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**Coming Home.** Alaska Army Guard’s familiar UH-60L Blackhawk helicopters arrived home from Kosovo. Nearly 70 Alaskans were assigned to help keep the peace in Kosovo during the past year.

Photo: Specialist Kelsea Vandergriff, 117th MPAD

**Transformation... working hard, trusting the future.** Much like the 220th Rescue Squadron’s PJ’s, the Department moves forward with purpose, energy and determination. Photo: Senior Master Sergeant Paul Charron, 176th Wing

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Bumper Drag: A ‘Green Sweep’ of the Environment

Story and photo by Staff Sergeant Ken Denny, 117th MPAD

WASILLA...The local landfill was abuzz with activity – workers on forklifts stacked derelict car bodies, scrap metal, dishwashers and refrigerators. Flatbed truck after flatbed truck lined up with more dead cars awaiting their turn to unload.

This was no ordinary day at the landfill. It was Operation Bumper Drag, an annual event involving soldiers and heavy equipment of the Alaska Army National Guard’s 297th Support Battalion, which fanned out between Wasilla and Sutton to help clean up the countryside.

Operation Bumper Drag teams the Alaska Army National Guard with local community leaders in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, located approximately 40 miles north of Anchorage, to recover derelict vehicles and scrap metal. While the Guard’s Mat-Su neighbors have benefited from clean-up efforts, Borough workers and Guardsmen have also gained worthwhile training and experiences in their respective fields, including vehicle recovery command and control, communication, risk assessment and safety.

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“Through a long process with the National Guard Bureau we were able to formulate some Innovative Readiness Training, which developed into the first year of Bumper Drag,” Straub added.

To have scrap picked up, residents of the Borough submitted a form to the Borough offices with a list of materials, vehicle identification numbers or license information and a hold-harmless agreement that allowed for volunteers and the Guard to enter their property.

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“The program has been a big hit with most residents in the Mat-Su Borough, too.” Straub said. “We had just moved into the house when my Mom saw a notice in the paper about Bumper Drag,” said Julie LaFrance, a resident of rural Wasilla who had five old cars moved from her property by the Guard’s soldiers. “It’s an awesome service. The place just looks better without the old cars on the property and the Guard members that came and took them away were so helpful.”

Headquarters was set up in a tent outside of the Alcantra Armory in Wasilla, where maps, computers and communications tracked the operations throughout the event.

“This is really good training,” said Specialist Adam Fleck of Wasilla. “It may not seem like it, but this prepares us for our wartime duties. We are recovering vehicles under extreme circumstances and in remote areas. Some vehicles are without wheels and upside down.”

When it was all said and done, the Task Force removed some 250 vehicles including an old Greyhound bus, 300 old appliances and more than 45 tons of scrap metal.

Old vehicles and scrap were processed and transported to the Port of Anchorage where they will be shipped to Seattle for recycling.

And now that the event is over, Straub’s mind is already thinking ahead to next year’s Bumper Drag.
Guard Infantry Unit Called To Active Duty

About 130 Alaskans affected: first call-up of infantry since World War II

JUNEAU...A company of Army National Guard troops have been mobilized by Governor Frank H. Murkowski as part of an involuntary call-up of Guard units from several states to the Global War on Terrorism.

About 130 soldiers of Alpha Company, Third Battalion (Scout), 297th Infantry of the 207th Infantry Group (Scout), headquartered in Juneau, were activated for up to 18 months. This is the first federal call-up of an Alaska National Guard infantry unit since World War II.

“We’re extremely proud of their selfless service in our communities, throughout our state, and now to America, in this time of need,” Murkowski said.

“These are our families, our neighbors, our friends. They go forward with our thoughts and prayers and with the knowledge that Alaskans across our state await their safe return,” said the governor.

The battalion has elements located throughout Southeast and Southcentral Alaska. The Alaskans are assigned to blend with units from Hawaii that are bound for Iraq.

Hurricanes Gets Alaskan Help

Alaska sent Emergency Management specialists in response to the State of Florida’s call for emergency management help as they deal with the clean-up from a series of hurricanes. Governor Frank Murkowski directed the DHS&EM and other agencies to provide help in response to the disasters.

The call for help came through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a national interstate mutual aid agreement that enables states to share resources during times of disaster. This is the largest activation of EMAC since its inception in 1993, with 243 personnel from 21 different states already on the ground. EMAC was most recently used in response to widespread flooding in West Virginia, severe storms in Kentucky and Hurricane Isabel, which devastated a five state area along the southeastern seaboard in September 2003.

Pilot Rescued from Plane Crash Near Knik Glacier

210th Rescue Squadron Rescue Injured Pilot, Dog from Piper Cub in Steep Canyon

CAMP DENALI...Pararescuemen from the Alaska Air National Guard’s 210th Rescue Squadron added another save to their record when they used their HH-60G Pavehawk helicopter to rescue a pilot who crashed his Piper Cub in a steep canyon near Knik Glacier, 40 miles north of Anchorage.

The pilot, a male reportedly in his late 60s, encountered a sudden downdraft and crashed his plane in the valley near the river between noon and 1p.m., July 21. He reportedly injured his back and dislocated his elbow in the incident.

The Rescue Coordination Center received a report of an emergency locator beacon signal from the vicinity of Lake George near the Knik Glacier. Subsequently, a search aircraft and crew from the Civil Air Patrol spotted the wing of a yellow J-3 Piper Cub upside down in the canyon just south of the glacier near the Knik River. “We were on a routine training mission near Prince William Sound when we got the call to divert to a possible plane down,” said Master Sergeant Paul Barendregt, a pararescueman for the 210th RSQ.

The pilot was “surprised and relieved” when Barendregt and Senior Airman Zach Marchun arrived to pick him up. “He was in good physical condition and had already started setting up his survival stuff, preparing for the worst. This was a pretty cut and dry rescue,” Barendregt said of the crash, “they aren’t always like that.”

The pilot and his dog were flown to Providence Medical Center. He later called the pararescuemen to thank them for his rescue. The Rescue Coordination Center directs about 300 missions per year.
Guard's Kosovo Peacekeepers Get Special Visitor

Alaska's Adjutant General, Major General Craig Campbell, Meets with Troops, Notes Their Contributions

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo...When Alaska's senior National Guard leader showed up at this peace-keeping outpost his troops were glad to see him.

"I brought them greetings from their families, from our commander-in-chief, Governor Frank H. Murkowski, and from their friends and neighbors back in Alaska," said Major General Craig E. Campbell.

Nearly 70 Alaska Army National Guard soldiers, with eight of their UH-60L Blackhawk helicopters, have been deployed to Kosovo to help keep the peace in this troubled area. They've been working closely with National Guard soldiers from other states including Minnesota, Tennessee and Iowa.

