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Air National Guard recruiting office celebrates grand opening

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Alaska Air National Guard will host a grand opening at their new recruiting storefront with military senior leadership and community members at the Dimond Mall in Anchorage Feb. 9 at noon.

Brig. Gen. Karen Mansfield, commander of the Alaska Air National Guard, will be joined by representatives from the offices of Senators Dan Sullivan and Lisa Murkowski, JBER Honorary Commanders and members of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce for the event.

The move to the new space provides a more protected storefront, in compliance with security measures required by DoD guidance on the safety and security of recruiting stations nationwide.

The office offers citizens an opportunity to meet face to face with an Air National Guard recruiter to discuss jobs, training opportunities and learn about the many benefits provided to U.S. service members. The larger space includes additional areas that ensure privacy and confidentiality for those interested in learning more about their career options.

More than 1,000 Airmen have joined the Alaska Air National Guard since 2014, where they have received training and jobs to support military missions, which also positively impacts the local economy. Many recruits use military benefits to pursue additional education, further preparing them for civilian positions throughout the state.

Many job positions were added at the Air Guard's 176th Wing last year due to the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft unit transitioning from the active duty Air Force over to the 176th Wing. The conversion allowed an opportunity for more than 180 traditional positions and approximately 50 full time jobs.

The Alaska Air National Guard is currently seeking qualified individuals to fill more than 300 vacancies ranging from aircraft maintenance to civil engineering.

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Media Invitation:

What: Alaska Air National Guard store front grand opening

When: Friday, Feb. 9 at 12 p.m.

Where: 800 E Dimond Blvd Room 340

RSVP to Lt. Col. Candis Olmstead, 428-6030 by 11:00 a.m.