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10th Annual Governor's Day celebration

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Series:

The tape starts with a band playing. The song ends, followed by military commands. The band plays another song. The tape cuts in with a man announcing, "...was due at the airport at 10:15. We might start a few minutes late. Thank you." The band starts a new song. In all, the band plays 7 songs before it plays the Star-Spangled Banner at minute 13.

At minute 14, a man welcomes everyone to the 10th Annual Governor's Day celebration. Presentation of the ROTC detachment awards which recognize outstanding cadets begins:

The Kiem Trophy goes to Chris A. Kinter(?). Presenting the award is the donor, Dean 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.

The Reserve Officers Association provides four awards, one for a designated cadet in each peer group who possesses leadership, moral character and an aptitude for military service. Presenting the award Elton A. Toll(?), representing of the Reserve Officers Association, Department of Alaska.

Receiving the freshman award is cadet Norman Wagner(?).
Receiving the sophomore award is cadet Thomas A. Bear(?).
Receiving the junior award is cadet Stephan J. Heckman(?).
Receiving the senior award is cadet Jefferson W. Barber(?).

The Honor Cadet Ribbon is sponsored by the professor of military science for those students demonstrating outstanding ability in leadership and military training. Mr. William O' Neill, president of the University Board of Regents will present the awards.

Receiving the sophomore award Robert E Hiller, Jr.(?).
Receiving the junior award is cadet Floyd J Damron(?).
Receiving the senior award is cadet Thomas W. Monk.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Medal Golden Hearts Post 3629 in Fairbanks goes to Broderick S. Johnston(?), the ROTC cadet in his freshman class for outstanding leadership, overall scholarship, military aptitude and merit. Mr. Gray Tilly, representing VFW, presents the award.

The Association of the United States Army Medal is presented to Cadet Ralph P. Sernak(?). Dr. Earl Beistline presents the award, president of the local AUSA chapter. This award is given to a junior ROTC

cadet in the top 10% of his ROTC class, the top 25% of his academic class, and make an outstanding contribution, through leadership, to advancing the standing of the ROTC and the military at the university.

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 James G. Norris(?) who was unable to attend today's ceremony. The winner of the senior award is cadet William D. McGee(?).

This award is given to a cadet in the top 25% of his academic class who has demonstrated outstanding qualities in military leadership, discipline, character and academic leadership.

The winner of the American Legion National Vice Commander's ROTC Scholastic Award is cadet Gerald S. Colt(?). Mr. Huber(?) also presents this award. The recipient of the award must be in the upper 10% of academic class, upper 25% of his ROTC class and have demonstrated leadership and student activity participation.

The Academic Achievement Award consists of a ribbon awarded to a cadet who has accumulated a GPA 3.0 in all subjects and an average of 3.5 in his ROTC classes. Presenting the award is academic vice president Donald R. Theophilus Jr(?).

Winner of the freshman award is Chris A. Kinter(?).

Winner of the sophomore award is Bobby L. Gattis(?).

Winner of the junior award is Cadet James G. Norris(?) who is not present.

The next award is an army dress blue uniform sponsored by the Fort Wainwright Officer's Wives Club. Cadet commander of troops David R. Reger(?) receives the award. Presenting the award is Mrs. Charmaine Clauss(?), president of the Officers' Wives Club. This award is presented annually to the cadet who distinguishes himself during the summer field training conducted between junior and senior years. He must also be in the upper half of his senior academic class.

The Superior Cadet Medals are sponsored by the United States Army. The cadet must be in the upper 25% in both his academic and ROTC classes, have demonstrated outstanding military leadership, and have discipline, courtesy, and character. The Commanding General of the United States Army, Alaska, Major General Kelly B. Lemon, Jr.(?) presents the award to freshman Christian A. Smith(?), and sophomore James E. Christianson(?).

Presenting the Superior Cadet Medals to the advanced course cadets is Lt. Gen. Robert G. Roug(?), commander of the Alaska Command. Junior award winner is Cadet Ralph P. Sernak(?). Senior award winner is William K. Hale(?).

The University of Alaska President's Medal is presented to Bobby L. Gatis(?) by Dr. William Wood. The medal is given to the outstanding sophomore cadet who has distinguished himself through scholarship, military aptitude and significant leadership contribution to the ROTC and the university.

The final award, the Governor's Medal, is traditionally viewed as the highest award for the senior class. This year it goes to Gerald S. Colt(?). Honorable Keith H. Miller, Governor of Alaska, presents the medal. The award is given to the senior ROTC cadet in the upper 10% of ROTC class and has demonstrated leadership, discipline, courtesy, and character.

Military commands. Applause. Military commands. Presumably the colors are being retired. There is a round of applause for the parents of the cadets. The speaker introduces the University of Alaska women's drill team commanded by Mrs. Barbara McCaddy(?). Faint noises. Commands being given. Applause.

The ROTC drill team commanded by Cadet Denny Helmig(?). The drill team won an award for outstanding drill unit this year. Faint noises. Commands being given. Applause.

The speaker introduces William R. Wood, the president of the University of Alaska. President Wood introduces the Governor of Alaska (Keith Harvey Miller?). The governor says it is his honor to be at Governor's Day at the university today and to present the Governor's Award this morning. He commends the young men, the University of Alaska and the military officials for this excellent ROTC program. Though he did not participate in ROTC himself, he knows it would have stood him in good stead.

Recent developments in Southeast Asia are disturbing. The governor knows the decision announced night before last by the president was a very difficult one. The governor reiterates his support of President Nixon's Vietnam policy leading toward a just and honorable peace in Southeast Asia. The unwarranted attack of North Vietnam on Cambodia left the president no other choice. The fall of Cambodia would leave South Vietnam defenseless and make the planned withdrawal of American troops impossible. He salutes the president for his courageous and correct decision and congratulates the young men of ROTC for their contribution to the preparedness of our state and our nation.

Applause. Rustling noises. The announcer thanks the audience for their attendance. Military commands. A yell. Applause. The band plays.