
From: Matt Friese <mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Ltr to Governor Parnell Attached...
Attachments: image001.gif; BG McManus.pdf

Here is a letter from the [REDACTED] BOI [REDACTED]. He is a very well respected man and reflects what many have and continue to say.

Thanks for your work!

Matt

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Direct: (907) 644-2234 Cell: [REDACTED] BOI

BOI/

10 March 2011

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
P.O Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 95811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

I feel morally obligated to make you aware of the rapidly deteriorating climate occurring within the Alaska Air National Guard. More specifically, Brigadier General Deborah McManus has created an offensive work environment that is severely affecting unit morale and not conducive to the efficiency of the service. It appears that there may be some much-needed relief in sight with the announcement today that General McManus will be leaving her post as Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Alaska. I strongly feel that this action is a very positive first step in reversing the declining morale and the caustic environment that she created within the Alaska Air National Guard. However, it appears that she will continue as the Director of the Joint Staff. Based on her behavior, poor leadership, limited operational experience and damage that she has already inflicted on the organization, I think that she is ill-suited for this position.

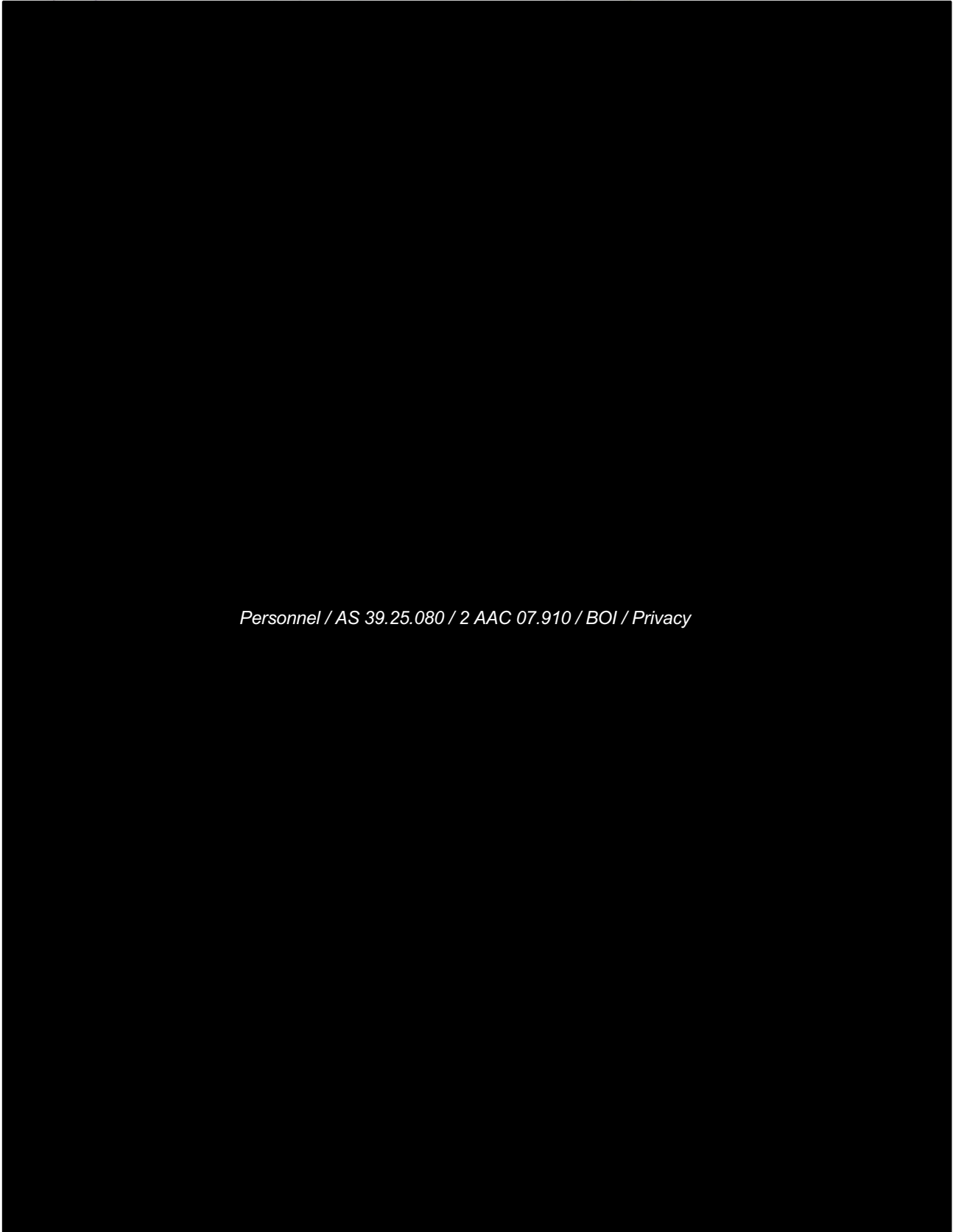
I am writing as a ^{BOI/}-year citizen of Alaska and lifetime member of the Alaska National Guard Officer's Association. I joined the Alaska Air National Guard in ^{BOI/} to train as a ^{BOI/}. Since then, I have progressed through the ranks and am the only member of the Alaska Air National Guard to ^{BOI/} With

BOI

This is an extraordinary measure for me to write to you personally, but I feel it is a very urgent necessity and in the best long-term interests of the Alaska Air National Guard. Up to this point, I have dedicated my life to the Alaska Air National Guard and have a very deep regard for the

organization and its members. I am sharing some insight and perspective that many others in the organization will not share because they fear intimidation, retaliation, and/or possible job loss.

