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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 31 October at 10:00 am in the Field Maintenance Facility, Room AM 1071 at Ted Stevens International Airport, Anchorage, AK and was broadcast via a website conferencing application to the Tanana Conference Room in the Fairbanks International Airport, Fairbanks, AK. The webex allowed for any other interested personnel who could not attend from Ted Stevens or Fairbanks Airport to view and listen in on the meeting. For a copy of the meeting slides, please contact 11th Air Force Airspace and Range Team at AlaskaMilitaryAirspace@us.af.mil or call (907)552-3636/5715 or (907)552-4430/0999. Referencing the slides while reading the minutes enhances understanding since these minutes primarily add or expand on information in the slides.

Member Attendance: See the attached sign-in sheet at the end of the minutes.

Opening Remarks: Colonel Griesbaum welcomed everyone to the Fall 2018 ACMAC. He introduced himself, thanked all attendees and briefers, and spoke about the future challenges of advanced threats and training requirements for fifth-generation fighters, joint and coalition partners, increasing the demand for access to the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC).

2. Old Business, New Business, Open Items & Lessons Learned.

a. **R-2205, R-2201 updates and GPS Jamming:** LTC Johnson, USARAK, briefed the R-2205 expansion and new area to R-2201, east of R-2202. He then opened the topic of GPS Jamming, which was a hot topic since the mid-October NOTAM was released, announcing the widespread area affected by military GPS jamming for 48 continuous hours.

(1) LTC Johnson led a robust discussion with inputs from Ms. Jane Dale, Col Richard Koch, Mr. John Pratt, Mrs. Amanda Griffith, Mr. Ed Lasselle, Lt Col Adam White, Col Griesbaum, Mr. Brian Ochs, Ms. Melissa Osborne, and Col (ret) Harry Kieling. The discussion covered topics such as defining GPS jamming, narrowing the expected and announced time frame of jamming, safety concerns for local IFR/VFR pilots, methods of dissemination, civilian and military ground, air and maritime entities affected by broad jamming and the impact on local community and economies.

(2) Take-aways were that GPS jamming is needed for military training but a more specific description of when and what areas will be affected is also helpful to eliminate ambiguous and over-estimated NOTAMs.

b. **MOA updates:** Mr. Ed Lasselle, 11th Air Force Airspace and Ranges, briefed JPARC Airspace Proposals and changes for FOX 3 and PAXON MOAs, effective 8 Nov 2018. He then briefed the new sectionals which do not have the updated MOA boundaries and the mitigations in place to remedy the error. Special Use Airspace Information Service (SUAIS) was described with use of a map (slide) of radio sites and frequencies. A video of radar picture and radio traffic demonstrated the high military usage and dangers of unaware civilian air traffic flying through an active MOA during an exercise.

(1) Following the brief, discussion with Ms. Jaime Patterson-Simes, Mr. Jon Pratt, Ms. Melissa Osborne, Col Griesbaum, LTC Johnson, Col Koch, and Mr. Dave Patterson covered that it is completely legal for civilian pilots to fly through an active MOA, how the FAA still gets complaints from various aircraft types about military deconfliction and jamming, how a cohesive and truly “Joint” JPARC is needed to lower conflicts and improve scheduling and communication, which is a long-term project in the works. Further discussion addressed the frequent disconnect between US Army and USAF assets operating on the ranges and MOAs the need for accuracy with SUAIS.

c. **Exercise Season Overview:** Mr. Peter “Buster” Bussa, 353rd Combat Training Squadron, presented the upcoming exercise season with Northern Edge and Red Flag exercisess beginning in the spring. No questions or discussion followed.

d. **Refreshment Break** (until 1115)

e. **Women in Aviation (WIA):** Ms. Melanie Bladow spoke to the organization, events, activities and ways WIA is reaching out to involve young women who are interested in aviation. She also covered the many benefits of membership and how those interested can participate. No questions or discussion followed.

f. **JBER 2025:** Lt Col Russell “Big” Badowski, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, briefed the extended North/South runway being worked towards, the reasons why it is needed, the timeline to completing it, and the Feasibility Analysis.

(1) Discussion involved Mr. Brian Ochs, Ms. Jaime Patterson-Simes, Ms. Jane Dale, Lt Col Badowski, Col Koch, Mr. Jim Saley, and Mr. John Stocker. Topics covered were how the Feasibility Analysis is pre-decisional, public comments will be accepted but no official solicitation for opinion will be done, decision points of when this could begin and the USAF’s final decision, traffic flow in/around JBER, how some requirements dove-tail with needs of Ted Stevens Int’l and could actually help Anchorage bowl traffic flow.

g. **Lights Out Operations:** Maj Elliot “Eeyore” Riling, 3rd Operations Group, briefed Lights Out Training – what it is, why it is needed, exemptions and limitations, LOA and procedures, and affected MOAs. No questions followed.

h. **Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) Program:** Maj Brian Bragg, 353rd Combat Training Squadron, presented the details of Eielson AFB’s BASH Program, why it matters, and how they implement it. No questions followed.

i. **Ted Stevens Int’l Airport Operations:** Mr. John Stocker, Ted Stevens Int’l Operations, presented current construction projects happening at Ted Stevens Int’l Airport and the timeline for their expected completion, plus the resulting limitations from runway and parking spot closures.

(1) Mr. Jim Saley commented how planes trying to take off sometimes have to wait for aircraft in landing sequence. John Stocker replied how gate holds might be needed.

j. **Fairbanks International Airport Update:** Ms. Melissa Osborne briefed how the Fairbanks Int'l Airport construction is almost done with more work to do early next summer; taxiway B short-term repairs and East Ramp repavement longer term. No questions or discussion followed her brief.

k. **Eielson AFB Construction:** Mr. Bobby Norris provided an update on the construction at Eielson AFB and the F-35 accommodations being built through 2020.

l. Open Forum

(1) Capt Bobby Norris brought up how there is a proposal to have an Air Show at Eielson AFB next summer from 12-15 July. Mr. Brian Ochs commented how the FAA was already in contact with planners for it.

(2) Mr. Kieling verbalized his appreciation for the ACMAC meeting, everyone's attendance and coordination for improving the aviation community in Alaska.

(3) Ms. Jaime Patterson-Simes asked what altitude C-17s and C-130s should be flying at around Goose Bay. Maj Riling, Col Griesbaum, Capt Spenser, and Ms. Patterson-Simes discussed the procedures near Wasilla and a C-17 reported to have flown at 1,000 ft while Wasilla's traffic pattern is 1,300 ft.

(4) Capt Callan summarized the read backs and big take-aways from the meeting which require follow-up action. Ms. Osborne added the scoping document as an agenda item for the next ACMAC and Mr. Kieling requested Capt Callan to touch base with him before the spring ACMAC.

3. **Closing Comments:** Col Griesbaum thanked all attendees, especially Mr. Kieling and the telecon attendees from Fairbanks. He praised the collective effort and cooperation of the Alaskan aviation community and "if the recipe's good, don't change it."

4. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. The next ACMAC is planned for April of 2018. Submit briefing topic inputs to AlaskaMilitaryAirspace@us.af.mil. Future ACMAC notifications will come out as the date is confirmed. Questions, corrections, comments, and/or concerns should be addressed to the 11 AF Airspace and Range Team at (907) 552-3636/5715 or (907) 552-4430/0999.

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ACMAC Attendance Roster - Nov 17

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