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Message to the Force #28

SUBJECT: Army Brigade Command Selection Results

1. In Message to the Force #19, I discussed why I dismissed the previous Alaska Army National Guard (AKARNG) Brigade Command Board results. Since then the AKARNG has diligently worked to correct those procedural errors and flaws and developed a process to select our most qualified personnel. I commend the AKARNG on their commitment to continual process improvement.

2. Colonel Joel Gilbert has been selected as the next 38th Troop Command Commander. He will assume command from Colonel Wayne Don on 01 September 2018 and their change of command ceremony will occur during the September 2018 drill weekend. COL Gilbert will continue to serve in his full-time capacity as the Deputy USPFO. COL Don will now serve as the G3 on drill weekends as well full-time.

3. Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Schell has been selected as the next 297th Regional Support Group Commander. He will assume command on 01 January 2019 from Colonel Peter Mondelli and their change of command ceremony will occur during the January 2019 drill weekend. LTC Schell will continue to serve in his full-time capacity as the Deputy G3. COL Mondelli will transition to serve as the AKARNG G1.

4. We have selected the most qualified officers for these positions through a fair and equitable process. Thanks to all officers who competed for brigade command, and to those senior officers who comprised the selection board. Please take a moment to congratulate our commanders-select.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laurel J. Hummel", is positioned above the typed name.

LAUREL J. HUMMEL

Major General, AKNG

The Adjutant General