Below are some representative examples of Brigadier General McManus's leadership style and treatment of subordinates:



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Everyone was perplexed when General McManus was appointed as the Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Alaska, given her non-existent operations experience. In fact, it is highly unusual in the Air Force to appoint a non-rated officer to command a predominately flying organization. The preponderance of her military experience has been in the human resources and personnel fields, which woefully prepared her for the duties of the position and gave her questionable creditability. Her creditability regarding operational matters has been severely damaged, especially when she has tried to assert herself. *Personnel / AS 39.25.080 / 2 AAC 07.910 / BOI / Privacy*

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Under her command, it seemed like personnel metrics, force management plans, and strength management plans have become more important than safely performing the core Alaska Air

National Guard missions of tactical airlift, rescue, air refueling, strategic airlift and air defense. Furthermore, she fails to recognize our “hometown” members by putting more value on individual credentialing (e.g. in-resident Professional Military Education, statutory tours, etc) over proven leadership and mission performance. Mission wise, the Alaska Air National Guard is very well positioned for the future, but we will need informed leadership that is committed to performing our mission sets to the very best of our abilities for continued success. Individual credentials will not equate to future organizational success—proven leadership will.

General McManus is not the best choice for the Director of the Joint Staff for many of the aforementioned reasons. She has enjoyed a military career that many others envy, especially with her promotion to a flag officer. In my mind, it would be in the best interests of the organization if she made a “clean break”. She has done too much damage and lost the respect of so many that her effectiveness and influence as a leader is questionable, if not nil.

In my opinion, the Alaska Air National Guard has some super talented senior officers and true leaders who have the intellectual capacity, command presence, rapport and support of the troops, and political savvy to get us out of our current predicament and ensure our future success. They include:

Brigadier Charles Foster
Colonel Robert Doehl
Colonel Carlise Lincoln

They should not be overlooked. The Alaska Air National Guard is “big business” and provides approximately 2000 or so direct jobs in Alaska. We need our very best leaders managing this most valuable Alaskan enterprise.

The Alaska Air National Guard has been my life’s work for the past **BOI** years and has provided me with the most phenomenal opportunities and experiences. I would like those same opportunities and experiences to be available for the next generation of Alaskans. Thank you for your time and careful consideration of my concerns.

BOI

From: Matt Friese <mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 8:44 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Compromised

Thanks - I would love to talk to you later! I know you have so much going on, so I won't take much of your time.

On Fri, Dec 23, 2011 at 8:21 AM, Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

I would be happy to talk with you. You and I have had a good communication line open as well as the same I have had with Col. Lincoln. As you could tell from last night's response I am not really happy with the message I got last night nor can I explain whatever happened in a meeting I was not part of with the TAG with one of the Chaplains that was referenced in the message. I am not interested in going outside the communication link you and I have established. If you would like to call me later today I would be happy to take your call. I would call you now but I am about to go into a staff meeting.

Mike Nizich

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From: Matt Friese [mailto:mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org]
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 5:53 AM

To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Rick Cavens; Matt Friese; [REDACTED] BOI

Subject: Re: Compromised

Good Morning,

I am sorry to read this breakdown. Mike, you have been a huge help over this last year in listening to us as you have with so many others in the chorus of concerns. We appreciate all you have done! Although I am not aware of what has most recently transpired, I do know we are always concerned about our confidentiality - which is not for our benefit. As you have stated, a breach of confidentiality at this level could have very negative impacts on one of many members of the NG who we are all very concerned about - namely Col Lincoln. If the TAG connected him in this through us, we have not only further hurt a great leader and dear friend, but we have harmed our ability to help senior leaders. Perhaps you would consider a 15 -30 min conference call for the 4 of us Chaplains just to share with you our heart. So much of communication is lost through text only. I believe all of our desires reflect a concern for the men and women of the Alaska National Guard.

Again, we appreciate you and know you have an extremely difficult job - must feel like a meat grinder most days!

Matt

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I have served in the military and know all about the chain of command and the sensitivities of going outside those lines. Since my conversations with DMVA leadership (still on-going) there has been several positive changes made at DMVA and more on the horizon. These changes have not happened by coincidence.

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From: Rick Cavens [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 3:12 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: mfriese@gcsk12.net
Subject: Compromised

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From: Matt Frieze <mfrieze@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2011 5:15 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Checking in...

Good Afternoon and thank you for your return call last week.

I decided not to bother you at this time. I really don't know what precipitated the email from Ch Cavens. Ch Koch extends his most sincere apologies. This was not reflective of us as Chaplains!

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- Very little trust / confidence within the organization directly related to the leadership of the TAG and BG McManus
- Organizational leaders are "yes" people because of fear; they have seen the separation and execution of other leaders and individually are seeking to determine if it is worth it to fall on their sword; I have heard this personally from our top leadership
- The best way to relate what is happening is likening it to an abusive relationship

Again, if we could have a 15 min scheduled time with you, we would love to clarify a couple things and hear from you what is most helpful. We are not interested in just causing problems or stirring the pot because it is somehow gratifying. To be honest, I would rather not be involved in all of this, but it is what we do in being a source of confidentiality and advising.

Thank you for your leadership and patience with us!
Matt

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2011 8:13 AM
To: Matt Frieze
Subject: RE: Checking in...

