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Ice and Water. In early May, ice jams caused record flooding in Eagle. As the water receded, massive chunks of ice remained behind and made Mission Road impassible.

Photo: Courtesy of the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety

Inset photo: Damage.

High flood waters and ice surround

buildings all along Eagle's riverfront. Many buildings were damaged, moved or crushed by flowing ice and water.

Photo: Claude Denver, DHS&EM



Widespread Flooding. The Russian Mission Airport is under water as a result of the Yukon River flooding. Spring floods hit several areas of the state this year. Photo: Kerry Siefert, DHS&EM

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For the People

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Alaska National Guard Critical to Nation's Defense

Alaska has played a critical role in the defense of our nation since World War II. We know what it means to be in the line of fire, as the former Soviet Union and North Korea have been serious threats to our national security, and Alaska is America's buffer-state to each of these threats.

Today the Alaska National Guard plays a critical role at the "tip of the spear" for our nation's defense. We have more than 200 Alaska Army National Guard Soldiers at Fort Greely standing vigilant in missile defense, more than 700 Alaska Air National Guard Airmen at Eielson Air Force Base and Clear Air Force Station conducting space surveillance, more than 100 dedicated Airmen operating the air defense sector at Elmendorf Air Force Base and our aviators are on alert supporting the North American Aerospace Defense Command mission in Alaska. You are engaged every day in defending our sovereign rights.

We must remain diligent in our efforts to secure our state and defend our nation, and I will continue to advocate on your behalf to make sure you have the best equipment, the best training and

the newest technology to remain the supreme fighting force on the planet.

Now, more than ever, we need to fill up the silos at Fort Greely with the best missile defense products to protect our nation and our allies from attack. The world must understand that our missile defense system is geared to defend us from rogue nations, like Iran or North Korea. This system should not be seen as a threat to our allies because we use kinetic energy to destroy warheads in space, not an explosive that could be used as an offensive weapon.

On another note, I just returned from visiting our Alaska Army National Guard aviators as they perform the vital role of supporting the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. I am so impressed by the professionalism and dynamic attitudes of our Soldiers. They exemplify the greatest our state and nation have to offer.

Thank you to all of the men and women who wear the uniform and volunteer to protect our freedoms. You provide the safety and security to make all Alaskans feel safe. ■

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My Turn



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Multiple Events Showcase Strength of DMVA

This has been an extraordinary spring and summer in Alaska. We have been faced with multiple natural events and potential military threats that have put our training to the test. We have fared very well and are ready to take on even larger and bigger problems if they arise.

The spring flood season for the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers was the largest in 30 years. The State Emergency Coordination Center was activated, and multiple state agencies came together under the direction of the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Response was rapid to include food, clothing and shelter to all of the people who were displaced from Eagle, the Canadian border area and Western Alaska villages near the Bering Sea. Recovery efforts started taking place immediately with close coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to make sure a smooth transition from state to federal disaster declarations provided the most information to help the federal government provide disaster aid for state residents.

While this was happening, Mount Redoubt was building a large lava dome and preparing to erupt again after weeks of spewing ash in March. The H1N1 virus, also known as the Swine Flu, was spreading and prompted a need for increased monitoring and coordination with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

Meanwhile, the Alaska Army National Guard members at Fort Greely were manning their positions and monitoring the missile launches from North Korea, preparing to protect America and our allies if a threat missile was detected.



Cultural Honors. Legendary totem artist George Bennett Sr., left, honors Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, with a medallion that features an eagle and raven, during the honor pole dedication ceremony held in June at the Alaska National Guard headquarters at Camp Denali. Bennett put a traditional Tlingit robe on Campbell while the adjutant general spoke about the significance the honor pole that Bennett designed has in representing all Alaskans in the Alaska National Guard's past and present. Photo: Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs

Also of note recently: Secretary of Defense Robert Gates visited Alaska; F Company, 1/207th Aviation, returned to Iraq for yet another deployment; 1/207th Aviation Black Hawks completed high-profile missions with success in Kosovo; and the 176th Wing did an outstanding job passing an aggressive Air Force Operational Readiness Inspection.

Finally, we provided outstanding support to our state partnership country,

Mongolia, as leaders there initiated the national emergency response exercise GOBI WOLF. With support from both the Alaska National Guard and Emergency Management Division, the event further solidified our commitment to the state partnership program and gave Alaska prominent visibility in this developing democracy.

With all of these activities happening simultaneously, the people of Alaska rose to the challenge to help one another and protect our freedom without missing a beat. We should be very proud of our first responders, our emergency managers, and our men and women of the Alaska National Guard for always being ready to come to our rescue. Job well done! ■

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Dispatches from the Front...

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS VOLUNTEER GRATEFUL

Story and photo by Kalei Brooks,
DMVA Public Affairs

CAMP DENALI, Alaska ... Operation Santa Claus touches the lives of families across rural Alaska each year when volunteers descend on small communities loaded with gifts, school supplies, fresh fruit and other delights for children. While it's the people of these rural villages who seem to benefit the most, Operation Santa Claus volunteers will tell you they're on the receiving end as well, witnessing firsthand the power of the giving spirit during the holidays.

Adam Hobson, 30, has been an Operation Santa Claus volunteer for the past two years, helping to fill the role as one of Santa's cooks. Hobson works for Rick Renaud, who owns Pentagon North, Inc., a company that provides cafeteria food services in Anchorage and serves a large holiday meal to one village each year during Operation Santa Claus.

Renaud has been an Operation Santa Claus volunteer himself since 1995 and has found his niche by providing the large community meal, taking along several cooks to help.



Spring Holiday Spirit. Members of the Operation Santa Claus committee and Alaska Army Guard leadership stand proudly with a framed drawing volunteer Adam Hobson drew in April to show his gratitude for being able to lend a helping hand with the program. From left to right: Rick Renaud, volunteer and owner of Pentagon North, Inc.; Brigadier General Thomas Katkus, assistant adjutant general – Alaska Army National Guard; Adam Hobson, volunteer; Anne Marie Campbell, Operation Santa Claus committee chairwoman; and Jan Myers Operation Santa Claus committee.

