

**HB**

**62**

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE  
TO: CSHB 62(MLV)

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

1 Page 3, line 9, following "assistance.":

2       Insert "If, after making a request for a supplemental appropriation, the adjutant general  
3 determines that there are insufficient funds to pay for the tuition of all eligible applicants  
4 under this section, the adjutant general shall pay for the tuition assistance authorized under (a)  
5 of this section before paying for a spouse's tuition under (c) of this section."



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### **Sponsor Statement for HB 62 Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members and Families and Providing for Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for National Guard Members**

HB 62 has three provisions, which will substantially benefit the Alaska National Guard. First, HB 62 allows Alaska National Guard members to receive free hunting and fishing licenses. This not only is an important recruiting tool, but it is also a way for the state of Alaska to show its appreciation to those who sacrifice so much to protect our country and our state.

Second, HB 62 gives a 50 percent tuition waiver to spouses of Alaska National Guard members. This is aimed at assisting with retainment of experienced and qualified soldiers. When it comes time to make the decision of whether or not to remain in the Guard, the spouse has a lot of influence on the Guard member. If the family continually makes enormous sacrifices to support these soldiers, but gets nothing in return, the pull to leave the Guard is strong. The waiver benefits families who give up so much to support their loved one while serving in the National Guard.

Finally, HB 62 solves the current funding problems of tuition waivers that are promised to Alaska National Guard members. Soldiers who have been promised higher education benefits are not always receiving them. Each year the funding is exhausted and guard members are being denied the assistance they need to continue their education. By directing the adjutant general to request a supplemental appropriation from the Legislature, the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs can fund both the new and previously established tuition waivers.

The War in Iraq has seen the first mobilization of Alaska National Guard members into overseas combat. The commitment that these men and women make upon joining the National Guard is much more than one weekend a month and two weeks a year. The Alaska National Guard is fighting for our country and protecting our state. They deserve our support. I respectfully urge your support for HB 62.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: University of Alaska  
 Title: Partial Tuition Assistance AK National Guard Families RDU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester: Representative (s) Thomas, Kerttula Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the University, assuming that the adjutant general provides the additional funding to support tuition assistance for the families of the members of the Alaska National Guard.

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# FISCAL NOTE

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 Title Tuition Assistance for Alaska National Guard RDU Administration and Support  
 Component Administrative Services  
 Sponsor Reps Thomas and Kerttula  
 Requester House Military and Veterans' Affairs ( Component No. 470

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Fiscal note reflects estimated change in revenues to the Fish and Game Fund for complimentary sport fishing and hunting licenses to Alaska National Guard (ANG) active members. There are currently 4,300 ANG members. Based on resident sales, 50% of the ANG would purchase a sport fishing license and 25% would purchase a hunting license. Total revenue loss to Fish and Game Fund and Facility Surcharge Fund is estimated to be \$78,475.00.

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FISCAL NOTE #2

STATE OF ALASKA  
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 62(MLV)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Alaska National Guard Complimentary Licenses

Types of License Sold	Number of ANG	License Fee	Revenue	% of Alaskans purchasing licenses	Total Revenue
R Fishing Lic	4300	\$24.00	\$103,200	50%	\$51,600
R Hunting Lic	4300	\$25.00	\$107,500	25%	\$26,875
Total			\$210,700		<b>\$78,475</b>

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Title Tuition Waiver for National Guard Family RDU Military & Veterans Affairs  
 Component Educational Benefits  
 Sponsor Representative Thomas  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. 419

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Approximately 50% of National Guard members have qualifying family members for this program. We estimate that approximately 25% of that base will apply for the 50% undergraduate tuition waiver this program will provide.

FY07 funding level - \$378

Estimate for program usage - \$25%

Equivalents \$94.7 approximate fiscal impact to the department

We will have no fiscal impact for the free hunting and fishing licenses for active members of the AK National Guard.

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# Alaska Army National Guard

## A DEPLOYED FORCE IN TRANSFORMATION

This was a banner year of activity with mobilizations and deployments. The "battle rhythm" really got underway in 2003 with the start of significant deployments. In 2006, the current operations of the Alaska Army National Guard were more challenging. The Guard hit a new "high water mark" for overseas assignments – including the combined call-ups for World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Shield/Storm and the Balkans War support – with nearly 1,000 Soldiers either deployed or getting ready to go. Here are the mobilizations and deployments, by the numbers:

– A mobile training team, with Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry, returned home from Afghanistan in February after completing a one-year tour.

– Eight Soldiers of the 117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment returned home in March, upon completion of a one-year tour.

– Approximately 30 soldiers from Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 297th Aviation, returned home from a year-long tour in Kuwait and Iraq this past spring.

– More than 50 soldiers from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 297th Aviation, completed their one-year tour of service in Iraq this fall.

– The 1st Battalion, 297th Infantry (Scout) Headquarters, with about 80 Soldiers, mobilized in September 2005 and deployed to Iraq in November 2005. They returned this fall.

– The Headquarters element of the 207th Infantry Brigade (Scout), along with a significant portion of the 297th Support Battalion, deployed to Afghanistan in June 2006. With nearly 120 Alaskans, the Brigade directs American Forces, assigned with North Atlantic Treaty Organization troops, in the Kandahar Air Base area of southern Afghanistan. The units are programmed to return back home early next summer.

– Nearly 600 Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 297th Infantry (Scout), from 81 Alaska communities, deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is expected to return home next fall.

– Two Soldiers are currently serving in Iraq with Mongolian forces. Alaska holds an active relationship with Mongolia.

– Five Soldiers with the Guard's C-12 Huron Flight Detachment deployed to Kuwait. They are expected to return home next fall.

– About 30 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation, with the C-25 Sherpa fixed-wing aircraft, will deploy to Iraq this winter. The deployment is set for 5 months. The unit will return home next fall.

– Nearly 170 Soldiers, part of a security forces company, will go to Iraq next summer.

Recruiting progress hit new highs. With nearly 2,000 Soldiers located in over 80 communities across Alaska, recruiting is at record levels. By contrast, at the end of February 2005, less than 1,770 were assigned. These days, four of 10 Alaskans joining the Armed Forces enlist into the Alaska Army National Guard.

A cultural resource team aids in recruiting efforts by visiting each of the Guard's communities. Their goals include partnering with communities, increasing membership, and accomplishing the mission with the aid of tribal leaders and community members.

Transformation, Relevance and Missioning is the key to success.

– The 207th Infantry Brigade (Scout) is programmed to transform into an Infantry Brigade Combat Teams (IBCT) with a provisional status in 2007, and an activation date of September 1, 2008. The new 207th IBCT will consist of over 3,500 Soldiers, including: a headquarters, a brigade troops battalion, two infantry battalions of approximately 800 Soldiers each, a reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition battalion, an artillery battalion and a support battalion. It will take a unique partnering with four other states and the Territory of Guam to field this robust force structure. Alaska will host the headquarters, the brigade troops battalion, an infantry battalion and a portion of the support battalion.

– Progress with Aviators. 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation transformed to an Air Assault Battalion in 2006. Result: UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters will increase from 24 to 30 aircraft. One company, with 10 aircraft, is assigned in Hawaii.



**Largest Single Deployment Since World War II.** Nearly 600 Alaska Army National Guard Soldiers look three months to prepare for their Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment to Kuwait, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The troops will serve for 12 months boots on the ground in Kuwait. Photo: Staff Sergeant Mac Metcalfe, Alaska Army National Guard

– *Supporting what we have.* Alaska will add a Troop Command to its force structure in FY-08. That means up to 40 new positions, commanded by a Colonel, will provide leadership and administrative support for the Aviation Battalion, Medical Command, Recruiting & Retention Detachment, Regional Training Institute, the 103rd Civil Support Team, and other independent units.

