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Alaska State Defense Force Change of Command

CAMP DENALI, Alaska – Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard and commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, will preside over a change of command ceremony for the Alaska State Defense Force this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Alaska National Guard headquarters on Fort Richardson.

The change of command ceremony will formally transfer responsibility of the Alaska State Defense Force to Col. Robert Holl who is assuming command from Col. Joseph Williams III.

The Alaska State Defense Force is an all volunteer, state sanctioned militia, which supports and augments the Alaska National Guard in times of emergency and disaster. There are about 300 members in the Alaska State Defense Force who drill on a monthly basis in communities across the state.

Who: Lt. Gen. (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, Col. Robert Holl, Col. Joseph Williams III

What: Alaska State Defense Force Change of Command

When: Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Alaska National Guard headquarters on Fort Richardson

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