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## **Alaska Air National Guard Reveals Aircraft Nose Art**

*New design honors the cities Airmen call home*

**EIELSON AFB, Alaska-** The Alaska Air National Guard 168<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, your hometown air force, will host a KC-135 nose art unveiling at 9 a.m. on Friday at the 168th Air Refueling Wing Maintenance Hanger. The City of North Pole and City of Fairbanks seals will be displayed on the Alaska Air National Guard aircraft as nose art.

Mayor Doug Isaacson, City of North Pole and Mayor Terry Strle, City of Fairbanks will be on hand for the unveiling.

“The vast majority of the members of the Alaska Air National Guard's 168th Air Refueling Wing live and work in the North Pole and Fairbanks communities,” stated Col. Michael Rauenhorst, 168 Air Refueling Wing Maintenance Group Commander. “We are excited to continue the Air Force tradition of nose art on our jets and proud to be able to display to the world the city seals on two of our jets.”

**NOTE:** Media interested in covering the event, please RSVP by 12 p.m., Thursday by e-mailing [kelly.mellard@akeiel.ang.af.mil](mailto:kelly.mellard@akeiel.ang.af.mil) or contacting the 168th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs office at (907) 377-8734.