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Update and
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DATE: January 20, 2016
TO: Liz Clark, Senate Secretary
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FROM: Senator John Coghill, Senate Co-Chair *JBC*
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, House Co-Chair
SUBJECT: Joint Armed Services Commttee Meeting Notice

There will be a Joint Armed Services Committee on February 9, 2016 in the Senate Finance Room from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Agenda will included briefings from the following participants:

Lieutenant General Russel J. Handy, U.S. Air Force; Commander, Alaska Command,
U.S. Northern Command

Major General Bryan Owens, U.S. Army; Commanding General, U.S. Army Alaska

Commissioner Laurie Hummel, Col. (R) U.S. Army; Adjutant General, Alaska National
Guard and Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military & Veterans
Affairs.

Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel, U.S. Coast Guard; Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard
District.

The meeting will be:
+ TELECONFERENCED
.TESTIMONY <Invitation only>

If you have any questions, please call Senator Coghill's office at (907) 465-3719.



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL RUSSELL J. HANDY

Lt. Gen. Russell J. Handy is Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. General Handy is the senior military officer in Alaska, responsible for the integration of all military activities in the Alaskan joint operations area, synchronizing the activities of more than 21,000 active-duty and reserve forces from all services. He is also responsible for the planning and execution of all Homeland Defense operations within the theater, including security and civil support actions. General Handy also commands Eleventh Air Force, overseeing the training and readiness of five wings and Air Force installations located in Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam. As Commander of the Alaskan Region of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, General Handy directs operations to ensure effective surveillance, monitoring and defense of the region's airspace.



General Handy was commissioned in 1983 through Officer Training School after graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has held a variety of flying, staff and command assignments, including command of the 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB; 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nevada; 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq and Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica. The general is a graduate of, and has been an instructor at, the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB. He has also served at North American Aerospace Defense Command as Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs, Peterson AFB, Colo., and as Director of Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs and Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

General Handy is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours, primarily in the F-15 and F-22A. He has participated in numerous combat operations and deployments, including operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Fox, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

EDUCATION

1982 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1989 U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
 1995 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
 1995 Master of Science, Administration, Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, Mich.
 1996 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
 2003 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2003 Master of Science, Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1983 - April 1984, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. May 1984 - June 1984, student, fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. July 1984 - December 1984, student, F-15 conversion training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. January 1985 - December 1987, instructor pilot and assistant Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 44th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
5. January 1988 - February 1988, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. March 1988 - July 1991, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 71st Tactical Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
7. August 1991 - May 1994, instructor pilot, U.S. Air Force Weapons School; and flight safety officer, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. June 1994 - May 1995, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
9. June 1995 - May 1998, Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs; and Chief, Aerospace Missile Defense Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. June 1998 - June 2002, Commander, 58th Fighter Squadron; Chief of Safety, 33rd Fighter Wing; and Director of Operations, 60th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
11. July 2002 - June 2003, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. July 2003 - August 2005, Commander, 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
13. August 2005 - June 2006, Vice Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.
14. June 2006 - January 2008, Commander, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
15. January 2008 - August 2010, Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
16. August 2010 - December 2011, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, and Director, Air Component Coordination Element-Iraq
17. January 2012 - July 2013, Director, Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs and Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
18. August 2013 - present, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command; Commander, 11th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, Alaskan Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 - May 1998, Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs; Chief, Aerospace Missile Defense Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major
2. August 2010 - December 2011, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, and Director, Air Component Coordination Element-Iraq, as a major general
3. August 2013 - present, Commander, Alaskan Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, Alaskan Northern American Aerospace Defense Region, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska., as a lieutenant general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot
 Flight hours: more than 3,600 military primary flight hours
 Primary major weapons systems: F-22A; F-15A/B/C/D/E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Distinguished Service Medal
 Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 22, 1983

First Lieutenant April 22, 1985

Captain April 22, 1987

Major March 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 1998

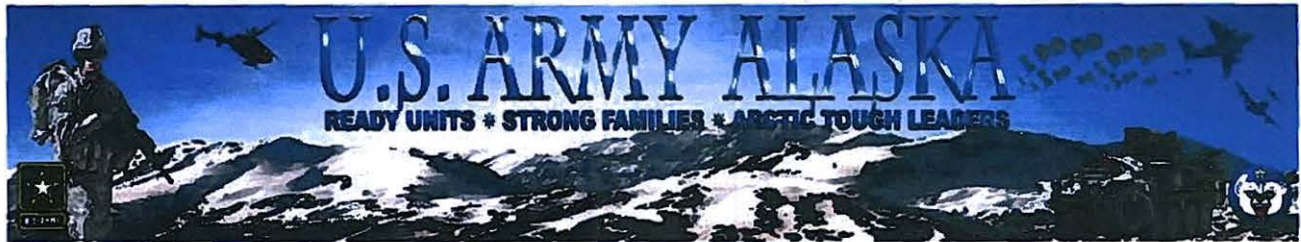
Colonel July 11, 2003

Brigadier General Dec. 9, 2008

Major General Jan. 6, 2012

Lieutenant General Aug. 9, 2013

(Current as of October 2015)



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Major General Bryan Owens Commanding General, U.S. Army Alaska



Major General Bryan Owens assumed command of U.S. Army Alaska on July 10, 2015 following his assignment at European Command as Director, J3.

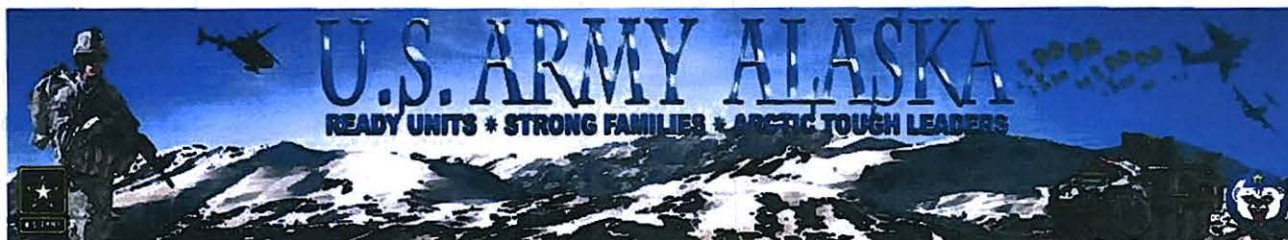
Prior to that, Major General Owens served as the DCOS OPS, HQ, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, the DCG OPS (South), 25 ID in Iraq, Commandant of the United States Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and he has also served as the Chief of Staff for the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry through the ROTC Program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1983 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. His formal education is consistent with that of a career Infantry Officer and includes a Master of Science Degree from Central Michigan University in 1995 and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College in 2004.

Major General Owens has commanded Airborne Infantry units at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. His service as a staff officer includes tours as a battalion XO and a S3/G-3 at battalion, brigade, and division levels along with joint tours in USEUCOM, USPACOM and The Joint Staff in the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Tours in West Berlin, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia/Iraq, Hawaii, Kosovo, and numerous stateside posts have afforded Major General Owens unique professional experiences and opportunities.

Duty in Operations JUST CAUSE, DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, JOINT GUARDIAN, AMERICAN ASSIST (New Orleans post hurricanes Katrina and Rita), and IRAQI FREEDOM three times have given Major General Owens experience in joint and combined operations and warfighting.

Major General Owens has earned numerous awards and decorations, to include the Combat Infantryman Badge (2d award), Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Legion of Merit (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Joint Service Commendation Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster).



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U.S. Army Alaska

Key Leaders



Commanding General	Major General Bryan Owens
Deputy Commander - Operations	Colonel M. A. Frank
Deputy Commander - Sustainment	Colonel Shawn E. Reed
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Terry D. Gardner

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

Commander	LTC John Galvin
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Pamela Brown

4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Div.

Commander	Colonel Scott A. Green
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Frank Hacker

Fort Wainwright

1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Div.

Commander	COL Donn H. Hill
Command Sergeant Major	CSM David W. Bass

USARAK Aviation Task Force

Commander	COL Nicholas R. Snelson
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Kimberly Brown

Medical Activity Alaska (MEDDAC)

Commander	COL Dennis LeMaster
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Raymond Price

Dental Activity Alaska (DENTAC)

Commander	COL Simuel L. Jamison
Senior Dental NCO	MSG Brian Monroe

U.S. Army Garrison (Fort Wainwright)

Commander	COL Sean C. Williams
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Kevin M. King



State of Alaska > DMVA > DMVA Leadership

COL(R) LAURIE HUMMEL



The Adjutant General and Commissioner, Alaska DMVA

COL(R) Laurie Hummel is the Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard, and the Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. In 2012, she retired from a 30 year active duty Army career at the rank of colonel. Daughter of a career Army sergeant and a third generation Soldier, she graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1982, the third class to contain women. For over 20 years she worked in the fields of tactical, operational, and strategic intelligence: 6 years in the 18th Airborne Corps, as operations officer for the intelligence battalion closest to Korea's Demilitarized Zone, and as Chief of Operations Intelligence, Alaskan Command, at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

With the opportunity to study toward a doctorate degree, she returned to Alaska to research the effects of the huge military investment made throughout Alaska during the Cold War era. This project allowed her to travel around the State, measuring the economic, demographic, and cultural changes during that time.

As a tenured professor by the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, she then taught cadets, led faculty, and developed curriculum at West Point. As a geographer with expertise in political demography and the geographical roots of terrorism, she was also a policy consultant to government agencies and other organizations. She was fortunate to join several missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom: first as an advisor for a program using social and environmental science to help commanders in the field better understand cultural conditions and make smarter decision; then twice she served as an advisor to the leaders of the new National Military Academy of Afghanistan.

Upon her retirement from active duty, she and her husband returned to Alaska. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Employment history:

CL-Homes, owner, 2012-present

U.S. Army, retired at Colonel, 1982-2012

Senior Advisor, National Military Academy of Afghanistan: NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan: 2010 & 2011-2012

Academy Professor and Geography Program Director, Dept. of Geography & Environmental Engineering, US Military Academy (West Point): 2006-2010

West Point Fellow to US Army War College, Carlisle, PA: 2005-2006

Academy Professor, Dept. of Geography & Environmental Engineering, US Military Academy (West Point): 2003-2005

Director of Operations Intelligence and Chief, Joint Intelligence Support Element, Alaskan Command (Elmendorf): 1996-2000

Director of Operations, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Republic of Korea: 1995-1996

Instructor, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography & Environmental Engineering, US Military Academy (West Point): 1991-1994

Company Commander, Intelligence Staff Officer, Human Resources Officer, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Hunter Army Airfield, GA: 1986-1989

Chief of Intelligence Plans and Production; Tactical Intelligence Officer; Communications Platoon Leader, 24th Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, GA: 1983-1986

Previous public offices held: None

Previous unsuccessful runs for office: One, 2014 AK State Legislature – Representative from Anchorage

Postsecondary education:

Ph.D., Geography: University of Colorado (2002)

M.S.S., Strategy: U.S. Army War College (2006)

M.Ed., Educational Leadership: UAA (1999)

M.S., Geography: Penn State (1991)

B.S., U.S. Military Academy (1982)

Military service: Colonel, U.S. Army, active duty, 1982-2012; Military Intelligence

Spouse's name: Chad

Children: Kayleigh & Michael, two grandchildren



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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel assumed the duties of Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District in June 2014. He is responsible for all Coast Guard operations throughout Alaska which include protecting life and property, enforcing federal laws and treaties, preserving living marine resources and promoting national security. The Coast Guard's forces in Alaska total more than 2,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, and employs 15 cutters, 52 boats, and 17 aircraft across an area of responsibility that includes portions of the North Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea. Headquartered in Juneau, the District Commander provides operationally ready maritime forces to Coast Guard and Department of Defense Commanders for Coast Guard, joint and interagency operations both domestically and internationally.



In his previous assignment, Rear Admiral Abel commanded the First Coast Guard District. Headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, he oversaw all Coast Guard operations across eight states in the Northeast encompassing more than 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to New Jersey and 1,300 miles offshore.

Rear Admiral Abel's other assignments include Deputy Director of Operations for United States Northern Command. As the principal advisor to USNORTHCOM, Rear Admiral Abel provided leadership and counsel supporting strategic mission guidance; including homeland defense and security operations as well as defense support of civil authorities. As Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod, he oversaw all aviation support to the Coast Guard's First District. He acted as Project Manager for "Rescue 21," leading the replacement of the outdated distress notification and command, control and communications system along the nation's 95,000 miles of coastline. Prior staff tours include serving as the Coast Guard's Chief of Aviation Safety and as a Program Reviewer crafting and defending the service's budget.

Other operational tours include command of Air Station San Francisco, Operations Officer for Air Station Houston, Aviation Training Center standardization/instructor pilot for the H-65 Dolphin helicopter and his initial aviation tour as a search and rescue/law enforcement helicopter pilot in Miami.

