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RED FLAG – Alaska in April 2013 canceled
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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR – HICKAM, Hawaii -- As a result of budgetary considerations, the Air Force has canceled RED FLAG - Alaska 13-2, scheduled for April 2013.

RED FLAG - Alaska is PACAF's premier combat flying training exercise designed to enhance aircrew survivability and promote joint and international interoperability. Red Flag 13-2 is a two-week exercise, which normally takes place on Eielson Air Force Base and utilizes the Joint Pacific Alaskan Range Complex.

This exercise was slated to include U.S. units from across the Pacific as well as international participation by Canada and the United Kingdom. PACAF plans to honor the commitments made to our allies by extending an offer to them to continue to use the airspace and the range through unit-level training. PACAF is in close coordination with all affected units.

PACAF is working hard to mitigate the effects of sequestration on the remaining scheduled Asia-Pacific exercises and aerial events, as they are the key component of peacetime operations. Each event is an essential element in supporting the U.S. Pacific Command's theater engagement plans and PACAF's priorities of expanding engagement, increasing combat capability, and improving war-fighting integration.

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