



IN THE COMPANY OF EAGLES

One of four KC-767J tankers that Boeing has delivered to the Japan Air Self Defense Force refuels a Boeing F-15J fighter in the skies near Fairbanks, Alaska, during a recent Red Flag–Alaska military exercise. Japan sent two of its tankers, an E-767 Airborne Warning and Control System, or AWACS, aircraft and several F-15J Eagles to participate. The two tankers completed 15 aerial refueling missions in their first major joint forces deployment. PHOTO: JAPAN AIR SELF DEFENSE FORCE

Quotables

“Had Airbus successfully entered the LCA [large commercial airplane] industry without subsidies, it would be a much different, and we believe a much weaker, LCA manufacturer.”

– From the World Trade Organization ruling, issued June 30, that Airbus received illegal government subsidies to develop its commercial jetliners.

“The best airplane is merely the expression of human thinking and dreaming.”

– Joe Sutter, at the Farnborough International Airshow, where Flight International magazine honored Sutter with its inaugural Flightglobal Lifetime Achievement Award. In the 1960s, Sutter led the Boeing engineering team that designed and developed the 747.