"I think it's a great privilege to go out and provide services to people in the villages," Renaud said. "People are really appreciative."

Hobson has been a part of Renaud's crew for two Operation Santa Claus seasons, and to show his gratitude for the opportunity, Hobson drew a sketch of his recent trip aboard an Alaska Air National Guard C-130 Hercules to Kivalina.

"I did this as a thank you for taking me on Operation Santa Claus," said Hobson, as he presented the framed drawing to Operation Santa Claus committee members

in April. "I look forward to going and helping again this year."

"Volunteers make the Operation Santa Claus program successful and show the true spirit of Alaskans during the holiday season," said Anne Marie Campbell, Operation Santa Claus committee chairwoman. "We thank Adam for his dedication to the program. This really goes to show that we as volunteers are just as grateful for the opportunity to help as the villagers are to welcome us into their community." ■

Honor Pole Recognizes Alaska National Guard Heritage, Service



Finishing Touches. Legendary totem artist George Bennett Sr. of Sitka puts the finishing touches on the Honor Pole to celebrate the rich heritage of the Alaska National Guard. The Honor Pole, which was designed and crafted to reflect and honor the diversity of Alaska, was unveiled in June at the Alaska National Guard headquarters at Camp Denali.

Photo: Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs



Team Effort. Members of the Alaska Army National Guard raise the Honor Pole outside the Alaska National Guard headquarters at Camp Denali. The Honor Pole was designed by George Bennett Sr. of Sitka and carved by his son James Bennett. The Honor Pole honors the Alaska National Guard's past and present military members for their service to the country and state. Photo: Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs

Where in the World

Impacting Kosovo's Youth

By Sergeant Ann Hayden,
1/207th Aviation

CAMP BONDSTEEL,

Kosovo ... Try to imagine entering a school where running water, flushing toilets and electricity do not exist. The building, inside and out, looks as if it should be condemned. The stench that catches the attention of visitors and students walking into the school is awful.

For many students, who are more than eager to attend classes even under such circumstances, these conditions are a reality. However, their dedication to learn is very high among all age groups.

The Adopt-a-School program allows Soldiers, under leadership of the Task Force Arctic Eagle S-9 Section, Civil Affairs, to go out to various cities, such as Ferizaj and Gnjilane, to teach classes in English to the students.

The S-9 section teaches at six schools – two high schools and four elementary schools.

Assisted by Chaplain Captain Curtis Sutherland, the S-9 section not only teaches classes, but also helps to provide school supplies and other assorted items like toothbrushes, toothpaste and small bottles of hand sanitizer.

During a recent visit to the Agricultural High School, Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery Roach, 1/207th Aviation commander, gave a class on agriculture in the United States. The class, packed full of students, gave full attention as Roach talked about differences in private businesses versus corporate businesses within the agricultural spectrum.

Many students have learned enough of the English language to make conversation as well as understand the topics covered in the classes.

The Adopt-a-School program has been a success. Not only does this program help the students, but the community as well.

The efforts of our outreach to the youth



Alaska National Guard Marathon Team. The team and respective finish times from the Lincoln National Guard Marathon Trials. Back Row: First Lieutenant Shane Garling, 176th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (3:27:43); Sergeant First Class Lauren Kostoff, 49th Missile Defense Battalion (4:08:34); Senior Airman Joshua Moore, 213th Space Warning Squadron (4:20:57). Middle Row: Staff Sergeant Matthew Moore, 213th Space Warning Squadron (4:22:06); Senior Airman Paz Rivera, 168th Logistic Readiness Squadron (3:46:40); Senior Master Sergeant Paul Gregory, 168th Logistics Readiness Squadron (4:25:14); Captain James Zwiefel, 176th Civil Engineer Squadron (3:06:26). First Row: Technical Sergeant Kristine Laughlin-Hall, 176th Medical Group (3:27:40); First Sergeant Marc Petersen, 1/207th Aviation (4:05:44); Captain Paulette Goodwin, 168th Mission Support Flight (3:51:52). Photo: Courtesy of Nebraska National Guard Public Affairs



Alaskans in Alabama. Lieutenant Colonel David "Tunes" Looney, Alaska Air National Guard, and Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell stand in front of an F-22 Raptor at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The Secretary of the Air Force invited Parnell to attend the 56th annual national Security Forum at the Air War College. Parnell met with civilian leaders in business, education, and government and participated in numerous seminar briefings related to issues faced by our deployed service members and policymakers.

Photo: Courtesy of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Yellow Ribbon Program Outreach.

Robert Tumacder, right, a veterans service officer with the American Legion, assists Phillip Schobert, a 1980-1986 veteran, with a Department of Veterans Affairs benefit form during an Alaska National Guard sponsored Yellow Ribbon event in Nome in April. The Alaska National Guard brought a team to Nome to provide information and assistance to veterans regarding their benefits and entitlements earned while in service.

Photo: Courtesy of Alaska National Guard

will have a lasting impact as they grow up. Students have commented they love the program and are very thankful for all of the support. ■

Guard Members Promote Fitness

By Specialist Margaret J. Moonin
DMVA Public Affairs

CAMP DENALI, Alaska ... Eight Airmen and two Soldiers with the Alaska National Guard competed among the

nation's top distance runners in the 2009 Lincoln National Guard Marathon in May.

More than 160 Guard members, divided into teams from 42 states and one territory, participated in the 26.2-mile "All Guard" Marathon Team trials. Fifty-seven runners were then selected to join the 2009-10 "All Guard" Marathon Team.

To be on the Alaska team, runners submitted past marathon times to Captain James Zwiefel, team captain from the Alaska Air National Guard's 176th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"Anyone can make the team if he or she first has the desire and makes the

Combat Awards in Afghanistan.

