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## **Dyess B-1s penetrate air defense, put bombs on target during Global Power mission**

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DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (ACCNS) -- F-15s in Hawaii scrambled to intercept a pair of B-1s, testing the Hawaii Air National Guards' air defense capability July 11 - 12.

Two B-1s, from the 9th Bomb Squadron here flew a 22.5-hour, non-stop Global Power mission to Hawaii and Alaska for the exercise.

"Our mission while over Hawaii was to test the air defense capability of the Hawaii National Guard," said Maj. Brent Baysinger, 9th BS training flight chief and aircraft commander.

To penetrate the air defense zone, the B-1 aircrew turned off the identification friend or foe signal and made a pass over the target. The Hawaii ANG unit was able to detect the aircraft's presence, and F-15 Eagles scrambled to intercept the B-1s, Baysinger said. Although detected on the first pass, the B-1s slowed down to allow the fighters to intercept them, he added.

The crews also dropped training ordnance on a bombing range in Alaska during the quarterly Global Power mission.

"Each of us (the two aircraft) were able to drop one BDU-50, 500-pound inert weapon on fixed targets," the major said. "The lead aircraft shacked (hitting an assigned target with a direct hit) the target."

The Global Power missions demonstrate the ability of 7th Bomb Wing aircrews, maintenance and logistics people to work together to complete a long range global power mission.

"Adequate preparation is essential to the success of the flight," he said. "There were a lot of people who helped make the mission a success."

Baysinger explained that everyone from the flight surgeon to members of the 7th Operations Support Squadron did a terrific job with the flight plan and mission brief and the rest of the two aircrews.

"It was very smooth and I am very pleased on how the operation ran," he said. "The only problem encountered in the mission was a small glitch in the flight plan that made communications more

difficult. The success is remarkable when you consider you're dealing with a flight involving five time zones, five military units and three aerial refuelings," he added.

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