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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alaska National Guard

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Alaska Air Guardsmen awarded for 2015 rescue of Royal Saudi Air Force pilots

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – The Alaska Air National Guard’s 210th and 211th Rescue Squadrons were awarded the coveted “Rescue Mission of the Year” by the Jolly Green Association for their heroic rescue of two Royal Saudi Air Force pilots from Yemen’s contested territorial waters, March 26, 2015.

Members of the 210th and 211th Rescue Squadrons were deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Republic of Djibouti, when they performed the combat search and rescue mission.

The Jolly Green Association is an organization of former or current crewmembers of United States military helicopter units with the primary or secondary mission of rescue.

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Details:

What: Media opportunity to interview crew members from the 210th and 211th Rescue Squadrons, Alaska Air National Guard, awarded “Rescue Mission of the Year”

When: **Media availability for interviews with the crew, Thursday, May 5, 1:30 pm.**

Where: JBER; meet at Boniface gate, 1:00 p.m.

Note: Interested media must call Lt. Col. Candis Olmstead at 727-1972 *no later than May 5 by 11 a.m.* Please leave a message with name, affiliation, and cell number for coordination.