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Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 7:46 AM
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Please call me when you get a chance **BOI**

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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: From Chaplain Cavens...
Attachments: In solidarity with the other chaplains.docx

Thank you for your call today! We continue to pray for our Governor as well as his staff.

Here is another email I received today. Chaplain Cavens is the Wing Chaplain for the 176th. I have been filling this role over the last 6 months as he has been at Dover.

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

Blessings,
Chaplain Matt Frieze
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CHAPLAIN LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICK CAVENS
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6 January 2011

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
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Dear Governor Parnell,

I want to add my voice to the other three Alaska National Guard chaplains who have voiced concerns about the emotional and spiritual atmosphere within the Air and Army National Guard organizations. I have just recently returned from a six month deployment and in my two days of in-processing have noticed an intense pall of despair within the 176 Wing that was not there when I left. My in-processing which should have taken a single day has now grown into three days because people want to talk to me about their fears. It is not the crash of the C-17 that has broken the professional and upbeat mood of my Guardsmen it is the looming change of command and how the upper levels of leadership once again cut hope and spirit by manipulation and passive aggressive behavior.

Personnel AS 39.25.080(b)

Of deeper concern is that Clear AFS was used as a place to store officers of sexual infidelity. A [REDACTED] LE/F LE/FP, LE/FPA... who had a command at the 168 Refueling Wing had a girlfriend even though he was married. He was removed and placed at Clear AFS so he could get his retirement pay as a lieutenant colonel. Here [REDACTED] LE/FP... developed another open relationship with a woman not his wife. [REDACTED] LE/FP, LE/FPA... would sleep while on duty and set a poor example as an officer. Yet, Lieutenant Colonel Saxe could not

get Colonel Wenke to remove [REDACTED] LE/FPA/PR. In another situation it came up that Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] LE/FPA/PR while in uniform would get drunk and make advances on enlisted women. Colonel Wenke would not remove him and only did so by the efforts of the Air TAG. While Chaplain [REDACTED] LE/FPA/PR waited for his retirement Colonel Wenke placed him at Clear AFS because he had no ministry. Chaplain [REDACTED] LE/FPA/PR own denomination would not place him in a congregation. During this revelation Chaplain Koch and I were bullied by Colonel Wenke.

I also find it abhorrent that now Colonel Wenke's wife has been placed at the 176 Wing as the vice commander. Colonel Wendy Wenke immediately has gone on the attack against officers in the Wing. This creates a poor image and brings about a culture of mistrust and fear.

Please use your office as Governor to bring health back to the Alaska National Guard.

Ch Lt Col Rick Cavens
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Matt – We have not seen the package here in the JNU office as of today, Wed., 01.19.11.

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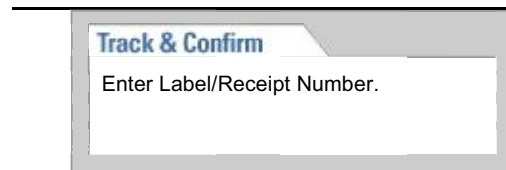
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- **Arrival at Unit, January 19, 2011, 5:33 am, JUNEAU, AK 99803**
- **Acceptance, January 15, 2011, 12:31 pm, ANCHORAGE, AK 99515**



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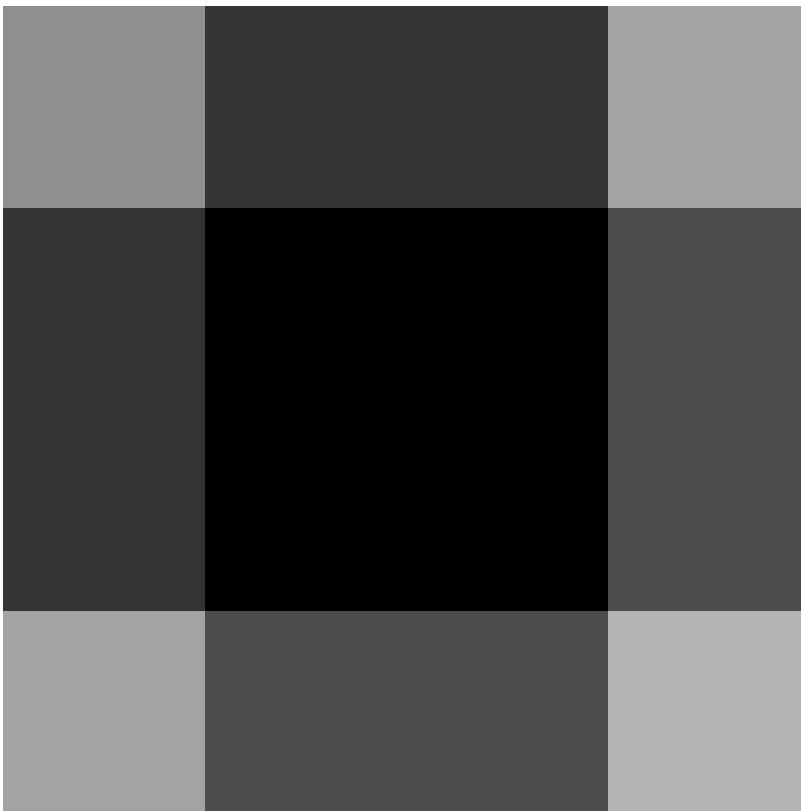
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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
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Good Morning,

In regard to the targeting, let me send you a letter outlining some of the thoughts expressed.

Please understand, I totally believe in the leadership of Governor Parnell, or I would have never contacted him in the first place. Because of everything that has happened to this point, there is a natural "uncertainty" that the concerns raised will go further than an expression and then a later retaliation. From your prior experience, I am sure you can empathize. The individuals who have been talking to me are uncertain change will take place. All hope it will because they love this organization they have given so much to and none are pushing for themselves to be elevated through this process. I have assured them that the process takes time; there are many state concerns being addressed; and our civilian leadership are people of integrity.

Again, I will work for unity and strength in the Alaska National Guard. I believe in peacemaking and reconciliation through honest communication. I personally have not one thing against any of the leadership in question nor have their decisions impacted me directly. If I can be of help, I am available to you.

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I think folks may be speculating that things will be implemented at a later date.

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Col Doehl has the pulse and is able to fully articulate the concerns beyond this letter.

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Nothing has been turned over to Gen Katkus by me or the Governor.
I am of the understanding that the General has received multiple copies of something that were sent anonymously, not sure what it was.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 3:27 PM
To: Matt Frieze
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Two questions...

Matt,

I did just receive a fax today. In regards to what has been turned over to General Katkus, I have no knowledge of this. I am including the Chief of Staff, Mike Nizich who may be best to answer this question. Thank you,

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From: Matt Frieze [mailto:mfrieze@gracechristianalaska.org]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 2:55 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Two questions...

Hello,

Two quick items:

1. Did you receive a fax from me?
2. What of our correspondence has been turned over to Major General Katkus? I have had a couple inquiries. Retired Brig Gen Ramsey said MG Katkus received a copy of his letter. Chaplain Lt Col. Koch is concerned and wondering if all our correspondence has been turned over to him.

Sincerely,
Chaplain Matthew Frieze

From: Matt Friese <mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 9:51 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Subject: ANG Member Accountability Expectations
Attachments: ACCOUNTABILITY - Copy.docx

Good morning,
Here is some very helpful and insights sent to me by one of our commanders.
Have a blessed day,
Matt

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Active Duty Air Force vs. Alaska Air National Guard Handling of Senior Leader Lapses

The Alaska Air National Guard is out of touch with its active duty counterpart, which has placed an increasing emphasis on holding its senior leaders accountable, both for misconduct and failure to maintain a mission ready unit. In turn, how the active duty Air Force handles senior leader lapses creates expectations in Guardsmen as to how they should be handled. For examples of how active duty Air Force looks at senior leader failures, see:

Nov 14, 2008: 8th Fighter Wing commander fired after failed inspections (compared with 168thg ARW/CC nominated for promotion to brigadier general after nearly failing Health Services Inspection).
http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2008/11/airforce_kunsan_commander_111008/

June 5, 2009: 43rd Airlift Wing commander fired; he was described as a leader who “often ran roughshod over his troops, ignored his own directives, and punished subordinates for petty infractions.” (Compare with AKNG senior leadership treatment of subordinates.)
<http://www.examiner.com/military-affairs-in-norfolk/pope-commander-gets-the-axe-some-wonder-what-took-so-long>

October 9, 2009: 11th Wing Commander relieved for not meeting the “leadership example we expect in our Air Force.” http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/10/airforce_11th_commander_100909w/

Subsequently disclosed abuse of subordinates:
<http://www.militarytimes.com/forum/showthread.php?1588126-What-the-hell-was-the-deal-with-that-wing-commander>

October 14, 2009: 91st Missile Wing commander fired for loss of confidence, from among other things, vehicle rollover accident (compared to no administrative action against any AKANG general after C-17 crash). <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123172801>

October 31, 2009: 5th Bomb Wing commander relieved for among other things a failure to foster a culture of excellence and lack of focus on the strategic mission (compare with Brig Gen McManus emphasis on personnel spreadsheets rather than on conducting safe and effective flight operations).
http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2010/04/airforce_hanscom_firing_040710w/

April 7, 2010: 66th Air Base Wing commander fired for favoritism towards a subordinate (compared to AKNG TAG support of Brig Gen McManus despite a multitude of complaints).

http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2010/04/airforce_hanscom_firing_040710w/

June 5, 2008: Secretary of the Air Force (comparable to Commissioner DMVA) and Chief of Staff of the Air Force (comparable to the TAG), fired together for repeated failures and scandals of subordinates.

http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2008/06/airforce_moseleywynne_060508w/

Likewise, the Air Force has continued to emphasize senior leader accountability, reprimanding 13 generals in the last few years for failures in administering programs.

<http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2010/12/air-force-general-sanctions-called-unprecedented-123110w/>

See also:

January 15, 2010: Navy captain relieved for cruelty towards subordinates.

http://www.navytimes.com/news/2010/01/ap_cowpens_cofired_011310/

From: Matt Frieze <mfrieze@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 12:06 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Letter from a ANG Chief..
Attachments: ATT00004.htm; AKNG.docx

Good Afternoon,
Here is a letter from an ANG Chief. He asked that it be passed on anonymously.

Again, thanks for your concern and follow up!

Blessings,
Chaplain Matt Frieze

The Honorable Sean Parnell

Governor:

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From: Matt Frieze <mfrieze@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 1:42 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: ANG follow up...

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to thank you for your leadership over the Air National Guard. I have been visiting throughout the Guard and would love the opportunity to give you a 3-5 minute overview. I had a great visit with Col Lincoln. I told him I am here for his success and will give him all the honest feedback I hear without breaking confidentiality. He is very open to this. As I have stated in the past, Col Lincoln has full support within the ANG leadership and respect among the Guard members. I believe he can really get us back on track with your support, and I can share more on this. As stated by Lt Col B12, Col Lincoln is one of a couple men who can take charge and remove the need for your constant watch of the Alaska Guard.

If I can be of further help giving you the pulse of the organization, please let me know.

May God continue to guide, bless, and strengthen you!

Chaplain Matt Frieze

BOI

From: Matt Friese <mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 2:42 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FYI...How realignment is being explained

Good Afternoon,
Thanks for talking with me on the phone the other day. As I had said during that call, commanders are concerned BG McManus will be in a stronger position over the ATAG's. Again, just wanting you to have another perspective as you hear the developments.

Blessings,
Chaplain Matt Friese

From: McManus, Deborah BG MIL NG AKANG [mailto:deborah.mcmanus1@us.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 3:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Thank You Commander's Advisory Team! (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: FOUO

CAT MEMBERS:

I will be transitioning to the Director of Joint Staff (JFHQ-AK) on 1 Apr 11 and will also serve as the Deputy TAG. It is a great opportunity to serve the entire Alaska National Guard, both the Air and Army. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tour as your AKANG Commander/ATAG and will continue serving with you. I want to personally thank each of you for serving on my Commander's Advisory Team. You were an important communication conduit as we tackled many initiatives important to the AKANG's advancement. Col Carlisle Lincoln, 176WG, has been nominated as my replacement. He will be the most qualified ATAG in our history having served at both wings and having flown the KC-135, HH-60, and C-17. He's a great leader, commander, and person.

So, at this time, we'll disband the CAT. It's been an honor and pleasure.

v/r

DEBORAH C. McMANUS, Brig Gen, AKANG

Director, Joint Staff (JFHQ-AK)

From: Matt Friese <mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 5:52 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Very Important - Please review...
Attachments: Doehl Mil Bio Nov 10.doc

Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

I am compelled to follow up on an earlier phone call and email. First, thank you for placing Col Lincoln in the position as ATAG for the Air National Guard. He is a proven leader and if given the chance can lead the ANG to new heights. He has the support across the ANG. Second, you told me to tell commanders to give Col Lincoln a chance to lead. I have. I also indicated commanders had no problem with him leading, but all believed the current climate would not allow him to lead.

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As I said before and will say again, I love the ANG and desire to serve for years to come. I am still concerned about the climate, how that affects many current leaders, future leaders, and all of the Airmen. I have withheld sending many documents in order to let the process work. I have included the content of an email that was sent to me and asked to be forwarded.

Please prayerfully consider this information. Your support for Col Lincoln is so vital to his success in leading the ANG.

Serving for the glory of my God,
Chaplain Matt Friese

The following was sent on 22 Mar 11

Matt,

I know you've been dealing with some of the "leadership challenges" at the guard, from counseling to being a sounding board for people to vent on! I appreciate all you have done to try to help the people in the guard with some of the unprofessional things that have been going on. I also know you have helped Col Doehl specifically with some of the things he has endured from your Chaplain perspective / position.

As you know I work directly under Col Doehl as his deputy and know him quite well, from a professional perspective, not a personal perspective. We've worked together for probably a total of six years or so, both in maintenance and in mission support. He is, without a doubt, the most intelligent, fair, articulate man I have ever worked for.

Again, as you probably know, his resume is impeccable:

- He has enlisted time as well as commissioned time;
- Army time as well as Air time as well as joint time;
- State time as well as federal time;
- Worked on the operations / maintenance side of the house as well as the mission support side;
- Full time as well as Drill Status Guardsman time.

He has been a member of the guard in two states, been deployed to Afghanistan, a helicopter pilot, maintenance officer, support group commander, BRAC integration officer, worked for the Department of Justice as well as the District Attorney's Office here in Alaska...basically his resume is about as perfect as it can get! And this is just what I can recall off the top of my old gray head!

This weekend I learned he is basically being canned, moved from the MSG CC position to a "made up position" in the Program Integration Office presumably until 1 October. I believe, though no one has specifically said this, that he is being moved in retaliation for the things he has tried to get done / change that go against some of the senior leaders (BG McMannus specifically). It is a shame to lose such a brilliant man for petty political reasons.

I know he can fall back on his law degree, professionally, but it is just not right what is being done to him. He'll do fine job-wise but I hate to lose him from the guard. In my opinion, he is the guy who should be leading the whole team, i.e. TAG! He is NOT the one who should be forced out...

I share these things with you 1) to make sure you know what is going on with him specifically since I know you have counseled with him in the past and 2) so you can know what is happening from the Chaplain perspective. I'm sure, as the word gets around, that this will have more of a negative effect morale wise on the people affected.

I have great respect for Col Doehl and hate to see him treated unfairly (my opinion) after giving so much of his life to our country and state. If you need clarification or want to talk about any of this, feel free to give me a call (269-3841 is my direct line). Thanks in advance for trying to help him out as he goes through this latest "attack."

Tom

Tom Cobaugh, Lt Col

**Chief Administrator
Anchorage Christian Schools**



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ROBERT A. K DOEHL

COLONEL ROBERT “Bob” A. K. DOEHL is commander of the 176th Mission Support Group of the Alaska Air National Guard’s 176th Wing, located at Kulis Air National Guard Base in Anchorage, Alaska. He oversees subordinate units that provide force protection, civil engineering, logistics, base communications, morale, welfare, recreation services, personnel services, information management, contracting, aerial port, and medical services, to support day-to-day Wing requirements, as well as contingency missions. Group functions sustain four flying squadrons, six distinct and separate weapons systems, and 25 individual units with a total of 19 assigned aircraft and more than 1500 personnel. He is also the Deputy Director (J-4) for the Alaska National Guard and the Information Technology (A-6) Representative to the Air National Guard Mission Support Group Advisory Council.



Colonel Doehl joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard as a medic in 1980. He was commissioned from Officer Candidate School in 1982 and then completed the armor and military intelligence officer courses and served as a tactical intelligence officer and a scout platoon leader. He transferred to the Army Reserve at NAS Glenview, IL, in 1986 where he served as a supply officer before going to flight school in 1987-88. From 1988 through 1993, Colonel Doehl commanded a 23-helicopter (UH-1H) air assault company and an 18-aircraft (OH-58A, UH-1H, U-21) theater aviation company. During this period, he did an in-unit upgrade to become qualified to fly the OH-58A helicopter and attended the transition course to become qualified in the U-21 airplane. In 1993-98, he served with a CH-47D battalion at Ft. Meade, MD, and Ft. Eustis, VA, as an assistant battalion intelligence officer, headquarters company commander (overseeing mission support elements for the entire battalion), battalion operations officer, and commander of a 16-helicopter company. He joined the Alaska Air National Guard in 1999, where he served as a quality assurance officer in the 176th Logistics Group. From 2000 until 2005, Colonel Doehl commanded the 176th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. In 2005, he transferred to the Headquarters Alaska Air National Guard where he served as the J3, Director of Current Operations, for the Alaska National Guard. In 2006, he was named as the J5, Director for Future Plans and Strategy, for the Alaska National Guard. From 2006 through 2007, he served as Director of the 11th Air Force Joint Installation Office. He is a senior pilot with over 1,100 hours. Colonel Doehl is also an attorney.

EDUCATION

1981 Graduate, Watertown High School, Watertown, WI
1982 Officer Candidate School
1983 Armor Officer Basic Course
1984 Tactical Intelligence Staff Officer Course
1985 Bachelor of Arts in Russian Linguistics, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI
1988 Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course
1990 Aviation Officer Advanced Course
1991 Juris Doctor, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
1992 Multi-Engine Fixed Wing Qualification Course
1994 CH-47D Qualification Course
1995 Combined Arms Services Staff School
1996 Aviation Officer Safety Course
2000 HH-60 Copilot Qualification Course (academics only)
2000 Air Force Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officer Course
2000 Air Command and Staff College
2003 Air War College
2007 Contemporary Base Issues Course
2008 Commander Development Course
2009 Department of Defense Base Fire Marshal Course
2010 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education

ASSIGNMENTS

Apr 80-Aug 82: Medic, Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 128th (TLAT) Infantry Regiment, WIARNG, Watertown, WI.

Aug 82-Aug 84: Tactical Intelligence Officer, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 632nd Armor Regiment, WIARNG, Wausau, WI.

Aug 84-Jun 86: Scout Platoon Leader, Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 632nd Armor Regiment, WIARNG, Mosinee, WI.

Jun 86-Sep 88: Supply and Assistant Operations Officer, 305th Combat Support Aviation Company, USAR, NAS Glenview, IL.

Sep 88-Jul 91: Commander, Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, USAR, NAS Glenview, IL.

Jul 91-Sep 93: Commander, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment, USAR, NAS Glenview, IL.

Sep 93-May 94: Intelligence Officer, Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, USAR, Ft. Meade, MD.

May 94-Aug 95: Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, USAR, Ft. Meade, MD.

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Sep 95-Jan 97: Operations Officer, Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, USAR, Ft. Eustis, VA.

Feb 97-Oct 98: Commander, Bravo Company, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, USAR, Ft. Eustis, VA.

Oct 98-Jul 99: Control Group, USAR, St. Louis, MO.

Jul 99-Sep 00: Quality Assurance Officer, 176th Logistics Group, AKANG, Kulis ANGB, AK.

Sep 00-May 05: Commander, 176th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, AKANG, Kulis ANGB, AK.

May 05-Jan 06: Director, J3, Current Operations, Joint Forces Headquarters-Alaska, AKNG, Ft. Richardson, AK.

Jan 06-May 06: Director, J5, Future Operations and Strategy, Joint Forces Headquarters-Alaska, AKNG, Ft. Richardson, AK.

Jun 06-Sep 07: Director, 11th Air Force Joint Installation Office. Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK.

Oct 07-Pres: Commander, 176th Mission Support Group, AKANG, Kulis ANGB, AK.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Senior Pilot

Hours: Over 1,100

Aircraft Flown: TH-55, UH-1H, OH-58A, U-21, CH-47D, HH-60

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (5 Devices)

Army Commendation Medal (1 Device)

Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device (2 Devices)

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border

Air Force Longevity Service (5 Devices)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device (1 Device)

Air Force Training Ribbon

Army Service Ribbon

Secretary of Defense Essay Competition Finalist

Paul W. Lindemuth Leadership Award

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Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 9:54 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Please forward to the Governor...

Good Morning,

Just a heads up, life has not settled down for your Alaska National Guard. You can anticipate more people seeking to talk to you – from the upper levels of our organization. If I can be of help, please let me know. I do not want you to be blindsided.

Blessings,
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Subject: Air National Guard...from your chaplains
Attachments: ANG gov letter.docx

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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Air National Guard...from your chaplains

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Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 1:56 PM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Urgent Concern...

Good Afternoon,

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Thank you for all you have done. We have been and continue to be committed every Monday to pray for you and this process. We really believe there is alot to look at here which will have greater impacts than just the day to day operation of the Alaska Guard. We share this not because it has any direct impact on us, but has huge implications for the individuals we love and serve throughout the entire Guard.

Serving God and Country,
Chaplain Matt Friese, Chaplain Rick Koch, Chaplain Rick Cavens, Chaplain Ted McGovern

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Follow up...

One additional point, the TAG was in DC last month and met with Gen Swartzkoff. This not only has implications for DP, but the entire Alaska National Guard.

Thanks
Matt

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

Mr Nizich,

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Sincerely

Ch Lt Col Rick Cavens
Wing Chaplain, 176WG

Rick Cavens

Husband and Father to Mari and the four fantastics
AK National Guard SOS Coordinator
176WG, AKANG, USAF, Wing Chaplain
Lutheran sidekick pastor for Jesus
Owner of too many sled dogs

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Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 5:53 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Rick Cavens; Matt Friese; [REDACTED] Koch (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. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 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

On Thu, Dec 22, 2011 at 5:27 PM, Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

Sorry you feel that way, not sure what prompted this message from you. I have been working very hard in trying to understand the issues and attempting to get to the truth and accuracy of statements and information I have received regarding the management issues at the DMVA/Alaska National Guard that have been areas of concern to many individuals.

Based upon the input received from multiple sources over the last year and a half I have in-turn had many conversations with the leadership at DMVA trying to figure out what needs to change for the betterment of those that serve in the Alaska National Guard as well as what information and accusations are accurate vs. not. I have had endless meetings and conversation with DMVA leadership to convey concerns that I have heard from all that have called me, written to me in letter form, emails and voice messages. I have heard from individuals both active duty and retired and never breached confidence of those that have asked me to keep their conversations confidential.

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.

I don't have much more to say to you except I am extremely frustrated right now and disappointed in receiving your communication suggesting that I breached the chaplains confidence.

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 8:21 AM
To: Matt Friese
Subject: RE: Compromised

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 [REDACTED] DP. As you could tell from last night response I am not real 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 Chaplain's 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.

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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] Koch (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. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Personnel / AS 39.25.080 / 2 AAC 07.910 / BOI / Privacy [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 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

On Thu, Dec 22, 2011 at 5:27 PM, Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

Sorry you feel that way, not sure what prompted this message from you. I have been working very hard in trying to understand the issues and attempting to get to the truth and accuracy of statements and information I

have received regarding the management issues at the DMVA/Alaska National Guard that have been areas of concern to many individuals.

Based upon the input received from multiple sources over the last year and a half I have in-turn had many conversations with the leadership at DMVA trying to figure out what needs to change for the betterment of those that serve in the Alaska National Guard as well as what information and accusations are accurate vs. not. I have had endless meetings and conversation with DMVA leadership to convey concerns that I have heard from all that have called me, written to me in letter form, emails and voice messages. I have heard from individuals both active duty and retired and never breached confidence of those that have asked me to keep their conversations confidential.

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.

I don't have much more to say to you except I am extremely frustrated right now and disappointed in receiving your communication suggesting that I breached the chaplains confidence.

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Subject: Toxic Leadership...

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/national-security/army-worries-about-toxic-leaders-in-ranks/2011/06/25/AGThw4kH_story.html

From: Jane Wawersik <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 2:17 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: Alaska Army National Guard
Attachments: App B_TAG Request_FORMAT_8 Nov 13.doc; ATT00001.txt

Ms. Sims,

I've attached a sample letter on how to request an Office of Complex Investigations visit. It will need to be tailored to fit our needs. Two people can assist you with appropriate wording if needed. They work in the NGB legal office.

Colonel Christian Rofrano
christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil

[REDACTED] BOI

Lieutenant Colonel Erin McMahon
erin.k.mcmahon.mil@mail.mil

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I'm guessing you may have other questions for me. I can be reached at 907-[REDACTED] BOI .

Jane Wawersik
Alaska Army National Guard
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ORGANIZATIONAL NAME/TITLE
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CITY, STATE 12345-1234

[OFFICE SYMBOL]

[DATE]

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Counsel, National Guard Bureau

SUBJECT: Request for Investigator Pursuant to CNGBM 0400.01, "Chief, National Guard Bureau Office of Complex Administrative Investigations"

1. Pursuant to CNGBM 0400.01, I request the detailing of a CNGB Complex Investigation Program Investigator to investigate an *(unrestricted sexual assault report/rape/fraud) (upon/by) (a)* member(s) of the *(State)(Army)(Air)* National Guard. I request that you issue a detail memorandum allowing the investigator to act under my authority to gain access to state personnel and records to the extent allowed under state law and regulation.
2. *(Describe fact pattern and NG nexus without using PII.)*
3. The matter was referred to civilian law enforcement and to *(list appropriate MCIO)* who declined to investigate. This request has been reviewed by the State JA *(and SARC if request involves SA report)* and has been coordinated with NGB-JA/OCI to ensure a sufficient NG nexus exists.
4. I will meet with your investigator, along with my Chief of Staff, AGR JA *(or SJA or NG Technician JA)*, and SARC for a Read-In when *he or she* arrives at the *(State)* Joint Force Headquarters in order to assist in planning and conducting the investigation. I have directed my Chief of Staff, *(rank and name)*, to ensure your investigator receives the full cooperation of *State* NG personnel. I have directed my State JA, *(rank and name)*, to provide your investigator legal advice as necessary. When the investigation is complete, I will make *(myself or my delagee)* available for an Out-Brief with the investigator.
5. Your investigator will receive full cooperation from all units, guardsmen, and civilians under my authority. If your investigator receives resistance in regard to the investigation from any individual under my authority, please have them contact either my Chief of Staff or me so that I may assist in the matter.
6. Your investigator's point of contact is *(XXXXXX)*, at DSN # or commercial #.

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 3:22 PM
To: Jane Wawersik
Subject: Re: Alaska Army National Guard

Thank you, Jane. Sorry I missed your call, I have been in air traveling. We'll take a look and get back with you once the Governor has had a chance to review this.

Don't hesitate to contact me on my cell phone, [REDACTED] at any time if you should need to reach Governor Parnell.

We appreciate your assistance.

Cindy

Cindy Sims
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Office of Governor Sean Parnell

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

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Subject: Fwd: DA's Declination for Sexual Assault Prosecution
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From: GI Jane <[REDACTED] BOI >
Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2014 3:46 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: 38th Troop Command Information
Attachments: 13June2014 Allegation Tracker1.xlsx

Hi Cindy,

The attached document is what I provided to BG Jorgensen. It is the information that the Governor is requesting. She's consolidating the two main Army units as well as the Air Guard information. I mentioned to her that this document does not contain anything on the numerous 15-6 investigations from the large filing cabinet that is under lock and key in her office area. However, OCI was given a spreadsheet listing the type and nature of those investigations. I doubt that info will be provided to your office. I think I have that spreadsheet on digits if you want it.

Jane

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Here you go ☺

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To: Hooley, Jason M (GOV); PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: DMVA, Alaska National Guard

We will be sending out a recruitment notice by Friday. We are asking all eligible applicants to send their resumes and letters of interest to me in Juneau. Just an FYI

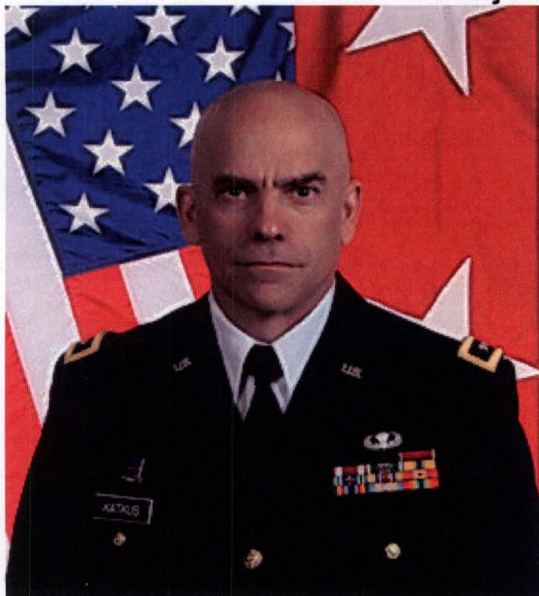
Mike

From: Hooley, Jason M (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 4:31 PM
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: DMVA, Alaska National Guard

Today, Brigadier General Thomas Katkus visited with me, expressing his interest in serving as Commissioner of DMVA and Adjutant General of the ANG. He submitted a letter of interest as well as his resume, and I spoke with him briefly about his personal and professional history. I committed that someone from our office will follow up with him as necessary as this process continues. I will get this packet of information to Mike right away, for your consideration.

Jason

The Adjutant General, Alaska



Major General Thomas H. Katkus currently serves as The Adjutant General, Alaska.

