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Welcome to the U.S. Army Alaska team! Allow me to personally welcome you and your Family to the Last Frontier. You will find this assignment both challenging and rewarding. You will be provided the opportunity to refine your skills and develop as a Soldier while both you and your Family enjoy the unique and exciting experiences that Alaska has to offer.

Your assignment here comes at an important time in U.S. Army Alaska's history. As our nation shifts its strategic focus to the Asian-Pacific region and also increases its presence in the Arctic, USARAK will play a key role. We are situated on both the Pacific and the Arctic and with our diverse capability and rapid deployment infrastructure we are able to provide our nation the necessary capabilities to meet the challenges that lie ahead. You will play an important role in our success over the next few years.

U.S. Army Alaska will give you the chance to train in genuinely tough and rigorous conditions. Alaska has some of the most challenging training environs in the world, enabling USARAK to produce ready, capable and relevant forces to meet the needs of our nation at home and abroad - we take very seriously our responsibility to ensure every Soldier is ready for whatever the nation asks of us.

Our leaders are expected to be out front; to set the example and always train with their Soldiers. They should make well-reasoned, moral decisions that accomplish the mission, reduce risk and build confidence in those they lead. We will require all Soldiers to be physically, mentally and emotionally fit and ready to accomplish any mission their nation asks of them.

The environment here helps build healthy and resilient Families. Your Family will have access to the best medical facilities, recreational options and opportunities for personal growth that the military can provide. We'll ensure that when you return from a deployment, your Family will be stable, healthy and in better shape than when you left them.

While you're in Alaska make sure you get out and about and take advantage of the abundant recreational and leisure activities the state has to offer. Alaska is genuinely stunning and will give your Family the chance to experience life-long memories while building rewarding relationships with friends and neighbors.

One of the most important things you can do for yourself and for us is to contact us as soon as you have orders. We want to sponsor you properly, and make your transition as stress-free as possible. Alaska is a beautiful place, but it can be a challenging adjustment if you're not prepared. Help us help you!

Again, welcome and congratulations on your assignment to Alaska.

Arctic Warriors!

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