Thanks for the message. I can certainly get with you on the phone so if timing is good for you and Ch Koch we can schedule a call for later today or tomorrow morning. Let me know what works for you. This afternoon is open except for a meeting I must attend from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, tomorrow morning is wide open.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Chuck <[REDACTED] BOI>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:04 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: [REDACTED] BOI
Subject: Request to Meet

Mr Nizich,

I am Chuck Foster, commander of the 176th Wing of the Alaska Air National Guard at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. While my military position informs what I would like to discuss with you, I stress that my request is made as an individual, as opposed to a function of my office.

I trust you are aware of some of the challenges that face the Alaska National Guard, and perhaps those challenges specific to the 176th Wing. [REDACTED]

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As I mentioned, I leave my command position on 18 September, so timeliness is a concern if not only due to the weight of the topic. I am currently scheduled to depart on a trip 25 Aug-3 Sep. If we are not able to meet prior to the 24th, I am willing to cancel the trip. I am currently waiting for a meeting with Gen Katkus but given the time constraints I thought it might be best to get on your calendar sooner rather than later.

I have presumed to contact you directly and if this is not appropriate I ask that you help redirect my request.

Thank you for your attention and assistance; I look forward to our meeting.

Chuck Foster

Cell: [REDACTED] BOI

Home: [REDACTED] BOI

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Gene Ramsay <[REDACTED] BOI >
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 3:39 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: From Brig Gen (ret) Ramsay regarding Concerns about the Alaska National Guard
Categories: Red Category

Dear Mr Nizich,

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Please help to ensure that Brig Gen Foster is treated with the respect he deserves and that he is allowed to retire as a Brig Gen for pay. And please don't let abuses of power and failure to properly plan for future fiscal realities destroy the Alaska Air National Guard. I'm proud to say that it was my "life's work" and it deserves better. Thank you.

Respectfully,

GENE L. RAMSAY, Brig Gen (ret), USAF
Former Commander, 176th Wing (2002-2005)

home: [REDACTED] BOI
cell: [REDACTED] BOI

From: Gene Ramsay <[REDACTED] BOI >
To: mike.nizich@alaska.gov
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 2:30 PM
Subject: From Brig Gen (ret) Ramsay regarding Concerns about the Alaska National Guard

Dear Mr. Nizich,

General. However, it appears that Brig Gen McManus and MG Katkus are not allowing this and are forcing him to retire as a Colonel for pay.

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Brig Gen Foster is one of the finest officers with whom I have ever served. He absolutely emulates the USAF Core Values of Service, Excellence and Integrity. Please address the disrespectful treatment being accorded Brig Gen Foster and ensure that he is allowed to retire as a Brig Gen for pay, something that he has earned during a long and distinguished career. I have your office and cell numbers, but I have not used them, feeling that this e-mail would be less intrusive to you and your busy schedule. Please feel free to contact me anytime, via e-mail, phone or letter if you need any more information regarding this situation. Thank you for your attention in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) <thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 7:01 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: (UNCLASSIFIED)

THOMAS H. KATKUS

MG, AKARNG

Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs - The Adjutant General

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or

Thomas.Katkus@alaska.gov

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

From: Lux, E Jane CIV NG NGB (US)
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 12:25 PM
To: Thompson, Octavia L CIV NG AKARNG (US); Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US); Pierre, McHugh (MVA) <mchugh.pierre@alaska.gov>; Jorgensen, Catherine F BG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Cc: Harrington, Pamela B CSM USARMY NG AKARNG (US); Stansbury, Bevan C MAJ USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: RE: (UNCLASSIFIED)

MG Katkus/BG Jorgenson/Mr. Pierre/ and Octavia,

I appreciate your ability to provide this information so quickly for the Vice Chief's prep for tomorrow's weekly SecDef SAPR meeting. This is extremely helpful.

V/r
Jane

Jane Lux
NG J1 SAPR Deputy Program Chief
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office
111 South George Mason Drive, AH2, 1PS-403 Arlington, Va 22204 ellen.j.lux.civ@mail.mil
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From: Thompson, Octavia L CIV NG AKARNG (US)
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 4:10 PM
To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Lux, E Jane CIV NG NGB (US); Jorgensen, Catherine F BG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Cc: Harrington, Pamela B CSM USARMY NG AKARNG (US); Stansbury, Bevan C MAJ USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: (UNCLASSIFIED)
Importance: High

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Sir/Ma'am,

I have consolidated the questions forwarded by Ms. Lux and Mr. Pierre. Hopefully, the explanations for the numbers will make sense. I also have attached a database of each case and can provide additional, non-identifying information if needed. I would like to point out, as well, that both of the victims identified and quoted in the Anchorage Daily News article have not filed restricted or unrestricted reports with this office, to date.

To address your questions:



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Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Very Respectfully,

Octavia L. Thompson

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

JFHQ Alaska National Guard

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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Sent: Sunday, November 03, 2013 9:39 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: TALKING PAPER 1 NOV 13
Attachments: TALKING PAPER 1 NOV 13.docx; ATT00001.htm

Mike

I wasn't going to bother you with any more stuff on this, but after reading the Sunday opinion piece in ADN today, I'm forwarding you the additional information my sexual assault coordinator provided me Friday afternoon.