"Our soldiers have been providing an extraordinary service for America and really, for the people of Kosovo," Campbell said.

"They've done their very best to meet the challenges of keeping warring parties apart from one another, serving alongside fellow guardsmen from other states as well as with the soldiers of several other nations. I was completely impressed with their professionalism and performance of their duties and responsibilities," Campbell added.

"While I was there, I had an opportunity to visit our soldiers at both Camp Bondsteel and Camp Montana - they're located about a dozen miles apart from one another," he said.

"I saw numerous examples of how these fine men and women were reaching out into the nearby communities - much like they do here at home - sharing their experience, teaching, volunteering, and helping Kosovars with the kinds of things they need - in their local schoolhouses, the fire department, clinics, you name it. Really, they've been busy living up to the hallmark of the Guard - service before self. We need to take pride in their service and conduct in very trying circumstances," Campbell said.

Soldiers Return From Kosovo

CAMP DENALI...Fifty-three soldiers from the Army National Guard’s 1/207th Aviation Battalion were finally in the arms of their loved ones early Friday morning, September 3.

The soldiers, who have been deployed on a peacekeeping mission for nearly a year, arrived at the Ted Stevens International Airport on two red-eye flights shortly before 2 a.m.

"This is a unit that came together..."
very clearly for the mission,” said Colonel Dennis Kline, 207th Infantry Group Commander. “They were an integral part of the Task Force.”

The primary mission of the battalion was to provide peacekeeping, such as reconnaissance missions, joint training in infantry, aviation, and medicine and VIP transports. They worked in close contact with members of the Iowa, Tennessee, and Minnesota National Guard units, and with many other non-U.S. troops. In addition to soldiers, Alaska took eight UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters with them. “We succeeded at every level,” Kline said. “The mission was accomplished at all levels.”

Family members came from towns across the state, including Fairbanks, Juneau, Nome, Bethel, Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley, for their arrival. A reception and welcome home ceremony took place at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport with visits from the Air Force Band of the Pacific, ASYMCA and Department of Military & Veterans Affairs’ commissioner Major General Craig E. Campbell.

“This unit shows the quality of Alaska Guard soldiers,” Kline said.

175,000 Accident-Free Flying Hours. Members of the Alaska Air National Guard celebrate a milestone in the face of extraordinary deployments and mission requirements. Alaska Air Guard members have deployed to every theater of military operations for more than 30 of the nearly 40 years they’ve been working toward this latest safety achievement. Photo: Senior Master Sergeant Paul Charon, Alaska Air National Guard

Safe Air Guard

Story by Specialist Kelsea Vandergriff

KULIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE...

Anyone who flies in Alaska knows it’s not like flying anywhere else in the world, including a group of Air National Guard aviators who just logged 175,000 accident-free flying hours. So far, according to Brigadier General Gene Ramsay, 176th Wing Commander, “This is the longest stretch of time in Alaska Air Guard’s history without an accident. This is a major accomplishment for any military unit – and living in Alaska makes it all the more unique – we fly in an extreme environment with unusual weather conditions, complex terrain, remote locations and sparse populations.”

The 176th Wing has two flying squadrons assigned, including the 144th Airlift Squadron with the C-130H Hercules and the 210th Rescue Squadron with both the HH-60G Pavehawk helicopters and HC-130N rescue tankers.

More than 2,200 airmen and officers are assigned to Alaska Air National Guard units. In addition to the 176th Wing at Kulis, the Alaska Air National Guard is also home for the 168th Air Refueling Wing at Eielson AFB with KC-135R Strato tankers, the Regional Air Operations Center and 206th Combat Communications Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center and Joint Forces Headquarters – Air at Camp Denali and Space Surveillance operations at Clear Air Force Station.

The last major accident for the Alaska Air National Guard occurred Dec. 15, 1965. “That’s nearly 40 years without a crash,” Ramsay said.
My Turn
Governor Frank H. Murkowski

Dear Members of the State Department of Military & Veterans Affairs:

Thank you for your continuous hard work and dedication in serving the people of Alaska and around the world. Your contributions help make our state a better place to work, live and play. Alaskans are not concerned whether you wear civilian clothes, a military uniform or a combination of the two as you work to keep Alaskans safe and secure from natural disasters, terrorism and other emergencies. Our residents can feel secure knowing that if a disaster does strike, rescue and relief is on the way.

As you go about doing your job today and everyday, know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Some of you have traveled around the world to serve while others have stayed in Alaska to make sure those returning have a safe home to return to. Then there are those who labor long and hard to make sure necessary services, supplies and pay get to the right people at the right place on time. You have set records, prepared academic champions, climbed mountains, fought floods and fires and saved lives. You have guarded missiles, helped keep drugs out of our state, honored and improved the lives of veterans and made flying in Alaska safer. You have taught Alaskans life skills they will never forget, prepared them for earthquakes and made sure our homeland stays free.

Yet, with all of your past success, tomorrow offers the employees in the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs new challenges. The National Guard will transform into something new and better for the future. Homeland Security & Emergency Management will continue their excellent evolution due to the synergy of their merger. The Alaska State Defense Force will help keep our critical infrastructure safe. The Military Youth Academy staff will shape more lives for a brighter Alaska future. The Administrative Services Division continues to provide their expected outstanding service.

With this in mind, I thank each of you for the work you do to help make Alaska the great state it is and encourage you to keep up the effort. You are making a difference.

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Murkowski, Governor

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Veterans’ Stand Down: Success of Service, Spirit
Veterans and Families Get Hand-up at 12th Annual Event; More Than 200 Assisted

Story by Major Mike Haller, JFHQ-AK-PA, with Specialist Kelsea Vandergriff, 117th MPAD

Reaching Out to Veterans. Lieutenant Governor Loren Leman discusses veterans' issues with a veteran at Stand Down 2004, which was held at Camp Carroll on Fort Richardson, August 13 and 14. The quonset huts in the background were used to house various services, including HUD, Social Security, legal, medical, dental and various other veterans' services. The Army National Guard and the Alaska Military Youth Academy were major sponsors of the event—donating both time and services to the event. The veterans were offered three square meals a day. They were also issued various items, including warm clothing, boots and sleeping bags. All photos: Specialist Kelsea Vandergriff, 117th MPAD

CAMP CARROLL...With classic good weather and good cheer, more than 200 veterans in need attended the 12th annual Veterans' Stand Down.
Stand Down puts veterans, many of them homeless, in contact with agencies and organizations that can help them according to Charlie Huggins, the 2004 Stand Down chairman.
“We’re able to assist them with information on housing, providing clothing, food, job training, shelter, legal help, counseling, Social Security, potential employment and many other worthwhile things,” Huggins said. Stand Down is supported by numerous agencies throughout the community.

Huggins pointed to the enduring success of the effort. “This program does what it is supposed to do—it gives veterans and their families a hand-up when they need it.”