Following completion of Alaska Army National Guard Officer Candidate School, General Katkus was commissioned on December 5, 1980 as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry Branch. He is a graduate of the Army Basic Airborne Course, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advance Course, Army Combined Arms Services Staff School, Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, and Army War College. Prior to receiving his commission, General Katkus served as a non-commissioned officer, airborne medic with the Alaska Army National Guard's Long Range Reconnaissance Detachment.

EDUCATION:

1977 Saint Michael's College, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Colchester, Vermont
1992 Police Staff & Command School, Northwestern University, Illinois
2004 United States Army War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. March 1981 - May 1985, Light Reconnaissance Team Commander, Airborne Detachment, 207th Infantry Group (Scout), Camp Carroll, Alaska
2. May 1985 - December 1986, Scout Platoon Leader, Company A, 5th Battalion, 297th Infantry, Anchorage, Alaska
3. December 1986 - April 1988, Support Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 297th Infantry, Anchorage, Alaska
4. April 1988 - May 1990, Battalion Motor Officer, Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 297th Infantry, Anchorage, Alaska
5. May 1990 - September 1992, Commander, Company A, 5th Battalion, 297th Infantry, Anchorage, Alaska
6. September 1992 - November 1993, Assistant S4, Headquarters, 207th Infantry Group (Scout), Camp Denali, Alaska

7. November 1993 - May 1994, C-E Officer, Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 297th Infantry (Scout), Bethel, Alaska
8. May 1994 - August 1996, Commander, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 297th Infantry (Scout), Quinhagak, Alaska
9. August 1996 - November 1999, S3, Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry (Scout), Juneau, Alaska
10. November 1999 - July 2000, Inspector General, 207th Infantry Group (Scout), Camp Denali, Alaska
11. July 2000 - October 2001, Commander, 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry (Scout), Juneau, Alaska
12. October 2001 - January 2003, Management Information Security Officer, Alaska State Area Regional Command, Camp Denali, Alaska
13. January 2003 - February 2004, Chief of Staff, Alaska State Area Regional Command, Camp Denali, Alaska
14. February 2004 - April 2004, Chief of Staff, Alaska Army National Guard Element, Alaska Joint Force Headquarters, Camp Denali, Alaska
15. March 2004 - April 2007, Assistant Adjutant General, Space and Missile Defense, Alaska Army National Guard Element, Alaska Joint Force Headquarters, Camp Denali, Alaska
16. April 2007 - August 2009, Assistant Adjutant General, Alaska Army National Guard, Camp Denali, Alaska
17. August 2009 - November 2009, Acting Adjutant General, Alaska, Alaska Joint Force Headquarters, Camp Denaili, Alaska
18. November 2009 - Present, The Adjutant General, Alaska, Alaska Joint Force Headquarters, Camp Denaili, Alaska

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass)
Army Service Ribbon
Parachute Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant ARNG 05 December 1980
First Lieutenant ARNG 06 September 1984
Captain ARNG 20 July 1988
Major ARNG April 29 1994

Lieutenant Colonel ARNG 17 January 2000
Colonel ARNG 30 June 2003
Brigadier General ARNG 01 August 2005
Major General ARNG 11 August 2010

(Current as of October 2010)

**Director of Joint Staff, JFHQ Alaska**

Colonel Catherine F. Jorgensen is currently serving as both Director of the Joint Staff, Alaska National Guard and as Chief of Staff for the Alaska Army National Guard. She is responsible for providing command and control of National Guard forces in executing homeland defense, defense support of civil authorities and other domestic emergency missions within the State of Alaska. She is also responsible to provide Army National Guard Soldiers that are fully prepared to protect Alaska from any threat, disaster, or emergency.

Colonel Catherine F. Jorgensen received her commission in 1985 after graduating from the Reserve Officer Training Program at the University of Alabama, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Upon completion of the Adjutant General Basic Course, she was assigned to the 2nd Support Command at Nellingen, Germany. There she managed the Enlisted Assignments branch, followed by the Administrative Services Division. She finished her Germany tour as the Officer/Warrant Officer Assignment Branch Chief followed by the Adjutant General Advanced Course at Fort Harrison, Indiana. Colonel Jorgensen was then assigned to the Fort Bragg, North Carolina where she was the Chief of Officer Management for the 1st Corps Support Command. Following that assignment, she served as Commander of the 19th Replacement Detachment. Following Fort Bragg, she was assigned to Dugway Proving Ground, Utah where she served as the Post Protocol Officer, Assistant Operations Officer and culminating as the Installation Executive Officer. She arrived in Anchorage in June 1993 for her final active duty assignment as the Operations Officer for the Anchorage Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS). She left active duty and served in the Army Reserves with units based in Maryland and Heidelberg, Germany. She joined the Alaska Army National Guard in September 2000 as a Military Personnel Officer. Other assignments with the Alaska National Guard include Assistant Chief of Staff, Deputy Human Resource Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, J1/Human Resource Officer, and Brigade Commander. She is married to COL

(Ret) Brad Jorgensen and together they have three great children Bradley (24), Roger (17) and Catherine (15).

EDUCATION

1985 Bachelor of Science, University of Alabama (Roll Tide!)

1985 Adjutant General Basic Course, Fort Harrison, Indiana

1989 Adjutant General Advance Course, Fort Harrison, Indiana

1990 Combined Arms Service Staff School (CAS3)

2003 Human Resource Qualification Course

2006 United States Army War College

2006 Master of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

ASSIGNMENTS

December 1985 – July 1986, Assistant Chief, Enlisted Management, Nellingen, Germany

July 1986 – December 1987, Chief, Administrative Services, Nellingen, Germany

December 1987 – November 1988, Officer/Warrant Officer Management, Nellingen, Germany

May 1989- January 1990, Chief, Officer Management, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

January 1990 – November 1990, Company Commander, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

November 1990 – July 1991, Administrative Officer, Dugway Proving Ground, Utah

July 1991 – November 1992, Protocol Officer, Dugway Proving Ground, Utah

November 1992 – June 1993, Assistant Operations Officer, Dugway Proving Ground, Utah

June 1993 – March 1996, Operations Officer, Anchorage MEPS, Anchorage, Alaska

April 1996 – January 2000, USAR Troop Program Unit

February 2000 – September 2000, 412th Engineer Command, Heidelberg, Germany

September 2000 – September 2001, Military Personnel Officer, Alaska Army National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska

October 2001 – March 2002, Staff Officer, Joint Operations Center, Alaska Army National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska

April 2002 – October 2002, Assistant Chief of Staff, Alaska Army National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska

November 2002 – October 2006, Deputy Human Resource Officer, Alaska National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska

November 2006 – January 2009, Deputy Chief of Staff/Personnel, Alaska Army National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska
February 2009 – March 2011, Human Resource Officer, Alaska National Guard, Anchorage, Alaska

August 2009 – December 2011, Commander, 38th Troop Command (Dual –Hat)

March 2011 – Present, Chief of Staff, Alaska Army National Guard (Dual-Hat)

August 2012 – Present, Director of the Joint Staff, Alaska National Guard (Dual-Hat)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC)

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC)

Army Achievement Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Army Service Medal

Overseas Service Ribbon

Parachute Badge

Alaska Army Commendation Medal

Alaska Community Service

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 18 May 1985

First Lieutenant 7 February 1987

Captain 1 February 1990

Major 5 February 1998

Lieutenant Colonel 24 July 2002

Colonel 12 December 2006

(Current as of 15 August 2012)

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Matt Friese <mfriese@gracechristianalaska.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 9:54 AM
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Please forward to the Governor...

Good Morning,

Just a heads up, life has not settled down for your Alaska National Guard. You can anticipate more people seeking to talk to you – from the upper levels of our organization. If I can be of help, please let me know. I do not want you to be blindsided.

Blessings,
Chaplain Matt Friese

M. Friese,
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Chuck <[REDACTED] BOI >
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2011 3:11 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: [REDACTED] BOI
Subject: RE: Request to Meet

Mr Nizich,

I hope you recall our meeting in August. Although I lamented that such a meeting was needed, I came away optimistic that the environment for the Alaska National Guard could be and would be improved. Since that time however, I believe that the command climate has deteriorated even further, and unless the course is altered it will not improve.

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[REDACTED] Unless MG Katkus reverses course, I will lose my membership in the AKNG on or about 16 October. If we could meet prior to that date I would be grateful. If needed, I will come to Juneau.

Respectfully,

Chuck Foster

Cell: [REDACTED] BOI

Home: [REDACTED] BOI

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [<mailto:mike.nizich@alaska.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 5:07 PM
To: Chuck
Subject: RE: Request to Meet

I will have my assistant contact you in the morning to set up a time to meet. I will be in Anchorage next week.

Mike Nizich

Chief of Staff

Office of Governor Sean Parnell

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FAX: 907.465.3532

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From: Chuck [[mailto:\[REDACTED\] BOI](mailto:[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

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Home: [REDACTED] BOI



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AKNG-AAG

30 September 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION

FROM: BG Banez, AAG-Army

SUBJECT: After action report for AKTAG Command Climate Survey (CCS) results.

DP/Federal

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

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

I will take care this

Mike Nizich
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From: Matt Frieze [<mailto:mfrieze@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

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Blessings
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 4:16 PM
To: 'Matt Frieze'
Subject: RE: Air National Guard...from your chaplains

Sorry for the late response. I have been out of town but did get your voice message and now the email. I have had discussions with various leaders as well as folks in the trenches at the ANG. I continue to meet with the top management folks at DMVA. Thanks for the information I will do some follow up.

Mike Nizich

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October 25, 2011

Honorable Governor Sean Parnell
State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Parnell



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Sincerely,

LTC Kevin Peterman
kevin.peterman@us.army.mil
(907) 428-6440

LTC Kenneth Blaylock
kenneth.blaylock1@us.army.mil
(907) 428-6312

LTC Peter Savage
peter.savage@us.army.mil
(907) 428-6277

Peterman, Kevin D LTC MIL NG AKARNG

From: Peterman, Kevin D LTC MIL NG AKARNG
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 8:44 AM
To: Katkus, Tom MG MIL NG AKARNG; Banez, Randy BG MIL NG AKARNG; Jorgensen, Cathy COL MIL NG AKARNG
Cc: Bridges, Leon M COL MIL NG AKARNG
Subject: ASMB Information Request (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Gentlemen/Ma'am – Although I was told twice by COL Jorgensen, 1st in COL Bridge's office Friday morning 14 OCT, she would send me a response. Then later in the hallway in front of Purchasing & Contracting on Sunday afternoon 16 OCT, she told me I would have a response by Friday (21 OCT). I have not received any response on this request.

It is apparent my chain of command is unwilling to throw out the results of this board which I allege is in violation of NGB-ARH Policy Memo #10-002, as it targeted selected individuals. Therefore I am requesting access to all information pertaining to the board. To include, but not limited to; ASMB Board member(s) name and contact information, evaluation criteria, and score sheets, request this information be made available NLT 1 NOV 2011

V/R

LTC P

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Gentlemen/Ma'am

Request the results of the 5 April 2011 ASMB be thrown out. This request is based on the allegation the board was in violation of paragraph 6 (b) of the NGB-ARH Policy Memo #10-002. "Selection objectives that would narrow the board population to the point it targets individual Soldiers will not be developed." It is apparent the

board targeted individual soldiers who were armor officers, either through selection criteria objectives and/or verbal guidance.

V/R

LTC P

KEVIN D PETERMAN

LTC, AR, AKARNG

Deputy G4/J4

W (907)-428-6440

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24 October 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR LTC Kevin Peterman, JFHQ-AK, P.O. Box 5800, Fort Richardson,
Alaska 99505

Subject: ASMB - Request to Throw Out Results

1. This memorandum is a follow-up to your email dated 13 October 2011 requesting the results of the board be thrown out. Your request is disapproved.
2. Your request is based on your perception that the board was in violation of paragraph 6 (b) of the NGB-ARH Policy Memo #10-002. "Selection objectives that would narrow the board population to the point it targets individual Soldiers will not be developed." Although it may appear that branch was a criterion it was not; NGB approved the board proceedings after they determined the board was run in accordance with all regulations, policies, and procedures. The board decision is not appealable once NGB approves the board.
3. If you need additional information or clarification, please give me a call at (907) 428-6509.


CATHERINE F. JORGENSEN
COL, GS
Chief of Staff

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Rick Cavens <[REDACTED] BOI [REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 3:12 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: [REDACTED] BOI [REDACTED]
Subject: Compromised

Mr Nizich,

On the last issue with Colonel Lincoln and the TAG over DC contacting him with negative accusations it seems our confidentiality was compromised as chaplains. In that the TAG told Chaplain Koch, "A 176WG chaplain or chaplains have been a conduit to the governor." You understood that confidentiality for chaplains is dear and that we all have tried our chain of command and why Ch Friese contacted you in frustration. At this point in time I do not see you as a trusted agent for positive change and growth in the Alaska National Guard.

Sincerely

Ch Lt Col Rick Cavens
Wing Chaplain, 176WG

Rick Cavens

Husband and Father to Mari and the four fantastics
AK National Guard SOS Coordinator
176WG, AKANG, USAF, Wing Chaplain
Lutheran sidekick pastor for Jesus
Owner of too many sled dogs

[REDACTED] BOI [REDACTED]

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Ramseur, David (Begich) <David_Ramseur@begich.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 1:30 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Time for a chat?

Mike:

Can we set up a time in the next day or two to talk about concerns we're hearing about the Alaska National Guard? I need to tell you what we're picking up as it sounds like a problem that could bite us both. I'm in DC. Thanks

David Ramseur
Chief of Staff
Office of U.S. Senator Mark Begich
202-224-3004
E-newsletter signup: begich.senate.gov



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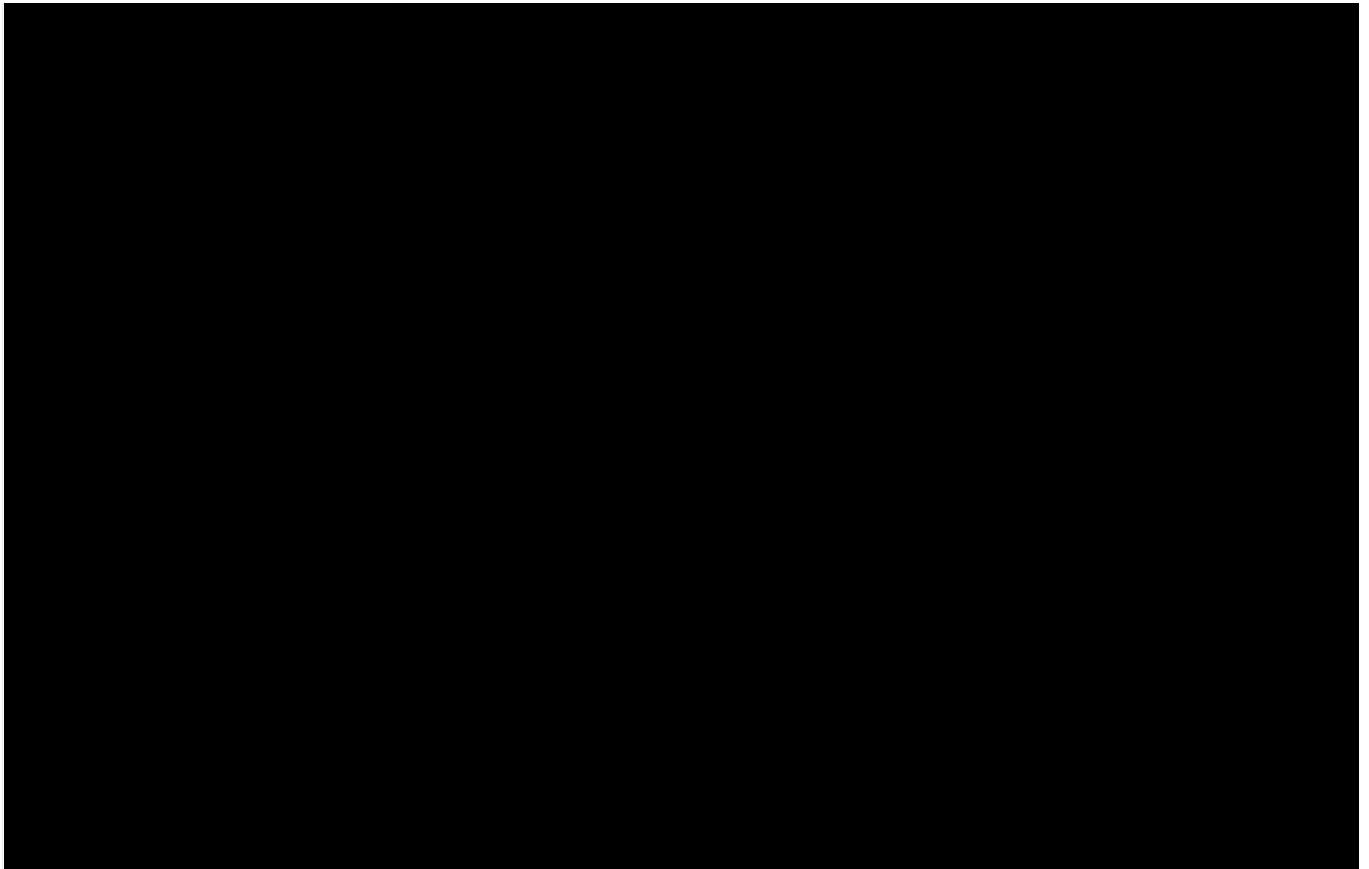
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21 March 2012

An open letter to the Alaska State Legislature,

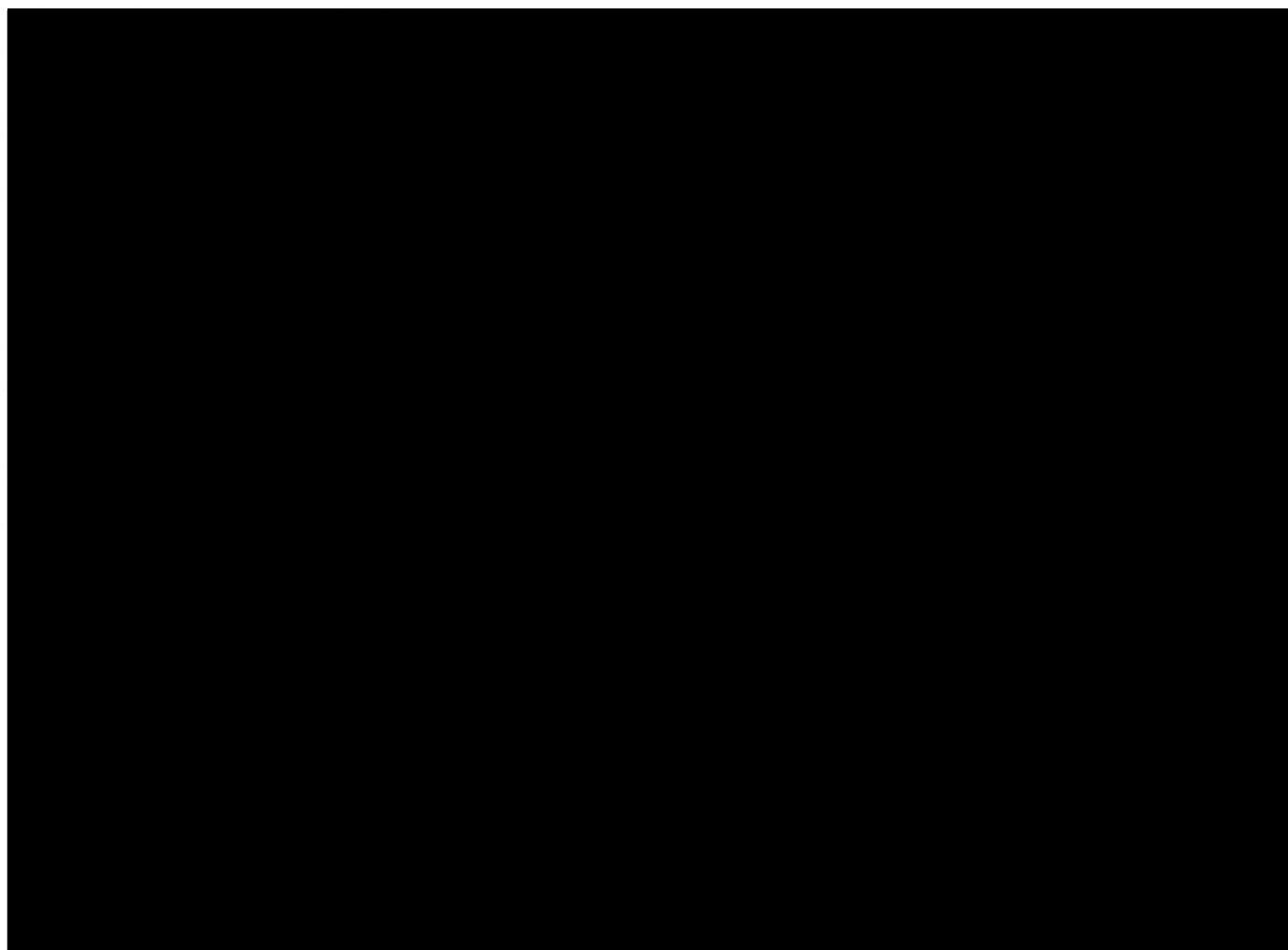
Leaders must be held to a higher standard given they set the conditions for how an organization runs. A dynamic leader inspires their followers; a corrupt leader destroys the team from within. This is the unfortunate history of two leaders who have been party to the undoing of a proud organization. One leader is guilty by acts of commission, the other by acts of omission.

Major General Tom Katkus has been the Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard for the past two years and the Assistant Adjutant General-Army for three years previous to that. During his time as a general in the Guard, the following events have taken place:



The aforementioned issues are documented and easily substantiated via Freedom of Information requests queried from the Inspector General or other public sources. These activities reflect only the most severe offenses in the organization, and are indicators of the dereliction of duty by MG Tom Katkus as he failed in his performance as a general in the Alaska National Guard.

While it is unfortunate what MG Katkus has done, it is even more regrettable that another senior leader in the State of Alaska has overlooked the misconduct. Governor Sean Parnell and his staff were notified of these issues on multiple occasions by more than a dozen mid- to high ranking officers in the Alaska National Guard. While the governor has listened to the concerns of the leaders in the organization, he has failed to investigate the facts surrounding MG Katkus and the corruption within the Alaska National Guard. For example, the following issues were presented to Governor Parnell or his staff:



Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Ramseur, David (Begich) <David_Ramseur@begich.senate.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 24, 2012 9:31 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: National Guard problems

This message has been archived. [View the original item](#)

Mike:

I think you and I should have another quick conversation about continuing problems at the Alaska National Guard. Let me know if there's a time that works for you sooner than later. I'm in my DC office much of today and am always available by cell: **BOI**

David Ramseur

Chief of Staff

Office of U.S. Senator Mark Begich

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E-newsletter signup: begich.senate.gov <<http://begich.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Signup>>

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Chief, National Guard Bureau

The Honorable Mark Begich
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Begich:

Thank you for bringing your concerns regarding the Alaska National Guard to my attention. The National Guard appreciates the seriousness of the issues raised in your inquiry and I assure you they will be thoroughly investigated. I have forwarded a copy of the material to the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force. All allegations involving senior officials will be investigated by the appropriate service Inspector General.

I have directed the National Guard Bureau Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Office to contact the Alaska National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Coordinator to verify that all reported cases have been handled or are being handled appropriately. Additionally, I have directed my SAPR Office to make Alaska a top priority for their Staff Assistance Visit program.

Finally, I have asked the Director of the Air National Guard to send a team to Alaska to conduct a thorough assessment of the 176th Wing and the 168th Wing.

As more information becomes available, I will keep you updated. In the meantime, should you have any questions about this matter please contact the Director of the National Guard Bureau's Legislative Liaison, Brigadier General Wilton S. Gorkse at (571) 256-7339.

Sincerely,

Craig R. McKinley
General, US Air Force
Chief, National Guard Bureau

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 7:35 AM
To: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: FW: National Guard letter
Attachments: Begich Mark (AK) inquiry_CNGB response.pdf

Looks like they will be investigating.

Call me.

Mike Nizich

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Subject: National Guard letter

Mike:
Wanted to make sure you saw a copy of this.

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Subject: Fwd: Wednesday End of Day

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Subject: Re: ADN story

Sounds good. I'll have a draft early tomorrow. Also I'll be doing fact checking on some of the statements attributed to folks.

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Sent from electronic mobile device.

On Oct 27, 2013, at 23:05, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

I will let you know. I am in Kenai all day tomorrow. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 27, 2013, at 8:48 PM, "Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)" <thomas.katkus@alaska.gov> wrote:

Mike

When and where would you like to get together? My schedule is very flexible this week. I had asked our public affairs officers for prep work on this quite some time ago as the investigation was unfolding.

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On Oct 27, 2013, at 20:44, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)"
<mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

We probably need to confer on this and soon. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 27, 2013, at 7:45 AM, "Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)"
<thomas.katkus@alaska.gov> wrote:

<http://www.adn.com/2013/10/27/3143834/alaska-national-guard-unit-being.html>

ADN story out this morning.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 9:50 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: ADN story

Let me know when you all want to meet and I'll join by phone if I'm not back yet.

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

On Oct 28, 2013, at 12:44 AM, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

We probably need to confer on this and soon. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 27, 2013, at 7:45 AM, "Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)" <thomas.katkus@alaska.gov> wrote:

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Sent from electronic mobile device.

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 10:13 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: Re: ADN story

Sharon has been talking to Gen Katkus this morning. She is working on a presser.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 28, 2013, at 9:49 AM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

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Sent from Cindy's iPhone

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Sent from electronic mobile device.

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Dahlstrom, Nancy A (DOL)
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 1:03 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Subject: Fwd: appointment
Attachments: Bydalek Performance Evaluation 20090514.doc; ATT00001.htm

Below is an email I received from Mr. Bydalek today. This is the first I have heard from him in a long time.
Nancy

Sent from my iPhone, please disregard typo's or word changes.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christoper Bydalek <[REDACTED]>
Date: October 31, 2013 at 10:12:50 AM AKDT
To: French Kevin <kevin.french@alaska.gov>, Heckmann L <nancy.heckmann@alaska.gov>, <nancy.dahlstrom@alaska.gov>, <bbrucker@copperriverit.com>, <leon.bridges@alaska.gov>
Subject: appointment

Kevin -

PR

http://ebooks.agppublishing.com/archive/national_guard/DMVA_AnnualReport.pdf

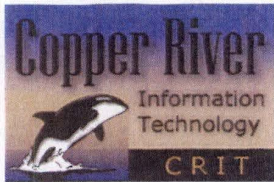
We expanded capabilities of six existing classrooms around Alaska with additional workstations and upgraded software, and we installed a seventh classroom in Kodiak.

That is the project that I inherited in 2010, the program was broken and barely functional, with the threat of having its budget eliminated looming overhead. I worked very hard to help correct that situation by coordinating the DL Program for the Guard in 2010 and 2011, and for this is how I've been paid back for my hard work

I've cc'd this to Leon Bridges with the AKARNG, perhaps he can shed some light on the subject as to why I've been treated in the manner that I've been treated.

PR

Chris Bydalek



Performance Evaluation Form

Employee's Name:	Chris Bydalek
Position/Department:	Telecommunications Technician AKNG
Hire Date:	05/14/2007
Review Date:	05/14/2009 (effective)

As a minimum, the following should be considered when evaluating the performance of an employee: Does the employee display an ability to maintain high standards of accuracy and attention to detail (quality of work); is the amount of time for work produced on a consistent basis as measured against job requirements (quantity of work); does the employee have an understanding of job skills, products, techniques and procedures as outlined in job description; is the employee dependable and do they show an ability to complete work on time; is the work accurate with a minimum degree of supervision; does the employee exhibit a willingness to contribute beyond job limits; seek additional work and assist co-workers to accomplish departmental and company goals; does the employee display a positive, cooperative attitude and demonstrate an ability to get along with others, inside and outside the company; and can their attendance be relied upon?

Did the performance of the employee meet or exceed expectations during this evaluation period?

- ☒ **Yes** Comments are not required but may be included.
- ☐ **No** Comments/recommendations for performance improvement of professional development are required.

SUPERVISOR/MANAGER COMMENTS:

PR

EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

Review prepared by Manager:

James Mire

Date: 04/27/2009

Discussed with Employee:

Date:

(signature acknowledges discussion and does not signify agreement with review)

Present Rate:	\$32.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hourly	Increase:	\$1.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hourly	New Rate:	\$33.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hourly
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Dahlstrom, Nancy A (DOL)
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:47 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Subject: NG info
Attachments: image001.jpg

FYI

Sent from my iPhone, please disregard typo's or word changes.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ben Brucker <bbrucker@copperriverit.com>
Date: October 31, 2013 at 1:44:54 PM AKDT
To: French Kevin <kevin.french@alaska.gov>, Heckmann L <nancy.heckmann@alaska.gov>, "nancy.dahlstrom@alaska.gov" <nancy.dahlstrom@alaska.gov>, "leon.bridges@alaska.gov" <leon.bridges@alaska.gov>
Cc: Jim Miner <Jim.Miner@kingcoveholdings.com>, Philip Livingston <philip.livingston@copperriverit.com>
Subject: RE: appointment

All,

I am so sorry that this is happening again. This is not a new occurrence with Chris.

Obviously he is going through something difficult for the last few years.

I was not the President at the time, but Chris's contract with Copper River ended years ago, so I am not sure why we are being targeted.

I would be more than happy to have a discussion with any of you regarding this situation, should you feel it necessary.

After the last round of similar emails last year, Chris and I had a series of friendly communications, and I thought it helped him get past whatever he needed to overcome.

I signed a reference letter that he sent me, trying to help him gain employment, but he now has issue with that.

I have reached out to him again today, simply to try and keep another human from harm.

I do not know any of you or your relationship with Chris but he is obviously in a bad place, but he is burning bridges left and right.

I will vehemently defend Copper River's honor, morals, and ethics, should it be required, but am still willing to help.

Just trying to give a bit of background.