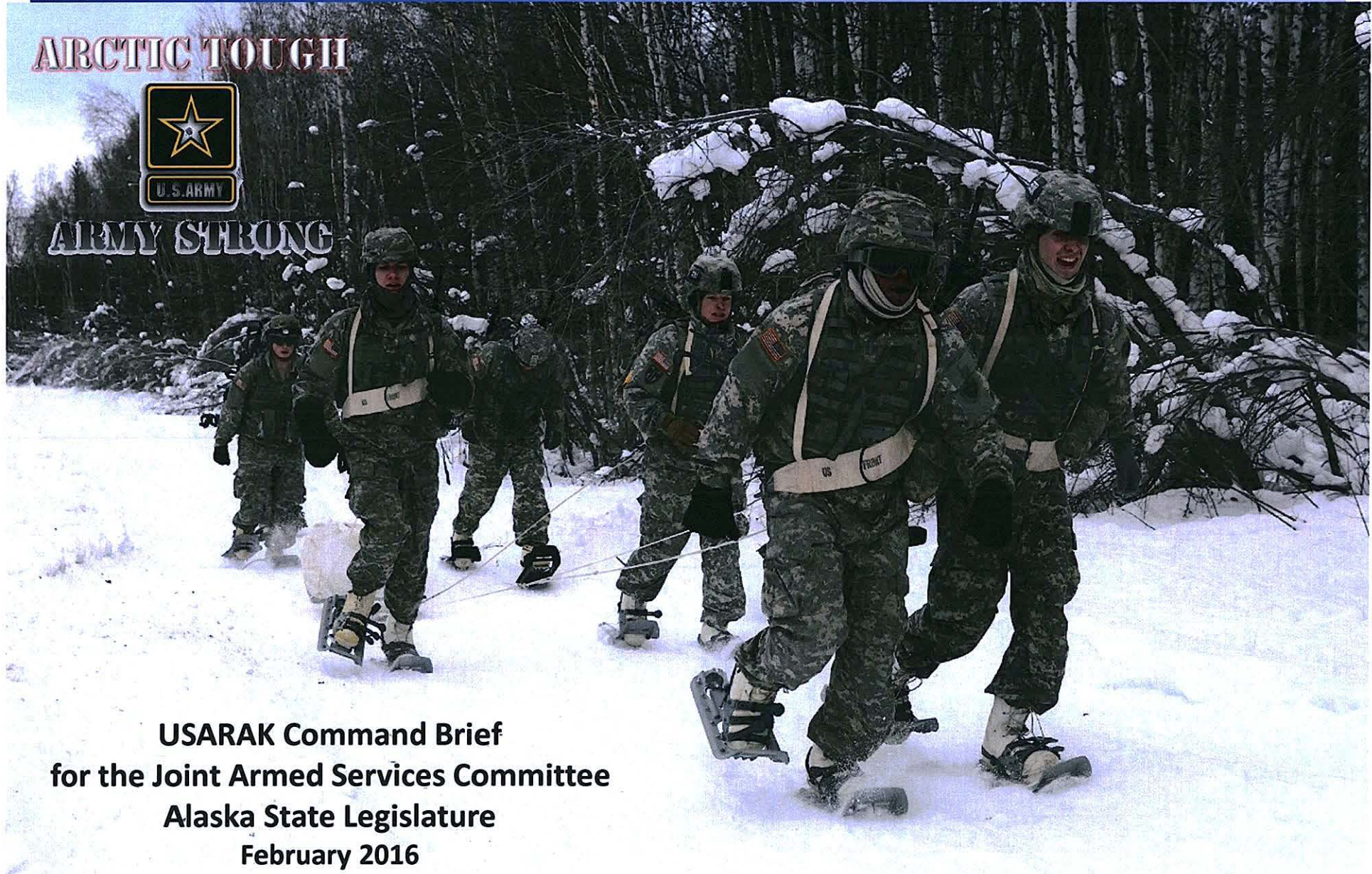
His education includes a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, with High Honors, from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1983. He also served as valedictorian of the College of William and Mary's Master of Business Administration class of 1994. In 2005, he was a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) earning a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy. While at ICAF, Rear Admiral Abel completed the Department of Defense Senior Acquisition Corps syllabus, and subsequently earned his Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Program Manager Designation. He has earned qualifications in both the H-65 helicopter and the HU-25 jet. His initial officer tour was as a deck watch officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless homeported in Miami Beach.

Rear Admiral Abel's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, and two Meritorious Service Medals. Admiral Abel is also an Eagle Scout.



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United States Army Alaska



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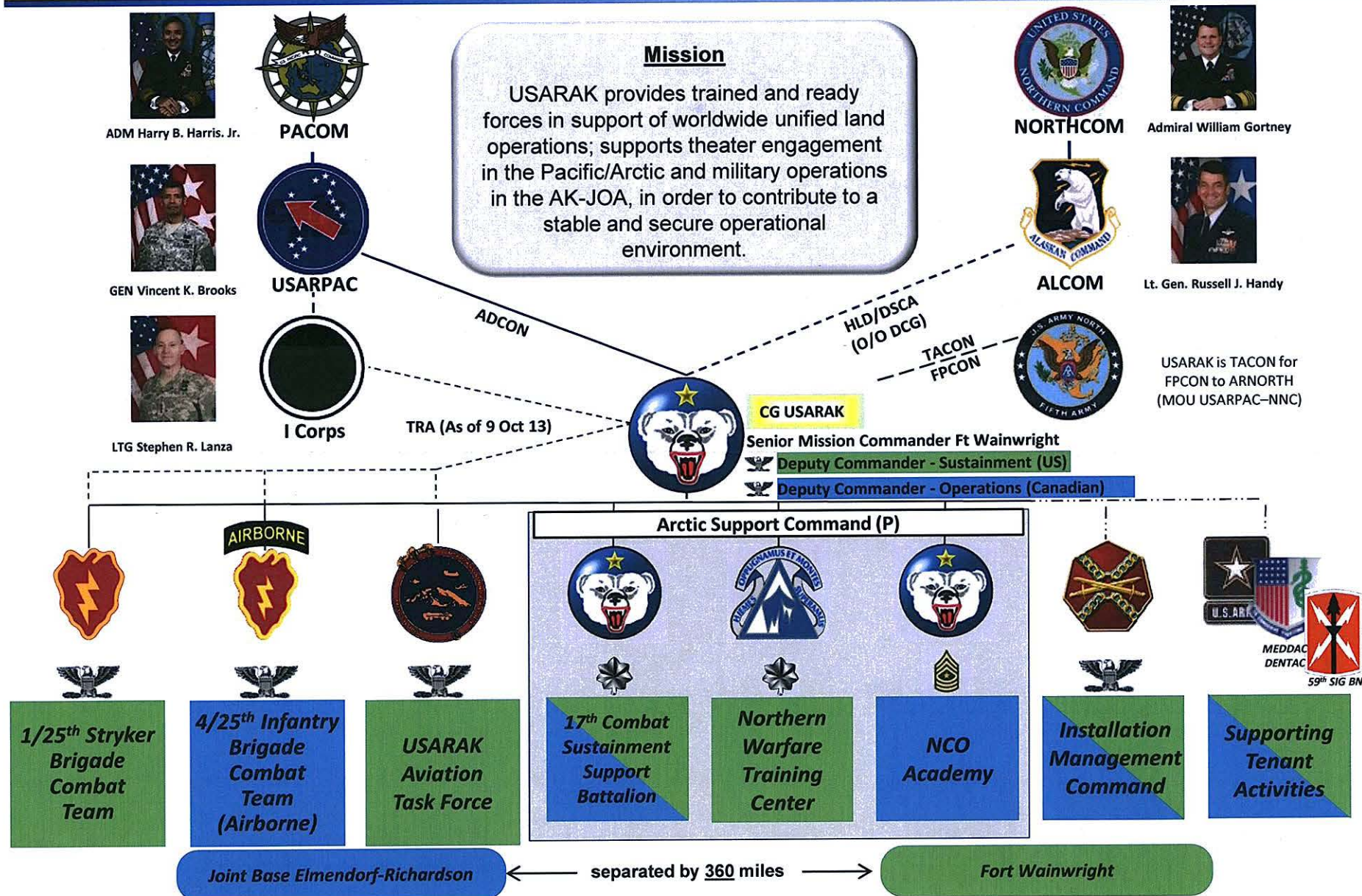


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**USARAK Command Brief
for the Joint Armed Services Committee
Alaska State Legislature
February 2016**



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UNCLASSIFIED Trained and Ready Forces



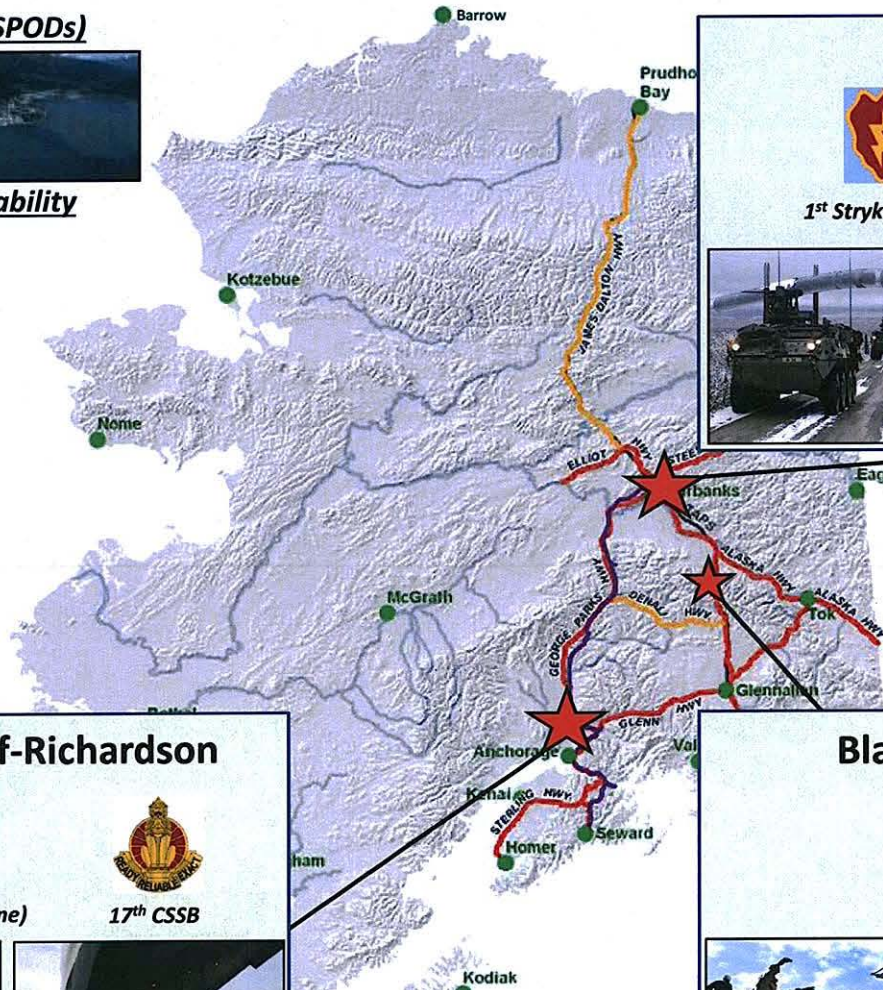
Multiple Deep Water Sea Ports (SPODs)



Multiple Surface Movement Capability



Multiple Airports (APODs)



Fort Wainwright



1st Stryker BCT



USARAK Aviation TF



Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson



USARAK HQ



4/25 IBCT (Airborne)



17th CSSB



Black Rapids Training Site



Northern Warfare Training Center





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Supporting Unified Land Operations



KFOR Task Force – Kosovo

OND & OEF – Afghanistan



OEF – Kuwait

OIF – Iraq





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Supporting Theater Engagements



Asia-Pacific

Japan
Nepal
Chile
India
Mongolia

Arctic

Canada
Norway
Sweden
Finland
Denmark



- Building a collaborative environment among military professionals across the globe
- Sharing best practices
- Refining TTPs for cold weather and military mountaineering operations
- Developing new relationships to address emerging security challenges



Building capacity and sharing best practices.



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Military Ops in the Alaska JOA



Homeland Defense, Defense Support to Civil Authorities and Mutual Aid Agreements

Alaska Exercises



- Alaska Shield – Alaska Disaster Preparedness / DSCA
- Northern Edge – Homeland Defense
- Red Flag / Arctic Anvil – Multinational / Joint training exercise

Wildfire Suppression

- Maximize DOD training opportunities while effectively minimizing escapement fires on military land
- Mitigation through collaboration of all stakeholders
- Helicopters equipped with bambi buckets



Search & Rescue

- Defense Support to Civil Authorities - SAR
- NWTC courses on survivability and support to civil authorities when approved



Mutual Aid



- EOD Support to safely dispose of explosive ordnance
- Fort Wainwright Fire Department aid to civil authorities
- Law enforcement



UNCLASSIFIED Vision



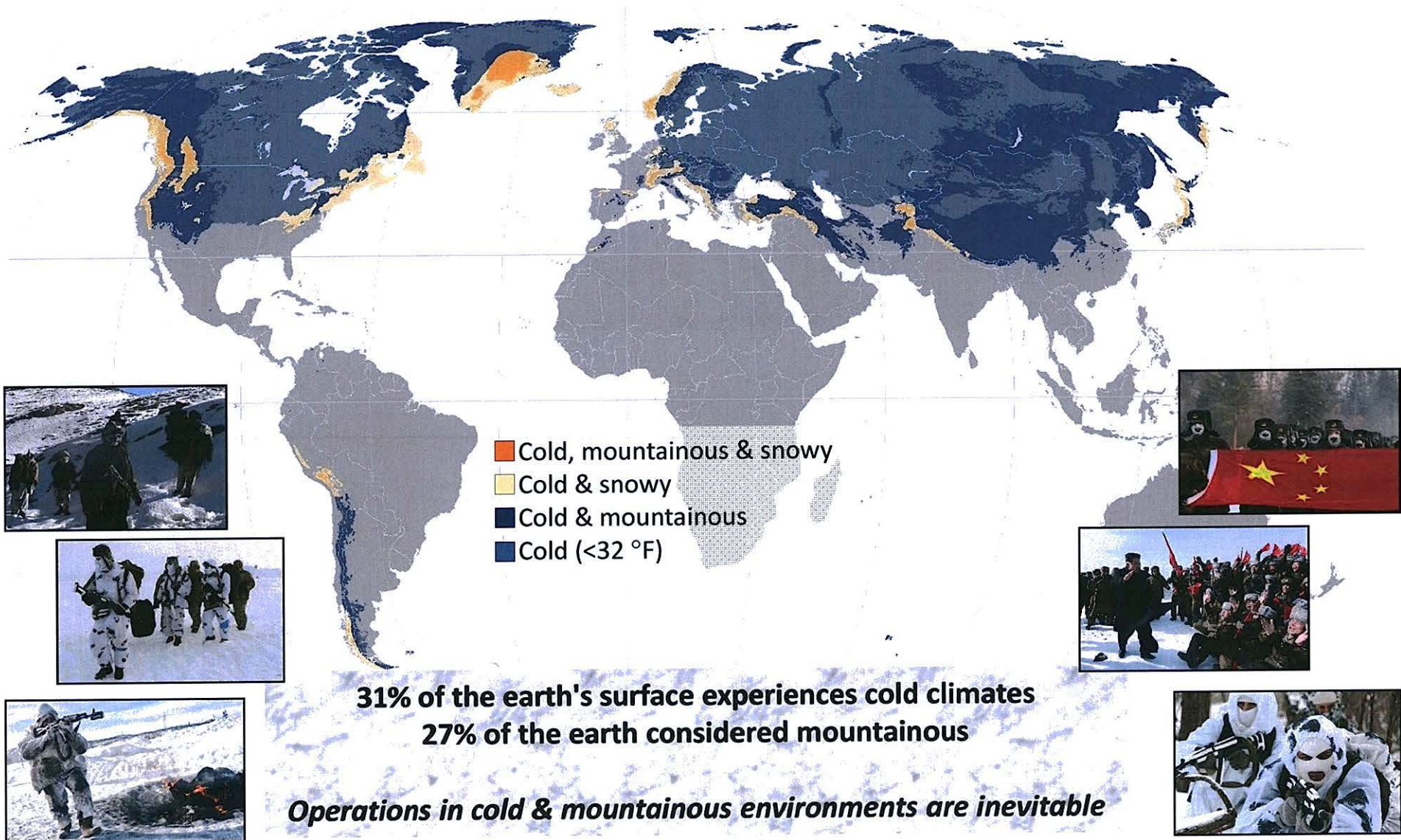
America's Arctic warriors
ready to fight and win.
Forged in Alaska, ready and resilient,
strengthened by Civilians and Families.
Strategically located, globally responsive, and
regionally engaged





