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## **Alaska Native Veterans present Honor Pole to Alaska National Guard**

**CAMP DENALI, Alaska** – The Alaska National Guard headquarters will have a new monument outside its main entrance on Friday afternoon. Legendary totem artist, George Bennett Sr., from Sitka, has worked with his son to create an Honor Pole to celebrate the rich Alaska Native heritage in the Alaska National Guard.

The gorgeous piece of art will be unveiled at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 19, at the Alaska National Guard headquarters at Camp Denali on Fort Richardson. It will be dedicated by veterans groups and native groups and received on behalf of all Guard members by Lt. Gen. (AK) Craig E. Campbell.

Who: Lt. Gen. (AK) Craig E. Campbell and artist George Bennett Sr.  
What: Dedication of an Honor Pole to celebrate the Alaska Native history in the Guard  
**When: Friday, June 19, at 11:30 a.m.**  
Where: National Guard Headquarters, Camp Denali, Fort Richardson

\*Please contact Maj. Guy Hayes at 428-6030 to set up media escort onto Fort Richardson.