“We bring veterans and the representatives of many federal, state and local agencies together in one place—it saves time, energy, and avoids frustration for everyone, really. We always want to see as many of our veterans as possible at Camp Carroll (for Stand Down). The importance of this program cannot be overstated—all veterans are invited,” Huggins added.

More than two dozen key federal, state, and local agencies step up to reach out to Alaska’s veterans in need.
Numerous businesses, organizations, and individuals make generous contributions. More than 250 volunteers step forward to help each year.

Stand Down is a non-profit organization whose members work to help homeless veterans, veterans in need and their families with a hand-up, not a hand-out.

God Bless the U.S.A. Army Sergeant Brad Robinson, who grew up in Palmer, stands proudly before the U.S. flag at Stand Down 2004, while his parents, Art and Deb, and fiancée, Brandy, proudly sing “God Bless the U.S.A.” during opening ceremonies for Stand Down 2004. Robinson was seriously injured while serving in Iraq, when his unit was taken on by a mortar attack. His stomach was ripped open by shrapnel. He plans to return to Iraq in September.
Education

Ready to Step Into Their Future. An exuberant Class 2004-1 of the Alaska Military Youth Academy graduated September 3. The ChalleNGe Program is a three-phase, multi-disciplinary course providing at-risk 16 through 18 year old Alaskans an increased chance of becoming productive citizens of our nation, our state and our communities. This state and federally funded course is designed to provide our cadets with rigorous training in a military environment. Photo: Staff Sergeant Ken Denny, 117th MPAD

Earthquake Magnitude and Intensity Scales Compared

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Back to School Days Begins at the Armory. Hundreds of Guardsmen and Naval Militia members gathered together to sign up for the State Tuition Assistance Program so that they could attend fall classes at the University of Alaska. Members of Alaska’s National Guard and Naval Militia can get up to 100 percent of their college tuition paid for as they pursue their degrees. Photo: Specialist Kelsea Vandergriff, 117th MPAD

University Considers New Homeland Security Masters Degree
DMVA Survey Will Assist With Measuring Interest, Potential Parameters of Program

The University of Alaska Anchorage is considering offering a new graduate degree in homeland security. This survey is an informal, yet potentially valuable tool to measure interest in the establishment of the degree program. Your assistance is appreciated. For the purposes of reporting results, please forward your input to the DMVA Education Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Kidrick, Room E-203, the Anchorage Armory. You may send by fax to 428-6929 or e-mail to Jerry.Kidrick@ak.ngb.army.mil.

Homeland Security Masters Degree Survey:

1. If a masters program in homeland security is offered at UAA, beginning fall 2005, would you enroll?
   - Yes  
   - No

2. Do you currently, or will you by fall 2005, possess a bachelor degree?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Methods of Participation
   - The Cohort Model includes a set class enrollment that remains constant throughout a 20-month program and includes attendance in a set track of courses. Cohort members meet over a weekend (Friday evening through Sunday evening) four times each semester for a total of six semester hours.
   - The Traditional Model of adult education includes individual enrollment and class schedules that take place on a weekly basis (weekday nights and / or weekend days). Program completion is dependent upon the individual’s schedule.

4. Would your preferred attendance method be:
   - Cohort Model, as outlined above
   - Traditional Model, as outlined above
   - Either method is equally acceptable

5. If you selected ONLY the Traditional Model in the previous question, what is your preferred schedule of classes?
   - Weekday evenings only (after 5:30 pm)
   - Weekends only
   - Either method is equally acceptable

Thank you for completing the survey.
The Alaska Air National Guard has a long, proud tradition as valuable partners with the Pacific Air Forces. The 176th Wing and the 168th Air Refueling Wing routinely work local real-world missions with the Air Force, as well as deployments around the world in support of Air Expeditionary Forces. The Global War on Terror has only served to deepen our commitment.

Despite our successes and preeminent standing as one of only three Air National Guard units in the Pacific (the largest Area of Operation in the world), the Alaska Air National Guard faces an uncertain future. Nationwide, the Air National Guard is undergoing an intensive re-evaluation of force structure, mission areas and manpower. This program, coined Vanguard by Lieutenant General Danny James, Director of the Air National Guard, will fundamentally change who we are and how we operate. Under the tenets of Vanguard, some stateside units will be left with no active flying organization. Others will have organizations combined with those from another state to better meet new mission needs.

The Air Force is re-examining its force structure requirements, especially with regard to high-demand, low-density (HD/LD) weapons systems such as those used for Special Operations, Combat Search and Rescue, and Surveillance. The high operations tempo sustained by the Air Force and its two reserve components since 9/11 places a premium on not only these HD/LD assets, but also on other mission critical areas.

In response to the Vanguard initiative, the leadership of the Alaska Air National Guard began designing a transformational roadmap that proposes multiple areas for change and improvement but largely leaves a similar force structure in place to meet both federal and state needs.

Who Are We Today

The basic fighting organization of the Air Force and the Air National Guard is the wing. The Alaska Air National Guard is comprised of two wings - 176th Wing and the 168th Air Refueling Wing, with more than 2,100 members combined.

Joint Forces Headquarters - Air is the lead element for the Alaska Air National Guard. Located at Camp Denali, on Fort Richardson, nearly three dozen senior leaders, staff officers and senior non-commissioned officers provide leadership and support for the entire Alaska Air National Guard.

Alaska Rescue Coordination Center - also located at Camp Denali. The 24/7/365 unit is responsible for coordinating all search and rescue activities above the 58th parallel in Alaska. They routinely employ the Civil Air Patrol, Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, Alaska Army National Guard, Alaska State Troopers, and 210th Rescue Squadron, as well as dozens of local volunteer organizations.

The 176th Wing, with over 1,300 members, is located at Kulis Air National Guard Base at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Currently comprised of five different squadrons, the 176th Wing operates three aircraft types and has two operational non-flying missions.

• The 144th Airlift Squadron flies its tactical airlift mission with eight C-130H Hercules aircraft. These are some of the most modern C-130s in the national fleet, and have often been earmarked for potential reassignment to other units with much older C-130s. Besides its federal mission, the 144th stands by to perform emergency airlift missions to most remote locations in Alaska.
• The 210th Rescue Squadron performs Combat Search and Rescue with four HC-130 Rescue Tankers and six HH-60G Pavehawk helicopters. Both types of aircraft are among the newest in the fleet. Federally tasked to provide search and rescue for the Pacific Air Forces in Alaska, the 210th routinely saves the lives of dozens of Alaskan citizens and visitors alike. The unit also owns Detachment 1 (of the 210th) at Eielson Air Force Base.
• The 176th Air Control Squadron is located at Elmendorf Air Force Base. The eyes of Alaska, the 176th ACS maintains constant vigil on Alaska’s skies as part of the North American Air Defense (NORAD) Command’s northernmost defense sector.
• The 213th Space Warning Squadron performs the newest mission in the Alaska Air National Guard. Located 20 miles south of Nenana, at Clear Air Force Station, the 213th SWS performs early warning for ballistic missile attack against North America. The Alaska Air National Guard is continuing to assume this vital mission from the Air Force and will operate it in total by 2007.
• The 206th Combat Communications Squadron, located on Elmendorf AFB, offers mobile, rapid global communications support in remote or isolated combat areas. The 206th is part of a larger joint communications organization in the Pacific Theater.
The 168th Air Refueling Wing, with 700 members, is located on Eielson AFB, 30 miles southeast of Fairbanks. A tenant unit of the 354th Fighter Wing, the 168th ARW is home to one operational flying squadron.

