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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. <mtully@1888law4life.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2014 7:23 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Unlawful activity report to the Governor
Attachments: Authorization Request - Hutchison.pdf; Authorization Request - Wood.pdf
Importance: High

Executive Summary: This email puts the Governor's office on notice of allegations of unlawful access by the Alaska National Guard to confidential police rape reports that contain intimate details about **civilians with no military affiliation**. This secret National Guard program used federal funds to help state official's access confidential police files that they normally would have been unable to access without a Court order or statutory authority. It has been in place for years and apparently to me with the consent and/or knowledge of Major General Katkus and other senior leaders. **This program likely violates the constitutional rights of civilian sex crime victims and other civilians who gave statements in criminal matters who had no clue their confidential police reports/statements were being widely distributed within the National Guard.**

Your and the Governor's immediate attention to this matter is requested.

Mike,

I am an Attorney in Washington DC who has been retained by a member of the Alaska National Guard who wishes to disclose gross misconduct to the Governor (via you) and likely commence a lawsuit against numerous officials who have engaged in constitutional rights violations. MG Katkus is fully aware of this situation and has been for some time but apparently has failed to take action so that is why I am escalating this to you (and the Governor). This email will likely be introduced as evidence of notification of the Governor of these serious allegations as such I am requesting a return email confirming receipt of this email.

My client loves the National Guard and doesn't want to bring it shame but feels he is being victimized in retaliation for his prior unwillingness to perjure himself during the National Guard Sex Scandal witch-hunts (those allegations will be saved for another day). My client is eager to quickly settle his dispute with the National Guard for a mutual confidentiality agreement & no money just assurances he will be left alone till he can retire; a settlement that should be a no brainer for the State given the breadth and depth of corruption we are aware of.

Please consider this email a formal report of misconduct by members of the Alaska National Guard to the Governor/Commander in Chief.

On or about 10 June 2014, I received from an Alaska National Guard Official a confidential police report that as I understand Alaska Law (I am not an Alaskan attorney) should not have been in the hands of anybody who was not a sworn law enforcement officer or otherwise entitled by State Statute to possess it (See AS 12.62.160 and Alaska Code 13 AAC 68.320). This report was contained in a federal administrative file of all places, available for thousands of federal employees to access and read without restrictions. The Anchorage Police Department [REDACTED] shocked the conscience of my law firm employees who read it. [REDACTED]

vagina). Even more shocking is this report was widely distributed amongst the highest levels of the Alaska National Guard in addition to countless others at low and mid-levels within the Alaska National Guard who saw nothing wrong with it being attached to federal administrative records without [REDACTED] consent or knowledge. This report should have been safeguarded from public records and Alaska National Guard possession because #1 it contained the most confidential/private of details [REDACTED] #2 it contained information on police policy and procedures for [REDACTED] and #3 the allegations were later deemed by the police department to be “unprovable” after an extensive criminal investigation involving numerous civilian police officials; thus the alleged suspect should not be subject to vigilantism by others (in this case vigilantism by the Alaska National Guard), the very reasons for the laws that keep these records secret (See Alaska Statute 12.62.005 which states the intent of the law to limit access to police records that did not result in an arrest is to “protects victims of crime, allows the proper administration of justice, and avoids vigilantism”)

As you can see from the attached documents, the National Guard has secretly been able to access confidential police files on civilians with no military affiliation without being a “criminal justice agency” as defined by AS 12.62.900 or engaging in “criminal justice activities” as defined by AS 12.62.900. Nor does any law specifically allow the two named Alaska National Guard officials to have access to [REDACTED] that did not result in an arrest (interestingly to me these people claim a right to police files because they are “responsible for coordinating with and providing advice to Commanders regarding disciplinary actions” – guess what? How many other government entities have people who provide “advice” to decision makers about administrative disciplinary actions? This is a slippery slope - why aren’t the people who work in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities who advise low level managers on administrative disciplinary actions given access to these confidential police reports? (probably because such conduct is illegal? But again what do I know? I am not an Alaska Attorney). The attached documents are shocking in their sheer boldness, while the National Guard concedes they can have access to public records (i.e. Court documents etc); they want exactly what the law doesn’t allow them, “police reports provide us with essential elements of offenses to determine the severity of those offenses, as well as witness statements” (quoting from the attached).

The attached documents show that the Anchorage Police in apparent contradiction of early statements from your administration about the original Alaska National Guard sex scandal and how hard it was to obtain evidence has given the National Guard unrestricted access to its records and has been far from uncooperative – if anything they are complicit in the Constitutional rights deprivations of civilians. Furthermore, the attached documents show that the Alaska National Guard did not hide the reason for wanting to obtain these confidential records – they wanted them to engage in vigilantism (i.e. administrative disciplinary action even when the Police didn’t make an arrest)!!

Based on these allegations, I would like to know when the Governor first got briefed on the secret National Guard program to access [REDACTED] on civilians without the victim’s consent? Why didn’t he object to this outrageous invasion of privacy for the civilian victim and other civilians who provided “witness statements” thinking these records would be confidential?

Why wasn’t the Governor not shocked that hundreds of National Guard folks were able to read [REDACTED] without MG Katkus and other key leaders putting any type of internal controls on their distribution?

Why has the Governor not demanded the resignation of MG Katkus, [BOI/PR/LE/FPA], and the State Judge Advocate (amongst many other senior National Guard officials) who knew or should have known about this program for months if not years but did nothing to stop/end it? Is it because the Governor ultimately approved of this secret plan? Does the Governor, given these allegations, still have trust and confidence in the judgment, integrity, and wisdom of MG Katkus and [BOI/PR/LE/FPA]?

Does the Governor believe that the Alaska National Guard Staff Judge Advocate's Office (i.e. Alaska lawyers who work for your National Guard) acted appropriately in requesting, possessing, and then unrestricted distributing confidential police reports that it apparently had no lawful authority to obtain, possess, or distribute? Has the Governor referred any allegations to the Alaska Bar Association or other Attorney Licensing Agency for investigation?

