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Message to the Force #18

SUBJECT: Assistant Adjutant General - Air

1. Since February 2015 Brigadier General Karen Mansfield has provided superb leadership to the men and women of the Alaska Air National Guard. During her time in command, the 176<sup>th</sup> Wing assumed ownership of eight C17 aircraft, upgraded to the HC-130J aircraft, and fought to have the Arctic Sustainment Package listed on the integrated priority list for both the National Guard Bureau and United States Northern Command. Up north, the 168<sup>th</sup> transitioned from an Air Refueling Wing to a Wing and established a brand new security forces squadron. With her guidance and vision, the Alaska Air National Guard is better trained, equipped, and postured to respond to a call from the state or nation. Much has been accomplished during Brigadier General Mansfield's tenure of command.

2. In June 2018, Brigadier General Mansfield will transfer command of the Alaska Air National Guard to Colonel Torrence Saxe, who currently commands the 168<sup>th</sup> Wing. I am pleased to announce the Governor wholeheartedly approved my selection of Colonel Saxe. I know he will continue the great work and initiatives Brig Gen Mansfield began, and move our Air Guard into a new era. Please join me in congratulating him on his selection. I know he will serve with honor and distinction for the state of Alaska.

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