Respectfully,



Ben Brucker

President

Copper River Information Technology, LLC

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From: Christopher Bydalek [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 2:13 PM

To: French Kevin; Heckmann L; nancy.dahlstrom@alaska.gov; Ben Brucker; leon.bridges@alaska.gov

Subject: appointment

Kevin -

I got your phone message, the answer to your question is, no, I have not successfully found employment, I've pretty much given up hope of finding a job in this state.

In fact, I've pretty much just given up on life, if you know what I mean.

If there's any hope of finding a job, and you think that you can help me, then I'm all ears.

I am fighting the negative reports that the program director for the Alaska National Guard, Mr Timothy Crawford, and my employer who placed me with the Guard, Copper River Information Technology.

Neither Mr Timothy Crawford the program director for the Alaska National Guard, or Copper River Information Technology, the employer who placed me with the Guard, has been willing to issue any kind of letter of reference for me, even though there was never a complaint about my work, in fact for four years there was nothing but praise for my work. You can even read about it in the DMVA 2012 Annual Report;

http://ebooks.aqppublishing.com/archive/national_guard/DMVA_AnnualReport.pdf

We expanded capabilities of six existing classrooms around Alaska with additional workstations and upgraded software, and we installed a seventh classroom in Kodiak.

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I've cc'd this to Leon Bridges with the AKARNG, perhaps he can shed some light on the subject as to why I've been treated in the manner that I've been treated.

Enclosed is my one and only performance evaluation from 2009, I had requested another in 2011 but neither organization, the Guard or Copper River, ever followed through with my request. Ben Brucker, President of Copper River IT, did actually put his name to a letter that I had written, but after thinking about it I have decided not use that because of the unethical nature of it.

If you think that this can be overcome, and you can help me, then yes, I would love to speak with you.

Chris Bydalek
[REDACTED]

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Meyer, Marty A (MVA)
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Cc: Fowler, Micaela R (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Katkus, MG Thomas; Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: RE: Draft letter reply to Senator Fred Dyson

Hi Cindy,

Thank you! I will confirm with MG Katkus that we clarified with Sen Dyson that the Governor did not receive any report from the NGB.

Thanks!

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 12:03 PM
To: Meyer, Marty A (MVA); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Cc: Fowler, Micaela R (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Katkus, MG Thomas; Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: RE: Draft letter reply to Senator Fred Dyson

Hi Marty ... I apologize for the delay in getting back to you on this letter. [REDACTED]

DP

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks and Merry Christmas!! ☺

Cindy Sims
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From: Meyer, Marty A (MVA)
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 10:36 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Cc: Fowler, Micaela R (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Katkus, MG Thomas; Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: Draft letter reply to Senator Fred Dyson

Attached please find a letter from Senator Fred Dyson to MG Katkus, [REDACTED]

DP

Thank you and have a great weekend!
Marty Meyer
907-428-6008

From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) [<mailto:thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil>]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 4:11 PM
To: Meyer, Marty A (MVA)
Subject: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 1:38 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: FW: Case 039010 | Sen. Hollis French

FYI

http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/anchorage-senator-seeks-info-on-national-guard-sexual-assault-allegations/article_d1997882-4664-11e3-a666-001a4bcf6878.html

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 10:43 AM
To: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Subject: RE: Case 039010 | Sen. Hollis French

Yes thanks

From: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Case 039010 | Sen. Hollis French
Importance: High

Mike,

Please see the attached letter from Sen. French. I've sent a copy to McHugh and will work with him to draft a response. Sound good?

Jessica Wilken

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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, November 05, 2013 6:13 PM
To: Pratt, Michael G LTC USARMY HQDA SECARMY (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: SECARMY Tasker: AK ARNG (UNCLASSIFIED)

LTC Pratt

Thank you for the feedback. I am actually at Ft Greely today with my IG doing a sensing session with our Soldiers on that very subject then off to Clear AFB for the next two days with our NG Air members there.

I will absolutely continue on this effort.

Let me know if you need anything else.

THOMAS H. KATKUS

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

From: Pratt, Michael G LTC USARMY HQDA SECARMY (US)
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 02:03 PM
To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: RE: SECARMY Tasker: AK ARNG (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Sir,

The SA reviewed your products and understands that all of the cases involve Soldiers under Title 32. As you know, the SECARMY's #1 priority is to prevent sexual assault. Accordingly, you should continue to support the victims with all available assets at your disposal and thoroughly investigate the cases as appropriate.

Thank you for your assistance throughout this process.

Respectfully,

LTC Michael G. Pratt
Military Assistant to the
Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon, Rm 3E700
Washington, DC 20310-0102
Office: 703-697-5338 (DSN 227)

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

From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Sent: Friday, 01 November, 2013 09:31
To: Pratt, Michael G LTC USARMY HQDA SECARMY (US)
Subject: Re: SECARMY Tasker: AK ARNG (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks Mike. Please let me personally know of anything you need.

THOMAS H. KATKUS

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From: Pratt, Michael G LTC USARMY HQDA SECARMY (US)
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2013 04:33 AM
To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Cc: Stansbury, Bevan C MAJ USARMY NG NGB (US); Lux, E Jane CIV NG NGB (US); Thompson, Octavia L CIV NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: RE: SECARMY Tasker: AK ARNG (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

Sir,

We appreciate the rapid turn on this RFI and your personal involvement in the process. We will ensure to convey that you are passionate about taking care of the victims and diligently working to hold the perpetrators accountable. I will send you the final disposition of this tasker when that occurs. I anticipate that I will get back with you early next week.

Respectfully,

LTC Michael G. Pratt
Military Assistant to the

Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon, Rm 3E700
Washington, DC 20310-0102
Office: 703-697-5338 (DSN 227)

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

From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Sent: Thursday, 31 October, 2013 19:50
To: Pratt, Michael G LTC USARMY HQDA SECARMY (US)
Cc: Stansbury, Bevan C MAJ USARMY NG NGB (US); Lux, E Jane CIV NG NGB (US); Thompson, Octavia L CIV NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: SECARMY Tasker: AK ARNG (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

LTC Pratt

Here is the Excel spreadsheet of the 29 cases that we are tracking since 2009. It prints out best on 11 X 17 paper.

Of the 19 unrestricted cases that details are available to me, only Case #2 is egregious enough for consideration fitting felony sexual assault under Alaska law. Law enforcement declined to take the case forward for grand jury consideration as it lacked the supporting evidence. NGB provided us with resources from the Office of Complex Investigations to investigate further. We are awaiting their final report to see if they gather enough additional testimonial evidence for criminal prosecution; If not we will be moving forward with appropriate civil disciplinary action.

No cases involved Title 10 members.

I don't know we track specific resources we provided to each victim, however the Alaska National Guard has resources available that include a Joint Service Support staff of approximately 50 individuals who support 17 programs, including a sexual assault prevention and response coordinator, a military and family life consultant, director of psychological health, Military OneSource consultant, and family assistance centers. Beyond the Joint Service staff, we have an additional 40 fully trained and accredited victim advocates.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call. My mobile is best for getting directly to me.

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From: Ruaro, Randal P (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 7:54 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: For final review

AC

On Feb 4, 2014, at 7:38 PM, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Pierre, McHugh (MVA)" <mchugh.pierre@alaska.gov>
Date: February 4, 2014, 5:14:48 PM AKST
To: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Knudson, Kip C (GOV)" <kip.knudson@alaska.gov>
Cc: "thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil" <thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil>, "Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)" <thomas.katkus@alaska.gov>
Subject: FW: For final review

DP/EP

McHugh

From: Olmstead, Candis Maj (MVA sponsored)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 5:08 PM
To: Katkus, Tom BG NGAK (DMVA Sponsored); Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Cc: 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)
Subject: For final review

MG Katkus,

Attached and included below is our final draft of the response to query from Sean Cockerham. For Governor's office approval.

V/r
Candis

CANDIS A. OLMSTEAD, Maj, AKANG
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 9:39 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Knudson, Kip C (GOV)
Cc: thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil; Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Subject: RE: For final review

Looks ok, not disclosing any information on individual folks.

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:15 PM
To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Knudson, Kip C (GOV)
Cc: thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil; Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Subject: RE: For final review

Hi McHugh ... I made one grammatical change (I turned track changes on, so you can see it). I have not talked with Mike or Sharon to get their input, so hopefully you'll hear from them first thing in the morning.

My only other thought - [REDACTED] DP/EP

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Cc: 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)

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 3:11 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Knudson, Kip C (GOV)
Cc: thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil; Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Subject: follow up questions for review
Importance: High

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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); Bailer, Susan L COL USAF NG AKANG (US) (susan.l.bailer.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

QUESTION:



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From Brig. Gen. Catherine Jorgensen, the Alaska Army National Guard chief of staff:

"Sexual harassment and assault are not acceptable in our workplace. And sexual misconduct, even in the area of inappropriate consensual relationships, contradicts of our Army core values.

"I want the Alaska National Guard to be a workplace that fosters trust, integrity, loyalty, respect and honor. There is no room here for intimidation, manipulation, harassment or assault of any kind.

"The Alaska Army National Guard takes all allegations seriously. Although the process may seem long, it is imperative that we exercise diligence, respecting due process, privacy, and the rights of the individuals involved. As we become aware of misconduct of any kind, we address it appropriately. The key is to model and maintain a culture of respect, empowering all members of our organization to address misconduct issues properly at their level. All leaders within the Alaska Army National Guard will continue to focus on the prevention of misconduct and responding swiftly to care for victims and seek justice.

"In the Alaska National Guard, we are a team of more than four thousand citizen Airmen and Soldiers. We serve, protect and defend our country, our state, and each other. We understand that we have a responsibility—and a moral obligation—to ensure that our brothers- and sisters-in-arms are safe, and we are committed to do all we can to ensure their safety."

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 8:27 AM
To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: FW: Sexual Assault in the Alaska National Guard

I am about ready to fire off a response to this guy that he won't like. Call me before I do. Thanks

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From: Chris Bydalek [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 5:50 AM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Sexual Assault in the Alaska National Guard

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Most Sincerely,

Chris Bydalek
Anchorage, AK
[REDACTED]

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Chris Bydalek <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5:15 AM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Sexual Assault in the Alaska National Guard

Hi Sharon

Unfortunately I work during the day, perhaps if you could try back some time after 4:30, or I can try calling you then.

I see that Cockerham had another piece in the ADN yesterday, when is the Governor going to address this ?

I would really like to speak with someone in this administration who has the authority to speak on this.

It's shameful and disgusting that this has been taking place, what's more shameful is the silence of this administration.

Sincerely,

Chris Bydalek
USAF Veteran
Anchorage, AK
[REDACTED]

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

From:
"Leighow Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

To:
"Chris Bydalek" <[REDACTED]>
Cc:

Sent:
Mon, 24 Feb 2014 22:15:36 +0000
Subject:
RE: Sexual Assault in the Alaska National Guard

Chris -

I tried calling you this afternoon - left a message.

Sharon Leighow

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From: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: Sen French
Attachments: 02-25-14 Case 041712 Senator Hollis French.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Mike,

Attached is a new letter from Sen. French regarding the Alaska National Guard and the recent news article on the sexual assault cases. Looking for direction on this one 😊 I've also cc'd McHugh so that he's in the loop.

Thanks!

Jessica Wilken

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SENATOR HOLLIS FRENCH

February 25, 2014

Governor Sean Parnell
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Parnell:

In November, I wrote to you regarding my strong concern with how sexual assault cases have been handled by the Alaska National Guard. National Guard chaplains had been quoted in news articles as saying they had been reporting sexual assaults to the leadership of the Guard and to your office since 2010 with little or no response.

On Monday, February 24th, another news article appeared in the Anchorage Daily News discussing the status of those cases, and I was deeply troubled to see that they are being disposed of via administrative proceedings, even though at least some of those cases were reported to be sexual assaults.

Please advise me if any sexual assault charge from the Alaska Guard investigation has been referred to the Alaska Department of Law for prosecution, and if so, what disposition those charges received. Included in this request would be any criminal charges related to that investigation such as violating the terms of a protective order or hindering prosecution. I know that you and I agree that swift and certain justice should fall upon anyone committing a sexual assault in Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hollis French", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senator Hollis French

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 1:41 PM
To: Wilken, Jessica M (GOV)
Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: RE: Sen French

We have what we need. McHugh has provided a draft in response

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:01 AM
To: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: RE: Sexual Assault and Cover Up in the AKARNG

Do we have a picture of this guy? Can't remember if we obtained one before

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From: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 8:43 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: Re: Sexual Assault and Cover Up in the AKARNG

Thanks Mike. I did not see any new allegation or topic. He has voiced all these issues before. The issues in our lane have been investigated. The allegations against the medical examiner have morphed from his original belief of a police cover-up.

This is the first I've noticed that he is signing as a USAF Vet. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] So far he continues to act in a consistent manner focused on the issues he expressed below.

THOMAS H. KATKUS

Commissioner

Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs - The Adjutant General

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Sent from electronic mobile device.

On Feb 26, 2014, at 8:09, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

More

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From: Chris Bydalek [REDACTED] *BOI*
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 6:28 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Sexual Assault and Cover Up in the AKARNG

You know what's funny is that whenever I leave a comment on the Governor's Facebook page regarding rape and sexual assault in the National Guard, it gets deleted.

It's obvious to me that you don't want to deal with this issue, that you'd rather follow the lead of General Katkus and Governor Parnell and cover this issue up.

Well, I'm here to tell you that one too many people have been thrown under the bus by General Katkus, and now those skeletons are coming back to haunt him.

I would urge that you do more to get out in front of this issue because there's a lot more that hasn't been reported.

Yet.

[REDACTED] *BOI/PR*

I'd follow that up with the investigation into weapons smuggling out of Iraq, specifically [REDACTED] *BOI/PR/LE/FPA* and what led to the plane being searched, and the tip-off that led to the weapons being offloaded before investigators got a hold of the plane.

I'd look into the toxic atmosphere that permitted signs such as the "Pray for Obama" sign that was hung in the security office of the National Guard armory on Fort Richardson.
I'm pretty sure that calling for the death of the Commander in Chief is not looked favorably upon.

I could go on, but I'm hoping, but not confident, that you're getting my message.

You have a PR mess on your hands, and simply leaving it up to General Katkus to handle is the wrong way to go on this.

Katkus should have been fired a long, long time ago, but by assessing what the priorities of this Governor are, covering up rape, sexual assault, theft, racism and embezzlement is not a high priority for this Governor.

BTW, I'm the person who blew the whistle on [BOI/PR/LE/FPA] the AKARNG Airman who embezzled over 200K from the family services program over a period of 5 years.

And what happened to the person who was in charge of [BOI/PR/LE/FPA]

That's right, Catherine Jorgensen.....She was promoted.

Have a nice day, I can be reached after 4:30 pm at the number below.

Thank you for your time.

Chris Bydalek
USAF Vet (and a highly offended one, too)

[BOI]

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2014 9:49 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Robinson, Benjamin A (GOV)
Subject: Re: CONFIDENTIAL / DELIBERATIVE

I have nothing to add. Sorry it took awhile my phone died from a long day of use.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2014, at 8:20 PM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Lawendowski, Joseph - PAR LETTER
Attachments: Lawendowski, Joseph - PAR LETTER.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Mike

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February 28, 2014

General Frank J. Grass
Chief
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[Insert Address]

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General Frank J. Grass
February 28, 2014
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Sincerely,

Sean Parnell
Governor

cc: The Honorable Michael Geraghty, Attorney General, State of Alaska
Mike Nizich, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Saturday, March 01, 2014 8:07 AM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Confidential Correspondence from Alaska Governor Sean Parnell

See note from General Grass below. Would you like me to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Grass, Frank J GEN USARMY NG NGB (US)" <frank.j.grass.mil@mail.mil>
Date: March 1, 2014, 5:35:31 AM AKST
To: "'cindy.sims@alaska.gov'" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov>
Cc: "'mike.nizich@alaska.gov'" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Confidential Correspondence from Alaska Governor Sean Parnell

Cindy,

Thank you and Governor Parnell for this request. I am totally committed to ensuring the professional behavior of all personnel serving in the National Guard. I will refer this memo directly to my Staff Judge Advocate, COL Chris Rofrano who will rapidly assemble a confidential team of trained investigators from our Office of Complex Investigations. We have utilized our investigators from this office in other states with exceptional results. Our investigators will treat all information confidential and provide a final report to Governor Parnell.

I am available to assist anytime.

Frank J. Grass
General
Chief of the National
Guard Bureau

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(C) [REDACTED] BOI/PR

(H) [REDACTED] BOI/PR

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [<mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov>]
Sent: Saturday, March 01, 2014 02:21 AM
To: Grass, Frank J GEN USARMY NG NGB (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
Subject: Confidential Correspondence from Alaska Governor Sean Parnell

Dear General Grass,

Please find attached a confidential letter from Governor Sean Parnell. Your acknowledgement of its receipt would be most appreciated, and we look forward to your response.

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 1:51 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Information Follow-up (UNCLASSIFIED)
Attachments: Letter to Sen Dyson.docx; Trip report - SAV AK Jun12.docx; Alaska SAPR SAV Out Brief (12 Jun 12).pptx; Begich Response.pdf

Not sure this is what the Governor is talking about but this is all DMVA has in terms of a report

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Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 10:57 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: Information Follow-up (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Mike

I talked to McHugh this morning and he indicated that you would like a copy of a sexual assault report from NGB.

Senator Dyson had a similar request and we shared this information with him in December. This is a Staff Assistance Visit report after Senator Begich requested NGB look at Alaska's Sexual Assault program and Air National Guard Flight Safety Program in April 2012.

Attached is

- (1) Response to Senator Dyson (DEC 2013)
- (2) SAPR Staff Assistance Report (JUL 2012)
- (3) Supporting out brief slides (JUL 2012)
- (4) General McKinley's April 2012 response to Senator Begich

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December 4, 2013

Senator Fred Dyson
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Re: 2012 National Guard Bureau's Site Assistance Visit Report, Alaska National Guard

Senator Dyson,

I would like to personally thank you for your concern and your desire to address sexual assault within the Alaska National Guard. As you know, reducing sexual assault in our state is one of the top priorities of Governor Parnell's administration. As the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, ensuring the safety of all of our citizen Soldiers, Airmen, and state work force is my number one focus. Every one of us has a role in bringing about awareness and combating this horrible crime in our work environment.

In April 2012, at the inquiry of Senator Mark Begich to General Craig McKinley, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the NGB Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Manager, Ms. Jane Lux, accompanied by the Air National Guard and Army National Guard program managers, conducted a SAPR Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) on June 11th and 12th, 2012. The SAV specifically had these objectives:

- Meet with State Joint, Army National Guard and Air National Guard leadership to provide an overview of SAPR/SHARP program policy requirements and answer questions.
- Assist the new Joint Forces Headquarters and Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCS), Ms. Octavia Thompson and Major Keolani Bailey, on steps to set up programs and review checklists for program development.
- Define sexual assault reporting standard operating procedures and ensure SARCs have access to all data management systems for documenting reports.
- Present an understanding and update on NGB and DoD SAPR goals and initiatives.

It is important to know the SAV was not intended to serve as an inspection of the Alaska National Guard program. The team did not review case files of reported sexual assaults, nor did they speak with Soldiers or Airmen in sensing sessions to research command climate, as an inspection team would have done. A copy of Ms. Lux's trip report and Out-brief presentation is attached for your reference. It is meant for documentation of team activity and not formal report to the state leadership. The areas in the trip report mirrored the out brief with AK NG leadership:

- Leadership can only investigate what comes to their attention.
- The previous SARC did not adequately document sexual assaults in the data system of record. This was immediately rectified by the current SARC.
- The Air National Guard SAPR Program Manager concerns were noted that is AF Office of Special Investigations has jurisdiction for investigation of a sexual assault on JBER and should be referred to OSI rather than local law enforcement.
- At the time of the SAV, there were anonymous reports of ANG sexual assault victims not coming forward. This needed to be addressed through Wing SARC training opportunities in an effort to build confidence in the system. The Wing SARCS noted to the ANG SAPR PM that they continued to encourage airmen to come forward at follow up trainings.

Since the June 2012 SAV, changes and improvements have been made within the Alaska National Guard and DoD SAPR program. One of these improvements involves the requirement of national certification through the National Organization of Victim Advocates for SARCs and victim advocates. Ms. Thompson, JFHQ SARC, is one of only four National Guard SARCs, nationwide, who qualified at the highest level of experience and training (Level IV). All SARCs and victim advocates must now go through extensive training and background checks before working with victims, thus ensuring the highest quality possible for support of our members. Recruitment of new victim advocates to serve at the company and brigade levels, as well as the squadron and group levels, has increased with additional advocates to provide a wide range of availability.

Ms. Thompson has reached out statewide to programs such as the Alaska Network of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and to the Governor's Choose Respect initiative. Locally, she coordinates closely with other programs such as STAR, AWAIC, Forensic Nursing Services of Providence and the active duty programs on JBER. Educating others about the process of our response is one of her main tasks when meeting with those outside the Alaska National Guard.

Two changes of note include the new National Guard Bureau's Office of Complex Investigations (OCI) which now investigates all sexual assault allegations not investigated or prosecuted by local authorities. When a case is referred to NGB for an OCI investigation, NGB will assign trained investigators from different states to conduct the investigation to ensure complete and unbiased input.

Lastly, since spring of 2012, more victims have come forward to report unrestricted reports. All but three have been unrestricted, a complete reversal from previous reports, where most were restricted. I believe this is due to the confidence in leadership and the quality of support being provided to our members. Our goal of strengthening the culture against sexual violence and misconduct is at the forefront of this organization.

I am available at anytime to provide additional information or clarification if you need further assistance.

MG Thomas H. Katkus
Commissioner, DMVA

MEMORANDUM FOR Director, J1, National Guard Bureau, 111 South George Mason Drive,
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SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Staff Assistance Visit (SAV),
Alaska National Guard

1. A SAPR Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) was conducted on 11-12 June 2012 to the Alaska Joint Force Headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska. NGB staff members participating in the SAV were Jane Lux, NGB J1 SAPR Program Chief, MAJ Tela McFadden, ARNG Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Branch Chief, and 1stLt Lori Alix, NGB/A1S SAPR Program Manager.

2. The objectives of the SAV were to:

- a. Meet with state Joint, ARNG, and ANG leadership to provide an overview of SAPR/SHARP program policy requirements and answer questions
- b. Assist new JFHQ and Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) on steps to set up program and review checklists for program development
- c. Define sexual assault reporting standard operating procedures and ensure SARCs have access to all data management systems for documenting reports
- d. Present an understanding and update on NGB and DoD SAPR goals and initiatives

3. State leadership and employees present for the initial in brief:

1) MG Katkas – AK Adjutant General; 2) BG Bridges - ATAG; 3) Col O'Brian 168th Wing Commander; Col Wenke, 176th Wing Commander, 4) COL Williams – USPFO; 5) Col Bailar, AK – NG JAG; 6) Octavia Thompson-JFHQ SARC; 7) Maj Bailey, 176th Wing SARC; 8) Maj Hunstein, 168th SARC 9) Col Grunwald – HRO & J1 Director 9) Col Lincoln, AKANG CoS; 10) LTC Schell, ARNG Asst COS; 11) Lt Col McPhetres, ANG DoS 12) LTC Koch, Chaplain. 13) CMSgt Calvin-WG/Command Chief- 176th; 14) CCSM Gordon Choate, CSM Pamela Harrington, CW2 Nicholas Forbes, CMSgt Timothy Delph, COL Hunt Kerrigan, COL Michael Thompson; 15) Lt Col Kay Spear-Budd, Family Program Chief and Alt JFHQ SARC

4. Background on reasons Alaska was selected for a Staff Assistance Visit:

a. The previous full-time JFHQ SARC was initially hired as a temporary technician. When the temporary position expired, the state created a contract for her to continue in the role. During the time she served as JFHQ SARC, she did not report state ARNG sexual assaults into the Army's system of records, SADMS. Additionally, she was often late or did not input required metrics into the GKO SAPR site. When this issue was brought to her and her immediate leadership, she regularly stated that she had site accessibility problems with her computer. That prevented her from uploading the data into the system. There was no problem with access from

the NGB side and it was recommended that she work with her state Help Desk to resolve the problem.

b. The NGB J1 SAPR Program Chief, met with Brig Gen McManus, AK CoS, when she visited NGB late in 2011. At that time, documentation was provided to Brig Gen McManus about some of the problems with the contract JFHQ SARC. Although the SARC was a skilled trainer and victim advocate, she did not regularly meet program management requirements to document cases in systems of record.

c. The state advertised the JFHQ SARC position for hire as a technician and a new JFHQ SARC was hired in February 2012. Additionally, the two Wing SARCs were new to the positions and were trained by NGB SAPR in December 2011. It was important to provide support and program guidance to help create a positive climate where the new SARCs could be successful and meet program requirements.

d. The SAV to Alaska was moved up in the SAPR team's priority to respond to an IG report and congressional inquiry to the CNGB from Senator Mark Begich. There was a concern within the inquiry that not all sexual assaults were being reported. It was not clear in the IG report whether reports in Alaska were not being reported to NGB, or whether sexual assault victims did not have confidence in coming forward to report to SARCs or VAs.

5. SAV Process:

a. The SAV included an initial SAPR 101 briefing for AK leadership on day one of the visit. The briefing began at 0800 at the AK National Guard JFHQ with good attendance from state leadership. The initial briefing slide details the SAPR program elements. The initial elements fall to the SARC and Victim Advocates to provide training, victim advocacy, and prevention awareness. The last element is accountability, which falls to leadership. MG Katkas expressed the opinion that accountability is dependent on whether or not leadership is aware of a sexual assault report and leadership cannot be held accountable for offenders if there is no knowledge of the sexual assault.

b. There were questions from those in attendance that addressed the SAPR processes and roles of commanders and specific questions about restricted and unrestricted reports are handled.

c. The TAG stated that all sexual assault reports are investigated by local law enforcement through a Memorandum of Agreement. The ANG SAPR Program Manager expressed concerns that AFOSI may not be called if an assault of an ANG member occurred while in an active service status or on Joint Base Richardson/Elmendorf. Her concern was based on the AFI 36-6001 guidance that requires any sexual assault an active duty installation involving an ANG member who was in a duty status, must be investigated and reported to AFOSI. MG Katkas stated that all AK National Guard reports go to the local civilian law enforcement based on their memorandum of agreement.

d. After the SAPR 101 briefing, MG Katkas requested a separate meeting with the NGB SAPR team and the JFHQ and Wing SARCs. During the private meeting, MG Katkas stated that

he believed his SAPR program was solid. He brought up the IG and Congressional Inquiry as being the reason for the NGB visit. The NGB J1 SAPR Program Chief reiterated that although the SAV's priority was elevated due to the IG complaint, the team's function was to provide a staff assistance visit and the team was not acting as an inspection team.

e. The ARNG SHARP branch chief, J1 SAPR Program Chief then broke to meet separately with the JFHQ SARC. The ANG SAPR Program Manager met with the two Wing SARCs.

f. Program managers discussed SAPR and SHARP program implementation. There were no major program concerns or misunderstandings from the SARCs about program policy or procedures that were evident. However, the Wing SARCs, who are co-located with active duty AF bases, were not aware of and had not seen the Memorandum of Agreement with local law enforcement for jurisdiction authority that was discussed by the TAG during the in-brief. It was recommended that all MOAs be included in continuity books for the program by the SARCs.

g. The program managers discussed with the SARCs whether or not they perceived any command climate issues that may prevent victims of sexual assault from coming forward with a report to a SARC or victim advocate. The 176th WG SARC reported that they recently had received an anonymous statement in as AFCAST (Safety Survey-SAF) that statement "I can think of three women who have been assaulted in our Wing and are afraid to report it." The ANG SAPR program manager provided guidance and various options as the best way to handle and response to an anonymous survey. The Wing SARC outlined steps he has already put in place since he was trained in December 2011. He and the new JFHQ SARC are working jointly to better market the program, ensure all Bystander Intervention Training is completed for airmen, execute all meetings as required, ensure Victim Advocates receive annual refresher training, and display prevention materials with information about the DoD Safe Helpline resource.

h. The joint base environment for the active component and the National Guard appear to be working well and the JFHQ and Wing SARCs collaborate for training and response support.

i. The meetings with the JFHQ SARC and Wing SARCs concluded at approximately 1700. The NGB program managers provided suggestions for improvement. Those areas centered on ensuring proper documentation. Recommendations included: input of prior ARNG sexual assault reports in SADMS by the JFHQ SARC; validation and identification of all trained SAPR VAs in the state; completion of all SAPR VA background checks in preparation for VA credentialing requirements; appropriate waiver requests on file; training of ARNG SARC/SHARP personnel in the required T10 80-hour training; and documentation of all MOAs and MOUs in continuity books.

6. After SAV:

a. The NGB SAPR Team joined the SARCs and many of the state leaders for dinner that evening at a local restaurant. The evening offered the opportunity to emphasize the positive

efforts being put forward by the new SARCs at the JFHQ and the 176th and 168th Wings. It also offered the opportunity for the team to meet Governor Parnell, who happened to be at the same restaurant that evening for a political event. MG Katkas introduced the governor to the NGB Team.

b. The NGB SAPR team provided an out brief the following morning, 12 June, for the TAG and some of the leadership who had been present at the in brief. The briefing focused on the state's SAPR program history, areas they should sustain, improve, and plan for in the future. The out brief slides are included with this trip report.