How many police reports did the National Guard obtain under this secret program? Will the Governor order new investigations into every case that obtained evidence from the "fruits of the poisonous tree" (i.e. from this secret program)? Will the Governor punish those within the Alaska National Guard who improperly used these confidential police reports?

I am totally stunned by the conduct of your senior National Guard leaders, their lack of respect to [REDACTED], to allow [REDACTED] to be so freely distributed is sickening to every female who I tell this fact pattern too...when this matter hits the media, it will undermine the trust that [REDACTED] have with civilian law enforcement as these victims/witnesses will worry if their most intimate secrets will be laughed at in the local National Guard Armory. It will also bring great discredit upon the National Guard and its Commander in Chief for either allowing it to happen or being asleep at the wheel when it was happening. Right now all fingers appear to point to the Governor and his lack of leadership for keeping Katkus (a former APD official – was Katkus personally involved in setting up this program using his relationship with his former subordinates to do an end run around the law?) and his team in place for years while this secret obtaining of confidential police reports on [REDACTED] occurred. Why? What changes do you plan to make to fix this problem? Are you going to immediately end this program? If not, you are approving of this program – in either case it is a political issue for September/October/November to be sure!

I eagerly await your responses.

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OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
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December 20, 2012

HQ Alaska National Guard
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Fort Richardson, AK 99505-5800

Sue Cain
Anchorage Police Department
Records Section

RE: Request Authorization to Receive Police Reports

Dear Ms. Cain:

Per our conversation this morning, I am requesting authorization to receive police reports from the Anchorage Police Department, as our office is responsible for coordinating with and providing advice to Commanders regarding disciplinary actions against soldiers and airmen who become involved with civilian criminal issues. Though we are able to obtain court documents including complaints and judgments; police reports provide us with essential elements of offenses to determine the severity of those offenses, as well as witness statements.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at this email, alan.s.hutchison.mil@mail.mil, or call me at 428-6021. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

ALAN S. HUTCHISON, MSgt, AKANG
Law Office Superintendent



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RE: Request Authorization to Receive Police Reports

Dear Ms. Cain:

I am requesting that another paralegal within the Alaska National Guard receive authorization to receive police reports from the Anchorage Police Department. Her information is as follows:

SSG Lina M. Wood
lina.m.wood3.mil@mail.mil
SSN [REDACTED] BOI/PR
DOB [REDACTED] BOI/PR

SSG Wood's office is correlated with a command section which directly oversees disciplinary actions against soldiers within their unit who become involved with civilian criminal matters, and it would be more efficient for her to be able to obtain police reports directly. And again, though we are able to obtain court documents including complaints and judgments, police reports provide us with essential elements of offenses to determine the severity of those offenses, as well as witness statements. If you approve of SSG Wood's access, I can pass on the email address to her for submission of requests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at this email, alan.s.hutchison.mil@mail.mil, or call me at 428-6021. Thank you for your assistance.

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Cc: Alaska National Guard's Adjutant General to Retire

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Attachments:



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The retirement ceremony will be held on Ft. Richardson in the Alaska National Guard Armory at 2:00 p.m.

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What: Retirement Ceremony
Where: Alaska National Guard Armory, Ft Richardson, Alaska
When: 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2009

Any media interested in attending the retirement ceremony should call 428-6030 to arrange for an escort on to Ft Richardson from the main gate at 1:20 p.m.

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Press Release

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL (ALASKA) CRAIG E. CAMPBELL



Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell is the adjutant general for the State of Alaska, also serving as the commander of the Alaska National Guard and the commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He is responsible to provide Army and Air National Guard military forces, a State Defense Force, and a Navy Militia that are fully prepared to protect Alaska from any threat, disaster, or emergency. He is also responsible to ensure that Alaska's National Guard forces are ready to deploy worldwide and accomplish military missions in support of the national defense strategy. As adjutant general and commissioner for the State of Alaska, he is responsible for emergency services, homeland security, veteran affairs, a Counter-Drug Support Team, a Civil Support Team, and a Youth Challenge Program.

Lieutenant General (Alaska) Campbell received his commission in 1974 after graduating from the Reserve Officer Training Program at the University of Tulsa, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree. Upon completion of the basic Air Traffic Control Officer Program, he was assigned to Travis Air Force Base, where he received certifications in both the air traffic control tower and radar approach control operations. His subsequent assignments included numerous operational and staff positions in air traffic control at K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Elmendorf Air Force Base. He joined the California Air National Guard in 1981 as the Chief Air Traffic Control Operations Officer, 234th Combat Communications Squadron, Hayward Air National Guard Base. In 1990, he was selected as Commander, 168th Resource Management Squadron, Alaska Air National Guard, Eielson Air Force Base. His career with the Alaska Air National Guard includes extensive accomplishments, including development of the Alaska Air National Guard 1998 Long Range Plan which was used as the basis for the 2004 Alaska Air National Guard Transformation Plan. Following graduation from Naval War College in 1999, he served as the Executive Support Staff Officer, Alaska Air National Guard until being selected in 2000 as the Vice Commander, 168th Air Refueling Wing, a position he held until 2003. On 3 January 2003, he was selected to serve as the adjutant general of Alaska and Commissioner of the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs. On 1 December 2006, he was reappointed by Governor Sarah Palin.

