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The Honorable Mr. Bruce Weyhrauch
Alaska State Representative
Juneau, Alaska

SUBJECT: Operational Deployments of the Alaska National Guard

DEPLOYMENT STRENGTH: The Alaska Army National Guard currently has over 250 soldiers on Federal Active duty with approximately 170 of those involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) or Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) overseas. Over 80 soldiers are on Federal Title X duty at Ft. Greely with the National Missile Defense security mission. 36 Soldiers have just completed Federal Title X duty of two years securing Kulis Air Guard Base and 67 Aviation Battalion soldiers recently returned from nearly a year in Kosovo.

PENDING MISSIONS: Current pending missions include an Aviation Company (UH60 Blackhawk Helicopters) to OIF late this Spring 2005 (18 months total Federal time), and beginning early Summer 2006 through Spring 2008, approximately 320 Infantry soldiers will deploy to the Horn of Africa (HOA) in support of the Global War On Terror (GWOT) with two, 150-plus man unit rotations of 12 months "boots on the ground" time each rotation).

LENGTH OF MISSIONS: Army Guard missions are primarily 12 months boots on the ground if part of OIF or OEF for a total of 18 months with train up/mobilization and demobilization time. Other missions are generally from 6-12 months. Overseas deployment training missions (ODT) are usually 3-4 weeks if outside Alaska. The Haiti mission is a Nation-Building/Humanitarian mission starting in February and running through June, with Aviation Platoons going for 3-4 week rotations covering the duration.

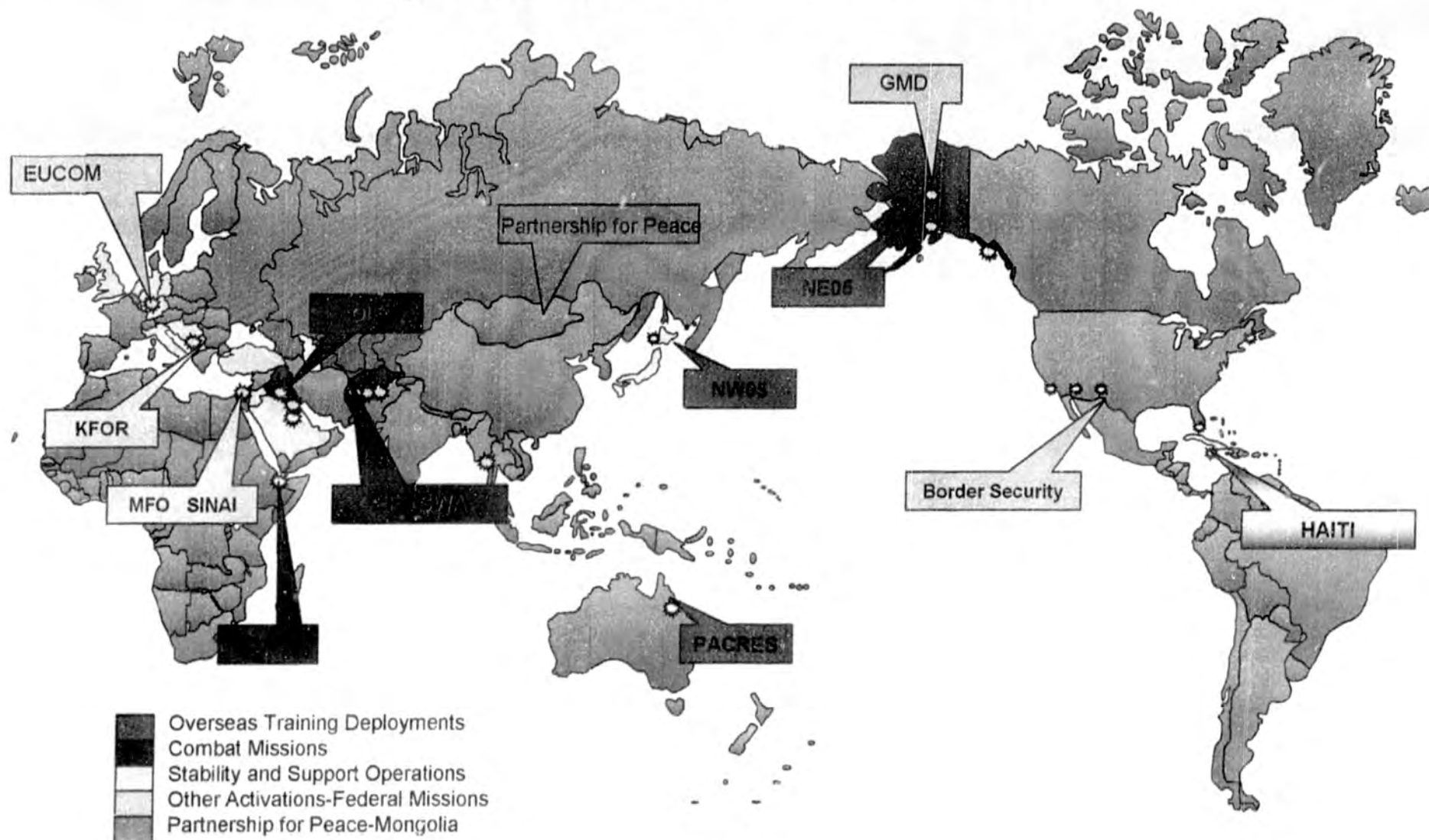
WHERE THEY ARE FROM: These Army Guard Soldiers are from communities all over Alaska from Ketchikan to Barrow, and around the entire Rural periphery from Kotzebue to Togiak, Kodiak, Kenai and throughout the Southeast.

TROOP BACKGROUND: In their civilian lives these soldiers are mechanics, truck drivers, cooks, business managers, small business owners, pilots, fishermen, accountants, police, fire fighters, mill workers, salespeople, state and federal public employees, you name it, they are part of the civilian communities they come from.

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