

State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Alaska National Guard Benefits Budget Request Unit Budget Summary

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BRU Mission

See specific detail at component level.

BRU Services Provided

See specific detail at component level.

BRU Goals and Strategies

See specific detail at component level.

Key BRU Issues for FY2002 – 2003

See specific detail at component level.

Major BRU Accomplishments in 2001

See specific detail at component level.

Key Performance Measures for FY2003

Measure:

Increase Guard members' educational level.

Alaska's Target & Progress:

Provided \$250,000 educational credits in FY 2002 from the University of Alaska and \$28,500 tuition assistance for the Guard and Naval Militia.

Benchmark Comparisons:

No benchmark exists.

Background and Strategies:

Educational benefits are a successful recruiting and retention tool. During the two years that the educational program has had access to the University credits program, 324 Guard members have attended the University (126 in FY 2001 and 198 in FY 2002). Both Army and Air National Guard members are actively pursuing educational opportunities. With the availability of the University credits program, more members in the rural areas are able to take advantage of this benefit. In FY 2002, five from Bethel, one from Ninilchik, one from Nulato, one from Hooper Bay and one member from Nome have enrolled in the program.

In addition, 132 Guard and Naval militia members received tuition assistance from the state (70 in FY 2001 and 62 in FY 2002). This program reimburses members for classes taken at institutions other than the University of Alaska.

The strategies to reach our goal of increased educational levels within the Guard are to:

Improve recruitment, retention and education levels through a partnership with the University of Alaska, full use of military education tools and distance learning capabilities.

Encourage Guard members to pursue their educational goals by providing information on military and civilian education opportunities available to Guard members.

Facilitate expansion of Junior ROTC programs into rural schools to instill awareness of and a desire for education.

**Alaska National Guard Benefits
BRU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2001 Actuals				FY2002 Authorized				FY2003 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<u>Formula Expenditures</u>												
Retirement Benefits	879.8	0.0	0.0	879.8	879.8	0.0	0.0	879.8	1,322.5	0.0	0.0	1,322.5
<u>Non-Formula Expenditures</u>												
Educational Benefits	28.5	0.0	0.0	28.5	28.5	0.0	0.0	28.5	301.0	0.0	0.0	301.0
Totals	908.3	0.0	0.0	908.3	908.3	0.0	0.0	908.3	1,623.5	0.0	0.0	1,623.5

Alaska National Guard Benefits**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

See specific detail at component level.

Alaska National Guard Benefits**Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component****From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2002 Authorized	908.3	0.0	0.0	908.3
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Educational Benefits	250.0	0.0	0.0	250.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Educational Benefits	22.5	0.0	0.0	22.5
-Retirement Benefits	442.7	0.0	0.0	442.7
FY2003 Governor	1,623.5	0.0	0.0	1,623.5