



FOR May 4, 2016

Alaska National Guard hosts Alaska Native Cultural Day at the Alaska Heritage Center

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – Alaska National Guard members will participate in Alaska Native Cultural Day at the Alaska Heritage Center in Anchorage on May 4th, between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a special event for members of the Alaska National Guard and not open to the public.

Lt. Gov. Byron Mallot and Brig. Gen. (AK) Laurie Hummel, commander of the Alaska National Guard and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs commissioner, will share opening remarks at 9 a.m.

The event includes Alaska Native food samplings and dance performances, Alaska Native artists, cultural exhibits, and craft activities. There will also be a showing of the documentary, “Eye to Eye with Ivan and the Ice Curtain,” a historical account of Alaska Native Guardsmen during the Cold War.

This event was planned under the Equal Employment Opportunity Special Emphasis Program and the Department of Defense Special Observance Program. The Alaska National Guard’s Alaska Native Cultural Day also ties in well with one of Brig. Gen. (AK) Hummel’s priorities for the department, which is to increase engagement with Alaskan communities.

Media is invited to attend the event from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Who: Alaska National Guard

What: Alaska Native Cultural Day

Where: Alaska Heritage Center, 800 Heritage Center Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99504

When: Wednesday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Notes: Media interested in attending the ceremony must call Lt. Col. Candis Olmstead at 727-1972 to RSVP no later than 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4th. Please leave a message with name, affiliation, and cell number.