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# 30 Years Of Service

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In Memory Of  
1Lt Albert Kulis  
For Whom Our Base Is Named



This pictorial history is dedicated to those who lost their lives in service to their state and nation.



16 November 1954  
1LT Albert Kulis  
21 October 1955  
1Lt C. A. Oborn



16 November 1954  
Cpt L N Tietse  
Cpt B F Webster  
1Lt R A Pendleton



18 February 1957  
Cpt R G Otto



24 November 1957  
Cpt R E Kafader  
1Lt D V Stamey  
SSgt D O Dail  
SSgt F S Porter



15 December 1965  
LTC J M Podraza  
Maj H E Bredow  
TSgt O D Holland  
TSgt F L Spadlin

25 April 1964  
LTC T Norris  
Maj J Rowe  
TSgt K W Ayers

28 May 1961  
A2C W J Elmore



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JUNEAU

January 15, 1982

Major General C. F. Necrason  
Adjutant General  
Alaska Department of Military  
Affairs  
338 Denali Street  
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Dear General Necrason and  
Members of the Alaska Air National Guard:

It is a pleasure to express my appreciation to all members of the Alaska Air National Guard on this, the 30th anniversary of the heritage of the Air Guard in Alaska.

All members of the Guard have always been there when we of Alaska needed you. You should be proud that you have helped our citizens dig out from the great earthquake of 1964, performed emergency services for the state's residents, and flew supply missions for your neighbors in need. During the disastrous 1967 floods in the Interior, you transported, then distributed, supplies. When a cruise ship sank in the Gulf of Alaska in 1980, again you were in the air with supplies and relief personnel. Without your yearly holiday flights, many youngsters in the Bush and on remote islands off our coast might never know of Christmas.

Throughout the past 30 years, Guard members have learned and relearned the lessons of how to aid their fellow citizens. You have mastered a wide variety of aircraft and support systems to accomplish your assigned missions. You have continued to provide the U.S. Air Force with ready and qualified part-time team members, easily integrated into regular operations whenever and wherever you have been needed.

You have done all that I, and my predecessors, have asked, and much more. Many from your ranks have given their lives in service to Alaska and the nation.

Every member of the Alaska Air National Guard, those still serving and those who preceded you, deserve the sincere thanks of all Alaskans for these 30 years of devotion and effort. As your Commander-in-Chief, it is a great personal honor to advise you, and, on behalf of all Alaskans, to thank you for your efforts on behalf of this state.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond  
GOVERNOR



Proclamation

Jay S. Hammond  
Governor, State Of Alaska



# STATE OF ALASKA



## Executive Proclamation

by

**Jay Hammond, Governor**

The Alaska Air National Guard has, for three decades, provided Alaskans and the nation with a trained, equipped, and ready military force of superb quality.

Members of the Alaska Air National Guard have unfailingly rendered service to the communities of this great state, in both official and voluntary roles.

The Alaska Air National Guard aircraft, their crews, and support personnel have proudly shown our State flag around the world on a variety of national defense missions.

The Alaska Air National Guard will officially celebrate its 30th anniversary on July 18, 1982.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the state of Alaska, do hereby proclaim that day, July 18, 1982, as:

### ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD DAY

and request that all citizens of our state pay tribute to Alaska Air National Guardsmen, those now serving, those who have served before, and, especially, those who have given their lives in service to Alaska and our nation.



Done by —

  
Jay Hammond, Governor  
who has also authorized  
the seal of the State of  
Alaska to be affixed to  
this proclamation.

Adjutant General  
Major General  
C. F. Necrason  
A.K.N.G.



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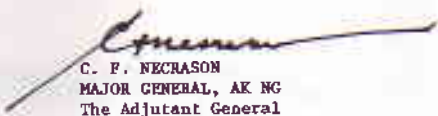
11 March 1982

All Members of the Alaska Air National Guard

I am honored at having been appointed as your Adjutant General. I wish to thank all members, past and present, for their contributions which have made the Alaska Air National Guard one of the most respected units in the nation.

Your record of achievements during the past thirty years speaks for itself, and shows everyone that you have served Alaska and our nation with honor, pride and distinction.

Thank you for your support, dedication, and loyalty. These are qualities which have sustained us and made a truly great organization, enriching community life, and preserving our nation's freedom. I know those who are serving now and those who will follow will continue to forge a rich heritage of community service and military excellence.

  
C. F. NECRASON  
MAJOR GENERAL, AK NG  
The Adjutant General



Assistant Adjutant  
General/Air  
Clarence H. Ryherd  
Col. A.K.A.N.G.

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11 March 1982

All Members of the Alaska Air National Guard

I take great pride in sharing with you this thirtieth year of service to Alaska and our nation.

Since joining the Alaska Air National Guard in 1953, I've been privileged to work with thousands of talented and dedicated people who have brought to their "weekend" and full-time Guard positions a unique Alaska spirit. That spirit, a blend of adventurousness and flexibility, has enabled us to excel in a variety of missions and under several commands. We've mastered new technologies, invented techniques, performed with distinction roles as varied as air-to-air combat and cargo delivery.

I salute you, my fellow Guardsmen, those serving now and you who've served before. You've performed every task asked of you with pride and skill. Thanks to my association with you, I've enjoyed the best of careers--as an Alaska Air Guardsman.

  
CLARENCE H. RYHERD  
Colonel, AANG  
Assistant Adjutant General/Air

# Group Commander Edward A. Belyea Col. A.K.A.N.G.



HEADQUARTERS 176th TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP (MAC)  
KULIS ANG BASE, 6000 AIR GUARD ROAD  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99502

10 March 1982

To Alaska Air Guardsmen, Past and Present

On this, our thirtieth anniversary, it's appropriate to review some of your accomplishments.

Look through these pages. You'll find yourself or one of your predecessors sifting through the rubble of Anchorage, 1964; by the receding flood water of Fairbanks, 1967; in the cargo compartment of a C-123 helping an air crash victim. You'll see Guardsmen playing Santa Claus to tots in a bush village, off-loading engine parts at an isolated air base in Italy.

Not all the pictures are dramatic and few are newsworthy in a journalistic sense. However, taken individually, each is a view of service—to Alaskans, other Americans, to people around the world. As a composite, it's a visual demonstration that, although uniforms, aircraft, equipment, and buildings change, there are some constants: patriotism, duty, service.

