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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Alaska National Guard

**FOR March 6, 2016**

### **Commander of Alaska Air National Guard will be promoted to general officer**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — The Alaska Air National Guard will hold a promotion ceremony here this Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m. for Col. Karen Mansfield, commander of the Alaska Air National Guard and assistant adjutant general. She will be promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

Mansfield served in the Alaska Air National Guard from 2000 to 2010, and returned last year for her current assignment. As the commander, she ensures the training and equipping of more than 2,000 Alaska citizen Airmen here; and at Eielson Air Force Base and Clear Air Force Station, both near Fairbanks.

Mansfield is the third female member of the Alaska Air National Guard to be promoted to the rank of general.

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#### **Details:**

**What:** Promotion ceremony, assistant adjutant general, ANG and commander of Alaska ANG

**When:** **Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 2 p.m.**

**Where:** Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Arctic Warrior Event Center

**Note:** Media interested in attending the ceremony must call Lt. Col. Candis Olmstead's direct line at 907-428-6030 to RSVP *no later than 11 a.m. Sunday, March 6*. **Please leave a message** with name, affiliation, and cell number. Plan to meet at the Boniface gate visitor's center at 1:20 p.m. on Sunday for escort to the event.

