



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Alaska Army National Guard to welcome new commander

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska —The Alaska Army National Guard will welcome a new commander during a change of command ceremony March 22 at the Alaska National Guard armory on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

Col. Joseph Streff will take command of the Alaska Army National Guard during a special ceremony, taking the colors from Brig. Gen. Leon M. "Mike" Bridges, who has commanded the Alaska Army National Guard since January 2012 and will retire May 1.

Streff, a career National Guardsman, has served more than 27 years in the Alaska National Guard. He has served in a number of command and staff assignments, recently serving as the State Army Aviation officer, Aviation Battalion commander and Deputy United States Property and Fiscal officer. Streff also deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served in the Multi-National Corps as the lead planner for the Corps Air Operations section during "The Surge," in 2006.

What: Alaska Army National Guard change of command ceremony

When: **Sunday, March 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m.**

Where: Alaska National Guard armory on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

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Any media interested in attending the event should call the Alaska National Guard Public Affairs Office at 428-6031 to arrange for an escort on to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Plan to be at the JBER-Richardson gate no later than 1:20 p.m.