It's a pleasure to work with men and women as skilled and responsive as you, my fellow Alaska Air Guardsmen. Thank you, on behalf of those whom you serve.

  
EDWARD A. BELYEA, Colonel, AKANG  
Commander

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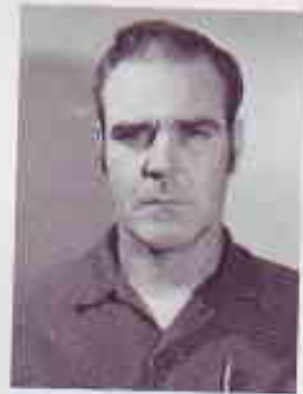
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 AMN DALE V. HARLOW  
 AMN MARK S. HORN  
 AMN BRYAN K. HOWELL  
 AMN WILLIAM J. KEMME  
 AMN LOUIS L. KNAPP  
 AMN LYNN M. KROGSENG  
 AMN THOMAS S. NEWMAN JR.  
 AMN PAUL L. SPRUNG JR.











# 176TH CE FLIGHT



CPT DONALD R KNIGHT  
 CPT JON D VERLINDE  
 CMS DAVID D  
 ANDERSON  
 SMS RICHARD A  
 COATNEY  
 MSG PAUL W CHISUM  
 MSG MICHAEL D GOENS  
 MSG DAVID C  
 GROSSMAN  
 MSG DAVID R HENRY  
 MSG KENNETH A MCCOY  
 MSG DONALD H MENCL  
 MSG HOWARD F POCH  
 MSG GERALD  
 VANDERWOOD  
 MSG TROY A VEST JR  
 TSG CLAIRE A AMANN  
 TSG WILLIE BRAGG  
 TSG ROGER  
 DELONGCHAMP  
 TSG TIMOTHY W  
 GODFREY  
 TSG ORBIN E HATTON JR  
 TSG ROBERT J HELFRICH  
 TSG GEORGE M JORDAN  
 JR  
 TSG JAMES E LOESCH

TSG DENNIS A LOVETT  
 TSG KARL C MORGAN  
 TSG FRANCIS W MURPHY  
 TSG JANICE STRITZINGER  
 TSG HAROLD H  
 TENGBERG  
 SSG RONALD J ADAMS  
 SSG SCOTT C BELYEA  
 SSG ROY C BORCHARDT  
 SSG DARLD D BRANNAN  
 SSG GLANCE CHAMBERS  
 JR  
 SSG MEIN GRAY  
 SSG THOMAS J HICKEY  
 SSG LARRY D HILLIARD  
 SSG DOUGLAS J JENNEY  
 SSG GEORGE B KALE  
 SSG LEONARD N LEWIS  
 SSG THOMAS R MEEHAN  
 SSG ALAN F ROBILLARD  
 SSG WILLIAM T RYANS JR  
 SSG DEAN G STEVEN JR  
 SSG CARL K YATEMAN II  
 SGT MARTIN A CISNEROS  
 SGT ROBERT T GARRITY  
 SGT KEVIN M NISTLER  
 SGT MICHAEL F STONE  
 SGT JAMES A WILLIAMS

SRA CASEY R ADAMS  
 SRA JON S BOWERS  
 SRA BRUCE W COUNTS  
 SRA JON D GIBSON  
 SRA RUSSELL L KING  
 SRA DALE W LEE  
 SRA MICHAEL  
 WELLINGTON  
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 A1C PATRICK R AIKEN  
 A1C DAVID B ALLEN  
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 A1C STEVEN C EASLEY  
 A1C KENNETH D HOOSER  
 A1C DOUGLAS E  
 KAAIHUE  
 A1C LORETTA MIRELES  
 A1C KEITH OSBORN  
 A1C MARVIN J RANKIN J  
 II  
 A1C JEFFERY L SHOREY  
 A1C MICHAEL L TEAGUE  
 AMN JOSEPH M GRAY  
 AMN JOHN P REISS







# 176th WSSF



MAJ JAMES B LOGG  
SMS TERRY B GAMES  
MSG NORMAN R MEYER  
MSG MICHAEL D HICKMAN  
TSG CECIL BAILEY JR  
TSG LONNIE C KALAR  
TSG JOSEPH N STURRUP  
SSG TIMOTHY A DAVIS  
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 MAJ ARTHUR J SANTELLEN  
 MAJ KENT LEE WOODMAN  
 CPT EDWARD M SHEDLOCK  
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 SMS KENNETH A HILL  
 SMS FRANCIS R LOSCHE  
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 MSG WARREN A GAYNOR  
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 MSG RAYMOND J REEKIE  
 MSG ARNOLD V WEINRICH  
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MSG GEORGE D UNDT III  
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SRA EDDY D GRAVLEY  
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AMN JODIE C MCNAIR  
AB SHARON B MALOTTE







176th TAG



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Other Faces



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176th TAC  
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176th CSS

144th TAS



# Our Civilian Support



Ruth Battey  
Corinne Carlson  
Karen Chronister  
Bea Ferguson  
Doris Hendrickson  
Margaret Millionta  
Bonnie Wendel

NOT PICTURED:  
Etha Cyckowski  
Mary Johnson



# Staff. Great Ladies!



# Our Civilian Maintenance

## They Keep Us Clean And In Good Repair



Bob Chunglo  
Donald Delaney  
John Duryee  
David Henry  
Richard Koch  
Randy Mitchell  
Steve Phillips  
Joel Read  
Stan Westphal

NOT PICTURED:  
Ozella Bowie  
Jim Dicus  
Richard Faraci  
Ray Froembgen  
Grace Remme  
John Sladek  
Elaine Tyson  
Carol Warpack





