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TO: Liz Clark, Senate Secretary
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FROM: Senator John Coghill, Senate Co-Chair *JBC*
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, House Co-Chair

SUBJECT: Joint Armed Services Commttee Meeting Notice

There will be a Joint Armed Services Committee on February 9, 2016 in the Senate Finance Room from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Agenda will included briefings from the following participants:

Lieutenant General Russel J. Handy, U.S. Air Force; Commander, Alaska Command,
U.S. Northern Command

Major General Bryan Owens, U.S. Army; Commanding General, U.S. Army Alaska

Commissioner Laurie Hummel, Col. (R) U.S. Army; Adjutant General, Alaska National
Guard and Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military & Veterans
Affairs.

Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel, U.S. Coast Guard; Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard
District.

The meeting will be:
+ TELECONFERENCED
- TESTIMONY <Invitation only>

If you have any questions, please call Senator Coghill's office at (907) 465-3719.



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



LIEUTENANT GENERAL RUSSELL J. HANDY

Lt. Gen. Russell J. Handy is Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. General Handy is the senior military officer in Alaska, responsible for the integration of all military activities in the Alaskan joint operations area, synchronizing the activities of more than 21,000 active-duty and reserve forces from all services. He is also responsible for the planning and execution of all Homeland Defense operations within the theater, including security and civil support actions. General Handy also commands Eleventh Air Force, overseeing the training and readiness of five wings and Air Force installations located in Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam.

As Commander of the Alaskan Region of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, General Handy directs operations to ensure effective surveillance, monitoring and defense of the region's airspace.



General Handy was commissioned in 1983 through Officer Training School after graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has held a variety of flying, staff and command assignments, including command of the 58th Fighter Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB; 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nevada; 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq and Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica. The general is a graduate of, and has been an instructor at, the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB. He has also served at North American Aerospace Defense Command as Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs, Peterson AFB, Colo., and as Director of Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs and Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

General Handy is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours, primarily in the F-15 and F-22A. He has participated in numerous combat operations and deployments, including operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Fox, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

EDUCATION

1982 Bachelor of Science, Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

1988 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1989 U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
 1995 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
 1995 Master of Science, Administration, Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, Mich.
 1996 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
 2003 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2003 Master of Science, Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1983 - April 1984, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. May 1984 - June 1984, student, fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. July 1984 - December 1984, student, F-15 conversion training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
4. January 1985 - December 1987, instructor pilot and assistant Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 44th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan
5. January 1988 - February 1988, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
6. March 1988 - July 1991, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, 71st Tactical Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
7. August 1991 - May 1994, instructor pilot, U.S. Air Force Weapons School; and flight safety officer, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
8. June 1994 - May 1995, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
9. June 1995 - May 1998, Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs; and Chief, Aerospace Missile Defense Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo.
10. June 1998 - June 2002, Commander, 58th Fighter Squadron; Chief of Safety, 33rd Fighter Wing; and Director of Operations, 60th Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.
11. July 2002 - June 2003, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
12. July 2003 - August 2005, Commander, 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
13. August 2005 - June 2006, Vice Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.
14. June 2006 - January 2008, Commander, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.
15. January 2008 - August 2010, Commander, 57th Wing, Nellis AFB, Nev.
16. August 2010 - December 2011, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, and Director, Air Component Coordination Element-Iraq
17. January 2012 - July 2013, Director, Operations, Plans, Requirements and Programs and Chief of Staff, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
18. August 2013 - present, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command; Commander, 11th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, Alaskan Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 - May 1998, Chief, Headquarters NORAD Advanced Programs; Chief, Aerospace Missile Defense Operations, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a major
2. August 2010 - December 2011, Commander, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Iraq, and Director, Air Component Coordination Element-Iraq, as a major general
3. August 2013 - present, Commander, Alaskan Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, Alaskan Northern American Aerospace Defense Region, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska., as a lieutenant general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,600 military primary flight hours

Primary major weapons systems: F-22A; F-15A/B/C/D/E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters

Distinguished Flying Cross

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 22, 1983
First Lieutenant April 22, 1985
Captain April 22, 1987
Major March 1, 1994
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 1998
Colonel July 11, 2003
Brigadier General Dec. 9, 2008
Major General Jan. 6, 2012
Lieutenant General Aug. 9, 2013

(Current as of October 2015)



Major General Bryan Owens

Commanding General, U.S. Army Alaska



Major General Bryan Owens assumed command of U.S. Army Alaska on July 10, 2015 following his assignment at European Command as Director, J3.

