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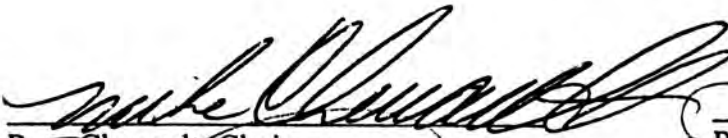
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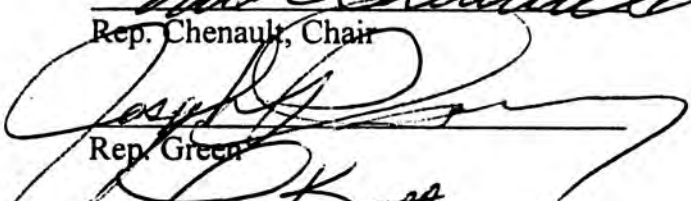
The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Speaker Porter:

The House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs has reviewed the qualifications of the following individual and recommends that his name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

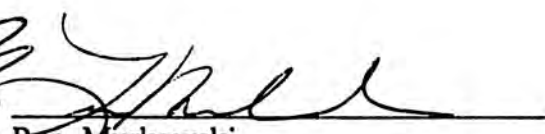
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Colonel Craig Noal Christensen - Fort Richardson


Rep. Chenault, Chair

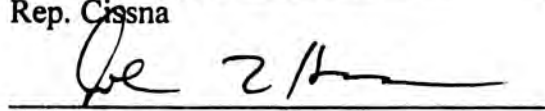

Rep. Green


Rep. Kott

Rep. Masek


Rep. Murkowski


Rep. Cissna


Rep. Hayes



**Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs
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AGENDA



April 3, 2001
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Judiciary Room 120

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Introductions
- IV. Governor's Appointments
Alaska Army National Guard - Brigadier General
- V. Next Meeting - No scheduled meetings until further notice
- VI. Adjournment



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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 28, 2001

To: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

From: Suzi Lowell *SL*
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointments

Speaker Porter referred the following Governor's appointment to the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs:

Alaska Army National Guard - Brigadier General
Colonel Craig Noal Christensen - Fort Richardson

The resume and committee report are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted

RESUME OF SERVICE CAREER
of
CRAIG NOAL CHRISTENSEN, Colonel (ARNGUS)

YEARS OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE: Over 23 years

TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE: Over 28 years

PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: Deputy STARC Commander, Alaska Army National Guard, Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505-5800, since July 2000

PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT: Commander, 207th Infantry Group (Scout), Alaska Army National Guard, Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505-5800

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

Personnel Management Specialist (71H)
Officer Candidate School
Armor Officer Basic Course
Armor Officer Advanced Course
United States Army Command and General Staff College
Inspector General Course
United States Army War College

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES:

1972 Alaska Methodist University – Political Science / History

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
<u>ARNG – Not on Active Duty</u>		
Sep 72	Feb 77	Enlisted Service
Feb 77	May 77	Support Platoon Leader, HHC 5 th Battalion (Arctic Recon), 297 th Infantry, Anchorage, Alaska
May 77	Jan 79	Commander, HHC, 5 th Battalion (arctic Recon), 297 th Infantry, Anchorage, Alaska

CRAIG NOAL CHRISTENSEN, Colonel (ARNGUS)

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
<u>USAR – Not on Active Duty</u>		
Jan 79	Dec 81	S-1, 813 th Engineer Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Dec 81	May 82	Force Development Officer, USAR Control Group, Fort Richardson, Alaska
<u>ARNG – Not on Active Duty</u>		
May 82	Sep 84	Logistics Officer, HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Sep 84	Aug 85	Operations Officer, HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Aug 85	Dec 86	Liaison Officer, HHC, 207 th Infantry Group (Scout), Fort Richardson, Alaska
Dec 86	Jun 88	Force Development Officer (DPTM), HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Jun 88	Dec 88	Commander, Company A, 5 th Battalion (Arctic Recon), 297 th Infantry, Anchorage, Alaska
<u>ARNG-AGR</u>		
Dec 88	Apr 89	Mobilization Officer, (DPTM) HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Apr 89	Jun 91	Assistant Inspector General, HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
<u>ARNG – Not on Active Duty</u>		
Jun 91	Mar 94	Chief, Plans, Operations and Military Support Office, HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Mar 94	Sep 94	Commander, 5 th Battalion (Arctic Recon) 297 th Infantry, Fort Richardson, Alaska (BN inactivated 30 Sep 94)

CRAIG NOAL CHRISTENSEN, Colonel (ARNGUS)

