

## The 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force

The 11th Air Force (11 AF) provides forces to maintain air superiority in Alaska and support Alaska-based ground forces, and combat-ready air forces for employment by combatant commanders to preserve the national sovereignty of the United States and defend U.S. interests overseas.

The largest subordinate units in 11 AF are the 3rd Wing at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and the 354th Fighter Wing at Eielson AFB, near Fairbanks, Alaska.

The 3 WG, the largest unit within 11 AF, trains and equips an Air Expeditionary Force lead wing comprised of more than 2,200 Airmen and E-3B Sentry, C-17 Globemaster III, C-130 Hercules, F-22A Raptor and C-12F Huron aircraft. It provides air supremacy, surveillance, worldwide airlift, and agile combat support forces to project global power and global reach. The 3 WG also maintains the installation for critical force staging and throughput operations in support of worldwide contingencies.

The 354th Fighter Wing provides world class training ranges and aggressor support, combat ready forces for world-wide deployments and facilities for incoming forces capable of reaching anywhere in the Northern Hemisphere at a moment's notice. The 354 FW operates F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, and prepares joint and allied Combat Air Force's aircrew for tomorrow's victories through challenging, realistic threat replication, training, test support, academics, and feedback.

The 611th Air and Space Operations Center (611 AOC) provides personnel and resources to conduct the ANR mission of maintaining air sovereignty over North America and also supports ALCOM's missions.

Remote locations of 11 AF are operated by the Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center (PRSC) at JBER, Alaska. Those locations include: King Salmon Airport and Eareckson Air Station on Shemya Island, and a network of 15 Air Force radar sites throughout Alaska. The PRSC provides surveillance radars, arctic infrastructure, communications and worldwide-deployable support for homeland defense, decisive force projection, and aerospace command and control.

When mobilized, the State's Air National Guard becomes an integral part of ALCOM. The Alaska Air National Guard (AKANG) maintains KC-135 Stratotanker, C-130 and HC-130 Hercules aircraft and HH-60 Pave Hawk combat search and rescue helicopters.