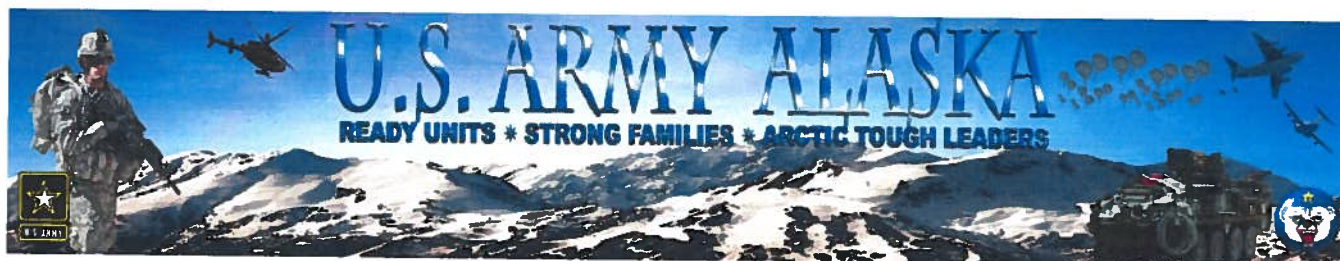
Prior to that, Major General Owens served as the DCOS OPS, HQ, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, the DCG OPS (South), 25 ID in Iraq, Commandant of the United States Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and he has also served as the Chief of Staff for the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry through the ROTC Program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1983 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. His formal education is consistent with that of a career Infantry Officer and includes a Master of Science Degree from Central Michigan University in 1995 and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College in 2004.

Major General Owens has commanded Airborne Infantry units at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. His service as a staff officer includes tours as a battalion XO and a S3/G-3 at battalion, brigade, and division levels along with joint tours in USEUCOM, USPACOM and The Joint Staff in the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Tours in West Berlin, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia/Iraq, Hawaii, Kosovo, and numerous stateside posts have afforded Major General Owens unique professional experiences and opportunities.

Duty in Operations JUST CAUSE, DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, JOINT GUARDIAN, AMERICAN ASSIST (New Orleans post hurricanes Katrina and Rita), and IRAQI FREEDOM three times have given Major General Owens experience in joint and combined operations and warfighting.

Major General Owens has earned numerous awards and decorations, to include the Combat Infantryman Badge (2d award), Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Legion of Merit (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Joint Service Commendation Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster).



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U.S. Army Alaska

Key Leaders



Commanding General	Major General Bryan Owens
Deputy Commander - Operations	Colonel M. A. Frank
Deputy Commander - Sustainment	Colonel Shawn E. Reed
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Terry D. Gardner

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

Commander	LTC John Gaivin
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Pamela Brown

4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Div.

Commander	Colonel Scott A. Green
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Frank Hacker

Fort Wainwright

1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Div.

Commander	COL Donn H. Hill
Command Sergeant Major	CSM David W. Bass

USARAK Aviation Task Force

Commander	COL Nicholas R. Snelson
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Kimberly Brown

Medical Activity Alaska (MEDDAC)

Commander	COL Dennis LeMaster
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Raymond Price

Dental Activity Alaska (DENTAC)

Commander	COL Simuel L. Jamison
Senior Dental NCO	MSG Brian Monroe

U.S. Army Garrison (Fort Wainwright)

Commander	COL Sean C. Williams
Command Sergeant Major	CSM Kevin M. King



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COL(R) LAURIE HUMMEL



The Adjutant General and Commissioner, Alaska DMVA

COL(R) Laurie Hummel is the Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard, and the Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. In 2012, she retired from a 30 year active duty Army career at the rank of colonel. Daughter of a career Army sergeant and a third generation Soldier, she graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1982, the third class to contain women. For over 20 years she worked in the fields of tactical, operational, and strategic intelligence: 6 years in the 18th Airborne Corps, as operations officer for the intelligence battalion closest to Korea's Demilitarized Zone, and as Chief of Operations Intelligence, Alaskan Command, at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

With the opportunity to study toward a doctorate degree, she returned to Alaska to research the effects of the huge military investment made throughout Alaska during the Cold War era. This project allowed her to travel around the State, measuring the economic, demographic, and cultural changes during that time. As a tenured professor by the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, she then taught cadets, led faculty, and developed curriculum at West Point. As a geographer with expertise in political demography and the geographical roots of terrorism, she was also a policy consultant to government agencies and other organizations. She was fortunate to join several missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom: first as an advisor for a program using social and environmental science to help commanders in the field better understand cultural conditions and make smarter decision; then twice she served as an advisor to the leaders of the new National Military Academy of Afghanistan.