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America's Arctic Warriors Ready to Fight and Win Anywhere





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Arctic Region Relationships



USARAK
Alaska Command
NORTHCOM

Canada
3rd Division and
JTF-North
** Canadian DC-O

Danish Home Guard



NATO Exercise – COLD RESPONSE



Cold Regions Military Mountaineering Collaborative Event

Norway COE-CWO
(School exchanges)

Arctic Security Forces Roundtable

Finnish Jaeger Brigade
(School exchanges)

Swedish Winter Warfare School

▪ A top down view of the Arctic – Perspective of how close AK really is to other Arctic nations



UNCLASSIFIED Arctic Presence



Arctic Tough Soldiers – Adaptive, Trained and Ready



Improving Cold and Mountain Capabilities

- Northern Warfare Training Center
- Spartan/ Arctic Pegasus & Arctic Anvil exercises



DoD and Academic Partnerships

- Latest technology (RDECOM, REF, PMs)
- Arctic 101 (UAF)
- Arctic Collaborative Environment (NASA, OSDATL, UAF)





UNCLASSIFIED Forged in Alaska



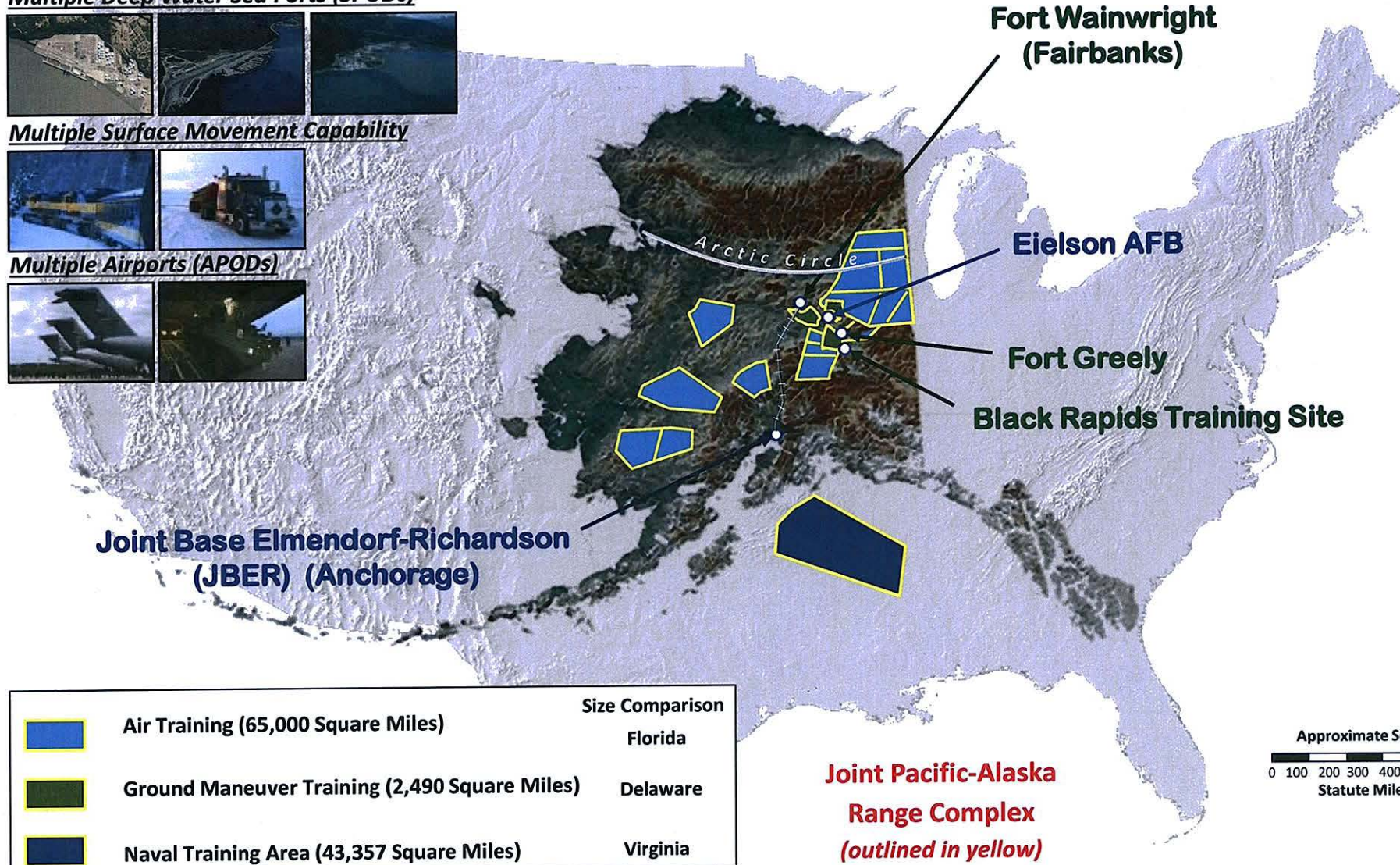
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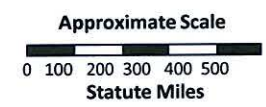


Multiple Airports (APODs)



	Size Comparison
 Air Training (65,000 Square Miles)	Florida
 Ground Maneuver Training (2,490 Square Miles)	Delaware
 Naval Training Area (43,357 Square Miles)	Virginia

**Joint Pacific-Alaska
Range Complex
(outlined in yellow)**

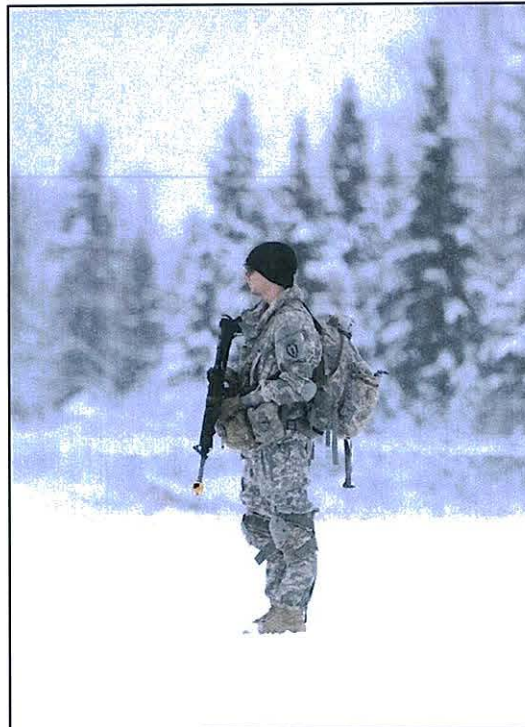




UNCLASSIFIED Ready and Resilient

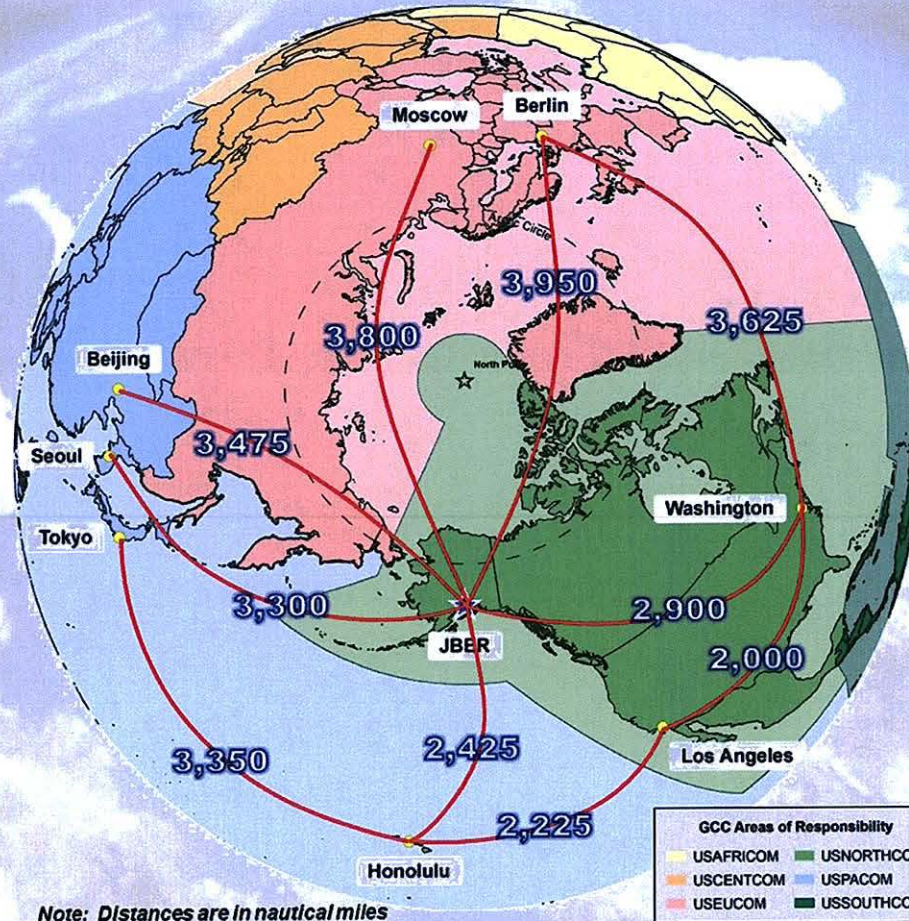


- **Build resilient individuals and units.**
 - *Identification of primary challenges to R2*
 - *Leadership development through terrain walks, summits, training*
- **Provide consistent and high quality Soldier and Family support services.**
 - *Includes SHARP, Suicide Prevention, CSF2*
- **Integrate resiliency into USARAK's operational culture.**
 - *Ongoing development and commitment to the R2C program*
 - *Quarterly review of program metrics through the USARAK Community Health Promotion Council*





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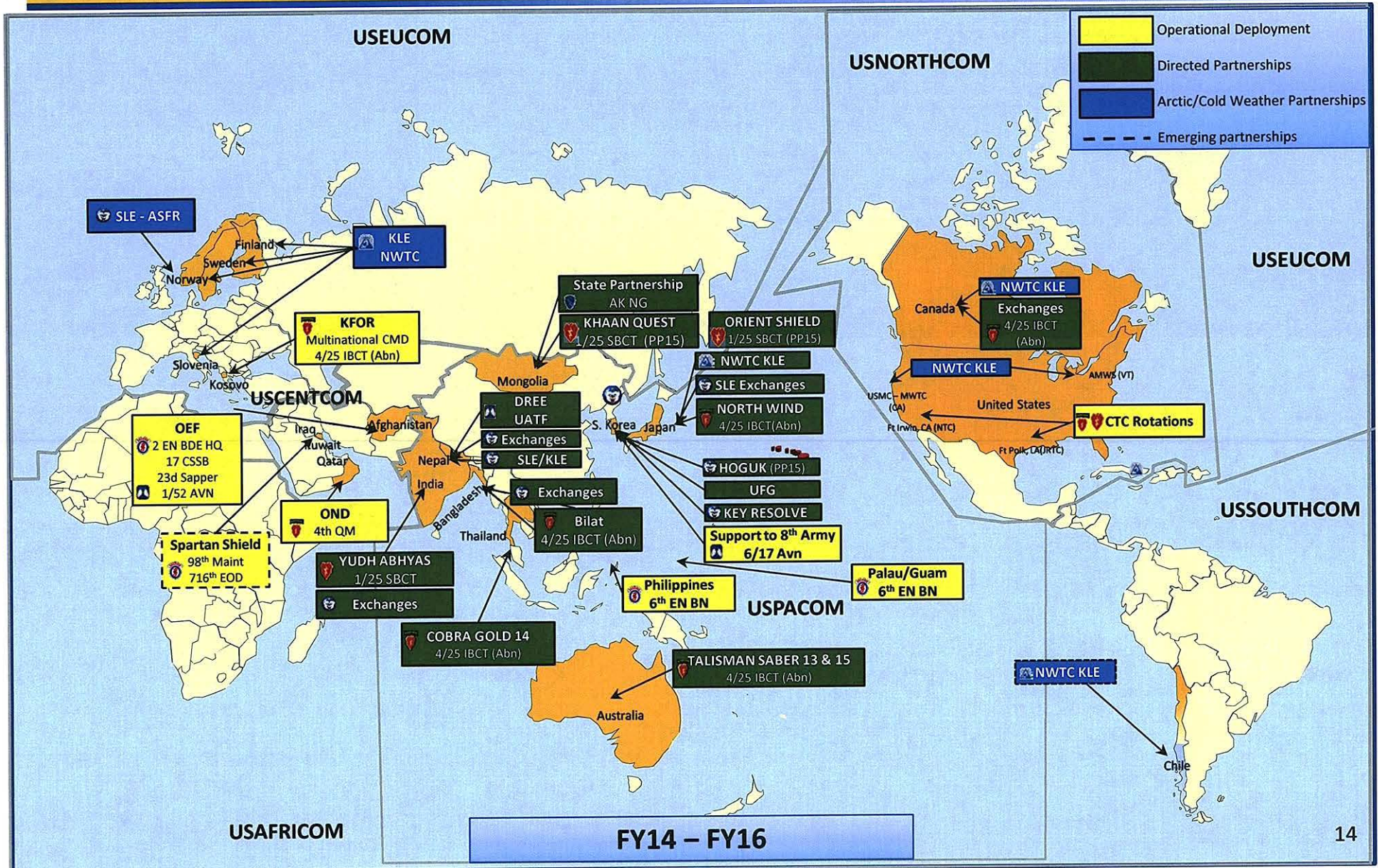