7. Lessons learned:

a. State leadership initially perceived the SAV to be an inspection. The SAPR team's purpose is to provide support and guidance and that can be misinterpreted if a SAV is conducted prior to an IG team's visit.

b. The SAV was productive and all new SARCs appear to have a clear understanding of tasks and actions that are needed to move the program implementation ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE LUX
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Out-Brief Agenda

- Alaska SAPR Program's History
- Sustain:
- Improve:
- Way Ahead:

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Program History

- Trained capable personnel selected and in place at JFHQ
- 176th WG SAPR program exhibits stability with trained SARCs and VAs over implementation history
- 168th ARW SAPR program currently exhibits transition and displays movement toward stability
- Trends indicate that Alaska may have more sexual assault incidents occurring than are reported

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Sustain

ARNG:

- Continue to emphasize SHARP Three Tier Training

JOINT:

- Continue effective integration with joint partners, active duty component, and local civilian coalitions
- Continued leadership emphasis to support TAG's SAPR policy
- Maintain positive relationship with SEEM to ensure appropriate reporting and confidentiality procedures for SH and SA

ANG:

- Sustain BIT emphasis until completed – 30 Jun 12
- Do not combine SH and SA training for ANG
- Collaborate with JFHQ for SAPR VA use/training/tracking

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Improve

ARNG:

- Input FY 10-12 ARNG case data into SADMS
- Identify and train ARNG Soldiers in 80 hour SHARP

JOINT:

- Identify and validate all SAPR VAs with appropriate documentation
- Establish SOP on handling NG LODs for both Services
- Include all current MOUs and MOAs in JFHQ Continuity Files

ANG:

- Complete VA background checks/formalize documentation
- Accomplish VA SEI updates and confirm with BETM
- Ensure necessary waiver documentation for WESO PD

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Way Ahead

ARNG:

- Finalize plans for 80 hr SHARP training and personnel
- Critical G3 and Training NCOs are inputting SHARP training data into DTMS

JOINT:

- JFHQ SARC career develop in budget/financial management
- Develop detailed SOP for full SAPR implementation
- Utilize existing tools to assess command climate
- SAPR inclusion in pre-command course per JCS Strategic Direction on SAPR
- Utilize SMEs in training lower level SMs to enhance SAPR message

ANG:

- Refresher training for SAPR VAs in August
- New ANG SAPR training plan in place for FY 13
- Selection of 168th ARW SARC

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Chief, National Guard Bureau

The Honorable Mark Begich
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Dear Senator Begich:

Thank you for bringing your concerns regarding the Alaska National Guard to my attention. The National Guard appreciates the seriousness of the issues raised in your inquiry and I assure you they will be thoroughly investigated. I have forwarded a copy of the material to the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force. All allegations involving senior officials will be investigated by the appropriate service Inspector General.

I have directed the National Guard Bureau Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Office to contact the Alaska National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Coordinator to verify that all reported cases have been handled or are being handled appropriately. Additionally, I have directed my SAPR Office to make Alaska a top priority for their Staff Assistance Visit program.

Finally, I have asked the Director of the Air National Guard to send a team to Alaska to conduct a thorough assessment of the 176th Wing and the 168th Wing.

As more information becomes available, I will keep you updated. In the meantime, should you have any questions about this matter please contact the Director of the National Guard Bureau's Legislative Liaison, Brigadier General Wilton S. Gorkse at (571) 256-7339.

Sincerely,


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General, US Air Force
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Yes - absolutely -
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Thanks for the opportunity to review, Cindy may have additional comments but my only question is if during the course of the investigation if it is determined that a senior official with the ANG is suspected of misconduct and further review/investigation is required of that official will Cindy or myself be made aware of that when and if that occurs?

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Michael, Cynthia, since our conversation we received and reviewed various incomplete, informal (investigations initiated under Army Regulation AR 15-6) investigative reports along with a Sexual Assault matrix. Additionally, for your consideration is the draft appointment letter that I will sign to detail the investigative officer (IO). Please feel free to edit. We have tentatively selected a National Guard Major General to serve as the IO.

With the information we have on hand we believe that the assessment will require two phases:

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[REDACTED] We welcome any thoughts

that you may have and are prepared to meet with your team soonest.

Thanks,
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As to hotels, if you're looking for a hotel close to downtown and our offices, there is a Marriott close by, or the Captain Cook Hotel is always nice, and there is also a Sheraton not too far away. There are plenty of restaurants close by if you stay downtown. I've added links for all the hotels below:

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www.captaincook.com

www.sheratonanchorage.com <<http://www.sheratonanchorage.com>>

I'll await word on the location of the meeting and then we'll get this set on the Governor's calendar.

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Cindy

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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 11:01 AM

To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)

Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)

Subject: Re: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

Yes - absolutely -

Tx

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

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 06:56 PM Coordinated Universal Time

To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) <cindy.sims@alaska.gov
<mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov> >

Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)

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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 10:39 AM

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Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)

Subject: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

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With the information we have on hand we believe that the assessment will require two phases:

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We welcome any thoughts that you may have and are prepared to meet with your team soonest.

Thanks,

Chris

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US) <christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:19 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Grandy, Sienna R SSGT USAF 173 LOGISTICS READIN (US)
Subject: RE: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Cynthia, Michael, all looks good for us re our planned meeting on Thursday per below.
Best regards,
Chris

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

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:51 PM
To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Grandy, Sienna R SSGT USAF 173 LOGISTICS READIN (US)
Subject: RE: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

Sienna ... The Governor's scheduler is Janice Mason, and she will take it from here. I have given her your email address so she can contact you directly. Janice can be reached at janice.mason@alaska.gov or 907.465.3500.

Let us know if you have any other questions pertaining to travel, hotels, restaurants, etc.

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To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Grandy, Sienna R SSGT USAF 173 LOGISTICS READIN (US)
Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US); Winston, Tracianna L MAJ USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: RE: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Thanks much Cynthia. Your offices are perfect - Sienna, over to you.
V/r

Chris

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Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 4:44 PM

To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Grandy, Sienna R SSGT USAF 173 LOGISTICS READIN (US)

Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US); Winston, Tracianna L MAJ USARMY NG NGB (US)

Subject: RE: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hello Chris ... The afternoon of March 20th will work for a meeting in Anchorage with the Governor. Let's plan for 3:30 pm on March 20. Should I have the Governor's scheduler set up the meeting at our offices, or do you prefer to meet on base?

As to hotels, if you're looking for a hotel close to downtown and our offices, there is a Marriott close by, or the Captain Cook Hotel is always nice, and there is also a Sheraton not too far away. There are plenty of restaurants close by if you stay downtown. I've added links for all the hotels below:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/ancdt-anchorage-marriott-downtown/>
<<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/ancdt-anchorage-marriott-downtown/>>

www.captaincook.com

www.sheratonanchorage.com <<http://www.sheratonanchorage.com>>

I'll await word on the location of the meeting and then we'll get this set on the Governor's calendar.

Cindy Sims

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Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 11:27 AM
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Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US); Winston, Tracianna L MAJ USARMY NG NGB (US)
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Cynthia, we are thinking of traveling on the 19 and would be available to meet with your team and the governor on the 20th. Anchorage is easier for us if it doesn't matter to you. Would you have a recommendation as to where we should stay while in Anchorage? My assistant is ccd above to work the travel details for our group.

Thanks,

Chris

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov <mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:36 PM
To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: RE: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hello Chris ... I believe the Governor would prefer to have the meeting sooner rather than later, so I'll take a look at his schedule and see what will work. Do you have a preference on dates in the next two weeks, and would Juneau or Anchorage work better, as he will be in both locations over the next two weeks (March 17-28).

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To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)

Subject: RE: AK National Guard Appt docx (2) (2).docx (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Excellent, will include same. Thank you. Please let us know when would be a good time for us to travel to AK to brief the plan to the Gov.

V/r

Chris

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Tx

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 4:35 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL / DELIBERATIVE National Guard press release
Attachments: National Guard Grants Governor's Request for Independent Assessment 032514.docx

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US) <christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:22 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: AK Assessment (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Mike, Cindy, please accept this note as an update regarding the subject matter:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.
Thanks and best regards.
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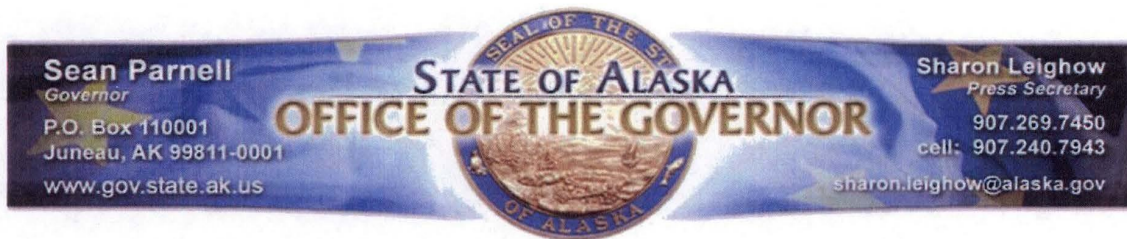
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No. 14-036

National Guard Grants Governor's Request for Independent Assessment

March 25, 2014, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell today announced the National Guard Bureau has granted his request for an independent review and assessment of open and closed investigations related to reports of sexual assault, rape and fraud among members of the Alaska National Guard. The governor has asked for a detailed report from the Office of Complex Administrative Investigations.

"I am extremely proud of our Alaska National Guard members and their professionalism in carrying out their duties," Governor Parnell said. "However, I remain deeply concerned by reports of sexual assault and other behaviors creating a hostile environment and culture within portions of the Alaska National Guard. Not only are individuals victimized and traumatized in these circumstances, but collectively our National Guard is harmed – from morale to mission damage."

Governor Parnell has requested the review to include the National Guard's command structure and its responses to cases. A report identifying institutional strengths, shortcomings (if any), and recommended improvements is due later this year.

A copy of Governor Parnell's letter to General Frank Grass, chief of the National Guard Bureau, is available at:

http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell_media/resources_files/letter_022814.pdf

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 2:11 PM
To: Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Subject: FW: National Guard investigation

So you know what I said. I have not heard back from him

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 2:26 PM
To: 'Rep. Dan Saddler'
Subject: RE: National Guard investigation

I must disagree with you on this. It's unfortunate that you feel this way. Heather went down and pulled you off the floor to let you know as a courtesy. It's true we have no obligation to tell you what we are doing but in this case we wanted to make sure you were aware ahead of time as well as members of the leadership, especially as it relates to the military and National Guard is why we made sure you were aware. Reports of sexual assault, rape and fraud among members of the Alaska National Guard prompted the governor to ask the Office of Complex Administrative Investigations for a detailed assessment and report of the state ANG. We made sure in our internal discussions before rolling this out to include you specifically in the notification in advance of the Governor's announcement. If you would like to discuss further I am happy to do that.

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From: Rep. Dan Saddler [<mailto:Rep.Dan.Saddler@akleg.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 1:28 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: re: National Guard investigation

Dear Mike –

I have to let you know - and through you the governor - that I was disappointed to get such short notice from your office (Heather) about the governor's request for a to reports of sexual assault, rape and fraud among members of the Alaska National Guard. The governor has asked for a detailed report from the Office of Complex Administrative Investigations investigation of National Guard sexual assault allegations.

Certainly there is no obligation for the governor to let me or any legislator know of his intentions or actions, and I suppose I could look at the situation and be grateful to get notice before the release was actually distributed. But as someone who considers himself an ally and supporter of the governor, especially when it comes to matters relating to the military and National Guard, I would have appreciated a heads-up a lot earlier in the process.

The governor had sent his request to Gen. Grass nearly a month ago. Since then, I have told members of the public expressing concerns on this issue that I had been in consultation with Gen. Katkus and had no information to indicate that there was continuing cause for concern that the Guard was not properly managing sexual assault prevention and response issues. Yesterday's announcement of the National Guard Bureau investigation was therefore unfortunate timing, at least from my perspective.

While I am glad that an external investigation will be conducted -- and look forward to a positive outcome -- I would have appreciated some indication from the administration that such a request was in the offing.

Sincerely,

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 8:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL inquiry

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email with pertinent information you feel would be helpful to the assessment team requested by Governor Parnell to look into our Alaska National Guard. I have forwarded your email directly to the assessment leaders.

We appreciate you coming forward to share your concerns and the details of your case. If you should have any further questions or wish to speak directly to our office, do not hesitate to contact our Chief of Staff, Mike Nizich, at 907.465.3500 or you can reach me directly at my cell number of [REDACTED]

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I am an Alaskan resident and former member of the Alaska Army National Guard. I provided a sworn statement for the ongoing sexual assault investigation by LTC Wawersik. I, too, am a sexual assault victim from a now retired member of the AKARNG.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

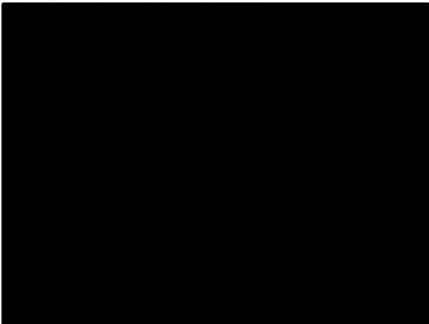
From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 8:28 PM
To: 'Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)'; Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL inquiry

Below is an email received that we felt you should see. I also have one other email I'll forward separately. I will respond to both letting them know I have forwarded their emails to the assessment team directly.


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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:04 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Google Alert - Sean Parnell

When responding to this, we need to make sure folks know their names will not be released – otherwise we're going to have people not open up to the assessment team for fear of their names or details being released that they don't want made public.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 3:00 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
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Sean Parnell

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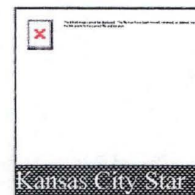
Murkowski wants release of investigation into Alaska National Guard

Kansas City Star

Alaska Gov. **Sean Parnell** said last week that the National Guard Bureau agreed to launch the investigation at his request. Parnell wrote Grass on Feb.



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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 12:41 PM
To: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: Re: National Guard Assessment Team

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2014, at 8:16 PM, "Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)"
<wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil> wrote:

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Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 2:14 AM
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Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 2)

Cindy,
Thank you for forwarding this.
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Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 07:48 PM
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Good afternoon ... a new email was received over the weekend from this group.

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Subject: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 2)

TO: All Concerned Parties

FROM: Concerned Group of Alaska Army National Guard Members

SUBJECT: Alaska Army National Guard Corruption (part 2)

There are rumors that there are questions being asked about what has been occurring in the State of Alaska, the conduct of BG Bridges and BG Jorgensen, and other key leaders. This is a welcomed change to the corrupt chain of supporters who have been keeping this from the public.

So this week we are going to add to what needs to be looked at and addressed. This week our concerns are on the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse of military resources and manpower, and the 49th GMD. According to the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General these things are defined:

Fraud – a type of illegal act involving the obtaining of something of value through willful misrepresentation.

Waste – involves the taxpayers not receiving reasonable value for money in connection with any government funded activities due to an inappropriate act or omission by players with control over or access to government resources.

Abuse – involves behavior that is deficient or improper when compared with behavior that a prudent person would consider reasonable and necessary business practice given the facts and circumstances.

In October 2011, a case was exposed where an AirGuard member, [REDACTED], was accused of stealing more than \$225,000 dollars from the Family Programs Office. In his statement to investigators he said that he did it because “it was easy and I could”. This is a clear case of fraud and abuse but he was not the only person that needed to be investigated. [REDACTED] pleaded guilty to one of three possible felony charges against him. But how can an E7 in the AirGuard have complete control over accounts totaling more than \$200,000. He did not. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Abuse – it is reasonable to expect that any office that is responsible for any funds would conduct an audit at least yearly to ensure that all of the money is accounted for and that all policies are in place to protect the government and the Soldiers. This is a reasonable request and is a common practice in any branch of service. Nothing could be found to identify for sure if [REDACTED] kept his rank and received his retirement. Conversations with people that know him have exposed that he states he received his retirement, honorably, and retired at the highest rank held. This case can be found on Alaskacourtview.com case number [REDACTED]. To gain a better understand of this case it would be vital to talk with COL Williams, the auditor who conducted the audit and found the original fraud, and the law enforcement agencies that conducted the investigation into this conduct.

Another issue that has also gained national attention is the incidents that occurred at Fort Greely Alaska. The 49th GMD has been riddled with controversy and poor leadership for years. However, what most people do not

know is that this is not a recent thing, but again has been going on for years; right under the direct supervision of BG Bridges and BG Jorgensen. Not until this hit national newspapers did anyone actually try to look into the allegations of what was going on. A great example of this is LTC Miley and [BOA/PR/FPA/LE] LTC Miley should be held directly accountable for everything that occurred there under his command. He was told about these issues and instead of taking appropriate action he sat by and let his CSM destroy the unit piece by piece. This CSM was just involved in an investigation that had allegations from GMD in them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOA/PR/FPA/LE

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[REDACTED] However, there were other soldiers that were involved in the same kind of conduct but were heavily reprimanded. [BOA/PR/FPA/LE] s investigation was concluded several months ago. LTC Miley as the Battalion Commander did not to keep any of this from happening and in several instances was present at such events. LTC Miley was moved from the GMD command to another position within the ARNG. If BG Bridges and BG Jorgensen had acted on the initial requests for assistance this command group would not be allowed to continue to waste government's money, time, and would have saved the Soldiers of the AKNG a great deal of pain and suffering. The key personnel that would offer some insight to this would be MSG Phlegar, [BOI/PR/LE/FPA] R., Ret. MSG Odegard, [BOA/PR/FPA/LE], MAJ Monson, and the investigation team that conducted the initial investigation. There were so many Soldiers that provided statements but the ones listed here have additional details they were reluctant to release because of the implications it would make at BG Bridges and BG Jorgensen.

Respectfully,

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To: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)
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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Alaska - CASES SINCE 2009 14APR14.xlsx (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Case	Case Number	Year of Report	Year of Incident	Victim Duty Status - at time of Incident	Accused Duty Status - at time of Incident	Case Status	Investigative Agency	LE Case Number
1	BOI/PR	2014	2014	AKNG-T32	CIV	Open	APD	BOI/...
2		2013	2013	AKNG (Trad)	CIV	Closed	None	NCN
3		2013	2013	AKNG M-Day	CIV	open	AST	
4		2013	2010	AKNG T10	AKNG T10	closed	NONE	NCN
5		2013	2008	AKNG T32	AKNG/Title 32	closed	CID	BOI/PR
6		2013	2010	AKNG T32	AKNG/Title 32	open	APD/OCI	
7		2013	2013	AKNG M-Day	CIV	closed	APD	NCN
8		2013	2013	AKNG M-Day	AKNG/m-day	open	AST	
9		2013	2011	AKNG - Student	CIV	closed	APD	
10		2013	2012	AKNG - T32	AKNG/Title 32	closed	CID/AST	
11		2013	2012	AKNG - T32	AKNG/Title 32	closed	NONE - CHOICE OF VICTIM	
12		2013	2010	AKNG (Air) T10	Active Air T10 T1	Closed	OSI	

13		2012	2012	AKNG - T32 ADOS	AKNG/Title 32 ADOS	closed	APD	
14		2012	2012	AKNG - M Day	CIV	closed	APD	
15		2012	2010	AKNG - Prior to service	CIV	closed	NONE	NCN
16		2011	2011	AKNG - M Day	CIV	closed	NONE	
17		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
18		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
19		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
20		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
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24		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
25		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
26		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
27		2011	2011	AKNG	AKNG/Title 32	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
28	BOI/PR	2010	2009	AKNG T32	CIV	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
29		2010	2010	AKNG T-10 MTA	UNK	Closed	None	NCN
30		2010	2009	AKNG - M Day	Updated SARC Information B... Title 32 - Recruiter is from B... BNOT from B...	CLOSED	NONE	BOI/P...
31		2010	2010	AKNG ?	UNK	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
32		2010	2002	AKNG T32	CIV	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
33		2010	2009	AKNG ?	CIV	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
34		2009	2008	AKNG T32	AKNG/Title 32	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
35		2009	2008	AKNG ?	AD ARMY	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
36		2009	2009	AKNG AIR T32	AKARNG	CLOSED	osi/apd	
37		2009	2009	AKNG AIR	AKNG AIR	closed	EO	

RR/UR	Closed Case Outcome	Founded Case Actions	Pending Case Actions	Resources and Referrals
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG, has pending Med Board		Arrest pending	Victim is assigned a victim advocate
RR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG	None	None	Victim assigned a victim advocate
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		Case is suspended with AST. SAFE kit was conducted. Victim has no recollection of assault or whom the assailant could be. Thinks she may have been a victim of a date rape drug. No suspect.	Victim has been assigned a Victim Advocate in her unit. She is also seeking services off base.
RR	Mbr filed LOD. T32 MBR and Subject were both deployed on T10 orders at time of assault.		LOD approved by NGB	Mbr checks in with SARC on a monthly basis
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		*Case investigated by CID in 2008 at Ft Greely. During the course of the investigation, CID closed the case as there were no elements of a crime. Victim reported to not have received SAPR services at time of incident, no SAPR case was opened for victim until 2013. Current SARC is working with victim.	SARC is working closely with victim. Additional referrals referrals for counseling and STAR (Standing Together Against Rape) group sessions. Victim preferred to work with the SARC instead of a victim advocate
RR - UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		*OCI concluded investigation and has substantiated. A separation board is pending for the subject. A request has been submitted to USARPAC for separation board and removal of perpetrator's federal commission	SARC is in weekly contact with victim. SARC is serving as the victim advocate. Victim is connected to counseling resources.
RR	*Victim in a non-duty status reported to police and requested a RR from AKNG. Ongoing support to victim through SARC and victim advocates.	*Police report filed by victim. Suspended by APD/during course of investigation not enough evidence to support prosecution.		SARC assigned as victim advocate. Victim is connected with STAR
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		*AST is actively investigating. AKARNG command reassigned subject of investigation to another duty location, pending outcome of investigation. AKNG investigation pending outcome of criminal investigation.	Victim advocate assigned. Victim is connected with BOI/P... BOI/PR/FP/PA/LE BOI... counseling resources for the BOI/P... area was also shared with victim. Victim was referred to Victim Advocate in BOI/P... area, however prefers to work with victim advocate from BOI/P... area
UR	*Incident happened in a non-duty while victim was in civilian school in BOI/PR... Report was filed with APD who coordinated with responsible jurisdiction in BOI/PR... Victim is receiving support from AKNG victim advocates. Member resigned from the AKNG and has relocated to B...	LOD approved by NGB	Arrest pending in NM	Victim advocate assigned. Victim is connected with counseling resources. Victim is still in contact with SARC and VA
UR	Incident was part of a larger investigation. Subject has been served a separation notice.		*During course of CID investigation, victim identified in Title 32 status and CID referred case to Alaska State Troopers, as it was their jurisdiction. AST actively investigating, although victim has had no further contact per her decision.	SARC is in contact weekly with victim, she also works closely with the Victim Advocate
UR	Subject was given a letter of reprimand and counseling for inappropriately touching BOI/P... BOI/P... soldier.	Victim requested relocation to the BOI/P... PAV... and is now in the B... BOI/PR/FP...	*[Same victim as case 6, above] Victim chose not to go to law enforcement. Case investigated in state.	SARC is in contact weekly with victim, she also works closely with the Victim Advocate
UR	Victim offered LOD. Assault occurred while in basic training. Assailant was T1. Perp was acquitted in a court martial hearing. Victim is still a mbr of the B...			VA assigned

UR	*Victim filed police report with APD. During the course of investigation, APD did not find enough prosecutorial evidence for criminal prosecution. Investigated by AKARNG complex investigator. Case substantiated for violation of AKNG policy.	The perpetrator was removed from ADOS orders and discharged from the Alaska National Guard		Victim Advocate assigned. Referral to STAR.
UR	*APD suspended case pending DNA test results.			SARC assigned as Victim Advocate. Connected with STAR
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UR	The MEPS investigation involved both AKNG and USMC recruits. APD investigated, criminal elements were not present to support the crime of sexual assault. File indicates the MEPS physician was a contract employee and removed from his position. No other information is provided.	Note: We consider these victims the responsibility of AKARNG as they were inprocessing under the direction of the AKARNG.		SARC offered referral resources
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RR	3/2014 follow up. DNA has been confirmed by State Crime Lab. Arrest pending.			SARC offered services, declined by victim
RR	No law enforcement case number; the case was received and closed by active duty (closed 28 May 13). The victim did not desire any continued contact or assistance from active duty according to their case file. The case was closed when Wing SARC learned of it; VA assigned just to check in when SARC learned			VA assigned
UR	*Victim contacted SARC 10/2010 for incident that occurred 06/2009. AST has reopened this case and is coordinating with CID.	No other action was taken*	AST has attempted contact with perpetrator who has been located in BOI... AST will be forwarding info to DA.	SARC offered services
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UR	Perp no longer part of AKNG relocated out of state/divorced. Victim retired. Victim filed an IG complaint, was dismissed by command according to notes. APD did not press charges due to not enough info.			Victim Advocate assigned.
UR	Victim left the guard	Commander's Inquiry was conducted, as well as an EO investigation. Unknown if case was substantiated or not		

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Seems like the McHugh paragraph needs a little work

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With graph explaining McHugh/letter.

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This has not gone out public.

The letter McHugh he was asking the chaplains to sign was an acknowledgement that they do not speak for the department or represent the department, they refused to sign. I should have that to Sharon momentarily.

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This is the spreadsheet that Octavia provided me that I used to generate that memo.

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Feel free to call me if you have questions.

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Case	Case Number	Year of Report	Year of Incident	Victim Duty Status - at time of incident	Accused Duty Status - at time of incident	Case Status	Investigative Agency	LE Case Number
BOI/PR/LE/FPA		2014	2014	AKNG-T32	CIV	Open	APD	BOI/PR/LE/...
		2013	2013	AKNG (Trad)	CIV	Closed	None	NCN
		2013	2013	AKNG M-Day	CIV	open	AST	
		2013	2010	AKNG T10	AKNG T10	closed	NONE	NCN
		2013	2008	AKNG T32	AKNG/Title 32	closed	CID	BOI/PR/LE/FPA
		2013	2010	AKNG T32	AKNG/Title 32	open	APD/OCI	
		2013	2013	AKNG M-Day	CIV	closed	APD	NCN
		2013	2013	AKNG M-Day	AKNG/m-day	open	AST	
		2013	2011	AKNG - Student	CIV	closed	APD	
		2013	2012	AKNG - T32	AKNG/Title 32	closed	CID/AST	
		2013	2012	AKNG - T32	AKNG/Title 32	closed	NONE - CHOICE OF VICTIM	
		2013	2010	AKNG (Air) T10	Active Air T10 T1	Closed	OSI	

13	BOI/PR/LE/FPA	2012	2012	AKNG - T32 ADOS	AKNG/Title 32 ADOS	closed	APD	
14		2012	2012	AKNG - M Day	CIV	closed	APD	
15		2012	2010	AKNG - Prior to service	CIV	closed	NONE	NCN
16		2011	2011	AKNG - M Day	CIV	closed	NONE	
17		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
18		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
19		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
20		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
21		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
22		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
23		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
24		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
25		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
26		2011	2011	recruit	MEPS	closed	APD	
27	BOI/PR/LE/FPA	2011	2011	AKNG	AKNG/Title 32	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
28		2010	2009	AKNG T32	CIV	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
29	BOI/PR/L...	2010	2010	AKNG T-10 MTA	UNK	Closed	None	NCN
30	BOI/PR/LE/...	2010	2009	AKNG - M Day	Updated SARC Information: AZNG Title 32 - Recruiter is from BOI/... B... from B...	CLOSED	NONE	BOI/...
31		2010	2010	AKNG ?	UNK	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
32		2010	2002	AKNG T32	CIV	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
33	BOI/PR/LE/FPA	2009	2009	AKNG ?	CIV	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
34		2009	2008	AKNG T32	AKNG/Title 32	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
35		2009	2008	AKNG ?	AD ARMY	CLOSED	NONE	NCN
36	BOI/PR/L...	2009	2009	AKNG AIR T32	AKARNG	CLOSED	osi/apd	
37	BOI/PR/LE...	2009	2009	AKNG AIR	AKNG AIR	closed	EO	

RR/UR	Closed Case Outcome	Founded Case Actions	Pending Case Actions	Resources and Referrals
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG, has pending Med Board		Arrest pending	Victim is assigned a victim advocate
RR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG	None	None	Victim assigned a victim advocate
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		Case is suspended with AST. SAFE kit was conducted. Victim has no recollection of assault or whom the assailant could be. Thinks she may have been a victim of a date rape drug. No suspect.	Victim has been assigned a Victim Advocate in her unit. She is also seeking services off base.
RR	Mbr filed LOD. B... BOI/PRLE/FPA BOI/PRLE/FPA it time of assault.		LOD approved by NGB	Mbr checks in with SARC on a monthly basis
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		*Case investigated by CID in 2008. BOI/PR... During the course of the investigation, CID closed the case as there were no elements of a crime. Victim reported to not have received SAPR services at time of incident, no SAPR case was opened for victim until 2013. Current SARC is working with victim.	SARC is working closely with victim. Additional referrals referrals for counseling and STAR (Standing Together Against Rape) group sessions. Victim preferred to work with the SARC instead of a victim advocate
RR - UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		*OCI concluded investigation and has substantiated. A separation board is pending for the subject. A request has been submitted to USARPAC for separation board and removal of perpetrator's federal commission	SARC is in weekly contact with victim. SARC is serving as the victim advocate. Victim is connected to counseling resources.
RR	*Victim in a non-duty status reported to police and requested a RR from AKNG. Ongoing support to victim through SARC and victim advocates.	*Police report filed by victim. Suspended by APD/during course of investigation not enough evidence to support prosecution.		SARC assigned as victim advocate. Victim is connected with STAR
UR	Mbr is still serving in the AKNG		*AST is actively investigating. AKARNG command reassigned subject of investigation to BOI... duty location, pending outcome of investigation. AKNG investigation pending outcome of criminal investigation.	Victim advocate assigned. Victim is connected with Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living in Fairbanks. Counseling resources for the Fairbanks area was also shared with victim. Victim was referred to Victim Advocate in Fairbanks area, however prefers to work with victim advocate from Anchorage area
UR	*Incident happened in a non-duty while victim was in civilian school in BOI/PR... Report was filed with APD who coordinated with responsible jurisdiction. BOI/PR... Victim is receiving support from AKNG victim advocates. Member resigned from the AKNG and has relocated to B...	LOD approved by NGB	Arrest pending in B...	Victim advocate assigned. Victim is connected with counseling resources. Victim is still in contact with SARC and VA
UR	Incident was part of a larger investigation. Subject has been served a separation notice.		*During course of CID investigation, victim identified in Title 32 status and CID referred case to Alaska State Troopers, as it was their jurisdiction. AST actively investigating, although victim has had no further contact per her decision.	SARC is in contact weekly with victim, she also works closely with the Victim Advocate
UR	Subject was given a letter of reprimand and counseling for inappropriately touching BOI/... BOI/PRLE...	Victim requested relocation to the BOI/PRLEF... and is now in the BOI/PRLEFPA	*[Same victim as case 6, above] Victim chose not to go to law enforcement. Case investigated in state.	SARC is in contact weekly with victim, she also works closely with the Victim Advocate
UR	Victim offered LOD. Assault occurred while in basic training. Assailant was B... Perp was acquitted in a court martial hearing. Victim is still a mbr of the BO...			VA assigned

UR	*Victim filed police report with APD. During the course of investigation, APD did not find enough prosecutorial evidence for criminal prosecution. Investigated by AKARNG complex investigator. Case substantiated for violation of AKNG policy.	The perpetrator was removed from ADOS orders and discharged from the Alaska National Guard		Victim Advocate assigned. Referral to STAR.
UR	*APD suspended case pending DNA test results.			SARC assigned as Victim Advocate. Connected with STAR
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UR	The MEPS investigation involved both AKNG and USMC recruits. APD investigated, criminal elements were not present to support the crime of sexual assault. File indicates the MEPS physician was a contract employee and removed from his position. No other information is provided.	Note: We consider these victims the responsibility of AKARNG as they were inprocessing under the direction of the AKARNG.		SARC offered referral resources
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RR	3/2014 follow up. DNA has been confirmed by State Crime Lab. Arrest pending.			SARC offered services, declined by victim
RR	No law enforcement case number; the case was received and closed by active duty (closed 28 May 13). The victim did not desire any continued contact or assistance from active duty according to their case file. The case was closed when Wing SARC learned of it; VA assigned just to check in when SARC learned			VA assigned
UR	*Victim contacted SARC 10/2010 for incident that occurred 06/2009. AST has reopened this case and is coordinating with CID.	No other action was taken*	AST has attempted contact with perpetrator who has been located in BOV... AST will be forwarding info to DA.	SARC offered services
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UR	Perp no longer part of AKNG relocated out of state/divorced. Victim retired. Victim filed an IG complaint, was dismissed by command according to notes. APD did not press charges due to not enough info.			Victim Advocate assigned.
UR	Victim left the guard	Commander's Inquiry was conducted, as well as an EO Investigation. Unknown if case was substantiated or not		

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Subject: RE: National Guard Assessment Team

Ms. Sims,

We're up and running. We've compiled a lot of information and are sorting through it now.

