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MEMORANDUM FOR GOV. WALKER, DOT COMMISSIONER AND THE AMM TASK FORCE


FROM: KULIS ANGB/AKANG RETIRED LEADERSHIP

SUBJECT: Request formal recognition of Hangar 1 at Kulis ANGB to the National Historic Registry of U.S. Historical Sites

1. We are writing this letter to urge you and your appointed Task Force to approve the addition of Hangar 1 located at Kulis ANGB to the National Historic Registry of officially recognized United States Historical Sites. Kulis ANGB and its original hangar, Hangar 1, has had 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, The Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and The Global War on Terror. 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 Great 1967 Fairbanks Flood and the 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake.

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. The members of Kulis 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 History 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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