

Big Recruiting

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The Army and Air National Guard of Alaska have launched an extensive recruiting campaign, Major General C.F. Necrason, the Adjutant General of Alaska announced today.

To be known as "Try One In The Guard," the program is aimed at attracting prior service personnel and at retaining Guardsmen whose terms of enlistment are expiring.

By special arrangement, the program will offer former servicemen an opportunity to sign up for a one-year enlistment, or to "Try One In The Guard," to see how they like the National Guard, and the Guardsmen an offer to "stay with us" one more year.

The program is designed, also, to increase the combat readiness of the Guard through the use of experienced personnel, many of whom would be expected to be Vietnam veterans, and to save the taxpayers money by reducing the training costs in the Guard.

"We estimate," said General Necrason, "that we can train three men with prior service for a year for the same cost as training one man without previous experience."

The Guard will continue to accept persons without prior service, General Necrason emphasized, but the number being accepted for enlistment will be much smaller than in the past.