Katkus

Begin forwarded message:

From: <thomas.katkus@alaska.gov>
Date: November 1, 2013 at 22:39:04 AKDT
To: "michael.g.pratt.mil@mail.mil" <michael.g.pratt.mil@mail.mil>
Cc: "ellen.j.lux.civ@mail.mil" <ellen.j.lux.civ@mail.mil>, "bevan.c.stansbury.mil@mail.mil" <bevan.c.stansbury.mil@mail.mil>, "eric.d.maxon.mil@mail.mil" <eric.d.maxon.mil@mail.mil>
Subject: TALKING PAPER 1 NOV 13

LTC Pratt

Attached is some interesting information my SARC was able to provide me now that [REDACTED] PR/BOI made her issue public. She was a restricted report [REDACTED] PR/BOI in 2010 for an incident that happened in 2009. Attached is a brief chronology of fact.

[REDACTED]

BOI/PR

[REDACTED]

I'm providing this for additional background as initially we believed we had missed [REDACTED] in our process somehow until the SARC identified her as Restricted. We have reengaged with her to determine what additional resources she may need.

If anything further comes up that I see as pertinent, I will continue to forward the information to you and copy furnish National Guard Bureau. I spent the day, today, in Juneau and met with the Governor's Chief of Staff. He confirmed having met with chaplains several years ago and heard their complaints. He adamantly pressed them for specific details that he could take action on. They could produce no specific actionable information.

BOI/PR

TALKING PAPER
ON
CASE REFERENCED IN ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS ARTICLE

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Ms. Thompson/JFHQ SARC/8-6219/olt/1 NOV 13

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 9:59 PM
To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Cc: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Knudson, Kip C (GOV); thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil; Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Subject: Re: follow up questions for review

DP

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 12, 2014, at 3:10 PM, "Pierre, McHugh (MVA)" <mchugh.pierre@alaska.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon everyone!

Thank you for your quick turnaround on the last set of questions from Sean Cockerham, the McClatchy reporter who is working on a story about the Alaska National Guard.

He asked some follow up questions about the investigations we have and some of the discipline hearings that will be taking place.

We have cleared the answers through our national guard legal team to make sure we do not jeopardize any discipline effort.

Before we send these answers to the reporter, we would like your approval.

Will you please give these a look and let us know if you have any feedback?

Thank you very much for your support!

McHugh

From: Olmstead, Candis Maj (MVA sponsored)

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 10:13 AM

To: Katkus, Tom BG NGAK (DMVA Sponsored); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Bridges, Leon M BG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) (leon.m.bridges.mil@mail.mil); Jorgensen, Cathy COL NGAK (DMVA Sponsored); Col Timothy O'Brien (timothy.p.obrien36.mil@mail.mil); Bailar, Susan L COL USAF NG AKANG (US) (susan.l.bailar.mil@mail.mil); Wawersik, Jane L LTC USARMY NG AKARNG (US) (jane.l.wawersik2.mil@mail.mil); Rupp, Kaleinani S B (ANG)

Subject: *UPDATE*CHANGE 2* RE: reporter update/review, please advise

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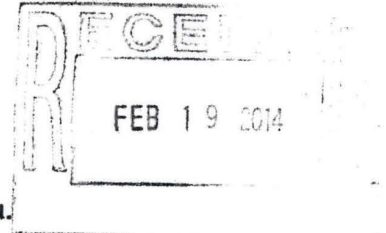
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PRIVACY ACT RELEASE



Please return this form to the district office nearest you.

As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby authorize Congressman Don Young to obtain information from any federal government records regarding me in connection with my claim or problem.

Alaska Army National Guard

Agency

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Signature

Joseph R Lawendowski

Name (printed)

BOI/PR

Address (street or PO Box)

BOI/PR

City, State, Zip

Email

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Today's Date

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Date of Birth

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Social Security Number

Other Claim Number (if applicable)

Please provide a brief explanation of your problem and what specifically you are requesting of my office.

Please include any questions you would like the agency to answer:

I am writing to raise issue with the personal conduct and command climate established by the Alaska Army National Guard's (AKARNG) Commander

BG Leon M. Bridges and Chief of Staff, BG Catherine Jorgensen. The basis for this issue and corresponding complaint is based upon the

auspices of Article 138 (Complaints of Wrongs by a Senior Official) and the overall command climate created by the two senior leaders of the AKARNG.

Please see the attached letter for further details related to this request.

Joseph Lawendowski

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Date: 14 February 2014

The Honorable Don Young
United States Representative
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Dear Representative Young:

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:12 AM
To: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: RE: ADN Guard article

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From: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2014 7:52 PM
To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: ADN Guard article

This came out a few ago. ADN article from Sean Cocheran.

http://www.adn.com/2014/02/23/3342734/alaska-national-guard-members.html#emlnl=Breaking_News

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 1:52 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Alaska Army National Guard - Corruption Part 1

If you remember right as this rant also targets BG Jorgensen, they did and said the same about BG Mc Manus.....

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 1:47 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Alaska Army National Guard - Corruption Part 1

This is not helpful to the cause, the assessment or the morale of our National Guard. [REDACTED]

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From: Whistle Blower [mailto:akarngwhistleblower@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2014 08:30 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Doehl, Bob (Begich); Kaplan, Greg (Murkowski); Senator.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov
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Subject: Alaska Army National Guard - Corruption Part 1

