



Overview

Alaska State Defense Force



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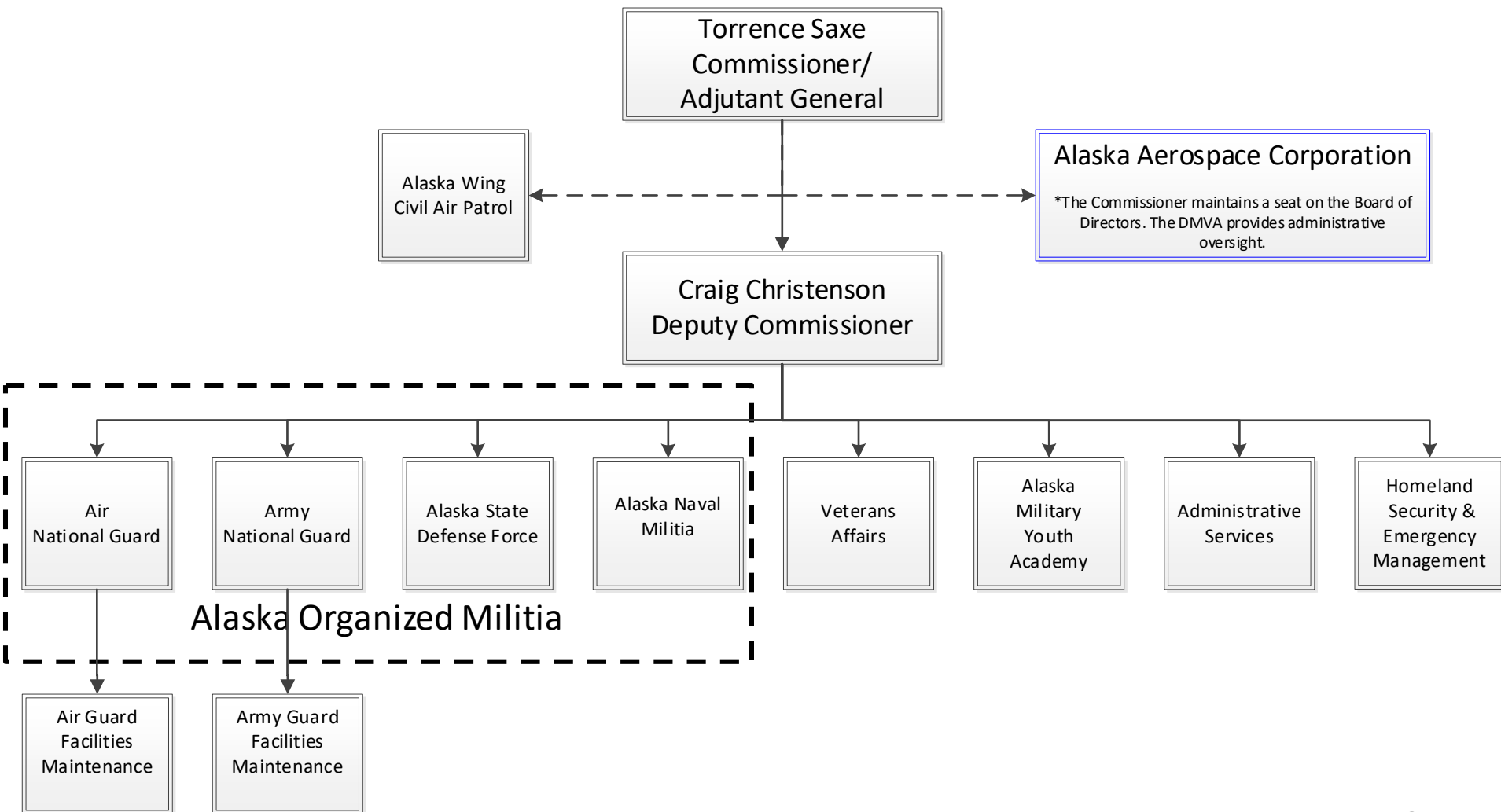
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Brigadier General (AK) Simon Brown, Commander of the Alaska State Defense Force



