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Alaska National Guardsmen support Angkor Sentinel 2015

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska – Guardsmen from the 1-207th Aviation Regiment and Joint Forces Headquarters, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, travelled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in support of Angkor Sentinel 2015, March 6.

Angkor Sentinel 2015 is a two-week, multinational exercise focusing on training the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

For the exercise, supporting members simulated the aftermath of a typhoon, creating need within the populations of local villages to utilize emergency food, shelters and supplies, affording the inhabitants sustenance for two days.

As the training scenario progressed, the 15 Alaska Army National Guardsmen notionally provided 6 UH-60L Blackhawks, 2 HH-60M Medical Evacuation helicopters, 2 CH47 Chinook helicopters, as well as two C-130 aircraft, while acting as a Battalion Headquarters for the duration of the exercise.

“Our Soldiers did a great job supporting the numerous training missions within the austere environment that was presented to us,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kevin Clark, a UH-60 pilot with Alpha Company, 207th Aviation Regiment, Alaska Army National Guard. “We were able to imitate performing medical evacuations, utility missions, all of which are crucial to our job in protecting and serving the state of Alaska, the United States and beyond.”

As the exercise came to an end, closing ceremonies were held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, March 21.