• The 168th Air Refueling Squadron supports Alaska and the North Pacific with nine KC-135 Strato Tankers. Although KC-135 aircraft are over 40 years old, the 168th tankers have the newest engines and avionics packages.

Why Change? With the previous review of the aircraft and missions in mind, you might ask, “Why do we need to transform?” Because we own critical missions and have some of the newer aircraft in the Air National Guard and Air Force, we are often viewed as a resource for modernization for other ANG and Air Force units. Many states have only one flying mission; we have four.

In a time when many states with much bigger populations are facing the loss of their only flying organization, Alaska presents a tempting target for downsizing and reallocation of precious flying assets. Our Combat Search and Rescue organizations are part of only a handful nationwide. The Air Force is currently evaluating the accessibility of scarce resources such as the 210th RQS and even considering realignment of some organizations back into active service.

In short, the era of the Air National Guard as the reliable “Weekend Warrior” is coming to a complete, total close. In Alaska, four of our six operational squadrons have 24/7/365 missions in direct support of real-world requirements. Each wing has deployed airmen continuously since 9/11. It is precisely because we in the Alaska Air National Guard do what we do so well that we must continue to position ourselves for future viability and success.

Where are we going? The Vanguard Transformational Plan proposed to the leadership of the Air Force and the Air National Guard is ambitious, yet flexible. Three goals drive the structure of the transformation:

• Strengthen the combat capability of the Alaska Air National Guard with no loss of manpower positions – nobody gets a “pink slip.”
• Provide internal offsets both in manpower and equipment to support modernization of our combat forces.
• Enhance and increase critical combat areas for the Air Force and the Air National Guard through selective aircraft modernization and equipment expansion.

Some restrictions to our transformation were recognized and incorporated early on in the planning process:

• Any weapons systems changes or modernizations had to be approved by the Air Force. These changes could not impede either the Air Force’s or the Air National Guard’s modernization plans.
• Military Construction (MILCON) and personnel costs would be minimized.
• New weapons systems would not be developed outside of approved Air Force mission areas.

Transformation – and how we’re moving forward. As we discuss Alaska Air National Guard Transformation – our future and how we’re going to get there – we’re doing it in the open. We’re listening, we’re reflecting, and we’re acting to take charge of our future. With that in mind, consider the following:

Personnel and Manpower. The Air National Guard mirrors the Air Force in both mission areas and support functions, such as personnel, finance, security forces, civil engineering and so on. In locations where it is practicable, an integration of the actual personnel functions with their Air Force counterparts could conceivably enhance overall mission effectiveness. Potentially, for example, if Air Force and Air National Guard finance teams worked in the same location at Eielson Air Force Base, a portion of the finance function could be deployed in support of operations while sufficient team members remain behind to support the home station. There may be drawbacks to such integration, though. Some support systems are not compatible, due to Air National Guard-unique programs or requirements. In addition, the rank structure between the Air Force and Air National Guard is considerably different. Some of these kinds of issues are currently being addressed at the national level.

Mission realignment. Some missions in the Alaska Air National Guard are being examined for realignment with other states. Such actions could provide manpower to fix other critical areas, such as aircraft maintenance that directly supports the operational mission. Prior to any realignments, Pacific Air Forces, the Air National Guard, and any other major commands that use that mission must approve a mission realignment.

New or more aircraft. The Alaska Air National Guard is actively seeking acquisition of newer aircraft or adding to the total numbers of aircraft in the state. While we are not directly committing to any particular aircraft changes, we have opened dialog with Air Mobility Command and Air Force Special Operations Command to investigate the feasibility of new aircraft that would bring new mission areas to the Air Force and the Air National Guard.

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A New Defense for the Homeland – Transforming to Defend North America. The first Ground-based Interceptor Missile is lowered into its silo at the Missile Defense Complex at Fort Greely this summer. Interceptors are designed to destroy incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles before they reach North American airspace. Soldiers from the Alaska Army National Guard, along with contract support teams, will operate the missile defense system 24/7 on behalf of the United States. Photo: Ralph Scott, Site Activation Command.
Joint Forces
Ready to Serve

Commentary by Major General Craig E. Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

In this edition of Warriors magazine we’re examining the impact of transformation. We have excellent features from Colonel Marc Williams, Lieutenant Colonel Dave Lowell and Mr. Jamie Littrell. I invite your attention to these matters because they’re important for each of us, our families and our neighbors.

As employees, soldiers, and airmen assigned within the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, you know that Alaska and our nation needs your contributions.

Our Alaska Army and Air National Guard units need to be unified in purpose - focused on changing to meet the needs of Alaska and our nation.

Our missions are clear, well-focused and right in front of us. We have a lot of friends pulling for us - Governor Frank H. Murkowski; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; our most senior military leaders in the Pacific and elsewhere; our congressional delegation; and members of our Alaska Legislature.

State government is on the move, too. In our department, we’re reorganizing and readjusting how we do our business. We’re making significant changes in homeland security and emergency management, and we’re improving our commitments to veterans through a number of programs and projects. We are working to make our world, our nation and our communities a safer place in which to live.

We’re continuing deployment of our civilian employees to locations across Alaska for emergencies and disasters, and we’re continuing a variety of individual and unit rotations within Alaska and overseas to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines and elsewhere. Through all of our transformations, through all of our sacrifices, we’re becoming more ready, more reliable, more essential and more accessible. I commend each of you for your many selfless acts and contributions as we confront our enemies in this global war on terrorism.

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It has been said the only thing that is constant is change. This is especially true in the Army.

Operations are continuing in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Sinai, the Balkans, the Philippines, Guantanamo Bay, Central and South America and the Horn of Africa. Simultaneously, the Army is transforming itself into a leaner fighting force that exploits the latest advances in technology. The basic maneuver unit will be called a Unit of Action based on a brigade combat team.

The National Guard is a major player in this transformation process and Alaska is directly involved. This article will cover three main areas of change for the Alaska Army National Guard and will answer the two most common questions: Why us? Why now?