– *Improving facilities and modernizing or replacing outdated Federal Scout Armories and Readiness Centers* has been a high priority since 2005. Here are some examples of the progress:

- The \$15.5 million Juneau Readiness Center was completed in August 2005. It is an innovative solution, in a joint partnership with the University of Alaska Southeast, combining the Guard's Readiness Center and the University Students Recreation Center. A new \$3 million National Guard Field Maintenance Shop is adjacent to it. A 20,000 sq. ft. controlled humidity storage facility was completed in 2006.
- A new \$24 million Bethel Readiness Center project is currently underway. Facility design is being completed and land is being secured from the city of Bethel. Initial site preparation work began in 2005. Facility construction is pending federal funding resourcing. Once construction begins, it can be completed in about two years. **Results:** Improved training and readiness facility; old Armory will be turned over to city.
- The Guard secured a long-term lease from the city of Nome for 10 acres of land to build a new Readiness Center using the existing design and plans from the Bethel Readiness Center. **Results:** Significant savings. New Nome Readiness Center is number one priority for Army's Future Year Development Plan. Once placed on the list, the project is available for congressional acceleration.
- Three controlled humidity vehicle storage buildings, at Camp Denali, are nearing completion. They'll provide 60,000 sq. ft. of storage space. **Results:** \$1.85 million project is 100 percent federally funded; it enhances the Guard's rapid response and readiness capabilities.
- \$1.5 million improvements are being added to the Kodiak Armory. The initiative began in the summer of 2006. It is projected to be complete in fall 2007. **Results:** Improved training support and space.
- The Alaska Army National Guard recently completed a master plan to develop and build a new "Collective Training Center" across from Camp Carroll, on Fort Richardson. Camp Carroll, the WWII vintage training site, is outdated and presently used by the Alaska Military Youth Academy

year-around. The new "Collective Training Center" will accommodate training requirements for the 207th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and serve mobilization requirements at Fort Richardson. Up to 1,000 Soldiers may be provided billeting, classrooms, mess halls, maintenance and storage facilities, parking, office and other support space. Alaska will finalize the master plan and submit the project to the National Guard Bureau for future year construction consideration in 2007.

**Training and Readiness** was the primary focus for Alaska's Army National Guard Soldiers in 2006. It was the most significant effort since the Guard was organized in 1939.

– *Alaska sent an infantry platoon, medical unit and public affairs team to Mongolia* to participate in the Khaan Quest multi-national peacekeeping exercise in August 2006. They achieved United Nations' validation as International Peacekeepers. Several Guard members became qualified multi-national trainers.

– *Alaska Army and Air Guard leaders continued developing a "Joint Staff" and Joint Operations Center at Camp Denali.* The Joint Staff capability is directly transferable to command and control of day-to-day Homeland Security & Emergency Management response missions across Alaska.

**Military Support to Civil Authorities** is a core value of the Alaska National Guard during disasters and emergencies – 2006 was another busy year. Here are few examples:

– *Arctic Care:* Each year, the Alaska National Guard, U.S. Army Alaska, the Air Force, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service, Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve support deployable medical, dental and veterinary capabilities. The focus: underserved areas within Alaska.

– *Response to wildfires* and western Alaska medical evacuations involved Alaska Army National Guard flight crews in 2006.

– *On the horizon, Soldiers are preparing Operation Jump Start* aviation and troop support during the second and third quarters of FY-2007. They will assist Arizona in protecting America's southern borders against illegal border crossings. Alaska will send up to four UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters with crews, and an Infantry Company consisting of about 100 Soldiers. Alaska and Arizona, with the assistance of the National Guard Bureau, in Washington, D.C., have executed a memorandum of agreement to facilitate the mission support.

Respectfully submitted,

**Brigadier General Craig N Christensen**

## 103rd Civil Support Team

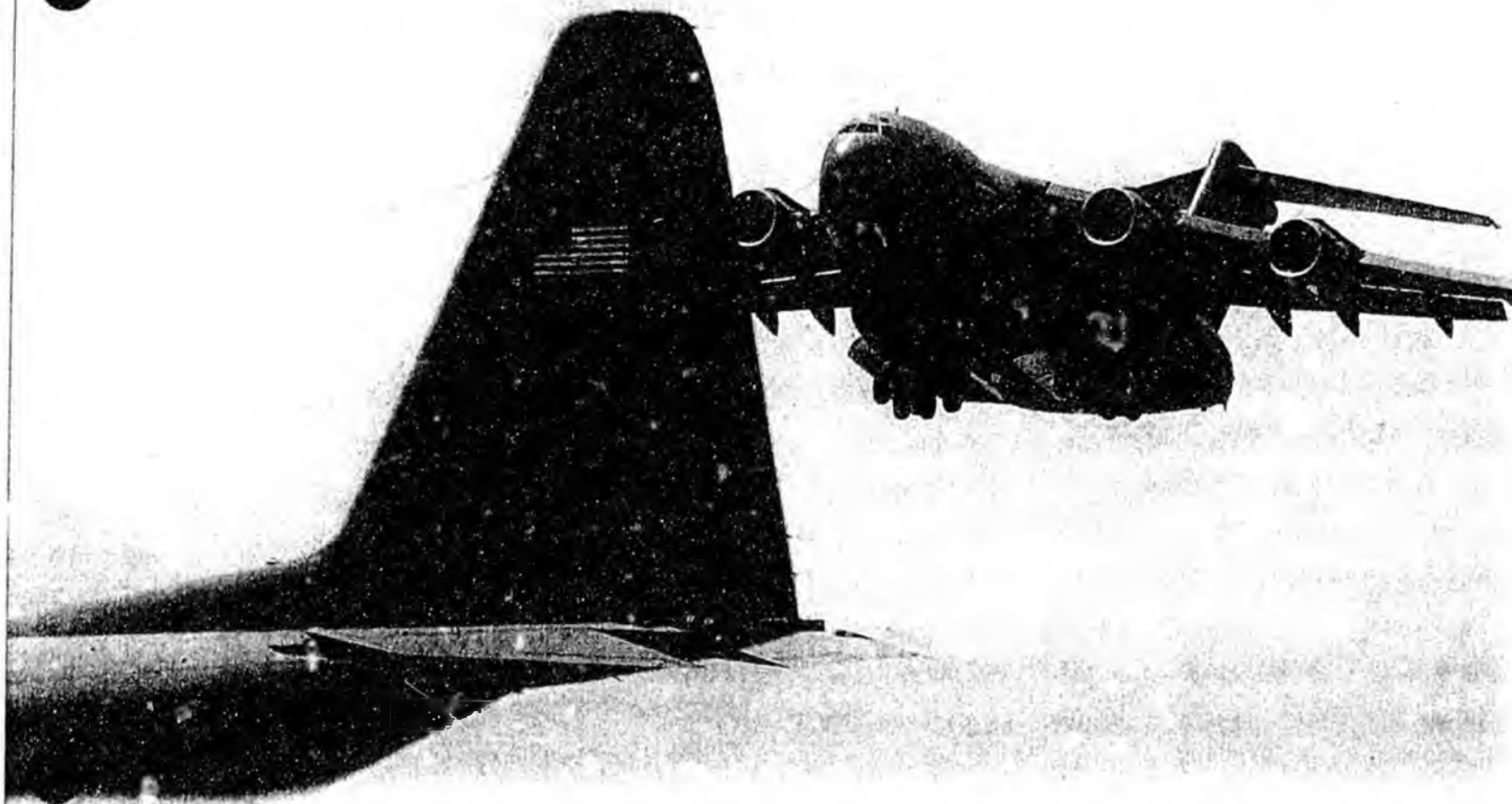
During the state fiscal year 2006, the 103rd Civil Support Team (CST), Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) unit provided invaluable training to local responders in Kenai, Homer, Soldotna, Ketchikan, Nome, Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Palmer and Wasilla on HAZMAT, WMD and decontamination issues.