TO: All Concerned Parties

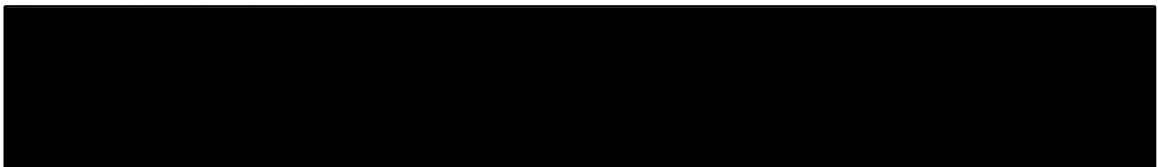
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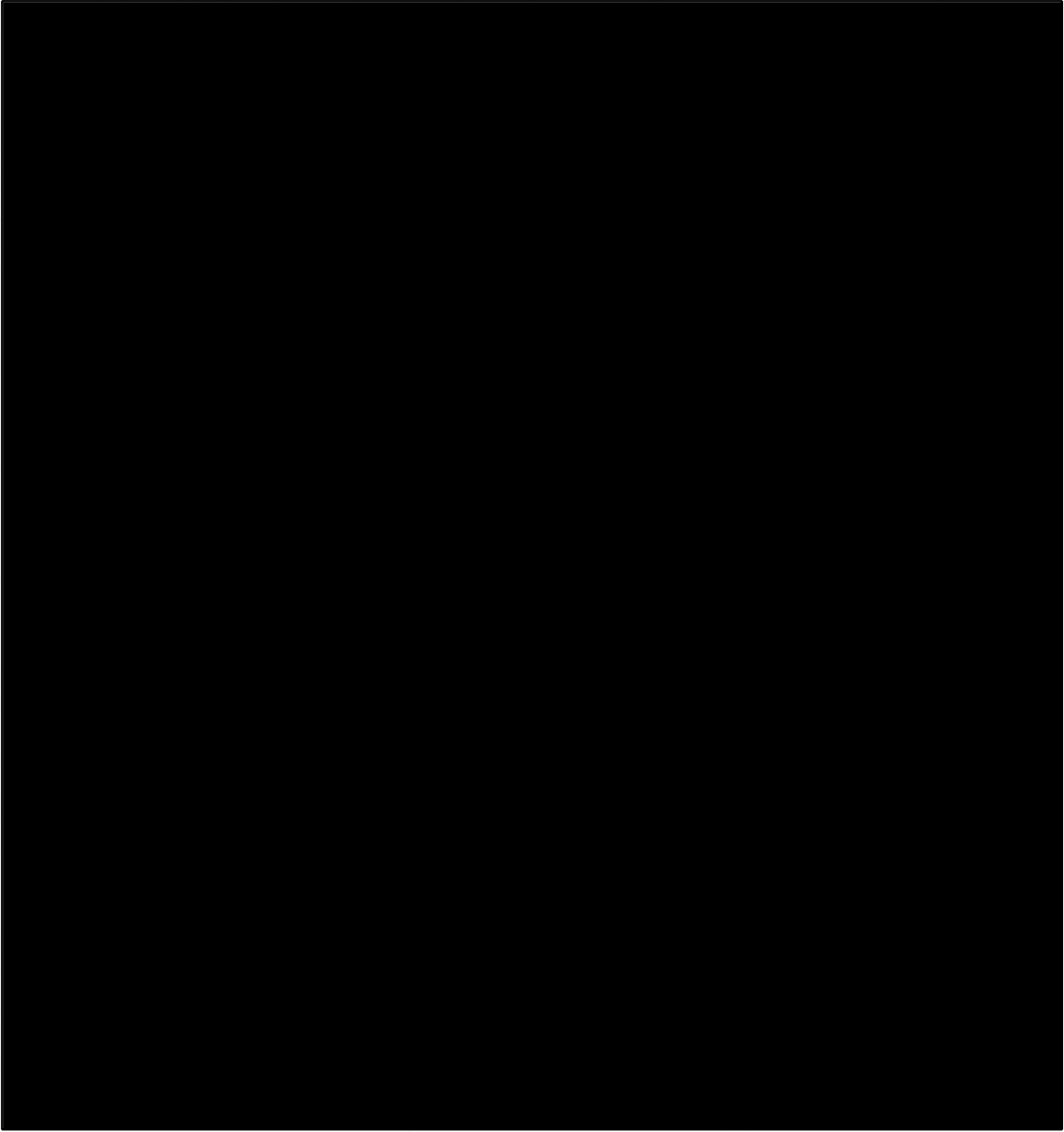
SUBJECT: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 1)

First and foremost we as a group would like to start off by explaining why there are no names taking credit for this correspondence. It is not because we do not wish to expose our names or have someone interview us. Mainly, it is for our protection. Under current state law there is a provision that protects anyone who wishes to report any wrong doing. Alaska Statute 39.25.80 is the statute that affords this right, however, under the current administration within the Alaska Army National Guard there is no protection for anyone who chooses to speak out. Our group consists of more than 10 Soldiers and Airmen from all ranks who want to see changes. We are going to be sending out emails like this one over the next several weeks in the hopes that it will affect change, help the Soldier's that do not have a voice, and the ones that have come forward and nothing has been done.

In our first release we are going to be discussing some issues that have been brought to the attention of Senator Mark Begich, Senator Murkowski, Congressman Don Young, Governor Parnell, State Senator Higgins, National Guard Bureau IG, Department of the Army (DA) IG, and Department of Defense IG. All of these reports of concern have been returned to MG Katkus, BG Bridges, and BG Jorgensen. This would be the normal protocol in these types of cases, however, they are the subject of these reports. They are covering up their actions, and the actions of officers directly under their command authority. On Wednesday 26 March 2014 Gov Parnell publically acknowledged that there are concerns within the AKANG and has asked for a special investigation by NGB. This is long overdue. Hopefully this will add to what is being looked into by the NGB team and brings to light other issues along with how sexual assault cases are being handled in the State.

Part 1 will consist of illegal hiring practices and Equal Opportunity Misconduct.





