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# **ARKANSAS FOCUSED, MISSION READY**

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Since 1804, the Arkansas National Guard has proudly served as a community-based, combat-proven force of citizen Soldiers and Airmen. More than 8,500 Guardsmen accept the challenges of serving their state and nation, and continue to achieve greatness. The Arkansas National Guard's partnerships continue to grow stronger year after year as we move forward in the global war on terrorism, protect the homeland, and serve as leaders in communities around the state.

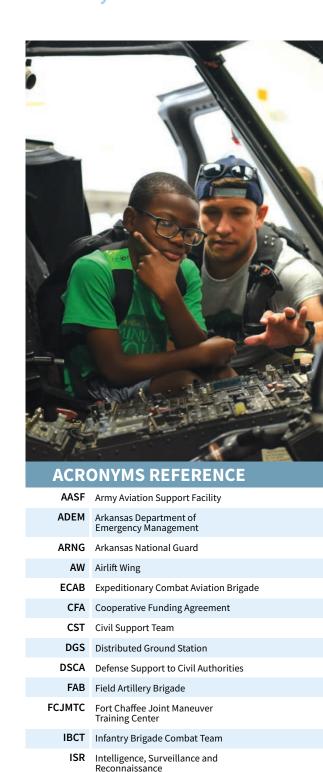
The Soldiers and Airmen of the Arkansas National Guard are trained professionals. Guardsmen are well-equipped with warfighting and disaster-response skills to ensure mission success, whether on foreign soil or performing civil support missions here in Arkansas. The Arkansas National Guard consistently proves it has the best Soldiers and Airmen in the nation.

The Arkansas National Guard is committed to its domestic operations mission. Our Guardsmen are a trained, rapid-response force ready to deploy when the Governor, the state's commander-in-chief, calls upon the National Guard during state emergencies to meet the needs of Arkansans. The Arkansas National Guard continues to serve the communities around the state by performing disaster response missions, security assistance, search and rescue, and other missions where Guardsmen's unique capabilities are unmatched.

The Arkansas National Guard is a community-based organization. Our all-volunteer Guardsmen force continue to build partnerships throughout Arkansas. They work with community leaders, and add tremendous value to the state by strengthening the ties between Guardsmen and the people of Arkansas.

The Guard adds value to the global community by participating in the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program with the Central American country of Guatemala. This relationship strengthens both countries by providing the state's Soldiers and Airmen with unique and valuable training opportunities, while providing the Guatemalan military with disaster response and humanitarian relief expertise.

The Soldiers and Airmen of the Arkansas National Guard will continue to add value to communities around the state and provide an agile, adaptable and scalable military force suitable for any situation at home or abroad. The Arkansas National Guard stands ready to meet the needs of the nation and fellow Arkansans. Our citizen Soldiers and Airmen are Arkansas focused and mission ready.



Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer

**Robinson Maneuver Training Center** 

**RPA** Remotely Piloted Aircraft

(Camp Robinson)

SPP State Partnership Program

YCP Youth Challenge Program

# ARKANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BENEFITS

# Professional Training in over 150 jobs

https://www.nationalguard.com/careers/

20k Bonus for select jobs (in your pocket) 100% TA -\$4000 per year (paid to school)

https://www.nationalguard.com/authorized-rates-and-fees-for-fta

**100% State School tution** (paid to school)

http://www.arguard.org/education

\$392.00 MGI Bill - per month (in your pocket)

https://www.nationalguard.com/tools/gi-bill

\$350.00 MGI Bill Kicker (more in your pocket)

https://www.nationalguard.com/tools/gi-bill

\$50k student loan repayment

https://www.nationalguard.com/tools/student-loan-repayment-program

**\$218.00** (New Soldier)

\$334.28 (E4 over 3 years) - Drill Check (in your pocket)

https://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/Pay-Tables.html

\$1566.90 -Basic Training (in your pocket)

https://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/Pay-Tables.html

\$850.00 -Basic Allowance for Housing (at BCT)

http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm

\$47.82/month – Health Insurance (single)

\$217.51/month - Health Insurance (family)

http://www.tricare.mil/Costs/HealthPlanCosts/TRS









# **ARKANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BENEFITS**

The Arkansas Air National Guard (ARANG) is composed of dedicated, professional men and women who have sworn to defend their country.

Unlike the active-duty Air Force, our members are part-time Airmen. They work, go to school, and live in the local community. These part-time Airmen, or "traditional Guardsmen," serve in the military one-weekend per month at Little Rock Air Force Base and two weeks per year at any location throughout the world. They could be your neighbors, teachers, co-workers, family or friends. They are civilians in peace and warriors in war.

Air Guard members want to serve their country and their community, while working towards their future. They are part of a mission they are proud of, and part of something bigger than themselves.