The unit deployed multiple times in support of local responders at Fort Wainwright and other areas of Alaska involving potential weapons of mass destruction and hazardous materials.

The unit deployed to assist the state of Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. They also helped U.S. Marshals with radiological substance screening.

103rd Soldiers and Airmen responded to suspected HAZMAT in a shipping container from Iraq. They assisted law enforcement officials concerning methamphetamine labs. The unit supported the visit by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to Alaska in fall 2006. ■

# Alaska Air National Guard



## A YEAR OF CHANGE, CHALLENGE AND SUCCESS

Alaska's Citizen-Airmen are leading the radical changes sweeping America's entire Air National Guard. If you looked back to 2003, you'd see an Alaska Air Guard with two flying wings and not one of the unique missions it has gained over the past four years.

By far the biggest news to hit the Alaska Air National Guard was the results of the dual decisions by the Base Closure and Realignment Committee (BRAC) to close Kulis Air National Guard Base – moving its units, gear and aircraft across town to Elmendorf Air Force Base and reduce the active-duty size at Eielson Air Force Base. Here's the future:

– *C-17s coming fresh from the factory.* New aircraft and mission profiles are coming to the 176th Wing. This important reorganization brings new C-17 Globemaster III aircraft into the fourth flying unit of the Alaska Air National Guard. The aircraft will begin arriving at Elmendorf Air Force Base in June 2007.

– *More C-130s heading to the Guard.* The 144th Airlift Squadron will gain four C-130 Hercules – bringing its count to 12 birds uniquely suited for Alaska ... or Afghanistan.

– *A New Home.* A significant effort is under way at Elmendorf Air Force Base to accommodate the impending assignment of the 176th Wing. Kulis' inclusion on the BRAC list stopped all construction at the 130 acre base. The move will return well over \$100 million to the Southcentral Alaska economy from 2008 through 2011 (the year the move is scheduled to be completed).

– *Eielson Edge.* The strategic importance of Eielson Air Force Base was recognized thanks to an unparalleled grass-roots

campaign led by Governor Frank Murkowski to save the base. It became one of only two Air Force installations nationwide to be taken off the BRAC list.

The 168th Air Refueling Wing's reputation sustains Air Force confidence in the unit's abilities to accomplish current and future missions. A quick look at recent successes:

- Provided air interceptors with extended refueling as they found a. 1 escorted intruders away from Alaskan borders
- KC-135R Strato Tankers provided 2.3 million gallons (15.6 million pounds) of fuel to receiver aircraft of U.S. and coalition forces worldwide
- Continued construction and renovation projects topping more than \$44 million
- Developed a combined support policy with the 354th Fighter Wing
- Opened a new Joint Air & Army National Guard Recruiting Office in Fairbanks

**Operational transformation** of the Alaska Air National Guard continues. A series of complex changes are underway – possibly the greatest in the history of the Guard.

*Alaskans are leading the efforts* in the Global War on Terrorism. Airmen engaged in combat and combat support missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. Alaska Air Guard aircraft tail flashes are seen on ramps in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Djibouti, Diego Garcia, Thailand, South Korea, Guam, Japan, Mongolia and throughout Europe.

Here is a history making example of their impact: The 144th Airlift Squadron mobilized and deployed to Afghanistan to direct

tactical airlift activities. Operating from Bagram Air Base, the 144th flies round-the-clock missions in austere, combat conditions. They deliver vital troops and supplies into highly volatile areas supporting coalition forces.

Nearly four years ago, aircrews and pararescuemen of the 10th, 21st and 212th Rescue Squadrons performed combat search and rescue missions in only a few other countries such as Uzbekistan and Afghanistan. Mission requirements are dictating a new, dynamic responsive force. The Guard remains ready to serve.

Last fall, Airmen from both Wings, along with a public affairs team, chaplains and other support members, deployed to the Deep South to help with the response and recovery efforts involved with hurricanes Katrina and Rita. They touched thousands of lives.

**Unique Missions are mainstream for the Alaska Air National Guard.** All but one did not belong to the Guard four years ago.

The 176th Air Control Squadron assigned to Elmendorf Air Force Base, kept watchful eyes over Alaskan skies round-the-clock. Created to defend against potential bomber attacks from now-former Cold War foes, the Air Control Squadron, today, keeps tabs not only on continued probing by the Russians, it also identifies and directs response to incursions of other unknown aircraft into Alaskan airspace.

The 213th Space Surveillance Squadron, an Alaska Air National Guard unit, has operational control of one of the key components of America's deterrence forces. They routinely interact with the Alaska Army National Guard's 49th Space & Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, ensuring the safety of our nation.

The RCC is the lead coordinating agency for civil and military search and rescue activities above the 58th parallel in inland Alaska. In 2006, the RCC accomplished an extraordinary milestone, crossing the threshold of more than 4,000 missions in its 12-year existence, nearly one mission per day since its inception. The RCC has directed the saving of more than 100 Alaskans and rescued more than 100 others.

