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ROTC Awards Program, 5/6/72

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Drum roll. Commands are given.

The speaker thanks everyone, asks them to be seated, acknowledges Lieutenant Governor Boucher and the rest of the audience. On behalf of the ROTC Cadet Corps of the University of Alaska, he welcomes everyone to the 12th annual Governor's Day ROTC Award Ceremony. Presentation of the individual ROTC Awards has been traditionally conducted on Governor's day.

This past Wednesday, at their annual awards luncheon, The Daughters of the American Revolution honored Jim Christianson with their ROTC Achievement Award, but withheld presentation until this morning. Here to present the award on behalf of The Daughters of the American Revolution is Mrs. C.D. Collins(?).

The award consists of a gold metal pennant and ribbon bar is presented to member of the senior class with the most outstanding qualities of leadership ability, patriotism, dependability and good character.

The next award is the Kiem Trophy which goes to Frank C. Butler. Presenting the award is the donor, Professor Charles J Keim, The award consists of a percussion cap target rifle with original accessories. A small trophy, symbolic of the original trophy, is presented to the high scoring freshman marksman.

In memory of a remarkable former cadet who died in a civilian helicopter accident in the Wrangell mountains two years ago, the Ralph P. Cernak Award was originated last year to recognize the outstanding freshman ranger. Cadet Bradley D. Lewis(?) receives this award. Brigadier General C.M. Hall, Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army, Alaska and Commanding General of Fort Wainwright presents the Award.

The Reserve Officers Association provides four awards, one for a designated cadet in each peer group. Presenting the award is a representative of the Reserve Officers Association. Receiving the freshman award is cadet Thomas A McCan(?). Receiving the sophomore award is cadet Russel P Sirian(?). Receiving the junior award is cadet Timothy D. Dooley(?). Receiving the senior award is cadet Gay O'Dunnell(?).

The Veteran of Foreign Wars Medal Golden Hearts Post 3629 in Fairbanks goes to Donald Ram(?), Jr. Mr. Gray Tilly, representing VFW, presents the award.

The Association of the United States Army Medal is presented to cadet Richard W. Korosik(?). Mr. Donald R. Bruce(?) presents the award, president of the local AUSA chapter.

The American Legion offers two separate awards. The general military excellence awards are sponsored by the Dorman H. Baker Post, Fairbanks. Past National Vice Commander C. Russell Huber presents the award. The winner of the junior award is cadet Russell R. Cunningham. The winner of the senior award is cadet Thomas A. Bear(?). The winner of the American Legion National Vice Commander's Scholarship Award is cadet Phillip E. Jacobson(?).

The next award is an army dress blue uniform sponsored by the Fort Wainwright Officer's Wives Club. Cadet G. Taylor Jones(?) receives the award. Presenting the award is Mrs. Mildred Garcia, president of the Officers' Wives Club.

The Superior Cadet Medals are sponsored by the United States Army. The Deputy Commander General of the United States Army, Alaska, Brigadier General Charles M. Hall(?) presents the award to junior John C. Deal(?) and senior James E. Christianson(?).

The University of Alaska President's Medal is presented to James E. Vic(?) by Dr. William Wood.

The final award, the Governor's Medal, is traditionally viewed as the highest award for the senior class. This year it goes to James E. Christianson(?). H. A. "Red" Boucher, Lieutenant Governor of Alaska, presents the medal.

The head of the ROTC program, Lieutenant Colonel Prokopowich is introduced. Mr. Prokopowich says that this year, though more effort was spent on recruiting than ever before, the cadet corps is smaller than before. With the smaller cadet corps, some activities dwindled, while others flourished. The spirit of teamwork, determination, and harmony is unprecedented in the past three years. He says that the men who made up the corps this year are outstanding and creditable. He would like to acknowledge the parents, relatives and wives of the cadets for their contributions.

The program concludes with the retiring of the colors.