# Serve one weekend a month, two weeks a year:

Earn \$231-\$272 each weekend served (E1-E3)

**NGTW** – 100% tuition and may cover fees for first bachelor's degree at Arkansas State colleges and universities.

**1Oct20 Federal TA** will cover \$250 per credit hour, up to \$4,500 per year for 1 undergraduate, 1 graduate, and 2 certification (eligible certifications from AFCool program)

**Montgomery GI Bill Ch1606-** 36 Months receive \$384 in living costs while a full time student (*If committing for 6 years*)

# Basic training and Job training are college accredited

## **Free CLEP tests**

**TriCare** – Extremely affordable medical, vision and dental insurance for you and your family

# Free Gym Membership

# **Commissary and Base Exchange Access**

## **Discounted Travel and Space-A Travel**

**VA Home loans** – VA offers a zero down payment option for first time home buyers

**SGLI** – Low cost life insurance for you & your dependents

**Thrift Savings Plan** – Retirement Savings plan similar to a 401(k) with Traditional or Roth investing

# Earn a retirement

# Plus many more benefits

# **WORKFORCE / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



# A DIVERSE FORCE

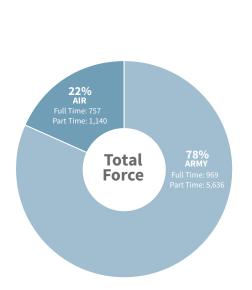
The Arkansas National Guard is a community-based force, consisting of men and women from every county in the state. It is a cross section of society representing every demographic group in Arkansas.

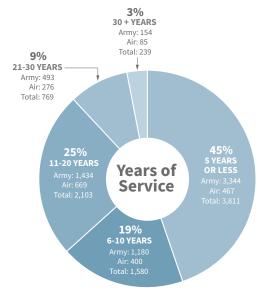
The force is consists of more than 8,500 Soldiers and Airmen; 6,600 in the Army National Guard and 1,900 in the Air National Guard. They are a highly skilled and highly trained team of professional men and women, dedicated to serving their neighbors.

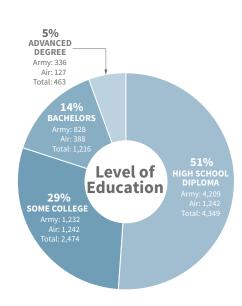
More than 2,100 full-time employees work together to perform critical jobs to support the total force. The Arkansas Department of the Military manages 500 civilian employees to support installation infrastructure around the state. The full-time workforce is consists of over 960 Army and 750 Air National Guardsmen who work together to manage the day-to-day operations of the Arkansas National Guard. They are logisticians, maintainers, aviators, planners and administrators, and they are essential to mission accomplishment.

# **OUR DEMOGRAPHICS**

**NOTE:** The average age of our Soldiers in the Arkansas Army National Guard is 29.5 years old and the average age of Airmen in the Arkansas Air National Guard is 35.25 years old.







# **WORKFORCE / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT TO EVERY COUNTY**

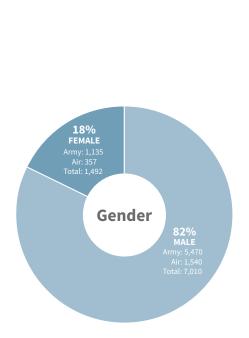
Our Soldiers and Airmen live in every county in the state and provide an economic impact felt by virtually every community. During FY19, nearly \$307 million in payroll was earned by our Soldiers, Airmen and civilian employees who live in the state. The economic impact generated by that workforce creates jobs and supports businesses throughout the state.

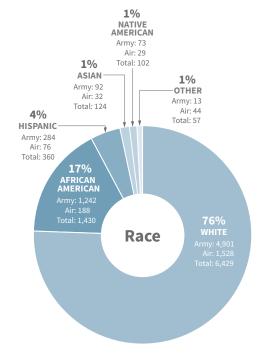
# FINANCIAL IMPACT ACROSS THE STATE

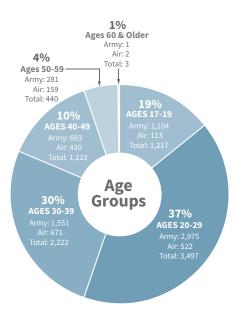
The National Guard is not only a cost effective organization, but the state receives hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding every year to operate and maintain our force. During FY19, more than \$426 million in federal funding was spent in Arkansas. Those funds were used to provide service contracts, utilities and operating expenditures that support Arkansas business and keep the force operational.

Our Cooperative Funding Agreement with the National Guard Bureau supports construction, maintenance and operating expenses for our facilities. Arkansas received over \$51 million in CFA funding during FY19.









# WORKFORCE / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNTY BY COUNTY

Economic impact by county, based upon assigned strength of Arkansas National Guard personnel.\*

COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL
ARKANSAS COUNTY	\$840,126.12	LITTLE RIVER COUNTY	\$236,552.47
ASHLEY COUNTY	\$102,485.66	LOGAN COUNTY	\$4,237,184.02
BAXTER COUNTY	\$2,369,119.24	LONOKE COUNTY	\$39,179,387.75
BENTON COUNTY	\$16,869,969.85	MADISON COUNTY	\$520,694.49
BOONE COUNTY	\$934,516.05	MARION COUNTY	\$585,403.66
BRADLEY COUNTY	\$795,154.63	MILLER COUNTY	\$871,287.14
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$188,297.56	MISSISSIPPI COUNTY	\$221,553.64
CARROLL COUNTY	\$244,867.28	MONROE COUNTY	\$69,489.93
CHICOT COUNTY	\$67,249.73	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$334,772.57
CLARK COUNTY	\$1,227,699.31	NEVADA COUNTY	\$518,559.45
CLAY COUNTY	\$112,385.63	NEWTON COUNTY	\$112,344.58
CLEBURNE COUNTY	\$1,308,536.46	OUACHITA COUNTY	\$1,030,613.10
CLEVELAND COUNTY	\$270,376.06	PERRY COUNTY	\$1,091,169.43
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$365,922.62	PHILLIPS COUNTY	\$137,764.19
CONWAY COUNTY	\$1,870,409.87	PIKE COUNTY	\$608,733.21
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY	\$10,632,863.66	POINSETT COUNTY	\$3,277,797.59
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$16,302,188.04	POLK COUNTY	\$1,503,369.72
CRITTENDEN COUNTY	\$922,458.65	POPE COUNTY	\$7,602,154.94
CROSS COUNTY	\$290,466.65	PRAIRIE COUNTY	\$416,733.26
DALLAS COUNTY	\$556,377.29	PULASKI COUNTY	\$119,896,617.27
DESHA COUNTY	\$94,677.34	RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$445,576.35
DREW COUNTY	\$690,129.45	SAINT FRANCIS COUNTY	\$900,159.47
FAULKNER COUNTY	\$24,563,440.76	SALINE COUNTY	\$17,086,307.11
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$3,093,353.91	SCOTT COUNTY	\$2,355,605.82
FULTON COUNTY	\$366,894.52	SEARCY COUNTY	\$476,224.69
GARLAND COUNTY	\$7,625,208.66	SEBASTIAN COUNTY	\$72,062,505.09
GRANT COUNTY	\$3,843,396.83	SEVIER COUNTY	\$483,951.57
GREENE COUNTY	\$3,663,081.21	SHARP COUNTY	\$501,763.35
HEMPSTEAD COUNTY	\$668,654.24	STONE COUNTY	\$467,192.40
HOT SPRING COUNTY	\$1,880,840.60	UNION COUNTY	\$1,614,123.20
HOWARD COUNTY	\$428,554.41	VAN BUREN COUNTY	\$946,977.68
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY	\$585,355.06	WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$16,148,002.26
IZARD COUNTY	\$371,149.46	WHITE COUNTY	\$17,266,730.04
JACKSON COUNTY	\$282,828.01	WOODRUFF COUNTY	\$307,298.52
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$6,141,640.28	YELL COUNTY	\$1,669,072.45
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$2,002,088.03	0555	
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	\$106,234.88	GUARD MEMBERS	¢10 006 027 67
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$633,294.62	LIVING OUT OF STATE	\$18,086,827.67
LEE COUNTY	\$104,229.54	TOTALS	\$447,062,239.03
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$375,916.35		

<sup>\*</sup> All information is captured for Fiscal Year 2019.

# WORKFORCE / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FISCAL YEAR 2019

# \$7.6 MILLION

# **STATE FUNDING**

2.1% OF TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

**PLUS** 

# **\$447.1 MILLION**

# FEDERAL FUNDING

(INCLUDES \$51 MILLION)
IN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT MONIES
97.9% of total operational budget

**EQUALS** 

# **\$454.7 MILLION**

**FISCAL 2019** 

TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES & CONSTRUCTION

# **STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING**

# **STATE EXPENDITURES**

*State Payroll	6,600,000.00
State Emergency Call-Up	1,049,000.00
TOTAL STATE EXPENDITURES	\$7,649,000.00

#### FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

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Cooperative Funding Agreement	51,718,837.00
Military Pay (Army)	81,523,454.64
Civilian Pay (Army)	46,559,700.00
Active Guard & Reserve (Army)	79,377,898.25
Operations & Maintenance (Army)	24,808,859.00
Active Guard & Reserve (Air)	37,222,016.61
Military Pay (Air)	46,116,018.59
Civilain Pay (Air)	34,231,941.94
Operations & Maintenance (Air)	8,196,969.00
PEC Pay & Operations	37,306,544.00
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$447,062,239.03
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$750,273,544.40*

\*A multiplier of 1.65 was used to estimate economic impact of the total state and federal expenditures.

Data source: IMPLAN County-Level, Arkansas Version 3.1.1001.12.



**Note:** The Cooperative Funding Agreement between the Arkansas Military Department and the National Guard Bureau is in place to support construction, maintenance, repair or operation of facilities, and mission operational support as authorized. This does not include military construction monies, which are separate.

# **PUTTING ARKANSAS FIRST**

## STATE ACTIVE DUTY MISSIONS

The Arkansas National Guard is always ready and always there to answer when Arkansans call. During 2019, our Guardsmen completed 90 different state active duty missions. These missions are coordinated through the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management as directed by the governor. They give our Guardsmen an opportunity to apply their skills and training in a homeland security role by assisting local authorities in emergency response and disaster recovery.

These missions included: supporting local, state and federal law enforcement with our Counter Drug Program, flood support with our aviation brigade and weather analysis with our Unclassified Processing Assessment and Dissemination unit.

Arkansas Guardsmen not only responded to the need of Arkansans but also to the nation. Our Guardsmen assisted with Hurricane Michael recoveries and assisted border patrol operations.

While the National Guard's primary focus is the safety and security of the citizens of Arkansas, we also have a responsibility to our taxpayers to use their dollars responsibly and efficiently. In 2019, the Arkansas National Guard provided professional, cost-effective and reliable solutions for the needs of Arkansans with a total cost to the state of \$772,567.49.

