



FACT SHEET

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Eielson Facts and Figures

The Base

Eielson Air Force Base occupies 63,195 acres southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. The runway is oriented north to south and is 14,507 feet long. It was extended to its present length in the 1950s to accommodate B-36 aircraft, and is the second longest runway in North America.

Population

About 3,000 military people work at Eielson. The base has 1,476 houses, and 522 dormitory rooms for approximately 3,200 active duty and family members who live on base. An additional 1,800 active duty, Reserve and Guard servicemembers and their families live off-base. More than 500 retirees from all branches of the military reside in the area.

Rounding out the total military-related population are about 950 civilian employees and more than 600 traditional and full-time Air National Guard members.

Economic Impact

The total payroll for active duty military employees is about \$133 million. The base contracting office awarded more than \$121 million to local contractors in fiscal year 2003.

Organizations

The 354th Fighter Wing mission is to fight and support the fight...any time, any place. The 354 FW is the host unit at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska and is assigned to 11th Air Force, headquartered at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Eleventh Air Force falls under Pacific Air Forces, headquartered at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

The 354th Fighter Wing is divided into four groups and 10 wing staff agencies. The groups are Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical. The wing commander's staff agencies include the Historian, Protocol, Chaplain, Staff Judge Advocate, Safety, Finance, Manpower, Command Post, Military Equal Opportunity and Public Affairs.

Associate Units

- **168th Air Refueling Wing**, Alaska Air National Guard, is the primary workhorse tanker unit for the Arctic Region and Pacific Rim, annually transferring more than 17 million pounds of fuel in flight to predominantly active-duty aircraft on operational missions. The wing's strategic location provides an invaluable rapid response capability for emergency and contingency situations, as well as enhancing the Air Force's total force global reach.
- The **353rd Combat Training Squadron** is responsible for sponsoring training and experimentation in Alaska. In this capacity the squadron hosts Pacific Air Force's Cope Thunder, Alaska Command's Northern Edge, and Pacific Command's Cooperative Thunder exercises. The 353rd has a detachment at Elmendorf Air Force Base. Beyond Cope Thunder, the 353rd hosts an increasingly broad number of combat training events on the Pacific-Alaska Range Complex.
- **Detachment 1, 66th Training Squadron**, provides Arctic survival training to members of all branches of the military and the other uniformed services. The "Cool School" graduates about 650 students per year. Instructors at the Air Education and Training Command-assigned unit also provide ground search and rescue capability on and around Eielson.
- **Detachment 1, 210th Rescue Squadron**, Alaska Air National Guard, provides maintenance and operations support for up to two HH-60G Pave Hawk rescue helicopters deployed to Eielson from Kulis Air National Guard Base in Anchorage. These aircraft provide alert rescue coverage for Eielson aircraft and logistics support for interior Alaska military ranges. The detachment is also assigned by 11th Air Force to provide search-and-rescue for both military and civil aviators north of the Alaska Range.
- **Detachment 632, Air Force Office of Special Investigations** provides professional investigative service for felony level criminal activity and counterintelligence matters to commanders of all Air Force activities. AFOSI Detachment 632 provides specialized investigative services for USAF and DoD resources located in the northern half of the State of Alaska.
- **Detachment 460, Air Force Technical Applications Center** operates and maintains the largest and northernmost seismic network in the United States Atomic Energy Detection System, as well as the sole field backup operations center for detection and analysis of foreign nuclear weapons tests. In addition, the detachment operates and maintains a network of gaseous and particulate air sampling units to detect airborne signatures of nuclear events.

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