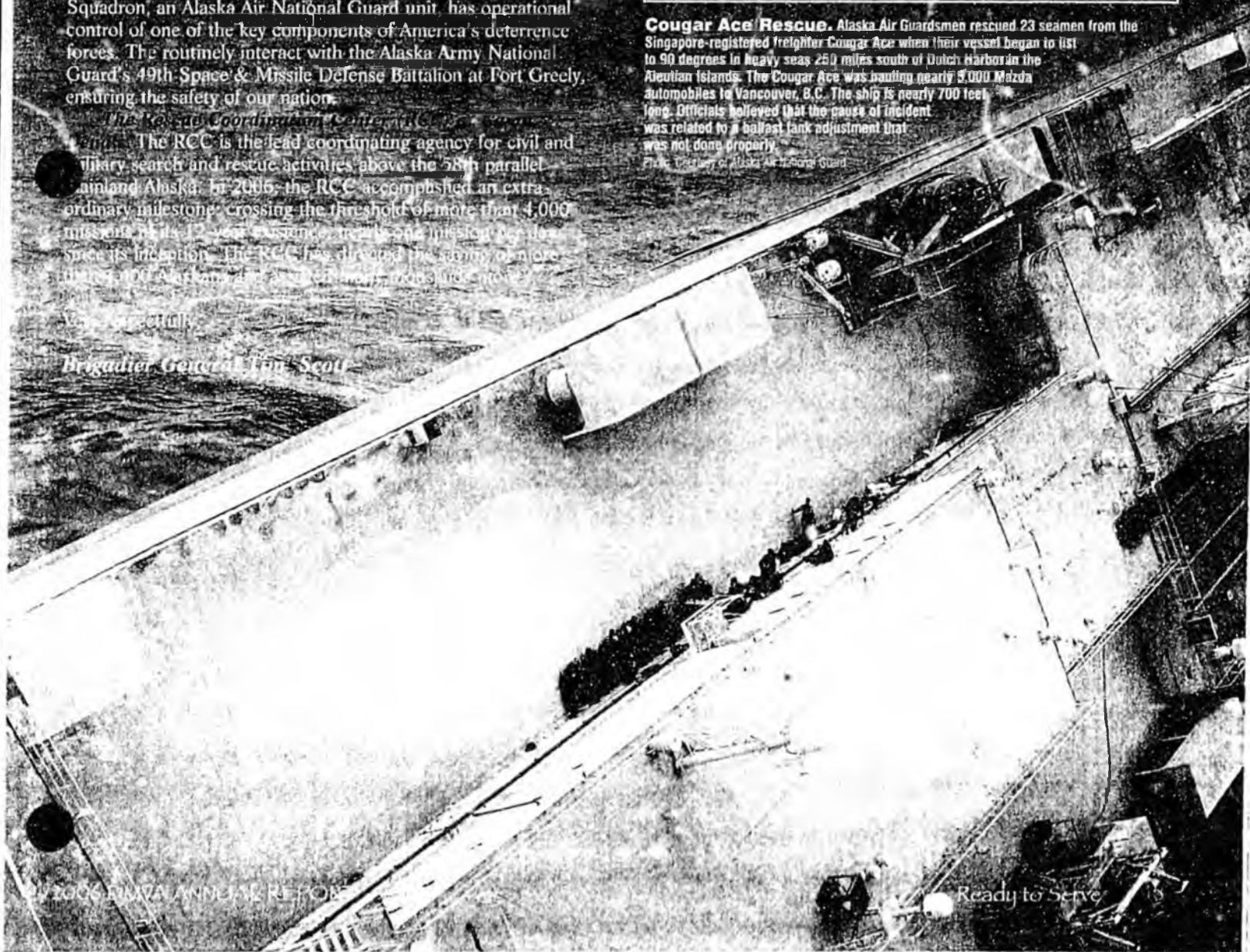
Very Respectfully,

Brigadier General Jim Scott



**Cougar Ace Rescue.** Alaska Air Guardsmen rescued 23 seamen from the Singapore-registered freighter Cougar Ace when their vessel began to list to 90 degrees in heavy seas 250 miles south of Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands. The Cougar Ace was hauling nearly 5,000 Mazda automobiles to Vancouver, B.C. The ship is nearly 700 feet long. Officials believe that the cause of incident was related to a ballast tank adjustment that was not done properly.

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**Definition of Resident/NonResident**

Licenses	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
<b>Sport Fishing:</b>				
1 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$20	\$20	N/A
3 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$35	\$35	N/A
7 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$55	\$55	N/A
14 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$80	\$80	N/A
Annual Sport Fishing License**	\$24	\$145	\$145	\$24
Sport Fishing License for the Blind	\$0.25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sport Fishing License Yukon Residents Only**	N/A	N/A	\$24	N/A
<b>Hunting:</b>				
Hunting License	\$25	\$85	\$300	\$85
Small Game Hunting License	N/A	\$20	\$20	\$25
Hunting License for the Blind	\$25	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Trapping:</b>				
Trapping License	\$15	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Combination Licenses:</b>				
Hunting and Sport Fishing License**	\$48	\$230	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 1 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$105	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 3 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$120	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 7 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$140	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 14 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$165	N/A	N/A
Hunting and Trapping License	\$39	\$250	N/A	\$250
Hunting, Trapping and Sport Fishing License**	\$62	N/A	N/A	N/A
Small Game Hunting and Sport Fishing**	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$48
Low Income Sport Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	\$5	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Commercial Crewmember:</b>				
Crewmember License	\$60	\$175	\$175	\$175
Child Crewmember License (10 or less yrs old)	\$5	\$120	\$120	N/A
7 day Crewmember License	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Stamps	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
<b>King Salmon Stamp:</b>				
1 Day Stamp	N/A	\$10	\$10	N/A
3 Day Stamp	N/A	\$20	\$20	N/A
7 Day Stamp	N/A	\$30	\$30	N/A
14 Day Stamp	N/A	\$50	\$50	N/A
Annual Stamp	\$10	\$100	\$100	\$20
Annual Stamp Yukon Residents Only	N/A	N/A	\$10	N/A
<b>Waterfowl Stamp:</b>				
State waterfowl stamp	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

<b>Big Game Tags</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Bison	N/A	\$450	\$650	\$225
Black Bear	N/A	\$225	\$300	\$112.50
Brown/Grizzly Bear	\$25	\$500	\$650	\$250
Caribou	N/A	\$325	\$425	\$162.50
Deer	N/A	\$150	\$200	\$75
Elk	N/A	\$300	\$400	\$150
Goat	N/A	\$300	\$400	\$150
Moose	N/A	\$400	\$500	\$200
Muskox-bull	\$500	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$550
Muskox-cow	\$25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sheep	N/A	\$425	\$550	\$212.50
Wolf	N/A	\$30	\$50	\$15
Wolverine	N/A	\$175	\$250	\$87.50

<b>Sport Fish Business Owner and Guide Licenses</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Business Owner License Only	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Guide License Only	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Combo Business Owner/Guide License	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

<b>McNeil River Bear Viewing</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Application Fee	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Guided Permit	\$150	\$350	\$350	\$350
Camp Permit	\$75	\$175	\$175	\$175

<b>Professional Licenses</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>NonResident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Fur Dealer	\$150	\$500	\$500	\$500
Taxidermy	\$200	\$500	\$500	\$500
Game Mammal or Reptile Farm	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Game Bird Farm	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

\*\*Sport fishing license fees increased in 2006 to provide for sport fishing facilities. See Facility surcharge AS 16.05.340 for further information.



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### States Provide Extended Hunting For Military and Disabled

As a compassionate gesture to active military and the disabled, many states have tipped their hat to these individuals, passing legislation that extends or modifies hunting seasons and licenses.

**South Dakota H1060:** Permits dependant children of resident active duty military service

persons to obtain deer and antelope hunting licenses under certain circumstances. This bill was signed by the governor in February.

**South Dakota H1085:** Provides for certain reduced hunting and fishing license fees for certain disabled residents who served in the armed forces reserve or national guard. This bill was signed by the governor in February.

**Mississippi H1107:** Waives fees for resident who is member of United States Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves. This bill was signed into law in May.

**Delaware H 326:** Grants veterans who have served honorably for 90 or more consecutive days on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States 1 year of free access to the State's parks and 1 year of free hunting and fishing licenses following the date of their honorable discharge or removal from active status. This bill has passed both houses and is ready for the governor's signature.

Mississippi had other provisions in the legislature which would have exempted disabled vets, active duty military and National Guard from requiring a license, but the bills died in committee.

Still under consideration in the state legislative process are four bills in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania, California and Michigan.

**New Jersey A1736:** Authorizes free admission to State parks and forests for disabled veterans.

**New Jersey A952:** Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and State park admission for persons with certain types of military service

**New Jersey A1247:** Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for veterans

**New Jersey A2658:** Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and free admission to State parks and forests for individuals with certain types of military service.

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**Pennsylvania H2458:** Amends the Game Code. Expands the definition and hunting privileges of military personnel.

**California S1807:** Eliminates the fee that the disabled veteran would be required to pay to obtain a hunting or sport fishing license. (This bill failed initially but will be reconsidered.)

**Michigan S1148:** Authorizes military personnel to obtain free hunting and fishing licenses from Department of Natural Resources licensing agents.

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- What Does The Guard Do In The Community?
- Who Joins The Army National Guard?
- What are the service obligations in the National Guard?
- What is the National Guard?

**What Does The Guard Do In The Community?**

Guard units across America play an important role in their community. The Army National Guard brings additional spending dollars into local communities.

From the assistance each soldier provides while in uniform to the work that they do in their civilian jobs, Guard members are leaders in their community. Whether it's teaching classes at local high schools, or providing events for students at local armories, Guard members think getting involved with the future of our children is essential. By providing medical support to communities through "GuardCare" or providing groups a place to hold meetings in their local armories, the Army National Guard is always there and always willing to lend a helping hand.

