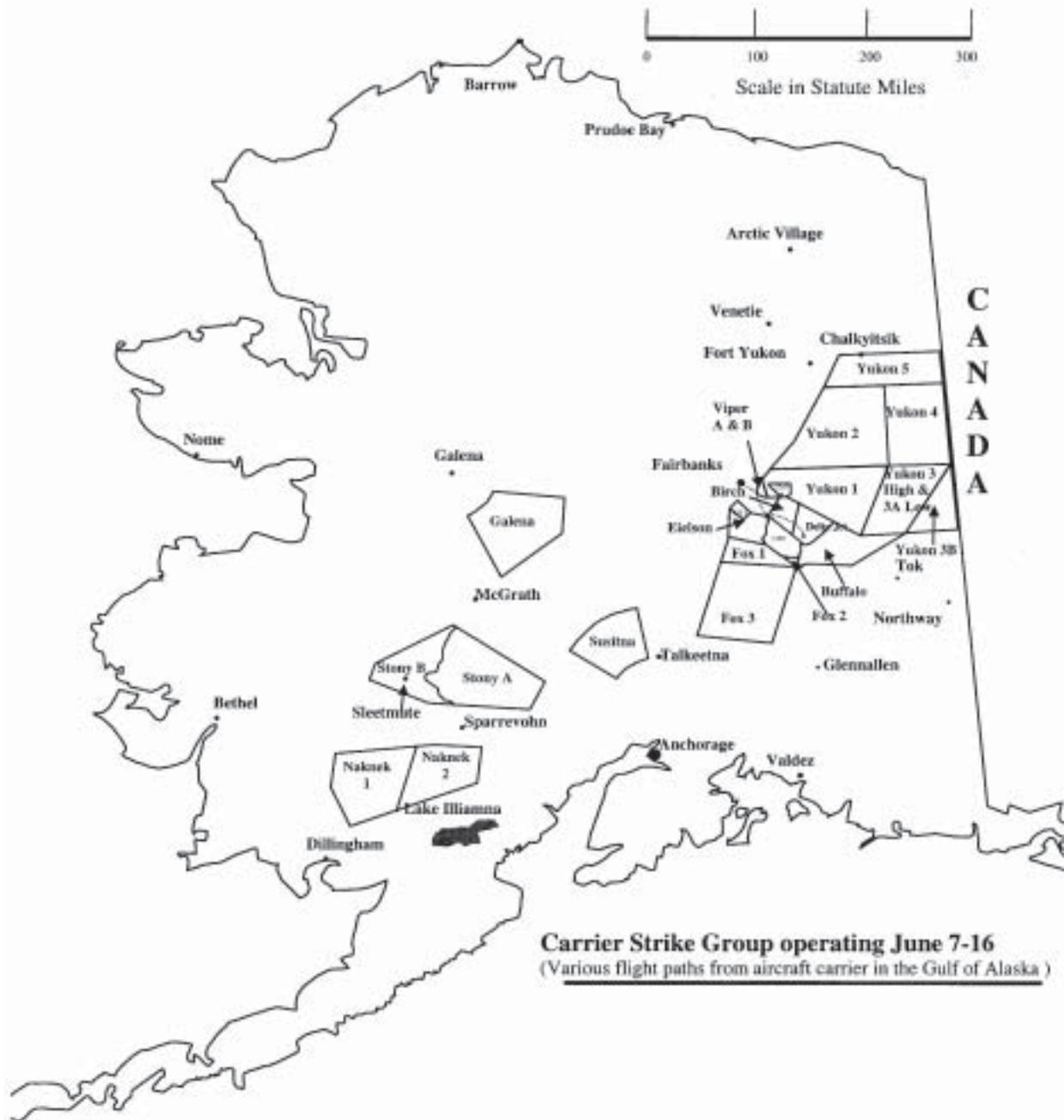


ALASKA MILITARY RANGES



Summer

2004

Military plans increased flying in Alaska



Alaska residents can expect to see an increased number of military aircraft flying around the state during three major exercises this summer. See inside for more details.

Northern Edge

When: June 2 aircraft begin arriving with familiarization flights conducted by all participating aircrews prior to exercise start. The exercise runs June 7-16

Who's Flying: Air Force, Navy, Army

Where: Gulf of Alaska, Elmendorf/Eielson Air Force Bases, military ranges and corridors to and from the ranges and Gulf.



Alaskans will see an increase in military activity during *Northern Edge 2004*, the state's largest annual joint training exercise. Approximately 13,000 active duty, Reserve and Guard Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen from the United States and throughout the Pacific Region will train at military installations, ranges and various Navy ships during the multi-service exercise developed and hosted by Alaskan Command.

Major air maneuvers will take place at Eielson AFB and in military operations areas (MOA) near Fairbanks and in western Alaska, with supporting missions also launching from Elmendorf AFB and off a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier in the Gulf of Alaska.



Cooperative Cope Thunder

When: July 15-30

Who's Flying: Scheduled to participate are Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore, U.K., and U.S.

Where: Eielson/Elmendorf Air Force Bases military ranges and corridors to and from the ranges.

Cooperative Cope Thunder mirrors the traditional Cope Thunder exercise, but includes aircrews and aircraft from other allied nations.

The exercise showcases multinational airlift operations combined with interdiction, personnel recovery, counter-air and close air support missions.



Cope Thunder

When: Aug. 12-27

Who's Flying: Air Force, Navy

Where: Eielson/Elmendorf Air Force Bases military ranges and corridors to and from the ranges.



Cope Thunder Exercises normally are two weeks in duration and generally include two large-scale war-fighting scenarios per day. Scenarios are designed to replicate combat as closely as possible and are therefore intense and demanding. One typical scenario may involve over a hundred different, friendly and adversary, aircraft operating from multiple locations coupled with maneuvering ground forces and threats.

Special Use Airspace Information Service

Pilots can call the SUAIS, provided by Eielson Range Control, at 1-800-758-8723 or 372-6913 from the Fairbanks area. If airborne, contact Eielson Range Control, VHF 125.3. SUAIS information can also be found on the Elmendorf AFB home page at www.elmendorf.af.mil. Obtain most current MOA status information from any Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS), Anchorage Center, or Eielson Range Control.