

Display 'salutes' Alaska Guard

Representatives from the Alaska Army and Air National Guard will take part in the Northway Mall "Salute To The Armed Forces" Thursday through Sunday in Anchorage.

Exhibits will include display of a UH-1 Huey helicopter, Air Traffic Control equipment and the highly unusual looking Small Unit Support Vehicle.

"Both of the Army and Air Guard organizations are in a high growth period," say recruiting officials.

According to Army Guard recruiting chief, Lt. Col. John Goodman, "The Alaska Army National Guard is growing by over 16 percent (this fiscal year) or more than 570 part-time positions. The majority of these new part-time jobs are situated here in the Anchorage area and the Mat-Su Valley area. We're excited about our growth."

While not looking for the same numbers to join them, Col. Ken Taylor of the Alaska Air National Guard explained, "We are never-



theless as excited about our prospects for growth. We're striving to expand our mission capabilities by adding four additional aircraft each to both our Anchorage and Fairbanks units, along with several hundred new part-time members."

So far Army and Air Guard officials report that their recruiting

and retention efforts are about on target. Still, they express concern in "getting the word out."

This year's "salute" to the armed forces has far greater interest to Alaska Army and Air Guard representatives. They say they're excited about this opportunity to discuss their growth.