140th Wing – Colorado Air National Guard

Agile Combat Employment for Continental Defense

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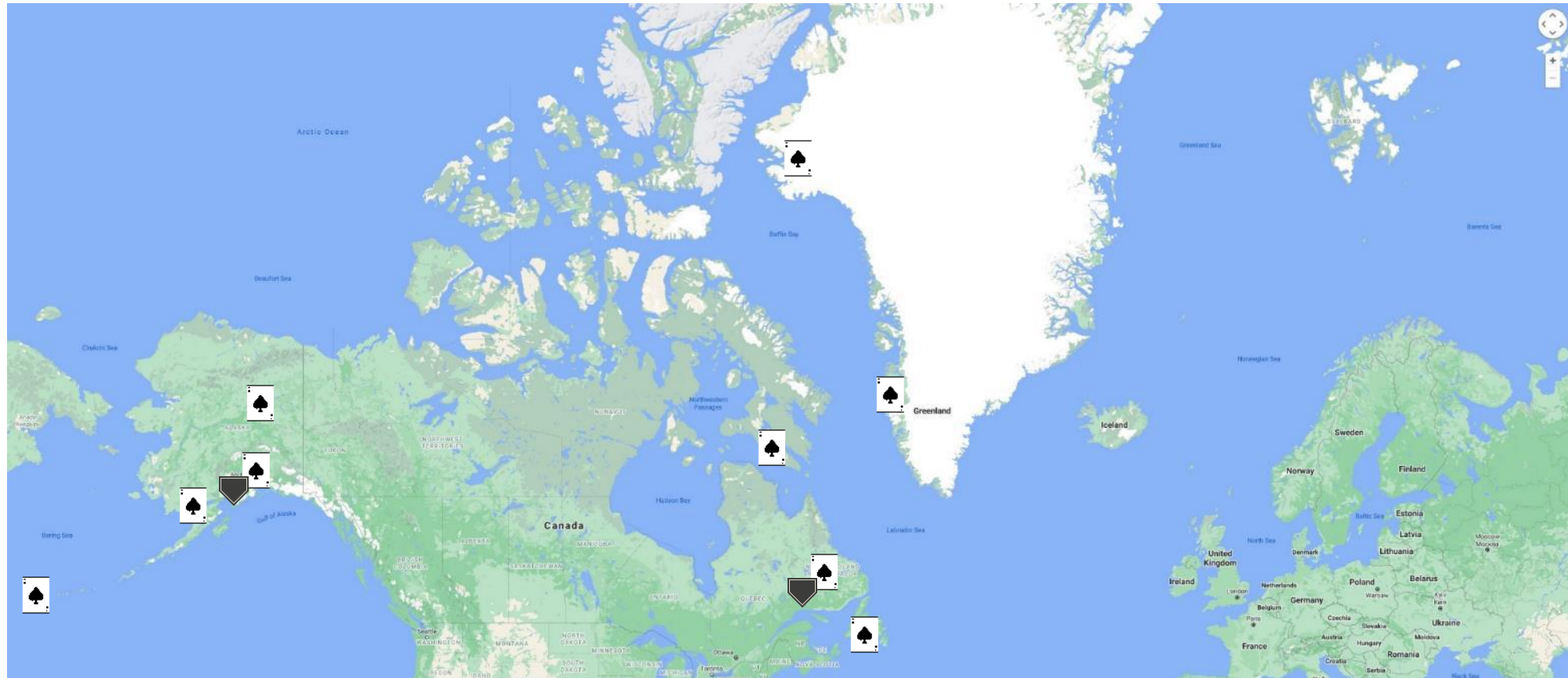
High North & Continental Defense

- Arctic is playing an increasingly important strategic role

- Peer competitors have watched our military operations for decades

- Our defense relies upon us to remain strategically predictable and operationally unpredictable

140th Northern Tier ACE CONOPS

Empowering Airman to Succeed

In 17 years of doing this job, this is the first time that I've seen us allow experts to be experts.

  - MSgt Josh Thornton, 140 SFS

140th ACE Events and Airmen

- **140 WG Events**
  - Sep 2019 - CONOP development
  - Jan 2020 - ICT Program FOC
  - Mar – Sep 2020 - ACE / MCA training
  - Aug 2020 - Local exercise (Partnered w/19th AW)
  - Sep 2020 - ABMS Onramp 2 (AIM-9X live employment)
  - Sep 2020 - Operation NOBLE DEFENDER
  - Mar 2021 - Exercise AMALGAM DART 21-2 (1st split ops)
  - Jun 2021 - Exercise AMALGAM DART 21-2 (8 ship ops)
  - Oct 2021 - MSG Hub EX

- **Multi Capable Airman**
  - Airmen executing outside of their AFSC
    - Supervised by AFSC expert

Timeline and Resources

- Timeline
  - F-16s
    - Jets – Ready within 15 minutes to 3 hours
    - Personnel – 12 hours notification to processing
  - Supporting Equipment (SFS, MX, etc)
    - Ready for JI within 12-72 hours
- Resources
  - People:
    - 12-30 pax per alert location
    - 30-100 pax for long-duration logistical hub
    - Duration of task, threat, and location austerity dictates footprint
  - Airlift
    - 15 increments
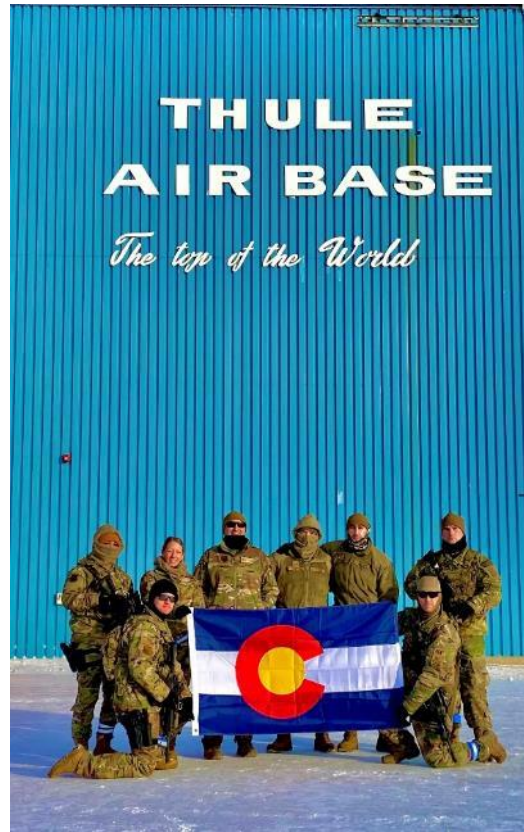   - 2 x C-130J or 1 x C-17 required

Summary

- 140th Wing Arctic ACE operations empower airmen and provide a credible strategic deterrent

- ACE operations require a mentality shift to empower small teams to succeed

- Success comes with the cooperation, teamwork, and support of our allies and partners in planning, training, and real world execution

QUESTIONS?