

# News Release

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### **Airmen killed in C-17 crash identified**

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska –Majors Michael Freyholtz and Aaron Malone, pilots assigned to the Alaska Air National Guard's 249th Airlift Squadron, Capt. Jeffrey Hill, a pilot assigned to Elmendorf's 517th Airlift Squadron, and Master Sgt. Thomas Cicardo, 249th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, were killed in the C-17 crash on Elmendorf July 28.

"We come to work with immense sorrow after four of our fellow airmen lost their lives in the C-17 crash at Elmendorf AFB Wednesday," said Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Foster, 176th Wing commander, Alaska Air National Guard. "They were more than valued Airmen: They were our teammates, friends, family members and fellow Alaskans. We mourn their loss and share the deep sadness of their families."

"These fallen warriors embody the pride and professionalism of American Airmen," said Col. John McMullen, 3rd Wing commander. "They selflessly served their country and will be sorely missed by our entire Arctic Warrior family."

A board of officers is investigating the accident.