# Crew









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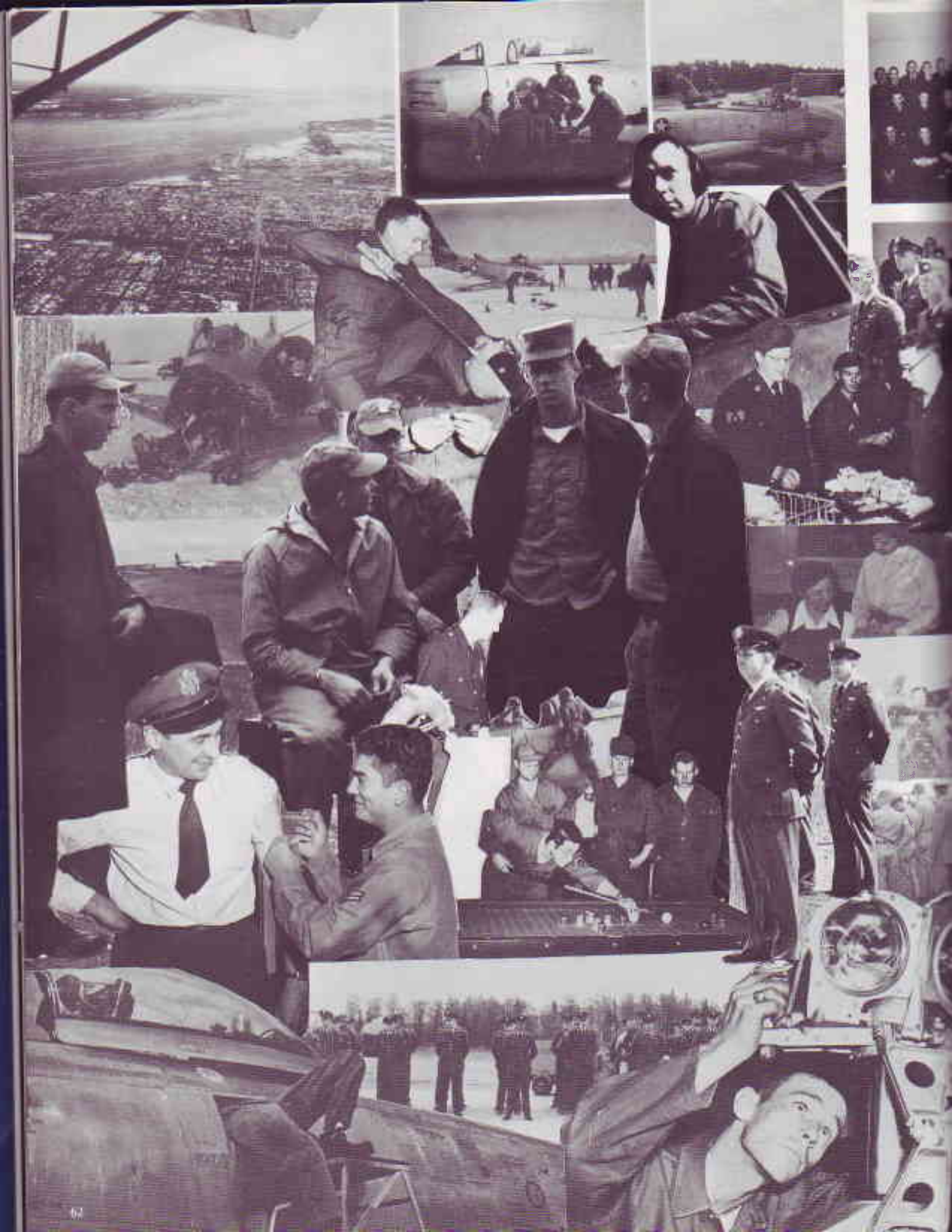


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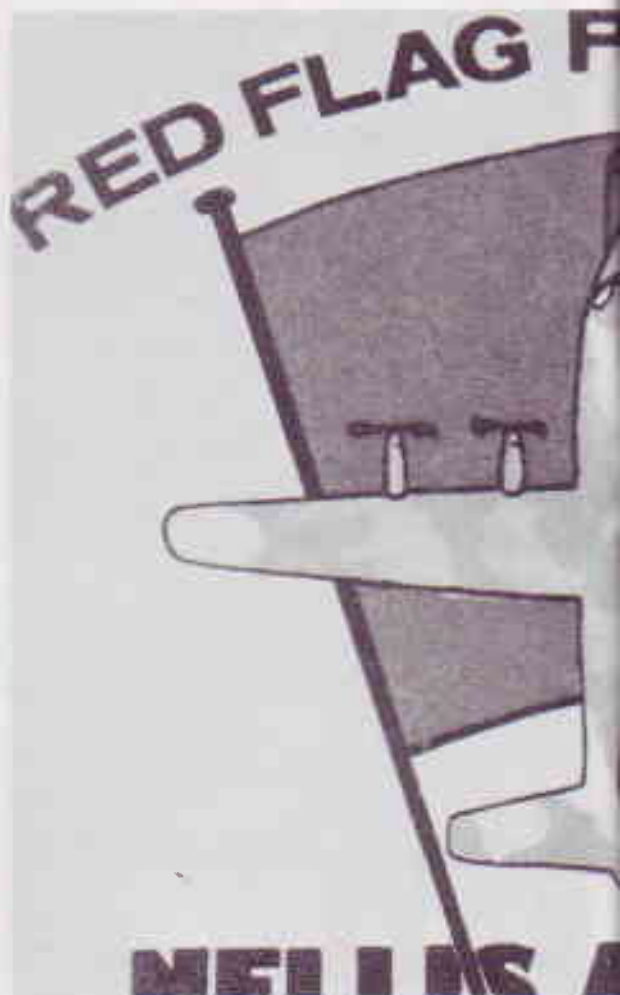
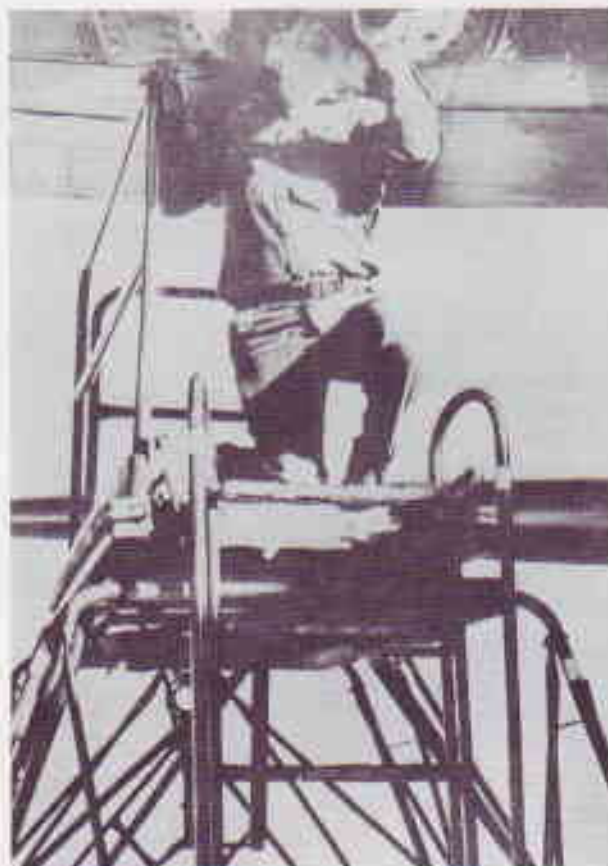
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An aerial photograph of a military airfield, likely a tactical airlift group base. The image shows several aircraft parked on the tarmac, including what appear to be C-123 and C-130 models. There are various buildings, hangars, and infrastructure visible across the airfield. The overall scene is a detailed view of a busy military aviation facility.