There are more instances that we can point to where the senior leadership of the AKARNG has failed to do what is right due to either their lack of desire to, fear of reprisals, or their own neglect. We are prepared to send more emails with detailed information about the possible improprieties, names and contact information of witnesses who might be willing to talk if they can be assured that they will not be retaliated against, and something will actually happen to help resolve the issues.

BG Jorgensen is a common name that you will see in almost every complaint that is going to come out when NGB actually gets the truth from Soldiers. Here is a piece of information that most people do not know or understand. She is actively violating assignment policy, promotions, and evaluations. Over the past year there were several LTC's (O5) that were eligible for COL (O6). Instead of promotion based on eligibility, position, or authority she

utilized her position as the Chief of Staff to promote people that support her regime. A COL was moved out of his position on paper only, a LTC was moved into his vacated position. As soon as this took affect the Chief of Staff ensured that his promotion orders were published. Then she moved all of the parties back to their positions. She cited vacancy promotion authority as her reasoning for the promotion because no one was aware of the paperwork shuffle she did. However, due to several key people talking about the moves it came to the attention of several eligible O5. To verify this was actually done you can contact LTC Joseph Lawendowski, MSG John Phlegar, COL Thompson, and CW4 Kostoff. All of these people have personal knowledge that this is an issue and has been reported to DA IG.

Over the past year there have been very public cases involving sexual assault, sexual harassment, or failures by Commands to do what is right for the victims. The AKARNG has not been exempt from this. In 2013 Ret. LTC Kenneth Blaylock wrote a 12 page report detailing numerous allegations concerning the AKANG. Several key leaders were named as either being guilty of illegal sexual conduct, failing to protect victims of sexual assault, or turning a blind eye to accusations because of their connection to the alleged violator. We as a group can attest that there is some truth to what Ret LTC Blaylock wrote and there are even more concerns than he was even aware of. We are not going to release the names of the victims in our emails because this is a private ordeal that they have had to live through. If and when an investigating team comes to Alaska we will ensure that the names of victims and violators makes it to the right people.

Here is a list of things to come:

- Illegal promotions
- Inappropriate Officer/NCO Relationships
- Inappropriate relationships between Senior NCO and dependent spouse
- Inappropriate Relationship between AKARNG and APD
- Fraud Waste and Abuse of government assets to include fraud
- Hostile Work Environment
- Dereliction of Duty (MSG through BG)

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Investigation Of Alaska National Guard Sexual Assault Allegations Underway

By [Liz Ruskin, APRN](#) | April 2, 2014

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The head of the federal National Guard Bureau says the investigation now underway into allegations of sexual assault and harassment within the Alaska National Guard should not be hidden away.



General Frank Grass. (Department of Defense photo)

In response to questions from Sen. Lisa Murkowski at a congressional hearing this morning, General Frank Grass said investigators from the Bureau's Office of Complex Investigations are on the case.

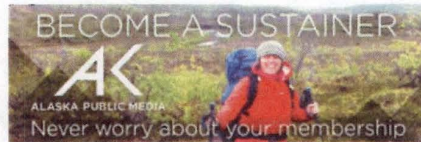
"What we've done at the request of the state is sent up an investigation team, about three weeks ago," General Grass said. "We're looking at a broad brush of complaints and we'll do the analysis."

"I'm free to come brief you in more detail on where we're at on that and how much time it might take."

Murkowski accepted the general's offer but says the outcome of the investigation should be transparent to remove the cloud hanging over the Alaska National Guard. Gen. Grass agreed, although he said the report would go to the governor.

Some of the allegations date back as far as 2010.

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 4:06 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: RE: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 2)

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Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 3:48 PM
To: 'Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)'; Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 2)

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To: Bob_Doehl@begich.senate.gov; Greg_Kaplan@murkowski.senate.gov; Huggins, Charlie (LAA); Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored); ng.ncr.arng.mbx.ngb-ig@mail.mil; scott.griffith@va.gov; scockerham@mcclatchydc.com; thomas.katkus.mil@mail.mil
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Thanks Cindy - got it.
Chris

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From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) <thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 4:07 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 2) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Mike

Here is a bit of information from the most recent anonymous e-mail.

I will have more as we continue to expend effort to run anonymous allegations to ground.

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From: Wille, David R COL USAF NG AKANG (US)
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 03:23 PM
To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: FW: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 2) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Sir,

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From: Wille, David R COL USAF NG AKANG (US)
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 11:13 AM
To: Ivester, Terry A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)

Cc: Byrd, Harold C CIV NG NGB (US)
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Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 5:58 AM
To: Wille, David R COL USAF NG AKANG (US)
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Dave,