The Arkansas National Guard has developed plans for homeland security-type missions, and are uniquely qualified to support needs within the state. In order to receive our assistance, a local community mayors, county judges or county sheriffs should request specific support through the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management. These requests must be validated by county coordinators and channeled to the governor's office for approval.

## **DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

The Arkansas National Guard is funded, trained and equipped to support federal wartime missions, but at home the National Guard is best known for our unique role in state missions. Because of this dual mission status, we are well suited to support civil authorities in times of natural disaster and other state emergency situations.

Each year the Arkansas National Guard participates in a wide array of training and combined exercises with local, state and federal authorities to refine plans and synchronize operations concepts. This advanced training fortifies roles and responsibilities and provides for expectation management during stressful emergency situations.

In its homeland security role, the National Guard uses its specialized technology and capabilities for any response mission. As a partner element to civilian agencies, the support the Guard provides is dependent upon what is requested.

# Some of the capabilities the Arkansas National Guard can provide are:

manned and unmanned aircraft providing aerial observation capabilities for damage assessments

various engineering assets and heavy equipment used to clear access ways and streets for recovery operations

light and heavy transport trucks

bulk transport of fresh water

all terrain Humvees and ambulances for winter weather patrols

electrical power generators

helicopters for medevac

search and rescue operations and aerial firefighting support

The most valuable asset of the National Guard is its highly trained, professional personnel who operate the technical and complex systems and equipment. These Soldiers and Airmen direct the planning and coordination with agency partners and manage their resources to ensure the Arkansas National Guard delivers life-saving and life-sustaining resources whenever and wherever needed.



# **COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM**

The Arkansas National Guard Counterdrug Program contributes military support for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations, which bridges the gap between Department of Defense and non-DoD institutions in the fight against illicit drugs and transnational threats.

In FY 19, the program executed missions throughout the state supporting law enforcement investigations with criminal analysts, ground recon and over 290 flight hours from counterdrug aviation. This support resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs, cash and other assets combined for an estimated value of \$55.9 million and contributed to the arrest and prosecution of 1,263 individuals involved in drug trafficking throughout the State of Arkansas.

Additionally, the program provided transportation assistance during two statewide prescription drug take back initiatives involving 171 collection locations. These two initiatives resulted in 54,907 pounds of prescription medication turned in for destruction.

The Mobile Communications Team of the Arkansas Counterdrug Task Force provided tailored incident, awareness, and assessment (IAA) products to local, state and federal agencies across the nation through the analysis of full motion video and electro-optical imagery collected by the Air National Guard's RC-26B aircraft and other IAA systems. The Mobile Communications section supported Counterdrug operations in Arkansas, Nevada, California and Kansas in 2019 resulting in seizures of 54 firearms, 109 arrests, \$40,118 in cash, and 1,093 pounds of illicit drugs valued at over \$1,000,000.

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**HEROIN** 115 lbs /up 48% **ICE/METH** 498 lbs /up 6%

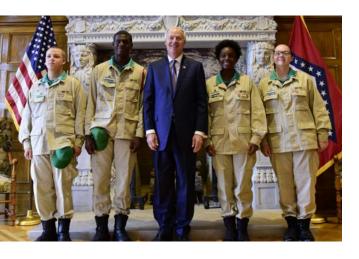
CRACK/COCAINE 374 lbs /up 134% SYNTHETICS 3 lbs /up 114%

**MARIJUANA** 4,865 lbs /down 49% **FIREARMS** 294 /down 23%

RX PILLS 54 lbs pills /up 576%

\*Percent change as compared to FY 18

# YOUTH PROGRAMS







The Youth ChalleNGe Program reshapes the future for at-risk youth. Participants in this program come from every community in the state. By instilling discipline, confidence, accountability and education this program helps young people become successful, contributing members of their communities.

# THE YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM (YCP)

In FY19 Youth ChalleNGe graduated two classes.

**Class 50:** 80 graduates, 36 GED's, and over 7,200 hours of Service to Community.

Class 51: 107 graduates, 45 GED's, over 8,500 hours of Service to the Community. This class also had 40 Cadets go through the Apprenticeship Program (40 hours of all work OSHA-related safety and training). Eighteen Cadets went through a Certified Nursing Assistant program (90 hours of instruction). There were 15 Cadets that went through the Construction Techniques Program.

YC also had major structural and grounds improvement thanks to the Adjutant General's concern and dedication to the cadets and the program. Barracks bathrooms were remodeled, awnings erected, laundry room expanded and improved, classrooms were brought to a central location, a day room was established, and a fitness room is being completed. An athletic field should be completed for Class 52. Youth ChalleNGe plans to purchase two new vans to help transport the Cadets to activities and service opportunities.

The Youth ChalleNGe Program can be reached at (501) 212-5565 or 1 (800) 814-8453 or via the web at ARYouthChalleNGe.com

# **JOINT SUPPORT SERVICES (JSS)**

The Arkansas National Guard Joint Services Support (JSS) supports the well-being of Arkansas service members, veterans, and their families through support programs, community outreach, assistance and information to promote readiness, resilience and self-reliance.

JSS enhances family readiness by providing resiliency and suicide prevention programs, a network of communication among families and chains of command, and community resources.

A total of nine Family Assistance Centers are located in the state at National Guard facilities. Each location is staffed by Family Assistance Specialists who are ready to connect Soldiers and family members with the resources required to enhance quality of life.