# Highlights Of The Last Ten Years

The first enlisted woman joined in 1971 and the growing pains were eased by the addition of some buildings. We saw the draft end and recruitment plummet. The CE Flight deployed to Korea in 1973 and in May 1974, Kulis celebrated its 20th anniversary. In 1976 we went from Squadron to Group status; our planes changed and our mission expanded. Interesting events followed in rapid succession. July 1978, WW II Torpedo nets were flown to Bethel to save the city's waterfront. January 1979, the CE Flight restored an old Russian building in Kodlak and discovered historical artifacts. February 1971, we flew over the Pole to Europe. In October 1979, our unit had chalked up 40,000 accident-free flying hours in the C-123J and C-130E. 1980 was packed with missions and exercises in South America, Japan, Europe and the Continental U.S. We scored an Outstanding in an ASET inspection, a first for Guard units nationwide and we took part in the dramatic rescue mission of the sinking ship, "S.S. Prinsendam". Gen. William S. Elmore, who was twice appointed AG, died in 1980. The future looks bright for more training, exercises, missions and events for the 176th Tactical Airlift Group.

# Alaskans



# Play The Ultimate Game

## At Red Flag



**PARTICIPANT**



**ER 1981**

# Family Day Is Enjoyed By Kids Big And Small







Things may go well in the planning stages ...



But when it gets down to the nitty-gritty ...



Like rats deserting a sinking ship ...



# And Nothing Can Dampen Our Spirits

The crew leaves its leader in the drink . . .



And some even laugh at his plight!



# Major General W.S. Elmore 1915 To 1980

Some memories of the former AG: General Elmore in front of his F-86; at an Air Tech meeting with Hoss Case and Bob Cole; with Governor Egan reviewing the 176th TAS, the General at a social function with his wife, Kathy; on Taku Glacier with Governor Egan; Colonel Wolverton pinning on General Elmore's 1st Star and an awards presentation (Larry Campbell accepting award)





# Operation Volant Oak

## 1980 Operation VOLANT OAK

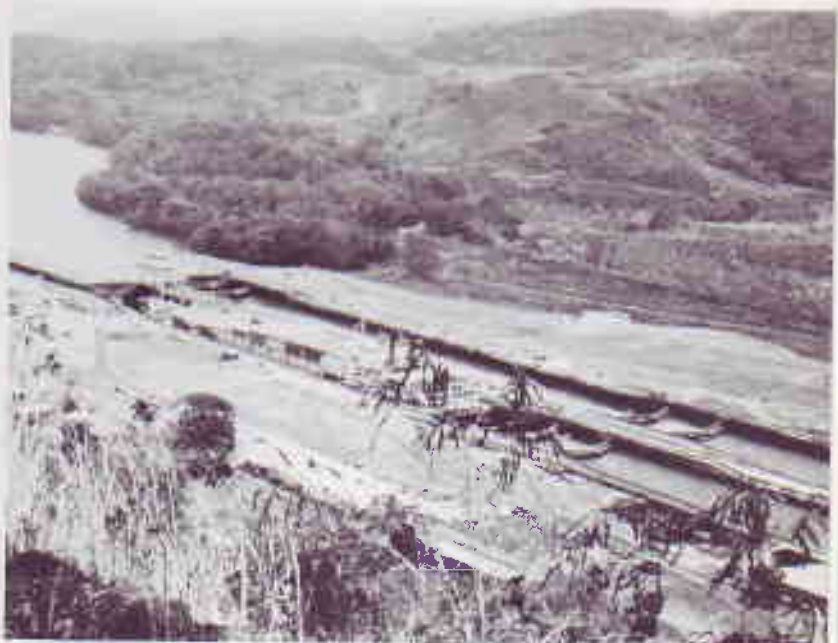
Major General Robert B. Tanguy, Commander of the U. S. Southern Air Division, presented an award to Lt Col Willard E Stockwell, Commander of the Alaska Air Guard's 144th Tactical Airlift Squadron for their support during Operation VOLANT OAK in Panama. Ninety three Alaskan Air Guardsmen spent four weeks providing airlift support for the mission, which included combined military training, search and rescue operations, and medical evacuation of injured and sick personnel. To meet these requirements the Alaska Guardsmen flew their own aircraft, air-crews, maintenance and support personnel to Panama. Leaving Alaska at 40° and arriving in Panama at 90° was quite a change in temperature, but the "Cool Crews" sweat it out, and according to General Tanguy "The performance of the . . . Guard forces has been fantastic."





# !PANAMA!

Alaskans Beat The Heat





In 1979, two crews airborne at the same time, shared the milestone of 40,000 accident-free hours.



The Air Guard came to the rescue of downed pilot Delbert Hutcheson from King Salmon.



# Community



Alaska Air Guard assists with security and crowd control during Pope John's visit to Anchorage



Walk for Hope aid station is a yearly Guard activity



We collect toys





# Service



We are Santa Claus to remote Alaskan villages.



and make children happy.