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
<u>ARNG – Not on Active Duty</u>		
Oct 94	Apr 95	Deputy Director -Plans, Training, Mobilization (DPTM/G-3) (Overstrength), HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Apr 95	Nov 95	Director –Plans, Training, Mobilization (DPTM/G-3) HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Nov 95	Jun 97	Director –Personnel and Administration (DPA/G-1) HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Jun 97	Aug 98	Deputy Commander, Alaska Army National Guard, HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Aug 98	Jul 00	Chief of Staff, Alaska Army National Guard, HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska
Jul 00	Present	Deputy STARC Commander, Alaska Army National Guard, HQ State Area Command-AK, Fort Richardson, Alaska

PROMOTIONS

DATES OF APPOINTMENT

	<u>Component</u>	<u>Date</u>
2LT	ARNG	25 Feb 77
1LT	ARNG	9 May 78
CPT	USAR	15 Aug 81
MAJ	ARNG	17 Dec 86
LTC	ARNG	19 Nov 91
COL	ARNG	15 Nov 96

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES:

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

SOURCE OF COMMISSION: OCS, 25 Feb 77

CRAIG NOAL CHRISTENSEN, Colonel (ARNGUS)

ADDENDUM TO RESUME OF SERVICE CAREER

CURRENT OCCUPATION Command Administrative Officer (GS-15)
Alaska Army National Guard Chief of Staff

NATURE, SCOPE AND EXTENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Function as the state's senior federal full-time Army National Guard management official and serves as the principal executive assistant and advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General-Army. Manages and directs the administration, coordination, planning, development, execution and supervision of all AK ARNG programs. Responsible for the daily operations, logistics, and resourcing applicable to programs such as Army Aviation; Military Personnel and Administration; Plans, Operations and Training; Military Support to Civil Authorities; Mobilization and Readiness; Logistical Readiness; Surface and Aviation Maintenance; Information Management; Safety, Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene; Construction and Facilities Management; Major Training Areas; regional training academy, and other functional areas as designated. Coordinates with local, State and Federal military and civilian officials regarding AK ARNG issues.

Russians Concealing Strategic Military Build-Up

The once great Russian bear is hardly hibernating as it rebuilds its military.

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT

BY MIKE BLAIR

The Russians have been carefully nurturing the misconception that their military forces and equipment are falling apart, but recent accounts tell a different tale.

The Kremlin has been attempting to convince America and the rest of the West that its active army now numbers less than 400,000 men, but U.S. intelligence agencies have found various indicators that do not support this.

According to a report published in *Military* magazine, American intelligence has determined that the Russian Order of Battle shows its army has about 1,500 active duty generals. This means, if Russian claims of a 400,000-man army are true, its army has approximately 267 men serving under each of its generals.

Also, the Russian army maintains a roster of 27,000 active duty officers of the rank of colonel, which would mean that it would have one colonel for every eight soldiers.

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The Establishment news media has portrayed the Russian Navy as consisting of aging, rusting hulks of decades-old ships.

Nothing, however, has been reported outside of military journals that the Russian Navy just launched a new and powerful submarine that they have named *Gepard*, which means "Leopard" in English.

The Russians have also come up with a new torpedo that can travel an incredible 230 miles per hour underwater.

American torpedoes travel at about 45 miles per hour.

The new torpedo is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead directly to America's latest aircraft carrier, *U.S.S. Ronald Reagan*.

Russians have also developed a new anti-ship cruise missile called the Klub, which Kremlin military leaders boast is capable of penetrating the defensive screen of a U.S. carrier battle group.

Klub missiles are aboard the *Gepard* and other front-line Russian submarines, as well as submarines that the Russians are currently selling to the Chinese.

One Russian submarine, according to *Military*, recently launched a new ballistic missile close to the coast of Alaska, landing down-range in the southern Pacific, making the point that the Russian Navy is hardly asleep.

U.S. intelligence experts warn that Russia is building up its ground mobile nuclear forces, which are difficult to detect and destroy because they are usually kept moving from one site to another.

Some Russian scientists warn that the Russians may be using U.S. aid to develop new chemical and biological weapons.

The Russian Air Force is also wide awake and alert, now being equipped with new aircraft and weapons, most of which are equal to what the West maintains.

Moscow has reportedly deployed several of its TU-95 strategic long-range bombers at bases in eastern Siberia, at Anadyr in the Bering Sea and Tiksi Air base on the Laptev Sea.

The TU-95, known by the NATO designation "Bear," is one of the Russian Air Force's primary launching platforms for multiple warhead nuclear cruise missiles.

The deployment of the bombers, which can easily reach Alaskan shores, comes in the wake of Russian SU-24 fighters "buzzing" the U.S. carrier *Kitty Hawk* on two different occasions while it was refueling in the Sea of Japan.

Do the Russians still have hostile designs on the West?

In any case, it is becoming clear that the Russian bear is still capable of roaming far beyond the confines of its cave.