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**United States Army Alaska Regulation 115-3**

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**Climatic, Hydrological, and Topographic Services**

**Forward Area Limited Observation Program**

**Summary.** This regulation about the Forward Area Limited Observation Program (FALOP) has been revised. This regulation covers the United States Army Alaska (USARAK) responsibilities regarding the FALOP. This regulation has been revised to reflect the USARAK unit.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to USARAK and all subordinate units. If required by operational necessity, controlled units or personnel may participate in the FALOP. Limited observations can be taken by any trained personnel, with or without belt weather kits.

**Impact on the New Manning System.** This regulation does not contain information that affects the New Manning System.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited with prior approval from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Security, and Mobilization, USARAK Aviation, Attention: APVR-WPTM-AV.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by the director of information management. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the Directorate of Plans, Training, Security, and Mobilization, USARAK Aviation. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on Department of the Army Form (DA) 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to APVR-WPTM-AV.

**1. Purpose**

This regulation establishes the FALOP for USARAK.

**2. References**

a. Related publications. (A related publications is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.)

(1) Army Regulation (AR) 115-10/Air Force Regulation (AFR) 105-3 (Meteorological Support for the US Army).

(2) Field Manual (FM) 34-81/Air Force Manual (AFM) 105-4 (Weather Support for Army Tactical Operations).

(3) USARAK Tactical Standing Operating Procedure.

b. Referenced form. DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) is a referenced form. It is cited in the suggested improvements statement.

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### **3. Explanation of abbreviations**

- a. AFM ..... Air Force Manual
- b. AFR..... Air Force Regulation
- c. AR ..... Army Regulation
- d. DA ..... Department of the Army
- e. FALOP ..... Forward Area Limited Observation Program
- f. FM..... Field Manual
- g. USARAK ..... United States Army Alaska

### **4. Responsibilities**

- a. The USARAK staff weather officer will—

(1) Develop and publish a program to train designated personnel to take, record, encode, and disseminate limited surface weather observations.

(2) Direct and monitor FALOP training implementation.

(3) Solicit limited weather observations from deployed units per the USARAK Tactical Standing Operating Procedure.

- b. The 3d Air Support Operations Squadron, Weather Flight will maintain four Army-owned FALOP kits for use in FALOP training.

- c. The 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Light) intelligence officer will—

(1) Determine, with the 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Light) staff weather officer's assistance, the number of personnel needed to support the FALOP training; designate the personnel to be trained; and make personnel available to the USARAK staff weather officer for initial and annual training as required by mission need.

(2) Coordinate with the USARAK staff weather officer, as appropriate, to arrange for personnel training.

(3) Ensure trained personnel provide limited weather observations when deployed.

(4) Ensure all weather observations taken are transmitted to the 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Light) staff weather officer.

(5) Maintain all weather training documentation received.

(6) Maintain a sufficient number of belt weather kits and ensure that all items are maintained in serviceable condition. The 4th Battalion/123d Theater Aviation Battalion is not required to take and disseminate weather observations if observations are taken by a co-located United States Air Force weather team. Subordinate units of the 4th Battalion/123d Theater Aviation Battalion should take limited weather observations. Belt weather kits are available through General Services Administration self-service supply centers by special order. The national stock number is 6660-01-024-2638.

**5. Forward Area Objective Limited Observation Program primary objective**

The FALOP's primary objective is for trained personnel to provide accurate weather observations, within USARAK or 1st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Light) operations area, for use by the staff weather officer and tactical decision makers. The format for submitting FALOP observations is contained in USARAK Tactical Standing Operating Procedure, annex AA.

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