Also, I have noticed media reports over the past year that have pointed to complaints received by the Governor's Office. Is there any additional information that has been passed to the Governor's Office that would assist us in our effort? I realize that most of it will have already been included in the information we have gathered from the National Guard, but I would like to be sure that we don't leave anything unaddressed.

Thanks,
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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [cindy.sims@alaska.gov]
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Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2014, at 8:16 PM, "Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)" <wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil> wrote:

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> Ms. Sims,

> We have the Assessment Team assembled and will be travelling to Anchorage on Monday, 28 April. We will be setting up on Tuesday and begin immediately. The data pull is progressing and the climate survey is ongoing. I believe we are on track. The team should be finished on the ground in State by May 17th. We will adjust as needed. I will send you a note periodically to update you, in broad terms, of our activity. Please contact me if you feel the need for an update meeting at any time. I will do the same.

> Respectfully,

> wsg

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Dear Governor's Office Staff;

Last Sunday, a newspaper columnist made some false accusations about me related to sexual assault cases and their handling by the Alaska National Guard. I attempted to set the record straight by sending a column of my own into the Anchorage Daily News the next day (Monday), but the ADN did not print it. I want to be sure you have that rebuttal column I sent to the ADN because letting you know the facts and the immediate actions I took (both four years ago and last February) is important to me as well.

The National Guard Bureau team from Washington, D.C., that I called in to review each Alaska National Guard sexual assault and fraud case is expected to complete their work by mid to late summer. When I have that report, I can make it public and take further action if required.

With thanks for your service,

Sean Parnell

Governor

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> Begich to National Guard Brass: "Get it Right this Time"
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> Demands Investigators Get to the Bottom of Alaska Allegations

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> During a face-to-face meeting today with General Frank Grass, chief of the National Guard Bureau (NGB), U.S. Senator Mark Begich said he is closely following the most recent investigation into allegations of sexual assault and misconduct in the Alaska Guard, and wants them resolved once and for all.

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> General Grass agreed it was crucial to resolve these issues in a transparent process so the Alaska National Guard can focus on its important missions.

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> "At today's meeting I let General Grass know in no uncertain terms that I expect the National Guard Bureau to get to the bottom of these allegations once and for all," said Begich. "I'm frustrated these issues were not resolved two years ago when I asked the NGB team to travel to Alaska to investigate these very same concerns. We've seen the allegations surface again and again. If left unresolved they make for a toxic environment that degrades morale and hurts the focus of Guard missions. This is a state jurisdiction issue but I will continue working to ensure this investigation is thorough and transparent."

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> General Grass told Begich today he visited Alaska earlier this year partly in response to Begich's previous questions and concerns about ongoing misconduct allegations. That visit was followed by the governor's request for a NGB investigation.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 4:48 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: FW: Sexual Assaults

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Thanks.

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From: Olmstead, Candis Maj (MVA sponsored)
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To: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Bridges, Leon M BG MIL NG AK ARNG (mike.bridges@us.army.mil); Brig Gen Timothy O'Brien; 'BG Catherine Jorgensen'
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 6:39 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: National Guard Assessment Team

DP/EP

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2014, at 6:19 AM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

DP/EP

Cindy

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)"
<wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil>
Date: April 30, 2014 5:00:53 AM GMT+02:00
To: "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Rofrano, Christian
A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)" <christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil>,
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From: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US) <wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 9:42 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: No Subject

Thanks. We'll add it to the information we have already compiled. vr, wsg

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [mike.nizich@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 12:02 PM
To: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)
Subject: FW: No Subject

Just got this. Same type of information we heard before without any specific facts to back up these claims.

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From: Chris Bydalek [mailto:] **BOI**
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 6:12 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Geraghty, Michael C (LAW); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Dahlstrom, Nancy A (DOL); Tepas, Katherine H (GOV); Bridges, Leon M (ANG); Kerrigan, Hunt W LTC (DMVA Sponsored)
Subject: No Subject

Did you know that there have been numerous instances of retaliation against **BOI/PR** ?

Are you aware that in at least two separate instances that his home has been vandalized ?

BOI/PR sought protection from **BOI/PR** and when he went to General Katkus, he was told to stand down.

Why was **BOI/PR** dismissed from the National Guard ?

Why did she have photos of high speed weapons on her cell phone ?

Why did **BOI/PR** her Commanding Officer, file a trust registration with the State of Alaska the day after her obituary was published ?

BOI/PR ?

You can no longer keep a lid on this stuff, it's out there in the public, you need to address this.

BOI/PR

There were people in **BOI/PR** s life, fellow Guard members, who were threatening her.

What did Tom Katkus do ?

He fired and gaslamped [REDACTED] and has since been working overtime to cover up this hideous crime.

[REDACTED]
BOI/PR

Chris Bydalek
Anchorage, AK

[REDACTED]
BOI

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 7:54 AM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: Sexual Assaults

Interesting point that definitely got lost in all this

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 4:17 AM
To: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: Re: National Guard Assessment Team

Thank you for the update. We are working to pull information together as requested. This is a compass piece run in the ADN on April 30 by the Governor that will be helpful for you as well.

<http://www.adn.com/2014/04/30/3449449/compass-parnell-disputes-columnists.html>

I'm in Italy for the next couple of weeks so you can reach me on my international phone at **BOI** or reach Mike at the office or his cell phone.

Cindy

Sent from my iPhone

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wsg

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [cindy.sims@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: Re: National Guard Assessment Team

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2014, at 8:16 PM, "Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)" <wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil> wrote:

> CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
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> Ms. Sims,

> We have the Assessment Team assembled and will be travelling to Anchorage on Monday, 28 April. We will be setting up on Tuesday and begin immediately. The data pull is progressing and the climate survey is ongoing. I believe we are on track. The team should be finished on the ground in State by May 17th. We will adjust as needed. I will send you a note periodically to update you, in broad terms, of our activity. Please contact me if you feel the need for an update meeting at any time. I will do the same.

> Respectfully,

> wsg

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> Major General W. S. Gorske

> Personal cell [REDACTED] BOI

> Washington office: 703-693-6166

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> CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 3:23 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: I need your help

Importance: High

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Thanks.

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From: Bowen, Verdie A (MVA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:45 PM
To: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)

Subject: FW: I need your help
Importance: High

Mchugh,

Please go the bottom and see who sent the request out. I do not believe the Governor asked him those questions and you can see what I sent to Linda. Please let me know if you thinkg this was spot on.

verdie

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

From: Bowen, Verdie A (MVA)
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:37 PM
To: 'Schwartz, Linda'
Subject: RE: I need your help

Linda,

Thanks for asking me for help. What I can say is this is not a normal US Army Issue. First, in our great nation we do not have a national guard that has the ability to Courts Marital a member. They fall under each perspective governor while in title 32 status. If a crime is committed while in this status, it is referred to the local police for investigation. This is a long process and does not move as fast as a member under title 10 status. I cannot comment on ongoing investigations and the Governor has requested the National Guard Bureau do an outside investigation and this is going on at this time as well. Not sure what Ric's motives are, but it is all taken care of and needs to run its course.

verdie

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

From: Schwartz, Linda [<mailto:Linda.Schwartz@ct.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 2:20 PM
To: Bowen, Verdie A (MVA)
Subject: FW: I need your help

Verdie

I am sending this on to you in the hopes it finds you well and ready for the summer season in Alaska. I received the first inquirey (way at the bottom). When I found out from my TAA Dan McHale that NG has this position in each State, I realized you are more equipped than I am to respond. I am thinking you might even known Ric Davidge> BTW on a personal note, any chance you might contact your Senators to encourage them to ask the Majority Leader to move my Nomination for Asst Sec of VA for Policy and Planning to the FLOOR for a vote. I have been waiting(well not just me but many others) for over 5 months for my unopposed nomination to be brought up for a vote VA needs help and I would appreciate any help you can give me.
Take Care
Linda

From: Rick Weidman [rweidman@vva.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 4:36 PM
To: Schwartz, Linda

Cc: Marsha Four
Subject: Re: I need your help

Please check.

Thanks!

Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2014, at 3:24 PM, "Schwartz, Linda" <Linda.Schwartz@ct.gov<mailto:Linda.Schwartz@ct.gov>> wrote:

Here in CT we have 2 SARC Officers who also work with our NG Chaplains. I looked this up for Alaska. I know it is not current but my TAA tells me that it is a required position. If you think it will help, I can call my friend Verdie Bown who is the Veterans Director there.

Let me know.

Take Care

LSchwartz

From: Rick Weidman [mailto:rweidman@vva.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 1:54 PM
To: Schwartz, Linda
Subject: Fwd: I need your help

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ric Davidge" <pm@cyalaska.com<mailto:pm@cyalaska.com>>
Date: May 6, 2014 at 1:22:25 PM EDT
To: <koharepalmer@vva.org<mailto:koharepalmer@vva.org>>
Cc: "'Rick Weidman'" <rweidman@vva.org<mailto:rweidman@vva.org>>, "Marsha Four" <mfour@vva.org<mailto:mfour@vva.org>>
Subject: I need your help

As you likely know by now our State National Guard is under federal investigation for a host of charges. But last year 3 field grade chaplains went directly to our Governor, around their chain of command, to advise him that he was NOT being properly informed as to ongoing sexual abuse in the guard. Unfortunately our Gov is not a veteran and does not have a good sense of these issues within service organizations.

He then called in his Commanding General (Major General) of the Guard and asked him what was going on.

The governor was troubled that he didn't have sufficient information to specifically engage on a specific charge.

This choice in my opinion was in error, but

The governor and I have known each other for decades and he has reached out to me for advise and help as this moves forward.

The federal investigation is ongoing, but the media continues to hammer him.

He has asked for a model – some other guard or military organization that has addresses this Chain of Command problem especially with MST.

Do you know of one? If so, please advise.

In my service experience I would have gone directly to the MP/Provost or better yet the CID and filed charges of rape or other infractions.

This would put the "power" to investigate clearly within the "police" service in command.

Do they need to notify command at that point? Or do they just go forward with their investigation?

After they have the facts and have a proven case ready for court martial, who orders the court martial?

If the court martial finds the defendant guilty, who recommends the penalty?

Who then imposes the penalty?

Etc

Your immediate advise is most appreciated.

Ric Davidge, Chairman

VVA AK State Council, Govt Affairs

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<Alaska National Guard Provides Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault.pdf>

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Robinson, Benjamin A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 2:55 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FYI National Guard Mail
Attachments: 4-30-14 National Guard FYI.pdf

Mike, Cindy and Sharon,

We have had 3 copies of this anonymous letter show up at the office this week postmarked from Anchorage. One addressed directly to Governor, and one each addressed care of Mike Nizich and care of Sharon Leighow.

Ben Robinson

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From: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 8:45 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Understood. I decided to stay in ANC tomorrow and not go to Valdez. Hope to have something for you Friday am.

KT

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2014, at 8:21 AM, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

You need to assemble all your correspondence you have received from people regarding the National Guard when you get back and we need to turn it over to the assessment team. So make that a priority when you get back in the office.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 5:01 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Mike, thanks for the email - I will speak to her.
Best regards,
Chris

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [<mailto:mike.nizich@alaska.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 12:28 AM Coordinated Universal Time
To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject:

Colonel,
Our office received a call today from Col. Mc Mann from the National Guard Assessment Team requesting to use the state's airplane to travel to necessary locations to conduct interviews. The plane the Governor uses is the State Trooper plane. He only uses the plane when it is not in use by the Troopers. The plane right now is in heavy use for scheduled patrols for the spring and summer hunting and fishing seasons. The short of it is the plane will not be able to be detailed off for the Assessment Teams use. Sorry we are not able to assist you in this regard.

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Thanks Cindy.

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [<mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov>]
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To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: Re: FYI National Guard Mail

Yes I would send them everything. I talked to O' brien in Fairbanks last Friday about this letter and thanked him for his efforts

Sent from my iPhone

On May 7, 2014, at 9:33 PM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

Should we add this to what's being compiled for the assessment team?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Robinson, Benjamin A (GOV)" <benjamin.robinson@alaska.gov>
Date: May 8, 2014 12:55:12 AM GMT+02:00
To: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Subject: FYI National Guard Mail

Mike, Cindy and Sharon,

We have had 3 copies of this anonymous letter show up at the office this week postmarked from Anchorage. One addressed directly to Governor, and one each addressed care of Mike Nizich and care of Sharon Leighow.

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Director of Constituent Relations
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Sorry it was Bridges not Obrien

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On May 8, 2014, at 5:51 AM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

Attached is an anonymous letter received by three people in our office this week – thought it would be good to forward it to you all. It was postmarked out of Anchorage.

Cindy Sims
I Choose Respect
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That might be it. It sounded like there was more than one file.

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Subject: Fwd: National Guard Assessment Team

Let me know if you want me to join the call. Please call or text me so I'm aware :)

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

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Subject: RE: National Guard Assessment Team

Can you teleconf today at 2:30

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From: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 2:36 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: Fwd: From June 2012 NGB SAV (UNCLASSIFIED)
Attachments: Trip report - SAV AK Jun12.docx; ATT00001.htm; Alaska SAPR SAV Out Brief (12 Jun 12).pptx; ATT00002.htm

Mike

Attached is the After Action Report (AAR) and a copy of the power point slides provided by the team from the Staff Assistance Visit. This was the only document that we have been able to identify as a "2012 Report".

THOMAS H. KATKUS

Commissioner

Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs - The Adjutant General

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Subject: From June 2012 NGB SAV (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Sir,

There are some days my hoarding comes in handy. Today would be one of those days. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Octavia L. Thompson
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
JFHQ Alaska National Guard

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From: Thompson, Octavia L CIV NG AKARNG (US)
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Subject: FW: Fwd: adn.com Daily Briefing (UNCLASSIFIED)

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From: Lux, E Jane CIV NG NGB (US)
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 10:44 AM
To: Jorgensen, Catherine F BG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)
Cc: Crowley, Kevin J CIV NG NGB (US); Whitmire, Rita J COL USAF NG NGB (US);
Thompson, Octavia L CIV NG AKARNG (US)
Subject: RE: Fwd: adn.com Daily Briefing (UNCLASSIFIED)

Ma'am,

I'm back in the office from my appointment. If you have time to stop by and talk, I'm more than happy to meet with you. I can print the slides that we provided at the out brief.

I think it's important that any investigation being done and prior Staff Assistance Visit that I and the ARNG and ANG team member made be separated in findings and in intent. The SAV specifically had these objectives:

- a. Meet with state Joint, ARNG, and ANG leadership to provide an overview of SAPR/SHARP program policy requirements and answer questions
- b. Assist new JFHQ and Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) on steps to set up program and review checklists for program development
- c. Define sexual assault reporting standard operating procedures and ensure SARCs have access to all data management systems for documenting reports
- d. Present an understanding and update on NGB and DoD SAPR goals and initiatives

When we conducted the SAV, we did not review case files of reported sexual assaults, nor did we talk with soldiers or airmen in sensing sessions to research command climate, as an inspection team would have done. However, State leadership initially perceived the SAV to be an inspection. I stated in "lessons learned" to NGB leadership that the team's purpose can be misinterpreted if a SAV is conducted prior to an IG team's visit. About a month after I returned to DC, ANG requested that I provide a trip report of the SAV, which I did. That trip report is attached for your reference. The areas noted in the trip report were the same as what had been provided in the out brief:

- 1 - Leadership can only investigate what comes to their attention.
- 2 - Previous SARC did not adequately document sexual assaults in the data system of record - now corrected.
- 3 - ANG SAPR PM concerns were noted that if AFOSI has jurisdiction for investigation of a sexual assault, it should be referred to OSI rather than local law enforcement.
- 4 - At the time of the SAV, there were anonymous reports of ANG sexual assault victims not coming forward. This needed to be addressed through Wing SARC training opportunities in an effort to build confidence in the system. The Wing SARCs noted to the ANG SAPR PM that they continued to encourage airmen to come forward at follow up trainings.

Also - just for your reference, our office has grown! I've included our new SAPR Program Chief on this email - Col Whitmire. I think you already know Mr. Crowley :)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

V/r
Jane

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MEMORANDUM FOR Director, J1, National Guard Bureau, 111 South George Mason Drive,
Arlington, VA 22204

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Staff Assistance Visit (SAV),
Alaska National Guard

1. A SAPR Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) was conducted on 11-12 June 2012 to the Alaska Joint Force Headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska. NGB staff members participating in the SAV were Jane Lux, NGB J1 SAPR Program Chief, MAJ Tela McFadden, ARNG Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Branch Chief, and 1stLt Lori Alix, NGB/A1S SAPR Program Manager.

2. The objectives of the SAV were to:

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3. State leadership and employees present for the initial in brief:

1) MG Katkas – AK Adjutant General; 2) BG Bridges - ATAG; 3) Col O'Brian 168th Wing Commander; Col Wenke, 176th Wing Commander, 4) COL Williams – USPFO; 5) Col Bailar, AK – NG JAG; 6) Octavia Thompson-JFHQ SARC; 7) Maj Bailey, 176th Wing SARC; 8) Maj Hunstein, 168th SARC 9) Col Grunwald – HRO & J1 Director 9) Col Lincoln, AKANG CoS; 10) LTC Schell, ARNG Asst COS; 11) Lt Col McPhetres, ANG DoS 12) LTC Koch, Chaplain. 13) CMSgt Calvin-WG/Command Chief- 176th; 14) CCSM Gordon Choate, CSM Pamela Harrington, CW2 Nicholas Forbes, CMSgt Timothy Delph, COL Hunt Kerrigan, COL Michael Thompson; 15) Lt Col Kay Spear-Budd, Family Program Chief and Alt JFHQ SARC

4. Background on reasons Alaska was selected for a Staff Assistance Visit:

a. The previous full-time JFHQ SARC was initially hired as a temporary technician. When the temporary position expired, the state created a contract for her to continue in the role. During the time she served as JFHQ SARC, she did not report state ARNG sexual assaults into the Army's system of records, SADMS. Additionally, she was often late or did not input required metrics into the GKO SAPR site. When this issue was brought to her and her immediate leadership, she regularly stated that she had site accessibility problems with her computer. That prevented her from uploading the data into the system. There was no problem with access from

the NGB side and it was recommended that she work with her state Help Desk to resolve the problem.

b. The NGB J1 SAPR Program Chief, met with Brig Gen McManus, AK CoS, when she visited NGB late in 2011. At that time, documentation was provided to Brig Gen McManus about some of the problems with the contract JFHQ SARC. Although the SARC was a skilled trainer and victim advocate, she did not regularly meet program management requirements to document cases in systems of record.

c. The state advertised the JFHQ SARC position for hire as a technician and a new JFHQ SARC was hired in February 2012. Additionally, the two Wing SARCs were new to the positions and were trained by NGB SAPR in December 2011. It was important to provide support and program guidance to help create a positive climate where the new SARCs could be successful and meet program requirements.

d. The SAV to Alaska was moved up in the SAPR team's priority to respond to an IG report and congressional inquiry to the CNGB from Senator Mark Begich. There was a concern within the inquiry that not all sexual assaults were being reported. It was not clear in the IG report whether reports in Alaska were not being reported to NGB, or whether sexual assault victims did not have confidence in coming forward to report to SARCs or VAs.

5. SAV Process:

a. The SAV included an initial SAPR 101 briefing for AK leadership on day one of the visit. The briefing began at 0800 at the AK National Guard JFHQ with good attendance from state leadership. The initial briefing slide details the SAPR program elements. The initial elements fall to the SARC and Victim Advocates to provide training, victim advocacy, and prevention awareness. The last element is accountability, which falls to leadership. MG Katkas expressed the opinion that accountability is dependent on whether or not leadership is aware of a sexual assault report and leadership cannot be held accountable for offenders if there is no knowledge of the sexual assault.

b. There were questions from those in attendance that addressed the SAPR processes and roles of commanders and specific questions about restricted and unrestricted reports are handled.

c. The TAG stated that all sexual assault reports are investigated by local law enforcement through a Memorandum of Agreement. The ANG SAPR Program Manager expressed concerns that AFOSI may not be called if an assault of an ANG member occurred while in an active service status or on Joint Base Richardson/Elmendorf. Her concern was based on the AFI 36-6001 guidance that requires any sexual assault an active duty installation involving an ANG member who was in a duty status, must be investigated and reported to AFOSI. MG Katkas stated that all AK National Guard reports go to the local civilian law enforcement based on their memorandum of agreement.

d. After the SAPR 101 briefing, MG Katkas requested a separate meeting with the NGB SAPR team and the JFHQ and Wing SARCs. During the private meeting, MG Katkas stated that

he believed his SAPR program was solid. He brought up the IG and Congressional Inquiry as being the reason for the NGB visit. The NGB J1 SAPR Program Chief reiterated that although the SAV's priority was elevated due to the IG complaint, the team's function was to provide a staff assistance visit and the team was not acting as an inspection team.

e. The ARNG SHARP branch chief, J1 SAPR Program Chief then broke to meet separately with the JFHQ SARC. The ANG SAPR Program Manager met with the two Wing SARCs.

f. Program managers discussed SAPR and SHARP program implementation. There were no major program concerns or misunderstandings from the SARCs about program policy or procedures that were evident. However, the Wing SARCs, who are co-located with active duty AF bases, were not aware of and had not seen the Memorandum of Agreement with local law enforcement for jurisdiction authority that was discussed by the TAG during the in-brief. It was recommended that all MOAs be included in continuity books for the program by the SARCs.

g. The program managers discussed with the SARCs whether or not they perceived any command climate issues that may prevent victims of sexual assault from coming forward with a report to a SARC or victim advocate. The 176th WG SARC reported that they recently had received an anonymous statement in as AFCAST (Safety Survey-SAF) that statement "I can think of three women who have been assaulted in our Wing and are afraid to report it." The ANG SAPR program manager provided guidance and various options as the best way to handle and response to an anonymous survey. The Wing SARC outlined steps he has already put in place since he was trained in December 2011. He and the new JFHQ SARC are working jointly to better market the program, ensure all Bystander Intervention Training is completed for airmen, execute all meetings as required, ensure Victim Advocates receive annual refresher training, and display prevention materials with information about the DoD Safe Helpline resource.

h. The joint base environment for the active component and the National Guard appear to be working well and the JFHQ and Wing SARCs collaborate for training and response support.

i. The meetings with the JFHQ SARC and Wing SARCs concluded at approximately 1700. The NGB program managers provided suggestions for improvement. Those areas centered on ensuring proper documentation. Recommendations included: input of prior ARNG sexual assault reports in SADMS by the JFHQ SARC; validation and identification of all trained SAPR VAs in the state; completion of all SAPR VA background checks in preparation for VA credentialing requirements; appropriate waiver requests on file; training of ARNG SARC/SHARP personnel in the required T10 80-hour training; and documentation of all MOAs and MOUs in continuity books.

6. After SAV:

a. The NGB SAPR Team joined the SARCs and many of the state leaders for dinner that evening at a local restaurant. The evening offered the opportunity to emphasis the positive

efforts being put forward by the new SARCs at the JFHQ and the 176th and 168th Wings. It also offered the opportunity for the team to meet Governor Parnell, who happened to be at the same restaurant that evening for a political event. MG Katkas introduced the governor to the NGB Team.

b. The NGB SAPR team provided an out brief the following morning, 12 June, for the TAG and some of the leadership who had been present at the in brief. The briefing focused on the state's SAPR program history, areas they should sustain, improve, and plan for in the future. The out brief slides are included with this trip report.

7. Lessons learned:

a. State leadership initially perceived the SAV to be an inspection. The SAPR team's purpose is to provide support and guidance and that can be misinterpreted if a SAV is conducted prior to an IG team's visit.

b. The SAV was productive and all new SARCs appear to have a clear understanding of tasks and actions that are needed to move the program implementation ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

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Out-Brief Agenda

- Alaska SAPR Program's History
- Sustain:
- Improve:
- Way Ahead:

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Program History

- Trained capable personnel selected and in place at JFHQ
- 176th WG SAPR program exhibits stability with trained SARCs and VAs over implementation history
- 168th ARW SAPR program currently exhibits transition and displays movement toward stability
- Trends indicate that Alaska may have more sexual assault incidents occurring than are reported

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Sustain



ARNG:

- Continue to emphasize SHARP Three Tier Training

JOINT:

- Continue effective integration with joint partners, active duty component, and local civilian coalitions
- Continued leadership emphasis to support TAG's SAPR policy
- Maintain positive relationship with SEEM to ensure appropriate reporting and confidentiality procedures for SH and SA

ANG:

- Sustain BIT emphasis until completed – 30 Jun 12
- Do not combine SH and SA training for ANG
- Collaborate with JFHQ for SAPR VA use/training/tracking

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Improve



ARNG:

- Input FY 10-12 ARNG case data into SADMS
- Identify and train ARNG Soldiers in 80 hour SHARP

JOINT:

- Identify and validate all SAPR VAs with appropriate documentation
- Establish SOP on handling NG LODs for both Services
- Include all current MOUs and MOAs in JFHQ Continuity Files

ANG:

- Complete VA background checks/formalize documentation
- Accomplish VA SEI updates and confirm with BETM
- Ensure necessary waiver documentation for WESO PD

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Way Ahead



ARNG:

- Finalize plans for 80 hr SHARP training and personnel
- Critical G3 and Training NCOs are inputting SHARP training data into DTMS

JOINT:

- JFHQ SARC career develop in budget/financial management
- Develop detailed SOP for full SAPR implementation
- Utilize existing tools to assess command climate
- SAPR inclusion in pre-command course per JCS Strategic Direction on SAPR
- Utilize SMEs in training lower level SMs to enhance SAPR message

ANG:

- Refresher training for SAPR VAs in August
- New ANG SAPR training plan in place for FY 13
- Selection of 168th ARW SARC

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
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MAY 21 2014

Dear Senator Murkowski:

This is in response to your letter dated June 19, 2013, regarding allegations that the command climate within the Alaska National Guard (AKNG) is not conducive to reporting and investigating sexual assaults and that, in some instances, officials may have taken steps to cover up incidents of sexual assault.

Our letter of July 18, 2013, indicated that the DoD Hotline referred the allegations to the Department of the Army Inspector General (Army IG) for action (case number 20130620-014429). Our letter of March 6, 2014, indicated that officials within the Directorate for Investigations of Senior Officials (ISO) opened case number 20130715-014791-CASE-01 to monitor the senior official investigation by the Army IG.

On April 15, 2014, the Army IG completed the investigation and forwarded the Report of Investigation to ISO officials for review. The Army IG investigation found AKNG command climate sensing sessions did not identify concerns regarding sexual assault or sexual harassment reporting, and that The Adjutant General (TAG), AKNG, and other AKNG officials did not cover up any reported sexual assault incidents.

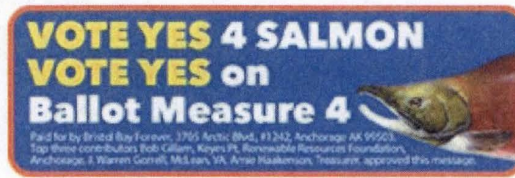
The Army IG report noted the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, AKNG, received reports of 11 alleged sexual assault incidents (since February 2012) and promptly coordinated referrals of all incidents to Alaska law enforcement authorities. Alaska State Statute, "Military Code of Alaska," Section 26.05, dictates that Alaska state civilian law enforcement authorities investigate, and the Alaska civilian criminal system prosecute, cases involving AKNG member suspects. The TAG took adverse administrative action on the only two cases upon which he could act; those which substantiated sexual assault allegations against AKNG members. In one case, the TAG discharged the subject from the AKNG, and in the other, he initiated the subject's separation.

On May 6, 2014, ISO Oversight Branch officials completed a review of the Army IG investigation and concurred with the findings and conclusions.