We provide educational tours



# The Lawmakers Visit Kulis





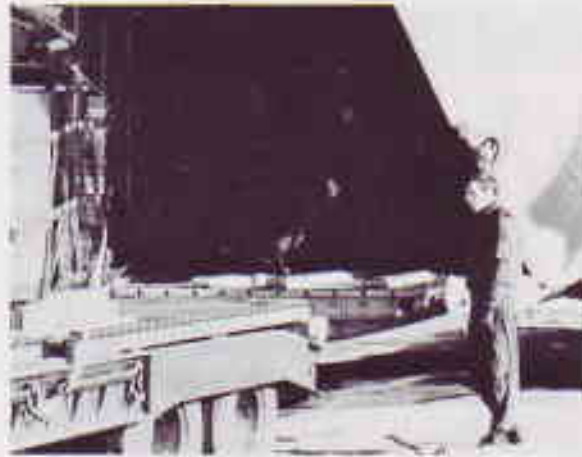
## Some NCO Grads And Activities





Loading up can be tricky, easy does it.

'M'on Back



Meanwhile, back at the D.Z., smoke marks the spot.... and here they come over the trees.



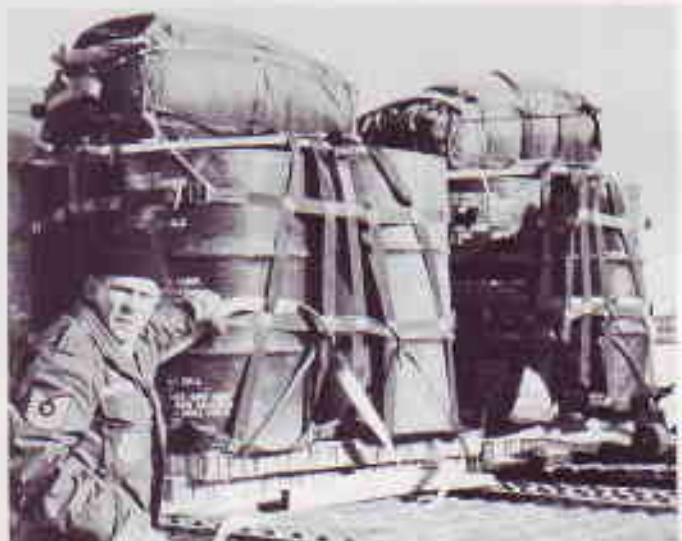
The C-130 gives birth.



# Air Drops

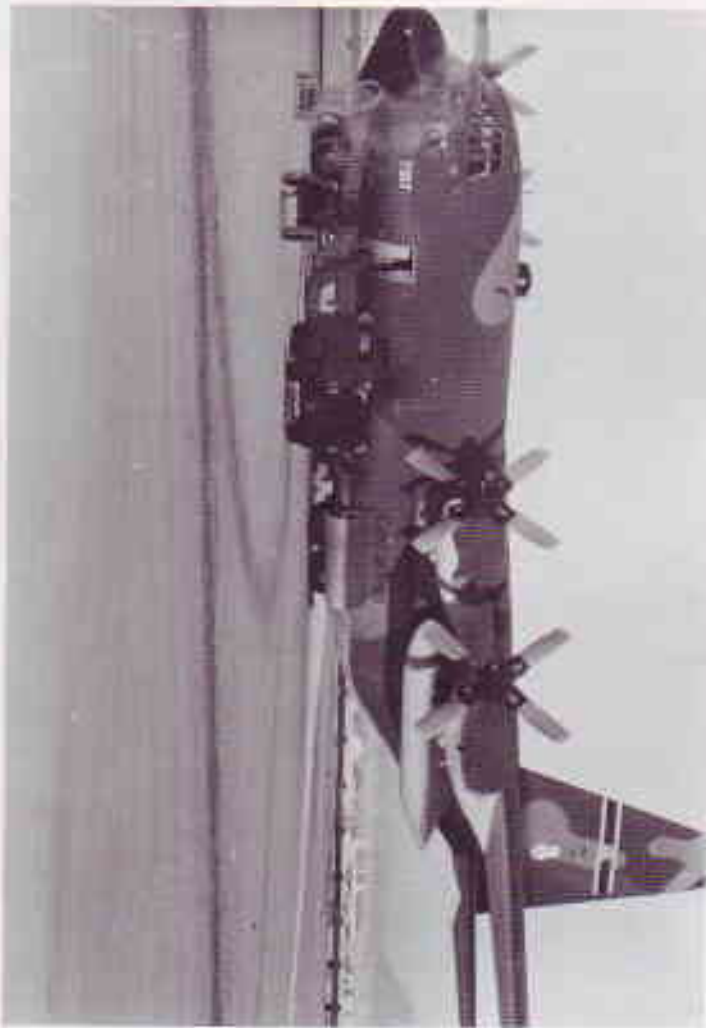


Not bad, but now we've got to pick it up again.





# Our Crew Chiefs: The Heart Of The Operations



This Ten  
Years  
Saw  
Lots Of  
Changes  
Around  
The  
Base . . .



Some For Pride



Some For  
Convenience



# But Mostly For Improved



# Functional Training Capacity

A.G.E., Aircraft Maintenance, Civil Engineering, POL and Ops all got to stretch their legs with additions and new buildings.

The new chow hall was a real step forward in accommodations; everything new, crisp and modern in the kitchen . . . Our new Clinic facility also gave us the best in equipment and facilities.





# The Final Resting Place Of 64395





Two Of Our Former Birds Have Retired Gracefully To Static Display





The first "Herc" arrives at Kulis, April 1976.



Later, a dedication with Mr. Bob Reeve, Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, Gen. Necrason and Col. Moore, among others.



# Our First "Herky Bird"

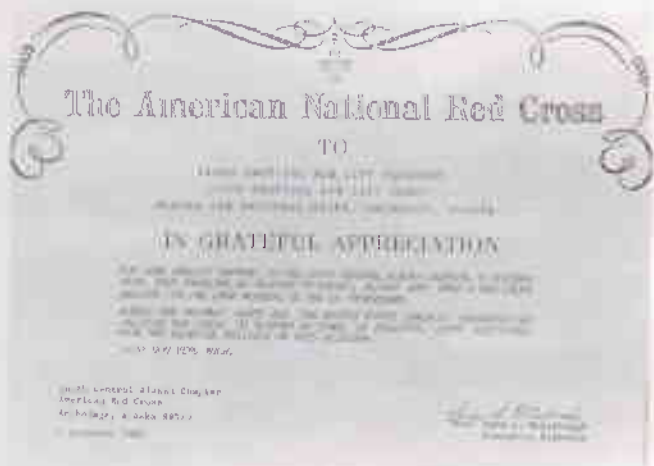




## Some Awards And Ceremonies







# We Respond When Called



Firefighting





Aircraft Crash and Rescue



Photos courtesy of the Anchorage Times

# 176 CF Restores Old Building In Kodiak





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# Going Back . . .

