam)

AF Reserves (AK)



ALCOM Year in Review





DOD Arctic Capability Advocacy

- CDRUSNORTHCOM – lead advocate
- Examining capability gaps
- Current ALCOM interest areas
- Building capabilities/partnerships



Focus: Enabling capabilities to support defense, safety, and security missions



OP COLONY GLACIER

- 8-30 June 2015
- Annual ALCOM joint operation
- Coordinated recovery operation





GLACIER Summit & POTUS Visit

- Conference on Global Leadership in the Arctic: Cooperation, Innovation, Engagement and Resilience
- State Department hosted event
- President Obama participation
- DoD and State support





Ballistic Missile Defense

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Ballistic Missile Defense

Long Range Discrimination RADAR Basing

Clear AFS

- Successful commercial power tie-in
- CHPP shut down Jan '16



Ft Greely - MDA

- Missile Field 1 refurbishment complete 4Q FY16
 - Provides 14 operationally configured silos
- Upgraded Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicles (EKVs)
- Ground based interceptors at Greely (2017)



2015 NORTHERN EDGE

- 11-26 June 2015
- 7,099 participants
- US Navy ships in Gulf of Alaska
- Training included:
 - Large force exercise
 - Joint live fires
 - Search and rescue
- Positive economic impact
 - Approx. \$13 million brought to AK





2015 RED FLAG Exercises

- RED FLAG 15-1, 2-17 Oct 14
 - NATO, Finland, South Korea
- RED FLAG 15-2, 30 Apr-15 May
 - US, Canada
 - 1,995 participants
- RED FLAG 15-3, 6-21 Aug
 - 6 Sending States
 - 3,508 participants
 - Executive Observer Program





2015 VIGILANT SHIELD

- 2-8 Nov 2015
- NORAD/NORTHCOM CPX
- Joint Homeland Defense Exercise
 - Dual Status Commander process
 - Joint event at Port of Anchorage
 - Deployment to Deadhorse





Major 2016 Exercises

- **ICEX 16**, Feb-Mar
- **RED FLAG 16-1**, 27 Apr-12 May
- **RED FLAG 16-2**, 2-17 Jun
- **RED FLAG 16-3**, 4-19 Aug
- **RED FLAG 17-1**, 29 Sep-14 Oct



- **VIGILANT SHIELD**, 17-21 Oct
- **ARCTIC EDGE 16**
 - **ALASKA SHIELD**, 1-3 Apr
 - **ARDENT SENTRY**, 7-16 Jun
 - **ARCTIC CHINOOK**, 15-19 Aug

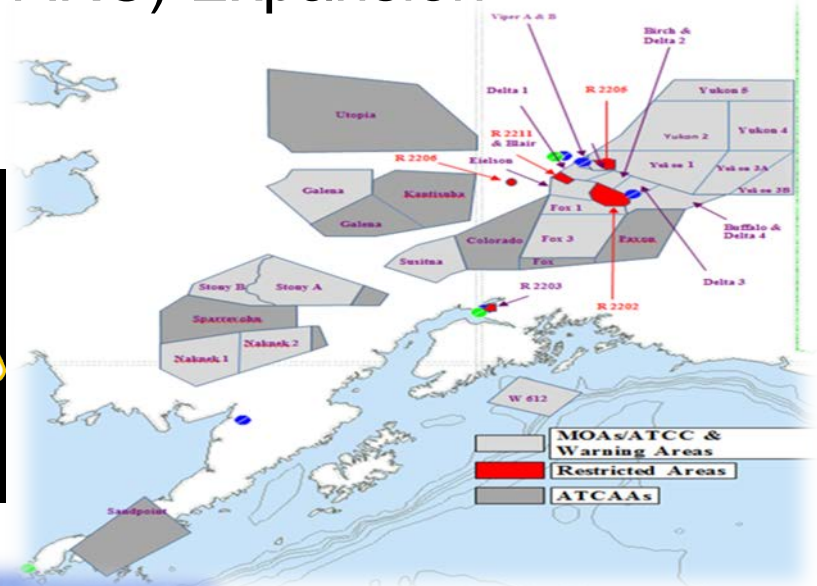


11th Air Force



Joint Pacific AK Range Complex (JPARC) Expansion

- PACAF Regional Support Center
 - Operations & maintenance contracts
 - Long Range Radar modernization
 - Seawall repair project
- AF will execute 58 environmental restoration projects across AK in 2016



- Rescue Operations
 - Missions: 111 for 2015
 - Saves: 78 for 2015



JBER - 673d Air Base Wing

Operations/Projects

- Community Partnership Program
- Buckner gym and barracks expansion
- 197 projects, \$77M for infrastructure improvements, and \$95M in contracts to advance JBER readiness



Successes

- Joint basing
- 'Sockeye' fire support
- NORTHERN EDGE
 - Hosted 107 aircraft, 1.6K personnel
- POTUS Visit
- Expanded Fisher House





JBER - 3rd Wing

Mission

- Air Dominance, Global Mobility, Command & Control
- NORAD's 24/7 Alert

Successes

- World-wide mission execution
 - Ebola response, Nepal earthquake
- Readiness Initiatives
 - Ex NORTHERN EDGE
 - Ex RED FLAG AK
- MILCON approval (FY17): 962 AACS ops/mx facility
- Community engagement
 - GLACIER Summit, POTUS support
 - Charity, community support
 - Honorary Commander Program





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Operations/Projects

- F-35 Beddown – EIS ROD anticipated Apr 2016
 - Secured \$501M for MILCON / O&M construction projects
- Central heat & power plant modernization
- Base housing utility infrastructure repair
- Moose Creek PFOS mitigation
 - Bottled water delivery going well
 - Examining long term mitigation options



Successes

- JPARC – unique capability...National treasure
- Adversary air for Pacific Air Forces
- RED FLAG-Alaska
- Community partners in the interior





DoD Wide Initiatives

- Force of the Future
 - Increased leave/benefits
 - Defense Digital Service
 - “Permeability” with private sector
 - All career fields open to men & women
- Transgender Policy
 - Taking the time to get it right
- Arming service members
 - Existing policy allows commanders to augment security forces, if necessary





Force and Family

- NDAA decisions and priorities = strategic trades
- Military pay and benefits
 - COLA, housing, medical, retirement
- Transitioning veterans



'Blue Star' Survey

- Uncertainty
- Childcare
- Housing \$\$
- Lifestyle \$\$
- Schools





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