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Alaska National Guard Ethical Leadership Conference

Guard leaders mentor Guardsmen in a two-day conference for select group

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Alaska National Guard is hosting an Ethical Leadership Conference for E-6 non-commissioned officers today and Tuesday to provide guidance, support and training to key members of the organization.

The Alaska National Guard makes it a priority to shape and sustain a healthy culture and considers integrity, honor and professionalism essential to an ethically fit force. Good character, honest choices and a bold commitment to high standards is vital to the organization.

The conference includes training by guest speaker, Col. John Oakley from the Wisconsin National Guard, deputy chief of staff for personnel. He previously worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Center for Military Professionalism.

Airmen and Soldiers attending the conference were welcomed this morning by Chaplain, Col. Rick Koch and State Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Nelson. Maj. Gen. Laurie Hummel, adjutant general for the Alaska National Guard, addressed the group as well, sharing personal stories, lessons learned, and encouragement to those she refers to as the future of the force.

On Tuesday, participants will hear from 11th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Gay Veale, Brig. Gens. Karen Mansfield and Joseph Streff—both Alaska National Guard assistant adjutants general—and will continue learning sessions presented by Oakley. They will also participate in small group discussions and a group dialogue by a panel.

Air Guard technical sergeants and Army Guard staff sergeants hold the grade of E-6 within the military ranking structure. This is an important leadership position for setting an example to all of the force, serving honorably with good character, helping to create a professional environment, maintaining high standards and instilling these qualities in junior enlisted servicemembers.

Reporters are invited to the Ethical Leadership Conference on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Opportunities are either from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., which will include opening remarks from Chaplain Koch and a presentation by Command Chief Master Sgt. Nelson; or from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., during Command Chief Master Sgt. Veale's remarks.

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Details:

What: Alaska National Guard Ethical Leadership Conference

When: Tuesday, Feb. 14

Where: Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson

Note: Media interested in attending the ceremony must call 907-428-6030 to RSVP. Please leave a call-back number. Meet at the Boniface gate visitor's center at **8 a.m.** for morning session or **1:30 p.m.** for afternoon session. —See next page for photos from today's session—



Col. John Oakley, Wisconsin Army National Guard deputy chief of staff for personnel, talks with National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the state of Alaska, Feb. 13, 2017, on the first of two days of military professionalism and ethical fitness training at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Oakley challenged the junior enlisted leaders to be bold in their decision making, to think outside of the box when working with one another in problem solving. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paul Mann)



Maj. Gen. Laurie Hummel, adjutant general for the state of Alaska, addresses Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the state to open a 2-day military professionalism and ethical fitness training conference at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 13-14, 2017. Targeting enlisted noncommissioned officers at the grade of E-6, the training is designed to help these front-line supervisors be better leaders and followers. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Paul Mann)



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