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## **Largest Class in Alaska Military Youth Academy History to Graduate**

*161 Alaska teens prepare for graduation from the AMYA ChalleNGe Program*

**CAMP DENALI, Alaska** – The Alaska Military Youth Academy is set to graduate its largest class in its 15 year history this Friday on Fort Richardson.

After five and a half months of academics, military style discipline and training, and community service, 161 cadets will graduate from the Alaska Military Youth Academy and will join more than 2600 cadets who have graduated from the program since 1994.

Nationally recognized as a top program, the Alaska Military Youth Academy was recently awarded the “Most Progressive ChalleNGe Program” in the nation for 2008. They are also ranked number one in the nation for contact and recruitment of high school dropouts.

The Alaska Military Youth Academy continues to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth and produce program graduates with the values, skills, education, and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults.

Who: Alaska Military Youth Academy

What: Graduation ceremony for 161 Cadets

**When: Friday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

Where: Buckner Physical Fitness Center, Fort Richardson, Alaska

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***Reporters and Editors: Media are welcome and encouraged to attend, please call 428-6034 to arrange an escort onto Fort Richardson if you are interested in attending.***