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Message to the Force #13

SUBJECT: Key Staff

1. Recently the Alaska National Guard had two critical vacancies filled by extremely qualified applicants following the departure of two key staff personnel. Colonel Wade, the former Inspector General, conducted a permanent change of station to his new position in the National Capitol Region and Lieutenant Colonel Brown, the former Human Resources Officer, retired and transitioned to a position in the United States Property and Fiscal Office. We wish them best of luck in their new endeavors.
2. Col Wade's replacement as the Inspector General is Colonel Dave Meissen. He comes to us from his previous assignment as the Deputy Command Engineer for Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC. He has over 21 years of service and held two squadron commands. He has a unique and special requirement and I know that he and MSG Wait are the right team for this important role.
3. Lt Col Brown's replacement as the Human Resources Officer is Mr. Kevin Park. Prior to his hiring here, he was the Human Resources Officer for the California National Guard. He also serves as the Human Resources Advisory Committee Co-Chair at the national level. Mr. Park brings an exceptional amount of knowledge to our organization. His most recent service coupled with his previous service here in the Alaska Air National Guard set the conditions for continued success in this critical staff section.
4. In keeping with military doctrine, both of these officers report directly to me as part of my staff. While some of their administrative functions are handled external to my office, I want it to be clearly understood they are directly accountable to me.
5. I urge all of you to find them in the hallway or in their office and welcome them to the team.

Sincerely,

  
LAUREL J. HUMMEL  
Major General, AKNG  
The Adjutant General