



FY24 Defense Bill Highlights:

Modernizing and Innovating Arctic Defense Capabilities and Infrastructure

Senator Murkowski is dedicated to bolstering defense capabilities in Alaska—and she provided several investments that strengthen the military’s presence and capabilities in the Arctic. She worked to increase funding to sustain, repair, and modernize the infrastructure of Alaska’s Long-Range Radar Stations, Over the Horizon Radar, and the North Warning Systems.

Her work to provide warfighters the tools they need also includes increasing support for operations in the Arctic, including funding for Arctic-capable prepositioned shelters. She also was successful in securing additional funding for modernization upgrades to the Department of Defense premier Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex. Additional funding includes (but not limited):

- An additional \$27 million for ARCHER North Warning System (NWS).
- An additional \$55 million for Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar Capability Acceleration.
- An additional \$211.5 million for Three-Dimensional Long-Range Radar (3DELRR).
- An additional \$45 million for Alaska Long-Range Radar Stations.
- \$2.5 million for Back-Power Generators and Facility Controls Systems at LRRS sites in Alaska.
- \$2 million for an Arctic Forward Operating Location in Alaska.
- \$900,000 for Repair Hangar Fire Systems.
- \$5 million for Eielson and JBER AFB Vehicle and Support Equipment (Base Maintenance Vehicles).
- \$12 million for Eielson and JBER AFB Vehicle and Support Equipment (Snow Removal Equipment).
- \$5 million for Eielson and JBER AFB Vehicle and Support Equipment (R-11 Refuelers).
- \$1.5 million for Airfield De-Icicer Equipment (US Army Gray Eagle (MQ-1C)).
- \$5.5 million for Arctic Capable Prepositioned Shelters Agile Combat Support.
- \$4 million for Arctic Campaigning Agile Combat Support.
- \$6 million for 5G Closed Loop Cellular System (JPARC) Combat Training Ranges.
- \$25 million for State Operated Space Port Rocket Systems Launch Program (SPACE).
- Funded \$45 million for Innovative Readiness Training.

Supporting Wellbeing of Alaska-based Servicemembers

From the much-deserved 5.2% raise for servicemembers, expanding access to pre-K in schools on bases, to repairing child development centers—Senator Murkowski is focused on relieving stress on military parents and improving their wellbeing. She was also successful in securing funding for some quality-of-life equities across facilities as well.

Senator Murkowski is also focused on addressing the mental health crisis within the military, and supported the effort to improve suicide prevention and response efforts that can help soldiers with struggling with their mental health. Additional funding included (but not limited):

- \$5 million for Quality-of-Life Equipment for Alaskan Command.
- Funded \$2 million for Suicide Prevention with a Focus on Rural, Remote, Isolated Installations.