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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alaska National Guard

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Alaska Air National Guard Change of Command Ceremony

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Alaska Air National Guard will hold change of command ceremony here this Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

Col. Karen Mansfield is scheduled to assume command of the Alaska Air National Guard from Brig. Gen. Timothy O'Brien, who is retiring after 30 years of military service.

Mansfield will be returning to the Alaska National Guard, where she served from 2000 to 2010. She most recently served as the director of staff, Joint Forces Headquarters-Air, in Camp Murray, Washington.

As assistant adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard-Air, Joint Forces Headquarters, and commander of the Alaska Air National Guard, Col. Mansfield will ensure the training and equipping of more than 2,000 Alaska citizen airmen in two flying wings, here and at Eielson AFB near Fairbanks.

Brig. Gen. O'Brien has served as the A-TAG, Air, JFHQ and commander, Alaska Air National Guard since March 2013.

Both biographies are attached.

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Details:

What: Change of Command, assistant adjutant general, ANG and commander of Alaska ANG

When: **Sunday, April 19, 2014**

Where: Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson

Note: Media interested in attending the ceremony must call Lt. Col. Candis Olmstead's direct line at 907-428-6030 to RSVP *no later than 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18*. Please leave a message with name, affiliation, and cell number. Plan to meet at the Boniface gate visitor's center at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday for escort to the event. Both O'Brien and Mansfield will be available briefly after the event for interviews.

