

## **Alaska National Guard Overarching Key Messages**

### **Public Affairs Guidance**

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### **Office of Complex Investigations and Implementation Planning Team messages**

1. We are making significant process, program, training and education changes in the Alaska National Guard to address the findings and recommendations in the OCI report.
2. We have corrected some issues addressed in the OCI report and have taken positive steps forward. For example, we have a new open door policy, a new provost marshal and refined equal opportunity measures among many other accomplishments. Working together, we will improve our professional culture and strengthen our operational missions.
3. Even when their physical presence is no longer required, the National Guard Bureau will continue to monitor and provide assistance to ensure support of the new AKNG leadership, so that they can take care of the AKNG Airmen and Soldiers and their mission.

### **Alaska National Guard people and missions messages**

1. The Alaska National Guard is a group of highly trained, dedicated Airmen and Soldiers who are working together for positive change in our organization.
2. There are nearly 4,000 Airmen and Soldiers in the Alaska Air and Army National Guard in communities throughout the state. We have Alaska Guardsmen who are currently deployed overseas; we respond to state emergencies when called; we perform rescue missions regularly; and we have valuable relationships with local, state and interagency partners.
3. Many Alaska Guardsmen are employed full-time in the local civilian workforce. In our military positions, some are electricians, mechanics, nurses, engineers, pilots, firefighters and more. We work in finance, human resources, supply, transportation, and a medical clinic, in addition to many other offices and shops. Guardsmen travel to support missions, we participate in exercises and train to be experts in our field, and we engage in events that support our local communities.

### **The Adjutant General's Vision**

The Alaska National Guard is a premier force; driven by core values; empowered by trust, dignity, respect; ready and relevant for service to the state and nation.

The Alaska National Guard is a military team where we are:

- Challenged by tough training.
- Treated with dignity and respect; and supported by one another in a safe, open and transparent workplace.
- Building ready, deployable warriors.
- Given meaningful work, and have a sense of accomplishment.
- Developing safe and resilient Soldiers and Airmen.
- Motivated to come back to work.