The Alaska Air Guard's second decade was marked with tragedy and triumphs. Air crashes killed nine, but the unit received Air Force recognition twice for its rescue and relief activities associated with the great earthquake of 1964 and the Fairbanks flood of 1967. Chronologically, here are the highlights.

The decade began on a high that was to be repeated several times during the next 10 years—our float won top prize in the 1962 Fur Rendezvous Parade. In May, we were presented a flying safety award by the National Guard Bureau. The year closed with a respectable loss, a 70-52 triumph by the Harlem Globetrotters over The Alaska Air Guard team.

During 1963, Alaskans got a close-up look at some relics of the young space age thanks to the Air Guard. We flew a NASA display featuring the Mercury space capsule throughout the state. During that year also, we transported Governor William Egan to Fort Yukon where he presided over the first ever public high school graduation north of the Arctic Circle. The following month, we completed a civil project for Anchorage—Kincaid Park. Later that year, photographs of an erupting Mount St. Augustine taken from an orbiting Alaska Guard C-123 received wide coverage in the press.

The year 1964 began relatively routinely with our participation in the winter maneuver Polar Siege, largest operation of its kind ever staged in Alaska up to that time. But then, March 27—Good Friday—the worst earthquake ever to shake the American continent. Epicenter: Prince William Sound. For a time, Alaskans' only communications with the outside world were through Alaska Air Guard C-123 radios. Homeless survivors used our hangar as a refuge. And we flew—131,000 pounds of cargo, 201 passengers. And one month later, while still on earthquake-related work, tragedy. One of our C-123s crashed on takeoff into Valdez Bay. The dead: Adjutant General Thomas Carroll, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Norris, Major James Rowe and Technical Sergeant Kenneth Ayers. Three months later, Air Guardsman William Elmore was named Carroll's replacement.

In May 1965, the Alaska Air Guard's accomplishments during the earthquake were recognized by the Air Force in the form of our first Outstanding Unit Award. But tragedy again that December. On a routine mission, a C-123 crashed at Cape Romanzof on the Bering Sea. The dead this time are Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Podraza, Major H. D. Bredow, Technical Sergeants O. D. Holland and F. L. Spradlin, and Staff Sergeant L. E. Harris.

In 1966 we got into the wildlife business, transporting moose to Kodiak Island for the Fish and Wildlife Department. And in December of that year, Alaska's new Governor, Walter J. Hickel, selects former Alaskan Air Command Chief C. E. Neerason as our new Adjutant General.

A few red faces but no injuries in a February 1967 crash as one of our C-123s breaks through the ice runway on Lake Nuyakuk north of Dillingham. Later, the plane is retrieved. We fly 438 sorties, 223 hours, ferrying 2371 people and 300,000 pounds of supplies during a frantic nine-day period in August in response to devastating Fairbanks floods. Our base again houses evacuees during the emergency period. Later that year, Alaska Air Guardsmen ferry planes to the very hot war in Vietnam.

In 1968, we resume our fish and game duties, this time lifting 15 musk oxen from Nunivak to Nelson Island for the state. Next it's bison, from Delta to Farewell. That fall, we receive our second Outstanding Unit Award, this time for our Fairbanks Flood activities.

In April 1969, we're officially recognized as the 176th Tactical Airlift Group by the Federal Government. And on July 4th of that year it's Alaska's biggest airshow, and it's on Kulis ANGB: 10,000 spectators watch the Navy's Blue Angels and the Army's Golden Knights parachute team.

Alaska's first woman Air Guardsman, Captain Marjorie Paulson, is sworn into the 176th in September 1970.

We finish this second ten years on a high note of community involvement, (Operations Santa Claus, Fur Rondy activities, marched in an American Congress of Indians Convention Parade, and many more).



**Captain Marjorie Paulsen**  
The first woman to join the Alaska Air Guard



**FIRST FOR AIR GUARD**

Jennifer Hartner, the first woman to enlist in the Alaska Air National Guard and the first to join a USAF engineering-guard unit in the country, is pictured as a Staff Sgt. by Maj. Gen. William C. St.



They Were First . . .

And Many More Followed









# St. Mary's 1966





# Governor Hickel Tours Interior



# We Serve When Called . . .

## The Fairbanks Flood Of 1967 . . .



Governor Hickle and Maj Gen Neccason visit Fairbanks during the flood. The 144th flew 138 sorties, 223 flying hours, airlifted 2,371 people and over 300,000 pounds of supplies.





# Some Feasts . . .





# And Feeds



# Good Friday 1964







A day the 144th will always remember the March 27, 1964 Earthquake. We flew 131,000 pounds of cargo, 201 passengers, and for a while provide the only communication link with the lower 48 states.



# Mr. Fur Face Competitors

When The  
Guard Wore  
Beards





## Some Kulis Trivia

Did You  
Know . . .

***That at one time we had seven sets of brothers*** in the Unit?!  
L/R Bottom: Jerry, "Ike" & Harry Haller; Bob Lee and JC Hobson. L/R Middle: Walt & Bob Donald; Bill & Chuck Christy; Tom & Bill Armstrong. L/R Top: Mike & Dave Hendrick; Don & Ray Hamblin; Tom Brown and Bob Brown (away at school)





The 144th responds to a call from the Fish and Game Dept for assistance in transplanting live baby moose, bison and musk ox.







During Encampments we are required to meet Air Force standards in the air and on the ground. (Now if we could only find the reg that covers horse-shoes).







## 123 Ski Birds Mission And Maintenance



**NEW PLANES ARRIVE** - These C-123Js are the first two of 10 to arrive at Kulis Air National Guard Base here. Former Air Force planes, they are the only ones of this type with retractable skis and retractable wheels and were especially designed for use in the Arctic.