“Alaska is the most strategic place on earth” – Brig Gen Billy Mitchell, Testimony to Congress 1935



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Globally Responsive & Regionally Engaged





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USARAK is a Community of Excellence



- Jan 15 CPT Branton Irby was selected as the USARPAC nominee for the 2014 General Douglas MacArthur Award
- Feb 15 1LT Andrew K Rampp won 2nd place in the 30 km biathlon competition at the Norwegian School of Winter Warfare
- Feb 15 SFC Armando Delgado of 3-509th IN BN was selected as USARPAC's Career Counselor NCO of the Year
- Feb 15 UATF won the 2014 AAAA Air Traffic Control Facility of the Year, and the 2014 AAAA Air Traffic Control Controller of the Year, in recognition of the outstanding performance of the Soldiers of F/1-52 AVN during their OEF deployment
- Feb 15 USARAK marksmanship team placed 3rd in the 2015 Fort Benning All Army Small Arms Championship competition
- Mar 15 Angela Major, Chief of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Wainwright was one of 14 IMCOM employees selected for the Stalwart Award for her leadership, standards and high character
- Mar 15 SFC Tymeeko Green was honored as the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator of the Year for USARPAC
- Mar 15 The 4/25 IBCT (ABN) DFAC team won 22 medals (4 silver and 18 bronze) in the 40th Annual Culinary Arts Competition at the Joint Culinary Center of Excellence at Fort Lee, VA
- Apr 15 25th BSB wins USARPAC SSA award, after winning USARPAC competition in Sep 14
- Apr 15 Bassett Army Community Hospital wins the Energy Circle of Excellence Award and the Greenhealth Partner for Change Award, recognizing innovative hospital operations that maintain quality of care while reducing energy use
- Apr 15 The 2015 Army Communities of Excellence Bronze Award is presented to Fort Wainwright
- Apr 15 Teams from 70th BEB and 6th BEB place competitively in the Best Sapper Competition
- Apr 15 SFC Ron Albert won the Director of Army Safety Composite Risk Management Award for 2014
- Apr 15 SPC Darnell D. Lockwood of 6th BEB won the national GEICO 2014 Military Service Award
- Apr 15 SSG Daniel Love, 4/25 IBCT (ABN) PAO, wins the Feature Photo category of the Army's MG Keith L. Ware competition for 2014 with the photo on this slide
- Apr 15 PFC Justin Johnson is awarded the Purple Heart
- May 15 59th Signal Battalion rated Excellent by the Defense Information Systems Agency
- July 4, 15 CPT Nicholas Shamrell, Fort Wainwright Garrison, won North Pole Triathlon in 2:12
- Oct 15, SGT Michael Warner competed as a member of the 2015 All-Army Taekwondo Team at the 2015 USA Taekwondo National Championships held in Austin, Texas, July 8, 2015 and for the U.S. Armed Forces Taekwondo Team in the 6th Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) World Games, in Mungyeong, South Korea
- Jan 16, Soldier's Medal awarded to SSG Joshua J. Schneiderman for his heroic actions in saving a civilian from drowning on the Copper River
- Oct 15, SGT Tyler Campbell and SPC Daniel Medrano, 1-501st 4/25 IBCT (ABN), third place winners at the 2015 Jack L. Clark Jr. U.S. Army Best Medic Competition (ABMC)



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Arctic Warriors



Arctic Tough

Combined Headquarters



**America's finest fighting team,
engaged in crises worldwide
while securing America's
future in the Last Frontier**

Alaskan Command Update

Lt Gen Russ Handy
9 Feb 16



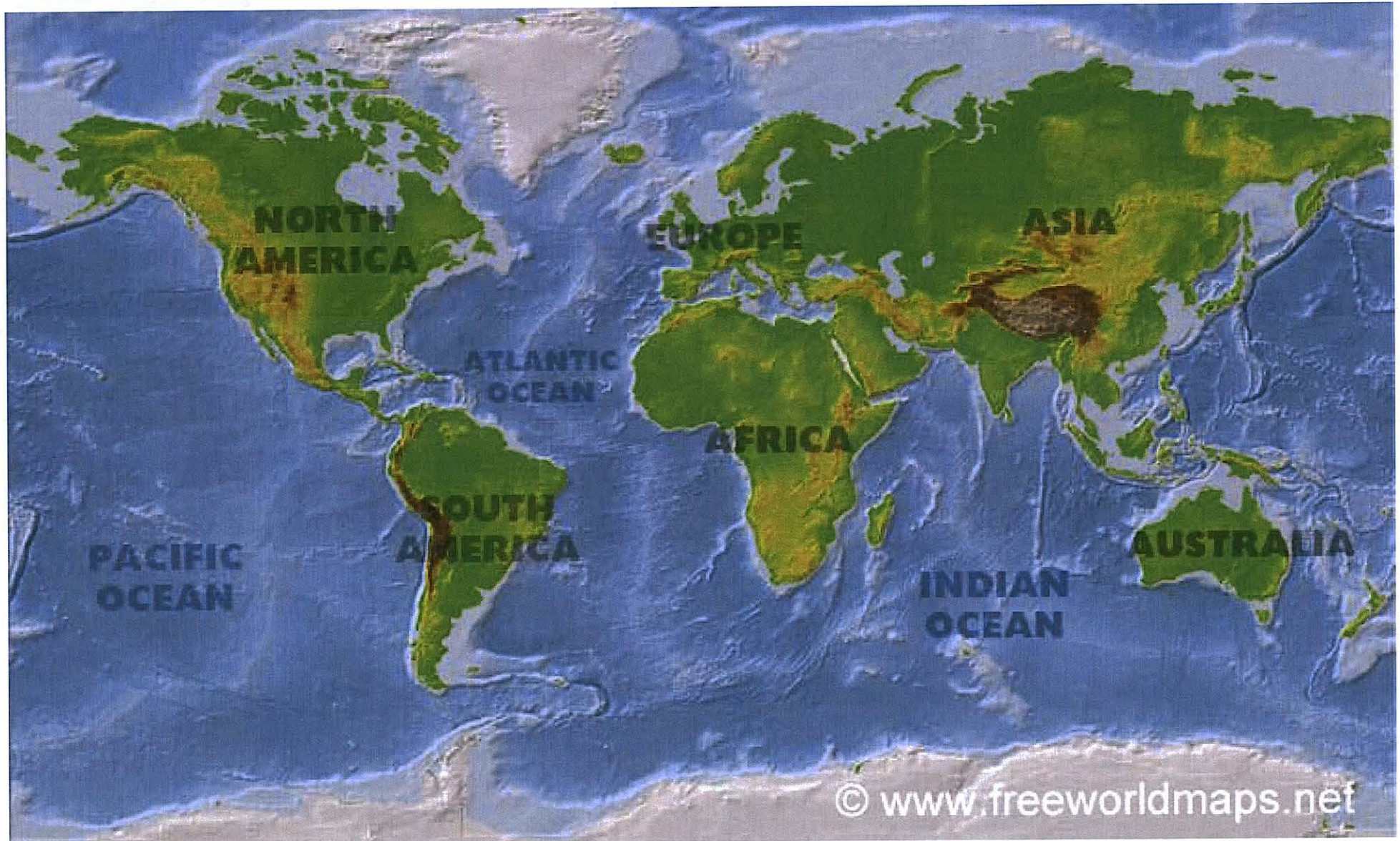
Overview

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



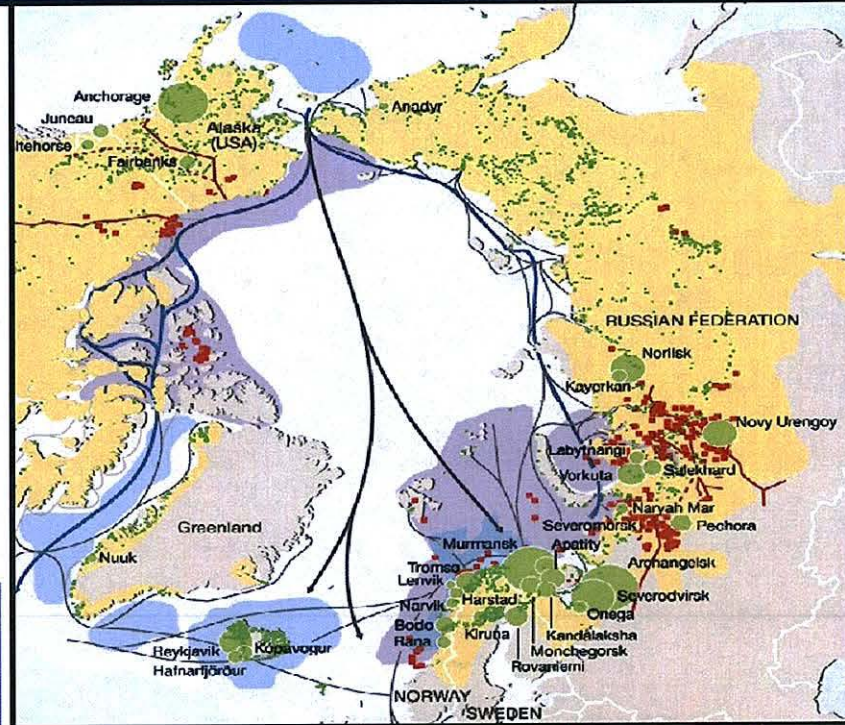
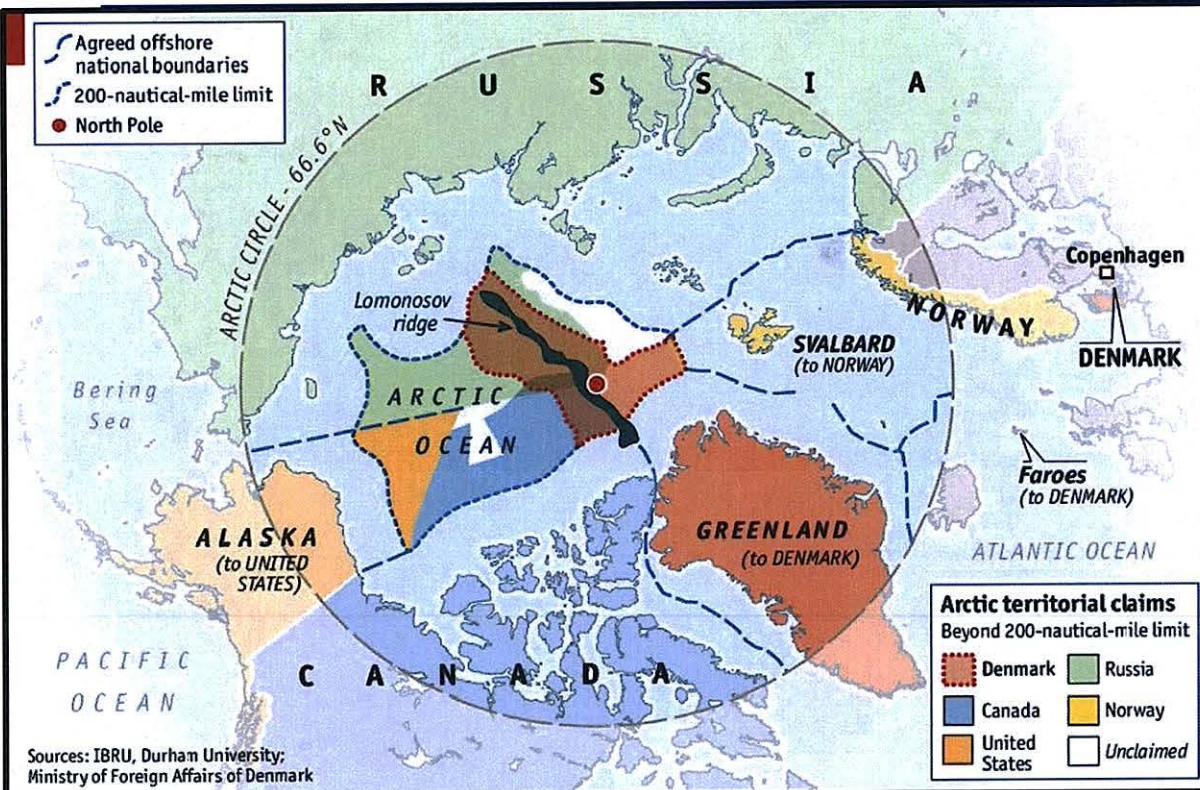


The Way Most View the World





Our View of the World



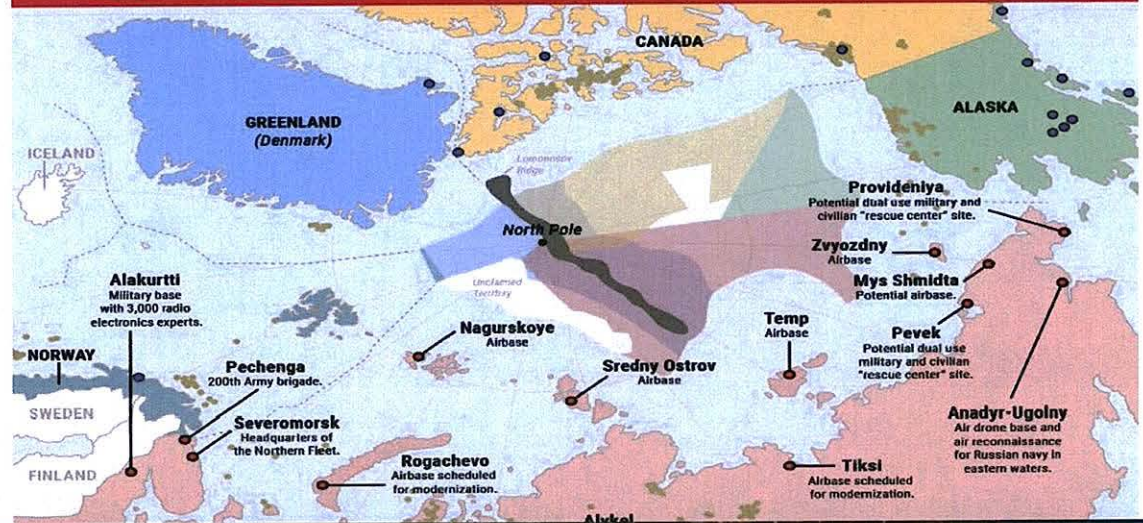
- Increase in human activity
 - Access to natural resources
 - Proximity to national interests
 - Russian trends & sovereignty implications
-Arctic understanding is a GLOBAL issue...