JSS also administers the Arkansas National Guard Child & Youth Program, The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the Arkansas National Guard Employment Network (ANGEN), and the Personal Financial Counselors (PFC), located at Camp Robinson, Fort Chaffee, and Ebbing Air National Guard Base.

JSS is the Soldier and family member's "one stop shop" for programs that can improve their overall quality of life.

## **DURING FY 19**

Military Funeral Honors (MFH) maintained three offices: Camp Robinson, Fort Chaffee, and Jonesboro AFRC, conducted 1,360 funeral services and five honorable transfer of remains. MFH processed 1371 days' pay for M-day Soldier volunteers who conducted MFH Services.

Citizen Soldier for Life assisted 144 personnel obtain employment (service members and family).

Employment Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) made 751 service member contacts, made outreach to 343 employers, and provided employment assistance 149 clients.

The National Guard Employment Support Program assisted in 36 direct hires for employment, provided resume writing assistance to 85 people, conducted 18 interview preparation exercises, and participated in 16 job fairs and special events.

ARNG Child and Youth Program hosted 10 resilient and fierce drill day camps, four yellow ribbon events, six volunteer training events, 12 family day assistance, seven educational outreaches, two multi-day steam day camps, and seven partnered events.





# NATIONAL GUARD PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CENTER (PEC)

**Mission:** The National Guard Professional Education Center provides Army Guard centric training and support to enhance readiness. **Vision:** Be the National Guard's premier innovative learning institution.

PEC has a total of 487 employees: 256 contractors, 84 Department of the Army civilians, 57 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldiers, 53 state employees, and 37 Army Guardsmen on temporary tours.

During FY 19 PEC trained 7,500 Joint Force personnel, conducting 408 iterations of 94 different courses. PEC also hosted nearly 12,000 personnel at 113 conferences. In support of these events, the Command billeted 15,688 guests over 125,000 cumulative nights, conducted about 4,200 transportation sorties moving 25,000 passengers, and served nearly 106,000 meals.

# **COMBAT PROVEN, COMBAT READY RESOURCE**



## **AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF SOLDIERS: 4,217**

The 39th Infantry Brigade is the largest major command in the state and is headquartered on Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. The 39th IBCT is comprised of 44 percent of the state's Army National Guard full-time workforce, and has units located in 37 communities in Arkansas, Nebraska and Missouri.

During FY 19 the Brigade Support Battalion sharpened their sustainment skills during a 21-day Sustainment Training Center (STC) at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

The brigade contributed 46 Soldiers operating as Stryker Brigade HQs and Division Response Cell during the 38th Infantry Division's Warfighter Exercise 19-01 at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Brigade and Battalion staffs exercised their abilities during multiple Staff Exercises and a 21-day Brigade Warfighter exercise (WFX) in preparation for their upcoming eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) and Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotations. The 39th IBCT successfully focused training efforts on squad qualification and validation, culminating in Live Fire Exercises, Section Gunnery Tables, and Brigade and Battalion Staff training with the Warfighter exercise 19-04.

The 39th IBCT provided more than 95 Soldiers in support of flood relief efforts when the Arkansas River reached historic flood stage. The brigade assisted Arkansans from Dardanelle to Arkansas City.

The brigade also continues to support water operations in Carthage, Ark.

Additionally, in September of 2019, 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, reopened the Harrison Readiness Center in Harrison, Ark., providing the brigade its northern most footprint.



#### **AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF SOLDIERS: 775**

The 77th Theater Aviation Brigade (TAB) is located on Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. It has approximately 775 Soldiers assigned to the brigade and provides aviation capabilities to the state with the UH-60 Black Hawk and UH-72 Lakota helicopters.

The UH-60 Black Hawks are configured for troop movement and MEDEVAC operations and provide support to civilian authorities through search and rescue missions, natural disaster relief, and fighting forest fires.

The UH-72 Lakotas are configured for MEDEVAC and Security and Surveillance missions. Lakota units conduct MEDEVAC, search and rescue, and aerial reconnaissance missions. These crews work with state and federal law enforcement agencies and provide critical capabilities to the counter drug program to curtail illegal drug production, transportation, and sale in Arkansas.

During FY19, the 77th executed missions at home and abroad supporting disaster relief, hurricane response, border security and combat operations in the Middle East. C/777th Aviation Support Battalion deployed to Kuwait supporting Operation Spartan Shield.

The 77th provided flood relief during the Arkansas River flood event, flying 108 hours, transporting 383 super sand bags, and responding to 18 individual requests for assistance. Additionally, the 77th deployed aircrews to Florida during Hurricane Michael.

UH-72 crews operated on the Southwest Border, flying more than 700 hours assisting border enforcement and stemming the flow of illegal narcotics into the U.S.

# **AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF SOLDIERS: 947**

**87TH TROOP COMMAND** 

The 87th Troop Command (TC) is headquartered at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock, AR and supports state natural disaster emergency operations by assisting with road clearance, security, search and rescue teams, and flood response. Additionally it serves as the Brigade Headquarters for 13 units across eight different counties in central and northeastern Arkansas.

During FY 19, the 61st CST provided assistance to local civil authorities in both Arkansas and at the regional level, and organized the very first on-site evaluation of its designated New Madrid response operating base in a mock response exercise. During this exercise the 119th MPAD provided public affairs support and garnered national-level media distribution.