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Terry

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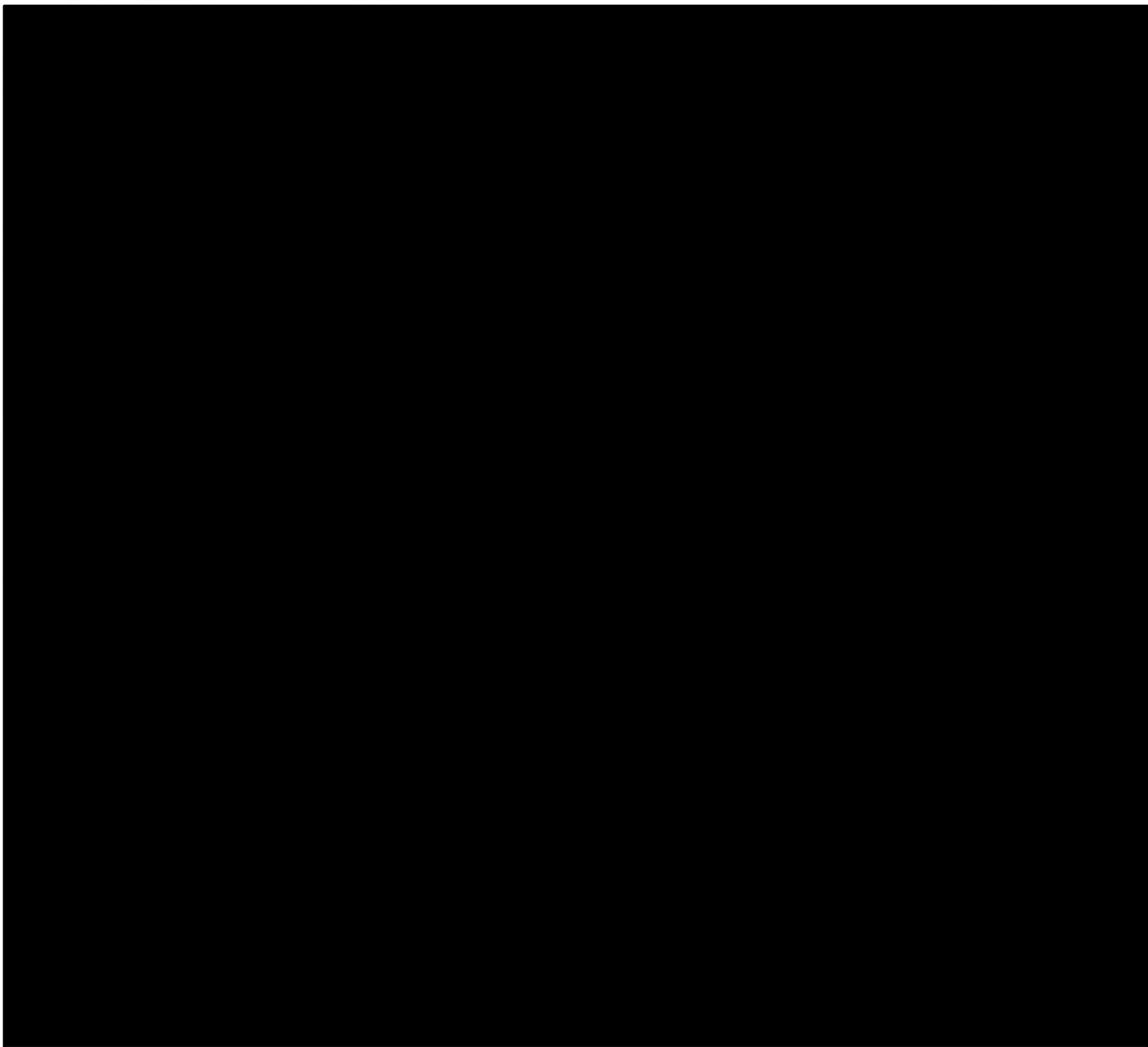
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From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) <thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 2:25 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 02:26 PM
To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MG Tom Katkus,

For your situational awareness, as the start of the investigation(s) into misconduct by senior Alaska National Guard leaders has only begun (I suspect this will turn into "Rapegate" - a scandal that will capture Alaska and possibly "lower 48" media attention after Labor Day as we roll into the Governor's election cycle about how "weekend warriors" can pull the most private/secretive information about any civilian without any Court order - a scandal that will be more personal and factual than anything the people in Alaska have to worry about with the NSA), I wanted to ensure you know that the [REDACTED] family insists that I turn over every rock, hold no prisoners, and do whatever is necessary to defend their honor but that I do not call for your resignation or otherwise directly ridicule you. Your relationship with both the boy ([REDACTED]) and his father is a personal and lengthy one that I don't understand nor appreciate.

They only called in the "big guns" (my law firm), bet their homes (i.e. payment for my legal fees), and took the "take no prisoners" approach after [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Those actions were the proverbial nuclear bomb dropped on the Gum family that brought with it shame

and dishonor that could not be allowed to go without being countered. My scorched earth operations will not end as long as the nuclear option is being used against the [BOI/PR] family.

Based on that information, the hypocrisy of me then going after you (the ultimate "Judge" in this situation) to tarnish your name and impact your full time employment is not lost on them. However, don't confuse the loyalty the [BOI/PR] family has for you personally as my being muzzled from very publicly demanding that [BOI/PR] [BOI/PR] be "relieved for cause". In my opinion, [BOI/PR] [BOI/PR]'s lack of judgment in how he handled this matter is unfitting of Command - whether you and the Governor continue to support him after you are made aware of these facts is a valid public discussion for September/October/November.

As I will "officially" notify the State Attorney General shortly, it is not too late for us to walk away, my client will sign a confidentiality agreement and forget this whole situation ever happened (i.e. not seek attorney fees/damages, etc.). All that he asks for in return is that he be left alone and be allowed to progress in the AGR program until he can retire. Applying risks vs rewards to this situation, that offer should be a "no brainer".

This communication isn't meant as any type of formal or official notice, just a short and informal missive to a friend of the [BOI/PR] family to explain that despite the wording of letters/emails from a DC military justice powerhouse lawyer, cooler heads can/will prevail - however... the time is limited to reaching a settlement. Once the "cat is out of the bag" this will be all or nothing for everybody involved. This problem is still being 'kept within the family' so to speak, no lawsuits have been filed, no public records exist that prevent this entire situation from disappearing. My client is eager to make this all disappear if you wish...