**Why Us, Why Now?**

Story by Colonel Marc Williams, Director - Plans, Operations & Training, Alaska Army National Guard

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Why Us?

The National Guard, as a whole, needs to modernize and transform with the Army. For years we've kept World War II formations in place in the expectation of fighting a “Big War” and working in a full mobilization. However, all the fighting since WWII that has included National Guard forces has been limited.

During the Cold War, Alaska Army National Guard forces provided forward deployed eyes and ears directly on Russia's border. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, that mission has ended and our existence has been based around the capability to conduct critical site security. Overall, Army National Guard forces are rapidly becoming legacy forces with little or no relevance. There are too many “Guard specific” units that have no counterpart with the Active Component. Combat units are poorly armed and resourced to only a C-3 level of readiness. Most aviation units fly outdated aircraft, or are not provided the required number of airframes or the resources to keep them maintained. Field artillery and air defense units are over-sized and have reduced roles in future combat operations. For the Alaska Army Guard, this trend means shrinking resources and a tenuous future.

The “Total Army Analysis 2001” showed the 207th Infantry Group only as a poorly resourced strategic reserve with few capabilities that can be applied to the modern battlefield. Recognizing this, our senior leaders decided to take action and involve the Alaska Army National Guard in the National Guard Bureau plan. The goal is to adapt the Alaska Army National Guard into a modernized force with relevance to the Army and the State of Alaska, thus ensuring a viable future.

Three Transformational Areas

There are three main areas on which the Alaska Army National Guard will focus: 207th Group transforming into an Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1/207th Aviation Battalion transforming from a Combat Support Aviation Battalion into an Air Assault Battalion, and the activation of a Troop Command. 207th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Scout) and 1/207th Aviation are part of an overall Army and National Guard Bureau transformation program.

207th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Scout)

National Guard Bureau developed a plan to transform its 36 divisional and separate brigades into 34 units of action by fiscal year 2009. Two brigades will be deactivated, one will be transformed into a Stryker Brigade, and remaining units will be either Infantry Brigade Combat Teams (IBCT) or Armor Brigade Combat Teams (ABCT). The Alaska Army National Guard will transform the 207th Infantry Group (Scout) into an IBCT as part of the overall Army Campaign Plan.
An Infantry Brigade Combat Team has more than 3,000 soldiers, so it is evident that we cannot field that large of a formation without help. We are already partnered with California to fill out the Support Battalion. We are now working with Guam, Arizona, and New Mexico to provide other units. Other states will be added as needed. Alaska will retain the Brigade Headquarters, the Brigade Troop Battalion, one Infantry Battalion, and the Forward Support Battalion, while split-stationing parts of the various companies in other states.

The plan calls for the Alaska Army National Guard to retain its lineage and Scout heritage both in name and by retaining Arctic peculiar equipment within the MTOE or TDA document process. The RSTA Squadron will tentatively be activated in New Mexico. Arizona will provide the Strike (field artillery) Battalion. Guam will add their existing Infantry Battalion to the 207th IBCT (Scout) force structure. Armories in Nome, Bethel, Juneau, and Fairbanks will take on the critical role of regional training hubs.

Our legacy, for over 50 years, has been based on the Scout concept. No one is willing to lose that identity or heritage. The Scout capabilities are a small part of the overall capabilities that infantrymen bring to the battlefield. Transformation to us means expanding the individual soldier skills while retaining our legacy. The Infantry Battalion in Alaska will continue to be designated ‘Scout’ while being organized as a standard Infantry Battalion. This is not a new precedent. 1st Cavalry Division is actually an armor division with the Cavalry lineage. 101st Airborne Division has not been a parachute unit since the 1960s.

Our soldiers will continue to train in their hometowns to hone their individual skills. The regional training hubs will take on the task of hosting collective training events such as squad and platoon situational training exercises, weapons simulations training and digitization enhancements. This will reduce the need to travel to Anchorage or other urban centers for the same training.

Bottom-line, the 207th IBCT (Scout) will become a relevant unit with an expeditionary mission. Advantages to transformation include updated equipment, better training and a viable future. But there are many challenges yet to be met.

Where will these units be stationed throughout Alaska? Which location will get the battalion headquarters? How often are crew qualifications to be trained? These questions have not been answered yet. The Alaska Army National Guard’s G-3 will be chairing a tiger team of soldiers from Nome, Bethel, Juneau and Fairbanks to develop recommendations and future courses of action.

1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment

For many years, the Arctic Eagles have set a high standard throughout Alaska and the entire National Guard. They’ve deployed to Operation New Horizons and won the Army Aviation Association of America’s National Guard Aviation Unit of the Year Award in 2002. They’ve responded quickly to emergencies and continue to be the backbone of search and rescue efforts in western Alaska. Their war trace has been as a Combat Support Aviation Battalion (CSAB) to I Corps in Fort Lewis with a focus on Pacific Command.

Army transformation is moving from a CSAB table of organization and equipment (TOE), to an air assault MTOE assigned to V Corps in Germany. This will shift their war trace to Central Command and European Command. The National Guard Bureau plan is for this to take effect in fiscal year 2007.

The impact of this change is three-fold. First, the number of Blackhawk helicopters in Alaska will be reduced from 24 to 20. Two rotary-wing companies (10 aircraft each) will be stationed in Alaska, and one company with 10 aircraft will be stationed in Hawaii.

Second, the fixed-wing company will be removed from battalion force structure and assigned to the Troop Command. Air assault battalions do not have organic fixed-wing companies, and the Alaska Army National Guard is limited in developing a “Guard specific” aviation unit.

Third, the C-23 Sherpa will be replaced with either the C-27J Spartan, or the C-295 Airlifter. Both of these airframes provide major improvements in our fixed wing capability as they can land on unimproved runways, fly in adverse weather, have short take-off and landing (STOL) capability and have a longer range with faster cruise speeds. Department of the Army will make the decision as to which airframe will be purchased. The Alaska Army Guard will not be purchasing special aircraft.

Troop Command

With all the changes taking place, there are many units and activities that are essentially separate units that report directly to the State. The State headquarters is moving to a joint structure. Therefore, the need for an intermediate headquarters has grown.

A Troop Command is a TDA unit that does not deploy. Its mission is to provide administrative control (ADCON) for separate and disparate units. All these units have distinct missions that are vital to our success. The aviation units have been discussed. The Recruiting & Retention section is in the process of transforming into a command. The 117th MPAD remains a deployable unit led by the Hawaii Army National Guard and is headed to central Asia in 2005. The 103rd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) remains a Title 32 unit with a state support mission, and the 207th Regional Training Institute continues as our premier training academy as part of the Total Army Schools System.

The goal in activating a Troop Command is to obtain a headquarters that provides comprehensive support to the units in a timely manner and to speed up their operations. It will be commanded by a traditional Guardsman and is a branch immaterial command.

