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SUBJECT: Fort Wainwright Welcome Letter

On behalf of the entire Fort Wainwright Garrison Command Group, welcome to Fort Wainwright, Alaska! Fort Wainwright is the home of United States Army Alaska (USARAK) "America's Arctic Warriors." Our major units include the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the USARAK Aviation Task Force, and the Medical Department Activity-Alaska. Our great installation has been recognized as an Army Community of Excellence for three years running.

Fort Wainwright is co-located with the great city of Fairbanks, which is home to more than 50,000 people and provides virtually everything you and your Family would enjoy in any other city in America. The activities are endless. Nowhere else in the world will you see the display of the Alaskan Northern lights as they dance across the skies. Wildlife is prominent, beautiful and a part of every Alaskan's adventure. Fortunately, you will find Fairbanks to be among the most supportive communities found in the United States.

Your assignment to Fort Wainwright provides unique opportunities for you to be on the cutting edge of Army transformation and to enjoy the incredible opportunities this state has to offer. Our units are well-prepared to deploy anywhere in the world for contingencies ranging from humanitarian relief to combat operations, thanks to the superior support and professionalism of our well trained staff. Our strategic location, superior training capabilities and dynamic relationship with our local civilian communities make Alaska a significant national asset and world-class power projection platform for military operations anywhere in the world.

Our commitment to Soldiers, Families, Civilians and Retirees is unprecedented. Our Soldier and Family programs are second to none. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Army Community Service, medical care, Child, Youth and School Services and our outstanding recreational programs rank with the best anywhere in the Army. Families enjoy newly-built privatized housing, and our extensive training areas throughout this beautiful state provide critical backdrops for molding the tough, well-trained Soldiers and units.

As you begin your transition to the Fort Wainwright team, you will receive assistance from a wide variety of sources. The first and foremost is your sponsor. Your sponsor can answer any questions you may have and give you the insight needed to quickly and successfully integrate into Fort Wainwright and the local community.

I would also invite you to visit these websites below. These websites offer a wealth of information on upcoming events, services, and recreational opportunities available to Soldiers and Family members especially during the winter months.

USARAK website (www.usarak.army.mil/main)

Fort Wainwright Facebook website (www.facebook.com/FortWainwrightPAO)

Fort Wainwright homepage (www.wainwright.army.mil)

Milepost Magazine (www.milepost.com)

Fort Wainwright MWR website (<http://wainwright.armymwr.com>)

You are joining a team of Soldiers, Family members and Civilians whose tremendous heart is matched only by the size of this wondrous state. It is the people and the community that make this installation one of the best. We look forward to you joining us on top of the world!

Sincerely,



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