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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Alaska Air Guard will conduct a capabilities exercise in conjunction with annual family day

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – The Alaska Air National Guard's 176th Wing will conduct a capabilities exercise (CAPEX) Saturday, Aug. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

A CAPEX is performed to both demonstrate the proficiency of a military organization, as well as enhance confidence to the serviced communities.

As a part of this year's annual family day event, this particular CAPEX is intended to show wing members and their families what they contribute to and how it fits into the overall mission to support fellow Alaskans and our nation abroad.

The wing is planning an airborne jump by the 212th Rescue Squadron pararescuemen, a 210th Rescue Squadron HH-60 Pave Hawk training demonstration, and a mock aerial refueling demonstration with the 211th Rescue Squadron's HC-130 King aircraft and the Pave Hawk helicopter.

There is also a planned engine-running cargo off-load by the 176th Logistics Readiness Squadron — a maneuver practiced for fast delivery of goods in a deployed arena. A 144th Airlift Squadron C-130 Hercules aircraft is scheduled to be on display, along with mission support functions such as a 176th Civil Engineer fire department fire truck and a historical display of uniforms, patches and photos.

All details are subject to change pending mission, weather and other safety considerations.

This event is not open to the public.

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Details:

What: 176th Wing conducting capabilities exercise and hosting annual family day

When: **Saturday, Aug 6, 2016**

Where: JBER-Richardson

Note: Media interested in attending must call 907-552-3959 to RSVP *no later than 11:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 5*. Please leave a message with name, affiliation, and a contact number. Plan to meet at the *Richardson gate visitor's center at 1 p.m. on Saturday* for escort to the event. The wing commander or operations group commander will be available briefly after the event for interviews.