U.S. Navy Admiral Mike Mullen, right, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pins the Combat Action Badge on Master Sergeant Fenumiai Ilalio, of the Alaska Army National Guard, at Forward Operating Base Walton in Kandahar, Afghanistan, April 24. Ilalio earned the Combat Action Badge along with fellow Alaska Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Jody Barnes during a cordon and search operation in which they and an Afghan National Army company came under small-arms fire from Anti-Coalition Forces. The staff report on the mission stated "due to the quick thinking, leadership, tactical and technical knowledge of Master Sergeant Ilalio, both crews and their Afghan National Army counterparts avoided casualties from Anti-Coalition Forces as they maneuvered out of a choke point." In the same combat mission, Sergeant First Class Sterry Kimball and First Lieutenant Ronald Savok, both of the Alaska Army National Guard, earned the Combat Infantry Badge.

Photo: Petty Officer First Class Chad J. McNeeley, U.S. Navy



Teaching English. Specialist Natasha Taufaeteau, 1/207th Aviation, Alaska Army National Guard, helps a small group of students learn English at the economic high school in Ferizaj.

Photo: Sergeant Ann Hayden, 1/207th Aviation

Taking a Break for Hoops. Sergeant Shane Seymour, left, Specialist Robert Sapp, center, and Chaplain Captain Curtis Sutherland take time out of the classroom to play basketball with students at one of the adopted schools in Gnjilane, Kosovo, while Sergeant First Class Betty Bell, left against wall, and First Lieutenant James Johnson wait for their turn on the court. Members of 1/207th Aviation, Alaska Army National Guard have taken part in the Adopt-a-School program, which allows Soldiers to teach classes in English to students. Photo: Sergeant Ann Hayden, 1/207th Aviation



commitment," said Sergeant First Class Lauren Kostoff, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Alaska Army National Guard. "I believe my involvement shows other runners what the National Guard has to offer, and provides an example of what a Soldier at almost 50 years old can do. I just can't believe I waited so long to do it."

New in 2009, a "rookie" class was added to the teams for anyone who had not previously run a marathon.

"To keep the Alaska National Guard competitive in this marathon, it is imperative we attract new talent within our units," Zwiefel said. "Running a marathon

represents one of the highest levels of fitness that you can achieve."

Rookie runner Senior Airman Paz Rivera, 168th Logistic Readiness Squadron, said, "The marathon motivated us to keep pushing beyond our limits a bit more than what we thought capable."

Zwiefel, Captain Paulette Goodwin, 168th Mission Support Flight, Alaska Air National Guard, and Technical Sergeant Kristine Laughlin-Hall, 176th Medical Group, Alaska Air National Guard were selected to be part of the 2009-10 "All Guard" Marathon Team. They are expected to compete in five to eight

marathons across the country throughout the upcoming running season, alternating events that they attend as well as staffing race expo booths.

The "All Guard" Marathon Team promotes the National Guard at local and national levels in a positive, professional manner, while enhancing recruiting and retention efforts for the National Guard by encouraging physical fitness and instilling self-discipline and esprit de corps. ■

Purple Heart Trail Dedicated

By McHugh Pierre,
DMVA Public Affairs

DELTA JUNCTION, Alaska ... Military leadership, state legislators and veterans gathered in Delta Junction to officially dedicate the Alaska Highway from Delta Junction to the Canadian border and the Richardson Highway from Fairbanks to Delta Junction as a part of the national Purple Heart Trail.

Established by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization, the Purple Heart Trail is a group of roads and highways stretching across 45 states and Guam in honor of those who have received the Purple Heart medal. The distinguished Purple Heart medal is awarded to those wounded by an instrument of war wielded by the enemy to recognize their great sacrifice to defend freedom.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the newest veterans service organization in Alaska. One of its first efforts was to work with state legislators to pass Senate Bill 216, which created the Purple Heart Trail in Alaska. The bill had 21 co-sponsors and cross sponsors and easily sailed through both the state House and Senate. It was signed into law by Governor Sarah Palin in May.

During the past year, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities worked to make all of the new highway signs and rest stop signs and to deploy them along the highway for all visitors and motorists to see. ■

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Army Guard Aviators Fly Vice President Around Kosovo

By Chief Warrant Officer Three Pete Smith, 1/207th Aviation

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo ... During the month of May, the Northern Exposure aircrews of Task Force Arctic Eagle, also known as A Company, 1/207th Aviation, Alaska Army National Guard, were given a rare opportunity. They were tasked to fly the vice president of the United States, Joseph Biden, in their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters during his trip to Kosovo as part of a larger trip throughout the Balkans.

Currently deployed to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, the Guard members of 1/207th Aviation are known for accomplishing a variety of missions with minimal planning time and making it look easy. This mission was no different. Transporting the vice president, his security detail, press and staff around the country required six of the company's eight aircraft.

"There was a lot of coordination between the Secret Service, our flight lead and air mission commander," said First Lieutenant Nathan Cornilles, 1/207th Aviation. "That clarified the small details of the mission and gave the crews a clear understanding."

On May 21, all of the aircraft launched to Slatina Airport in Pristina to meet Air Force Two. The Alaska Army Guardsmen had placed the A Company patch, featuring a polar bear drawing by Alaskan cartoonist Chad Carpenter, on the vice president's seat onboard the Black Hawk. Biden later remarked at Camp Bondsteel, "I've got to admit I have never seen a patch quite like this."

From there, the crews transported Biden to the NATO Kosovo Forces Headquarters in Film City, Pristina, where he spoke to



Your Black Hawk Awaits. Vice President Joe Biden boards a 1/207th Aviation, Alaska Army National Guard UH-60L Black Hawk at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, in May. The 1/207th Aviation, Task Force Arctic Eagle, was the primary means of transportation for the vice president during his visit to Kosovo.

Photo: Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Roach, 1/207th Aviation

representatives of Kosovo's government. Afterward, the vice president was flown to the western part of Kosovo to Camp Sparta where he visited the Decani Monastery. The flight then proceeded to Camp Bondsteel where Biden addressed the troops and spent the night.