**Who Joins The Army National Guard?**

Members range from doctors and lawyers to college students and everyone in between. There are nurses, teachers, and ministers in the Army National Guard.

There are many reasons for joining the Guard. Regardless, there's a special pride that comes with serving side by side with other members of your community.

**What are the service obligations in the National Guard?**

Army National Guard members are required to attend one drill weekend each month and one annual training period each year. Weekend drills are usually scheduled over one weekend - a Saturday and Sunday each month but can occasionally include reporting for duty on Friday night. In addition, units have a two week annual training (AT) period every year which is usually scheduled during the summer. Initially, all personnel are required to attend initial entry training (IET), which can usually be scheduled to meet civilian occupation scheduling requirements. Duration and location of IET varies according to career specialty - a recruiter can provide specific information for each Military Occupational Specialty.

**What is the National Guard?**

The National Guard is one branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. The National Guard consists of both Army National Guard and Air National Guard components. The National Guard is composed of full time and part time soldiers, as well as civilians, who together serve their country. Each state and territory has its own National Guard, as provided by the United States Constitution.

## National Guard Education Benefits

### State-by-State Education Benefits for Members of the National Guard

All members of the Reserves and National Guard are eligible for the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill, if:

- They are within 10 years from the date they became eligible (after initial entry training)
- Have at least a six year Reserves commitment (Must have enlisted in the Guard/Reserves for a minimum of six years)
- Have completed their initial active duty training (basic training and Technical School/AIT/A-School)
- Remain in a drill status (One weekend per month and two weeks per year)

In addition to federal education benefits (Reserve Montgomery GI Bill), all states offer additional educational benefits for members of the National Guard. These programs are operated, funded, and managed under the laws of the individual state, not the federal government. In most cases, both the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill and the Active Duty GI bill may be used at the same time with State educational programs.

Educational benefits for National Guard members offered by the individual states are shown in the chart below. It should be noted that these benefits are subject to available funds and it is not unusual for a state to suspend benefits when funding runs out. While every effort has been made to ensure the below information is current (as of August 2002), the programs are subject to individual state laws, which can be changed at anytime by state legislators. One should check with their individual state National Guard agency or National Guard recruiter for the latest information and programs.

State	Program	Limitations/Remarks
Alabama	\$500 per semester	Covers tuition, books, supplies and fees. Limit \$1,000 per year.
Alaska	100%	Can be used only at schools in the University of Alaska system.
Arizona	\$126 per credit hour	Maximum of \$2,412 per fiscal year. Military members with more than 10 years of service have priority when funds are limited.
Arkansas	\$1,000 per semester	Maximum of 4 semester per year. Can be used only at Arkansas public and private colleges and universities.
California	None	
Colorado	75%	Can be used only at selected Colorado state schools.
Connecticut	100% Tuition Waiver	Applies only to Connecticut state public universities or community-technical colleges.
Delaware	100%	100% of tuition at Delaware state institution, and an equivalent dollar amount for private institutions.
District of Columbia	\$1,000 per semester/quarter	Can be used at any approved college university or educational institution.
Florida	100% or 50%	100% for those who enlisted in the

## National Guard Education Benefits

### State-by-State Education Benefits for Members of the National Guard

		Florida National Guard on or after 1 July 1997, and 50% for those who entered before 1 July 1997. Applies to Florida state community colleges and universities.
<b>Georgia</b>	100%	Can't exceed \$2,500 per school year. Also available an \$800 loan for full-time students and a \$400 loan to part-time students. TA/loan is valid only for students in bachelor degree programs.
<b>Hawaii</b>	100% or 50%	100% at Hawaii state community colleges and 50% at Hawaii universities.
<b>Illinois</b>	100%	Any Illinois state-supported college or university.
<b>Indiana</b>	100%	Any Indiana state school
<b>Iowa</b>	50%	Iowa state universities and community colleges and selected private universities.
<b>Kansas</b>	100%	Any Kansas state-supported school, for any certificate, diploma or degree, up to a bachelor degree. Members are required to serve in the Kansas National Guard for 4 years after last TA payment.
<b>Kentucky</b>	100%	Any Kentucky state university, community college or vocational school. Only available to enlisted members.
<b>Louisiana</b>	100%	Louisiana state operated colleges or universities. Limited to award of bachelor degree or five academic years, whichever occurs first.
<b>Maine</b>	100%	Regionally accredited Maine public post-secondary schools.
<b>Maryland</b>	50%	Limited to six semester hours per semester. Only valid for Maryland state-supported colleges and universities. Some members may be eligible for 100% tuition assistance with certain restrictions.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	100%	Massachusetts state colleges and universities. Maximum of 130 credit hours, total.
<b>Michigan</b>	\$2,000 per academic year	Must enroll in <i>approved courses</i> at Michigan state colleges, universities,

## National Guard Education Benefits

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		technical schools, and vocational/trade schools.
<b>Minnesota</b>	Varies	Partial tuition and textbook reimbursement.
<b>Mississippi</b>	\$1,000 per semester and \$500 per term	Offers \$1,000 per semester at 4-year colleges and universities and \$500 per term at community colleges. Only for O-3s and below.
<b>Missouri</b>	50% or 100%	100% for those with less than 10 years of service who joined before 1 April 2001. 50% for all others. Limited to 15 credit hours per semester.
<b>Montana</b>	75%	Montana state schools.
<b>Nebraska</b>	75%	Nebraska state-supported colleges, university or technical colleges.
<b>Nevada</b>	50%	Nevada state universities and community colleges. Must maintain at least a "C" average.
<b>New Hampshire</b>	100%	New Hampshire state schools and universities. Space-available basis. Must be a legal state resident.
<b>New Jersey</b>	100%	New Jersey state university or community college.
<b>New Mexico</b>	100%	State-supported schools.
<b>New York</b>	100%	100% in state for New York public colleges and universities or equal funds for in-state private schools.
<b>North Carolina</b>	\$2,000 per year	North Carolina state-approved colleges and universities. Limited to \$8,000 total benefit.
<b>North Dakota</b>	100%	North Dakota state colleges and universities.
<b>Ohio</b>	100%	Ohio state schools. Equivalent funds for private schools.
<b>Oklahoma</b>	100%	Oklahoma state colleges and universities. State offers some scholarships to National Guard members, as well.
<b>Oregon</b>	\$10,000 Student Loan Repayment	Oregon will repay up to \$10,000 in student loans.
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	100%	Based upon tuition rates of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	Variable	Rates vary depending on number of classes being taken. National Guard

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		members can transfer benefits to their spouse.
<b>Rhode Island</b>		National Guard members are allowed to attend one undergraduate course per semester for free, at Rhode Island state colleges or universities.
<b>South Carolina</b>	\$20,000 Student Loan Repayment	15% (or \$2,000, whichever is greater), each year the member is in the National Guard, on the current balance for all guaranteed student loans. Maximum repayment of \$20,000.
<b>South Dakota</b>	50%	South Dakota state universities or technical schools.
<b>Tennessee</b>	\$3,500 per year	
<b>Texas</b>	100%	Limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours per semester.
<b>Utah</b>	\$400 per semester	\$400 per semester or \$800 per year. Maximum benefit of \$4,000.
<b>Vermont</b>	25%	Available at select schools only. \$2,500 interest-free student loan for courses in any Vermont state school.
<b>Virginia</b>	50%	Maximum of \$500 per term, or \$1,000 per year.
<b>Virgin Islands</b>		32 free credit-hours at the University of the Virgin Islands. Available for graduate or undergraduate degree programs.
<b>Washington</b>	Varies	Offers tuition reductions to National Guard members at Washington State University. Some scholarships also available.
<b>West Virginia</b>	100%	Undergraduate degrees at any West Virginia state schools. Equivalent funds for in-state private schools.
<b>Wisconsin</b>	100%	Amount of tuition is based on tuition rate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
<b>Wyoming</b>	100%	University of Wyoming and selected other schools.