Lieutenant General (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell

EDUCATION:

1974 Bachelor of Science in Political Science, University of Tulsa, Oklahoma
1979 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
1981 Master of Public Administration, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California
1985 Federal Aviation Administration Land Use Compatibility Course, Georgia Tech University, Atlanta, Georgia
1995 Air Command and Staff College by seminar
1997 Air War College by seminar
1999 Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. April 1975 - September 1975, student, Air Traffic Control Officers Training Course, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi
2. September 1975 - September 1976, Air Traffic Control Operations, 1901st Communications Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, California
3. September 1976 - September 1979, chief, Radar Approach Control, 2001st Communications Squadron, K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan
4. September 1979 - May 1981, chief, ATC Operations, 391st Communications Group, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California
5. May 1981 - November 1984, chief, Air Traffic Operations, 1901st Communications Group, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska
6. November 1984 - November 1991, chief, ATC Operations, 234th Combat Communications Squadron, Hayward Air National Guard Base, California
7. November 1991 - October 1992, commander, 168th Resource Management Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
8. October 1992 - March 1997, commander, 168th Logistics Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
9. March 1997 - August 1999, chief, Long Range Planning, Alaska Air National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska
10. August 1999 - September 2000, executive support staff officer, Alaska Air National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska
11. September 2000 - January 2003, vice commander, 168th Air Refueling Wing, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
12. January 2003 - Present, adjutant general of Alaska, Fort Richardson, Alaska

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two devices
Air Force Commendation Medal with one device
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Medal with five devices

Air Reserve Forces Service Medal
Alaska Distinguished Service Medal
Alaska Commendation Medal
California Medal of Merit

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant June 4, 1974
First Lieutenant December 5, 1976
Captain January 1, 1979
Major June 2, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel June 5, 1995
Colonel March 30, 2000
Brigadier General February 6, 2004
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Subject: Alaska National Guard Adjutant General Retires --Photos and Cutlines

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Alaska National Guard Adjutant General Retires

Cutlines:

Campbell1:

Air Force Pacific Commander Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler, left, presents Lt. Gen. (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard, with the Alaska Legion of Merit during Campbell's retirement ceremony at Camp Denali, Alaska July 31. Campbell has been the adjutant general of Alaska since 2003. He was sworn in as a temporary substitute lieutenant governor July 26 and is expected to be confirmed by the Alaska legislature during a special session August 10. Photo by 1st Lt. Amy B. Slinker, 134th Public Affairs Detachment

Campbell2:

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Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 7:55 AM
To: Sullivan, Daniel S (LAW); Gallagher, Gerald L (GOV)
Subject: RE: Final Transition Action Items

I will get together with the Governor on naming a new second in line tomorrow

The Adjutant General replacement we are working on. We will be going out with a recruitment notice so to speak the beginning of next week.

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Mike and Jerry: Seems like the special session went off well. Congrats. We have pretty much gotten through the transition checklist we put together to track events to make sure there was a seamless transition from Gov Palin to Gov Parnell. Just a reminder – there are two more action items on the list:

- (1) Governor Parnell must submit a new second-in-line (i.e., successor to the lieutenant gov) per AS 44.19.040
- (2) Governor Parnell must appoint a new adjutant general / DMVA commissioner

None of these are urgent. The most important one in my view is submitting a nomination for a new second in line position, just to ensure that we do not have any succession gaps in the event of some kind of tragedy or unforeseen event. The confirmation of this person would take place during the regular session, but we still believe for transition purposes it is important to have someone nominated soon.

Thanks,
Dan

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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Moller, John (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Katkus, Tom BG NGAK (DMVA Sponsored)
Subject: FW: INITIAL NOTIFICATION: SPC [BOI/PR] - VSI Casualty Report, [B...]
IBCT Soldier (UNCLASSIFIED)
Attachments: O'Donnell, Scott A CW5 MIL NG ORARNG.vcf
Importance: High

Sirs, an Alaska Army National Guard member who temporarily transferred to the [BOI/PR/...] Army National Guard for this specific deployment to Iraq has been injured by an IED. [BOI/PR/FPA]

We will provide more information as we are notified.
Thank you,
McHugh

----- Original Message -----

From: O'Donnell, Scott A CW5 MIL NG ORARNG
To: 'danny.santos@state.or.us' <danny.santos@state.or.us>; Evans, Paul STATE; Rees, Raymond F MG MIL NG ORARNG
Cc: Barto, Joseph A SSG MIL NG ORARNG; Bomar, Stephen S CPT MIL NG ORARNG; Bond, Donald F COL (Ret) NG ORARNG; Brady, Mark A CIV MIL NG ORARNG; Caldwell, Mike; Clevenger, Dustin S SGT MIL NG ORARNG; Conley, Brunk W CSM MIL NG ORARNG; Dalton, Mark M SFC MIL NG ORARNG; Disney, Paul R COL MIL NG ORARNG; Elfering, William SGM MIL NG ORARNG; Enyeart, David B BG MIL NG ORARNG; Fernandez, Gregory CPT MIL NG ORARNG; Fristad, Kay; Garren, Laura LTC MIL NG ORARNG; Gates, Steven C SGM MIL NG ORARNG; Gill, Tracy Ann CIV NG ORARNG; Hawley, Joel C CPT MIL NG ORARNG; Hokanson, Daniel R COL MIL NG ORARNG; Joint Operations Center OR-ARNG; Kochosky, Michelle J CIV NG ORARNG; Kotz, Dominic L MAJ MIL NG ORARNG; McGinley, Gail COL MIL NG ORARNG; Mote, Martin K LTC MIL NG ORARNG; Mouw, Robert J COL MIL NG ORARNG; 'Ms. Annmarie Housley * Governor's Office' <Annmarie.Housley@state.or.us>; Murgo, Rudolph M LTC MIL NG ORARNG; O'Donnell, Scott A CW5 MIL NG ORARNG; 'Payton, Amy C CPT 41 IBCT Asst S1' <amy.payton1@iraq.centcom.mil>; Poppleton, David E COL MIL NG ORARNG; Prunk, Bruce; Richards, James R SGM MIL NG ORARNG; Schutz, William J COL MIL NG ORARNG; Tenney, Felicia CIV NG ORARNG; Treat, Ramona M CPT MIL NG ORARNG; Verdecchia, Maryalicia A CPT MIL NG ORARNG; Yriarte, Charles BG MIL NG ORARNG; DeLint, Danielle M MAJ MIL NG ORARNG; 'melvin.newson@us.army.mil' <melvin.newson@us.army.mil>
Sent: Wed Aug 12 22:00:37 2009
Subject: INITIAL NOTIFICATION: SPC [BOI/PR/FPA] - VSI Casualty Report, [B...] IBCT Soldier (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

