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Alaska National Guard Promotes Colonel to General Officer
Col. Sharon S. Dieffenderfer will be promoted to Brigadier General

CAMP DENALI, Alaska – Col. Sharon S. Dieffenderfer, chief of staff of the Alaska National Guard’s Joint Force Headquarters, will receive her general’s star insignia and flag at a ceremony here scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Aug. 7. The ceremony will be officiated by Lt. Gen. (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard.

A career maintenance officer, Dieffenderfer took the role of chief of staff for Joint Forces Headquarters – Alaska in October 2008. She is responsible for providing command and control of National Guard forces in executing homeland defense, defense support of civil authorities and other domestic emergency missions within the state of Alaska.

At the recommendation of Gov. Sarah Palin and the Alaska National Guard’s adjutant general, Lt. Gen. (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, she was nominated for the rank by the president of the United States. Her nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on July 3.

Who: Col. Sharon S. Dieffenderfer

What: Promotion Ceremony

Where: Alaska National Guard Armory, Ft Richardson, Alaska

When: 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 7, 2009

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Any media interested in attending the promotion ceremony should call 428-6030 to arrange for an escort on to Ft Richardson from the main gate at 1:30 p.m.