Moment with the Vice President. Captain Michele Edwards, commander, A Company, 1/207th Aviation, Alaska Army National Guard, is happy to see Vice President Joe Biden in May after his address to the troops at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. Edwards is from Bethel and has been deployed with the Alaska Army National Guard since December 2008. Photo: Courtesy of 1/207th Aviation

The next morning, the crews transported the group back to Slatina Airport, where the vice president gave a thumbs-up to the crews before boarding Air Force Two to continue his trip.

All in all, supporting the vice president of the United States was a wonderful opportunity for Soldiers from the Alaska Army National Guard.

"Everyone in the task force put forth a tremendous effort to prepare for the mission," said Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Roach, commander, 1/207th Aviation, Alaska Army National Guard. "The vice president was in the capable hands of some of America's best aircrews."

One hundred forty Alaska Army National Guard members from 1/207th Aviation have been deployed since December 2008. They are on a one-year peacekeeping and peace enforcement mission to Kosovo and have been providing aviation support with UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. ■



En Route. UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters from 1/207th Aviation, Alaska Army National Guard, transporting Vice President Joe Biden lift off from Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. Photo: Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Roach, 1/207th Aviation



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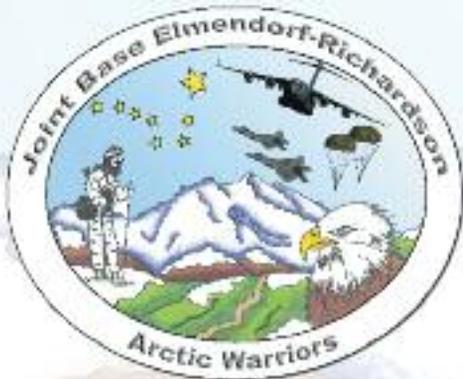
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Air Guardsman's Design Selected as Official Elmendorf-Richardson Logo

By Airman 1st Class Christopher Gross, 3rd Wing Public Affairs



ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska ... Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson has just become more official now that it has a new logo.

A few months ago, an e-mail was sent out with a request for service members to provide logo ideas and concepts. Master Sergeant Everett Johnson, a member of the Alaska Air National Guard from the Joint Forces Headquarters, presently augmenting the 3rd Security Forces Squadron as the Command Support Staff manager, and Airman 1st Class Mariko Thomas, 3rd Security Forces Squadron base access technician, answered the call. Several rough drafts later, their JBER logo was chosen.

The original design and concept was planned out by Johnson. Once he finished planning it out, Johnson said he gave the initial concept layout to Thomas so she could give it the artist's rendering it needed. Johnson chose Thomas because he recalled the work she did for the 3rd Security Forces Squadron Wingman Day logo in 2008.

Thomas broke the logo down piece by piece. She said because the base and post are located in Alaska, the mountain in the background represents Mount McKinley and the stars represent the Alaska state flag. Thomas also described how the eagle represents our national bird.

To symbolize Elmendorf, Senior Master Sergeant Allen Markle, of the 673rd Joint Base Wing Provisional Elmendorf-Richardson Enterprise Team, suggested

the F-22s and the C-17s be placed in the background displaying Elmendorf's new mission.

To symbolize Fort Richardson, they used the paratroopers, Fort Richardson's airborne unit, and a soldier in "arctic whites" to represent the arctic environment in Alaska.

Thomas said she has been creating art most of her life. She said that her JBER logo being approved is one of her highest achievements yet.

"I am excited," Thomas said about her design being chosen as the first official JBER logo. "It's a privilege to say I drew that."

The logo will be used for brochures and other marketing material throughout the joint base. ■



Creative Team. Master Sergeant Everett Johnson, left, Alaska Air National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, and Airman 1st Class Mariko Thomas, U.S. Air Force, 3rd Security Forces Squadron, are the proud designer and artist behind the new Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson logo. Photo: Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs

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2009 Exceptional Performance Team. From left to right: Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, presents the 2009 Exceptional Performance Team award to Kerry Seifert, DHS&EM; Al Cavallo, DHS&EM; George Coyle, DHS&EM; Kathy Dawson, DHS&EM; Jeremy Zidek, DHS&EM; and Jamie Littrell, Department of Health and Social Services. Not pictured: Wanice Cowles, DHS&EM; Susan O'Toole, Department of Health and Social Services; and Baladsino Caruso, Department of Natural Resources. Photo: Specialist Margaret Moonin, DMVA Public Affairs

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Kathy Dawson
Kerry Seifert
Jeremy Zidek