Closing Thoughts

Change is tough. It gets us out of our comfort zone, makes us confront unpleasant challenges and forces us to make hard decisions. Right now in the Army’s history, this change is not radical, but it is timely. There are contingency operations all over the world that are stretching the force. The National Guard is more involved than it has been since WWII, with soldiers deployed domestically in security operations, and overseas to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Kosovo, Germany and Korea.

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Governor Activates Guard Troops for Wildfire Duties

McGRATH . . . Governor Frank H. Murkowski called up 53 Alaska Army National Guard soldiers to State active duty, along with four aircraft, to help fight wildfires in the Interior and on the Kenai Peninsula late this summer.

Murkowski sent two Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters to Fort Wainwright to assist in fighting Interior wildfires that consumed more than 6.5 million acres. A third UH-60 Blackhawk was sent to the Kenai to respond to any new flare-ups and, along with a C-23B+ Sherpa fixed wing aircraft, were in ready reserve to assist had they been required.

“The wildfires that have scorched Interior Alaska and darkened skies across our state this summer have reached the point that we needed to call in some more resources to help fight them,” the governor said.

“Our thoughts were with our firefighters and pilots as they worked hard to keep our state safe during this very unusual and challenging summer,” Murkowski said.

Earlier this summer, Governor Murkowski called up more than 90 National Guard soldiers and airmen and dedicated six helicopters and two fixed wing aircraft along with 30 heavy trucks and tracked vehicles to provide fire suppression support in the Interior.

Firefighters and Guardsmen battled the worst fire season in Alaskan history. Over 633 fires have scorched the wilderness this year.
Security and Vulnerability Assessment Team
Story by George Mayberry and Jamie Littrell, DHS&EM

The State Office of Homeland Security, under the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has two parts that work as a whole to keep the Last Frontier safe. They are the Exercise/Intelligence/Grants section and the Security & Vulnerability Assessment (SVA) Team.

The SVA Team was created under Administrative Order 203 and is tasked with assessing critical infrastructure identified by the State, industrial leaders and the U.S. Office for Domestic Preparedness. The Team is made up of liaisons from five different state departments: Administration, Environmental Conservation, Health & Social Services, Transportation & Public Facilities and Public Safety. While all members are technically still employees of their home Departments, they work together under the direction of the Deputy Director for the Office of Homeland Security, Tom Burgess, at Camp Denali on Fort Richardson.

The SVA Team travels across Alaska meeting with the leadership teams of different critical infrastructure components of private industry and local and state government. Some of these components include electrical power stations, oil and gas production facilities, hospitals, fire and police departments and transportation hubs. Their primary goal is to find the weak areas in the particular site’s security system – looking for the weak links that could be exploited.

After assessing a site, the SVA Team meets with the site managers to go over their findings and make suggestions on how they can improve security. They’re prudent with their suggestions, primarily looking at the lower cost fix first. If there isn’t a low-cost fix, then they look at the best technology to solve the problem or suggest a change in the site’s policies for protection. All in all, site managers and their leadership teams have been responsive by working to improve security for their critical infrastructure facilities across the entire state.
Emergency Management

Personal Transformations for Division and Teams
Homeland Security & Emergency Management Moves Forward
Story by Jamie Littrell, D.H.S.&E.M

Transitions are defined as changes from one form to another, a passage from one stage to the next. The Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DHS&EM) has just completed its own transition with the Legislature passing and the Governor signing Senate Bill 385. This important bill officially combined the already-established Division of Emergency Services with the fledgling Office of Homeland Security, merging the staffs and streamlining the management system. But DHS&EM is not alone in dealing with transformation. In fact, most of the divisional staff has already gone through a personal transformation of their own in one form or another.

Twenty-one of the nearly 60 members of the Division’s staff are retired military. As any one of them can tell you, the transition from military life to civilian life is different for everyone. Deputy Director for Homeland Security, Tom Burgess, and Deputy Director for Emergency Management, Jim Butchart, are two such examples.

Deputy Director Burgess spent 27 years in the Air Force, starting out as a combat photographer in Southeast Asia before becoming a commissioned officer and logistician. His early military experience included photojournalism, high-altitude reconnaissance and even the processing of film from the moon-landing activities of NASA. Burgess’ later military career move to logistics included work in aircraft and radar maintenance, contracting, and several tours as squadron commander and facility commander.

Deputy Director Jim Butchart served 23 years in the Air Force, most of which he spent flying the F-4 Phantom, including two tours over the skies of Vietnam. His career also included work as an advisor to the Army in Germany, as an operations staff officer and as a strategic and tactical plans officer.

“Till had actually intended to retire exactly at 20 years,” Butchart said. “I didn’t have to get out. I wasn’t faced with a move. I wanted to stay in Alaska so I asked for another assignment and got that assignment here and stayed on. The decision to retire [after that assignment] was entirely mine. It was time to get out. It was the right thing to do at the time.”

Strong emotions usually accompany big transitions. It’s no different for military retirees and their families.

“It’s a shocker giving up 27 years of working for the same boss, the same organization,” Burgess said. “You really go through a period of fear, of uncertainty. You’re looking at going from a very structured existence to what can be perceived as an unstructured existence, but there’s also that excitement of doing something different from what you had been doing.”

The process of finding that something different sometimes starts even before the first career is finished. In the case of Burgess, he started making contacts with some former colleagues during his terminal leave period and had secured a civilian job before that leave period ended. As for Butchart, he enjoyed retirement for a total of two weeks before starting his civilian career path. In both cases, preparedness for the transition seemed to be the key factor in securing the start of their second professional lives.

“One needs to do a little research,” said Butchart. “Talk with some folks you know that have been successful in the transition process. Look at the financial planning aspect of it to determine what it’s going to take to maintain the lifestyle that you want.”

How long it takes for someone to make the transformation from military life back to the civilian world, it can sometimes be a hard road to travel. Some make the transition better than others. Both Butchart and Burgess had some words of advice to help make traveling that road a little smoother.

“You learn that things are different, things have changed,” Butchart said. “You have to learn that different doesn’t always mean worse – or better for that matter. I decided that I was going to make a pretty clean transition and try to get acclimated into the civilian world. I didn’t hang around the Officer’s Club. I didn’t do a lot of those things that ex-military guys seem to do. I said to myself that I had a great 23 years, and now it is time to go do something else.”

“Don’t be afraid,” Burgess said. “Be deliberate, but don’t be afraid. Don’t see yourself as limited. You can do almost anything.”
# Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness

## 7-Day Survival Kit

Using this easy-to-follow Preparedness Supply Calendar will help you and your family take the anxiety and frustration out of preparing for emergencies or disasters by ensuring you have enough supplies to last seven days or until help arrives.

