



ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD POSTURE STATEMENT



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

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ARKANSAS FOCUSED, MISSION READY

Since 1804, the Arkansas National Guard has proudly served as a community based, combat-proven force of citizen Soldiers and Airmen. More than 8,400 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 through the pandemic, 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 war fighting 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. While 2020 was perhaps one of our most challenging years in terms of state active duty and other missions in support of the fight against the spread of COVID-19, the Arkansas National Guard continues to serve the communities around the state by performing a wide variety of missions including disaster response, security assistance, search and rescue, and other missions where Guardsmen's unique capabilities are unmatched.

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The Arkansas National Guard, an all-volunteer community-based force, continues to build partnerships throughout Arkansas. We work with community leaders, and add tremendous value to the state by strengthening the ties between Guardsmen and the people we serve.

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 continue to build and maintain readiness by focusing on preparing for combat, strengthening community connections, developing alliances and partnerships, and promoting a culture of excellence that guarantees a high-quality and responsive Citizen-Soldier force for the state and nation.



ACRONYMS REFERENCE

AASF	Army Aviation Support Facility
ADEM	Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
ARNG	Arkansas National Guard
AW	Airlift Wing
CFA	Cooperative Funding Agreement
CST	Civil Support Team
DGS	Distributed Ground Station
DSCA	Defense Support to Civil Authorities
FAB	Field Artillery Brigade
FCJMTC	Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center
IBCT	Infantry Brigade Combat Team
ISR	Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
RED HORSE	Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer
RPA	Remotely Piloted Aircraft
RMTC	Robinson Maneuver Training Center (Camp Robinson)
SPP	State Partnership Program
YCP	Youth Challenge Program

A LETTER FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, at the height of the Battle of Britain, said, “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.”

The same could be said for our medical professionals, first responders and health leaders here in the state, as Arkansas battled the coronavirus last year.

Not only am I proud of how they’ve waged war against this invisible enemy, I’m also proud of the role the Arkansas National Guard played in supporting the Arkansas Department of Health for nearly 10 months last year. It’s by far the single longest domestic operation we’ve supported in our long, rich history. It’s not been easy, but it’s been necessary to save lives and keep the state open for business. Arkansas Department of Health leaned on us hard last year, and we exceeded their expectations every single time.

While Covid-19 slowed certain areas of our lives down, it didn’t stop the Arkansas National Guard from finding new ways to accomplish routine training.

It also didn’t stop our operational tempo. Yes, our Army kept rolling along. We deployed A Battery, 1-142nd Field Artillery to support European Command, and we mobilized Det. 2, 179th Cyber Team, for a year-long mission at Fort Meade, Maryland.

On the Air National Guard side, both wings lived up to the hype in the Air Force song that nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force. The 189th Airlift Wing continued training C-130H aircrews and cyber mission defense teams. The 188th Wing continued operational intelligence products and analysis for Combatant Commanders, as well as conducting kinetic strikes to support deployed forces across U.S. Central Command’s area of responsibility.

Our Guardsmen were there to support state active duty missions, deployments, training requirements, funeral honors, and recruiting new members into our ranks. I’m immensely proud of how creative and adaptive our Guardsmen were last year to overcome the challenges of staying ready.

We found new ways and refined procedures to meet the end goals and objectives. We accepted risk where it was appropriate to do so. When the risk was too great, we pivoted to keep the force safe and healthy.

Lastly, a personal note to those in our ranks who are health professionals, in or out of uniform, and those who have served on the front lines in this pandemic. Your courage and expertise in the face of this pandemic has been exceptional.

