

all out there. They are going to be in Kodiak, Bristol Bay, and Cordova, trying to make sure that our fishing communities are ready.

When the admiral called me, he said: We are working with the State, Senator SULLIVAN. This direction is from the highest senior officials in the White House to get out there and bring resources to your fishing communities, and I will say, working with Dr. Zink, she is one of the top medical officers in the country. This is Admiral Giroir speaking about Dr. Zink.

So as you can tell, the utmost diligence is required and so is planning, communication, and bringing people along, particularly when you are asking them to take extreme measures. Again, because of the leadership we have, it is something that I think so far is going well in our State.

Commissioner Crum said:

Alaskans are contrarian by nature. They want to be educated. They don't want to be forced. When they were told that it was the right thing to do, to comply with the mandates—that if we do this now, it will hurt less later—they did it.

Alaskans did this. Commissioner Crum continued:

It was the most painful thing I've ever done—asking people to close their businesses. But not as painful as it was for the people who actually had to shut down their business. But Alaskans complied and we worked together.

True leaders emerge during times of crisis. We are grateful that these two leaders emerged for us in Alaska. They are working, along with the Governor and the rest of his team, to do a very good job for our State.

Like I said, we aren't past this. We have enormous challenges in our Nation and huge economic challenges in our State, but we know a few things. We have good people at the top who are guiding us, and we know that Alaskans will do the right thing when they are asked by these people. We also know that we are resilient, our State, our people, and our Nation.

In a recent interview, Dr. Zink said that one of her big takeaways throughout this entire pandemic is just how important resilience is and how very resilient Alaska is. She said, "Adversity can bring out the best and worst in people, and we have a choice to grow in response to the challenges or crumble from them."

Well, as I mentioned at the beginning of my remarks, I am convinced that Alaska will grow from these challenges and that America will grow from these challenges, and I am convinced that what we are seeing all around our State and our Nation is amazing generosity, people working together through these difficult times. We will emerge stronger and more resilient.

So I want to thank two leaders in our State who are responsible, in many ways, for getting us through, so far so good, on the health side, Commissioner Crum and Dr. Zink. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your hard work and your sacrifice. Thank you for stepping up and congratulations on being our Alaskans of the Week.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
MAY 18, 2020, AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until Monday at 3 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:21 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 18, 2020, at 3 p.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KEITH W. DAYTON, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO UKRAINE.

### THE JUDICIARY

JOHN C. TRUONG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE WENDELL P. GARDNER, JR., RETIRED.

DANNY LAM NGUYEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE CAROL A. DALTON, RETIRED.

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 14, 2020:

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. AARON R. DEAN II

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL W. BANK  
COL. MONICA M. BROUSE  
COL. ALLAN R. CECIL  
COL. MICHAEL A. COMSTOCK  
COL. KEVIN V. DOYLE  
COL. AKSHAI M. GANDHI  
COL. THOMAS C. HANNON  
COL. THOMAS J. JAMES  
COL. DAVID W. MANSON  
COL. JOHN J. PTAK, JR.  
COL. MICHAEL D. STOHLER  
COL. EDWIN A. VANDERWOLDE  
COL. MARK A. VAVRA

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. GARY M. BRITO

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) CARL P. CHEBI  
REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID A. GOGGINS  
REAR ADM. (LH) DOUGLAS W. SMALL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. RICK FREEDMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. SUSAN BRYERJOYNER  
CAPT. JOHN A. WATKINS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MARK A. MELSON  
CAPT. MICHAEL S. SCIRETTA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. EUGENE H. BLACK III

### IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH WILLIAM P. ABBOTT AND ENDING WITH D015041, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVIS M. ABT AND ENDING WITH D014989, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMIE E. ABEL AND ENDING WITH D014063, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ADESOLA O. ADEPEGHA AND ENDING WITH G010437, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JAMAL D. SNELL, TO BE MAJOR. ARMY NOMINATION OF KELLY L. FRENCH, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF WILLIAM A. FORBES, TO BE COLONEL.

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEFFREY T. JONES II AND ENDING WITH JUAN F. RODRIGUEZ, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 6, 2020.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MATTHEW S. BREEN AND ENDING WITH REYES J. RIVAS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRETT D. ABBAMONTE AND ENDING WITH JASON C. YURISIC, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2020.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSHUA D. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH SCOTT W. ZIMMERMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 2, 2020.

### IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATION OF DANIEL M. WIEGREFE, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF KATHERINE L. JAUDON, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF PAUL D. SARGENT, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER C. SUPKO, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JAMES G. BUCKLEY, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL G. MATSON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF KEVAN M. MELLENDICK, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF ANDREW S. MORRIS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF ANDREW D. CORDREY, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF NICHOLAS R. LEINWEBER, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF SEAN A. MCKAY, TO BE CAPTAIN.