### Week 1
- 1 gallon of water*
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 2 large cans juice*
- 2 cans meat
- 1 hand-operated can opener
- Permanent marker
- Pet food
- Diapers
- Baby food

**Things To Do:**
- Date perishable items with marker
- Decide on and notify out-of-area contact who can coordinate information for scattered family members

*Per Person

### Week 2
- Heavy cotton or hemp rope
- Duct tape
- 2 flashlights with batteries
- Waterproof matches for outside use ONLY with appropriate stove or grill
- Leash or pet carrier
- Extra set of I.D. tags

**Things To Do:**
- Sign up for First Aid/CPR classes at your local Red Cross location

**Per Person

### Week 3
- 1 gallon of water*
- 2 cans meat*
- 2 cans fruit*
- Feminine hygiene supplies
- Paper & pen
- Local map
- Pain reliever
- Laxative
- 1 gallon of water for each pet

**Things To Do:**
- Find out about what kinds of disasters can happen in your area
- Encourage your neighbors to develop their own plans

*Per Person

### Week 4
- Flashing safety light or light wand
- Compass
- Medicines/prescriptions marked “For Emergency Use”
- Contact lens supplies

**Things To Do:**
- Develop a family disaster plan including where to meet if separated, name and number of out-of-area contact, kinds of information to give that contact in an emergency

### Week 5
- 1 gallon of water*
- 2 cans fruit*
- 2 cans vegetables*
- 2 cans meat*
- 4 rolls of toilet paper*
- Extra toothbrush*
- Travel-sized toothpaste
- Special foods for special dietary needs

**Things To Do:**
- Identify escape routes from house for all family members
- Identify safe places to go in case of fire, flood, earthquake, or other disaster

*Per Person

### Week 6
- Deluxe First Aid kit
- Safety pins
- Sunscreen

**Things To Do:**
- Practice a drill for each of your evacuation plans
- Identify storage area for your supplies, such as a closet along an inside wall or several heavy-duty watertight plastic garbage cans that an be stored outside. If using outside storage, ensure that containers are weather and animal proof

### Week 7
- 2 cans ready-to-eat soup (Not concentrated)
- 2 cans fruit*
- 2 cans vegetables*
- Sewing kit
- Disinfectant
- 1 gallon water
- Extra baby supplies (bottles, formula, diapers)

**Things To Do:**
- Place a pair of shoes, a flashlight, a whistle, and a pair of work gloves in a plastic grocery bag and tie the bag to your bed frame

*Per Person

### Week 8
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Thermometer
- Liquid antibacterial hand soap
- Disposable hand wipes
- Sewing needles
- Petroleum jelly or other lubricating cream
- 2 tongue depressors
- Extra eye glasses

### Week 9
- 2 cans ready-to-eat soup (Not concentrated)
- Liquid dish soap
- Household chlorine bleach with medicine dropper for water treatment
- 1 box heavy-duty garbage bags with ties
- 1 bottle antacid tablets
- 1 gallon of water*

**Things To Do:**
- Test smoke detectors and replace batteries

*Per Person

### Week 10
- Waterproof portable container for important papers
- Battery-powered radio
- Wrench to turn off utilities

**Things To Do:**
- Make sure everyone knows where to find the gas and water meter shut-off valves and how to turn them off
- Attach a wrench near each shut-off valve so it is there when needed

### Week 11
- 2 large cans juice*
- Large plastic food bags
- 2 boxes high-energy snacks
- 3 rolls paper towels

**Things To Do:**
- Keep extra battery for cell phone or change for pay phone usage in disaster supplies
- Locate several pay phones that are near your house

*Per Person

### Week 12
- Pet litter and box
- Extra water
- Pet First Aid kit

**Things To Do:**
- Make sure all pet vaccinations are current and obtain medical records from veterinarian for disaster records
- Keep emergency supply of any special pet medication needs
- Photocopy important papers and store them safely
### Week 13
**Things To Do:**
- Add a change of clothes and a pair of shoes for each person in the family to your emergency supplies
- Put together packets of your favorite and most used spices: salt, pepper, sugar, etc.
- Put aside utensils, cups, plates, and bowls for each person
- Make sure all perishables have been dated
- 1 gallon of water

*Per Person

### Week 14
**Things To Do:**
- Whistle
- Extra batteries for flashlights and radio
- Pry bar

**Things To Do:**
- Check with your children’s day care center or school about their disaster plans and how parents will be contacted if a disaster happens during business hours

### Week 15
**Things To Do:**
- Pliers
- Screwdrivers (Phillips & Slotted)
- Hammer
- Strapping and fasteners for water heater, bookcases, and computers

**Things To Do:**
- Secure water heater, bookcases, computers, and other heavy items that could fall over in an earthquake

### Week 16
**Things To Do:**
- 2 cans fruit
- 2 cans meat
- 2 cans vegetables

**Things To Do:**
- Develop a disaster supply kit for your vehicles or buy a ready-made kit from your local automotive store
- Find out if you have a neighborhood safety group and become involved

### Week 17
**Things To Do:**
- “Child-proof” latches or fasteners for cupboards
- Quakehold museum putty to secure moveable items or shelves

**Things To Do:**
- Secure doors and moveable items

### Week 18
**Things To Do:**
- 2 boxes graham crackers
- Assorted plastic containers with lids
- 2 boxes dry cereal
- Special equipment, such as hearing aid batteries, etc.

**Things To Do:**
- Arrange for someone to help your children if you are at work and not able to return home during a disaster

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### Week 19
**Things To Do:**
- Rubbing alcohol
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Antiseptic ointment

**Things To Do:**
- Make sure you have a sleeping bag and a blanket for each member of your family

**Things To Do:**
- Assemble an activity box with playing cards, games, and other favorite toys

*Per Person

### Week 20
**Things To Do:**
- 2 cans of meat
- 2 cans vegetables
- 2 boxes facial tissue
- 2 boxes quick-energy snacks
- Dried fruits and nuts

**Things To Do:**
- Plastic bucket with tight lid for toileting needs
- Any denture care supplies

*Per Person

### Week 21
**Things To Do:**
- Plastic sheeting
- Dried fruits and nuts

**Things To Do:**
- Review your insurance coverage with your insurance agent to be sure you are covered for whatever disasters may occur in your area

*Per Person

### Week 22
**Things To Do:**
- 2 boxes quick-energy snacks
- Comfort foods (candy bars, cookies, etc.)
- Plastic wrap
- Aluminum foil

**Things To Do:**
- Purchase and install emergency escape ladders for upper floor windows

*Per Person

### Week 23
**Things To Do:**
- Camping or utility knife
- Work gloves
- Safety goggles
- Disposable dust mask

**Things To Do:**
- Photograph or video tape the contents of your home and send them to an out-of-town friend or relative to store

*Per Person

### Week 24
**Things To Do:**
- Begin rotating water and food stores, replacing those purchased during Week One. Check that storage area is safe and dry. Continue rotation each month so that fresh stores are always on hand

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Who We Are...