### AIR NATIONAL GUARD GETS 10 NEW PLANES



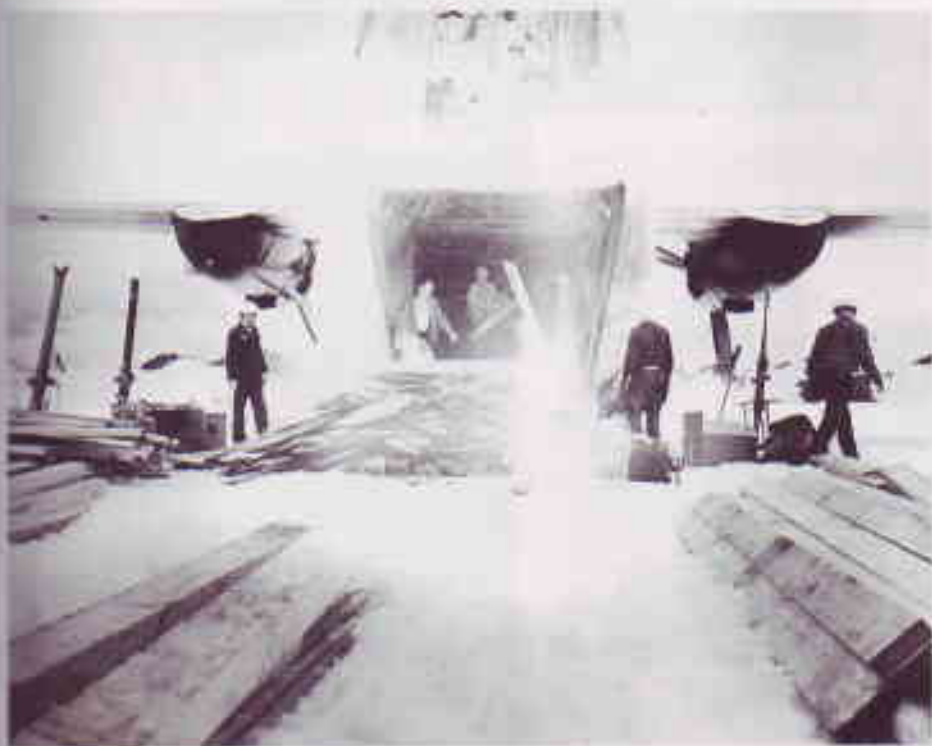




# Taku Glacier

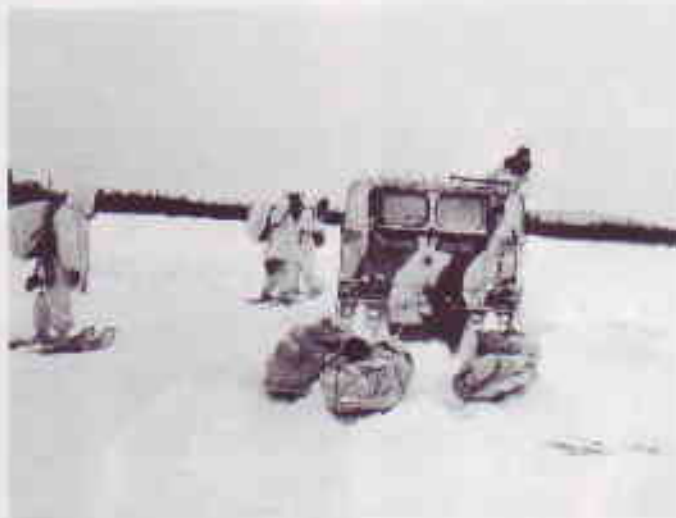
Governor Egan visits with the Michigan State University Scientific Team on Taku Glacier during a resupply mission by the 144th.







# 144th Provides Support For Army's Winter War Games





The 144th takes on a new look at our annual fund raising event —





# Mad Ball



Bill Elmore And  
Bob Cole With  
Miss Alaska 1962-  
1st Prize In Parade



Some Past Winners





# Construction Of A Winner







# Sports-Minded Guardsmen

And Distinguished Visitors





# The 144th Ferries Planes To





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# In The Beginning . . .

The Alaska Air National Guard began 15 September 1952 as the 8144th Air Base Squadron at Elmendorf AFB. For the first six months, the unit had no aircraft and its headquarters was an office above the bus depot on Fourth Avenue near today's Holiday Inn.

At the first UTA on 15-16 September 1952, five officers and 11 enlisted men were present with Col Lars "Larry" Johnson as Commander. Owing to the small office, they met in a quonset hut near the bus depot until early 1953.

Shortly after the first aircraft, a T-6 trainer, arrived in February 1953, the unit began operations in Hangar #3 at Elmendorf AFB.

During that same month, our oldest Guardsman (in terms of longevity), Matt A. Huttunen, enlisted in the unit. Today, Senior Master Sergeant Matt is assigned to the 176th CAM Squadron. The very next month our second most senior active Guardsperson, Clarence Ryherd, joined. Today, he's our Assistant Adjutant General (Air).

In July, the unit was redesignated and federally recognized as the 144th Fighter Bomber Squadron. In October the first jet, a T-33A, arrived, bringing total aircraft assigned to seven—six T-6s and one T-33A. In February 1954, the F-80 "Shooting Star" was assigned and by November, the Squadron had grown to 14 F-80Cs, two T-33As, three T-6G trainer, two T-6 Observation models, and a C-47A "Gooney Bird."

The unit lost its accident-free record in a November 17 double tragedy: two jets, a T-33, piloted by Lt Roger A. Pendleton and navigated by Capt Lionel H. Tietze; and a F-80, piloted by Lt Albert Kulis, crashed in separate accidents. All three airmen were killed.

The 144th moved to its new and current home, Kulis ANG Base, in March 1955. It was dedicated on 30 May with Mrs. Ruth Kulis present for the ceremony.

In June, the first F-86E arrived and on 1 July, the unit was redesignated the 144th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Later that year, a T-6 crash near Eagle River claimed the lives of two Guardsmen, Lt Clermont O'Born and an Army Guard observer. In April 1956, the unit again lost an aircraft and pilot, this one a T-33, in a mid-air collision with an Air Force jet. The pilot was Capt Blinn Webster; his navigator parachuted to safety. Later that spring, the Kuskukwim River flooded and the Air Guard flew food and emergency materials to isolated villages.

During annual training in July 1956, the unit made provisions for everyone to stay on Kulis in tents instead of being housed at Elmendorf.