Should you have questions, please contact me at 703-604-8324.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Turner
Acting Assistant Inspector General for
Communications and Congressional Liaison



Inspector General says no cover up in Alaska National Guard sex abuse allegations



The Inspector General of the Army sent a letter to U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski on Wednesday concluding that Alaska's National Guard Adjutant General Tom Katkus and other Alaska National Guard officials followed protocol in dealing with allegations of sexual assault in the Guard.

The IG "did not identify concerns regarding sexual assault or sexual harassment reporting," and Guard officials "did not cover up any reported sexual assault incidents." The

Department of Defense concurred. (Read the letter [here](#).)

The letter said that the Guard had received reports of 11 alleged assaults and that it "promptly coordinated referrals of all incidents to Alaska law enforcement officials," as protocol dictates. The letter says that Katkus took action in "only two cases upon which he could act." One person was discharged as a result. Katkus "initiated the subject's separation," in the other.

Last June, Sen. Lisa Murkowski asked the Department of Defense inspector general to investigate after Guard chaplains had asked her to look into sexual harassment and assault in

3 thoughts on “Inspector General says no cover up in Alaska National Guard sex abuse allegations”

Trish

May 21, 2014 at 11:38 pm

How stupid do you think Hollis French feels after reading this story ?

Valerie B.

May 21, 2014 at 11:33 pm

As a Republican woman, I have been very troubled by the allegations concerning the sexual abuse and misconduct in our National Guard unit. I am very pleased to learn that protocol was followed and that there were no appearances of any attempts to cover up the infractions. Those who rushed to judgement that was critical of the Parnell administration owe the governor an apology. Governor Parnell isn't a show horse, rather I think of him more as a quiet work horse. He may not be flashy but he does a good and deliberative job as our governor.

Once again, the liberal and boiased media and their liberal Democratic friends cast dispersions and wrongfully judged the governor. Shame on the media.

Thank you amandacoyne.com for covering and reporting on this new development. If it were up to Shannon Moore, we would never hear about this.

Lynn Willis

May 21, 2014 at 8:59 pm

The point of all this is to insure a timely just treatment of the soldiers involved and to also restore trust in the command structure of the Alaska Army National Guard. Perhaps more information is needed to do that.

The Inspector General Letter addresses the disposition of 11 cases using this language: “The Army IG Report noted the Army Sexual Response Coordinator, AKNG (Alaska National Guard) received reports of 11 alleged sexual assault incidents (since February 2012) and

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Cc: MG Tom Katkus; Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Subject: Fwd: Article from Ms. Coyne....

Not sure if you guys saw this letter released from Murkowski's office.
Thanks.
McHugh

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 3, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Johnsen, Jakob W (MVA)"
Date: 05/21/2014 5:07 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Pierre, McHugh (MVA)"
Subject: Article from Ms. Coyne....

<http://amandacoyne.com/politics/inspector-general-says-no-cover-up-in-alaska-national-guard-sex-abuse-allegations/>

All the best,

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Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 6:49 PM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Subject: Question

So should we put this on our website – asking the question as I'm not sure ☺ But we need to get the word out – especially to the news outlets since no one is reporting on it.

<http://amandacoyne.com/politics/inspector-general-says-no-cover-up-in-alaska-national-guard-sex-abuse-allegations/>

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Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: National Guard Assessment Team

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Thanks and feel free to call me if you have any questions.
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Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US); McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)
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Respectfully,
wsg

W. S. Gorske
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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 1:13 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: FW: DA's Declination for Sexual Assault Prosecution
Attachments: Declination.pdf

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Date: 03/25/2014 9:28 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)"
Cc: "Pierre, McHugh (MVA)"
Subject: DA's Declination for Sexual Assault Prosecution

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From: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 9:53 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: National Guard / CONFIDENTIAL

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Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); McMahon, Erin K LTC USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: RE: National Guard Assessment Team

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Cindy,
Erin McMahon and I spoke with [Personnel / AS 39.25.080...] this afternoon. The interview highlighted issues she had previously raised to us, as well as identified additional concerns. Very productive session. I asked her to maintain an open line of communication and reach out to us with additional information as appropriate. While we interviewed a substantial number of individuals while in Alaska, we continue to gather information.
vr,
wsg

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Thank you.

Cindy Sims

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Cindy,
I will reach out to her tomorrow.
Thanks,
wsg

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 10:37 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Subject: An article from Anchorage Daily News

Here's an article from Anchorage Daily News I thought you might like: [Army investigation: No sexual assault cover-ups in Alaska National Guard.](#)

(Sent via my iPhone's Anchorage Daily News application. [Visit the App Store](#) to download or learn more).

Sharon Leighow
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2014 6:57 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Subject: Confidential: Deliberative/Personnel/Exec Priv

Here are some thoughts for your week ahead as I prepare to go off the grid for a few days (unless an emergency or urgent matter arises)

1. Port Clarence:

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2. Interior Energy Project:

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after I return to Juneau in a week.

early on

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3. DPS

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4. National Guard:

A. If you haven't already, pls have Gen Katkus give direction that McCugh should have absolutely nothing to do with cases where Guard members are under investigation or subject to review--especially as they relate to two people he is personally connected to. No viewing of files, no conversations, etc.

B. Pls work with Cindy to ascertain what options are available for independent review of the Guard investigator's cases (after my letter goes out to General Gorske). Pls see if we can get that in place on the next week or so in coordination with the Guard Bureau. Cindy has an edited copy of my letter to get in final for tomorrow so that hasn't gone out yet.

5. DQC

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Thanks, much! Have a good week!!!
Sent from my iPhone

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US) <christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 12:19 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Letter from Governor Parnell (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Yes, my desk phone is perfect, 571-256-7368.

Tx
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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [<mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov>]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Letter from Governor Parnell (UNCLASSIFIED)

Ok - we are in two different locations, so is there a number we can call you at and I'll have our assistant put us all together in a call.

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Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Letter from Governor Parnell (UNCLASSIFIED)

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How about now?
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Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 3:54 PM
To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)
Cc: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Letter from Governor Parnell (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi ... What time would be good to talk and we'll set up a conference call with Mike and I.

Cindy

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

On Jun 9, 2014, at 12:37 PM, "Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)"
<christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil> wrote:

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> Thanks MG Gorske. Cindy, Mike, are you available to discuss?

> Thanks,

> Chris

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)

> Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 3:17 PM

> To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) (cindy.sims@alaska.gov)

> Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) (mike.nizich@alaska.gov); Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)

> Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Parnell

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> Cindy,

> Thanks for the letter. I regret the inadvertent release of survey results to the Alaska National Guard. We are taking a look at the survey results and reviewing for the possibility of any personally identifying remarks. I am sending the letter from Governor Parnell to COL Chris Rofrano for review.

> vr,

> wsg

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> Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

> Subject: Letter from Governor Parnell

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> Hello General ... Attached please find a letter from Governor Parnell. Give Mike or me a call if you have any questions, or wish to speak with the Governor.

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> Cindy

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> Cindy Sims

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June 9, 2014

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Dear General Gorske,

I learned last Friday that results of the National Guard Bureau's Command Climate Survey of the Alaska National Guard were released to Alaska Guard leadership. The release of this information by the Guard Bureau, however it happened, is totally contrary to my understanding from the Guard Bureau about how the assessment would be conducted and how information would be communicated with me.

Where I had asked for a review of the entire sexual assault reporting system of the Alaska National Guard, and other areas, and where that review was to include a review of the command structure, this premature release of information to the Alaska Guard command structure is deeply troubling and raises several important issues. Namely, I want to ensure the privacy of Guard members who responded to the survey. I also want to assure continuation of an objective, credible review of the sexual assault (and other) reporting, investigation, and adjudication system. This includes a review of the command structure's role in that system. The goal is to assure cases will be investigated and adjudicated fairly and impartially and that appropriate sanctions will be carried out.

Premature release of the Command Climate Survey has raised concern for potential retaliation, because some Guard members perceive their comments in the survey can be traced back to them. Where I had already asked for a review of the command structure and the part it regularly plays in reviewing cases and proposed sanctions, and where the early release of the Command Climate Survey to Guard leadership may have chilled some claimants' or victims' willingness to report and be interviewed, I make a new request of the Guard Bureau.

I ask you to authorize a National Guard Bureau panel to hear, review, and adjudicate cases from the Alaska National Guard's investigation team and existing reporting system. Our Guard leadership should not be subjected to the cloud it has been put under by the early release of the survey, and our Guard members need to have every confidence in a full, fair, and impartial hearing, including sanctions, if warranted. At minimum, the panel should be authorized to hear all cases pending until the review is complete.

Major General Scott Gorske
June 9, 2014
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I strongly believe that under the circumstances, we must have an independent review of cases once the investigator and the team bring them forward, at least until your assessment is complete and any remedial action, if required, is fulfilled. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Sean Parnell
Governor

cc: Michael Nizich, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

June 10, 2014

Chief Counsel, National Guard Bureau

Governor Sean Parnell
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Dear Governor Parnell,

This letter responds to yours of June 9, 2014, to Major General Scott Gorske wherein you communicated your disappointment with the release of the climate assessment results pertaining to the Alaska National Guard and you requested additional support from the National Guard Bureau to adjudicate pending administrative cases. General Gorske forwarded your letter to me for response, and I am responding on behalf of the National Guard Bureau as General Gorske's mission is strictly limited to the ongoing Alaska National Guard assessment. This letter will address each of your concerns and provide a brief update on the status of the assessment.

My entire team shares your frustration with the release of the command climate survey results. As I am sure you are aware, we highly value the confidentiality and impartiality of the entire assessment process, of which the command climate survey was one component. We have learned that the survey was released by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute through a computer-generated process. They are an independent entity of the Department of Defense with extraordinary expertise in developing and implementing command climate surveys. The National Guard Bureau assessment team worked with the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute to not only craft the survey questions, but also to initiate the survey and process the survey results. These results became available on the closing of the survey through email links and passwords provided to our office. Unfortunately and unbeknownst to us, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute technology systems automatically sent a link and password to Major General Thomas Katkus as the senior Alaska National Guard commander. This should not have occurred, and we are currently reviewing the narrative portions of the survey to determine whether it may be possible to identify any of the respondents. We will keep your staff informed in this regard.

The second part of your letter requests that the National Guard Bureau provide a panel to review or adjudicate open files. Your staff has made it clear that your primary concern is the fair and impartial treatment of all concerned; that is our primary concern as well. Briefly, we are aware that there are several pending enlisted separation actions. These cases are initiated by lower level commanders with the recommendation to a convening authority, such as Brigadier General Bridges, and the Adjutant General as the separation authority. Separation panel members are typically selected from the membership of the Alaska National Guard and make findings and recommendations to both the convening authority and the separation authority. The National Guard Bureau could provide panel members. That said, we have no indication that

Alaska National Guard separation panels have failed in any way in the execution of their responsibilities. After discussions with your staff, we believe that you are asking the National Guard Bureau to provide temporary general officer command leadership to resolve open cases. Adjudicating cases requires state command authority, however, and it appears Alaska law prescribes that officers must be a member of the Alaska National Guard for a period of five (5) years before they may be appointed as general officers/ commanders. Accordingly, Alaska law precludes the National Guard Bureau from supporting your request in that manner.

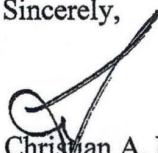
We do believe that there are other mechanisms which may be employed to ensure the fair and impartial administration of Alaska National Guard separation actions. We recommend that you direct the Alaska National Guard to provide you or a member of your staff with a weekly/biweekly summary update on certain administrative/disciplinary actions before final action is taken. More specifically, we recommend that your staff receive and review summary information pertaining to the separation board documentation, to include the chain of command's and board's recommendations, and the leadership's rationale in cases where the board's recommendations for separation are not followed. Summary information will ensure compliance with federal record requirements.

Should you so desire, I am willing to provide a senior Judge Advocate to assist your office in answering any process questions that you may have. Additionally, I recommend that you establish written "Critical Information Requirements" similar to that which a military commander uses to ensure they have situational awareness over certain high visibility issues which must be immediately reported. These are referred to as "Commander's Critical Information Requirements."

With the exception of the release of the survey information noted above, the assessment is proceeding well and on schedule. Our team did identify procedural issues on several pending separation actions and assisted in rectifying these issues. Additionally, we are providing a senior level attorney along with a Judge Advocate captain to assist the Alaska Army National Guard Judge Advocate assigned to the separation panels in the performance of his duties. Currently these separation panels are scheduled for late July/August.

The National Guard Bureau stands ready to assist you any way we can. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,



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Colonel, US Army
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Cc: General Frank J. Grass,
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Cindy, Mike, per our conversation. I am available to chat or answer any questions should you so desire.
Tx
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Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 1:52 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Cindy, Mike, per our conversation. I am available to chat or answer any questions should you so desire.
Tx
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 6:36 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Mike

Plane just touched down in Anchorage. Had very spotty coverage out in Galena. Last night when I left McHugh I had directed him to get BG Bridges and Brig Gen O'Brien together this morning and get started on this project. I will check with him next on how this effort went.

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I've shortened my travel plans by canceling my attendance at AGAUS in Oklahoma, so after my commitments in Mongolia, I will be returning directly back here to Anchorage. You had asked me to talk to you before I do anything crazy. I will get on your calendar as soon as I get back to town.

Later

THOMAS H. KATKUS

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On Jun 13, 2014, at 17:05, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

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Talk to you when you get back. Have a good trip.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 7:58 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: OCI findings

See below-

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Olmstead, Candis Maj (MVA sponsored)" <candis.olmstead@alaska.gov>
Date: June 16, 2014 at 5:16:40 PM AKDT
To: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Subject: OCI findings

Ms. Leighow,

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Best regards,

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
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Subject: RE: OCI findings

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: RE: OCI findings

So is she DMVA's media person?

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From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) <thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 10:36 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA

Yep. Its never dull around here.

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Subject: RE: [REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA

Is this for real?

From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) [mailto:thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 7:54 AM
To: Bailar, Susan L COL USAF NG AKANG (US)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: [REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA
Importance: High

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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [<mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com>]

Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 05:46 AM

To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)

Cc: thomas.dosik@alaska.gov <thomas.dosik@alaska.gov>

Subject: [REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA

Good Morning General Katkus,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

As you know from my original letter of introduction, I am one of the attorneys for [REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA with regard to his issues with the Alaska National Guard. I write to you this morning seeking to redress the grievances that my client and I have. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA [REDACTED]

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From: "Mathew B. Tully, Esq." <mtully@1888law4life.com>

Date: June 27, 2014 at 8:17:39 PM EDT

To: "michael.geraghty@alaska.gov" <michael.geraghty@alaska.gov>, "attorney.general@alaska.gov" <attorney.general@alaska.gov>

Subject: [REDACTED] BOI/PR/FPA

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

[REDACTED]

BOI/PR/FPA

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Regards,
Mathew B. Tully
Attorney not admitted to practice law in Alaska but in other jurisdictions

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dosik, Thomas A (LAW)" <thomas.dosik@alaska.gov>
Date: June 27, 2014 at 5:11:46 PM EDT
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Cc: "Bailar, Susan L LTC NGAK (DMVA Sponsored)" <susan.bailar@us.army.mil>
Subject: RE: Allegations of unlawful conduct

Mr. Tully:

Please be aware, as I have told you before, that I represent DMVA and General Katkus with regard to these matters. Under the ethical rules of Alaska and New York, you may not contact him directly.

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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [<mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 12:44 PM
To: 'Thomas.H.Katkus.mil@mail.mil'
Cc: Dosik, Thomas A (LAW); Bailar, Susan L LTC NGAK (DMVA Sponsored)
Subject: Allegations of unlawful conduct
Importance: High

MG Katkus:

Attached is a letter disclosing serious allegations of misconduct by your subordinates in accordance with federal law that protects "whistleblowers" from retaliation for such reporting, a demand for the suspension of [REDACTED] BOI and others pending further investigation, and our remedy demand.

So you are aware, today's reporting is neither the last nor the most powerful arrow in our quiver, this is just the proverbial 'tip of the iceberg' of what we are bringing to the table to protect our Combat Action Badge wearing client from [REDACTED] BOI's desired other than honorable discharge. It is being disclosed now to mitigate further damage.

Regards,

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2014 10:37 AM
To: 'Mathew B. Tully, Esq.'
Subject: RE: Unlawful activity report to the Governor

This is to confirm that I received your message

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Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2014 7:23 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Unlawful activity report to the Governor
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 report # [REDACTED] PR shocked the conscience of my law firm employees who read it. It named the alleged rape victim ([REDACTED] PR), provided her age ([REDACTED] PR when the report was written), address and employer [REDACTED] PR amongst a plethora of other personal/confidential information. [REDACTED] PR

[REDACTED] PR ([REDACTED] PR 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 about an alleged civilian rape victim, #2 it contained information on police policy and procedures for investigating sex assault crimes 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 civilian rape reports 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 confidential police rape reports 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 obscene/graphic confidential police civilian rape reports 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**?

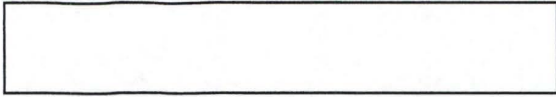
Does the Governor believe that the Alaska National Guard Staff Judge Advocate's Office (i.e. Alaska lawyers who work for your National Guard) acted appropriately in requesting, possessing, and then unrestricted distributing confidential police reports that it apparently had no lawful authority to obtain, 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 civilian rape victims, to allow confidential police reports about civilian rape victims 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 sex crime victims and civilian witnesses to crime 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 rape victims 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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From: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) <thomas.h.katkus.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, July 03, 2014 8:57 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Regarding [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

Another approach from this attorney.

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From: Wille, David R COL USAF NG AKANG (US)

Sent: Thursday, July 03, 2014 08:29 AM

To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US); Olmstead, Candis A MAJ USAF NG AKANG (US)

Subject: FW: Regarding SFC Donald Gum (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

For your SA,

Apparently Mr. Tully (Esq.) did not care for my response, and plans to contact Senator Grassley and drag the IG through the mud.

In the message to him below, I provided a 1559 (IG action request) and the Whistleblower Questionnaire, so I did not refuse the whistleblower aspect. The two inflammatory e-mails he has sent need clarification and specifics which have not been provided, nor has a privacy act release from his client been provided.

I intended to reach out to [REDACTED], as I normally would with a 3rd party complaint, but this attorney's approach is making me extra cautious.

I've alerted DAIG and NGB IG.

DAVID R. WILLE, Colonel, USAF

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BB [REDACTED] BOI

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

From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [<mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2014 6:34 PM
To: Wille, David R COL USAF NG AKANG (US)
Cc: King, Jennifer L CPT USARMY (US)
Subject: Re: Regarding [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

Inspector General Wille:

I vehemently disagree with your decision not to investigate allegations of misconduct, misuse of federal funds and equipment, and abuse of authority pertaining to a program that has little correlation to [REDACTED] AR 15-6 investigation. I believe your position is unsupported by AR 20-1 Para 6.3(g) as the program in question isn't within the scope or bounds of [REDACTED] AR 15-6 thus he has no redress for his allegations of corruption and misconduct in that forum.

Furthermore, I believe it is clear that AR 20-1 Par 7.1 makes your decision not to investigate improper. I will inform you that I plan to communicate with the media, Senator Chuck Grassley and other members of Congress in Washington DC about the allegations that I sent to you and your refusal to accept those allegations for investigation. I believe your decision will bring discredit to the Inspector General community at the end of the day.

Regards,
Mat

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 2, 2014, at 8:07 PM, "Wille, David R COL USAF NG AKANG (US)"
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Mr. Tully,

It appears your client ([REDACTED]) is involved in an administrative action regarding the results of an AR 15-6 investigation. This administrative action has embedded regulatory due process, which your client should act on. In accordance with (IAW) AR 20-1, IG Activities and Procedures, it is inappropriate for the IG to intervene until the regulatory redress process is completed. IAW AR 15-6, Procedures for Investigating Officers and Boards of Officers, matters pertaining to the conduct of an AR 15-6 investigation are to be presented to the appointing authority for the investigation for consideration.

I recommend you coordinate with CPT Jennifer King (cc'd above jennifer.l.king184.mil@mail.mil) who is representing [REDACTED] during the administrative board process.

If your client desires to submit a whistleblower reprisal complaint, he may do so by completing the attached DA Form 1559, Inspector General Action Request, and returning it to my office or by contacting the DOD Hotline via 800-424-9098 or their website <http://www.dodig.mil/hotline/reprisalcomplaint.html>. In addition, I've attached a Questionnaire to help clarify specific details of such a complaint.

If your client believes that senior Army officials are involved in his complaint, he may also submit his complaint to the DAIG website at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-otig.mbx.saig-in-office@mail.mil. IAW AR 20-1, alleged wrong doing by a General officer needs addressed to the site above.

If your client has any other matters that he would like to bring to the IG for consideration, he is welcome to contact me or my assistant MSG Terry Severin directly. Otherwise I am unable to further respond to the matters pertaining to [REDACTED] without documented privacy act release from him.

Respectfully,

DAVID R. WILLE, Colonel, USAF

Alaska National Guard IG

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BB [REDACTED] *BOI*

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From: Sen. Fred Dyson [<mailto:Sen.Fred.Dyson@akleg.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 2:09 PM
To: Parnell, Sean R (GOV)
Cc: 'Heather Brakes'
Subject: FW: Unlawful activity report to the Governor

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Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 1:55 PM
To: Sen. Fred Dyson
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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [<mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 4:35 AM
To: Sen. Fred Dyson
Cc: Chuck Kopp; Patricia Kopp; Joshua Banks
Subject: Unlawful activity report to the Governor

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Date: July 1, 2014 at 11:22:50 AM EDT
To: "michael.nizich@alaska.gov" <michael.nizich@alaska.gov>
Subject: Unlawful activity report to the Governor

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 **PR** **PR** shocked the conscience of my law firm employees who read it. It named the alleged rape victim (DELETED), provided her age (**PR** when the report was written), address and employer (DELETED), amongst a plethora of other personal/confidential information. **PR**

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PR PR PR. 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 **PR**. DELETED 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 about an alleged civilian rape victim, #2 it contained information on police policy and procedures for investigating sex assault crimes 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 civilian rape reports 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 confidential police rape reports 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 obscene/graphic confidential police civilian rape reports 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,

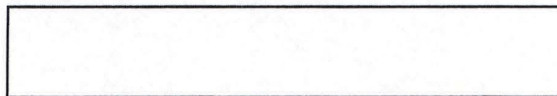
possessing, and then unrestricted distributing confidential police reports that it apparently had no lawful authority to obtain, possess, or distribute? Has the Governor referred any allegations to the Alaska Bar Association or other Attorney Licensing Agency for investigation?

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 civilian rape victims, to allow confidential police reports about civilian rape victims 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 sex crime victims and civilian witnesses to crime 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 rape victims 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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Sue Cain
Anchorage Police Department
Records Section

RE: Request Authorization to Receive Police Reports

Dear **PR** 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan S. Hutchison", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

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Dear **PR** 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: **BOI/PR**
DOB: **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.

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From: Vandor, Marjorie L (LAW)
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 2:40 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Case [REDACTED] | Mathew Tully

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 2:53 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Looks like we should be getting the draft report soon from the Assessment Team, and then they'll plan to brief the Governor in early to mid August. Once I get a response on the location (my message to him below) - I'll look at the calendar with Janice and give you two some options to look at for the briefing.

I'll let you know when I hear more.

Cindy

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov>
Date: July 11, 2014, 6:50:09 PM EDT
To: "Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)" <christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil>
Cc: "Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)" <wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil>
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Hello Chris ... Good to hear of the progress. I will get some dates for you to brief the Governor in early to mid August. I don't anticipate him traveling to the east coast in August so we'll plan to meet in Alaska. Do you prefer Anchorage or will Juneau work as well? I can make either location work.

Once I know the location you prefer, I'll get a few date options back to you. And we will review the draft report once it arrives and get back with you on any questions we may have.

Thanks,
Cindy

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On Jul 9, 2014, at 5:40 PM, "Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)" <christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil> wrote:

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Cindy, I hope his email finds you well and that you are enjoying your summer! Our team is diligently reviewing the assessment report and currently the matter is undergoing a legal review in our office. Once that is complete we

will forward the draft report to you for comment as you deem appropriate. Thereafter, those comments, if any, will be addressed and the team leadership will be ready to travel to AK to brief the governor in early to mid Aug. Accordingly if you would provide possible briefing dates it would be greatly appreciated. Likewise, if the governor will be in this area sometime in Aug we could, if he prefers, meet here. We are available to discuss at your convenience.

Thanks!

C

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
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To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: DEOMI Survey (UNCLASSIFIED)

We should talk about this and how you want this handled and I can relay, or Mike can, to Chris.

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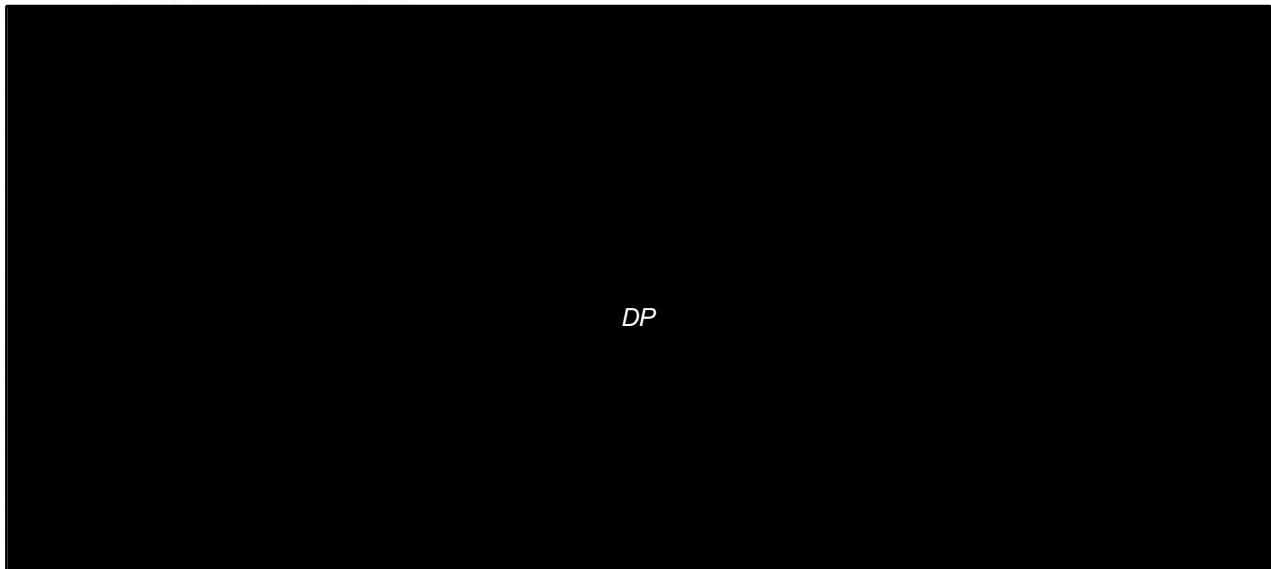
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Cc: "Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)" <wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil>
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Cindy, as you know the assessment team reviewed the results of the survey to determine whether or not individuals could be identified through the comments submitted. We spoke with the NG State IG, who was aware of the survey release to the leadership but stated that he was not aware of any complaints from individuals regarding their participation.

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 9:05 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Meeting

Cindy, per our discussion - let's look at either Thurs., 08.07 or Mon., 08.11.14. Thank you,

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 10:08 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: DEOMI Survey (UNCLASSIFIED)

I had sent this to you and the Governor previously - did you two have a chance to discuss what we'd like to do?

Cindy Sims
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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2014 8:38 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
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Sounds good. Let's have Janice schedule a call between us.

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

On Jul 18, 2014, at 12:13 PM, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

> No never had an opportunity, don't like bits and pieces of info going back and forth so we all need to have a sit down to discuss

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> Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 10:08 PM
> To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
> Subject: FW: DEOMI Survey (UNCLASSIFIED)
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> I had sent this to you and the Governor previously - did you two have a chance to discuss what we'd like to do?
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> Cindy Sims
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Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2014 1:23 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
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From: "Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)"
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Cc: "Gorske, Wilton S (Scott) MG USARMY JS OCJCS (US)" <wilton.s.gorske.mil@mail.mil>
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From: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 1:13 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Subject: Fwd: 10 USC 1034 Notification

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From: "Dosik, Thomas A (LAW)" <thomas.dosik@alaska.gov>
Date: August 8, 2014 at 10:41:54 AKDT
To: "Mathew B. Tully, Esq." <mtully@1888law4life.com>
Subject: RE: 10 USC 1034 Notification

Mr. Tully:

Thank you for the notice. I will forward this information to my client. Please also be aware that I will be out of the state next week. However, I will be monitoring my email, if there is any other information you feel the need to share please email me.

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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [<mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 9:50 AM
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From: Mathew B. Tully, Esq. [<mailto:mtully@1888law4life.com>]

Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 09:32 PM

To: Katkus, Thomas H MG USARMY NG AKARNG (US)

Subject:

General Katkus:

My client [REDACTED] L LE/FPA reasonably believes [REDACTED]
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Subject: AK NG (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 6:04 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: FOIA Request per 5 USC 552
Attachments: image.png; image.png; image.png; image.png; image.png; image.png; Federal Employment Lawyers - Tully Rinckey PLLC.png; http_twitter.com_tullylegal.png; http_www.facebook.com_TullyLegal.png; http_www.linkedin.com_companies_tully-rinckey-llc.png; http_www.youtube.com_tullylegal.png; http_www.govloop.com_profile_TullyRinckeyPLLC.png

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Date: August 22, 2014 at 6:03:08 PM AKDT
To: "christian.rofrano@us.army.mil" <christian.rofrano@us.army.mil>
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Cc: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Pierre, McHugh (MVA)" <mchugh.pierre@alaska.gov>
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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 03:55 PM
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Subject: FOIA Request per 5 USC 552

To Whom It May Concern:

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To be clear, as the Federal Government released these records to a nonfederal entity (ie the Office of the Alaska Governor), it should be clear that any report issued to a state official should be disclosed in its entirety under applicable Federal FOIA regulations as

such report has already been made "public" by releasing it to a nonfederal official making any exceptions under FOIA inapplicable. I eagerly await receiving the full and unredacted reports.

