

## Trump-Putin Summit to Take Place on U.S. Military Base

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The summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin will be held at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska, a White House official said Wednesday.

The two leaders will meet on Friday to discuss an end to the more than three-year war in Ukraine, in what will be their first standalone summit since a 2018 meeting in Helsinki.

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson — located near Alaska state capital Anchorage — is made up of the Elmendorf Air Force base and the Army's Fort Richardson, which were combined in 2010.

The base is the headquarters for entities including Alaska Command — responsible for U.S. forces in the state — as well as the Alaskan NORAD Region, which helps provide aerospace

## control and warning.

The U.S. military regularly conducts intercepts of Russian aircraft that venture near American airspace in Alaska, contacting Moscow's planes visually or electronically.

Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Trump has spent the first months of his second term in office trying to broker a peace accord, an effort that has so far failed to yield a breakthrough.

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