Our Evolving Environment

- Russia
- China
- North Korea
- Iran
- ISIL

RUSSIA'S MILITARIZATION OF THE ARCTIC

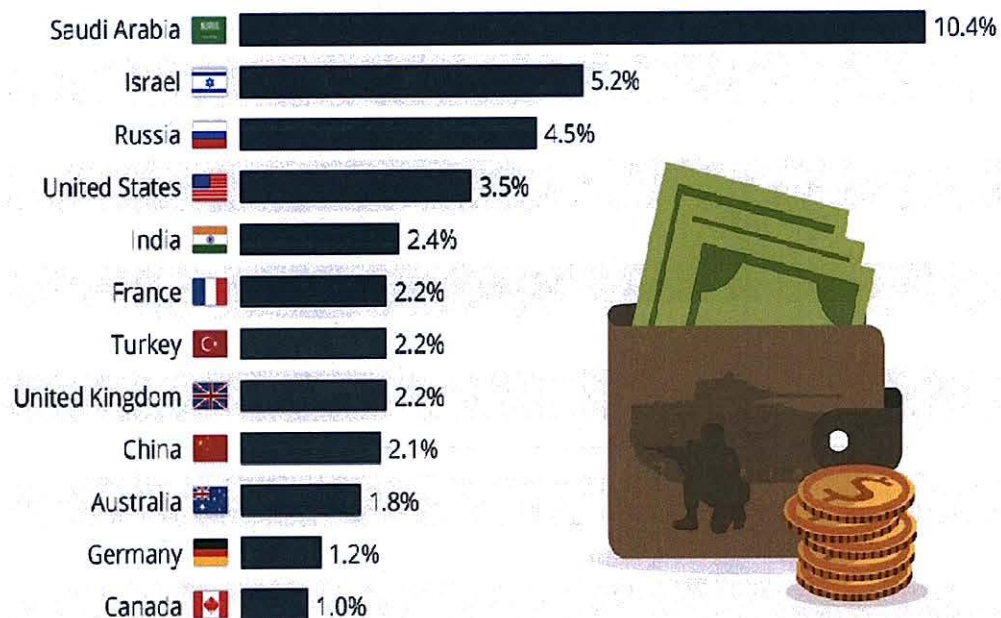




Military Spending

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

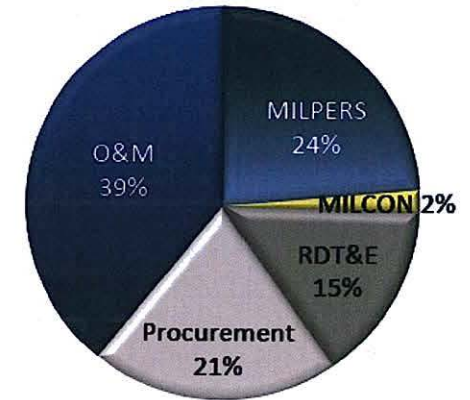
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DoD Budget

- **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

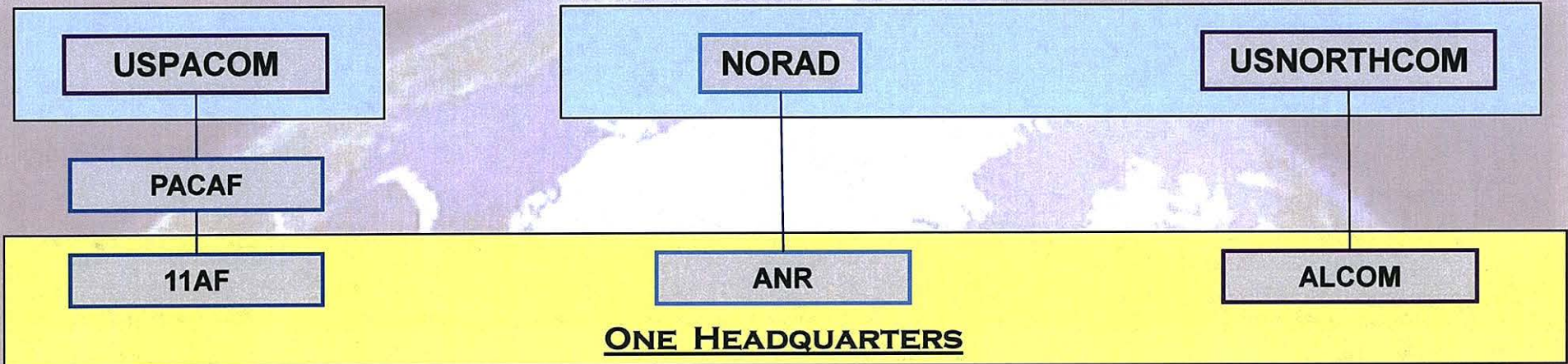


'MUST PAYS'-----Ops & Maintenance-----MODERNIZATION

	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)

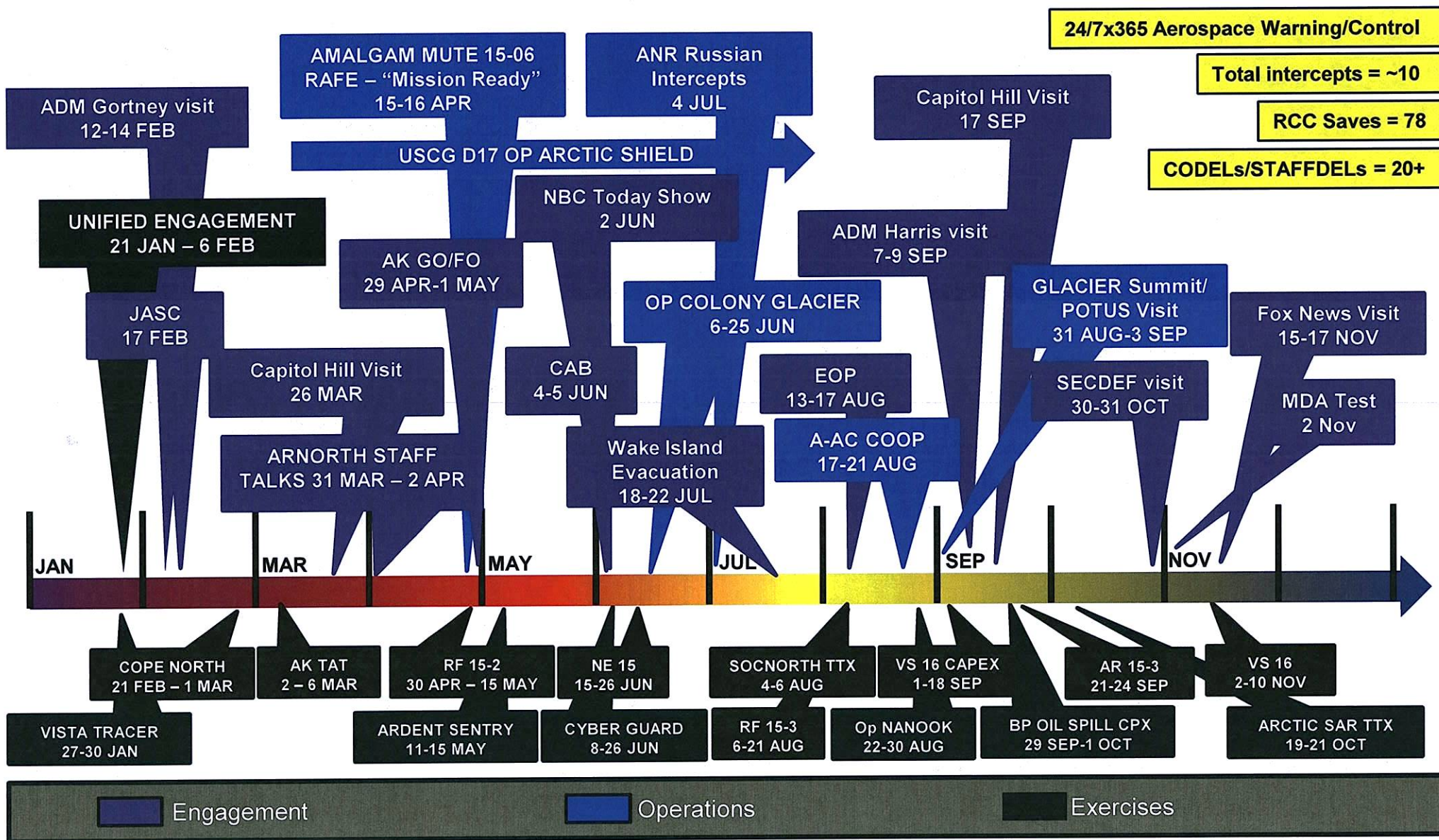
Coast Guard (USCG D17)

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

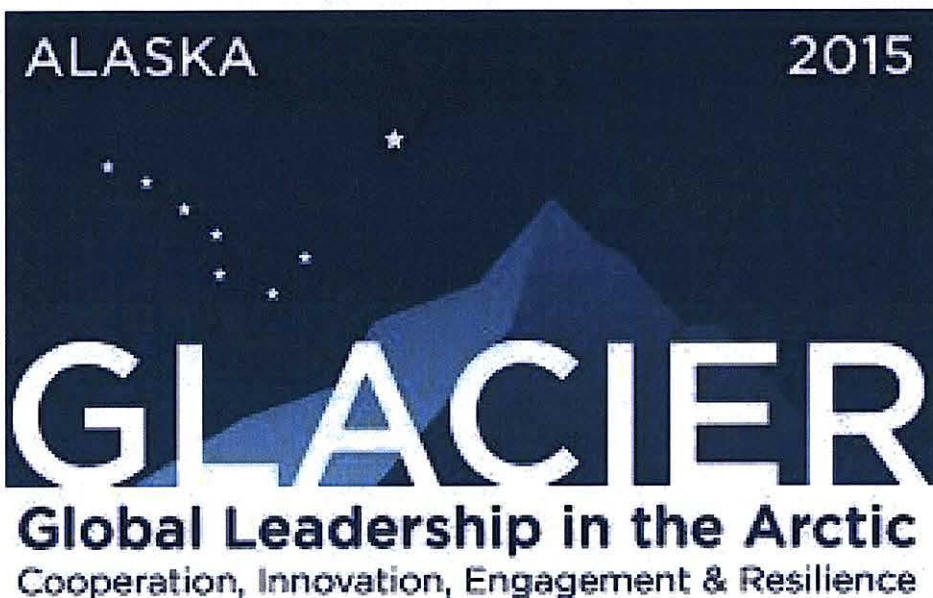
- 8-30 June 2015
- Annual ALCOM joint operation
- Coordinated recovery operation





