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## **Yellow Ribbon Program Headed to Northwest Alaska**

*Team will help veterans understand their benefits and guide them to available resources*

**CAMP DENALI, Alaska**—The Alaska National Guard Yellow Ribbon Program will be visiting communities in Northwest Alaska July 21-23 to provide information and assistance to veterans regarding their benefits and entitlements earned while in service.

The goal of each event is to bring information to rural Alaska communities and educate service members on their benefits. Veterans of all military branches, including members of the Alaska Territorial Guard, as well as military dependents and troops currently serving are encouraged to attend.

July 21: Brevig Mission Multipurpose Building at 10 a.m.  
Shishmaref Community Hall at 2 p.m.

July 22: Deering City Building Meeting Room 10 a.m.  
Buckland City Chambers at 2 p.m.

July 23: Elim City Building in basement at 9:30 a.m.  
Koyak Community Center at 12:30 p.m.  
Golovin City Hall at 3:30 p.m.

Trips to other rural Alaska communities across the state are in the works and forecasted to run until September 2010.

On most trips, the traveling team will consist of a State Veterans Service officer, who deals directly with veterans regarding benefits and entitlements; the Transition Assistance Advisor, who provides assistance with transitional services; the Yellow Ribbon coordinator; the Reconnecting Veterans Counselor; and members of the Alaska National Guard command.

The team will be on hand to answer questions and assess the needs of veterans so that the right resources can be directed their way. For example, if veterans don't understand how to get their disability or how to get an appointment with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the team can help with those issues.

For more information and to find out when a traveling team is coming your way, contact Alice Barr at 907-545-1171 or toll-free at 888-917-3608.