

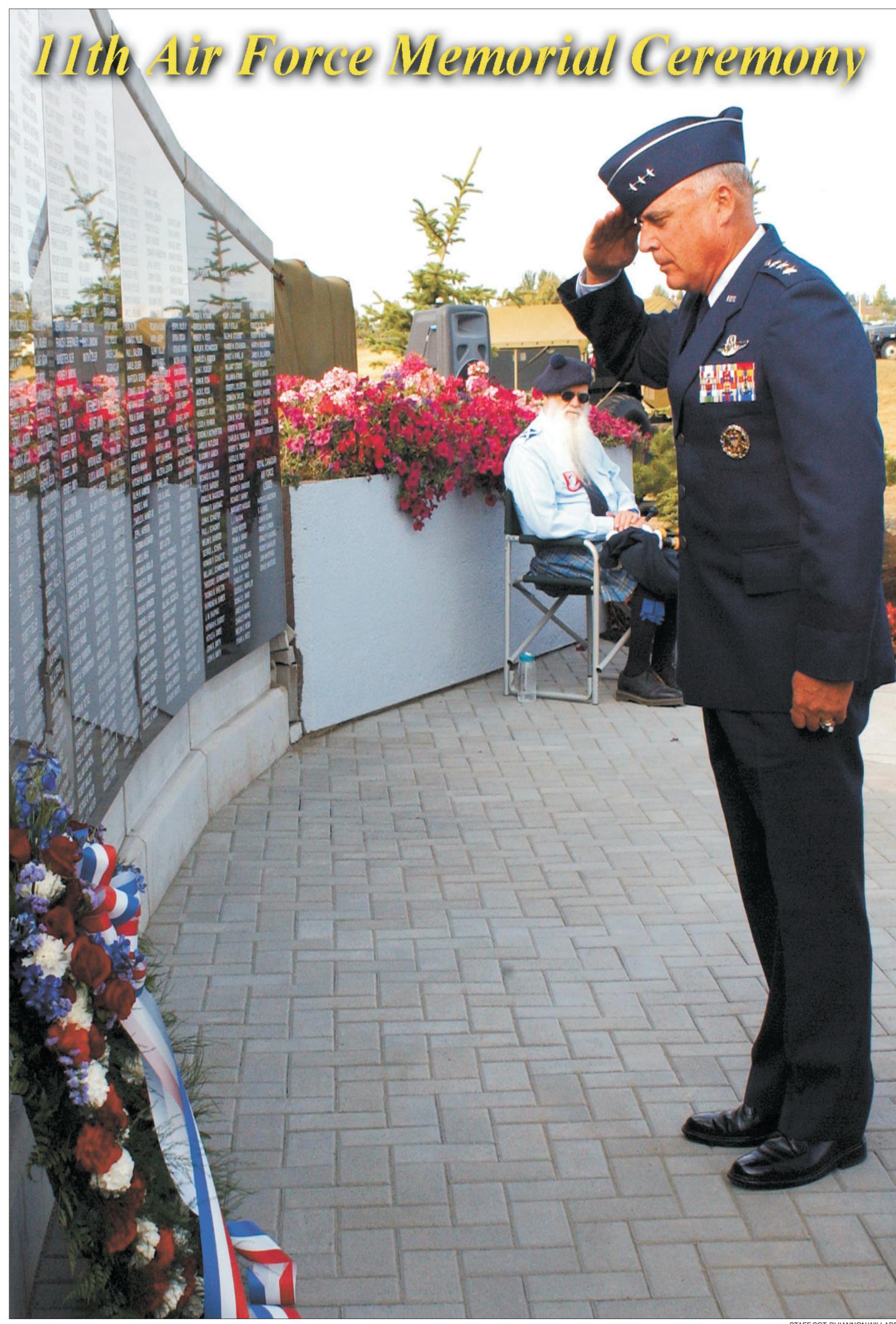
11th Air Force Memorial Ceremony



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Above: The "Alaska Brass" of the Air Force Band of the Pacific provides background music at the 11th Air Force Memorial Ceremony at Merrill Field Aug. 12. The ceremony was to honor the men and women who served and gave their lives in World War II for our freedom. On the cover: Vietnam veteran Mr. George Dowding of Anchorage plays the bagpipes for the crowd.



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Elmendorf's F-15 aircraft get into a missing man formation to mark the close of the ceremony.



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Members of Rolling Thunder, a motorcycle club made up of Vietnam veterans, salute.

1,072 WWII defenders get their names engraved

On the 12th of August, a memorial ceremony was held in celebration of an engraved granite wall that displayed the names of 1,072 servicemembers who served in WWII in the Aleutian campaign. The ceremony concluded with a missing man formation of Elmendorf F-15s. About 200 people attended the event.

Often remembered as "The Forgotten War," the local Air Force Association has proved to memorialize it.

These servicemembers fought in one of the most brutal World War II theaters of operations. The conditions were horrendous and the cost severe. Their defense cost 743 lives and another 24 prisoners of war in Japan as well as 300 who interned in the Soviet Union.

For the last year, the Edward J. Monaghan Chapter of the Air Force Association has been engaged in a successful effort to expand and enhance the 11th Air Force Memorial on Merrill Field in Anchorage. This effort ensured the names of 1,072 servicemembers will not be forgotten.

Mayor Mark Begich and his staff with the Municipality of Anchorage also gave their support to make this memorial a lasting memory.

Many other contributions were made by individuals and organizations. These efforts demonstrate a remarkable effort on the part of the community to recognize these men and women, their Navy component, Fleet Air Wing Four and their Canadian allies who sacrificed so much for Alaska and our nation.

Now, Anchorage will have a legacy written in stone telling the tale of the men and women who served to keep us free.

(Courtesy of the Edward J. Monaghan Chapter of the Air Force Association)



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Above: Elmendorf Honor Guard raises the American flag. Right: Lt. Gen. Howie Chandler, 11th Air Force commander lays a wreath on the wall.