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

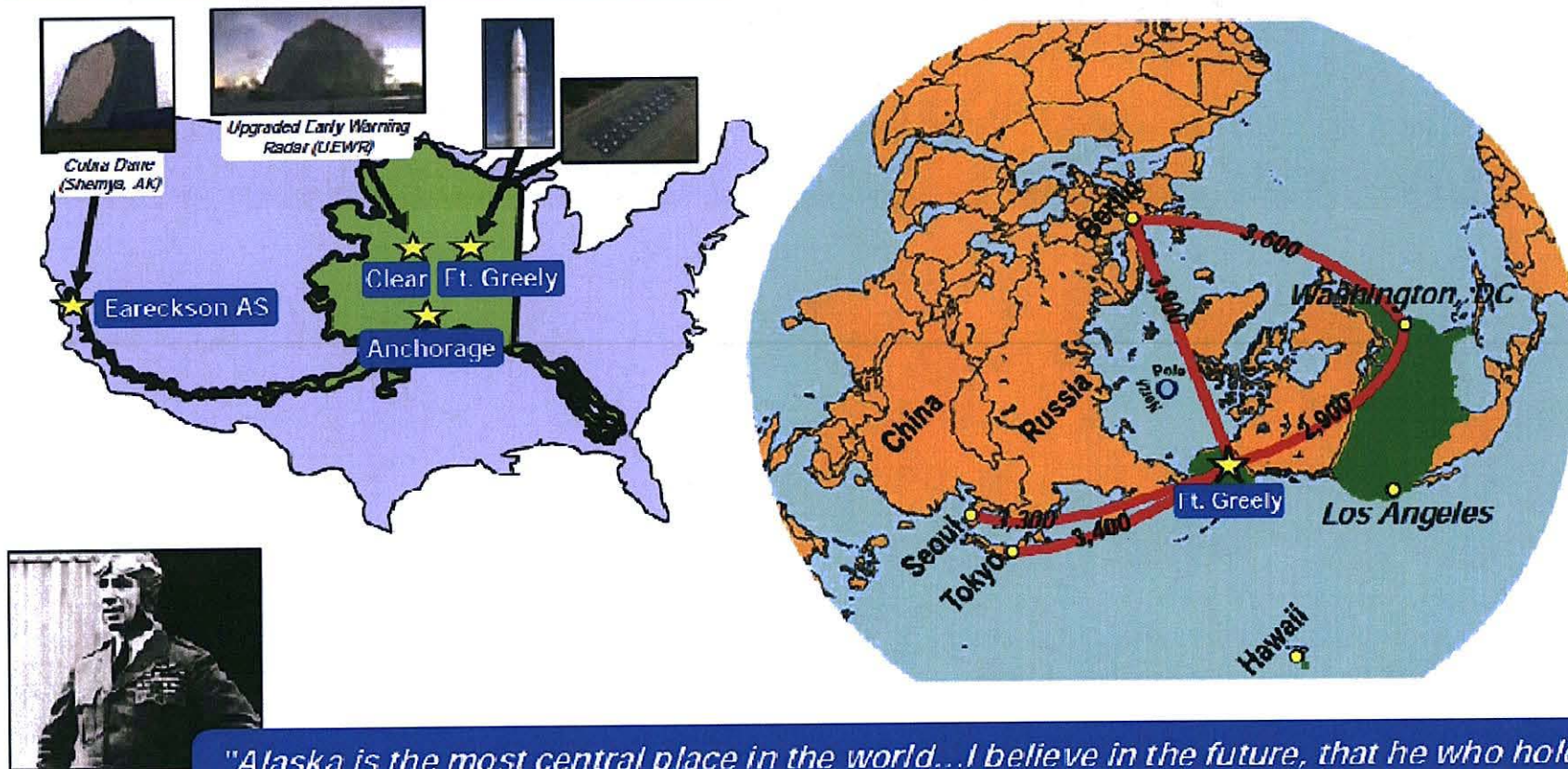




Ballistic Missile Defense



Missile Defense In Alaska



"Alaska is the most central place in the world...I believe in the future, that he who holds Alaska will hold the world, and I think it is the most important strategic place in the world."

BC Billy Mitchell - Feb 1935



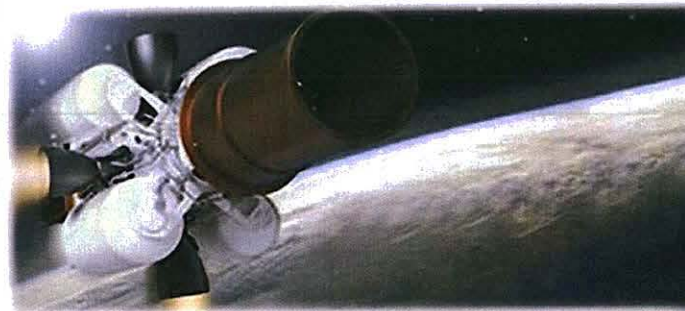
Ballistic Missile Defense

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

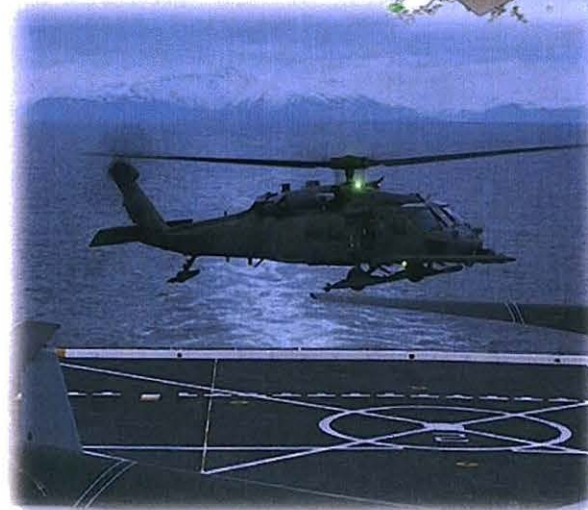
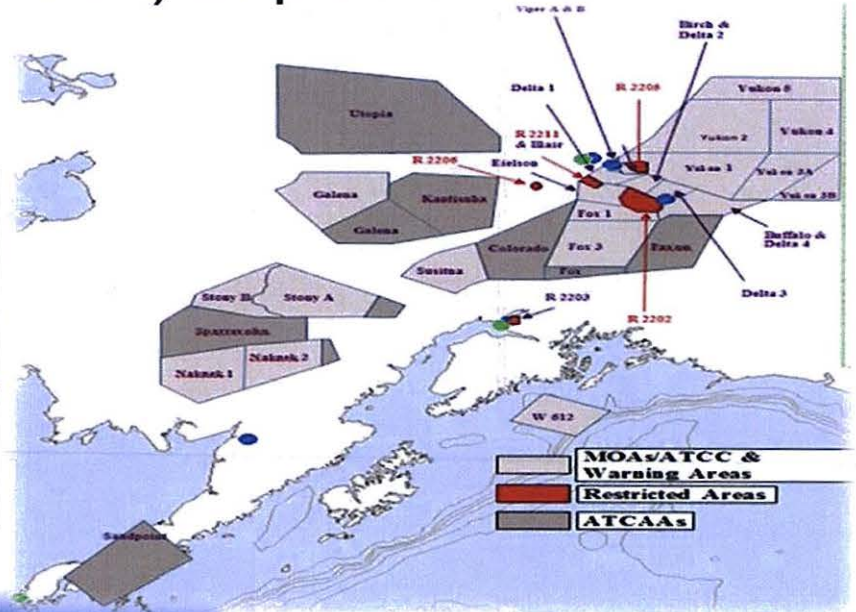


11th Air Force

- 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

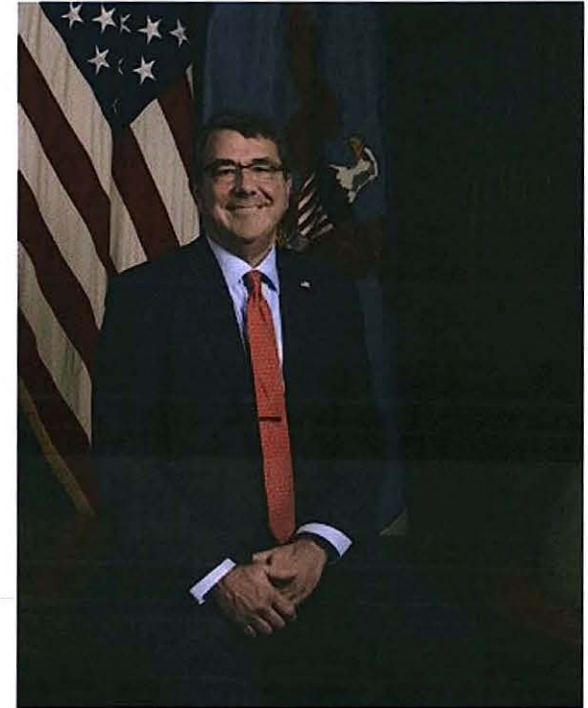
- JPARC – unique capability...National treasure
- Adversary air for Pacific Air Forces
- RED FLAG-Alaska
- Community partners in the interior





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





Thank You for Your Support





Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Joint Armed Services Committee
9 February 2016



DMVA Mission



To provide military forces to accomplish military missions in the state or around the world; provide homeland security and defense; emergency preparedness, response, and recovery; veterans services; and youth military style training and education.



Core Services



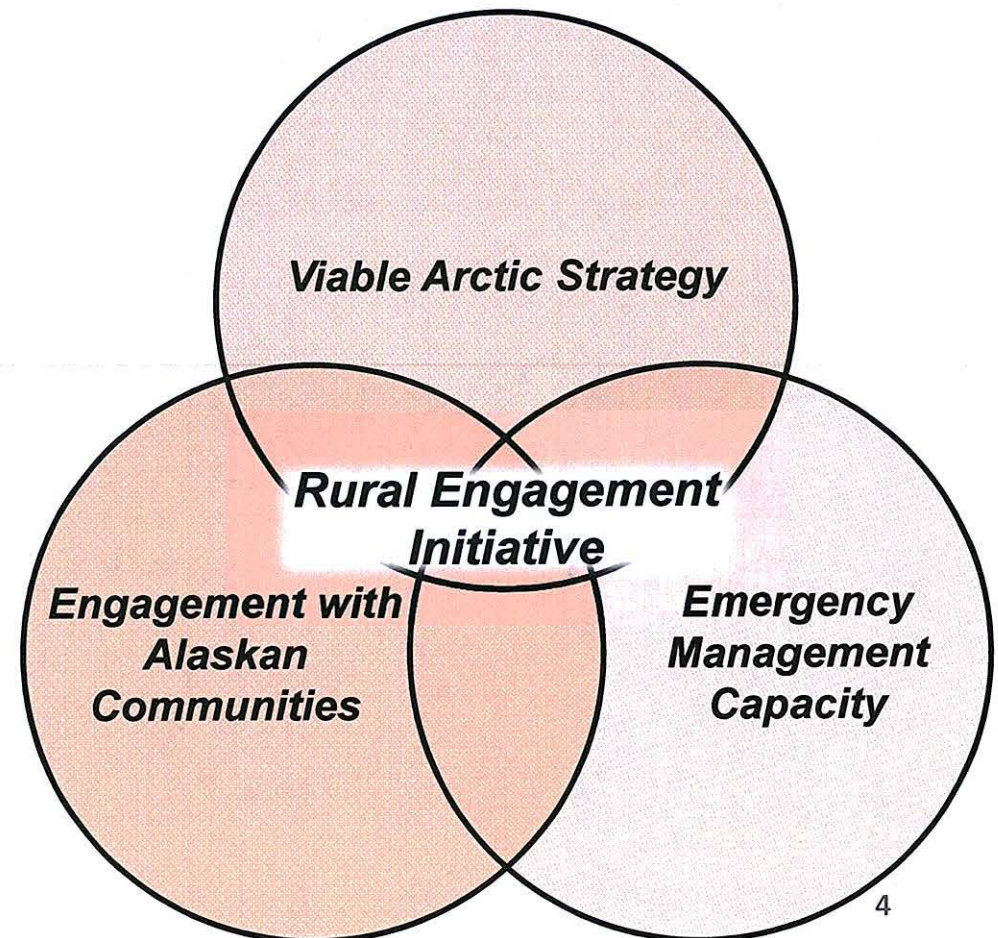
- Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States
- Disaster Preparedness/Response and Recovery
- Outreach to Veterans and Military Families
- Youth Intervention



DMVA Vision and Core Values



- Vision: Through constant collaboration internally and with external partners, DMVA implements a viable Arctic strategy, increases emergency management capacity, and expands engagement with Alaskan communities, all while achieving federal mission assurance.
- Core Values
 - Professionalism “Be the real deal”
 - Commitment “All oars in the water...”
 - Teamwork “...rowing the same direction”
- We will rely on:
 - Adherence to Doctrine
 - Sound Processes
 - Customer Focus
 - Moral, Legal, Ethical Actions
 - Transparency





DMVA Commissioner's Goals



- **Establish a culture of moral, ethical, positive and productive leadership and followership**
 - Motivate the force to pursue actions, focus thinking, and shape decisions for the greater good of the organization
- **Restore the confidence of Alaskans in the Alaska National Guard**
 - Trust is gained through actions over time
- **Establish and implement sound processes: doctrinally based, legal and ethical, replicable, predictable, and transparent**
- **Establish conditions to increase the footprint of DMVA in rural Alaska**
- **Plan for and negotiate declining budgets**



DMVA Strategy



Implement an integrated Arctic strategy supporting the State's policy

Expand Emergency Management Capacity

Engage Alaska Communities

Federal Mission Assurance

Rural
Engagement
Objectives

Partnering
Objectives

Shaping
Objectives

Posturing
Objectives

Readiness
Objectives

Communication
Objectives

Goal:
Integrated
DMVA
activities to
improve
security and
resilience of
all Alaskan
communities



Kivalina



Kivalina, on a barrier island in the Chukchi Sea, is vulnerable to storm surges. Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott and other state and borough officials visited the threatened village last week to hold talks on an emergency plan for the village.



State General Fund Dollars Spent
\$18,414,100

Alaska Department of
DMVA
 Military & Veterans Affairs

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
 \$2,986,250

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
 \$4,771,850

VETERANS SERVICES
 \$1,940,500

ALASKA MILITARY YOUTH ACADEMY
 \$5,115,700

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 \$3,601,800

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
 \$5,505,100 STATE BUDGET FEDERAL DOLLARS
 \$165,185,206 DIRECT FEDERAL DOLLARS
 \$166,688,506 TOTAL FEDERAL DOLLARS

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
 \$6,536,800 STATE BUDGET FEDERAL DOLLARS
 \$51,165,550 DIRECT FEDERAL DOLLARS
 \$57,702,350 TOTAL FEDERAL DOLLARS

VETERANS SERVICES
 \$158,500 STATE BUDGET FEDERAL DOLLARS
 \$267,353,333 DIRECT FEDERAL DOLLARS
 \$267,491,633 TOTAL FEDERAL DOLLARS

ALASKA MILITARY YOUTH ACADEMY
 \$3,655,900 STATE BUDGET FEDERAL DOLLARS

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 \$4,145,300 STATE BUDGET FEDERAL DOLLARS

Federal Dollars Received
\$499,634,756



**Former US Ambassador to Mongolia
Piper Campbell**



**Secretary of Defense
Ash Carter**



**38th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
GEN Ray Odierno**



**Director, Army National Guard
LTG Timothy Kadavy**



**Commander, US Pacific Command
ADM Harry Harris**



Initiatives



**LTC Weaver and CPT Dunbar with
House Judiciary Members**



**RADM Margaret Klein
DOD Senior Advisor for Military Professionalism**



**CSM Richard Hildreth
AKNG Liaison to Rural and Tribal Communities**



DMVA Town Hall



Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management





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SERVING ALASKA ONE VETERAN AT A TIME

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The seal of the Department of Veterans Affairs, featuring an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows, with the text "DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA".