All Concerned,

The [BOI/PR/...] JOC received notification from CPT Amy Payton, 41 IBCT, [BOI/PR/...] with regards to SPC [BOI/PR/FPA] [BOI/P...] who was wounded during an IED blast. SPC [BOI/P...] is assigned to [BOI/PR/FPA]

[BOI/PR/FPA]

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Soldiers Primary Next of Kin:

Spouse: BOI/PR/FPA

Mother: BOI/PR/FPA

Father: BOI/P... BOI/PR/FPA

Further updates on SPC BOI/P...s status will be provided as received.

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Subject: Re: update: injured guard soldier from Alaska

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Attachments: Adjutant General recruitment (2).doc

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Subject: Khaan Quest CPX 2009
Attachments: KQ2009_CPX (3).doc; CPX1.JPG; CPX2.JPG; CPX3.JPG; CPX4.JPG



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The Alaska National Guard's annual involvement in the exercise is driven by the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program, which pairs the Alaska Guard with Mongolian forces. This was the first time the U.S. Marines' 1st Tank Battalion participated in Khaan Quest, according to commander Lt. Col. Tom Gordon.

"It's been a remarkable experience and a great opportunity for the Marine Corps to deploy and visit a country that most Americans will never have the opportunity to see," Gordon said. "We've built partnerships with our Mongolian counterparts and friendships that I'm sure will endure."

Training in battalion staff level operations during the command post exercise supports the Mongolian defense reform program's goal to establish and globally deploy battalion assets in peacekeeping operations in accordance with NATO standards. As the Mongolian and U.S. participants worked together side-by-side, they developed cohesive battalion-level mission plans.

Col. Ontsgoibayar Lkhamgii, commander of the 150th Peace Security Battalion, said the training was beneficial as his unit transitions to the NATO style of unit operations.

"This is just a taste of how a battalion staff functions," Lkhamgii said. "We look forward to using the troop leading procedures we've learned and applying this expertise in future training."

Alaska National Guardsman Lt. Col. Simon Brown, an operations officer from 38th Troop Command based at Ft. Richardson, served as one of the U.S. battalion commanders in the exercise. Brown explained that while the U.S. participants offered insight on battalion staff planning and operations, their Mongolian counterparts shared expertise in peacekeeping operations.

"It's been an exchange of ideas. We've trained the Mongolians on the military decision-making process, and shown them how to analyze a mission and then direct an operations order," Brown said.

Scenarios were based on U.N. peace support missions such as convoy operations, cordon and search operations, and establishing checkpoints and food distribution sites. U.S. and Mongolian battalion staff officers and non-commissioned officers would respond to scenarios by developing and writing mission operations orders. They would then send those orders to integrated ground troops who would execute the mission using a virtual simulation program.

Contractors from the San Diego-based company, Cubic Applications, coordinated simulation support, scenario design and small network infrastructure to support the exercise. The controllers operated the simulation program, Virtual Battlefield Simulation II, which would appear on laptops the ground troops would operate in rooms separated from the command cells.

William Vallandingham works for Cubic Applications contracted through the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan. He was the lead designer of the command post exercise.

“The virtual simulation program provides a cinematic view of operations,” Vallandingham said. “The story unfolds on screen so participants are responsive and engaged.”

Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Gansukh Erkhembayar had used a virtual simulation program in previous training and was excited about the opportunity to once again train in a virtual environment.

“All soldiers should use this program before a mission,” said Erkhembayar. “It is very good training.”

While the focus of the command post exercise is operational training, fostering relationships at all ranks is the underlying theme of the exercise.

Capt. Travis Carlson, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division said that besides training together, the participants spend their free time getting to know each other and sharing experiences at evening cultural events at the training area. Carlson’s counterpart was Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Munkh-Od Binderya. Together they served as logistics officers in the battalion staff.

“We’ll see these guys again. The world that we’re in today, I wouldn’t be surprised if I bumped in to him [Binderya] somewhere through a joint partnership in another country,” Carlson said. “This makes it easier to work together somewhere else.”

Khaan Quest 2009 will continue at the Five Hills Training Area, Tavan Tolgoi, and the city of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The purpose of Khaan Quest is to increase interoperability and planning expertise among participating nations, and to further develop the Mongolian Armed Forces’ training center at the Five Hills Training Area.

Media can track the exercise and download photos, stories and video using the exercise website at <http://www1.apan-info.net/khaanquest>.

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Photo Cutlines:

CPX1:

Alaska Army National Guard Master Sgt. Andrew Kennedy, left, and Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Ulambayar Togtokh track a food relief convoy during the command post exercise at Khaan Quest 2009 at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia. Kennedy is an operations sergeant at Joint Forces Headquarters based at Ft. Richardson. The command post exercise provided battalion level staff training in peacekeeping operations. Photo by Capt. Amy B. Slinker, 134th Public Affairs Detachment

CPX2:

Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Gansukh Erkhembayar, left, and Alaska Army National Guard Sgt. Rosa Ralls maneuver vehicles conducting convoy operations within a virtual simulation program. They sit alongside other U.S. and Mongolian service members participating in a command post exercise during Khaan Quest 2009 at

Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia. Ralls is a supply sergeant at the 207th Regional Training Institute at Ft. Richardson.

