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### **Colonel Richard Adams assumes command of the 168th Wing**

**EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska** – The 168th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard will conduct a change of command ceremony for Col. Rich Adams at Eielson Air Force Base on October 20 at 2 p.m.

Adams assumes command of the 168th Wing following his tenure as commander of the 168th Operations Group, Eielson Air Force Base. As 168th Operations Group commander, Adams was responsible for the 213th Space Warning Squadron, 168th Air Refueling Squadron, and the 168th Operations Support Squadron. His previous assignments include nearly 30 years of active and Guard component service.

Adams was commissioned into the Air Force as a distinguished graduate through the four-year ROTC program at the University of Colorado, Boulder. After completing Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, he was assigned to the 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. During this assignment, he flew in Operations CONTINUE HOPE, RESTORE DEMOCRACY, SOUTHERN WATCH and JOINT ENDEAVOR.

Col. Adams had follow on assignments to the 76th AS, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and the 517th AS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. In April 2004, he transferred from the active duty Air Force to the Alaska Air National Guard and joined the 144th Airlift Squadron, Kulis Air National Guard Base, Alaska. Col. Adams graduated from the United States Air Force Weapons School in June 2005, and has held numerous positions within the 144th AS, including chief of tactics, operations officer, and commander.

The 168th Wing provides the U.S. Air Force the capabilities of global reach and vigilance through the combined operations of air refueling, missile warning and space surveillance.

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#### **Details:**

**What:** 168th Wing conducts Col. Richard G. Adams' assumption of command

**When:** Sunday, October 20, at 2 p.m.

**Where:** Ernie Walker Theater, Building 3309, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Media interested in attending the ceremony must call 907-377-8734 to RSVP. Reporters will meet at the Eielson AFB visitor's center at 1:15 p.m.