The 106th Army Band conducted 60 music missions across Arkansas, and performed all the duties of the 399th Army Band in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. during its annual training.

The 216th MP Co completed "Operation Phalanx", a civil disturbance exercise, and supported two state active duty missions.

The 875th HHC accomplished the divestiture of \$9 million worth of equipment to the Missouri National Guard. The battalion's FSC provided over 12,000 meals and 15,000 gallons of fuels in support of units' training periods.

The 1037th MAC transported and operated sand bagging machines in support of a state flooding mission.

The 1036th Sapper Company participated in the External Combat Training Center (XCTC) in support of the 116th IBCT at Fort Pickett, Va

# **COMBAT PROVEN, COMBAT READY RESOURCE**



## **AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF SOLDIERS: 1,129**

The 142d FAB completed another exceptional year of training as a Focused Readiness Unit (FRU).

The FAB began FY 19 at Fort Stewart, Ga. executing WFX 19-1 with the 3rd Infantry Division.

During Annual Training the 1-142 fired 64, H185 Reduced Range Rockets from the Multiple Launch Rocket Systems platform and qualified 16 launcher crews during Table VI qualifications.

The A-1-142 and 936th Forward Support Company (FSC) prepared for their upcoming mobilization.

The 2-142 fired over 1000 rounds of 155MM HE, practice and special munitions (Illumination, Smoke, and white phosphorous). All rounds were tracked by the brigade's (BDE) two Q-53 Radar sections and observed safe.

The 217th Brigade Support Battalion and battalion FSCs conducted resupply operations, day and night for the duration of annual training 19.

The 142 Signal Co participated in Operation Northern Strike at Camp Grayling, MI. During this exercise the BDE coordinated Joint Air-Guard Integration Center and current operations integration cell operations to refine target accusation and reduce sensor to shooter reaction times.

The 142d FAB finished FY 19 at Fort Indian Town Gap, Penn., participating in WFX 20-1 as the force field artillery and counter fire headquarters for the 29th ID. This exercise enabled the BDE to focus its efforts in becoming a deployable, qualified and validated operational force, responsive and adaptive to the needs of the combatant commander.

## **AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF AIRMEN: 1,020**

The 188th Wing located on Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith, Ark. flies the MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft. The wing houses a full-spectrum targeting squadron that has led the Air Force in utilizing publically available information software to update national imagery and categorize military targets worldwide.

During FY 19, the targeting squadron completed 240 targeting tasks, the intelligence group analyzed 900 target locations, and the MQ-9 Reaper squadron conducted 235 kinetic events utilizing laser guided bombs and missiles.

The civil engineering squadron houses the only Air National Guard RED HORSE Training Center. It has trained more than 13,500 students from all branches of the military in a variety of heavy construction disciplines.

The wing's missions, combined with Razorback Range, offer unparalleled capabilities for customers to integrate with joint special operations and conventional forces for real-world training events, such as close air support and combat operation scenarios for fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft.

## **AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF AIRMEN: 1,122**

The 189th Airlift Wing is located on Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Ark.

The wing operates the Air National Guard Enlisted Aircrew Academic School, training the Air Force's C-130 entry-level loadmasters and flight engineers before their initial and mission qualification training.

In addition to its academic training missions, the 189 AW flies an average of eight training sorties a day and graduates an average of 520 Air Force, international and inter-service students per year.

During FY 19, approximately 120 wing members deployed to multiple locations across the globe.

The 189th's Rapid Augmentation Team (RAT) package that is uniquely designed to provide a rapid response force to local, state, and federal authorities in support of domestic operations. The team is uniquely equipped to support state emergency operations with incident command, road clearing, search and rescue, security, flood response and natural disaster assistance.

The 223rd Cyberspace Operations Squadron, activated in June 2019, is the Air National Guard's first cyber training school. It prepares students to defend the Nation's cyber networks and provides both offensive and defensive cyber capabilities to the Nation's command authorities.

As the total force provider of Cyber Mission Defense Team Training, the 223rd Cyberspace Operations Squadron trained 100 cyberspace Airmen during FY 19 to identify cyber vulnerabilities and to develop safeguards for critical weapons systems.

# **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

# LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Arkansas National Guard builds partnerships with local, state and federal agencies to prepare for contingencies and homeland security missions. These interagency relationships help expedite response and reduce redundancy thereby saving lives and protecting critical infrastructure during times of emergency.

The Director of Military Support coordinates through the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) on all civil-military training, exercises and state active duty response missions. Each year units of the Arkansas National Guard participate in numerous multiagency exercises for training.



## **61ST CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM**

The 61st Civil Support Team (CST) consists of more than 20 Soldiers and Airmen from the Arkansas National Guard who stand ready to respond to natural or man-made disasters, and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) terror incidents, by providing technical expertise and specialized support to civil authorities.

The CST trains with local first responders and other agencies across the state to build bridges between military and civil authorities. Training events focus on the full spectrum of Civil Support operations from a small scale CBRN terror attack to a large scale New Madrid seismic event.

The team also provides CBRN coverage at large public events, including the Little Rock Marathon and large attendance football games and events.