Upon her retirement from active duty, she and her husband returned to Alaska. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Employment history:
CL-Homes, owner, 2012-present
U.S. Army, retired at Colonel, 1982-2012
Senior Advisor, National Military Academy of Afghanistan: NATO Training Mission - Afghanistan: 2010 & 2011-2012
Academy Professor and Geography Program Director, Dept. of Geography & Environmental Engineering, US Military Academy (West Point): 2006-2010
West Point Fellow to US Army War College, Carlisle, PA: 2005-2006
Academy Professor, Dept. of Geography & Environmental Engineering, US Military Academy (West Point): 2003-2005
Director of Operations Intelligence and Chief, Joint Intelligence Support Element, Alaskan Command (Elmendorf): 1996-2000
Director of Operations, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Republic of Korea: 1995-1996
Instructor; Assistant Professor, Dept. of Geography & Environmental Engineering, US Military Academy (West Point): 1991-1994
Company Commander; Intelligence Staff Officer; Human Resources Officer, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), Hunter Army Airfield, GA: 1986-1989
Chief of Intelligence Plans and Production; Tactical Intelligence Officer; Communications Platoon Leader, 24th Infantry Division, Ft. Stewart, GA: 1983-1986
Previous public offices held: None
Previous unsuccessful runs for office: One, 2014 AK State Legislature – Representative from Anchorage
Postsecondary education:
Ph.D., Geography: University of Colorado (2002)
M.S.S., Strategy: U.S. Army War College (2006)
M.Ed., Educational Leadership: UAA (1999)
M.S., Geography: Penn State (1991)
B.S., U.S. Military Academy (1982)
Military service: Colonel, U.S. Army, active duty, 1982-2012; Military Intelligence
Spouse's name: Chad
Children: Kayleigh & Michael, two grandchildren



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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel assumed the duties of Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District in June 2014. He is responsible for all Coast Guard operations throughout Alaska which include protecting life and property, enforcing federal laws and treaties, preserving living marine resources and promoting national security. The Coast Guard's forces in Alaska total more than 2,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, and employs 15 cutters, 52 boats, and 17 aircraft across an area of responsibility that includes portions of the North Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea. Headquartered in Juneau, the District Commander provides operationally ready maritime forces to Coast Guard and Department of Defense Commanders for Coast Guard, joint and interagency operations both domestically and internationally.



In his previous assignment, Rear Admiral Abel commanded the First Coast Guard District. Headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, he oversaw all Coast Guard operations across eight states in the Northeast encompassing more than 2,000 miles of coastline from the U.S.-Canadian border to New Jersey and 1,300 miles offshore.

Rear Admiral Abel's other assignments include Deputy Director of Operations for United States Northern Command. As the principal advisor to USNORTHCOM, Rear Admiral Abel provided leadership and counsel supporting strategic mission guidance; including homeland defense and security operations as well as defense support of civil authorities. As Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod, he oversaw all aviation support to the Coast Guard's First District. He acted as Project Manager for "Rescue 21," leading the replacement of the outdated distress notification and command, control and communications system along the nation's 95,000 miles of coastline. Prior staff tours include serving as the Coast Guard's Chief of Aviation Safety and as a Program Reviewer crafting and defending the service's budget.

Other operational tours include command of Air Station San Francisco, Operations Officer for Air Station Houston, Aviation Training Center standardization/instructor pilot for the H-65 Dolphin helicopter and his initial aviation tour as a search and rescue/law enforcement helicopter pilot in Miami.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, with High Honors, from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1983. He also served as valedictorian of the College of William and Mary's Master of Business Administration class of 1994. In 2005, he was a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) earning a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy. While at ICAF, Rear Admiral Abel completed the Department of Defense Senior Acquisition Corps syllabus, and subsequently earned his Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Program Manager Designation. He has earned qualifications in both the H-65 helicopter and the HU-25 jet. His initial officer tour was as a deck watch officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless homeported in Miami Beach.

Rear Admiral Abel's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legions of Merit, and two Meritorious Service Medals. Admiral Abel is also an Eagle Scout.