Organization



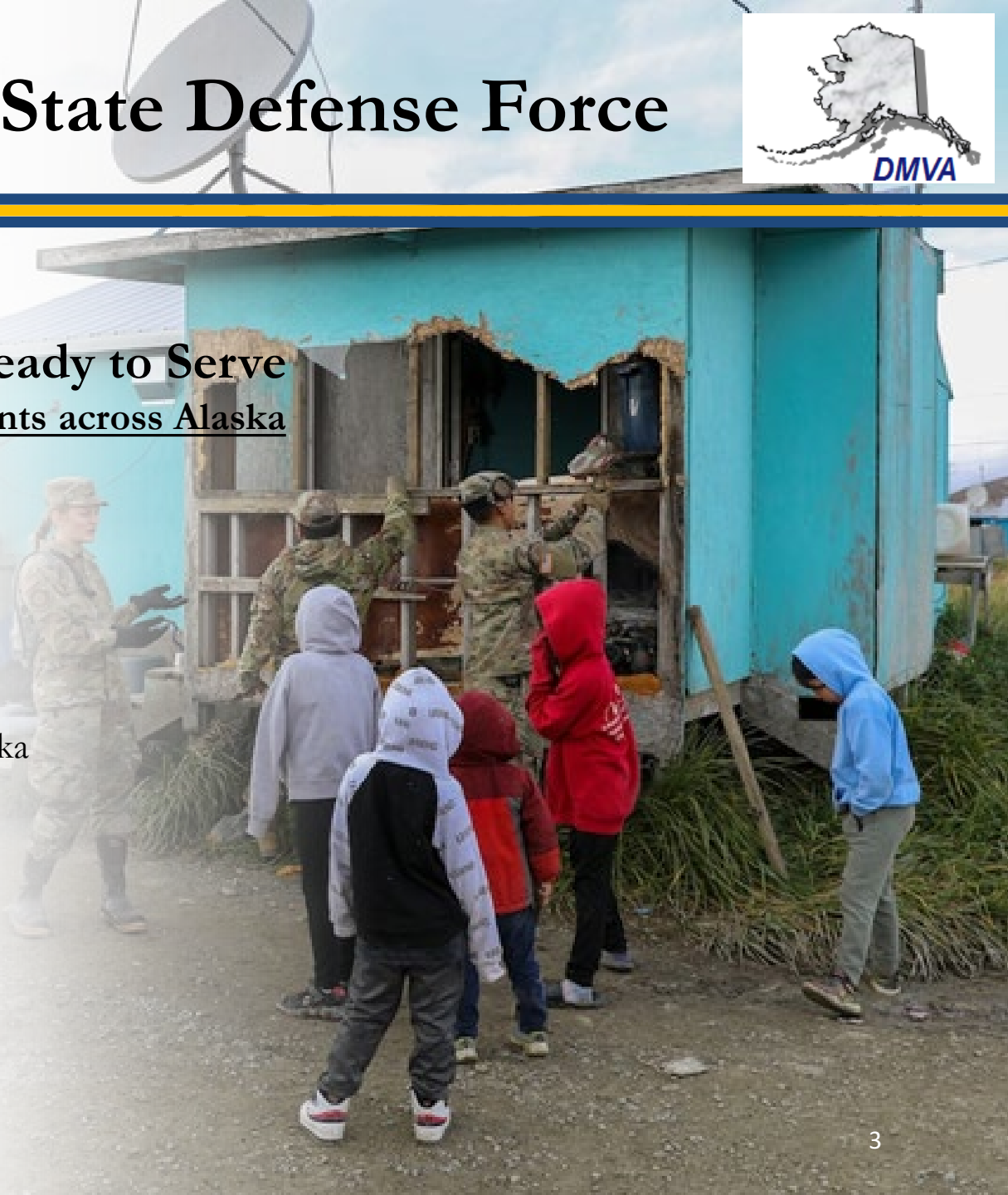


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Closest to Home and Ready to Serve **200+ Members in 23 Detachments across Alaska**

The Alaska State Defense Force (ASDF) is established under AS 26.05.100 as a component of the Alaska Organized Militia, as a volunteer force. Their role is to augment and compliment the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia during state activations.