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Baladsino Caruso

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Jamie Littrell
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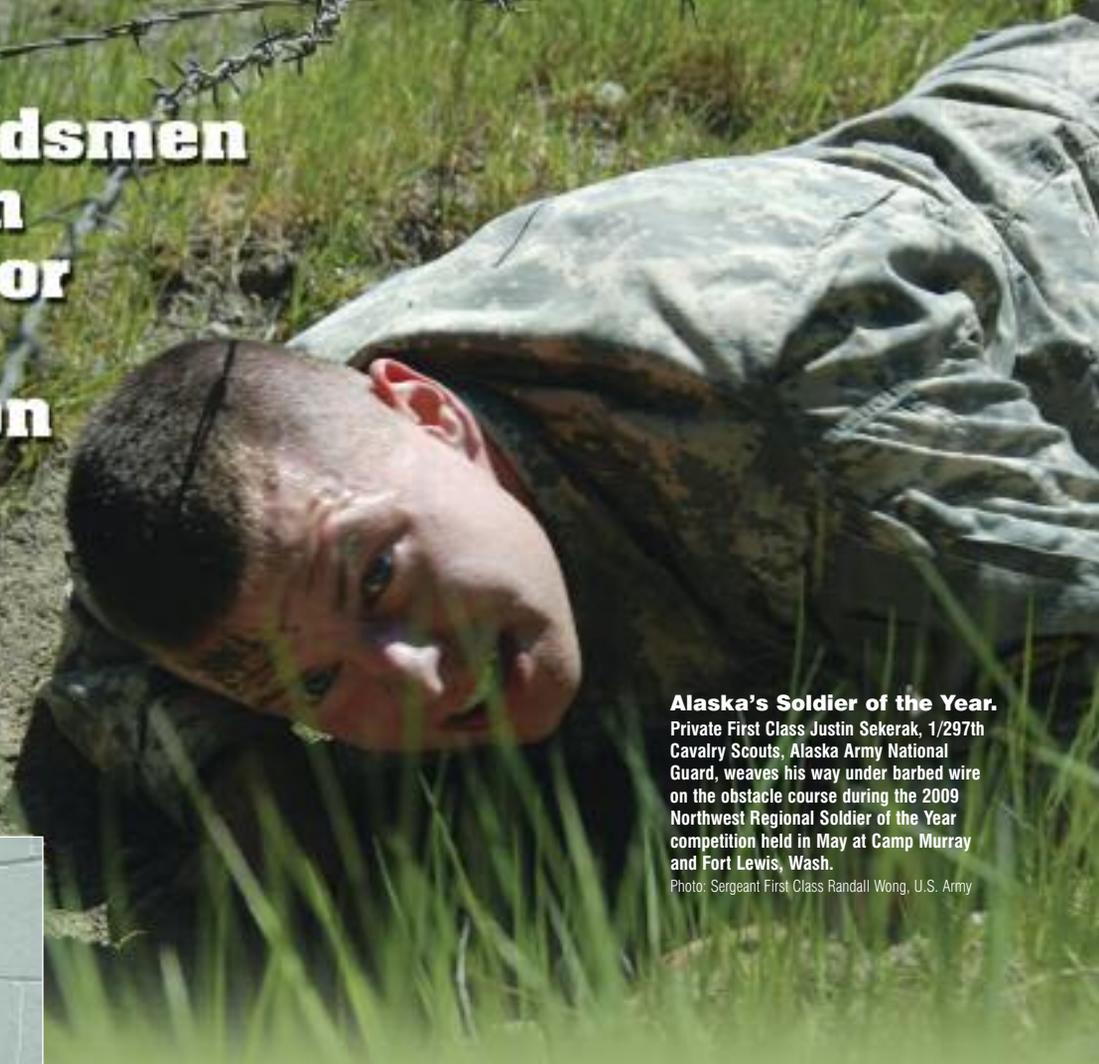
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Army Guardsmen Compete in Best Warrior Regional Competition



Alaska's Soldier of the Year. Private First Class Justin Sekerak, 1/297th Cavalry Scouts, Alaska Army National Guard, weaves his way under barbed wire on the obstacle course during the 2009 Northwest Regional Soldier of the Year competition held in May at Camp Murray and Fort Lewis, Wash.

Photo: Sergeant First Class Randall Wong, U.S. Army



Alaska's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Staff Sergeant Duane Ostrowski, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Alaska Army National Guard, prepares for the grenade throwing course during the 2009 Northwest Regional Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition held in May at Camp Murray and Fort Lewis, Wash.

Photo: Sergeant First Class Randall Wong, U.S. Army

By Specialist Margaret J. Moonin, DMVA Public Affairs

CAMP DENALI, Alaska ... Two Alaska Army National Guard Soldiers were selected as runners up in the 2009 Northwest Regional "Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year" competition held in May at Camp Murray and Fort Lewis, Wash.

To prove they were the best, Staff Sergeant Duane Ostrowski, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, and Private First Class Justin Sekerak, 1/297th Cavalry Scouts, competed against 14 other Soldiers and NCOs in events based on the Army's common tasks, conditions, and standards and centered on battle-focused training.

"This was some of the most rewarding training I've done in the Guard so far," Sekerak said. "It showed me that you should never stop training to be the best Soldier you can."

The competition started off with the Army physical fitness test. Then Soldiers were tested on an array of skills: weapons knowledge, marksmanship, checkpoint searches, combat lifesaver skills, land navigation and individual room clearing.

"The land navigation course was run by a group of Special Forces Soldiers and was a definite challenge," Sekerak said. He explained that each Soldier was required to use a map and compass to find three points in a given area, navigate through a dense forest to each point, recover an item and navigate back to the starting point.

"The forest was so thick you could hardly see anything in front of you, which made looking for your destination points difficult," Sekerak recalled. "Many of the Soldiers ended up getting lost in the thick brush."

Finally, Soldiers were brought before a board of sergeants major and tested on their knowledge of current events, drill and ceremony, Army customs and traditions, as well as the wear and appearance of the Army uniform.

"This was a very well organized event with an extremely fierce lot of really good Soldiers who brought out the best in everyone with their competitive edge," Ostrowski said. "Competition is important because it breeds excellence and esprit de corps."

After four days of nonstop rigorous tests and unparalleled competition designed to push Soldiers to their physical and mental limits, Ostrowski and Sekerak rose to the top as runners up.

"The great thing about this kind of training is that we can bring the skills we learned back home to our units and hopefully inspire others to continue on with their training and be more involved in competitions like this one," Ostrowski said. ■

Homeland Security & Emergency Management



Water Logged. In Eagle, flooding shattered previous high water marks and remained high for several days. Homes, businesses and vehicles all fell victim to the rising water. Photo: Claude Denver, DHS&EM

ICE Batters Historic Eagle; DHS&EM Coordinates State Response

By Jeremy Zidek, DHS&EM Public Affairs

EAGLE, Alaska ... Alaska's river communities are no strangers to flooding. As river ice breaks up and moves, ice jam flooding becomes common. When an ice jam forms, it backs up water that is able to lift the ice and carry the ice downstream.

Each spring, the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management partners with the National Weather Service River Forecast Center to form River Watch. Each River Watch team conducts aerial observations along Alaska's rivers to monitor ice conditions as the ice moves downstream. Each team's hydrologist communicates with the River Forecast Center to analyze ice conditions and issue flood watches, alerts and warnings. The teams' DHS&EM emergency management specialists are able to land in a community to assess flood readiness, recommend emergency protective measures, and when necessary, help order emergency supplies or evacuate the community.

"The River Forecast Center's ability to quickly provide scientific analysis of river conditions and DHS&EM emergency response expertise lays a foundation from which River Watch teams can provide early warnings and emergency response services that neither agency could achieve independently," said Claude Denver, DHS&EM emergency management specialist. "River Watch effectiveness is the reason it has been active for more than 30 years."

