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MEDIA ADVISORY
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Colonel Bryan White assumes command of the 168th Wing

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska – The 168th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard, will conduct an assumption of command ceremony for Col. Bryan White at Eielson Air Force Base on June 7 at 1 p.m.

White assumes command of the 168th Wing following more than three years as commander of the 168th Operations Group, Eielson Air Force Base. As 168th Operations Group commander, White was responsible for the 213th Space Warning Squadron, 168th Air Refueling Squadron, and the 168th Operations Support Squadron. His previous assignments include nearly 30 years of active and Guard component service.

White received a Bachelor of Business Administration and Management from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in 1984. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in November 1988 and received his commission upon graduation from Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in March 1989. White served as pilot, instructor pilot, and flight examiner at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, as well as at his next assignment at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, flying the C-130H Hercules. He separated from the active duty Air Force and joined the Alaska Air National Guard in October 1998. Following qualification training in the KC-135R Stratotanker, White served as a part-time, traditional drill status Guardsman and full-time in the Active Guard Reserve. He is a command pilot with over 5,000 flying hours, including more than 390 combat and combat support hours. White serves as a corporate president, as well as a director on several nonprofit boards.

The 168th Wing provides the U.S. Air Force the capabilities of global reach and vigilance through the combined operations of air refueling, missile warning and space surveillance.

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Details:

What: 168th Wing conducts Col. Bryan S. White's assumption of command

When: **Thursday, June 7, at 1 p.m.**

Where: 168th Maintenance Group Hangar, Building 1176 Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Media interested in attending the ceremony must call 907-377-8734 to RSVP. Please leave a call-back number. Reporters will meet at the Eielson AFB visitor's center at **12:15 p.m.**

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