Regards,

Mat

Personal cell phone [BOI]

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 4:47 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Resignation demand (UNCLASSIFIED)

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

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Date: June 27, 2014, 7:04:19 PM EDT
To: "cindy.sims@alaska.gov" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov>
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Ms. Sims,
See below.

LTC Wawersik

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From: **BOI/PR/LE/FPA** USARMY (US)
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 2:22 PM
To: Wawersik, Jane L LTC USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: Fw: Resignation demand

LTC Wawersik,

Please inform the command of this email.

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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [<mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 09:07 PM Coordinated Universal Time
To: **BOI/PR/LE/FPA** USARMY (US); Vanison, Gregory E CPT USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: Resignation demand

Please consider this email a formal report of unlawful conduct by members of the Alaska National Guard pursuant to 10 USC 1034 on behalf of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

You are hereby advised that should the Alaska National Guard continue to knowingly use the aforementioned confidential criminal justice information, you may be* subject to civil liability damages as allowed by Alaska Statute 12.62.200(a) which reads in relevant part "a person whose criminal justice information has been...used in knowing violation of this chapter or a regulation adopted under this chapter may bring an action for damages in the superior court" (emphasis added).

Continued unlawful disclosure of such documents with regard to [REDACTED] AR 15-6 report OR the alleged [REDACTED] (who has been clearly identified by name in addition to other confidential/personal information) shall likely be interpreted as knowing and unlawful violation of the law and cause for adverse legal action*.

*As my law licenses do not extend to the state of Alaska, my interpretation of Alaska state law is not as a matter of legal fact, but rather educated legal knowledge.

Consider yourself duly advised of such facts and proceed accordingly with such knowledge.

I, on behalf of [REDACTED], hereby demand of you and your Command the following:

- A full audit of personnel who did or could have seen this unlawfully obtained report;
- The removal of the personnel who have seen this unlawfully obtained report from rendering any decision on or being involved in the proposed penalties for the alleged violations contained in the full AR 15-6 investigative findings;
- That the unlawfully obtained report and all copies (physical and digital) shall be immediately returned to the control of a law enforcement officer (due to our intention to initiate litigation with you named as the defendant, I certainly encourage you to consult an attorney prior to destroying any records or deleting any digital copies to prevent the spoliation of evidence); and
- Upon completion of the above, that I receive confirmation that no other unlawfully obtained records exist in the hands of non-Alaska State certified law enforcement personnel.

Furthermore, I am demanding under separate cover that MG Katkus conduct an AR 15-6 investigation into your conduct, CPT Vanison's conduct/performance, and determine how confidential law enforcement information about an alleged [REDACTED] was obtained by a 'weekend warrior' outside the scope of his employment/investigative authority. Given the serious nature of these allegations, the need for a complex investigation and the impact it could have on [REDACTED]'s trust in local law enforcement reporting (ie any weekend warrior can walk in and learn the most intimate details of their sex lives with nothing more than an 'appointment order' that doesn't even allow access to civilian police files or pertain to misconduct involving civilians and have those details freely and widely distributed in National Guard circles), I am under separate cover filing a report of misconduct/unlawful activities with the Inspector General.

[REDACTED]

I hereby call on your immediate resignation as the Brigade Commander. If you do not resign your Command, I will exercise my rights under the 1st Amendment to publicly call upon the Commander in Chief of the Alaska National Guard to relieve you for cause. By separate communication to the Alaska Attorney General, I am placing them on notice of our intent to commence a 42 USC 1983 action against you in your personal capacity as well as every other individual who knew or should have known that obtaining, possessing, and distributing of confidential civilian sexual assault victim information in this case was not in accordance with the rights afforded under the United States Constitution and applicable law, rules, and regulations or even covered by your appointment orders/competent lawful authority.

In all my years in the military and as a civilian military criminal defense attorney, I have never been so disturbed by the deliberate indifference and lack of common sense by so many in one command.

I will also inform you that this is only the first in a series of allegations of misconduct that we will disclose in due course. As the saying goes this isn't the strongest, best, or most powerful arrow in our quiver just merely the first one in which we will use but be assured that this is the 'tip of the iceberg' of 10 USC 1034 reporting. It is merely being disclosed first/quickly to mitigate damages and place you and others on 'notice' per AS 12.62.200(a).

Sincerely,

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FYI for COS regarding National Guard. I cannot log this as a case due to the lack of constituent information.

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Thank you for taking the time to write and share your thoughts and concerns. I will be sure Governor Parnell sees your email.

Please be assured that Governor Parnell's request for General Katkus' resignation is just one part of this effort and we are committed to seeing this through completely. I have attached the press release Governor Parnell put out yesterday, which also has a link to the full report. If you have not done so, I encourage you to read the press release as you will see the Governor's words that this "will include further staffing changes."

This thorough assessment has provided us a starting point to go after the problems within the Alaska National Guard. We are working to assemble the right team of people to further look into the findings presented and to start working through the recommendations. I am confident this process and the continuing changes will make our Alaska National Guard better and stronger.

We take your concerns and statements in your email very seriously, and I appreciate your candor with us. If you wish to talk on the phone, I am always available. You can reach me at our office line or my cell phone is [REDACTED] BOI. We have so many wonderful people working within our Guard and we are committed to restoring the trust in leadership within the Guard that you each deserve. You have our word that we will not stop!

As I stated earlier, feel free to call me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Take care,
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