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**DMVA Commissioner to host Governor's AMFAST Meeting Thursday**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Governor Bill Walker's Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team will meet Thursday, July 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Brig. Gen. Laurie Hummel, commissioner for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, will host and chair the meeting in the AKNG Armory on JBER.

AMFAST's mission is to provide recommendations to the governor on how best to retain and build on Alaska's current military force capability and to advocate for strategic plans it develops.

AMFAST was created in 2009 and consists of members representing the general public and the commissioner of DMVA. Public members serve at the pleasure of the governor and include Alaska community and business leaders and retired military general officers with experience in Alaska. DMVA provides administrative support. AMFAST produces an annual report each November to update the governor on progress toward AMFAST recommendations, assessment of present and future challenges, and recommended future actions.

Members of the public are invited to provide input to the team from 3 to 4 p.m. or may call in.

More information about AMFAST is found here: <http://gov.state.ak.us/admin-orders/273.html>.

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**What:** Meeting of the Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team

**When:** Thursday, July 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; *community input from 3 to 4 p.m.*

**Where:** Executive Conference Room, C-207, Alaska National Guard Armory, Building 49000, JBER, AK

**JBER ACCESS:** RSVP required: please contact James Jarrell at 428-6003 prior to 1:30 p.m. to ensure smooth access. Enter via the Fort Richardson Gate; take the Milepost 7 exit from the Glenn Highway and turn left at the top of the ramp. *Members of the public without military credentials in private vehicles should arrive by 2 p.m. to ensure security clearance in time for the community input period.* Transportation will be provided, leaving the gate at 2:30 p.m. and returning by 4:30 p.m.

**Teleconference:** (907) 428-6888. To call in for the public input and discussion period from 3 to 4 p.m., the access code will be available by 8:00 a.m. Thursday at <http://dmva.alaska.gov>.