- Assisted 57,989 Alaskans with state and federal VA benefits requests. This is an increase of over 10,000 from SFY 2014 and reflects a workload of 7.5 clients per day for each member of Veterans Affairs
- Assisted Alaska veterans in receiving over \$222 million in federally funded medical care
- Assisted Alaska's veterans to receive disability compensation payments totaling \$244 million in direct federal funds
- Assisted 4,605 students (veterans and eligible family members) to receive \$74 million in federally funded Education/vocational rehabilitation benefits
- Assisted 5,208 veterans in obtaining home loan certificates resulting in over \$1.4 billion in guaranteed loans. This is the first time the VA Home Loan program passed \$1 billion in Alaska



Alaska Military Youth Academy



First Class: January 30, 1994

Total Graduates: 4,665

Next Graduation: February 26, 2016 (118 Cadets)

Cadet to Work Program



Air National Guard (ANG)



- Air National Guard units located in 54 States & Territories
- 89 Wings total (Flight/Squadron/Group/Wing)
- 105,700 Personnel (approximately 30% of Total Air Force)
- Two Wings in Alaska (176th Wing & 168th Wing)
- ANG accomplishes ~33% of mission for ~7% of budget
- Last two decades ANG posture transitioned from Strategic to Operational reserve
 - ANG filled 19% of FY15 Air Force deployment taskings
 - ANG will fill 30% of FY16 Air Force deployment taskings



Dual Roles of the Alaska Air National Guard



Federal Role (Title 10 Status)

- Responsible to Pacific Air Forces, Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command, Northern Command & Space Command for Contingencies
- Involuntary Mobilization/Presidential Call-up
- Voluntary activation for Federal missions



State Role (Title 32/Federal Training Status)

- Federally Funded to Organize, Train and Equip for Federal (Title 10) Mission
- Governor can call up Guard to:
 - Protect life, property, peace and order
 - Provide military support to civil authorities
 - State of Alaska can utilize AKANG via State Active Duty (must reimburse federal gov't)



Natural Disasters & Homeland Security

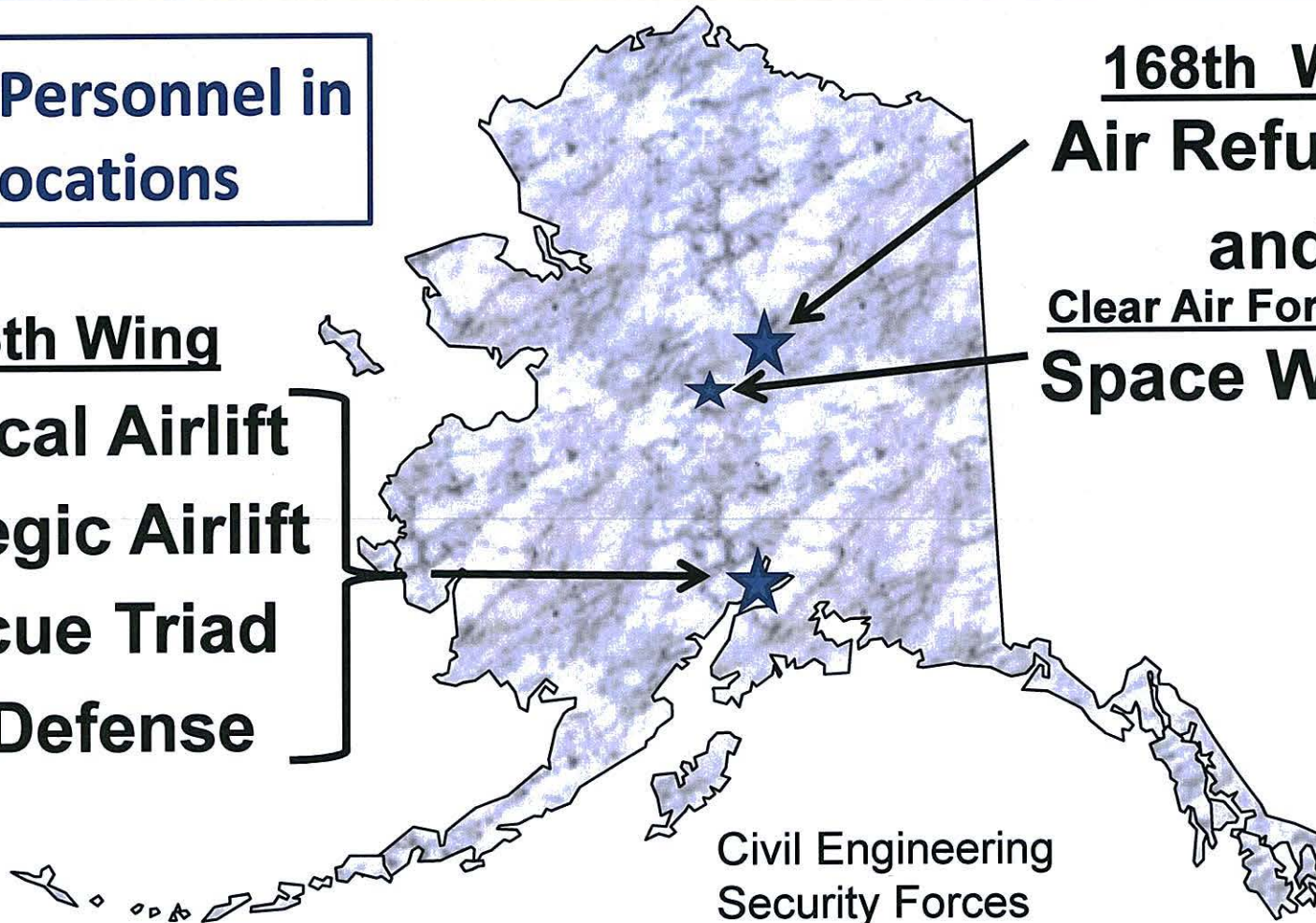


Locations & Primary Missions



**+2100 Personnel in
3 Locations**

176th Wing
Tactical Airlift
Strategic Airlift
Rescue Triad
Air Defense



168th Wing
Air Refueling
and
Clear Air Force Station
Space Warning

Civil Engineering
Security Forces
Logistics (Supply, Trans, Fuel)
Medical Support
Communications



Total Force



- 249th AS;
Classic Association



- 213th SWS; Operations Crew - 24/7
- 176th ADS; Operations Squadron - 24/7
- Rescue Triad and Tanker Alert; in support of Active Duty forces - 24/7





At Home



- ARCTIC CARE
 - Veterans' Stand Down
 - Galena Flood
 - Mission of Mercy
 - Operation Santa Claus
-
- Non-Deployment Rescues since 1 July 1994
 - 5, 334 missions/2229 saves
 - **2015: 101 missions/71 saves**





Deployed



- Overwhelming majority of AKANG have deployed (65% of 176th, 80% of 168th)
- Constant tempo for over a decade
- DSG Airmen average 120 duty days/year
- 300+ deployed in 2015

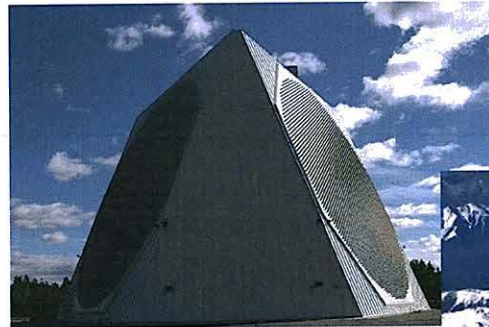
- Operation IRAQI FREEDOM
- Operation ENDURING FREEDOM -Afghanistan
- Operation INHERENT RESOLVE – ISIS/ISIL
- Operation REGENT SENTINEL
- Operation NOBLE EAGLE – Homeland Defense
- Operation TOMODACHI – Japan Earthquake/Tsunami
- KHAAN QUEST – Mongolia (State Partnership)
- HURRICANE'S KATRINA, GUSTAVE, IKE, HANNAH, IRENE
- Operation NOBLE EAGLE
- PACOM Tanker TSP at Guam



Current and Future



- 168th Redesignation; 3 Feb 2016
- KC-135 Active Association





Alaska Army National Guard

**Colonel Joseph Streff
Commander**

**Command Sergeant Major Marc Petersen
State Command Sergeant Major**

9 February 2016



AKARNG Vision and Mission



Vision

A diverse, trusted, and capable organization ready to conduct Unified Land Operations for the federal government and the State of Alaska.

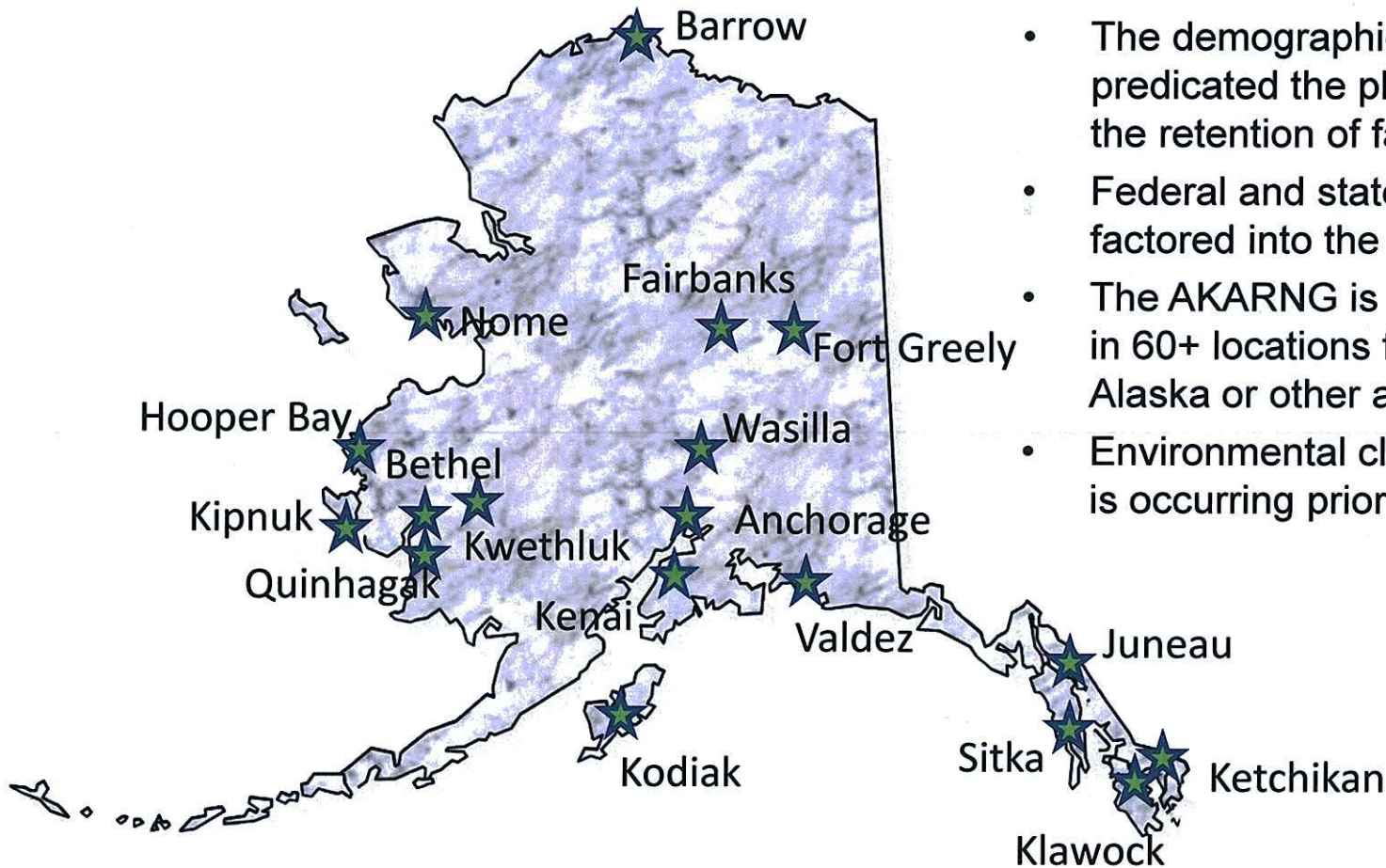


Mission

Maintain ready units and Soldiers who are available to support the Governor and fellow Alaskans for domestic operations while also ready to deploy worldwide in support of the National Military Strategy.