What leader do you admire and why?

Jan Glines  
Family Support

“Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He led the nation and the world during a very horrific time. He understood deeply the effects of the horrible events occurring in Europe and the Pacific, as well as the very troubling impact of the depression.”

Specialist Jayson Puckett  
Alaska Medical Command

“I admire my dad. He sets an example for the family. He sacrifices not for himself, but for the good of the family.”

Staff Sergeant Jessica Alvarez  
Air Guard Headquarters

“I would have to say it was Master Sergeant David Gogert. He was Colony High School’s JROTC Army First Sergeant. He gave me my first impression of the military and what a First Sergeant and a leader should be.”

Command Sergeant Major Red Port  
207th Infantry Group

“What I consider a leader and by example look up to – probably Mother Teresa. When I retire I may join the Peace Corps. She led by example. When they starved – she starved. She was a pretty amazing woman.”

Sharon Galanopoulos  
Executive Assistant to Major General Campbell

“Eleanor Roosevelt. She was a woman with a vision for the depressed in this country. She made numerous efforts to help employ the poor, including building a factory for people to work. She just had such enthusiasm and energy for the rights of people.”

Faster Than Fish. Captain JD Eskelson and Mr. Joe Anzivino raced in the annual Humpy’s Marathon to support the Arthritis Foundation’s Joints In Motion program. The local Anchorage race is a favorite of distance runners each summer. Photo: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Linda Oliver, Alaska Army National Guard
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Throughout future Warriors issues, we will print chapters from Cliff Salisbury’s book, “Soldiers of the Mist - Minutemen of the Alaska Frontier.” The book was written after Salisbury approached former Adjutant General of Alaska (1986-1991), Major General John Schaeffer about the need to document the history of the Alaska Guard and Militia. Schaeffer believed the story of his people should be told and that it is important for present and future generations to understand the sacrifices our Minutemen and Women have always made for Alaska. Here, then, from Alaska National Guard Historian Emeritus Cliff Salisbury is...

The Americans - Part II

For 126 years, the Russians held Alaska. What the American government held for Alaska for the next 92 years until statehood was an attitude of indifference for a land holding vast wealth for the Republic. If the residents of Alaska thought a change of government would bring the blessings of liberty and protection under the law, they were in for a rude awakening.

The newly acquired Russian colony was placed under the War Department and the Army would govern Alaska for ten years. The Army was put into an unfamiliar role and short tempered General Jefferson C. Davis, an old Indian fighter, did not relish this added duty.

Although Russian citizens were given a choice to stay or leave, even those who looked forward to becoming American citizens soon lost faith in the Army’s ability to maintain law and order.

The desire to have a citizen army may have gone back to the very beginning of the American period. The American businessmen who came to Sitka following the transfer of flags in October of 1867 were not happy with General Davis’ administration of the Military District of Alaska. Rather than protecting the Americans, former employees of the Russian American Company and natives, the soldiers seemed to disregard their responsibilities. When off duty, they harassed the citizens, deflowered the maidens, conditioned stills, nightly reveled in the streets of Sitka and staggered from the effects of homemade hooch. The citizens yearned for protection, but appeals to Washington were, for the most part, ignored.

Early in 1875, the commander of the Western Division of the U.S. Army, General O.O. Howard, made an inspection trip to Alaska. At Sitka, he reported that, “Having been troubled by numerous newspaper charges concerning the present management of affairs at Sitka, I deemed it best to give those who are called citizens, consisting of Russians, Aleuts, Half Breeds, American and foreign traders now residing in the town the opportunity to see me apart from the officers of the garrison. The complaints did not prove to be of much importance; certainly not very grievous.” The Army’s supply of whitewash was unlimited.

General Howard made his views known in a report to the U.S. Senate and to Secretary of War William Belknap in June of 1875. Among other things, he showed concern about the monopoly enjoyed by the firm of Hutchinson, Kohl & Company of San Francisco and its mistreatment of Alaskan natives. He asked Major Campbell, the local commander, “To introduce a few police regulations and do anything humanity requires for the relief of a community, thus far, suffering from being within the limits of the United States, and yet absolutely without law.” After the General sailed back to California, the Army began its withdrawal of soldiers from Alaska. The few troops that...
The citizens of Skagway responded to the Soapy Smith crisis by forming a Militia Guard to rid the city of criminals. Some had served in Soapy’s own Skagway Guards just a few days earlier.

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If General Howard gained anything from his visit in 1875, it was a healthy respect for the warrior spirit of the natives and a concern for their welfare that would last a lifetime. He was the victorious general who finally defeated an outnumbered Chief Joseph, but he also fought for the Red Napoleon’s return with his band of warriors to their rightful place along the Clearwater. His first lesson in humanity may have been learned in far off Alaska.

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James K. Robinson ............... JFHQ-AK (Air)

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Martine Pommenville ............ 168th MDS
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Peter Katinsky .............. 210th RQS

Major
Russell Wilmont III .......... 176th OSF

Captain
Connie Armstrong ................. 176th Wg

Chief Master Sergeant
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Staff Sergeant
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176th Wg

CMSgt Lisa Scroggs
JFHQ-AK (Air)

MSgt Patty Pierce
JFHQ-AK (Air)

Rising to the Top.
James K. Robinson stands proud as he is pinned by his father and wife to the rank of Brigadier General. During his career with the Alaska Air National Guard, Brigadier General Robinson has literally flown around the world; visiting more than 50 countries and deploying to Panama 19 times.
He enlisted in the Alaska Air National Guard in August 1978.
Photo: Specialist Kelsea Vandergriff, 117 MPAD
**Start of the Trail**

Welcome our newest members & employees

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**Warriors Training Schedule**

Here are the inactive duty training dates for all Alaska Army and Air National Guard units. Dates for subordinate units are the same as their parent headquarters, unless otherwise indicated. All dates are subject to change. Most Alaska Army Guard units perform annual training (AT) through the winter.

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**What to do during an earthquake**

If you are indoors, drop to the floor and take cover under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. Hold on to it and be prepared to move with it. Hold the position until the ground stops shaking and it is safe to move.

In the past it was recommended that you stand in a doorway during an earthquake. This is not the best place to go because only one person can fit in a doorway and you won’t be protected from falling or flying objects.

If you are outside, get into the open, away from buildings and power lines.

If you are driving, stop if it is safe but stay inside your car. Stay away from bridges, overpasses and tunnels. Move your car as far out of the normal traffic pattern as possible. If possible, avoid stopping under trees, light posts, power lines or signs.

If you are in a mountainous area, or near unstable slopes or cliffs, be alert for falling rocks, snow and other debris that could be loosened by the earthquake.

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