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MEMORANDUM FOR ALASKA CIVIL/MILITARY AVIATION COUNCIL (ACMAC)

FROM: 11 AF/CV
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SUBJECT: Alaska Civil/Military Aviation Council Minutes

1. The ACMAC convened 12 Nov 2013, at 10:00 AM in building 9480, Reeves Conference Room, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, and was broadcast via VTC to the 353 CTS Commander's Conference Room at Eielson AFB, AK. The meeting slides are attached to provide more detailed information about the various briefs. Please refer to these as you read the minutes.

2. Member Attendance: Colonel Pat Miller, 11AF/CV, chaired the meeting and the attendance roster is attached.

3. Opening remarks by ACMAC Chairman: Colonel Miller welcomed everyone to the Fall ACMAC and asked everyone around the room to introduce themselves. The ACMAC gets everyone together twice a year to identify and discuss issues.

4. The ACMAC discussed the following agenda items:

a. RED FLAG - Alaska: Mr. Pete Bussa, 353rd Combat Training Squadron, provided an overview of upcoming exercises to include RED FLAG-Alaska (RF-A) 14-1, 14-2, 14-3, and 15-1. Mr. Bussa provided the projected dates for the upcoming RF-As as well as the expected participants. In the upcoming 14-1 RF-A Canada, Singapore, and a heavy Navy presence are expected, with the desire that US Army Alaska, Fort Wainwright will also be participating. In the 14-2 RF-A the 51st FW, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Germany, and Singapore will be participating. Likely participants for 14-3 will be Canada, Australia, the 527th Space Aggressor Squadron, B-2's from Whiteman AFB, and between two and four B-1's and B-52's. No questions were asked concerning RF-A.

b. Matsu Valley CTAF: Mr. Tom George described the working group's purpose. He explained that the working group had been getting comments and one organization that provided comments was the Alaska Air Carrier Group. No questions were asked.

c. Bryant AAF Class D Airspace Update: Mr. Eric Johnson, Bryant AAF ATC chief, briefed the status of the CLASS D Airspace. Maj Highley asked the status of the direct line. Mr. Johnson said the expected completion date would be perhaps by the end of November. The question was also asked about a direct line to Merrill Tower; Mr. Johnson stated there was no need for a direct line to Merrill Tower but that they did have phone numbers to communicate with Merrill Tower if needed

d. Airfield Status Update: Mr. John Stocker briefed Ted Stevens International Airport construction projects ongoing and for the near future. Col Miller asked, what timeframe would the projects begin or end by. Mr. Stocker stated that no contracts had been let; therefore he did not have any dates. Detailed airfield construction information is provided on the attached slides.

e. Lights-out Operations: Capt Stewart briefed the Lights Out procedures and the process of approval to commence lights out procedures in the MOAs for both F-22s and C-17s. A question was asked if nonparticipating aircraft could be seen if not squawking. Capt Stewart explained that nonparticipating aircraft could be seen utilizing primary radar only. No other questions were asked.

f. Noise Complaint Process: Mr. Tommie Baker, ALCOM Public Affairs (PA), presented the briefing on the Noise Complaints Process. Once a complaint is logged, the goal is to respond to the individual within 72 hours (three working days). ALCOM/PA is the central hub for the complaint process and then "farms out" the complaint to the appropriate base (Eielson, Ladd, Wainwright, etc.). Mr. Baker mentioned we had one Congressional inquiry which pertained to the clearing of vegetation outside of the JBER Boniface Gate for the power poles. In addition, because there was no exercise in the summer timeframe the noise complaints were down. He also explained that not utilizing the east-west runway generates noise complaints, because persons are not used to aircraft flying off of the north-south runway. Another topic was the request for the expansion of the noise complaint phone line to general safety calls. No calls had been received on the noise complaint line other than noise complaints at this time. Col Miller emphasized that the military takes all noise complaint calls seriously and wanted to make sure everyone understood that. No other questions were asked.

g. Joint Pacific Airspace Range Complex (JPARC) ROD/EIS. LTC Hunt briefed the current status of the JPARC Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Col Miller asked LTC Hunt to keep the webpage link slide on the screen so that all members had an opportunity to write down the webpage links if interested in learning more about the JPARC EIS. LTC Hunt passed out his business card as well. No questions were asked. Detailed JPARC EIS information is provided on the attached slides.

h. FAA Airspace Proposal Process. Maj Rob Peck, 11 AF Air Force Representative to FAA (AFREP), provided a briefing on the airspace proposal process. The brief covered the entire process from beginning to end and the steps the military takes in coordination with the FAA. Mr. Robbie McGurn, FAA Air Traffic Representative to the Military (ATREP), added that the FAA does its own environmental studies when it concerns them. If another agency needs an environmental study completed, that agency is responsible to complete the process and the FAA will adopt the study upon completion. Mr. Adam White asked where the military was in the process of submitting the proposals to the FAA. Maj Peck stated we don't have a timeline but we are moving forward. Tom George offered to sit down and discuss any/all proposals to assist in the process from a civilian perspective. A question was asked about UAV proposal for UAV corridors - no proposals exist at this time. No further questions were asked.

i. Open Forum.

- i. Carl Siebe, Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation, talked about how last year was a terrible year for aviation fatalities in Alaska. He discussed the safety seminar offered on 23 Nov from 0800-1600 hours at UAA Aviation Technology. This forum would be an excellent seminar for learning how to survive and prepare for unexpected civil aviation mishaps.
- ii. Tom George asked for a military POC for the NOTAM for GPS jamming. He wanted to find a way to make sure the NOTAM would be more realistic. He also added that he would like us to work closer with the civilian community on the EIS proposal and maybe this would cut down on additional work. Maj Peck expressed that he would be the military POC for GPS jamming.
- iii. Lari Belisle added more information on the GPS jamming and the impacts for a useable product for the civilian user.

- iv. Jane Dale, Alaska Aviation Coordination Council (AACC), gave an update on the AACC meeting and stated that the council holds a meeting similar to the ACMAC, which would be beneficial for members to attend. Capt Thomas, Airfield Operations Officer at Eielson, requested a POC and dial up number to attend the AACC meeting. Ms. Dale was not sure at the time if they had numbers or enough numbers for individuals to dial in but would get the information.

6. Closing Comments: Colonel Miller thanked all in attendance for their great work and for all of the information he learned in the meeting. He thanked all veterans and those who worked on the briefings. He stated airspace is precious, that Alaska is a strategic location as stated by General Mitchell. Lastly he wanted everyone to take care with regards to bad weather ground operations.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 PM. Notifications for the next ACMAC will be sent as soon as a definitive date is set. Questions, corrections, comments, and/or concerns should be addressed to Capt Garrett Penny, 611 AOC/CODK, at Commercial (907) 552-0999 or DSN 317-552-0999.

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Attachment:
Meeting slides

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