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CPX3:

U.S. Marines 1st Lt. Sean Kaiser and Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Bat-Amgalan Zorigt discuss communications procedures for unit tracking during the command post exercise at Khaan Quest 2009 at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia. The command post exercise gave participants battalion level training while fostering multinational relationships. Kaiser is a communications officer with the 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division based at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

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CPX4:

Mongolian Armed Forces Capt. Enkhbold Rentsen, left, and Alaska Army National Guardsmen Capt. Tony Mortrud and Sgt. 1st Class Scott Wesierski discuss operations during a command post exercise at Khaan Quest 2009 at Five Hills Training Area. Mortrud is member of 38th Troop Command based at Ft. Richardson and Wesierski is an instructor with the 207th Regional Training Institute at Ft. Richardson.

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The Alaska National Guard's annual involvement in the exercise is driven by the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program, which pairs the Alaska Guard with Mongolian forces. This was the first time the U.S. Marines' 1st Tank Battalion participated in Khaan Quest, according to commander Lt. Col. Tom Gordon.

"It's been a remarkable experience and a great opportunity for the Marine Corps to deploy and visit a country that most Americans will never have the opportunity to see," Gordon said. "We've built partnerships with our Mongolian counterparts and friendships that I'm sure will endure."

Training in battalion staff level operations during the command post exercise supports the Mongolian defense reform program's goal to establish and globally deploy battalion assets in peacekeeping operations in accordance with NATO standards. As the Mongolian and U.S. participants worked together side-by-side, they developed cohesive battalion-level mission plans.

Col. Ontsogibayar Lkhamgii, commander of the 150th Peace Security Battalion, said the training was beneficial as his unit transitions to the NATO style of unit operations.

“This is just a taste of how a battalion staff functions,” Lkhamgii said. “We look forward to using the troop leading procedures we’ve learned and applying this expertise in future training.”

Alaska National Guardsman Lt. Col. Simon Brown, an operations officer from 38th Troop Command based at Ft. Richardson, served as one of the U.S. battalion commanders in the exercise. Brown explained that while the U.S. participants offered insight on battalion staff planning and operations, their Mongolian counterparts shared expertise in peacekeeping operations.

“It’s been an exchange of ideas. We’ve trained the Mongolians on the military decision-making process, and shown them how to analyze a mission and then direct an operations order,” Brown said.

Scenarios were based on U.N. peace support missions such as convoy operations, cordon and search operations, and establishing checkpoints and food distribution sites. U.S. and Mongolian battalion staff officers and non-commissioned officers would respond to scenarios by developing and writing mission operations orders. They would then send those orders to integrated ground troops who would execute the mission using a virtual simulation program.

Contractors from the San Diego-based company, Cubic Applications, coordinated simulation support, scenario design and small network infrastructure to support the exercise. The controllers operated the simulation program, Virtual Battlefield Simulation II, which would appear on laptops the ground troops would operate in rooms separated from the command cells.

William Vallandingham works for Cubic Applications contracted through the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan. He was the lead designer of the command post exercise.

“The virtual simulation program provides a cinematic view of operations,” Vallandingham said. “The story unfolds on screen so participants are responsive and engaged.”

Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Gansukh Erkhembayar had used a virtual simulation program in previous training and was excited about the opportunity to once again train in a virtual environment.

“All soldiers should use this program before a mission,” said Erkhembayar. “It is very good training.”

While the focus of the command post exercise is operational training, fostering relationships at all ranks is the underlying theme of the exercise.

Capt. Travis Carlson, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division said that besides training together, the participants spend their free time getting to know each other and sharing experiences at evening cultural events at the training area. Carlson’s counterpart was Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Munkh-Od Binderya. Together they served as logistics officers in the battalion staff.

“We’ll see these guys again. The world that we’re in today, I wouldn’t be surprised if I bumped in to him [Binderya] somewhere through a joint partnership in another country,” Carlson said. “This makes it easier to work together somewhere else.”

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Mongolian Armed Forces 1st Lt. Gansukh Erkhembayar, left, and Alaska Army National Guard Sgt. Rosa Ralls maneuver vehicles conducting convoy operations within a virtual simulation program. They sit alongside other U.S. and Mongolian service members participating in a command post exercise during Khaan Quest 2009 at Five Hills Training Area, Mongolia. Ralls is a supply sergeant at the 207th Regional Training Institute at Ft. Richardson.

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U.S. and Mongolian military leaders and spouses share ideas for supporting families

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The family support conference coincides with Khaan Quest 2009, a multinational peacekeeping operations training exercise at Five Hills Training Area Aug. 3-25. More than 20 Americans and Mongolians gathered in a community room at Star Apartments to discuss concerns Mongolia faces and look into aspects of the U.S. family support system Mongolia may want to adopt.

The conference brought experts on family support issues to Mongolia from Alaska, where conditions are very similar to Mongolia in many respects. Senior military leaders from the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard also attended to present their perspectives on the importance of various aspects of family support. It was the first time the Alaska National Guard and Mongolia exchanged ideas on this issue.

Discussions explored several facets of family support in the United States, including family readiness groups, volunteers, chaplains and support from the business community. Participants also talked about the impact officers, non-commissioned officers and spouses can make within family support programs.

Lt. Gen. (Alaska) Craig E. Campbell, whose scheduled retirement date is Aug. 31, was able to take military leave from his position as Lieutenant Governor of Alaska to attend the conference as a traditional part-time Guardsman. In order to formalize the family support network that currently exists within Mongolian military families, Campbell recommended military leaders and spouses request support from the Ministry of Defense.

"If the Ministry of Defense doesn't provide support, it will continue to be an informal program," Campbell said. "It takes the leadership of the organization to validate what these families are doing."

The group focused on how family problems are frequently magnified when soldiers are deployed far from home on extended deployments. Leaders explained that when a casualty occurs, proper care for the casualty and support for the casualty's survivors is critical; aiding families in grief can minimize damage to unit morale and can avoid projecting a damaging image of the military into civil society. All of these factors could affect possible future recruiting and retention, as well as funding, especially in a democratic society.