Acknowledgement of receipt of this FOIA request is desired.

Regards,

Mathew B. Tully, Esq.

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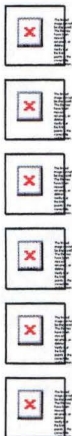


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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 5:34 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

Mike:

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Thanks.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Buck, Margaret S G (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:48 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Case **BOI/LE/PR** | **BC BOI/PR**

FYI – Katie is lead on this case.

BOI

Meg Buck

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From: Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 12:24 PM
To: Buck, Margaret S G (GOV)
Subject: Case **BOI/LE/PR** | **BC BOI/PR**

Lead: KT
CC: MB

Jocelyn Cayce
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From: GOVCRM WEBSVCProd [<mailto:govcrm.websvcprod@alaska.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 2:42 PM

To: Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored)
Subject: New Military Affairs CRM: [REDACTED]

From Ms. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 7:19 PM

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IP: 63.140.98.73

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:55 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Case [REDACTED] CRM: [REDACTED]

Importance: High

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Katie

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From: Miller, Suki (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 12:39 PM
To: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)
Subject: FW: Case [REDACTED] CRM: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

From: Cayce, Jocelyn K (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 12:26 PM
To: Miller, Suki (GOV)
Subject: Case [REDACTED] CRM: [REDACTED]

This is a time sensitive case and should be looked at ASAP for Katie to review.

Due to a software malfunction, we just received the email associated with the following case. Ms. [REDACTED] originally sent the email on March 26th, so we are behind in responding to her – her case has been marked high priority because of this delay. The below response has been sent to her.

Thank you for your message to Governor Sean Parnell. Our technical staff informed us this last week that a software malfunction with our webform prevented your original message from being delivered. Although the situation has now been corrected, we unfortunately just received your message sent on March 26th. I sincerely apologize that we were unable to respond when you first wrote, and wanted to let you know your inquiry has been assigned to a staff member who will look into the issue you raised and be in touch with a response as soon as we are able.

If your inquiry is time sensitive, please feel free to call our office at 907-465-3500 for immediate assistance. We appreciate hearing from you and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused to you.

Constituents message below -sm

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:17 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL

See paragraph #2

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From: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 5:34 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

Mike:

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Michael C. Geraghty
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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:32 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Case **BOI/PR/LE** | **BOI/PR**

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Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 1:48 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: Case **BOI/PR/LE** | **BOI/PR**

FYI – Katie is lead on this case.

This email was sent back in March. There was a glitch in our online email webform and a few hundred emails were never received. IT fixed the issue and now we have a large amount of cases from earlier this year that never got responded to.

Meg Buck

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 7:44 AM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW:

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From: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 6:21 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re:

Hey Mike

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[REDACTED] Pers...

On Aug 27, 2014, at 11:44 AM, Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov> wrote:

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August 29, 2014

The Honorable Sean Parnell
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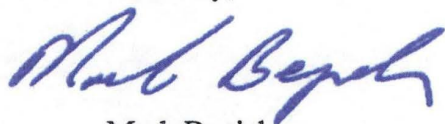
Dear Governor Parnell:

I write to urge you to immediately release the National Guard Bureau Office of Complex Investigation report which was recently completed and presented to you last week.

Alaskans from across the state have contacted me and my staff to express their concerns and growing frustration about the lack of transparency in the handling of complaints about abuse of power, toxic environment and misconduct within the Alaska National Guard. I share their frustration with any delay in releasing this report.

These issues have been coming directly to you for resolution since 2010. The NGB OCI report is complete and not subject to change. Although you may opt to have the Alaska National Guard draft its own response, Alaskans should not have to wait for production of this sequel in order to see the federal report they have paid for with their tax dollars. Delay in the release of this report will only erode trust and confidence in the handling of these issues.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Knudson, Kip C (GOV); Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Robinson, Benjamin A (GOV)
Cc: Wolgemuth, Kate M (GOV)
Subject: RE: Senator Begich ltr on National Guard report

As soon as there is a final report maybe we can accommodate

From: Knudson, Kip C (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:41 AM
To: Katkus, Thomas H (MVA); Pierre, McHugh (MVA); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Robinson, Benjamin A (GOV)
Cc: Wolgemuth, Kate M (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Senator Begich ltr on National Guard report

Incoming.

Sorry. Missed this Friday night.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ramseur, David (Begich)" <David_Ramseur@begich.senate.gov>
To: "Knudson, Kip C (GOV)" <kip.knudson@alaska.gov>
Subject: Senator Begich ltr on National Guard report

Kip:

Here's a letter to you guys urging release of the National Guard report – hope you can get this to someone tonight.

Thanks -

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Office of U.S. Senator Mark Begich
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E-newsletter signup: [begich.senate.gov](http://begich.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Signup) <<http://begich.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Signup>>

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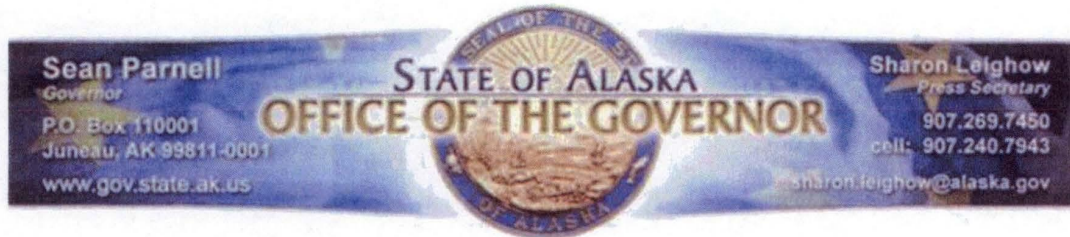
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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:41 AM
To: Knudson, Kip C (GOV)
Subject: Re: Senator Begich ltr on National Guard report

Send senator begich a written message on letterhead saying that as soon as we have a final report sent to us we will provide him a copy.

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> On Sep 2, 2014, at 3:40 AM, "Knudson, Kip C (GOV)" <kip.knudson@alaska.gov> wrote:
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**Governor Releases National Guard Report, Adjutant General Out
Calls for Special Team to Restore Respect and Responsibility**

September 4, 2014, Anchorage, Alaska – Following the conclusion of a six-month independent review and assessment of open and closed investigations related to reports of sexual assault, rape and fraud among members of the Alaska National Guard, Governor Sean Parnell released the findings today, and took the resignation of the adjutant general, Major General Thomas H. Katkus. The governor originally requested the assessment from the National Guard Bureau Office of Complex Investigations (OCI) in February.

The report found Guard members have a lack of trust and confidence in the Alaska National Guard leadership's ability to handle sexual assault cases and other misconduct. Further, the report found that favoritism, ethical misconduct and fear of reprisal have eroded trust and confidence in Guard leadership.

"The dedicated men and women who serve in the Alaska National Guard deserve better and I am committed to restoring the trust they are entitled to," Governor Parnell said. "While the report's findings are deeply troubling, I know that the overwhelming majority of Alaska National Guard personnel serve admirably and honorably. We will take all necessary steps to ensure respect, responsibility and trust are restored."

Governor Parnell requested and received the resignation of Major General Thomas H. Katkus, adjutant general, and commissioner of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Brigadier General Mike Bridges will serve as acting commissioner on an interim basis until a new adjutant general is named. The governor will also closely examine the command structure within the Alaska National Guard, which will include further staffing changes.

Governor Parnell requested the National Guard Bureau's help in assembling a team to implement the recommendations in the report to restore a healthy and safe working environment for the men and women of the Guard. The governor has requested the OCI provide personnel to assist with implementing the recommendations outlined in the report. The team will include a representative from the Office of the Governor.

The governor has requested a further investigation into allegations of fraud pertaining to the misuse of Guard assets.

A copy of the report from the Office of Complex Investigations is available at:
http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell_media/ak-roa-combined.pdf

Reporters who have follow up questions for the Guard Bureau may contact Rick Breitenfeldt at (703) 601 6767 or (703) 627 7273.

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From: Buck, Margaret S G (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 12:41 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: FW: New Military Affairs CRM:0006715 (High Priority)
Importance: High

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Cc: Robinson, Benjamin A (GOV)
Subject: FYI: FW: New Military Affairs CRM:0006715 (High Priority)
Importance: High

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

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From: GOVCRM WEBSVCProd [[mailto: \[REDACTED\]](#)] *BOI*
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 10:38 AM
To: Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored)
Subject: New Military Affairs CRM:0006715

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The corruption does not stop at MG Katkus. As an Army Guard Soldier I believe you should appoint an Air Guard TAG with the mission of cleaning up the corruption in the Army. The worst possible thing you can do to restore trust in the Alaska Guard

is to appoint BG Jorgenson as the next TAG. She is part of the problem. She isn't part of the sexual assault problem but she wields power to reward her friends and punish her enemies. To give you specifics would reveal my unit, but I hope her name has already come up in Command Climate surveys.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Karina Waller <karina@tedstevensfoundation.org>
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 8:31 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Alaska National Guard

Cindy and Mike:

I read the news today reporting on Governor Parnell's action on the issues surrounding the Alaska National Guard. I applaud his efforts by acting in the best interests of the men and women currently serving. The Alaska National Guard provides an invaluable service to all Alaskans, and ensuring the confidence of those dedicated to helping Alaskans in need is of vital importance.

On that note, I wanted to pass along to the Governor a message regarding Brig. Gen. Tim O'Brien. The Foundation had an opportunity to work with General O'Brien while preparing for Ted Stevens Day at the Alaska Air Show this year. In keeping with the Senator's firm belief that every Alaska child should have the opportunity to participate in all Alaska had to offer, the Foundation partnered with the Anchorage Community Land Trust, the Boys & Girls Club of Mountain View, and New Hope Baptist Church to provide transportation to and from the air show, funds for lunch, and fun activities for the children.

At every turn, we were faced with barriers and denials from JBER-- most specifically our plan to provide a charter bus for the children and their chaperones. As many of these children are from families with no means of transportation, and with the air show not providing buses this year, we were faced with having to cancel our plans. After contacting General O'Brien, he was able to secure not only entrance for our bus, but a special parking pass as well. General O'Brien's wife, Catherine O'Brien, also helped to ensure the the children were able to meet with the Thunderbirds.

This was an experience many of the children are still talking about, and some have expressed their commitment towards working hard to someday become pilots themselves.

General O'Brien's efforts helped the Foundation ensure that these children had a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in the air show. In our interactions with General O'Brien, he was committed to the mission of the Guard, to the men and women serving in the Guard, and to Alaska.

I understand that Governor Parnell has many difficult choices to make in the days ahead, and I wanted to take this opportunity to inform him of our experience with someone we feel can help the Guard move in a new and healthy direction.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

My warmest regards,

Karina

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Karina M. Waller
Co-Executive Director

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 11:28 AM
To: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Ruaro, Randal P (GOV); Brakes, Heather K (GOV)
Subject: RE: Inquiry from Coghill FW: National Guard Bureau Report on ANG

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Thanks for sending, Katie. And, yes, let's all stay in the loop on these efforts ☺

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From: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Ruaro, Randal P (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Inquiry from Coghill FW: National Guard Bureau Report on ANG

Keeping you in the loop.

AC

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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: September 8, 2014 9:10:59 AM AKDT
To: "Brakes, Heather K (GOV)" <heather.brakes@alaska.gov>, "Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)" <katherine.tepas@alaska.gov>, "Swanson, Paulyn M (GOV)" <paulyn.swanson@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Pollard, Susan R (LAW)" <susan.pollard@alaska.gov>, "Schroeder, Kaci K (LAW)" <kaci.schroeder@alaska.gov>
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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 10:34 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Questions - Personnel Related

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From: "Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)" <christian.a.rofrano.mil@mail.mil>
Date: September 8, 2014 at 7:33:48 PM AKDT
To: "'cindy.sims@alaska.gov'" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Questions - Personnel Related

Cindy, I am tdy at the moment but here is the latest:

I have not received the names yet - I hope to have them by the end of the week. We have discussed it - we want to provide you the best we can.

I have no info at all on [REDACTED] BOI/PR but will be back on Wed and will press on this.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Is there anything else we can do?

Tx

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV) [<mailto:cindy.sims@alaska.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 08:16 PM
To: Rofrano, Christian A COL USARMY NG NGB (US)
Subject: Questions - Personnel Related

Hi Chris ... a couple of questions for you:

- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks!

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:41 PM
To: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL

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From: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 3:28 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL

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From: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 6:45 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: Re: CONFIDENTIAL

Yes not the TAG

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 9, 2014, at 4:59 PM, "Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)" <cindy.sims@alaska.gov> wrote:

Ok –

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Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL

We have two air guard and army guard

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From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 3:06 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL

Who is our assistant TAG?

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 3:04 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL

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From: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Pierre, McHugh (MVA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 4:02 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: leon.m.bridges.mil@mail.mil
Subject: board completion

Mike, I have the answers you are looking for regarding the status of discipline boards in the Alaska National Guard.

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Personnel / AS 39.25.080 / 2 AAC 07.910 / BOI / Privacy/DP

[REDACTED]

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.
Thank you.

McHugh Pierre
Deputy Commissioner
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
907-428-6003 Anchorage office

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 7:34 PM
To: Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Alaska National Guard

I've sent a note of response to Lynne and told her I'd get back with her. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Let's talk about this.

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From: Lynne Curry [<mailto:lynne@thegrowthcompany.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:03 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Fradley, Tara D (GOV)
Subject: assistance for the Alaska National Guard

Hi, Cindy, I made an offer to Tara based on our experience providing both training to the Alaska National Guard (dealing with change; workplace bullying) and our experience providing EEO and anti-harassment training (for 30 years). We'd be glad to offer the state discounted assistance. Governor Parnell and Elizabeth Giardana both know me. Thanks.

Warmly,
Lynne Curry
(907) 276-4769

Message from Tara:

Lynne Curry
Serves on the Labor relations board for the State. Owns a firm called "The Growth Company" in addition to her weekly newspaper article in the Alaska Dispatch News. The Growth Company is a consulting firm that specializes in discrimination, culture awareness among other things. She has held workshops for the National guard before and would be willing to help in that regards by offering discounted rates to the State of Alaska should we need her services.

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 8:29 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Parnell, Governor (GOV sponsored)
Subject: FW: Alaska National Guard personnel issues
Attachments: MARGARET STOCK - CV (long).pdf; ATT00005.htm; JFCM citation for LTC Stock.pdf; ATT00006.htm

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From: Cindy Sims [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Sunday, September 07, 2014 7:25 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Alaska National Guard personnel issues

Sent from Cindy's iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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From: **Margaret Stock** < >
Date: Sat, Sep 6, 2014 at 5:53 PM
Subject: Alaska National Guard personnel issues
To: < >

Dear Jerry,

Jeff Landfield suggested that I call you so that you can let me know if the Governor might be looking for someone like me to lead the Alaska National Guard. I've attached my CV but here are some bullet points:

--Alaska resident since 1986

--Republican, NRA member

--“Gray area” military retiree, US Army Reserve, Military Police Corps, current rank of lieutenant colonel

--Extensive past experience instructing Alaska National Guard members on prevention of sexual harassment and equal opportunity issues

--Graduate of JAG officer basic course and various Military Police courses

--Former special advisor to the commander of Special Operations Command

--MacArthur “genius grant” recipient for my work relating to the military and national security

Let me know if you have questions,

Margaret

Margaret D. Stock

Cascadia Cross Border Law Group, LLC
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Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5940
Phone: (907) 242-5800
E-mail: [REDACTED]

- Civilian Education** 1988 – 1992 Harvard Law School & the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA
J.D. with honors (1992), M.P.A. (2001)
- Teaching Fellow, Harvard University (International Conflicts in the Modern World, The Administrative State); Teaching Assistant (Microeconomics)
 - Recipient, Harvard University Certificates of Distinction in Teaching (three years)
 - Proctor & Academic Advisor, Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges (four years)
 - Third Year Paper: Criminal Misconduct by United States Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) Civilians and Dependents in Japan
 - Editor-in-Chief, Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy
- 1982 – 1985 Harvard & Radcliffe Colleges, Cambridge, MA
A.B. with honors in Government (International Relations)
- Undergraduate honors thesis: Measuring the Combat Capability of the Army Reserve Components
- 1980 – 1982 Boston University, Boston, MA
- Battalion Commander, Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Battalion
 - Commissioned as second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps at end of sophomore year after completing the full ROTC program in two years (Early Commissioning Program)
- Military Education** U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA, Division of Distance Education, Class of 2006 (awarded Master of Strategic Studies degree)
- Advanced Joint Professional Military Education Course, Joint Forces Staff College

U.S. Army War College, Defense Strategy Course

Reserve Component National Security Issues Seminar

Reserve Components Combined Arms Services & Staff School
(CAS3) Staff Group Leader Course

United States Army Command & General Staff College
(CGSC) Faculty Development Course

United States Army Command & General Staff College
(CGSC)

Combined Arms Services and Staff School (CAS3)

Judge Advocate General's School – Judge Advocate Officer
Basic Course

Military Police School - Officer Basic and Advanced Courses

Dynamics of International Terrorism Course

Airload Planner's Course

Basic Airborne Course

**Civilian
professional
experience**

2013 – present Cascadia Cross Border Law Group, LLC,
Anchorage, AK

Owner/Member/Attorney

- Engaged primarily in immigration and citizenship law and litigation practice.
- Speaker on immigration, citizenship, and national security law issues at numerous public events and Continuing Legal Education events.
- Quoted as expert by print, radio & television media on immigration-related issues. Expert testimony in court on immigration issues. Testimony before Congress and various state legislatures.
- MacArthur Foundation Fellow, Class of 2013, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (“genius grant” recipient)
- “AV” rated by Martindale-Hubbell, Avvo rating of 10.0, Alaska Superlawyer in the area of immigration law (2013,

2014).

- Top Ten of Who's Who International Corporate Immigration Lawyers, 2014

2011 – 2013 Lane Powell, LLC, Anchorage, AK

Counsel to the Firm

- Engaged primarily in immigration and citizenship law and litigation practice.
- Speaker on immigration, citizenship, and national security law issues at numerous public events and Continuing Legal Education events.
- Quoted as expert by print, radio & television media on immigration-related issues. Testimony before Congress and various state legislatures.

2010 – 2012 Department of Political Science, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK

Adjunct Instructor

- Taught "Introduction to American Government," "National Security Law & Policy," "Constitutional Law," "Comparative Politics," and "International Relations." Also guest-lecturer in the Senior Seminar and 49th State Fellows Programs.

September-December 2009 Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

Visiting Fellow

- Researched Integrated Border Enforcement Teams (IBETs)
- Guest Lecturer at public events and in WWU business school and undergraduate classes

2001 – 2006 Department of Law, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

Associate Professor, 2004-2006; Assistant Professor, 2001-2004

- Course Director and Professor, National Security Law Seminar
- Professor, Constitutional & Military Law
- Additional teaching responsibilities in International Law (Immigration, Asylum, Citizenship law, Death Penalty); Comparative Law (Asian and Japanese Law); Human Rights Law (nine sessions on Asylum and Refugee Law); Cyberlaw (High Tech Worker issues); Criminology; and Law of War

(International Humanitarian Law)

- Chairperson and Member, Academic Excellence Committee, Faculty Council

1998 - 2001 Stock & Moeller, LLC, Anchorage, AK

Owner/Partner/Attorney

- Managing and senior partner at small (3-5 attorney) law firm. Engaged primarily in immigration law and litigation practice. Successfully handled large constitutional rights class action against the State of Alaska, as well as numerous federal court cases in U.S. District Court & the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Speaker on immigration law issues at numerous public events and Continuing Legal Education events.
- Quoted as expert by print, radio & television media on immigration-related issues. Expert testimony in court on immigration issues.
- "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell at first "rating" opportunity in 2000.

1992 - 1998 Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon, Anchorage, AK

Associate Attorney

- Associate attorney at 13-attorney trial practice and litigation firm. Engaged primarily in immigration law and litigation practice, but also handled or participated in admiralty, products liability, professional malpractice defense, commercial, civil rights, and personal injury matters.

**Most Recent
Military
Assignment**

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Military Police Corps, U.S. Army Reserve. Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee (DIMA) (Associate Professor), Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Detailed to Undersecretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness) to work on reorganization Task Force (March 2010).

Detailed to US Army Accessions Command and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower & Reserve Affairs as Project Officer for Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) program (Fall of 2007 until retirement in June 2010).

Also served as Special Advisor to Commander, US Special Operations Command (May 2008 to September 2009).

Significant Cases

State of Alaska, Dep't of Revenue v. Martha Andrade, 23 P.3d 58 (Alaska 2001) (class action, equal protection; awarded more than \$100K in attorneys' fees).

Rosario Gallo-Alvarez v. John Ashcroft, 266 F.3d 1123 (9th Cir. 2001) (habeas corpus, reinstatement of removal).

Meng Li v. Robert C. Eddy, 259 F.3d 1132 (9th Cir. 2001) (habeas corpus, expedited removal).

Matter of U----I----S-----, Immigration Court, Anchorage, AK (December 19, 1996) (female genital mutilation asylum case), available at <http://www.uchastings.edu/cgrs/law/ij/54.html>.

**Selected
Conference
Presentations &
Speaking Events**

Speaker, *Executive Power in Immigration Law*, Homeland Security Institute, American Bar Association, Washington, DC, August 22, 2014. Rebroadcast on CSPAN.

Speaker, *Navy & Marine Corps Immigration Training*, Whidbey Island, WA, July 16, 2014.

Speaker, *Parole in Place (PIP), Adjustment of Status, and Naturalization Issues for Military Members*, American Immigration Lawyers Association's 2014 Annual Conference on Immigration Law, Boston, MA, June 21, 2014.

Speaker, *Harvard Immigration & Refugee Clinical Program: 30 Years of Social Change Lawyering*, Cambridge, MA, June 17, 2014.

Speaker, *Scialabba v. Cuellar de Osorio – Post-Decision SCOTUScast*, Podcast, The Federalist Society, Washington, DC, June 17, 2014.

Speaker, *Territorial Access*, Center for Migration Studies Symposium on US Refugee Protection System, New York, NY, June 3, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration Law and the Military*, Immigration Professors Workshop, Irvine, CA, May 22, 2014.

Speaker, *Patriots or Invaders? — Immigrants in the Military in Modern America*, Princeton Center for Migration and Development Conference, Princeton, NJ, May 20, 2014.

Speaker, *A Primer on the Top 10 Items a City Council Would Look for to Help With Immigration Issues*, IMMLA's Mid-Year Seminar, Anchorage, AK, May 19, 2014.

Speaker, *Cutting Edge Asylum TRIG: Terrorism Related Inadmissibility Grounds (Including Persecutor Bar, Material Support, and National Security)*, Federal Bar Association Immigration Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 17, 2014.

Speaker, *Worksite Enforcement: Criminal and Civil Litigation*, Federal Bar Association Immigration Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 17, 2014.

Speaker, *Citizenship in a Global Era: A Report from Rome*, Federal Bar Association Immigration Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 16, 2014.

Speaker, *Military Immigration Issues*, 2014 Upper Midwest Immigration Law Conference, St. Paul, MN, May 9, 2014.

Speaker, *Myth, Traps, and Absurdities in Our Immigration Laws*, 2014 Alaska Bar Annual Convention, Anchorage, AK, May 7, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration Reform- Dreams, Possibilities, and Promises*, Harvard Club Meeting, Anchorage, AK, May 6, 2014.

Speaker, *Remarks at the Naturalization Ceremony*, District of Alaska Naturalization Ceremony, Anchorage, AK, April 25, 2014.

Speaker, *Courting Disaster: The Perils of Ethical Dilemmas in International Law Practice*, 2014 ABA New York Spring Meeting, New York City, NY, April 3, 2014.

Speaker, *Refugee Protection and Barriers to Territorial Access*, Center for Migration Studies, New York City, NY, April 2, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Columbia Law School, New York City, NY, April 1, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Alaska Center-Right Coalition, Anchorage, AK, March 31, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to the Military*, Orange County Bar Association Immigration Law Section, March 4, 2014.

Speaker, *FOIA Litigation*, 2014 AILA Federal Court Immigration Litigation CLE Practicum, February 28, 2014.

Speaker, *Exploring the Myths, Traps, and Absurdities of Immigration Law*, 2014 Pacific NW Immigration Law Conference, February 20, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Faced by American Military Members and their Families*, Texas Bar Association Advanced Immigration Law Course, February 3, 2014.

Speaker, *Business Immigration Ethics*, Texas Bar Association Advanced Immigration Law Course, February 4, 2014.

Speaker, *Top 10 Best Practices*, Texas Bar Association Advanced Immigration Law Course, February 3, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration in America's Future*, Alaska Women for Political Action, February 1, 2014.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Bartlett Democratic Club, January 2, 2014.

Discussion Leader, *Need to Know Taxation Issues for Noncitizens*, Webinar, American Immigration Lawyers Association, December 19, 2013.

Discussion Leader, *Parole in Place*, Podcast, American Immigration Lawyers Association, December 11, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues involving Military Service*, Webinar, Anchorage, AK, December 3, 2013.

Speaker, *The Business Case for Immigration Reform*, Make it Monday Forum- Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Anchorage, AK, December 2, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Alaska Association for Justice Annual Dinner, Anchorage, AK, November 13, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Retired Public Employees of Alaska, Anchorage, AK, November 12, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Ave Maria Law School, Naples, FL, November 6, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Florida State University School of Law, Tallahassee, FL, November 5, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS, October 24, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Washburn School of Law, Topeka, KS, October 23, 2013.

Speaker, *Counseling Corporate Compliance in a Time of Legislative Change*, Federal Bar Association Workplace Enforcement and Immigration Symposium, Chicago, IL, October 22, 2013.

Speaker, *Immigration and Workforce Development in Alaska*, Fairbanks Industry Update Forum, Fairbanks, AK, October 18, 2013.

Speaker, *Exclusive Citizenship Doctrines*, Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Section, Rome, Italy, October 7, 2013.

Speaker, *The Republican Case for Immigration Reform*, Military Officers Association of America Dinner Social, Anchorage, AK, September 26, 2013.

Speaker, *Military Immigration Issues*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Monthly Business Meeting and CLE, Denver, CO, August 13, 2013.

Speaker, *The Republican Case for Immigration Reform*, Midnight Sun Republican Woman's Club Program, Anchorage, AK, July 30, 2013.

Speaker, *The Freedom of Information Act: Update*, Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy, Webinar & Podcast, July 15, 2013.

Discussion Leader, *Use of False Documents: How They Complicate A Case*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, June 29, 2013.

Speaker, *FOIA Requests—The Search for Transparency*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Webinar, May 23, 2013.

Speaker, *Worksite Enforcement: Employer Verification Obligations*, 10th Annual Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 18, 2013.

Speaker, *The Republican Case for Immigration Reform*, Republican National Lawyers Association, Washington, DC, Apr. 26, 2013.

Speaker, *Compliance Strategies for General Counsels and Other Corporate Officers: Avoiding Fines, Headlines, Litigation, and Jail Time*, Worksite Enforcement Symposium, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, Apr. 19, 2013.

Speaker, *Restoring Discretion to the Immigration System*, Capitol Hill Briefing, Washington, DC, Mar. 26, 2013.

Speaker, *Tax Issues Relating to Immigrants and Citizens*, 2013 American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington Chapter Continuing Legal Education Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, Mar. 22, 2013.

Speaker, *The Republican Case for Immigration Reform*, Anchorage Republican Women's Club, Anchorage, AK, Mar 14, 2013.

Speaker, *First Steps on Immigration Reform? The Military Enlistment Opportunity Act of 2013*, Teleforum, Federalist Society, Washington, DC, Feb. 8, 2013.

Speaker, *Parole in Place for Military Families*, Webinar, Fort Carson, CO, Jan. 25, 2013.

Speaker, *Arizona v. United States: Immigration Policy & the Economy*, 2012 Federalist Society National Lawyers Convention, Washington, DC, Nov. 15, 2012.

Speaker, *Special Populations Within the Military*, Veterans Justice Symposium, New York Law School, New York, NY, November 14, 2012.

Speaker, *The Path to Citizenship for Military Family Members*, American Immigration Lawyers Association California Chapter Conference, San Diego, CA, Nov. 10, 2012.

Speaker, *Be All That You Can Be: Military Issues for the Immigration Lawyer*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Fall Joint Texas and Mid-South Chapter Conference, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 3, 2012.

Speaker, *Supporting Our Troops – How Interagency Coordination Helps Members of the Military and Their Families*, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, Second Annual Conference, Washington, DC, Oct. 18, 2012.

Speaker, *Expedited Citizenship & Preserving Continuity of Residence*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Rome Chapter Fall Conference, London, England, United Kingdom, Oct. 5, 2012.

Speaker, *How Employers Can Use U.S. Immigration Laws to Their Advantage*, Alaska 2012: 74th Annual Northwest Human Resource Management Association Conference and Tradeshow, Anchorage, AK, Oct. 2, 2012.

Moderator, *Immigration, Race, & Incarceration in the United States*, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Aug. 5, 2012.

Discussion Leader, *Subregulatory Guidance: How to Use It Wisely*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, June 14, 2012.

Speaker, *Citizenship in a Global Era*, Global Citizenship Conference, Federal Bar Ass'n, Rome, Italy, May 25, 2012.

Speaker, *Arizona versus the United States of America*, Federalist Society Teleforum, Apr. 27, 2012.

Speaker, *American Birthright Citizenship Rules and the Exclusion of Outsiders from the Political Community*, Boston College Citizenship Symposium, Dover, MA, Apr. 20, 2012.

Speaker, *Immigration 101 for Alaska Human Resource Managers*, Anchorage Society for Human Resource Managers, Anchorage, AK, Mar. 27, 2012.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to Military Service*, New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY, Mar. 21, 2012.

Speaker, *Parole in Place for Military Families*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Webinar, Mar. 20, 2012.

Discussion Leader, *Tax and Expatriation Issues*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Northwest Continuing Legal Education Conference, Seattle, WA, Mar. 16, 2012.

