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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alaska National Guard

FOR May 26, 2015

Alaska National Guard, Adjutant General Change of Command Ceremony

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Alaska Air National Guard will hold a change of command ceremony here Tuesday, May 26 at 1:30 p.m. for the adjutant general, presided by Governor Bill Walker.

Brig. Gen. (Alaska) Laurie Hummel will assume command of the Alaska National Guard from Brig. Gen. Leon “Mike” Bridges, who was the acting adjutant general from Sept. 2014 until Feb. 5, 2015.

Brig. Gen. (Alaska) Hummel began her position as the adjutant general February 5 this year after being selected by Governor Bill Walker to be the commissioner for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Alaska National Guard adjutant general.

Brig. Gen. Bridges has served in the National Guard since 1980; in Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

The change of command is a time-honored tradition, deeply rooted in military history. The event signifies a total transfer of responsibility, authority and accountability for command.

The event will include a symbolic Alaska Native blessing and cleansing ceremony, and a diversity dance by local Polynesian dancers.

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Details:

What: Change of Command, adjutant general, Alaska National Guard

When: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2015 **(Reporters will meet at 1:15 p.m. See below for details.)**

Where: Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska National Guard Armory

Note: Media interested in attending the ceremony must call 907-428-6031 to RSVP *no later than 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 26*. Please leave a message with name, affiliation, and mobile number. Plan to meet at the Ft. Richardson gate visitor’s center at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday for escort to the event.