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Alaska National Guard hosts professionalism and ethical fitness workshop

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The Alaska National Guard is hosting the 2018 Military Professionalism and Ethical Fitness Workshop for company grade officers today and tomorrow to provide guidance, support and training to key members of the organization.

The Alaska National Guard makes it a priority to shape and sustain a healthy culture and considers integrity, honor and professionalism essential to an ethically fit force. Good character, honest choices and a bold commitment to high standards is vital to the organization.

Junior level officers attending the conference were welcomed this morning by Chaplain, Col. Rick Koch and State Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Nelson. Maj. Gen. Laurie Hummel, adjutant general for the Alaska National Guard, addressed the group as well, sharing personal stories, lessons learned, and encouragement to those she refers to as the future of the force.

On Tuesday, participants will hear from Maj. Gen. Mark O'Neil, commander of U.S. Army Alaska, and Brig. Gen. Joseph Streff, commander of the Alaska Army National Guard—and will continue in learning sessions to aid them in developing action plans for their organization. They will also participate in small group discussions.

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Media Invitation:

What: Alaska National Guard 2018 Military Professionalism and Ethical Fitness Workshop

When: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018

Where: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Media interested in attending the ceremony must call 907-428-6030 to RSVP. Please leave a call-back number. Reporters will meet at the Boniface gate visitor's center at **12:15 p.m.**

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Col. Geoffrey Catlett, Center for the Army Profession and Ethics director, discusses what it means to be a profession with company grade officers and senior of noncommissioned officers in the Alaska National Guard during a Military Professionalism and Ethical Fitness Workshop on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 12, 2018.



Alaska National Guard Chaplain (Col.) Richard Koch, state command chaplain, welcomes company grade officers and senior of noncommissioned officers to the Military Professionalism and Ethical Fitness Workshop on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 12, 2018.



Sgt. Maj. Boris Bolanos, Center for the Army Profession and Ethics sergeant major, discusses the context for leader and character development with company grade officers and senior of noncommissioned officers in the Alaska National Guard during a Military Professionalism and Ethical Fitness Workshop on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Feb. 12, 2018.