



176th Wing

Alaska Air National Guard



We are one of the largest and most active Air National Guard wings in the country: More than 1,400 men and women serving Alaska and the United States as pilots, navigators, mechanics, engineers, electricians, administrative support personnel, network programmers, air controllers, medical technicians, chaplains, photojournalists, firefighters and more.



Many of these highly trained specialists work full-time for the wing. Most, however, are “traditional” members — that is, citizen-airmen from all walks of life who work and train one weekend a month and about 15 other days throughout the year.



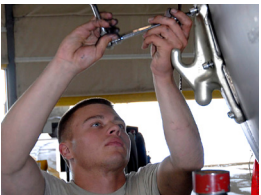
Where is the wing located?

From 1954 to 2011, the wing operated out of Kulis Air National Guard Base, adjacent to Ted Stevens International Airport in Anchorage. The base was among those recommended for closure by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, and in 2011 the wing moved into a set of brand-new buildings on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, just north of Anchorage.



What does the wing do?

A lot! The 176th Wing has several squadrons, each with its own distinct mission.



144th Airlift Squadron. With nine C-130H Hercules aircraft, this unit’s mission is tactical airlift. Its aircrews ferry people, equipment and humanitarian aid throughout Alaska, around the Pacific Rim, and into and out of our overseas theaters of operation.



249th Airlift Squadron. The 249th’s mission is strategic airlift. Its crews mix with crews from the active-duty Air Force to fly eight C-17 Globemaster III jets around the world.



210th Rescue Squadron. This unit flies six HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters, highly modified search-and-rescue variants of the well-known Black Hawk. Its combat mission is rescuing downed airmen from behind enemy lines. Closer to home, it teams with the wing’s 211th and 212th rescue

squadrons to pluck stranded hunters, mountain climbers and other outdoorsmen out of Alaska’s vast and often unforgiving wilderness.

211th Rescue Squadron. The 211th flies four HC-130s, a version of the C-130 specially modified and upgraded for aerial refueling and combat search-and-rescue missions. These aircraft extend the range of the wing’s Pave Hawk helicopters.

212th Rescue Squadron. These are the famed pararescuers, or “PJs” — an elite rescue unit trained in combat medicine, marksmanship, wilderness survival, SCUBA diving and skydiving.

176th Air Control Squadron. Did you know that the nerve center of Alaska’s airspace defense is manned by Guard members? From their high-tech facility they keep continuous watch on the skies over America.

11th Rescue Coordination Center. These Guard members serve as the hub of Alaska’s rescue infrastructure, coordinating not only Air Guard units but also rescue units of the Coast Guard, National Park Service, Alaska State Troopers and other agencies. The Alaska Air National Guard assumed control of this critical function in 1994. Since then, the unit has staged nearly 4,500 missions, and is credited with saving with more than 1,500 lives.

And more. The units listed above are just the wing’s operations squadrons; supporting them are the men and women of the wing’s **maintenance, medical and support** units, who make all of the wing’s operations possible.

Learn more about the 176th Wing

Interested in finding out if the 176th Wing is right for you — or someone you know? Contact a member of our recruiting team at (907) 249-1282 or (800) 642-6228. They can let you know about available jobs, explain the benefits of joining the Guard and answer your questions.

For other inquiries, contact the wing’s Public Affairs Office at (907) 552-3959.

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What is the Air National Guard? The Air National Guard is a reserve component of the U.S. Air Force. The more than 100,000 members of the Air National Guard can be called to active duty by the president of the United States to defend America and its interests. Unlike the Air Force Reserve, Guard units can also be activated by state governors to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies.