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## **DMVA to Host NORAD/NORTHCOM Commander**

*Press invited to tour Joint Operations Center, State Emergency Coordination Center with general*

**CAMP DENALI, Alaska** – The Department of Military & Veterans Affairs will welcome Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, to the Alaska National Guard Armory Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Gen. Renuart is visiting Alaska from NORAD/NORTHCOM's headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo. He will meet with Brig. Gen. Tom Katkus, acting DMVA commissioner and adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, and John Madden, director of the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, among other key department leaders. Renuart will discuss the Alaska National Guard's capabilities in emergency contingencies as well as the state's response capabilities.

Among the briefings and discussion groups, Renuart will tour the Alaska National Guard's Joint Operations Center and the State Emergency Coordination Center. The Alaska National Guard's 103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team – Weapons of Mass Destruction will demonstrate some of the unit's equipment and training. Media are invited along on the tours and the demonstration for this unique opportunity to see operations up-close. Following the CST demonstration, a press availability will be held.

**Who: Gen. Gene Renuart, Brig. Gen. Tom Katkus, Mr. John Madden**

**What: Tour of JOC and SECC; Demonstration of Civil Support Team capabilities; Press Availability**

**Where: Alaska National Guard Armory, Ft Richardson, Alaska**

**When: 2:30 – 3:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009 (Press need to be at main gate by 2:10 p.m.)**

**Any media interested in attending the tours, demonstration and participating in the press availability should call 428-6031 to arrange for an escort on to Ft Richardson from the main gate at 2:10 p.m.**