**Note:** In addition to an Air National Guard and an Army National Guard, the states of New Jersey and New York also have a state Naval Militia, and the above programs apply to those agencies, as well.

**Kaci Schroeder**

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**From:** Tracy Oman [tracyoman@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Bob Lynn  
**Cc:** Rep. Bob Roses  
**Subject:** HB 62 -TUITION WAIVER FOR NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY

Good Morning,

I am writing today to show support of HB 62. As a Military Veteran and a National Guard dependent, I was disappointed to see this bill fail in the last session. Not only will this legislation help attract and keep Guard members, it will also relieve much of the financial hardship that college tuition can put on Guard members and their dependents. Although I am a Military Veteran and already receive tuition assistance through the G.I. Bill, I have seen my fellow Guard dependents struggle and I would like to help.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to encourage the passage of this much needed legislation.

Sincerely,

Tracy Oman  
ANG Dependent  
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Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Legislators,

First of all, thank you for the hard work you are doing for our state and our country. I know it is a thankless job sometimes, and the time away from your family is irreplaceable. However, you should rest easy at night knowing that your service is appreciated. Although, it may not always be evident that your constituents care about the political system, we do! I can only hope that others voice their opinions in an attempt to be a part of our great democratic system.

Secondly, there is another group of people whose service benefits our state and our country. Like you, sometimes, their sacrifice is not appreciated or acknowledged. This group consists of the men and women of the Alaska National Guard. Their sacrifice not only consists of leaving their family for 4 months or longer, but sometimes they sacrifice their lives. Many of these citizen soldiers and airmen are full-time students or their spouses are full-time students. Additionally, many have incomes so low that they are eligible for earned income credit on their tax returns. This brings me to my point!

I strongly urge you to support HB 62 to provide a small yet deserved benefit to our National Guard members supporting our country. They are out there securing our borders and fighting our enemies in foreign lands every day. I heard a report that sixty percent of our soldiers overseas are guard and reserve members. Yet, their active duty counterparts have spouse tuition assistance while guard members do not. Please help fix this inequity and support our guard members by voting **YES for HB 62!** Thank you for your valuable time.

Sincerely,



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5 March 2007

House of Representatives  
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Dear Legislators,

I would like to thank you for your hard work for our state and country. Though it may not appear that your constituents care about the political system, we do! You may feel unappreciated for the time you spend away from family in serving our great political system, know that you are appreciated!

There is another group of people, like you, who are unappreciated or acknowledged. These people are the men and women of the Alaska National Guard. Their sacrifices for our state and country include, missing child births, children's first words/steps and the ultimate sacrifice; the loss of their lives. Many of our citizen soldiers and airmen are full-time students and/or their spouses. Many have incomes so low that they are unable to afford to cost to attend college.

I urge you to support HB 62 to provide a deserved benefit to our National Guard members serving our country and state. They are fighting our enemies in foreign countries daily. They are securing OUR borders in efforts to keep our country safe. It is reported that 60% of our soldiers overseas are guard and reserve members. Yet, their active duty counterparts have spouse tuition assistance while the guard members do not. Please vote YES for HB 62 and support our guard members and fix this inequity.

Sincerely,



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2-22-07

TO: Representative Lynn, House State Affairs Chairman

FROM: Representative Thomas 

RE: HB 62 Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members and Families and Providing for Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for National Guard Members

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I am requesting that the House State Affairs Committee hear HB 62 Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members and Families and Providing for Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for National Guard Members at its earliest convenience.

HB 62 provides for free hunting and fishing licenses for active National Guard members, creates a tuition waiver program for spouses of Guard members, and requires that the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs request enough money from the Legislature to fund the educational waiver program.

If you have any questions please contact my staff, Kaci Schroeder Hotch, at 465-3732.



# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: HB62 (H) MLV  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Military & Veterans Affairs  
 Title: Tuition Waiver for National Guard Family RDU: Military & Veterans Affairs  
 Component: Educational Benefits  
 Sponsor: Representative Thomas  
 Requester: \_\_\_\_\_ Component No.: 419

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
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1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 00  
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**POSITIONS**

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Approximately 50% of National Guard members have qualifying family members for this program. We estimate that approximately 25% of that base will apply for the 50% undergraduate tuition waiver this program will provide.

FY07 funding level - \$378.5

Estimate for program usage - 25%

Equals \$94.7 approximate fiscal impact to the department

We will have no fiscal impact for the free hunting and fishing licenses for active members of the AK National Guard.

Prepared by: John Cramer, Acting Deputy Commissioner Phone: (907) 465-4602  
 Division: Commissioner's Office Date/Time: 1/24/2007 @ 9:20 am  
 Approved by: Craig E. Campbell, Commissioner Date: 1/24/2007  
 Agency: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

# FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill Version: HB62  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: University of Alaska  
 Title Partial Tuition Assistance AK Nat'l Guard RDU \_\_\_\_\_  
Families Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester Representative (s) Thomas, Kerttula Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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Travel						
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Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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**POSITIONS**

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the University, assuming that the adjutant general provides the additional funding to support tuition assistance for the families of the members of the Alaska National Guard.

Prepared by: Michelle Rizk  
 Division: University of Alaska  
 Approved by: Pat Pitney  
 Agency: University of Alaska

Phone: 450-8187  
 Date/Time: 2/12/07 11:00 AM  
 Date: 2/12/2007

# FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill Version: HB 62  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title: Tuition Assistance for Alaska National Guard RDU: Administration and Support  
 Component: Administrative Services  
 Sponsor: Reps Thomas and Kertula  
 Requester: House Military and Veterans' Affairs ( Component No.: 470

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Fiscal note reflects estimated change in revenues to the Fish and Game Fund for complimentary sport fishing and hunting licenses to Alaska National Guard (ANG) active members. There are currently 4,300 ANG members. Based on resident sales, 50% of the ANG would purchase a sport fishing license and 25% would purchase a hunting license. Total revenue loss to Fish and Game Fund and Facility Surcharge Fund is estimated to be \$78,475.00.

Prepared by: Tom Lawson  
 Division: Administrative Services  
 Approved by: Denby Lloyd  
 Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Phone 465-5999  
 Date/Time 02/12/07 8:30 a.m.  
 Date 2/12/2007

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BILL NO. HB 62

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Alaska National Guard Complimentary Licenses

Types of License Sold	Number of ANG	License Fee	Revenue	% of Alaskans purchasing licenses	Total Revenue
R Fishing Lic	4300	\$24.00	\$103,200	50%	\$51,600
R Hunting Lic	4300	\$25.00	\$107,500	25%	\$26,875
Total			\$210,700		\$78,475

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### **Sponsor Statement for HB 62 Tuition Assistance for National Guard Members and Families and Providing for Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses for National Guard Members**

HB 62 has three provisions, which will substantially benefit the Alaska National Guard. First, HB 62 allows Alaska National Guard members to receive free hunting and fishing licenses. This not only is an important recruiting tool, but it is also a way for the state of Alaska to show its appreciation to those who sacrifice so much to protect our country and our state.

Second, HB 62 gives a 50 percent tuition waiver to spouses of Alaska National Guard members. For the past two years the Alaska National Guard has not met its year-end membership goals. This is attributed, in large part, to the family being the decision maker for these soldiers. When the family gives up so much to support these soldiers, but gets nothing in return, the pull to leave the Guard is strong. The waiver benefits families who give up so much to support their loved one while serving in the National Guard.

