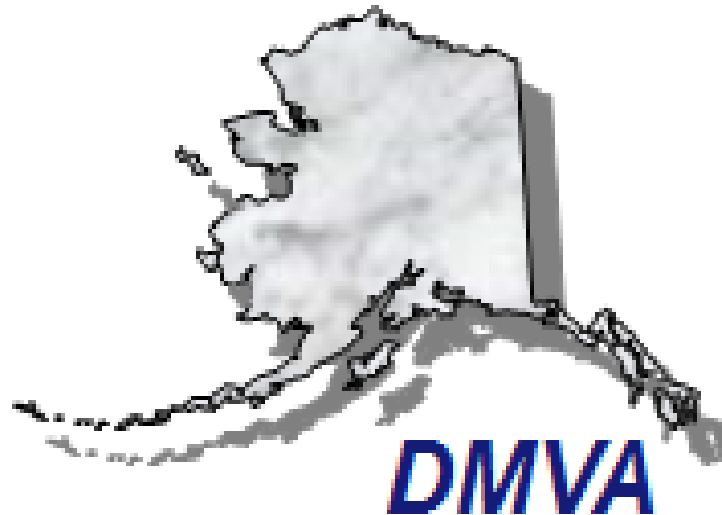




Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



FY2016 DMVA Budget



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Alaska Military Youth Academy



Alaska Military Youth Academy FY2016 Budget Presentation



Mission



The Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) is a 22 week quasi-military residential program that began its first class January 1993. Our mission is **“to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth to produce graduates with the values, skills, education, and self-discipline to succeed as adults”**.





Overview



Since 1993 we have graduated over 4400 cadets. In the early years the class sizes were smaller than in more recent years. The goal is to graduate a minimum of 288 cadets per year. The requirements for enrollment at AMYA include youth between the ages of 16 and 18 who have officially dropped out of school and are residents of Alaska. It is strictly a voluntary program funded jointly by the National Guard Bureau and the State of Alaska.





Eight Core Components



While at AMYA cadets operate under a strict code of conduct and are taught and assessed in eight core components:

Academic Excellence
Leadership/Followership
Responsible Citizenship
Service to Community

Physical Fitness
Job Skills
Health & Hygiene
Life-Coping Skills





A Solution for Court-Involved Youth



38% of our cadets have been court-involved youth.

If cadets enter with at least 13.5 high school credits, AMYA has the ability to provide enough credits for them to earn their diploma. Those with too few credits can earn their GED.

Many cadets return to their high schools and earn their diplomas. Many enlist in the Armed Forces.



Return on Investment



The Rand Corporation in an independent study reported that the National Guard ChalleNGe Programs save their communities \$2.65 for every dollar spent. The earlier intervention occurs in reshaping the lives of at-risk youth the better. We are proud of the success AMYA has accomplished, but we are always striving for better results and more avenues for success for the youth of Alaska.





FY2016 Budget



We encourage you to continue the wonderful support we have received from the Legislature for over 21 years. While there is always a need for more and opportunities to expand, we feel very strongly we can continue to provide services at the level of funding that has been submitted. We therefore support the budget as submitted.





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	FY2015 Management Plan	FY2016 Work in Progress Budget	FY2016 Governor's Amended	Change from FY2016 Work in Progress	
All funds	10,454.1	11,891.9	11,823.7	-68.2	-0.6%
General funds	4,979.0	5,032.2	4,964.0	-68.2	-1.4%

The FY2016 budget request includes the deletion of one vacant position, Food Service Sub Journey (PCN 09-0318). This position was funded with \$68,200 of general funds.



Dept. of Labor Grant Application



The Alaska Military Youth Academy has submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor.

The grant specifically targets the 35 ChalleNGe programs. Three grants of \$4 million dollars each will be awarded for a three year pilot program to develop a five month residential vocational training program immediately following graduation from ChalleNGe.

The goal of the grant is to graduate 100 youth per year, of which 50% will be court-involved youth.



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The program called Job ChalleNGe will be a residential program that operates the same as AMYA, but will focus on job skills training and vocational certification.

The goal is to provide skills training by becoming a quality pre-apprenticeship program.

We are excited about our prospects for being awarded one of the 3 grants. Time will tell and I will keep you posted.



Questions?





National Guard Retirement Benefits



The National Guard Retirement System, created in 1972, offers three options-

- \$100 each month for the same number of months that the member participated in the Alaska National Guard; or
- In a lump sum that is actuarially determined to be equal to the value, at the time of retirement, of the entire pension due; or
- In a monthly amount that will result in payment by the member's 72nd birthday of an amount that is determined to be the actuarial equivalent of the entire pension due at the time of retirement.

The Alaska National Guard Retirement is one of only two fully-funded State of Alaska retirement systems



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All funds	627.3	734.5	734.5	0.0	0.0%
General funds	627.3	734.5	734.5	0.0	0.0%

The FY2016 budget request includes an actuarially-recommended increment of \$107,200. This increment is required to meet the liabilities of the National Guard and Naval Militia Retirement System.



Questions?