# 233RD REGIMENT, REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

**Mission:** The 233D REGT (RTI) plans, resources, and executes individual training in accordance with One Army School System (OASS) policy and guidance for approved MOS-T, Professional Military Education (PME), and primary instruction in 11 CMF, 25 CMF, OCS, and Sniper courses, in order to support the needs of the state and nation.

During FY 19 RTI trained 970 Soldiers and NCOs across all three components.

# NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING CENTER (NGMTC)

The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center administers National Guard Bureau marksmanship training and competitive programs at the regional and national levels, stressing the development of combat skills to improve proficiency above basic marksmanship requirements and increase battlefield survivability. NGMTC schools focus on advanced skills that aid Soldiers and Airmen in more effective operational capabilities while increasing the level of training they can provide to their unit. NGMTC's competitions drive Soldiers and Airmen to excel while further developing marksmanship skills.

# During FY 19 the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center

Trained 319 Soldiers at NGMTC schools (Sniper, Squad Designated Marksman, and Small Arms Master Gunner course.)

Trained 1,116 Soldiers and Airmen through NGMTC competitions (Winston P. Wilson National Matches, CNGB Postal Matches, and Marksmanship Advisory Council Regional Matches)

Hosted six marksmanship competitions, bringing in over 600 Soldiers and Airmen from across the Nation to Robinson Maneuver Training Center and Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center. Additionally, supported 40 competitions across the country.

Had an economic impact of over \$1.4 million for Central Arkansas areas through schools and competitive events programs.







## PARTNER TRAINING FACILITIES

In forging these partner relationships, other agencies are afforded the opportunity to utilize some of the outstanding training facilities at the Arkansas National Guard's two installations; Camp Robinson in North Little Rock and Fort Chaffee near Fort Smith. These include numerous small arms firing ranges, urban terrain training areas, demolition ranges, cyber technology training centers, education and conference space, aviation centers, and a tactical driver training facility that provides advanced driving skills training for law enforcement across the state.

## STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The SPP is a Department of Defense (DoD) security cooperation program managed by the National Guard Bureau, executed by the geographic combatant commands (GCC), and sourced by the National Guards (NG) of the 54 States, territories, and the District of Columbia.

The Arkansas National Guard partnered with the Republic of Guatemala in 2002. Since then, the partnership has matured into a strategic tool for the U.S. Embassy's Office of Security Cooperation in Guatemala. This was achieved by maintaining constant engagement and cultivating enduring relationships with the Guatemalans.

The program had a very successful 2019. The program conducted 14 engagements with Guatemala. These engagements included: Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Response, Medical Readiness, Key Leader Engagements, Best Warrior Competition and Air Medevac procedures.

In 2020, the Arkansas National Guard has 16 scheduled engagements. The program will be focused on current efforts in Guatemala and what expertise the Guard can bring to the partnership.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

In addition to law enforcement and first responders, the Arkansas National Guard participates in four business-focused community councils and the Governor's Military Affairs Committee. Two community councils are located in Central Arkansas and two in Northwest Arkansas. These community councils are civilian, non-profit organizations consisting of community and business leaders who share a common interest in promoting the Arkansas National Guard and military services across the state.

#### **THESE COUNCILS ARE:**

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
JACKSONVILLE

CAMP ROBINSON/CAMP PIKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NORTH LITTLE ROCK

188TH WING/FORT CHAFFEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORT SMITH

> NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COUNCIL SPRINGDALE

THE GOVERNOR'S MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
LITTLE ROCK

# **FACILITIES / INSTALLATIONS**

The Arkansas National Guard is community-based with three installations and 52 readiness centers throughout the state. Our Soldiers and Airmen travel from around the state and country to train and work at these facilities.











ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER Robinson Maneuver Training Center (RMTC) is home to the RMTC Institute Support Unit and host to tenant organizations from the 39th IBCT, 77th TAB, 87th TC, JFHQ, the 233rd Regiment Regional Training Institute, the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center, National Guard Professional Education Center and The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, Arkansas State Police, Civilian Student Training Program (CSTP) and the ARNG Youth Challenge Program (YCP). The training site consists of 32,000 acres and 27 small arms ranges. During FY 2019, 435,868 individuals trained on RMTC. RMTC supported training for all Army National Guard units, in addition to this we support multiple ROTC and JROTC organizations, ADEM, Local, County, State and Federal Law Enforcement agencies, Sea Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, around 17 Army Reserve Units, USMC Reserve, Navy Reserve, the 189th ANG, the 19th AW LRAFB.

**MG CHARLES H. WILSON ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY** (**AASF**) The AASF provides mission control and maintenance support for Arkansas Army National Guard aviation assets. It also provides aviation mission command for state and federal missions and is responsible for the training and standardization of aviation aircrews.

The AASF Supports the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade and Operations Support Airlift Command. During FY19, aircrews flew more than 100 mission and 4,500 flight hours in support of state agencies, National Guard units, joint training missions, and emergency response with the UH-60 Black Hawk, LUH-72 Lakota, and C-26 Metroliner platforms.

#### RAZORBACK RANGE

Razorback Range, located near Charleston, Ark., is a 1,000 acre primary training range that has been lauded by senior officials within the DoD as a premiere joint training location for U.S. and international warfighters. It has hosted multiple air and ground training exercises with the Army, Air Force, and Navy. In 2019, 950 aircraft flew training sorties over the range. This training provided 1,250 ground and air personnel vital combat skills they needed prior to deploying.