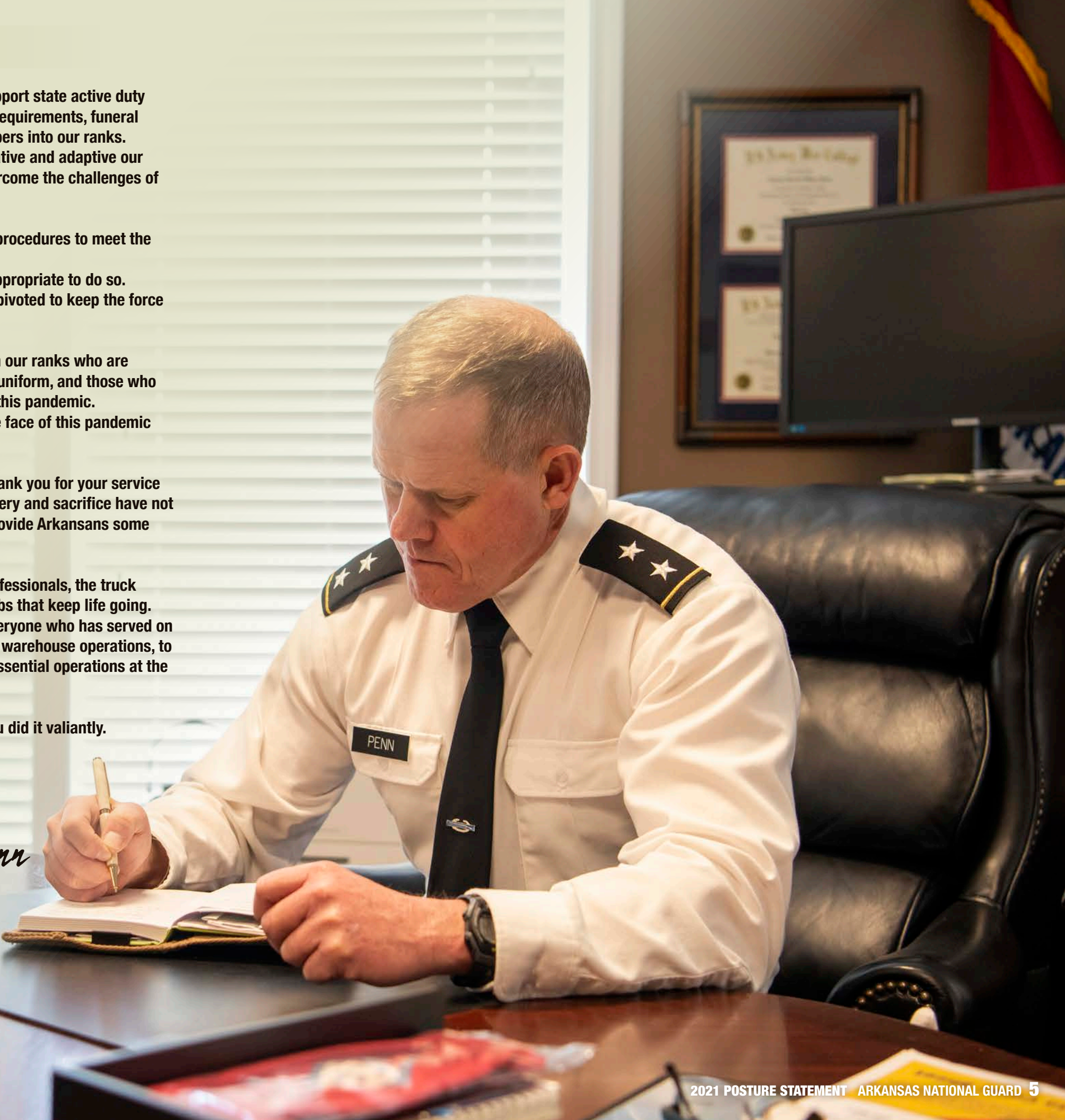
I know it’s not been easy, but I thank you for your service to our state and nation. Your bravery and sacrifice have not gone unnoticed. You’ve helped provide Arkansans some semblance of normalcy.

I’m talking about the medical professionals, the truck drivers, and all those essential jobs that keep life going. Additionally, I’m talking about everyone who has served on a state active-duty mission, from warehouse operations, to call centers, and assisting with essential operations at the veterans cemetery.

It all matters. It’s all vital. And you did it valiantly.

