EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: National Guard Readiness Center
National Guard Readiness Center (NGRC) | Iowa City Army Center ★ 4540 Melrose Avenue ★ Iowa City, IA 52246

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EVENT DATE & TIME: June 27, 2018 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
HOST: Iowa City Army National Guard Readiness Center (NGRC)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
The 9,000-member Iowa National Guard is led by Major General Tim Orr. In his January 2018 "Condition of the Guard" address to the Iowa state legislature, MG Orr noted that approximately 800 Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are currently mobilized for combat operations around the globe. Recent deployments include:

- 35 Soldiers assigned to Detachment 1, Company C, 2nd of the 211th General Support Aviation Battalion from Waterloo, deployed to the Middle East to provide aerial medical evacuations in support of coalition forces
- Approximately 400 Soldiers assigned to the 248th Aviation Support Battalion from Muscatine, Davenport, Waterloo, and Boone deployed to the Middle East to provide aviation maintenance and logistical support to a combat aviation brigade
- Deployed Airmen from the 185th Air Refueling Wing, 132nd Wing, and the 133rd Test Squadron have been busy supporting the warfight with ongoing aircraft refueling support, cyber security protection, Remotely Piloted Aircraft operations (MQ-9 Reaper), and testing new Air Force battlespace/air traffic control systems worldwide

Our meetings will take place in the Iowa City Army National Guard Readiness Center (NGRC), which opened in 2010, providing more than twice the space as the aging armory it replaced. The Iowa City NGRC serves as a location for National Guardsmen to organize and train and includes a digital classroom, training rooms, fitness center, recruiting and administration space, and a family support room.

The purpose of this meeting is:
➢ To offer Commissioners insights from National Guard recruiters and members on how national service impacts rural communities and on critical rural needs that are addressed through service.
➢ To offer Commissioners insights into the motivations and barriers of young people looking to serve in a military compacity in a small-town rural settings.

PARTICIPANTS:
Participants will be National Guard recruiters and young National Guard members.
- Iowa National Guard Recruiting & Retention Battalion (RRB) Commander, LTC Jason Wisehart
- RRB Zone Commander for Eastern Iowa, MAJ Kiel Archer
- RRB NCO In Charge (NCOIC) of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, MSG Daniel Wegner
AGENDA:
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm  Small Group Discussion with National Guard Recruiters
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm  Break
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm  Round Table Discussion with National Guardsmen

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
The questions below are provided for guidance only and are not intended to serve as a protocol or script for the meeting.