In March, the RFC forecast an above average spring breakup flood potential because of thick river ice, heavy snow fall and low spring temperatures. DHS&EM held meetings with state and federal agencies to ensure that all parties were ready to assist communities. In addition, each riverside community received the 2009 Spring Flooding Breakup Guide. The State Emergency Coordination Center was staffed with DHS&EM staff response partners in anticipation of any flooding.



On May 3, Eagle, the first Alaska community on the Yukon River, began to flood because of jumbled ice that stretched more than 11 miles. The jumbled ice encountered solid ice six miles below Eagle and began to back up. The flooding was sudden and severe with water eventually reaching 20 feet above the highest recorded flood levels set in 1937.

"The water went up and down for some time, just toying with us," said Eagle resident Stacy Pare. "There came a point when I walked in the house, I looked around and knew that this would be the last time seeing my things. I just grabbed what I could ... then the water came really fast. I looked back and saw the water pouring into my living room window."

The high flood waters lifted massive chunks of ice over the river banks, and ice slammed into businesses, homes and historic buildings like the Eagle Customs House that was constructed in 1904. The ice flow completely destroyed all homes in the old village, many of the homes in the city and made Mission Road, the only road joining the City of Eagle with the Village of Eagle, impassable.

The SECC was ready and began responding as reports of flooding were received. Working through the River Watch's Upper Yukon team, the SECC was able to coordinate with leadership from Eagle to quickly identify its immediate needs.

The SECC arranged the delivery of essential supplies and services. The Department of Environmental Conservation arrived in Eagle to test drinking water and assess fuel spill issues. The Department of Health and Social Services dispatched two public health nurses to establish a temporary clinic at the school when river ice crushed Eagle's only health clinic. The Department of Public Safety sent an Alaska State Trooper to assist with response activities and to be on hand if rescues needed to be performed.



Moving Goods to Higher Ground. With permission from the business owner, Eagle residents work to remove food from the community's only grocery store before it was destroyed by flood waters. All the rescued food was eventually donated to the shelter established at the school. Photo: Mickey Roberts, Eagle resident

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities began to cut a temporary emergency access road from the city through the forest to the cut-off village.

The Alaska Army National Guard activated assets in Anchorage and Fairbanks to truck in potable water on a daily basis. The Department of Natural Resources sent tons of supplies and a Level II Incident Management team to Eagle to manage response activities and logistic needs. The American Red Cross of Alaska provided shelter resources, and the Alaska Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters began to manage the flow of donated goods heading to Eagle.

Numerous DHS&EM emergency managers were dispatched to Eagle and beyond. The SECC was the physical location from which all of the state's response activities were coordinated.

"During this disaster our state and nonprofit response partners were tremendous," said Bryan Fisher, DHS&EM incident commander. "By coordinating the state's response, we were able to meet a wide range of needs in a very short time frame. The flood waters reached historic levels this spring, but not a single person lost his or her life."

The flood water finally receded in Eagle on May 6, but left behind mountains of ice all along Eagle's river front.

Many other communities on the Yukon River and Kuskokwim River also experienced severe flooding this spring. River Watch teams, the SECC and the entire state response apparatus responded with the same urgency when each new community was threatened.

One month after the event, DHS&EM and its response partners continued to assist flood-affected communities. Catastrophic events like the one that battered Eagle cannot be predicted or prevented. However, Alaskans can rely on state government's swift and well-coordinated response when disaster strikes. ■

Assessing the Damage. Governor Sarah Palin visits the flood devastated village of Eagle in May. The governor and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X Administrator Dennis Hunsinger signed a disaster response agreement that set the stage for full federal participation in the spring flooding disaster recovery on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. Photo: John Madden, DHS&EM



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Veterans

Governor Signs Alaska Territorial Guard Bill

HAINES, Alaska ... Governor Sarah Palin in April signed legislation that continues retirement benefits for members of the Alaska Territorial Guard. The ATG was a military reserve force component of the U.S. Army, organized in 1942 in response to attacks on American soil in Hawaii and Alaska by Japan during World War II.

Senate Bill 89, sponsored by the Senate Finance Committee, provides temporary retirement benefits to 26 surviving veterans for their service in the ATG. The Department of Defense decided in January to discontinue retirement benefits to ATG members, but temporarily suspended its decision at the urging of Palin and Alaska's congressional delegation.

The Department of Defense agreed to extend payments until April to give Congress time to devise a permanent solution through amendments to the law. Congress has not yet acted, so until it does, the state will fund the payments, totalling about \$10,000 per month.

"It is a great honor to sign this bill into law," Palin said. "These Territorial Guard veterans are bona fide Alaskan heroes, cut from the same cloth as the Minutemen who answered the call to defend Lexington and Concord. They have earned every cent of their retirement benefits, as well as our enduring gratitude for their service."

The governor was joined by members of the American Legion as she signed SB 89 at Lookout Park in Haines. ■



Honoring Quinhagak's Finest. Brigadier General Thomas Katkus, center, assistant adjutant general – Alaska Army National Guard, helps pin an Alaska Territorial Guard service pin on the jacket of Alaska Territorial Guard member Paul Beebe with the help of Beebe's wife, Pauline, during an ATG ceremony in Quinhagak in May. Sixty-seven Alaska Territorial Guard members from Quinhagak were honored during the ceremony.

Photo: Jerry Walton, DMVA Tribal Liaison



MEMORIAL DAY 2009: HONORING THE FALLEN

Saluting Fallen Warriors. Brigadier General Deborah McManus, assistant adjutant general – Alaska Air National Guard, and members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club salute during the Fallen Warrior ceremony held during the 2009 Memorial Day event at the Alaska Veterans Memorial at Byers Lake in Denali State Park. McManus was one of 300 motorcyclists who rode together to honor those military members who've made the ultimate sacrifice. Photo: Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs



Rolling Thunder. Motorcyclists with Rolling Thunder arrive at the Alaska Veterans Memorial at Byers Lake in Denali State Park for the 2009 Memorial Day event. The Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club had more than 300 motorcyclists take part in the event, which pays tribute to those military members who died in action. Photo: Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs



Gates Expresses Confidence in U.S. Missile Defenses

By Donna Miles, American Forces Press Service

Interceptor Up Close. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates peers out of a Silo Interface Vault to view an operational ground-based interceptor during a visit to the Missile Defense Complex on Fort Greely. During a visit in June, Gates saw the nation's operational arm of its strategic missile defense capability and the Soldiers of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion who are charged with defending the nation.

