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Alaska Guardsmen to compete in Best Warrior Competition

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – Approximately 10 Alaska Army National Guard members are scheduled to compete in the 2017 Alaska Army National Guard's Best Warrior Competition here from September 7-10.

The Best Warrior Competition recognizes Soldiers who demonstrate commitment to the Army values, embody the Warrior Ethos, and represent the Force of the Future. The winners of the competition will earn the distinctions of Soldier of the Year and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, and will move on to compete in the National Guard's regional Best Warrior Competition.

Guardsmen will compete through a series of 15 events designed to test the physical and mental toughness of Soldiers. Events include an Army Physical Fitness Test, live-fire weapons ranges, casualty evacuation, day and night land navigation, an obstacle course, cross country run, written exams and several other events.

Media is invited to cover the cross country run event on Friday, September 9. The competitors are scheduled to be inserted into the event near Otter Lake on a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at around 7:30-8:00 a.m. Soldiers will run through the course and conduct various challenges, including navigating canoes across the lake.

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Who: Alaska Army National Guardsmen

What: Best Warrior Competition

Where: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

When: Confirmed media will meet for media escort at the JBER-Richardson gate on **Friday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 a.m.**

Notes: Media interested in attending the event must call Lt. Col. Candis Olmstead at 428-6031 to RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. Please leave a message with name, affiliation, and cell number.