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MEMORANDUM FOR ALASKA STATE CODEL

FROM: ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION/ANGEA

SUBJECT: Request formal recognition of Hangar 1 to the National Historic Registry of U.S. Historical Sites and the establishment of the Alaska Military Heritage Museum at Kulis ANGB.

1. We are writing this letter to urge you and the Alaska State Congressional Delegation to approve and support the addition of Hangar 1, located at Kulis ANGB, to the National Historic Registry of officially recognized United States Historical Sites and the establishment of the Alaska Military Heritage Museum at Kulis ANGB. Kulis ANGB and its original hangar, Hangar 1, has a long and proud history within the state of Alaska. Its personnel and equipment played vital roles in a multitude of conflicts and contingencies to include the Cold War, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War, Global War on Terror, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to participating in almost every military conflict this country has been involved in, Kulis ANGB was also a major staging area for all military response operations for disasters and Defense Support to Civil Authorities in Alaska to include such events as the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake and the Great 1967 Fairbanks Flood.

2. Kulis ANGB and Hangar 1 have a rich and vibrant history that deserves to be honored and protected as both a state asset and a national treasure. We as a group have personally witnessed the enormous contributions that Kulis ANGB and its members have given to the state and people of Alaska over the decades. The history of the Pararescue men alone are legendary for establishing USAF records for number of lives saved and for establishing landmark Tactics Techniques and Procedures developed to save lives in challenging Arctic environments, resulting in policy changes system wide across the entire United States Air Force. Our members have given a great deal of their lives and careers to the protection of Alaska and its citizenry. It is obvious that Kulis ANGB is a site that is rich in heritage and deserves to be protected and honored as such by listing Hangar 1 on the national registry. By recognizing Kulis ANGB and especially Hangar 1 as the true historic treasure it is, you would be doing the people of Alaska a valuable service and enabling the future establishment of a Military Heritage Museum in the last frontier. Kulis is a logical choice for such a site as it would grant the general public the greatest amount of unencumbered access while telling the story of Alaska's enormous contribution to the success of our nation.

3. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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President, ANGEA