Photo: Sergeant Jack W. Carlson III, 49th Missile Defense Battalion



Missile Defense

WASHINGTON, D.C. ... Amid speculation that North Korea could be preparing for another missile test, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told Congress June 9 he's confident the United States has the missile defenses in place to defend itself, if necessary.

"I have confidence that if North Korea launched a long-range missile in the direction of the United States, that we would have a high probability of being able to fend ourselves against it," he told the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee.

Gates told the panel about his visit to Fort Greely, the home of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion of the Alaska Army National Guard, one of two U.S. sites where ground-based interceptors are based.

"The judgment and the advice that I got was that the 30 silos that we have now, or are under construction, are fully adequate to protect us against a North Korean threat for a number of years," he said. It would be easy to resume the program and expand the number of silos in the event that the threat evolves to the point that those defenses seem insufficient, he added.

"If the circumstances should change in a way that leads people to believe that we need more interceptors than the 30, then there's plenty of room at Fort Greely to expand," the secretary said.

Gates called the Fort Greely system "immensely capable" but emphasized that it remains a system in development.



Missile Defense Leaders. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, right, stands with the leaders of the nation's Ground-based Midcourse Defense System, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Carroll, left, 49th Missile Defense Battalion commander, and Colonel Greg Bowen, 100th Missile Defense Brigade commander. The Secretary was at Fort Greely in June touring the Missile Defense Complex where the majority of the system's interceptors are based. Photo: Sergeant Jack W. Carlson III, 49th Missile Defense Battalion

The proposed fiscal 2010 budget provides robust funding to further develop and test the interceptors at Fort Greely and at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., he noted.

"As new interceptors with new capabilities that are more sophisticated are developed, we will put those into the silos and take the old interceptors out," he said. "This is not a static system, but something that is undergoing continuing improvement." ■



Media Interest. During a press conference at Fort Greely, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Alaska Senator Mark Begich talk to members of the media about the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System located on the Missile Defense Complex here. The two toured the 800-acre site, viewing an operational ground-based interceptor and meeting the Alaska Army National Guard Soldiers charged with operating and securing the missile defense system. Photo: Sergeant Jack W. Carlson III, 49th Missile Defense Battalion

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Alaska National Guardsman Named 2009 Alaska Distinguished Principal

By Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs

CAMP DENALI, Alaska ... An Alaska Air National Guardsman was named the 2009 Alaska Distinguished Principal by the Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals.

Major Roger LeBlanc, Alaska Air National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters deputy director of staff, was recently chosen for his outstanding leadership and commitment to improving opportunities for students, teachers and the community as a whole.

“Roger embodies the true strength of traditional Guardsmen in the Alaska National Guard,” said Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard. “His leadership and dedication in serving others is a testament to his character and the values we represent as Guardsmen.”

Principal at Fairview Elementary School in Anchorage, LeBlanc began his teaching career as a teacher at Wonder Park and Chester Valley elementary schools in 1995 after receiving a Master of Arts in teaching degree a year earlier. In 2001, he became principal of Mountain View Elementary School before moving on to Fairview in 2008.

“It means a lot to me to be recognized, but there were a lot of people who made this happen,” LeBlanc said. “It’s great to be honored, but the greater reward is being able to serve.”

LeBlanc’s distinction as an elementary school principal isn’t new. During the 2007-2008 school year, his school was chosen as one of two Title 1 distinguished schools in Alaska, and while at Mountain View Elementary, he led the school to seven consecutive years of academic improvement.

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— Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard

“Roger’s excellence as a school principal is reflected in the leadership he’s provided throughout his long and distinguished military career,” Campbell said.

Entering military service in 1979, LeBlanc joined the Alaska Air National Guard in 1992 after serving 12 years in the U.S. Air Force as an enlisted aircrew life support technician. In 1995, he attended officer training school and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Throughout the last 14 years, he’s held several important leadership roles, including commander of the 176th Services Flight at Kulis Air National Guard Base before joining the headquarters staff.

LeBlanc will receive his award at the 2009 National Distinguished Principal program in October in Washington, D.C. ■



Distinguished Principal. Major Roger LeBlanc, Alaska Air National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters deputy director of staff, is the 2009 Alaska Distinguished Principal. He was chosen by the Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals for his leadership and commitment to improving the opportunities for students, teachers and the community. He is the principal at Fairview Elementary School in Anchorage.

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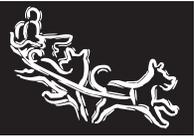
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Family Support

Psychological Health Program Kicks Off

By Kimberly Leary, Family Programs

CAMP DENALI, Alaska ... Family Programs is pleased to announce the beginning of the National Guard Bureau's Psychological Health Program within the Alaska National Guard.

Recently, we hired a full-time director of Psychological Health, with main offices in Camp Denali. The National Guard Psychological Health Program is a service that helps Guard members and their families cope when crises arise.

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Outstanding Volunteers. Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, left, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard; Brigadier General Randy Banez, center in uniform, assistant adjutant general – Space and Missile Defense; and Brigadier General Thomas H. Katkus, right in uniform, assistant adjutant general – Alaska Army National Guard; stand with the group of awardees recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Troop and Family Support Program at the award ceremony for state volunteers.

Troop and Family Support Program Recognizes Volunteers

Story and photo by Private First Class Michelle Brown, 134th Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP DENALI, Alaska ... Individual volunteers and organizations from across the state were recognized in April for their outstanding contributions to the Troop and Family Support Program.