Speaker, *E-Verify: Friend or Foe?* Skagit Community College, Skagit, WA, Mar. 15, 2012.

Speaker, *Is Military Justice to Justice As Military Music is to Music?* Saint Thomas University School of Law, Minneapolis, MN, Mar. 12, 2012.

Speaker, *Immigration Challenges Facing the Western States*, Federalist Society Western States Conference, Simi Valley, CA, Jan. 28, 2012.

Speaker, *Birthright Citizenship & the 14th Amendment: Facts, Consequences & Policy Considerations*, NAPABA Convention, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 18, 2011.

Speaker, *Breaching Borders Symposium*, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS, Oct. 21, 2011.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to Military Service*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington Chapter Meeting, Seattle, WA, Oct. 3, 2011.

Speaker, *The 9/11 Effect and Its Legacy on U.S. Immigration Laws*, Pennsylvania State University Law Campus, University Park, PA, Sept. 16, 2011.

Speaker, *Showcase Program: The Battle over Birthright Citizenship: History, International Perspectives, and the Path Ahead*, American Bar Association 2011 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 4, 2011.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to Military Service*, New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY, Apr. 6, 2011.

Speaker, *The Efficacy of Integrated Border Enforcement Teams (IBETs)*, Perimeter Security Conference, Seattle, WA, Jun. 20, 2011.

Speaker, *Military Issues for the Immigration Practitioner*, 2011 American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, Jun. 15, 2011.

Speaker, *Was It Legal to Kill Osama Bin Laden?* Public Interest Law Network Summer School, Wuhan University School of Law, Wuhan, China, Jun. 7, 2011.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to Military Service*, New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY, Apr. 6, 2011.

Speaker, *True Claims to US Citizenship*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Webinar, Washington, DC, Mar. 29, 2011.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues for Human Resources Professionals*, Anchorage Society of Human Resources Managers, Anchorage, AK, Mar. 22, 2011.

Keynote Speaker, *The Constitution, the Fourteenth Amendment, and Birthright Citizenship: Modern Challenges to a Longstanding Rule*, Symposium on Immigration & Homeland Security Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, IL, Mar. 3, 2011.

Speaker, *Birthright Citizenship: Origins, Constitutional Status, and the Current Debate*, 27th Annual Fordham Debate, S.J. Quinney College of Law, The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, Jan. 31, 2011.

Speaker, *The US Supreme Court, Congress, and the Guantánamo Detainees*, Guantánamo and The Response: A Film Screening and Panel Discussion, Alaska Bar Association, Anchorage, AK, Dec. 14, 2010.

Panelist, *Immigration, the Arizona Statute, and E Pluribus Unum*, Federalist Society 2010 National Lawyers Convention, Washington, DC, Nov. 18, 2010.

Speaker, *National Security, Immigration, & the Rule of Law*, American Bar Association Section of International Law 2010 Fall Meeting, Paris, France, Nov. 4, 2010.

Speaker, *Birthright Citizenship & the Battle Over Illegal Immigration*, Cato Institute Capitol Hill Briefing, Washington, DC, Oct. 25, 2010.

Speaker, *Immigration, Citizenship, & Security: The Current Debate*, Hamilton College, Hamilton, NY, Oct. 21, 2010.

Speaker, *The Constitution & Citizenship: Modern Day Challenges to the Founders' Ideals*, Constitution Day Polaris Lecture, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK, Sept. 17, 2010.

Speaker, *Military-Related Immigration Issues*, 2010 Joint Services Immigration & Naturalization Symposium, Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk, VA, Aug. 27, 2010.

Discussion Leader & Speaker, *Advanced Issues in Citizenship & Naturalization*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD, July 3, 2010.

Speaker, *Military Spouses, Widows, and Substitute Sponsors*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL, Apr. 9, 2010.

Speaker, *Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest*, USCIS District 23 Military Summit, Los Angeles, CA, Mar. 23, 2010.

Speaker, *The American Immigration Lawyers Association Military Assistance Program*, American Immigration Lawyers Association San Diego Chapter, San Diego, CA, Jan. 19, 2010.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to Military Service*, New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY, Dec. 3, 2009.

Speaker, *From F-1 or J-1 Directly to U.S. Citizenship: The U.S. Army's MAVNI Pilot Program*, 2009 NAFSA Region VIII Conference, Washington, DC, Nov. 14, 2009.

Speaker, *Immigration Reform: What's At Stake for the Northern Border*, Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, Nov. 12, 2009.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues in the Workplace*, Fundamentals of Employment Law in Alaska Continuing Legal Education Conference, Anchorage, AK, Oct. 29, 2009.

Speaker, *Advanced Issues in Naturalization & Citizenship*, University of Texas 33rd Annual Conference on Immigration & Nationality Law, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 22, 2009.

Speaker, *Immigrants and the Military*, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, August, 2009.

Presenter, *Military-Related Immigration Issues*, Naval Legal Services Office Northwest, Whidbey Island, WA, June 16, 2009.

Discussion Leader & Speaker, *Non-Citizens and the US Military*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference on Immigration Law, Las Vegas, NV, June 5, 2009.

Speaker, *National Security Aspects of Immigration Law*, 17th National Security Law Institute, Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, June 3, 2009.

Panelist, *Policies & Attitudes Towards Immigrant Civic & Political Participation, & Dual Citizenship, In The European Union & North America*, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC, May 15, 2009.

Panelist, *Citizenship & Naturalization: Proving Citizenship, Medical Waivers for Naturalization & the U.S. Army's New MAVNI Program*, AILA Upper Midwest Conference, Minneapolis, MN, Apr. 30, 2009.

Speaker, *Actions That Affect Applications for U.S. Citizenship*, ABA Teleconference, Mar. 25, 2009.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to Military Service*, New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY, Jan. 28, 2009.

Panelist, *Burdens of Proof, Production, & Persuasion in Immigration Court: Getting the Differences Down & Creating The Record to Win for Judicial Review & Mock Cross-Examination: Taking It to the Mat*, AILA Fall Topics CLE Conference: Moving Beyond the Basics, New Orleans, LA, Dec. 11, 2008.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues Related to Military Service*, New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY, Dec. 1, 2008.

Speaker, *Toward a More Perfect Union: The Second Founding and Reconstruction Amendments*, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, Washington, DC, November 21, 2008.

Discussion Leader, *Freedom of Information Act Update*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Teleconference, September 4, 2008.

Discussion Leader, *Advanced Issues in Naturalization*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 27, 2008.

Panelist, *Liberty v. Security: A Critical Balance*, Columbia College, New York, NY, May 31, 2008.

Panelist, *Nationality, Political Membership, Citizenship, and Immigration Policy*, 5th Annual Immigration Law & Policy Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, May 20, 2008.

Speaker, *The Intersection of Immigration and National Security*, McCormick Tribune Conference Series, Wheaton, IL, April 28, 2008.

Speaker, *US Immigration Policy in a Climate of Fear*, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, April 15, 2008.

Moderator, *The Other Detainees: Immigration Detainees in the United States*, American Bar Association Section of International Law, Spring Meeting, New York, NY, April 4, 2008.

Speaker, *Immigration, Border Security, & the Rule of Law*, University of Kansas Law School, Lawrence, KS, March 27, 2008.

Panelist, *Emerging Issues: The National Security Constitution: New Threats, New Rules?* St. John's University School of Law, Queens, NY, February 29, 2008.

Speaker, *Human Rights & the "War on Terror"—Does TV Persuade Us That Torture's Okay?* World Affairs Council of Northern California, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, February 28, 2008.

Speaker, *Immigration & National Security*, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, DC, February 6, 2008.

Panelist, *Boumediene, the Military Commissions Act, & Habeas Corpus*, New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 31, 2008.

Speaker, *Beyond Guantanamo: Administering Justice and Protecting National Security*, New York City Bar Association Symposium, New York City, NY, December 13, 2007.

Speaker, *Removal Defense Crash Course*, American Immigration Lawyers Association 2007 Worksite Enforcement Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, December 1, 2007.

Speaker, *Defining "American:" Birthright Citizenship & the Fourteenth Amendment*, 19th Annual National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Convention, Las Vegas, NV, November 17, 2007.

Speaker, *Immigrants & The Military*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Mid-South Fall Chapter Conference, Louisville, KY, November 2, 2007.

Speaker, *When the Administrative Winds Go Against You: Litigating the Business Immigration Case*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Alaskan Cruise Conference, August 11, 2007.

Speaker, *Immigration Program: Should They Stay or Should They Go?* Women's Bar Association of the State of New York Convention, Rio Grande, PR, June 2, 2007.

Speaker, *Birthright Citizenship & the Fourteenth Amendment*, American Bar Association Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice Spring Meeting, Austin, TX, May 18, 2007.

Moderator, *Trusted Travelers or Terrorists? A Comparative Perspective on Global Travel Security Programs*, American Bar Association Section of International Law, Spring Meeting, Washington, DC, May 2, 2007.

Panelist and Keynote Speaker, *Immigration and National Security*, Immigration Advocacy Training, Stanford University, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, February 24, 2007.

Panelist, *Immigration & National Security*, Denver University Law Review Symposium, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, February 16, 2007.

Speaker, *Birthright Citizenship: International Trends & Policies*, American Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, February 7, 2007.

Speaker, *Cross-Border Legislation: Consequences for Trade & Travel*, Bellingham Chamber of Commerce, Bellingham, WA, October 26, 2006.

Panelist, *Should They Stay Or Should They Go?* Pace Law School Center for Continuing Legal Education, White Plains, NY, October 24, 2006.

Speaker, *Immigration Reform Debate*, Hartford Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy, Hartford, CT, October 18, 2006.

Speaker, *Fortress America—Is It Possible, & At What Price?* American Immigration Lawyers Association Fall Conference, New York, NY, September 14, 2006.

Speaker, *Birthright Citizenship: A Debate*, Federalist Society Houston Lawyers Chapter, Houston, TX, August 30, 2006.

Speaker, *Beyond the Politics of Fear: The Real Effects of Immigration on Wages, Employment, & National Security*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, June 24, 2006.

Speaker, *US Immigration Policy & Reform*, Keynote Address, 2006 Faculty Workshop, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA, May 17, 2006.

Speaker, *Turning Our Backs?: Rethinking Our Treatment of Illegal Immigrants*, Americans for Informed Democracy, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, May 8, 2006.

Speaker, *Employment Issues & the Military: Returning Veterans, Reserve Duty, Private Employment Abroad, and More . . .*, National Employment Lawyers Association Spring Conference 2006, Yale Club of New York City, May 5, 2006.

Speaker, *In the War Zone: Does Gender Matter?* Harvard Club of New York City, New York, NY, April 26, 2006.

Moderator, *Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Evaluating the Options*, American Bar Association Teleconference, March 30, 2006.

Speaker, *Migrants, Minorities, and the National Security State: Crimefighting or War on Terror?* Citizenship & Security Program, Berlin, Germany, March 23, 2006.

Speaker, *Border Security: Immigration, Smuggling, & Trafficking*, NSA Homeland Security Course, US Foreign Policy Institute, Linthicum, MD, January 23, 2006.

Speaker, *Does President Bush's Guest Worker Proposal Threaten National Security? A View From The Capitol Hill Trenches*, Harvard Club of Alaska, Anchorage, AK, January 3, 2006.

Speaker, Senate Briefing, *National Security & Comprehensive Immigration Reform*, Capitol Building, Washington, DC, December 7, 2005.

Speaker, *Detainees in the War on Terrorism & the Abu Ghraib Incident*, Fordham Law School, New York, NY, November 29, 2005.

Speaker, *Immigration Law Issues for Military Members & Their Families*, New York Immigration Coalition, New York, NY, November 17, 2005.

Speaker, *Debate on the USA PATRIOT Act*, Pace Law School, White Plains, NY, September 28, 2005.

Speaker, *Judicial Review & the Border Fence*, New York Law School, New York, NY, September 26, 2005.

Speaker, *Debate: Janis Karpinski—Victim or Violator of the Rule of Law?*, Thomas Jefferson Law School, San Diego, CA, September 7, 2005.

Commentator, *Secure Borders, Open Doors: Visa Procedures in the Post-September 11 Era*, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC, August 18, 2005.

Speaker, *Immigration: The Media, Message, & Messenger*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Salt Lake City, UT, June 25, 2005.

Speaker, *Teaching About Law and Terrorism at the United States Military Academy: Program and Curriculum Design and Workers, Aliens, or Immigrants? The History and Future of Global Temporary Workers*, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, June 2-5, 2005.

Speaker, *National Security & Immigrant Rights*, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. ("CLINIC") Annual Convening, Portland, OR, May 14, 2005.

Speaker, *The Role of Borders in Enhancing Security*, Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, April 26, 2005.

Moderator, *Law of War & the Global War on Terrorism*, Second Annual Law & Terrorism Conference, West Point, NY, April 15, 2005.

Speaker, *National Security vs. Individual Liberties: The USA PATRIOT Act*, Albany Law School, Albany, NY, April 7, 2005.

Speaker, *National Security & President Bush's Guestworker Proposal*, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA, April 1, 2005.

Speaker, *When Your Client Fights for Uncle Sam: Foreign Citizen Soldiers & Expedited Citizenship*, United States Army Regional Defense Counsel Continuing Legal Education Conference, Cambridge, NY, March 4, 2005.

Speaker, *National Security & Drivers' Licenses*, Congressional briefing, Capitol Building, Washington, DC, January 27, 2005.

Moderator, *Immigration Law for Matrimonial & Family Law Attorneys*, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, NY, January 25, 2005.

Speaker, *Guestworker Programs: Proposals and Perspectives*, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 5, 2005.

Discussion Leader, *Consular Processing—Overcoming Obstacles at the Consulates*, 7th Annual New York Chapter Symposium, American Immigration Lawyers Association, New York, NY, December 3, 2004.

Speaker, *The Emergence of a New Civil Rights Agenda*, Federalist Society National Lawyers Convention, Washington, DC, November 13, 2004.

Speaker, *Security & Liberty*, 9/11 Security and Liberty Fellowships Conference, USC Annenberg Institute for Justice & Journalism, Los Angeles, CA, November 9, 2004.

Speaker, *Immigration & National Security: Post 9/11 Challenges for the United States*, International Security and Strategic Studies conference, Washington, DC, October 29, 2004.

Speaker, *Getting Smart About Information: Checks Used By Consular Posts and Ports of Entry*, 2004 Fall Conference, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chicago, IL, October 15, 2004.

Speaker, *Noncitizens & the US Military*, Harvard Immigration & Refugee Clinic 20th Anniversary Roundtable, Harvard Law School, October 17, 2004, Cambridge, MA.

Speaker, *"The Hot Seat:" Immigration & Security, From the Consulates to Our Ports-of-Entry and Beyond*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 12, 2004.

Speaker, *Immigration & National Security*, Law & Terrorism Conference, Department of Law, US Military Academy, West Point, NY, April 2004.

Speaker, *Just War Theory & Preemption Doctrine*, LLM Conference, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY, April 2004.

Speaker, *Security Databases & Clearance Issues*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference on Travel for Work and Business: Visa Application, Admission, Reentry with Post-9/11 Security Clearances, Deer Valley, Park City, Utah, February 10, 2004.

Speaker, *Smart Borders: Developing Secure & Sensible Immigration Policies*, Capitol Building, Washington, DC, December 15, 2003.

Speaker, *Immigration & National Security*, New York Appellate Judges Conference, West Point, NY, October 24, 2003.

Speaker, *Universal Jurisdiction as a Threat to US National Security*, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL, October 13, 2003.

Speaker, *Becoming an Immigration Lawyer*, Celebration 50, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, May 2003.

Speaker, *Structural Security*, Harvard Club of Alaska, Anchorage, AK, January 2003.

Speaker, *Legal Approaches to State-Sponsored Terrorism*, Institute for Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy, October 2002.

Moderator, *Evaluating the Rights of Non-Citizens Post 9/11: A View From the Trenches*, New York City Bar Association, New York, NY, Sept. 18, 2002.

Speaker, *Federal Courts & Torts for the Immigration Lawyer*, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, February 18, 2002.

Moderator, *Homeland Security 101*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference on Entry Issues, Detroit, MI, April 2002.

Speaker, *Military Tribunals & Military Justice*, Harvard Club, Anchorage, AK, January 2002.

Speaker, *Asylum Law: Mock Trial*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, June 2001.

Speaker, *Immigration Issues for Criminal Defense Attorneys*, Alaska Association of Trial Lawyers, Girdwood, AK, April 2001.

Moderator, *Immigration in a High-Tech Age*, Federalist Society National Lawyers Convention, Washington, DC, November 2000.

Moderator & Speaker, *Habeas Corpus & Coram Nobis*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, June 2000.

Speaker, *Immigrant & Non-immigrant Waivers*, Northwest Regional Immigration Seminar, Seattle, WA, February 2000.

Speaker, *Habeas Corpus & Mandamus Remedies*, American Immigration Lawyers Litigation Conference, Miami, FL, October 1999.

Speaker, *Getting Attorneys Fees from the Government*, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, June 1999.

Moderator & Speaker, *Representing Immigrants Affected By the Nicaraguan & Central American Relief Act*, Alaska Bar Association, March 1999.

Speaker, *Citizenship: N600s & Passport Applications*, Northwest Regional Immigration Seminar, Portland, OR, February 1999.

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**Bar & Professional
Memberships**

Alaska Bar Association
U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
American Bar Association
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Association of the Bar of the City of New York
Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy
Republican National Lawyers Association
Association of the United States Army
Reserve Officers Association

**Additional
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Phi Kappa Phi.
Master Teacher, United States Military Academy Master Teacher Program.
Personnel & Readiness Task Force, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, Personnel & Readiness (April 2010).
President, Harvard Club of Alaska, 2009-2012.
Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2005-present. Co-Chair of Alaska Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, 2011-present.
Member, Council on Foreign Relations Immigration Policy Task Force, 2008-2011.
American Bar Association Commission on Immigration, 2008-2012.
Editorial Board, Bender's Immigration Bulletin, 2007-present.
Chair, International Security Affairs Committee, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 2006-2010.
Chair, Border Security Advocacy Committee, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2005-2006.
Co-Chair, Immigration Litigation Committee, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, 2005-2008.
Co-Chair, Joint Subcommittee on International Refugee Law of the Immigration & Naturalization Committee & the International Human Rights Committee of the Section of International Law, American Bar Association, 2006-2007.
Co-Chair and Vice-Chair, Immigration & Naturalization Committee, Section of International Law, American Bar Association, 2004-2008.
Member, Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct Committee, Alaska Bar Association, 1998-2001.
President, Alaska Chapter of the Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy, 1993-2001.

International Law & Security Section, Federalist Society, 1999-present.
President, Young Lawyers Section, Anchorage Bar Association, 1994-95.
Founding Chairperson, Immigration Law Section, Alaska Bar Association.

**Awards &
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Military Awards include the Legion of Merit, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, among others.

2008 Michael Maggio Pro Bono Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association.

2005 Advocacy Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Alaska Super Lawyer, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2014

MacArthur Foundation Fellow, 2013

Immigration Law Professor of the Year 2013

Alaska Bar Association International Law Section's Human Rights Award 2014

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Dear Jerry,

Jeff Landfield suggested that I call you so that you can let me know if the Governor might be looking for someone like me to lead the Alaska National Guard. I've attached my CV but here are some bullet points:

--Alaska resident since 1986

--Republican, NRA member

--"Gray area" military retiree, US Army Reserve, Military Police Corps, current rank of lieutenant colonel

--Extensive past experience instructing Alaska National Guard members on prevention of sexual harassment and equal opportunity issues

--Graduate of JAG officer basic course and various Military Police courses

--Former special advisor to the commander of Special Operations Command

--MacArthur "genius grant" recipient for my work relating to the military and national security

Let me know if you have questions,

Margaret

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Subject: RE: Letter to National Guard Bureau (UNCLASSIFIED)

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From: Tepas, Katherine H (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 11:30 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: **PR/BOI** (National Guard Scandal)

Importance: High

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15 September, 2014

Mr. Mike Nizich
Chief of Staff
Governor's Office, State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Nizich:

I am writing to make you aware of my interest for appointment to the Special Project Team to implement the recommendations from the Office of Complex Investigations to correct and improve the command climate within the National Guard. I believe strongly that this is a correctable problem in a great organization, and I believe my background gives me unusually valuable insight as to how to move forward.

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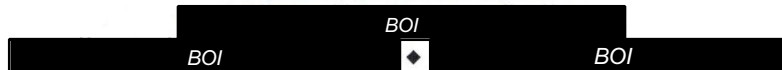
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Subject: Begich Proposed Bill FW: Draft (UNCLASSIFIED)

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As discussed.

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From: Pete Duffy [<mailto:pete.duffy@ngaus.org>]
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From: Turner, Cory (Begich) [mailto:Cory_Turner@begich.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 5:06 PM
To: Pete Duffy
Subject: Draft

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Cory

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CODIFICATION IN LAW OF ESTABLISHMENT**
4 **AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF COMPLEX**
5 **ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE**
6 **NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is in the Office of the Chief
8 of the National Guard Bureau the Office of Complex Ad-

1 ministrative Investigations (in this section referred to as
2 the "Office").

3 (b) DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION.—The Office shall
4 be under the direction and supervision of the Chief of the
5 National Guard Bureau.

6 (c) DUTIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The duties of the Office
8 shall be to undertake complex administrative inves-
9 tigations of matters relating to members of the Na-
10 tional Guard when in State status, including inves-
11 tigations of sexual assault involving a member of the
12 National Guard in such status, upon the request of
13 any of the following:

14 (A) The Chief of the National Guard Bu-
15 reau.

16 (B) An adjutant general of a State or ter-
17 ritory or the District of Columbia.

18 (C) The governor of a State or territory, or
19 the Commanding General of the National
20 Guard of the District of Columbia.

21 (2) COMPLEX ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGA-
22 TIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, a complex
23 administrative investigation is any investigation (as
24 specified by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau
25 for purposes of this section) involving factors giving

1 rise to unusual complexity in investigation, including
2 the following:

3 (A) Questions of jurisdiction between the
4 United States and a State or territory.

5 (B) Matters requiring specialized training
6 among investigating officers.

7 (C) Matters raising the need for an inde-
8 pendent investigation in order to ensure fair-
9 ness and impartiality in investigation.

10 (3) MATTERS RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE
11 NATIONAL GUARD IN STATE STATUS.—The deter-
12 mination whether or not a matter relates to a mem-
13 ber of the National Guard when in State status for
14 purposes of this section shall be made by the Chief
15 of the National Guard Bureau in accordance with
16 criteria specified by the Chief of the National Guard
17 Bureau for purposes of this section.

18 (d) CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU TREAT-
19 MENT OF FINAL REPORTS.—The Chief of the National
20 Guard Bureau shall treat any final report of the Office
21 on a matter under this section as if such report were the
22 report of an Inspector General of the Department of De-
23 fense or a military department on such matter.

24 (e) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

1 (1) SUBMITTAL OF FINAL REPORTS TO CON-
2 GRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS.—Upon the adoption by
3 the Office of a final report on an investigation un-
4 dertaken by the Office pursuant to this section, the
5 Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall submit
6 such report (with any personally identifying informa-
7 tion appropriately redacted) to the members of Con-
8 gress from the State or territory concerned.

9 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Chief of the Na-
10 tional Guard Bureau shall submit to Congress each
11 year a report on the investigations undertaken by
12 the Office pursuant to this section during the pre-
13 ceding year. Each report shall include, for the year
14 covered by such report, the following:

15 (A) A summary description of the inves-
16 tigations undertaken during such year, includ-
17 ing any trends in matters subject to investiga-
18 tion and in findings as a result of investiga-
19 tions.

20 (B) Information, set forth by State and
21 territory, on the investigations undertaken dur-
22 ing such year involving allegations of sexual as-
23 sault involving a member of the National
24 Guard.

1 (C) Such other information and matters on
2 the investigations undertaken during such year
3 as the Chief of the National Guard Bureau con-
4 siders appropriate.

5 (f) PERSONNEL AND OTHER CAPABILITIES.—The
6 Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall ensure that the
7 Office maintains the personnel and other capabilities nec-
8 essary for the discharge of the duties of the Office under
9 this section.

10 (g) PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS.—The Chief of
11 the National Guard Bureau shall issue, and may from
12 time to time update, procedures and instructions nec-
13 essary for the discharge of the duties of the Office under
14 this section.

15 (h) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED INSTRUCTION.—Chief
16 of the National Guard Bureau Instruction CNGBI
17 0400.01, dated July 30, 2012, shall have no further force
18 or effect.

Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Knudson, Kip C (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 3:45 PM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Begich Proposed Bill FW: Draft (UNCLASSIFIED)

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bridges, Leon M BG USARMY NG AKARNG (US) [<mailto:leon.m.bridges.mil@mail.mil>]
> Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 3:18 PM
> To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
> Subject: Begich Proposed Bill FW: Draft (UNCLASSIFIED)
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> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
> Caveats: NONE
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> As discussed.
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> Mike Bridges
> Brigadier General

> Acting-The Adjutant General & Commissioner Alaska National Guard
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Pete Duffy [<mailto:pete.duffy@ngaus.org>]
> Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 9:17 AM
> To: mike.bridges@us.army.mil
> Cc: Pete Duffy
> Subject: FW: Draft

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> From: Turner, Cory (Begich) [mailto:Cory_Turner@begich.senate.gov]
> Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 5:06 PM
> To: Pete Duffy
> Subject: Draft

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> Good afternoon-

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> Thank you again for returning my call earlier today. Attached is the draft we discussed. Would appreciate any comments, informal or otherwise you might be able to provide. Will also let you know as soon as I get an update on Space-A.

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> Cory

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> Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
> Caveats: NONE

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:11 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV)
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL

From: Geraghty, Michael C (LAW)
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 3:28 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: FW: CONFIDENTIAL

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Michael C. Geraghty

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

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: <[REDACTED] BOI >
Date: September 26, 2014 at 2:19:32 PM AKDT
To: <mike.nizich@alaska.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:

1. All correspondence or meeting notes between Mike Nizich and:

Ken Blalock (spelled Blalock or Blaylock), Rick (or Richard) Koch, Ted (or Theodore) McGovern, [REDACTED] BOI/PR, [REDACTED] BOI/PR, Thomas Katkus (whether identified as General Katkus or any other name variant), Matt Friese, Cavens and McHugh Pierre.

2. All records and meeting notes involving correspondence to or from Mike Nizich that include the words (including in the content of the correspondence or in to the "to" or "from" field in emails or the sender/recipient of hard mail):

Blalock

Blaylock

McGovern

Koch

[REDACTED] BOI/PR

PR/BOI

Katkus

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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

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 9:28 AM
To: Sims, Cynthia M (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Confirmed: Fri., 10.03.14

Importance: High

Cindy, Mike – the following phone call requested by the Governor have been confirmed as follows:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] BOI [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

***Note:** The Governor has spoken directly to Emily for briefings to be prepared before each of these above calls* Emily is aware of the calls.

Date/Time: Fri., 10.03.14 – 3:45-4:00 p.m.
Subject: GOA, Sen. Murkowski re: National Guard

Thank you,

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Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

From: Michael Kelly <[REDACTED]@BOI>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2014 10:04 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Offer of Assistance Regarding Current Alaska National Guard and DMVA Challenges
Sensitivity: Confidential

Good evening Mr. Nizich,

Please allow me to introduce myself and purpose for writing...

I am Michael Kelly, a retired Air Force field grade officer and resident of Alaska for more than twenty years. Recent events involving allegations of sexual assault, hostile work environment, fraud, misconduct, drug trafficking and overall ineffective and unacceptable command climate within the Alaska National Guard are deeply troubling to me. Therefore, I would like to humbly and respectfully offer any assistance that might be beneficial to the Governor, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and/or Alaska National Guard.

My background includes 21 years of honorable service with the United States Air Force, including eleven years of military auditing, investigation and inspection experience. I also have extensive first-hand knowledge and experience in resolving Inspector General, Congressional, Whistleblower Protection Act, and Fraud, Waste or Abuse (FWA) Hotline inquiries. A brief summary of relevant experience in these areas follows:

- Air Force Auditor / Office Chief / Branch Chief / Systems Audit Manager (Multiple Locations)
- Chief of Comptroller Inspections – HQ Air Training Command Inspector General Team (San Antonio, TX)
- Commander, 432d Comptroller Squadron (Eielson AFB, AK)
- Commander, 432d Services Squadron (Eielson AFB, AK)
- Deputy Wing Inspector General (Eielson AFB, AK)
- Director, Commander's Action Group – Eleventh Air Force (Elmendorf AFB)

Regrettably, I am no stranger to the types of challenges facing the Alaska National Guard... On January 17, 1997, after the previous Commander was suddenly relieved of duty, I assumed command of a troubled 400-person Support Services Squadron at Eielson AFB suffering from poor morale, substance abuse issues, sexual harassment, hostile work environment and other major challenges. Within 36 hours of taking command, I uncovered sufficient evidence of harassment and sexual misconduct to compel me to immediately initiate a comprehensive formal Social Actions investigation. I also found it necessary to bring formal charges under Article 112(a) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice against five enlisted personnel for substance abuse. All five individuals were subsequently discharged.

My experience includes carrying out inquiries related to potential Whistleblower Protection Act violations, as well as serving as an Inquiry Officer on a U.S. Air Force Inspector General Hotline complaint related to undue command influence and retaliation by a senior Hospital Commander against his subordinates for expressing concerns about serious and unresolved quality of care issues in his Cardiology Department.

A summary of my formal education and professional credentials includes:

- Bachelors of Business Administration – Corporate Finance (Texas A&I University)
- Masters Degree – Public Administration (University of Oklahoma)
- Certified Public Accountant – State of Texas (Certificate Number #58436)

Military decorations are as follows:

- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (5)
- Air Force Commendation Medal (1)
- Air Force Achievement Medal (1)
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (2)
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award (2)

In closing, if you think my background, education and experience might be of potential benefit to the Governor, DMVA and/or Alaska National Guard, I would consider it a genuine pleasure and privilege to talk to you in greater detail at your convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Kelly

Michael L. Kelly, Lt Col, USAF (Retired)

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