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Message to the Force #14

SUBJECT: 176<sup>th</sup> Wing Change of Command

1. It is my pleasure to announce the transition of two key Alaska Air National Guard leaders, Col Steven deMilliano and Col Darren Slaten. These moves acknowledge the breadth of experience and skill attained by two quality leaders. Announcement of Col Steven deMilliano's next assignment is pending. I am proud of their successes and ask you to join me in congratulating them. I know the 176<sup>th</sup> Wing will support their transitions admirably.
2. Colonel Darren Slaten has been selected as the next 176<sup>th</sup> Wing Commander. This will be a return home for Col Slaten as he previously served as the 176<sup>th</sup> Operations Group Commander. His most recent assignments include a tour with the Federal Emergency Management Agency as Department of Defense Liaison, and as Principal Deputy Director for Air Operations, NGB/A2/3/6/10.
3. The 176<sup>th</sup> Wing Change of Command will be held drill weekend, March 2018. Again, please join me in congratulating Col deMilliano and Col Slaten on their outstanding accomplishments. I know they will continue to serve with distinction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Laurel J. Hummel", is positioned above the typed name.

LAUREL J. HUMMEL  
Major General, AKNG  
The Adjutant General