

Confirmation '92

Taylor

COLONEL KENNETH M. TAYLOR JR  
COMMANDER, ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Born in 1943 in Enid, Oklahoma, Colonel Taylor is the son of a career Air Force officer and spent his youth attending schools in England, Germany, and a variety of U. S. communities. In 1961, he graduated from Anchorage High School continuing his education at the College of Marin in Kentfield, California, than at the University of Oklahoma where he was granted a BA in Foreign Service in 1966.

Commissioned in the Air Force after completing the ROTC program at the University, he then entered USAF pilot training from which he graduated in 1967. His first duty assignment was a C-141 pilot at Travis AFB, California, followed in 1970 by a one year tour as an AC-119 gunship pilot in the Republic of Vietnam and then for a short time, as a C-123 pilot at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

Leaving the active Air Force in 1971, he immediately joined the Alaska Air National Guard serving as the Chief of Aircrew Standardization, Command Post Chief, 144th Tactical Airlift Squadron Operations Officer and Chief of Safety until May 1984. At that time, he became Deputy Commander for Operations serving as second in command of the 176th Tactical Airlift Group. In 1985, Colonel Taylor became the Deputy Commander for Resources for the same unit. During the summer of 1986, he was promoted to Colonel and reassigned to the Headquarters of the Alaska Air National Guard. In April 1988, he assumed command of the 176th Composite Group which had grown by then to well over one thousand members operating four types of aircraft performing air refueling, tactical airlift, and rescue missions. In September 1990 he moved to his current position as Commander of the Alaska Air National Guard, commanding two flying groups with over sixteen hundred members. One group is based at Kulis Air National Guard Base on the Anchorage International Airport and the other group at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks.

His awards and decorations include: The Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Alaska Commendation Medal, and a variety of campaign and service medals. He and his wife, Donna, have two children: Eric and Gretchen.

BACKGROUND PAPER  
PROMOTION OF THE COMMANDER  
FOR THE ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Headquarters, Alaska Air National Guard, has two general officer positions for its guard members: 1) Commander, Alaska Air National Guard; and 2) Assistant Adjutant General - Air. Colonel Kenneth M. Taylor, Jr., presently occupies the first position. Colonel Dan E. Dennis occupies the second position. The following information is provided to support the appointment of Colonel Taylor to the rank of Brigadier General in this position.

-- NOMINEE: COLONEL KENNETH M. TAYLOR JR.

-- MILITARY INFORMATION

— Twenty-five years total commissioned service, the last 20 of which have been spent in the Alaska Air National Guard.

-- Served as a C-141 and C-123 pilot with the United States Air Force

— Overseas veteran with tour of duty at Phan Rang AB, Republic of Viet Nam

— Assignments in the Alaska Air National Guard have included squadron commander, operations officer, command post chief, flight safety officer, deputy commander for operations, resource management director and Air Commander and Commander of the Alaska Air National Guard

— Extended the awareness of the mission and capability of the Alaska Air National Guard to other Pacific Air Force commands within the Pacific Rim. Force behind the growth of the Alaska Air National Guard. Responsible for the smooth acquisition of two new flying units

— EDUCATION

-- Bachelor of Arts Degree Foreign Service

-- Air War College

— PERSONAL INFORMATION

-- Date of Birth: 19 April 1943

— Alaska resident since 1958

-- Civilian occupation: Colonel Taylor has been employed as an Air Technician in various positions since 1971.

— Member of Anchorage Rotary, Alaska National Guard Officer's Association, and the National Guard Association of the United States.

— GENERAL COMMENTS

- Superior leader and organizer
- Tactful, cooperative; seeks opportunities to excel
- Meets weight standards, excels in military bearing and appearance

— ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR PROMOTION TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

- Appointment by the Governor to the State grade of Brigadier General
- Confirmation of the appointment by joint session of the Alaska State Legislature
- Federal appointment and recognition, including confirmation by the United States Senate.



# Alaska State Legislature

## SENATE

Official Business

P.O. Box V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

March 11, 1992

The Honorable Richard I. Eliason  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Eliason:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate State Affairs Committee reviewed the following with regard to legislative confirmation of the Governor's appointment to the position noted:

Alaska Air National Guard

Commander Alaska Air National Guard,  
Brigadier General Kenneth M. Taylor, Jr.

There was no stated objections to the confirmation of Brigadier General Kenneth M. Taylor, Jr. by committee members. This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against General Taylor during any further sessions for the purpose of considering confirmations.

Respectfully,

/s/ Pat Rodey  
Senator Rodey, Chair

/s/ Paul Pourchot  
Senator Pourchot

/s/ Jim Duncan  
Senator Duncan, Vice Chair

/s/ Bob Uehling  
Senator Uehling

/s/ Paul Fischer  
Senator Fischer



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15 December 1991

Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor  
State of Alaska  
P.O. Box A  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0101

Subject: Appointment of Kenneth M. Taylor Jr. to the Grade of  
Brigadier General

Dear Governor Hickel:

As you know, Colonel Kenneth M. Taylor Jr is Commander, Alaska Air National Guard, which is a traditional guard position in the Headquarters, Alaska Air National Guard. Colonel Taylor is an exceptional officer who has served the State of Alaska well in this capacity.

The authorized grade for this position is Brigadier General. The state constitution requires that all general officers be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature meeting in joint session. Accordingly, upon your approval, I will initiate Colonel Taylor's state promotion action and apply for federal recognition as soon thereafter as federal regulations permit.

Colonel Taylor's position as the Commander, Alaska Air National Guard, is federally funded and this promotion will have no effect upon that status. The federal Government will compensate Colonel Taylor for all military duty performed.

I have attached a draft letter from you to the Legislative leadership if you approve this action.

Sincerely,

HUGH L. COX III, Maj Gen, AK NG  
The Adjutant General

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3. Draft Letter

The Honorable Richard I. Eliason  
February 10, 1992  
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Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Robert E. Congdon - Anchorage  
Term began 7/23/91 expires 12/15/93

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

John Giuchici - Fairbanks  
Term began 10/10/91 expires 7/1/93  
Steve Hagedorn - Anchorage  
Term began 8/19/91 expires 7/1/93  
Don Koenigs - Petersburg  
Term began 8/20/91 expires 7/1/94  
Michael McKenna - Anchorage  
Term began 11/15/91 expires 7/1/94  
Robert W. Nestel - Eagle River  
Term began 8/14/91 expires 7/1/93  
Darrel F. Smith - Anchorage  
Original term began 8/19/88 reappointed 8/20/91  
expires 7/1/94  
Marc D. Stemp - Copper Center  
Term began 8/14/91 expires 7/1/94  
Jeffery A. Wertz - Anchorage  
Term began 8/20/91 expires 7/1/94

In accordance with AS 39.05.080 and Article III, Section 19, I submit the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted.

Alaska Air National Guard

Commander Alaska Air National Guard, Brigadier General Kenneth M. Taylor, Jr. - Anchorage.

The resumes for these appointments are attached.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

S/S Walter J. Hickel

Walter J. Hickel  
Governor