The awards ceremony was held during the State Volunteer Workshop where 51 volunteers gathered to conduct training and to honor volunteer efforts throughout the previous year. Volunteers participated in team building and communication exercises, attended the Family Readiness Group Essentials Course, and received information on Web resources, Military OneSource and the Yellow Ribbon Program.

"Every year we bring in volunteers from across the state to thank them for everything that they have done," said Gia Simmons, a family readiness support assistant with the Troop and Family Support Program. "We also conduct training so they can be equipped with the most current resources to help service members and their families."

Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, addressed the volunteers and presented 14 awards from the Troop and Family Support Program.

"It's important that we recognize volunteers and show them how important their job is," Campbell said. "Without the efforts of these volunteers, we would not be able to accomplish our mission."

Three volunteers were recognized at the state level for their contributions to the Alaska National Guard. Karen Wallace, principal of Northern Lights ABC Elementary School in Anchorage, received the Community Supporter of the Year award. Shannon DeHaas, wife of Alaska Army National Guard Chief of Staff Colonel Timothy DeHaas, received the Volunteer of the Year award. Rich Owens, owner of Tastee Freez, received the Business Person of the Year award.

"Our mission is to get as many families involved as we can so they can experience the support and camaraderie that Family Support offers," Shannon DeHaas said. ■

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Supportive Community Members Tour Fort Greely

By Jamie Abordonado, ESGR

CAMP DENALI, Alaska ... Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve hosted a Fort Greely tour in May to supportive employers of Alaska National Guard and Reserve members, business representatives and State Representative Anna Fairclough.

The tour kicked off when the group boarded a C-23 Sherpa aircraft operated by the Alaska Army National Guard's 1/207th Aviation Battalion for the flight to Fort Greely. The tour group was able to experience first-hand the fixed-wing aviation mission of the Alaska Army National Guard.

Upon landing at Fort Greely, tour members were given a brief overview of the mission of the Alaska Army National Guard's 49th Missile Defense Battalion, which operates the fire direction center at Fort Greely and provides security for the missile sites.

The tour also gave the invited community members the opportunity to have lunch with Soldiers stationed at Fort Greely, allowing the visitors to ask questions and to thank the Guard members for their service.

Three of the employers on the tour currently employ Alaska National Guard or Reserve members at their businesses in Anchorage. Elaine Russell of Fred Meyer is one of those supportive employers along with 3-Way Electric's Lael Marlow, who is also a "My Boss is a Patriot" award recipient, and the International

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' Jay Quakenbush, who is an "Above and Beyond" award recipient.

These employers are proud to employ Guard and Reserve members, and they all emphasized that commitment in writing by signing a "Statement of Support" saying their businesses will continue to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and will express such pride by displaying their signed certificates in their business. Other participants included Sami Glascott, president of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce; Ed Herndon, CEO of Chugach Alaska Corporation; Dave Jensen, director of corporate development for Chenega; John MacKinnon, executive director of the Associated General Contractors of Alaska; and ESGR volunteers C.W. Floyd and John McAleenan.

The return to Anchorage was aboard a C-17 operated by the 249th Airlift Squadron of the Alaska Air National Guard. This gave the tour group the opportunity to see how Air Guard members are successfully running this prestigious airlift mission.

After arriving back in Anchorage, many on the tour commented how grateful they were for the opportunity to see our Alaska National Guard up close, and several people referred to this exciting day as a "once-in-a-lifetime event." ■



Fort Greely Tour Group. Left to right: Captain Jesse Schexnayder, 49th Missile Defense Battalion; Jeremy Thompson, Institute of the North; Dave Jensen, Chenega Corporation; Master Sergeant Jason Johnson, Family Programs; John MacKinnon, Associated General Contractors; Lael Marlow, 3-Way Electric; Eric Waterman, The Aleut Corporation; Elaine Russell, Fred Meyer; Representative Anna Fairclough; Ed Herndon, Chugach Alaska Corporation; John McAleenan, ESGR volunteer; C.W. Floyd, ESGR volunteer; Jay Quakenbush, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and Sami Glascott, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce. Photo: Courtesy of 49th Missile Defense Battalion



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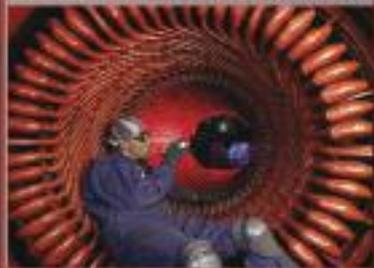


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Saluting New Leadership. Members of the Alaska State Defense Force salute their new commander, Colonel Roger Holl, during a change of command ceremony in May. There are about 300 members in the Alaska State Defense Force who drill on a monthly basis in communities across the state. 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. Photo: Major Guy Hayes, DMVA Public Affairs

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Warriors Training Schedule

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	Aug	Sept	Oct
Alaska National Guard			
Joint Forces Headquarters – Alaska (Air)	15-16	12	3-4
Joint Forces Headquarters – Alaska (Army)	7-9	19-20	16-18
Alaska Army National Guard			
297th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade	7-9	19-20	16-18
38th Troop Command	7-9	19-20	16-18
Alaska Air National Guard			
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Headquarters	8-9	12-13	10-11

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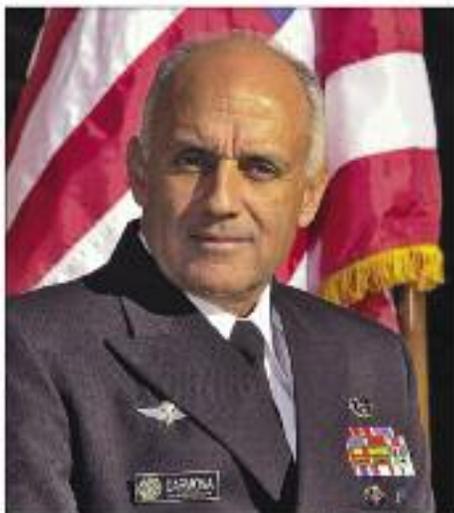
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