**FORT CHAFFEE JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER (FCJMTC)** is one of only nine installations designated as Regional Collective Training Capability sites in the National Guard. Fort Chaffee consistently hosts over 220,000 man days of training annually to a diverse audience of Department of Defense service members, Department of Energy trainees, as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Training units conduct maneuver training, live fire exercises, river crossing operations, urban combat training, command post exercises, and battlefield simulations across the 65,000 acre installation. 2019 marked the final construction and opening of the approximately \$22 Million Scout Reconnaissance and Infantry Platoon Battle Course range complex. This project has been in various stages of design from

funding approval to construction for nearly two decades. The range provides unique training opportunities to both mounted and dismounted Soldiers in both day and night operations. The range is outfitted with battlefield effects simulators to increase realism of an enemy threat and cameras to record unit training for immediate after action review capability. Fort Chaffee continues to attract new customers desiring to take advantage of the unique training opportunities available. In 2020, Fort Chaffee has been selected to host two exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) rotations. XCTC provides an experience similar to a Combat Training Center to Brigade Combat Teams at a regional training center, minimizing cost and time away from home and jobs. The program brings full training resource packages including an instrumented Brigade field training exercise designed to certify platoon proficiency in coordination with First Army. These events, along with other brigade level training events slated in the next two years, demonstrate the relevance of Fort Chaffee as a regional and national asset to the Army National Guard.

**EBBING AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE** at Fort Smith Regional Airport is home to the 188th Wing. A \$15.2 million dollar 40,000 square foot operations facility is under construction and should be complete by 2020. When complete, it will house all three of the wing's mission sets under one building. Ebbing is also home to the Civil Engineering RED HORSE Training Center. The center operates two sites on the base: a base cantonment training site and a fire training area. The base cantonment site allows for more than 500 total force personnel to be trained each year on heavy equipment, rapid repair, and tractor trailer driving. The fire training area is used to support both military and civilian firemen who respond to base emergencies and airport aircraft emergencies.

**LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE** in Jacksonville is home to the 189th Airlift Wing.

The Wing conducts C-130H flight crew training and administrative operations from its National Guard campus located on a 66-acre campus near the base's flight line. The 189th AW operates and maintains C-130H aircraft and flies an average of nine training sorties daily. The wing is also home to the Air Force's only Cyber Protect and Defend (Intermediate) course, which delivers relevant Cyberspace Vulnerability Assessment Hunter Initial Qualification Training for Mission Defense Teams across the total force. Additionally, the Wing operates the Air National Guard Cyber Skills Validation course, which provides Airmen with previous cyberspace capabilities to enter qualification training 75 percent faster than the formal Air Education and Training Command pipeline.

The wing's Mobile Emergency Operations Center, Rapid Augmentation Team personnel and specialized equipment are positioned at the base.

The Arkansas National Guard is ready for the challenges that lie ahead. We will continue to prepare our Soldiers and Airmen for deployments in all areas of the world. Budget constraints, and the realities of a constantly evolving military, will continue to result in Army force structure cuts. Here in Arkansas we have made difficult choices in the rebalancing of our force. The result is a leaner, more efficient force structure at home that still maintains the right capabilities in the right places to serve our state.



# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Arkansas National Guard is strategically aligned with Guatemala through the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program. "Mutually beneficial alliances and partnerships are crucial to our strategy, providing a durable, asymmetric strategic advantage that no competitor or rival can match," according to the National Defense Strategy. Since partnering in 2002, the relationship has matured into a strategic tool for the U.S. Embassy's Office of Security Cooperation in Guatemala. This was achieved by maintaining constant engagement and cultivating enduring relationships with the Guatemalans. In 2020, the Arkansas National Guard

has scheduled 16 engagements. In 2019, engagements included humanitarian assistance, disaster response, medical readiness, air medevac procedures and Guatemalan participation in the Guard's Best Warrior competition.



## **FUTURE WORKFORCE**

The future of the Youth Challenge program is bright as the Arkansas National Guard works closely with interagency partners to expand facilities and provide more opportunities for the state's youth. The program will expand in the future to provide job training and job opportunities. This will continue to develop Arkansas' workforce and provide reliable, responsible and capable young people ready to enter the job market.

# **FUTURE OPERATIONS**

The 188th Wing at Fort Smith will continue to perform real-time Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions by operating remotely piloted aircraft. The Wing is working toward an operational model in which three missions are combined under one roof to provide rapid and responsive ISR, targeting and strike capabilities to our customers simultaneously. This concept will set new standards in the Air Force for how RPA, DGS and targeting combine to provide more efficient and effective solutions for warfighting.

The Arkansas Army National Guard will continue to leverage emerging technologies with numerous new equipment and training initiatives planned for 2020. This equipment will increase Soldier lethality, provide additional protection and improve warfighting skills. Guardsmen will receive improved weapons, communications systems and vehicles that will modernized the force and expand domestic support capabilities.

The military will continue to evolve as enemies adapt and technology changes. The Arkansas National Guard is postured to change with it while continuing to provide trained and capable Soldiers and Airmen, dedicated to serving the people of Arkansas and the nation.



We provide ready, trained, and responsive community based units that support the state and defend the nation.

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