Arkansas National Guard.
Always ready, Always there.

Kendall Penn
Major General
Adjutant General



ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD BENEFITS

ARKANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Professional Training in over 150 jobs
<https://www.nationalguard.com/careers/>

12.5k Bonus for select jobs (in your pocket) 100% TA -\$4000 per yr (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>

\$397.00 MGI Bill –per month (in your pocket)
<https://www.nationalguard.com/tools/gi-bill>

\$200.00 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

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 or Ebbing Air National Guard 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 \$238-\$280 each weekend served (E1-E3)

NGTW - 100% tuition and may cover fees for first bachelor’s degree at Arkansas State colleges and universities.

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 \$397 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 Air 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 AND 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 and nearly 500 who reside outside the state. It is a cross section of society representing every demographic group in Arkansas.

The force consists of more than 8,400 Soldiers and Airmen; 6,500 in the Army National Guard and 1,900 in the Air National Guard. They are a highly skilled and highly trained team of professionals, dedicated to serving their neighbors.

More than 2000 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 consists of 1220 Army and 833 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, all essential to mission accomplishment.

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 2020, nearly \$350 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

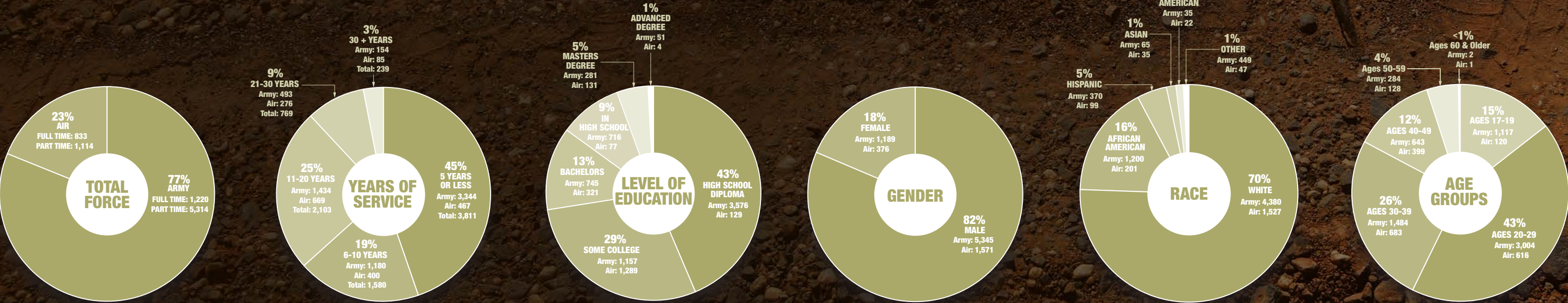
The National Guard is not only a cost effective organization, but also receives hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding every year to train, operate, and maintain our force. During 2020, more than \$466 million in federal funding was spent in Arkansas. Those funds were used to provide service contracts, utilities, construction, 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 \$61 million in CFA funds during FY20.



OUR DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: The average age of our Soldiers in the Arkansas National Guard is 28.6 years old and the average age of Airmen in the Arkansas Air National Guard is 33.4 years old.