AKARNG Locations



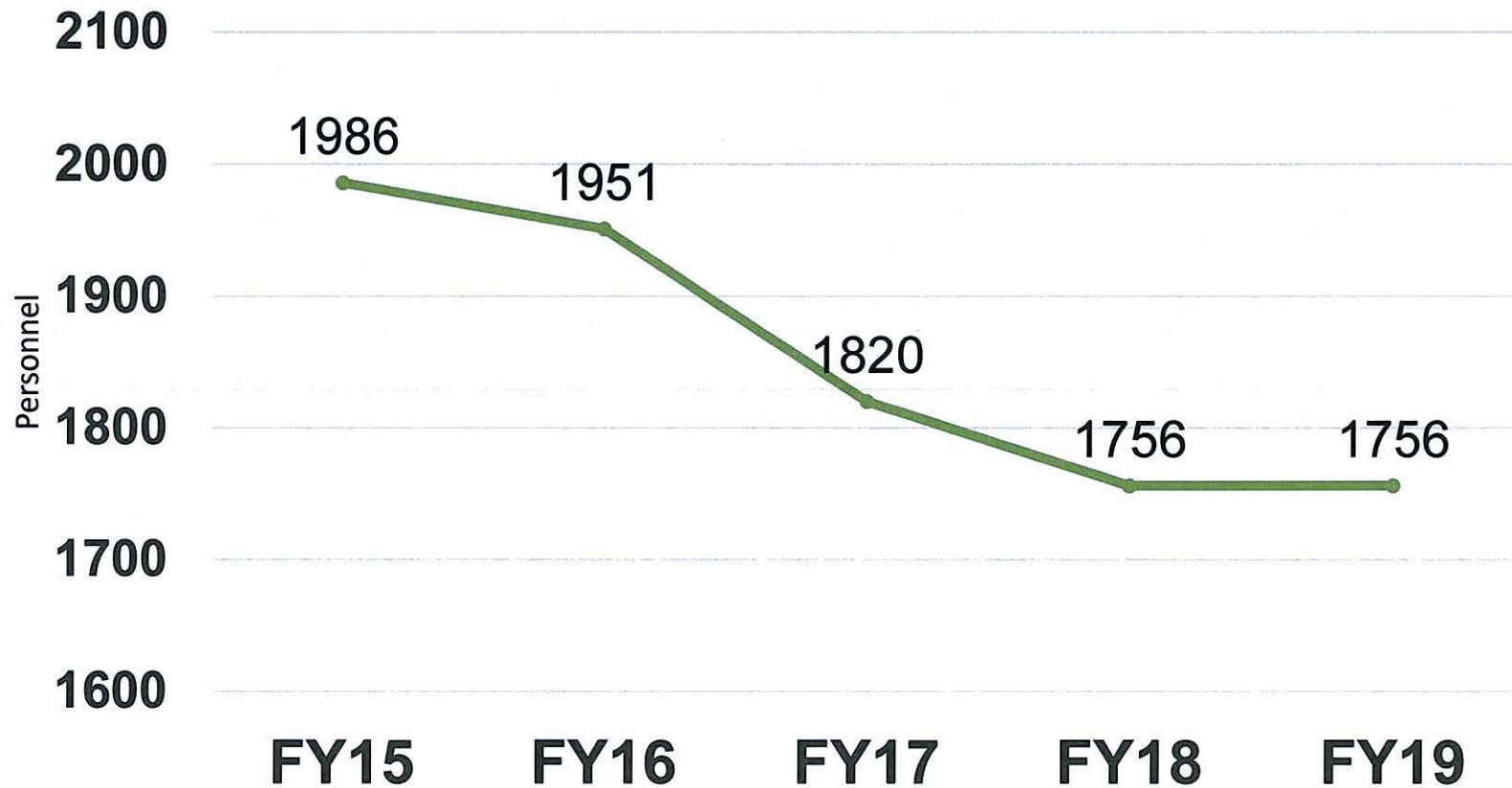
- 17 Armories around Alaska
- The demographics of a location predicated the placement of units and the retention of facilities
- Federal and state funding reductions factored into the plan
- The AKARNG is repurposing facilities in 60+ locations for use by the State of Alaska or other agencies
- Environmental clean up, as necessary, is occurring prior to transfer



AKARNG FY15-19 End Strength Authorization

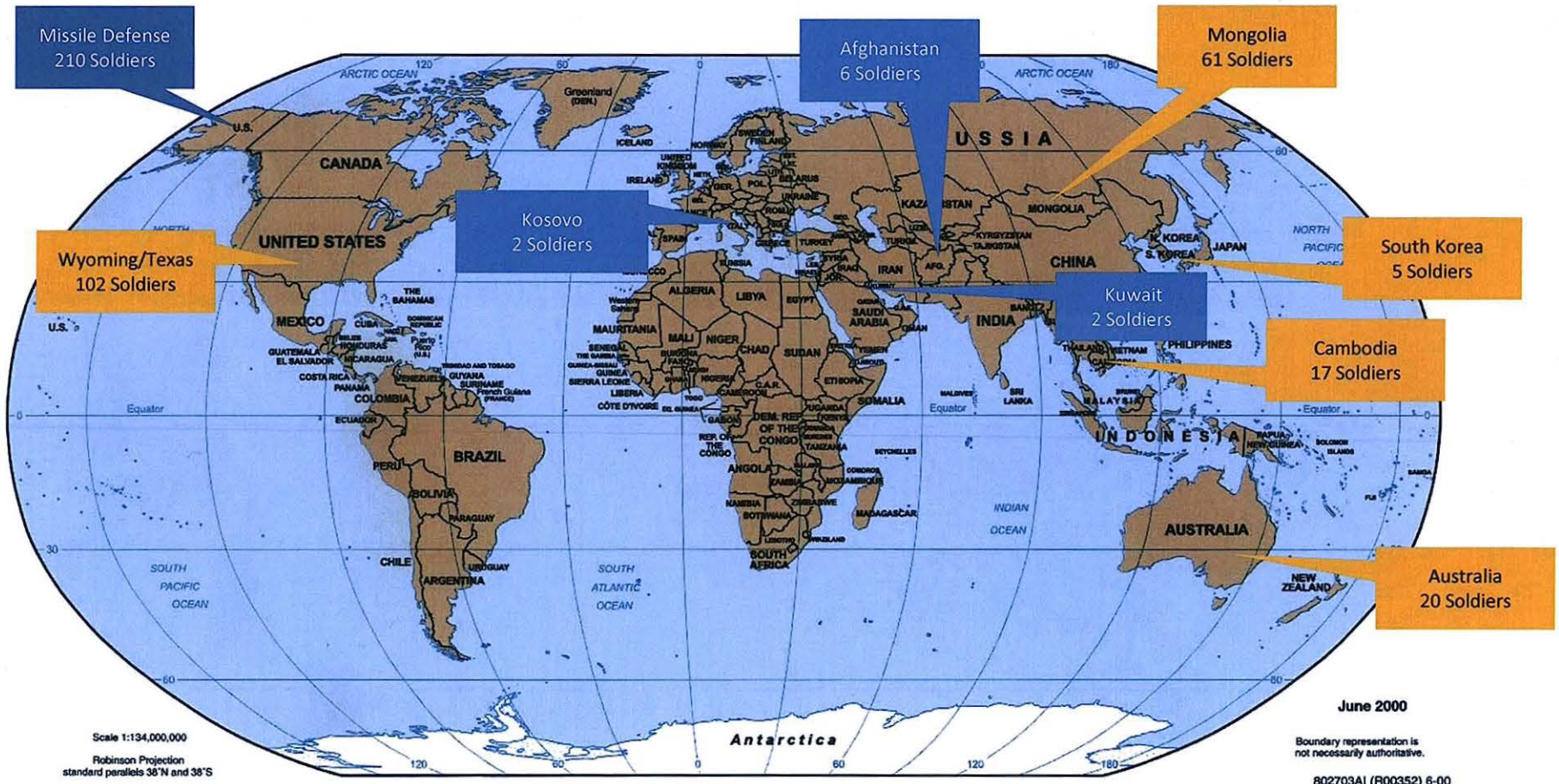


Force Structure Allowance





Alaska Army National Guard 2015 Deployments



Training Event

Deployment



Defense Support to Civil Authorities



Natural Disasters



Army Aviation Wildfire Support 2015

Kenai armory evacuation site
Fire 2015 and earthquake 2016



Operation Deep Dig in Cordova 2012



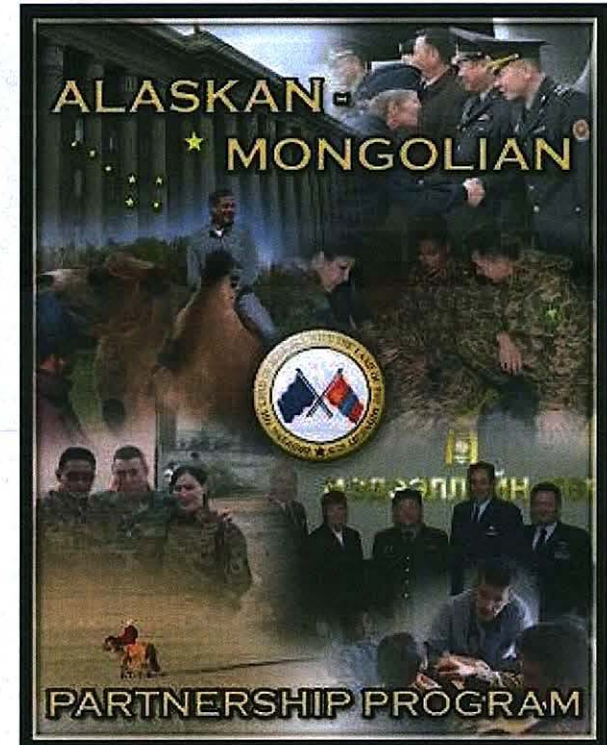
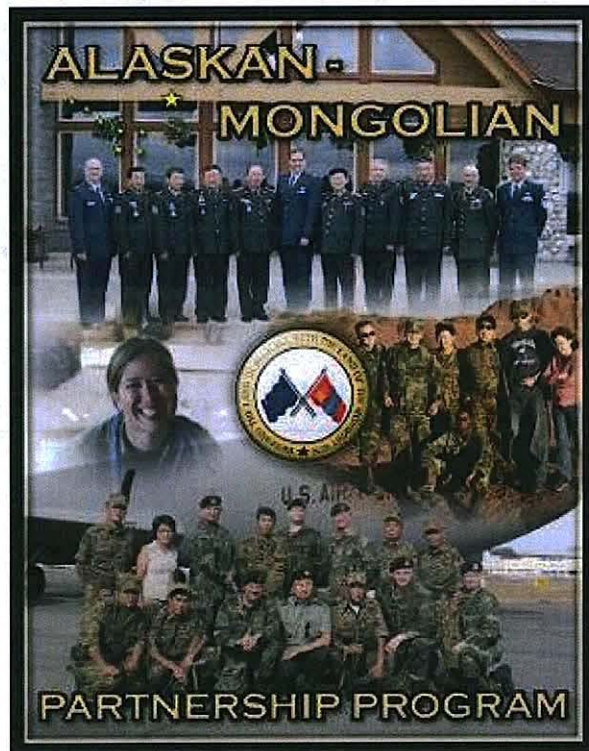
Galena Flooding 2013



State Partnership Program Alaska - Mongolia



Building Partner Capacity in the Pacific



**Combat Mission Partnership
in OIF and OEF Since 2004**





AKARNG Rural Engagement



LTG Kadavy, Director, Army National Guard, visited Western Alaska to experience challenges of AKARNG service in January 2016

Department of the Army and National Guard Bureau personnel visited Western Alaska in September 2015 to better understand the challenges of Western Alaska recruiting and participation in the AKARNG



Pursuing statutory change through Alaska's Congressional Delegation to modify Joint Travel Regulation covering travel for drill periods (similar to Army Reserve policy)

Coordinate with Department of the Army and National Guard Bureau for specific waivers to assist with rural Alaska participation



Discussion





USAG FORT WAINWRIGHT REAL ID ACT

DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
PHYSICAL SECURITY DIVISION

IMCOM delivers and integrates base support to enable readiness for a
self-reliant and globally-responsive All Volunteer Army

We are the Army's Home



INTRODUCTION

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses."

The Act established minimum security standards for license issuance and production which include requirements for a photograph and certain biographic information, such as name, DOB, gender, height, eye color & address.

This ACT prohibits Federal agencies from accepting these non-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards for access control procedures.



NON COMPLIANCE WITH REAL ID ACT



- State-issued driver licenses and identification (ID) cards from states not meeting the standards cannot be used for accessing Federal facilities beginning 10 Jan 2016. The following are non-compliant and do not possess a waiver:
 - Illinois
 - Minnesota
 - Missouri
 - New Mexico
 - Washington
 - American Samoa Territory

Note: An extension was requested and granted for Alaska, California, New Jersey and South Carolina; new deadline of 10 Oct 2016.



REAL ID ACT



What does this all mean for
Fort Wainwright?



ACCESS CONTROL

Personnel in possession of a valid Department of Defense issued identification card are not affected by this change.

Soldiers that forget their Government ID and possess an ID from a non-compliant state will proceed to Visitor Center to be vetted against the Alpha roster. Once identity proofed and vetted they will be given a day pass. (If not on the Alpha Roster it will require verification/escort by the unit/organization for access)

Family members that forget their Government ID and possess an ID from a non-compliant state will require an government sponsor for verification and escort.

Government Civilians that forget their Government ID and possess an ID from a non-compliant state will require unit/organization verification/escort for access.



ACCESS CONTROL CONTINUED

Visitors with drivers licenses or identification cards from the non-compliant states/territories fit into one of the following options:

- 1) Provide additional vetting documents (*allowable documents list to follow*)
- 2) Be escorted (*In the presence of the government sponsor at all times*)
- 3) Be denied access.



ACCESS CONTROL CONTINUED



Contractors/Vendors/Business partners with drivers licenses or identification cards from the non-compliant states/territories fit into one of the following options:

- 1) Provide additional vetting documents (*allowable documents list to follow*)
- 2) Be escorted (*In the presence of the government sponsor at all times*)
- 3) Be denied access.



ADDITIONAL VETTING DOCUMENTS

United States Passport or United States Passport Card

Permanent Resident Card/Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)

Foreign passport with a temporary (I-551) stamp or temporary (I-551) printed notation on a machine readable immigrant visa

Employment authorization document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)

School identification card with a photograph

U.S. Military or draft record

U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Cards

Transportation Worker Identification Card

Native American Tribal Document



POINTS OF CONTACT

**MORGAN BOATMAN
PHYSICAL SECURITY CHIEF
361-2346**

**CAL HEPBURN
PS INSPECTOR
361-7537**

**DONNA MANDELLA
PS INSPECTOR
361-7560**



QUESTIONS