

People In Service

Army College Fund Extended Another Year

CHARLOTTE, NC—The Army College Fund program has proved so successful since its introduction last year that it has been extended another year.

According to Lieutenant Colonel James J. Mills, Commander of the Charlotte District Recruiting Command, who is responsible for Army Recruiting activities throughout western North Carolina, this extension will allow many of the state's seniors the opportunity to acquire money for their higher education.

Designed to attract highly qualified young men and women to enlist into certain specialized areas, the Army College Fund (ACF) program augments the Veterans Education Assistance Program by adding a bonus of from \$8,000 to \$12,000. The Army is the only branch of service to offer this special incentive bonus.

Under the parent program ad-



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ministered by the Veterans Administration a soldier contributes up to \$2,700 during a three- or four-year enlistment, or up to \$2,400 during a two-year enlistment. Matched by government funds on a \$2 for \$1 ratio, a maximum of \$8,100 can be reached. When the soldier qualifies for the ACF, the Army adds bonus money which provides a soldier who enlists for two years with a fund of \$15,200 and a soldier who enlists for three or four years of \$20,100.

"This is a fantastic return on the soldier's personal contribution," Mills said. "It is an earned benefit of enlistment and not a burdensome loan to be repaid at high interest rates," he added.

Army jobs offering ACF are subject to change as the needs of the Army change. Recent offerings included many high technological jobs such as missile electronics specialist, tactical microwave systems repairer, air traffic control tower operator, electronic instrument repairer and communications-electronics maintenance.

Also, specialties such as food services, date communications, military police and dental laboratory technicians.

Mills said that 179 seniors of the class of 1983 have already enlisted and are eligible for the

Completes Training

Marine Pvt. Randy K. Grayson, son of Mary Grayson of 701 Landing St., Kings Mountain, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork, and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

ACF. Of these, 75 per cent have already signed up to participate in the program.

"My command has been noted for having the highest percentage of participants in the ACF program of all commands in the United States," Mills said. "My recruiters and counselors

are continuing to explain the program to interested applicants and to interest applicants who had not previously considered college in their future plans," he said.

"With every-increasing college costs and tightened restrictions on school loans, the Army is ready to provide a way for

qualified young Carolinians to pursue their educational goals," he said.

To obtain details on qualification standards and current job skill openings, contact the nearest Army Recruiting Station. Listings are in the Yellow Pages of telephone directories under, "Recruiting."

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Dwight Ross Ends Course

Airman Dwight P. Ross, son of Eula M. Gordon and stepson of George Gordon of Route 1, Kings Mountain, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ross will now serve at Howard Air Force Base, Panama, with the 24th Security Police Squadron.

He is a 1981 graduate of Bessemer City High School.

Pvt. Clark Has Basic

Pvt. Norman W. Clark, son of William N. and Mary B. Clark of 205 E. Parker St., Kings Mountain, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

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