Jan Myers, Alaska National Guard state family program director, said that as Mongolia's Armed Forces becomes increasingly professionalized and as Mongolian military units undertake increasingly more and larger international missions abroad, the issue of family support will become more critical.

"If they have a program that's back in their hometown taking care of their family, their mind will be in the right place and increase safety for all," Myers said.

Lt. Col. Batbold Isheekhuu, senior officer for strategic planning with the Ministry of Defense, said that with deployments for the Mongolian Armed Forces on the horizon, now is a good time to consider formalizing a family program.

"I found that it would be very good to have such a program to support the families of soldiers," Isheekhuu said. "It's a good time to gather information about the American Army and Air Force family support program."

But Isheekhuu also noted that current Mongolian culture and perception brings challenges; it would be difficult to obtain funding, recruit volunteers and engage businesses for support.

Among the group of U.S. experts who responded to these concerns was Lt. Gen. Richard E. “Tex” Brown, retired U.S. Air Force. Brown is the former deputy chief of staff for personnel at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force and assistant vice chief of staff for the U.S. Air Force. He explained that it only takes one person to start an effort and shared stories of how the United States overcame negative views of the military and developed family support systems since the Vietnam War.

Brown described how Lt. Gen. Gregory “Hal” Moore’s wife initiated family support in the United States during the Vietnam War.

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The conference brought experts on family support issues to Mongolia from Alaska, where conditions are very similar to Mongolia in many respects. Senior military leaders from the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard also attended to present their perspectives on the importance of various aspects of family support. It was the first time the Alaska National Guard and Mongolia exchanged ideas on this issue.

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To: Hinger, Ward K (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Investigations (UNCLASSIFIED)

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From: Katkus, Tom BG MIL NG AKARNG <thomas.katkus@us.army.mil>
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Hinger, Ward K (GOV)
Sent: Wed Oct 21 16:48:52 2009
Subject: Investigations (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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Katkus

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

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From: Masters, Joseph A (DPS)
Sent: Saturday, September 04, 2010 6:22 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Katkus, Tom BG NGAK (DMVA Sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Hoonah Service

Cindy. Our folks at explored a number of options but in the end we are letting departments know they are on there own for getting officers to Juneau or Sitka. Once there the can got on the Ferry for no cost. We also have a boat going from Sitka to Hoonah. I spoke with Alaska Airlines and they still had a significant number of seats available on both the tuesday evening an Wednesday morning flights. I was also told that Sen Begich staff talked to Alaska Air and asked if they would donate a flight. They are not able to do that. We have been trying to get that word out.

You are correct. Governor Parnell has made significant contributions to not only assure the case was handled and the community kept safe but that the victims families were assured an appropriate and supportive tribute for their loved ones.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2010, at 3:41 PM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

Hello Commissioner and General ... I understand there has been a request made from APD for a military plane to take approximately 100 officers to Hoonah for the memorial service. I saw McHugh in the airport today right after I received a phone call from a friend who is an APD officer. McHugh explained to me that DMVA cannot do this as there are commercial planes available for the officers to purchase tickets to Hoonah; and, therefore, it would go against the economic laws. My friend says they were told that the Governor and Begich are working on them getting on a military flight. In fact, he received an email from APD with this information. I just wanted you both to be aware of the situation so that we can get the correct information out to officers. I don't want anyone to think the Governor is not trying to be helpful or preventing the military from transporting officers.

McHugh also let me know that AST had looked into chartering a flight, but due to the expense it did not seem justifiable for AST to do this. From my conversation with my friend, it sounds like many officers would personally purchase commercial tickets to Hoonah if they knew there was not another option.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if there is anything we can do to assist in these efforts.

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 4:03 PM
To: Thompson, Katryn L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Department responses for AFN (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 4:04 PM

To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)

Subject: RE: Department responses for AFN (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: FOUO

Mike

Sorry, I do not remember seeing the initial request. It may be in my state e-mail. Below is my input for the Governor's AFN message.

AFN Talking Points

Veterans:

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These are just some draft topics. If you need more detail, please let me know.

Katkus

-----Original Message-----

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [<mailto:mike.nizich@alaska.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 10:49 AM

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA); Bell, Susan K (CED); Ledoux, Larry S (EED); Sullivan, Daniel S (LAW); Katkus, Tom MG MIL NG AKARNG; Masters, Joseph A (DPS); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

Subject: Department responses for AFN

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From: Kelly, Peter G (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 10:39 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Katz, John W (GOV)
Subject: Meeting at 11:
Attachments: [REDACTED] *DP*

Gentlemen,

We should all have a [REDACTED] *DP*. If not, I am resending it to you. It can be our guide for the meeting at 11:00. Sorry for the short notice.

Pete Kelly
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From: Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 7:31 PM
To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Cc: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Katkus, Tom BG NGAK (DMVA Sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Peter G (GOV)
Subject: Re: Briefing Papers

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 24, 2010, at 7:23 PM, "Pierre, McHugh (MVA)" <mchugh.pierre@alaska.gov> wrote:

> I'll get the others, except the [REDACTED] EP/DP. I
> think that needs to come from someone in Commissioner Kreitzer's staff.
> Thanks.
> McHugh

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> Sent from my Samsung Captivate(tm) on AT&T
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> "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks Heather. I can work on [REDACTED] DP/EP

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> From: Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
> Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 4:07 PM
> To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H
> (MVA)
> Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Peter G (GOV)
> Subject: Briefing Papers
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> For each of the following bullets I need a briefing paper by Sunday –
> on Cost, Timeframe, Logistics of Implementation, and Expected Goals --
> for the Governor:
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Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 6:06 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: FW: National Guard Receives New Equipment to Stay Ready and Reliable (UNCLASSIFIED)
Attachments: image002.jpg; National Guard Receives New Equipment to Stay Ready and Reliable.docx; Equipment.jpg

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Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 12:05 PM