Finally, HB 62 solves the current funding problems of tuition waivers that are promised to Alaska National Guard members. Soldiers who have been promised higher education benefits are not always receiving them. Each year the funding is exhausted and guard members are being denied the assistance they need to continue their education. By directing the adjutant general to request a supplemental appropriation from the Legislature, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs can fund both the new and previously established tuition waivers.

The War in Iraq has seen the first mobilization of Alaska National Guard members into overseas combat. The commitment that these men and women make upon joining the National Guard is much more than one weekend a month and two weeks a year. The Alaska National Guard is fighting for our country and protecting our state. They deserve our support. I respectfully urge your support for HB 62.



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**States Provide Extended Hunting For Military and Disabled**

As a compassionate gesture to active military and the disabled, many states have tipped their hat to these individuals, passing legislation that extends or modifies hunting seasons and licenses.

**South Dakota H1060:** Permits dependant children of resident active duty military service

persons to obtain deer and antelope hunting licenses under certain circumstances. This bill was signed by the governor in February.

**South Dakota H1085:** Provides for certain reduced hunting and fishing license fees for certain disabled residents who served in the armed forces reserve or national guard. This bill was signed by the governor in February.

**Mississippi H1107:** Waives fees for resident who is member of United States Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves. This bill was signed into law in May

**Delaware H 326:** Grants veterans who have served honorably for 90 or more consecutive days on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States 1 year of free access to the State's parks and 1 year of free hunting and fishing licenses following the date of their honorable discharge or removal from active status. This bill has passed both houses and is ready for the governor's signature.

Mississippi had other provisions in the legislature which would have exempted disabled vets, active duty military and National Guard from requiring a license, but the bills died in committee.

Still under consideration in the state legislative process are four bills in New Jersey and one in Pennsylvania, California and Michigan.

**New Jersey A1736:** Authorizes free admission to State parks and forests for disabled veterans.

**New Jersey A952:** Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and State park admission for persons with certain types of military service

**New Jersey A1247:** Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for veterans.

**New Jersey A2658:** Authorizes free hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and free admission to State parks and forests for individuals with certain types of military service.

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**Pennsylvania H2458:** Amends the Game Code. Expands the definition and hunting privileges of military personnel.

**California S1807:** Eliminates the fee that the disabled veteran would be required to pay to obtain a hunting or sport fishing license. (This bill failed initially but will be reconsidered.)

**Michigan S1148:** Authorizes military personnel to obtain free hunting and fishing licenses from Department of Natural Resources licensing agents.

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### What Does The Guard Do In The Community?

Guard units across America play an important role in their community. The Army National Guard brings additional spending dollars into local communities.

From the assistance each soldier provides while in uniform to the work that they do in their civilian jobs, Guard members are leaders in their community. Whether it's teaching classes at local high schools, or providing events for students at local armories, Guard members think getting involved with the future of our children is essential. By providing medical support to communities through "GuardCare" or providing groups a place to hold meetings in their local armories, the Army National Guard is always there and always willing to lend a helping hand.

### Who Joins The Army National Guard?

Members range from doctors and lawyers to college students and everyone in between. There are housewives, teachers, and ministers in the Army National Guard.

There are many reasons for joining the Guard. Regardless, there's a special pride that comes with serving side by side with other members of your community.

### What are the service obligations in the National Guard?

Army National Guard members are required to attend one (1) weekend each month and one annual training period each year. Weekend training is usually scheduled over one weekend - a Saturday and Sunday, each month but can occasionally include reporting for duty on Friday night. In addition, units have a two week annual training (AT) period every year which is usually scheduled during the summer. Initially, all personnel are required to attend initial entry training (IET), which can usually be scheduled to meet civilian occupation scheduling requirements. Duration and location of IET varies according to career specialty - a recruiter can provide specific information for each Military Occupational Specialty.

### What is the National Guard?

The National Guard is one branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. The National Guard consists of both Army National Guard and Air National Guard components. The National Guard is composed of full time and part time soldiers, as well as civilians, who together serve their country. Each state and territory has its own National Guard, as provided by the United States Constitution.

## National Guard Education Benefits

### State-by-State Education Benefits for Members of the National Guard

All members of the Reserves and National Guard are eligible for the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill, if:

- They are within 10 years from the date they became eligible (after initial entry training)
- Have at least a six year Reserves commitment (Must have enlisted in the Guard/Reserves for a minimum of six years)
- Have completed their initial active duty training (basic training and Technical School/AIT/A-School)
- Remain in a drill status (One weekend per month and two weeks per year)

In addition to federal education benefits (Reserve Montgomery GI Bill), all states offer additional educational benefits for members of the National Guard. These programs are operated, funded, and managed under the laws of the individual state, not the federal government. In most cases, both the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill and the Active Duty GI bill may be used at the same time with State educational programs.

Educational benefits for National Guard members offered by the individual states are shown in the chart below. It should be noted that these benefits are subject to available funds and it is not unusual for a state to suspend benefits when funding runs out. While every effort has been made to ensure the below information is current (as of August 2002), the programs are subject to individual state laws, which can be changed at anytime by state legislators. One should check with their individual state National Guard agency or National Guard recruiter for the latest information and programs.

State	Program	Limitations/Remarks
Alabama	\$500 per semester	Covers tuition, books, supplies and fees. Limit \$1,000 per year.
Alaska	100%	Can be used only at schools in the University of Alaska system.
Arizona	\$126 per credit hour	Maximum of \$2,412 per fiscal year. Military members with more than 10 years of service have priority when funds are limited.
Arkansas	\$1,000 per semester	Maximum of 4 semester per year. Can be used only at Arkansas public and private colleges and universities.
California	None	
Colorado	75%	Can be used only at selected Colorado state schools.
Connecticut	100% Tuition Waiver	Applies only to Connecticut state public universities or community-technical colleges.
Delaware	100%	100% of tuition at Delaware state institutions and an equivalent dollar amount for private institutions.
District of Columbia	\$1,000 per semester/quarter	Can be used at any approved college university or educational institution.
Florida	100% or 50%	100% for those who enlisted in the

## National Guard Education Benefits

### State-by-State Education Benefits for Members of the National Guard

		Florida National Guard on or after 1 July 1997, and 50% for those who entered before 1 July 1997. Applies to Florida state community colleges and universities.
Georgia	100%	Can't exceed \$2,500 per school year. Also available an \$800 loan for full-time students and a \$400 loan to part-time students. TA/loan is valid only for students in bachelor degree programs.
Hawaii	100% or 50%	100% at Hawaii state community colleges and 50% at Hawaii universities.
Illinois	100%	Any Illinois state-supported college or university.
Indiana	100%	Any Indiana state school
Iowa	50%	Iowa state universities and community colleges and selected private universities.
Kansas	100%	Any Kansas state-supported school, for any certificate, diploma or degree, up to a bachelor degree. Members are required to serve in the Kansas National Guard for 4 years after last TA payment.
Kentucky	100%	Any Kentucky state university, community college or vocational school. Only available to enlisted members.
Louisiana	100%	Louisiana state operated colleges or universities. Limited to award of bachelor degree or five academic years, whichever occurs first.
Maine	100%	Regionally accredited Maine public post-secondary schools.
Maryland	50%	Limited to six semester hours per semester. Only valid for Maryland state-supported colleges and universities. Some members may be eligible for 100% tuition assistance with certain restrictions.
Massachusetts	100%	Massachusetts state colleges and universities. Maximum of 130 credit hours, total.
Michigan	\$2,000 per academic year	Must enroll in <i>approved courses</i> at Michigan state colleges, universities,

