

U.S. Military Worried About Russia's 'Cold War'- Style Bomber Flights

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U.S. servicemen take part in military exercises outside the town of Yavoriv near Lviv, Ukraine.

The U.S. military is concerned by flights by long-range Russian bombers near U.S. airspace, a top U.S. commander said Thursday, saying the Cold War-style activity was raising questions for Pentagon planners.

The remarks by Admiral Samuel Locklear, head of the U.S. military's Pacific Command, came after Russian Bear long-range bombers approached U.S. and Canadian airspace last week — prompting both countries to scramble fighter jets to intercept them.

"Certainly the return of the long-range aircraft flights that we haven't seen in any significant number over the last decade or so is concerning. And it's something that we watch very carefully," Admiral Samuel Locklear, the head of the U.S. military's Pacific Command, told reporters.

Locklear said the Russian incursions into the United States' air defense identification zone (ADIZ), an area beyond sovereign U.S. airspace, was "basically kind of Cold War activity with

long-range bombers."

"These are things that we have to be concerned about as military people. We have to think about them and what that would mean to the security of the region and the security of our own homeland."

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