Guard plans statewide muster

In response to events in the Middle East, where Iraq has overtaken Kuwait, Maj. Gen. John W. Schaeffer last week announced plans to conduct an Alaska Army National Guard muster to test its mobilization.

Schaeffer is the adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard.

Army regulations require such a test annually for all Army Guard units. The Alaska Army National Guard had planned a test exercise prior to and during the Arctic Warrior 91 exercise in February, but the muster was moved up in response to world events, according to the Guard.

Plans require all Army Guard members to report to their unit armories with their personal equipment as soon as possible after receiving the alert message.

Commanders will conduct inspec-

tions of the soldiers to insure nuclear, biological chemical equipment, individual equipment and personnel files are in order.

Schaeffer has ordered the muster to be completed by Saturday.

Commanders of the 207th and 297th groups plan to muster on Thursday. Those two groups comprise the majority of Army Guard units in Alaska.