## National Guard Education Benefits

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		technical schools, and vocational/trade schools.
<b>Minnesota</b>	Varies	Partial tuition and textbook reimbursement.
<b>Mississippi</b>	\$1,000 per semester and \$500 per term	Offers \$1,000 per semester at 4-year colleges and universities and \$500 per term at community colleges. Only for O-3s and below.
<b>Missouri</b>	50% or 100%	100% for those with less than 10 years of service who joined before 1 April 2001. 50% for all others. Limited to 15 credit hours per semester.
<b>Montana</b>	75%	Montana state schools.
<b>Nebraska</b>	75%	Nebraska state-supported colleges, university or technical colleges.
<b>Nevada</b>	50%	Nevada state universities and community colleges. Must maintain at least a "C" average.
<b>New Hampshire</b>	100%	New Hampshire state schools and universities. Space-available basis. Must be a legal state resident.
<b>New Jersey</b>	100%	New Jersey state university or community college.
<b>New Mexico</b>	100%	State-supported schools.
<b>New York</b>	100%	100% in state for New York public colleges and universities or equal funds for in-state private schools.
<b>North Carolina</b>	\$2,000 per year	North Carolina state-approved colleges and universities. Limited to \$8,000 total benefit.
<b>North Dakota</b>	100%	North Dakota state colleges and universities.
<b>Ohio</b>	100%	Ohio state schools. Equivalent funds for private schools.
<b>Oklahoma</b>	100%	Oklahoma state colleges and universities. State offers some scholarships to National Guard members, as well.
<b>Oregon</b>	\$10,000 Student Loan Repayment	Oregon will repay up to \$10,000 in student loans.
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	100%	Based upon tuition rates of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	Variable	Rates vary depending on number of classes being taken. National Guard

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		members can transfer benefits to their spouse.
<b>Rhode Island</b>		National Guard members are allowed to attend one undergraduate course per semester for free, at Rhode Island state colleges or universities.
<b>South Carolina</b>	\$20,000 Student Loan Repayment	15% (or \$2,000, whichever is greater), each year the member is in the National Guard, on the current balance for all guaranteed student loans. Maximum repayment of \$20,000.
<b>South Dakota</b>	50%	South Dakota state universities or technical schools.
<b>Tennessee</b>	\$3,500 per year	
<b>Texas</b>	100%	Limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours per semester.
<b>Utah</b>	\$400 per semester	\$400 per semester or \$800 per year. Maximum benefit of \$4,000.
<b>Vermont</b>	25%	Available at select schools only. \$2,500 interest-free student loan for courses in any Vermont state school.
<b>Virginia</b>	50%	Maximum of \$500 per term, or \$1,000 per year.
<b>Virgin Islands</b>		32 free credit-hours at the University of the Virgin Islands. Available for graduate or undergraduate degree programs.
<b>Washington</b>	Varies	Offers tuition reductions to National Guard members at Washington State University. Some scholarships also available.
<b>West Virginia</b>	100%	Undergraduate degrees at any West Virginia state schools. Equivalent funds for in-state private schools.
<b>Wisconsin</b>	100%	Amount of tuition is based on tuition rate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
<b>Wyoming</b>	100%	University of Wyoming and selected other schools.

**Note:** In addition to an Air National Guard and an Army National Guard, the states of New Jersey and New York also have a state Naval Militia, and the above programs apply to those agencies, as well.

**Kaci Schroeder**

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**From:** Tracy Oman [tracyoman@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007 10:36 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Bob Lynn  
**Cc:** Rep. Bob Roses  
**Subject:** HB 62 -TUITION WAIVER FOR NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY

Good Mornir.g ,

I am writing today to show support of HB 62. As a Military Veteran and a National Guard dependent, I was disappointed to see this bill fail in the last session. Not only will this legislation help attract and keep Guard members, it will also relieve much of the financial hardship that college tuition can put on Guard members and their dependents. Although I am a Military Veteran and already receive tuition assistance through the G.I. Bill, I have seen my fellow Guard dependents struggle and I would like to help.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to encourage the passage of this much needed legislation.

Sincerely,

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## Prices

### Definition of Resident/NonResident

Licenses	Resident	Nonresident	Nonresident Alien	NonResident Military
<b>Sport Fishing:</b>				
1 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$20	\$20	N/A
3 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$35	\$35	N/A
7 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$55	\$55	N/A
14 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$80	\$80	N/A
Annual Sport Fishing License**	\$24	\$145	\$145	\$24
Sport Fishing License for the Blind	\$0.25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sport Fishing License Yukon Residents Only**	N/A	N/A	\$24	N/A
<b>Hunting:</b>				
Hunting License	\$25	\$85	\$300	\$85
Small Game Hunting License	N/A	\$20	\$20	\$25
Hunting License for the Blind	\$25	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Trapping:</b>				
Trapping License	\$15	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Combination Licenses:</b>				
Hunting and Sport Fishing License**	\$48	\$230	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 1 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$105	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 3 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$120	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 7 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$140	N/A	N/A
Hunting and 14 Day Sport Fishing License**	N/A	\$165	N/A	N/A
Hunting and Trapping License	\$39	\$250	N/A	\$250
Hunting, Trapping and Sport Fishing License**	\$62	N/A	N/A	N/A
Small Game Hunting and Sport Fishing**	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$48
Low Income Sport Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	\$5	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Commercial Crewmember:</b>				
Crewmember License	\$60	\$175	\$175	\$175
Child Crewmember License (10 or less yrs old)	\$5	\$120	\$120	N/A
7 day Crewmember License	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
<b>Stamps</b>				
<b>King Salmon Stamp:</b>				
1 Day Stamp	N/A	\$10	\$10	N/A
3 Day Stamp	N/A	\$20	\$20	N/A
7 Day Stamp	N/A	\$30	\$30	N/A
14 Day Stamp	N/A	\$50	\$50	N/A
Annual Stamp	\$10	\$100	\$100	\$20
Annual Stamp Yukon Residents Only	N/A	N/A	\$10	N/A
<b>Waterfowl Stamp:</b>				
State waterfowl stamp	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

<b>Big Game Tags</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Bison	N/A	\$450	\$650	\$225
Black Bear	N/A	\$225	\$300	\$112.50
Brown/Grizzly Bear	\$25	\$500	\$650	\$250
Caribou	N/A	\$325	\$425	\$162.50
Deer	N/A	\$150	\$200	\$75
Elk	N/A	\$300	\$400	\$150
Goat	N/A	\$300	\$400	\$150
Moose	N/A	\$400	\$500	\$200
Muskox-bull	\$500	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$550
Muskox-cow	\$25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sheep	N/A	\$425	\$550	\$212.50
Wolf	N/A	\$30	\$50	\$15
Wolverine	N/A	\$175	\$250	\$87.50
<b>Sport Fish Business Owner and Guide Licenses</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Business Owner License Only	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Guide License Only	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Combo Business Owner/Guide License	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>McNeil River Bear Viewing</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Application Fee	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Guided Permit	\$150	\$350	\$350	\$350
Camp Permit	\$75	\$175	\$175	\$175
<b>Professional Licenses</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>	<b>NonResident Alien</b>	<b>NonResident Military</b>
Fur Dealer	\$150	\$500	\$500	\$500
Taxidermy	\$200	\$500	\$500	\$500
Game Mammal or Reptile Farm	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Game Bird Farm	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

\*\*Sport fishing license fees increased in 2006 to provide for sport fishing facilities. See Facility surcharge AS 16.05.340 for further information.