To: undisclosed-recipients

Subject: National Guard Receives New Equipment to Stay Ready and Reliable

For Immediate Release

September 30, 2010
By: Staff Sgt. Karima Turner

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Subject: Re: National Guard Receives New Equipment to Stay Ready and Reliable (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 2:37 PM
To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Katkus, Tom BG NGAK (DMVA Sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Letter

All,

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Mr. Coons,

[REDACTED]
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Pete Kelly
Senior Advisor
Military Affairs
907 451 2920

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Coons [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](#) *BOI*]

Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2010 9:17 AM

To: Kelly, Peter G (GOV)

Subject: Letter

Importance: High

I got you letter of 8 October. I hope you can get back to me before the election and have positive report that the Governor will reverse the ruination of the ASDF, i.e. a civilian as Commissioner of DMVA, removal of MG Katkus and straight forward and viable missions as Law Enforcement as per statutes.

Mike

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Cc: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT); Richards, Frank T (DOT); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: RE: DMVA deferred maintenance

Thanks McHugh.

DP

Thanks,

Randy

From: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 4:45 PM
To: Kreinheder, Jack R (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Katkus, Tom BG NGAK (DMVA Sponsored); Colligan, Susan E (MVA)
Subject: DMVA deferred maintenance

Jack and Randy, here is the update on our RSA situation:

Nome Armory Roof Design: RSA process taking place. Money, all \$75,000, will be to DOTPF on Monday or Tuesday.

AMYA various projects: RSA taking place. All \$1 million will be at DOTPF on Monday or Tuesday.

Kodiak Armory Roof Replacement: seeking transfer of funds authorization from OMB to approve using money for Jewel Lake Armory, which was transferred to the Muni of Anchorage, to be used for this project. The Kodiak Amory has been reclassified by National Guard Bureau as a 50/50 match instead of 100% federal funding. We are short \$950,000 and the \$800,000 from the Jewel Lake Armory will cover almost all of that deficit.

Anchorage Armory Carpet: this is a 60/40 fed to state match project that is dependent on NDAA passage. We are in a holding until that bill passes in the lame duck session of Congress.

Anchorage RC Latrine project: also a 60/40 project that is dependent upon NDAA passage.

Upgrade Mandregan Interior: this converts the Mandregan building on Camp Carroll into a 200 man barracks. This is a 75/25 fed to state match project that is dependent upon passage of the NDAA.

Thanks for allowing me to give you guys and update.

McHugh Pierre

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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Subject: Weekly Updates
Attachments: govbrief Dec 2 2010.doc; TePas Weekly Update 12-02-10.doc

The two for this week, all others were out of office. ☺

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Date: December 2, 2010

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12/02/2010

Special Assistant: Katie TePas

Date: December 2, 2010

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From: Katkus, Tom MG MIL NG AKARNG <thomas.katkus@us.army.mil>
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 10:28 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Core Values Regional Visits (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Mike

In discussion with several of my Adjutants General Army Peers in other states, the conversation immediately has turned to issues within the Air Guard. Many have expressed problems of character assignation and efforts to undermine the confidence in leadership. A lot of this stems from the significant changes that are occurring in our Air Force as missions and funding changes. Many don't like it and as a result, many of their governors are receiving many electronic communications similar to those our governor is getting. I don't know if it is coordinated or not, but it does seem to be the trend.

I provide this to you, as this is an exceptional step for the Director of the Air National Guard to transmit such a pointed and directed e-mail. Usually NGB positions are very "vanilla". I certainly look forward to your continued guidance in addressing Air Guard leadership, but I think it would be very prudent for us to be very deliberate in our approach. Lt Gen Wyatt will have much more to put out on this problem.

Thanks

Katkus

-----Original Message-----

From: Wyatt, Harry M Lt Gen MIL USAF NGB/CF [<mailto:Harry.Wyatt@pentagon.af.mil>]

Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 8:43 AM

To: Burks, William R BrigGen USAF ANG NVHQ/TAG; Schwartz, Errol MG NGDC; Katkus, Tom MG MIL NG AKARNG; Blalock, Abner MG NG ALARNG; Wofford, William MG; Salazar, Hugo MG NGAZ; Kight, Mary Brig Gen NGCA; Edwards, Howard M MajGen USAF ANG JFHQ-CO/TAG; Martin, Thaddeus MAJGEN NGCT; Vavala, Francis D MG NGDE; Titshaw, Emmett R Maj Gen NGFL; Nesbitt, William T USA NGGA TAG; Paulino, Benny M. MG GUARNG; Wong, Darryll DM Maj Gen HIANG; Orr, Timothy E.

(IA); Saylor, Gary L MajGen USAF ANG HQ-ID/TAG; Enyart, William L MG The Adjutant General; Umbarger, R Martin MG MIL NG IN ARNG; TAG-KS, BG Tafanelli; Tonini, Edward W Maj Gen NGKY; Landreneau, Bennett MG NG NGLA; Carter, Joseph C L MG NGMA; Adkins, James A. MG MD; Libby, John W MG; Vadnais, Gregory J MG NGMI; Nash, Richard C MG NGMN; Danner, Stephen L MG MIL NG MOARNG; Freeman, William L MG MIL NG MSARNG; Walsh, John E BG MIL NG MTARNG; Lusk, Gregory A MG MIL NG NCARNG; Sprynczynatyk, David A MG MIL NG NDARNG; Lyons, Judd H MG MIL NG NEARNG; Reddel, William N Major General NGNH; TAG-NJ, MG Rieth; Montoya, Kenny C.; Murphy, Patrick A; Ashenhurst, Deborah A MG MIL NG OHARNG; Deering, Myles L MG OK-ARNG; Rees, Raymond F MG NGOR; TAG-PA, Maj Gen Sisco; Vicens, Antonio J MG MIL NG PR ARNG; Bray, Robert MG; Livingston Jr., Robert E. MG SCARNG; Doohen, Steven R. Maj Gen NGSD; Haston, Max MG NGTN; Mayorga, Jose S. MG NGTX; Tarbet, Brian L.; Long, Daniel E MG NGVA; Rivera, Renaldo MG; Dubie, Michael D Maj Gen NGVT; Lowenberg, Timothy J MAJ GEN; Dunbar, Donald P Brig Gen NGWI; Tackett, Allen E MG (TAG) WV-ARNG; Wright, Edward MG (WY)