In February 1957, the unit towed an F-86E as its float in the annual Fur Rendezvous parade. During that month also, Capt Richard Otto lost his life in a F-86 crash. He was the last Alaska Air Guardsman killed in a jet aircraft because in July, the unit was designated the 144th Transportation Squadron (Light). C-47s would replace the fighter.

The first "Gooney" arrived in October and tragedy struck almost immediately: the next month near Juneau a C-47 crash claimed the lives of Capt Robert E. Kalader, 1Lt Dennis W. Starnay, SSgt Floyd S. Puffer, and SSgt David O. Dial.

During February 1958, we air dropped supplies to St. Mary's mission school. Three months later, William S. Elmore became Air Guard Commander.

The year 1959 began with an airlift of 54 sick children from St. Lawrence Island to the Alaska Native Hospital in Anchorage. In May we held an Open House that attracted thousands; the feature of the day was the Minute Men, an Air Guard precision demonstration team flying F-56s. We closed out 1959 with Air National Guard week during October, along with our annual Halloween party and dance.

In May 1960, we received a new aircraft, the C-123J, and in July we were redesignated the 144th Air Transport Squadron (Medium). Using the new aircraft, that August we flew equipment and supplies to scientists on a floating ice island some 600 miles from the North Pole. In September we took over the job of supplying remote Air Force installations throughout Alaska. In November we demonstrated our capabilities to Governor William Egan by ski-landing on Toku Glacier to supply a scientific party. In December we flew two C-123Js with toys, food, and Santa Claus to the St. Mary's mission.

During 1961, we continued to grow and fly missions in support of various projects. A sample: January—we fly TNT used to shatter an ice jam; February—an iron lung is ferried to Nome in response to a polo outbreak; March—heavy equipment is landed on the Yukon River for the Corps of Engineers; November—we rescue 11 men of the Arctic Research Institute from a floating ice island.

It was a decade marked with tragedy but triumph too. Alaskans learned that when needed, its Air Guard was there.



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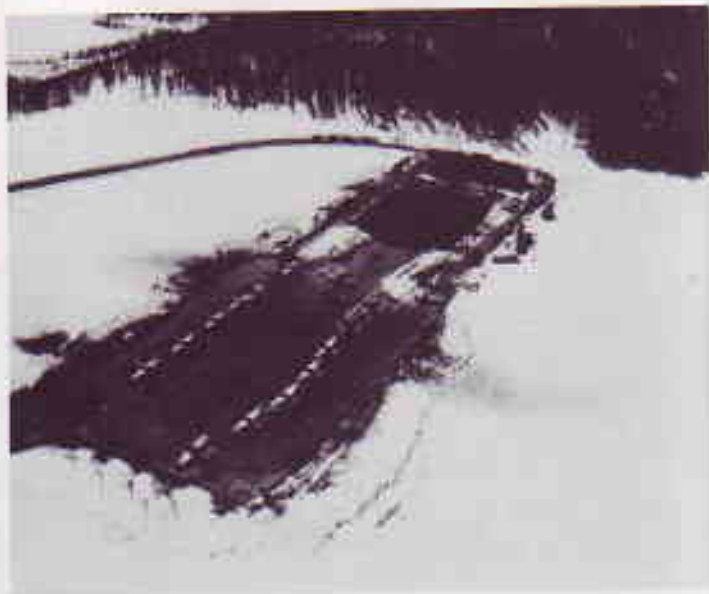
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Will Rodgers Jr.

Alaska ANG C-47 Flies To Pt. Barrow  
Where Father And Wiley Post Died  
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# Evacuation 1959

# Kulis Sweethearts



A young woman in a white uniform stands in front of a military aircraft with "ALASKA AIR GUARD" written on the side. The aircraft is a large transport plane, likely a C-124, used for evacuating patients from remote areas of Alaska.





# October 14, 1957- Our First C-47





# The 'Gooney Birds' Served Alaska Well



We Used To  
Have Basic Right  
Here At Kulis!







Splendor  
And  
Luxury . . .







# At Summer Camp





The  
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/s/MANUEL A. WALLACE  
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## I am the Guard

**C**astles of Spain, towers in the ... of security and honor, for these castles  
I have been the guardian, I am the Guard.

I was with Washington on the low ground, fought the wild warren and watched  
the dark night turn to the morning. To Charle's bridge, I faced the fearful  
sea heard, heard the wail. I sat on Parker Hill. My footsteps  
marked the way of Valley Forge. I pulled a waffle out on the ledge that  
fringed the sea. Children, I spent I took with Washington at the low-land heights  
of Montpelier. I am the great guardian. I am the Guard.  
I pulled the waffle that leapt the long night's beam at New Orleans. These  
things I know: I was there. I saw both sides of the War across the States.  
I was there. The bill of San Juan felt the force of my charge. The  
jaggle and mountains of the Philippines were in my hand. On the Mexican  
border I stand. I am the Guard. The last front of the Republic there with  
Mexico. Charle's Tower is marked by my command. Under  
the watch of castles I watched in Spain. I was there. I am the Guard.  
I found the light of the sun. Charle's Tower was the light of Gibraltar there on the point  
of my command. Through the jungle and on the beach, I fought the sea, the  
land and the air. I watched the sun on the ground in a Chateau. I  
watched your Normandy's watch. I was there. I am the Guard. From  
the 30th Parallel I made my stand. I saw MIG. They. I was there.  
I am the Guard.

Seller to me, soldier to you. I am the Guard.

I was at Jalta, when the rising water flowed from the valley. I walked  
the rocky hills in my arms and the tower built for me. I walked  
through smoke and flame at Great City. The shadows were the comfort of  
my skill. I dropped the fist that felt the stirring force on the frozen fields of the  
west and through the burning days I ploughed to reach the mountain. These  
fronts I know: the trench, the tangle, and the terror of the horizon and flat.  
These things I know: I was there. I am the Guard. I have brought a new  
element, a pillar, a new life to our youth. Whether a young man and soldier  
spare must defend the Nation, or peace or war, whether a child, or a woman  
wage in time of trouble, there I stand. I am the Guard. For these castles  
a soldier or sea, a civilian in peace - of security and honor, I am the guardian, sea and  
frontier. I am the Guard.



