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Message to the Force #17

SUBJECT: Key Personnel Moves


1. In August 2017, the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs elected Verdie Bowen to serve as the 70th president. The election by his peers is a testament to what we already know about Mr. Bowen; he is dedicated to his organization's motto of "*Serving Alaska, One Veteran at a time.*" We are excited for the great leadership the national organization is now receiving and look forward to the many great things they will accomplish during Mr. Bowen's tenure.

2. Our Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Mike O'Hare, was selected to serve as the Regional Administrator for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X. In this position, Mike will report directly to Mr. Brock Long, the FEMA Administrator. He will still work with us in his new job as his responsibilities include assisting Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho

3. With Mr. O'Hare's departure, Mike Sutton will become the new Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as of January 1, 2018. As the former deputy director he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position. I am sure he will continue the great work of the division. The search for a deputy director is currently on-going.

4. Please join me in congratulating them for the wonderful work they do.

Sincerely,


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Major General, AKNG
The Adjutant General