Subject: Core Values Regional Visits

Adjutants General,

Over the last 12 months, there has been a disturbing trend of events that indicate some in the Air National Guard have lost perspective on the Air Force Core Values. Most regrettably, some of these deviations have occurred in key leadership positions within our States and wings. As a result, we have been mired in discussions with Air Force and DoD leadership in explaining the actions of a few, which is distracting us from our primary responsibilities of moving the Air National Guard forward.

To counter this trend, I have directed ANG leadership to develop a "Return To Core Values" briefing. Over the next several months, we will conduct a series of regional visits to speak with ANG leaders across the country. The purpose of this briefing is to pause and reflect on the Core Values; Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. We will be sending further guidance in the near future, but for now, please support me in this endeavor.

V/r

Bud

Harry M. Wyatt III, Lt Gen, USAF

Director, Air National Guard

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 5:08 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Weekly devotional (UNCLASSIFIED)

In Reading File - Thanks

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From: Koch, Richard J LTC MIL NG AKARNG [<mailto:rick.koch@us.army.mil>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 9:59 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Matt Frieze
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Very respectfully,

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 4:09 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: FW: Air National Guard...from your chaplains
Attachments: ANG gov letter.docx

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From: Matt Friese [<mailto:mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org>]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 1:19 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Air National Guard...from your chaplains

Good afternoon,
Here is some suggestions we have as chaplains. Please consider these carefully as we believe this will give you the most critical and accurate assesment of the Alaska National Guard. In addition to these, Chaplain Koch (Cook) would have extemely valuable insight for you (**BOI** Cell).

If I can be of further help, please do not hesitate to call.

Blessings
Chaplain Matt Friese

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Matthew Friese,
Follower of Jesus Christ, Husband, Father, &
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From: Hull, Angela (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 5:27 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: (no subject)

Importance: High

Thank you.

EP

Angela Hull

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 5:26 PM
To: Hull, Angela (GOV)
Subject: FW: (no subject)

From: brucio@nventure.com [brucio@nventure.com]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 2:19 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Mr. Nizich,

Under the authority of Alaska's Public Records Act and Open Meetings Act I am writing to request the following records:

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[REDACTED] Thomas Katkus (whether identified as General Katkus or any other name variant), Matt Friese, Cavens and McHugh Pierre.

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Blaylock
McGovern

Koch

PR

Katkus
chaplains
Nieves
Wawersik
DeHaas
McManus
Friese
Cavens

3. All records that contain the words "National Guard" AND "sexual assault" or "National Guard" AND "fraud"
As you know, you have 10 days to respond to this request, and I expect a timely response in accordance with
the law.

Sincerely,
Bruce Dougherty

BOI

4500 Southpark Bluff Dr
Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Ruaro, Randal P (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 6:43 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Hull, Angela (GOV)
Subject: RE: (no subject)

Thanks Mike.

DP/EP

Randy

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 6:29 PM
To: Ruaro, Randal P (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: (no subject)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: <brucio@nventure.com>
Date: September 26, 2014 at 2:19:32 PM AKDT
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From: Birnbaum, Alan J (LAW)
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 11:54 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV); Ruaro, Randal P (GOV); Hull, Angela (GOV)
Cc: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW); Cantor, James E (LAW); Gordon, Nancy R (LAW); Bakalar, Elizabeth M (LAW); Vogel, Kathryn R (LAW); Webster, Karen A (LAW)
Subject: ADN v. Parnell -- Plaintiffs' Requested Searches
Attachments: ADN v Parnell -- Searches.docx

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Mike, Cindy, Heather, and Randy,

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2014 5:49 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Alaska National Guard

I will have to check but I believe it is APD. I will call Mew in the am.
KT

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2014, at 3:02 PM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

Katie ... can you get me a briefing paper on the **BOI/PR** case from APD or Troopers – whomever handled the investigation. Thank you.

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From: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 7:44 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Robinson, Benjamin A (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Alaska National Guard

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chris Bydalek <**BOI**>
Date: September 9, 2014 6:19:51 AM AKDT
To: <katherine.tepas@alaska.gov>
Subject: Alaska National Guard

Dear Ms Tepas -

I notice that you were once a member of the Alaska State Troopers.

I just wanted to say that your handling of the reports of rape and sexual assault in the Alaska National Guard is, to say the least, disgraceful.

BOI/PR

Disgusted,

Chris Bydalek
Anchorage, AK

BOI

From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 6:16 PM
To: Mackowiak, Matt (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Anchorage Press inquiry

[See below](#) -

From: Susy Buchanan [<mailto:susy.buchanan@anchoragepress.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 5:15 PM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Anchorage Press inquiry

Ms. Leighow,

The information was provided to Gov. Parnell via a conference call on the morning of Nov. 18, 2010. Those participating in the call and providing the information to the Gov. were Chaplain (Major) Matt Frieze, Chaplain (Major) Ted McGovern, and Lt. Col. Rick Koch, the state command chaplain.

On Tue, Oct 14, 2014 at 5:06 PM, Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Susy-

Your question on the Alaska National Guard was forwarded to me. In order to better assist you, could you please provide a bit more information:

- 1) Exactly when was the information “provided” to Governor Parnell and Mike Nizich?
- 2) Exactly how was the information provided?
- 3) Who provided the information?

We need to verify the information was received and I cannot do that without answers to these questions.

Best-

Sharon Leighow

Press Secretary

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