

Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



FY2013 Overview

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Office of the Commissioner

Mission

To provide military forces to accomplish military missions in the state or around the world; provide homeland security and defense; emergency response; veterans services; and youth military style training and education.

Core Services

- Defend and Protect Alaska and the United States
- Disaster Preparedness/Response and Initial Recovery
- Youth Intervention
- Outreach to Veterans and Military Families

Priorities

- Emergency Food Supply
- Veterans Services Expansion
- Alaska Aerospace Corporation

Capacity and Results

Alaska National Guard had 79 saves in Alaska, and 25 saves in Afghanistan (calendar year)

5 state declared disasters, 3 of which were also federally declared

AMYA graduated 137 cadets in February and 168 cadets (most ever) in August. Total graduated in calendar year 2011 is 305. Our goal is 144 per class.

Processed 14,360 veteran claims for disability, pension, and death indemnity compensation

- Returned directly to those veterans \$43.7 million (end of state fiscal year)

Veterans registration increased at VA by 5000 last year

- Almost 30,000 now registered with the VA (end of federal fiscal year)
 - VA says 77,025 veterans live in Alaska

Challenges and Pressing Issues

- Emergency Preparedness
- AMYA Funding Formula
- Alaska Aerospace Corporation

Questions