



**FOR July 28, 2016**

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## **Alaska National Guard Day celebrated with food, fun and safety activities**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — All current and former members of the Alaska Air National Guard and Alaska Army National Guard, along with their families and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs colleagues, will enjoy a lunch, safety briefing and a large variety of displays and activities on Thursday, July 28 to commemorate Alaska National Guard day.

The celebration begins with an optional 5K fun run at 9 a.m., with the rest of activities starting at 11 a.m. at the National Guard armory on JBER-Richardson.

The event includes military and historic displays, equipment demonstrations, a barbecue and chili cook-off, bounce house, face painting, and photo booth. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will have their Quake Cabin – an earthquake simulator – and will provide Responder Ready training to attendees.

The Alaska State Legislature passed an Act establishing July 30 each year as Alaska National Guard Day to honor the men and women of our Alaska National Guard for their tremendous bravery, sacrifice, and commitment to our communities, to our state, and to our nation.

This event is not open to the general public.

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### **Details:**

**What:** Alaska National Guard Day

**When:** Thursday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

**Note:** Media interested in attending must call and leave a message at 428-6030 to RSVP *no later than Wednesday, July 27 at 4 p.m.* Please leave a message with name, affiliation, and contact phone number. Plan to meet at the JBER-Richardson gate visitor's center at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, July 28 for escort to the event.