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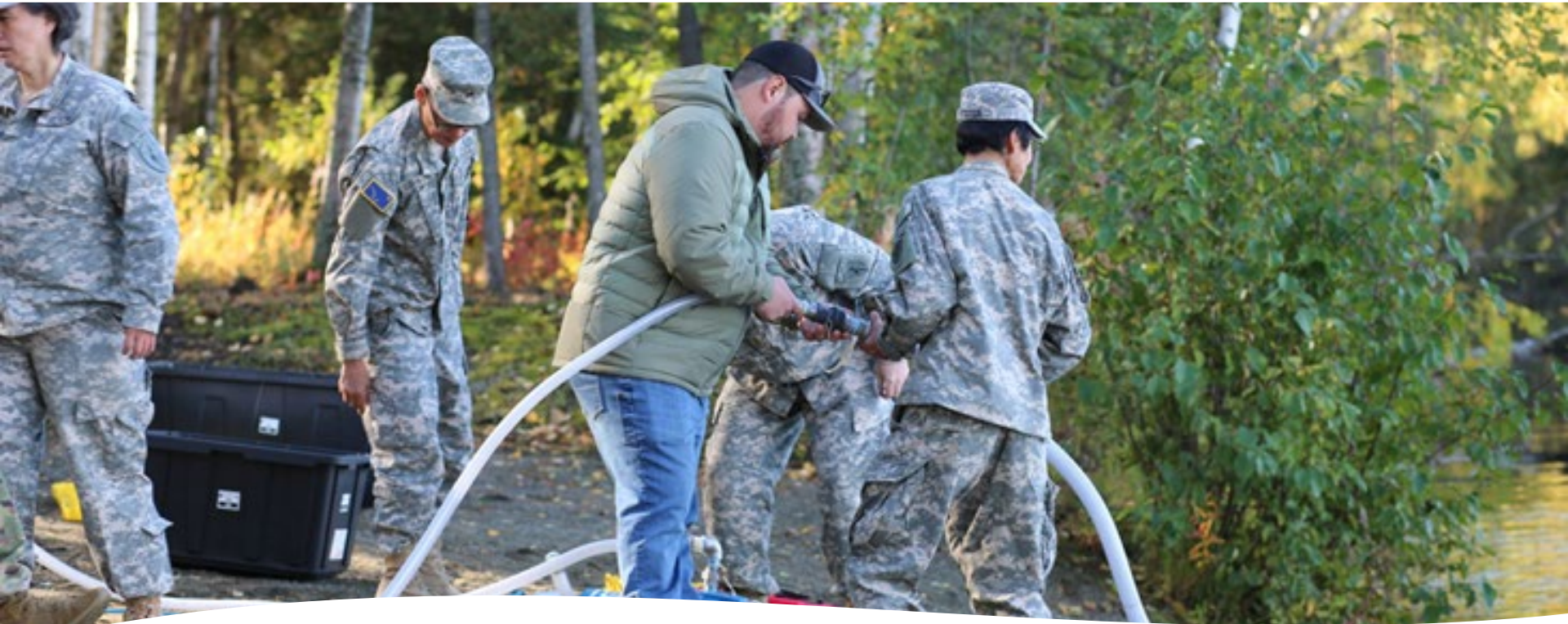
Mission

“The Alaska State Defense Force collaborates with citizens, communities, native corporations, non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies to train an organized state military reserve to prepare, plan, respond, mitigate, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.”





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Membership consists of

- Current and former credentialed law enforcement personnel members
- Civilian Professionals who enhance engineering, HAZMAT, cyber, medical, and communication operations
- Military veterans who enhance domain awareness, survival skills, leadership, and adaptability
- Teammates with diverse educational backgrounds

All members are dedicated to the safety and security of the communities and state they live in.



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How We Support Alaska

- Community Outreach and Participation
- Rural Alaska Resiliency Partnership
- Emergency Response and Support
- Support of Civil Authority
- Domain Awareness
- Communications Operations
- Medical Station Support



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ASDF Recent Response Activities

- Typhoon Merbok (SEPT 2022)
- COVID-19 Pandemic (FEB 2020 – DEC 2021)
- Wildland Fire Season (Summer 2019)
- South Central Earthquake (DEC 2018 – FEB 2019)





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Valuable Assets to their Families, Communities, & Alaska

Benefits to Members:

- Discipline
- Ethics
- Pride in work, community, state
- Health and welfare
- Technical & educational skills
- Networking Opportunities

Benefits to Employers:

- Better trained employee
- Improved self-motivation
- Improved technical skills
- Promotes working as a team

Benefits to Community:

- Often “first on scene” in communities affected by disasters because members stay in their communities
- Incident Command trained members available during emergency response
- May be more readily available to respond to incidents that do not rise to the level of a state emergency





SB71 – Pay for AK Defense Force



SB 71: "An Act relating to pay for the Alaska State Defense Force; and providing for an effective date."

* Section 1. AS 26.05.260(i) is amended to read:

(i) When active state service is authorized by the governor or by the adjutant general as the governor's designee, members of the organized militia are entitled to receive, for each day of active service under AS 26.05.070, allowances to the same extent, in the same manner, and under the same conditions as provided for state officials and employees under AS 39.20.110 - 39.20.170. **[HOWEVER, PAY OR ALLOWANCES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR TRAINING OR COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA STATE DEFENSE FORCE.]**

* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 2023.



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