COUNTY BY COUNTY

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

COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL
ARKANSAS COUNTY	\$862,177.83	LEE COUNTY	\$138,543.00
ASHLEY COUNTY	\$128,823.00	LINCOLN COUNTY	\$395,690.91
BAXTER COUNTY	\$2,544,111.91	LITTLE RIVER COUNTY	\$230,882.00
BENTON COUNTY	\$18,732,194.15	LOGAN COUNTY	\$3,846,241.00
BOONE COUNTY	\$1,186,187.00	LONOKE COUNTY	\$42,357,898.53
BRADLEY COUNTY	\$451,766.91	MADISON COUNTY	\$381,234.00
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$199,843.00	MARION COUNTY	\$569,143.91
CARROLL COUNTY	\$430,141.00	MILLER COUNTY	\$905,606.91
CHICOT COUNTY	\$236,021.00	MISSISSIPPI COUNTY	\$452,885.00
CLARK COUNTY	\$1,089,050.66	MONROE COUNTY	\$115,548.00
CLAY COUNTY	\$717,529.91	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$320,034.00
CLEBURNE COUNTY	\$1,241,966.19	NEVADA COUNTY	\$567,382.00
CLEVELAND COUNTY	\$295,085.91	NEWTON COUNTY	\$189,405.00
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$541,313.00	OUACHITA COUNTY	\$973,833.83
CONWAY COUNTY	\$2,083,924.40	PERRY COUNTY	\$1,006,384.91
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY	\$10,289,451.76	PHILLIPS COUNTY	\$247,061.91
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$17,165,699.49	PIKE COUNTY	\$540,843.00
CRITTENDEN COUNTY	\$685,278.00	POINSETT COUNTY	\$3,450,814.91
CROSS COUNTY	\$325,534.83	POLK COUNTY	\$1,431,410.00
DALLAS COUNTY	\$556,377.00	POPE COUNTY	\$8,291,821.32
DESHA COUNTY	\$253,163.00	PRAIRIE COUNTY	\$6,428,966.00
DREW COUNTY	\$1,116,698.83	PULASKI COUNTY	\$122,840,079.00
FAULKNER COUNTY	\$25,425,562.33	RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$475,956.66
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$2,984,240.00	SAINT FRANCIS COUNTY	\$847,602.91
FULTON COUNTY	\$344,252.00	SALINE COUNTY	\$18,085,756.89
GARLAND COUNTY	\$2,952,429.15	SCOTT COUNTY	\$2,420,433.00
GRANT COUNTY	\$3,529,517.45	SEARCY COUNTY	\$492,391.00
GREENE COUNTY	\$3,270,216.00	SEBASTIAN COUNTY	\$74,398,194.32
HEMPSTEAD COUNTY	\$710,270.91	SEVIER COUNTY	\$809,862.91
HOT SPRING COUNTY	\$2,444,383.38	SHARP COUNTY	\$445,116.83
HOWARD COUNTY	\$544,639.00	STONE COUNTY	\$477,688.74
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY	\$937,676.91	UNION COUNTY	\$1,811,546.91
IZARD COUNTY	\$277,136.91	VAN BUREN COUNTY	\$1,039,221.45
JACKSON COUNTY	\$358,674.83	WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$17,061,467.89
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$5,278,449.55	WHITE COUNTY	\$17,599,511.59
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$2,078,312.00	WOODRUFF COUNTY	\$356,928.00
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	\$117,784.00	YELL COUNTY	\$1,961,121.00
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$570,724.83		

GUARD MEMBERS LIVING OUT OF STATE \$15,500,112.36 TOTALS \$462,421,229.70

* All information is captured for Fiscal Year 2020.

\$6.7 MILLION

STATE FUNDING

1.4% OF TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

PLUS

\$2.0 MILLION

STATE ACTIVE DUTY

0.4% OF TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

PLUS

\$3.9 MILLION

MILITARY

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

PLUS

\$462.4 MILLION

FEDERAL FUNDING

(INCLUDES \$61 MILLION
IN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT MONIES)
97.4% of total operational budget

EQUALS

\$475.0 MILLION

FISCAL 2020

TOTAL OPERATIONAL
EXPENDITURES & CONSTRUCTION

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.

FISCAL YEAR 2020

STATE FUNDING

Payroll, Operations, Maintenance	\$6,700,000.00
State Active Duty	\$1,987,117.62

FEDERAL FUNDING

Scout Recce Range CMTC	\$1,947,858.76
PEC Concord Hall RMTC	\$1,623,958.85
Access Control RMTC	\$97,528.85
Readiness Center CMTC	\$217,358.02
Cooperative Funding Agreement	\$61,516,238.00
Military Pay	\$123,847,774.00
Civilian Pay	\$86,374,484.00
Active Guard & Reserve	\$117,014,571.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$38,060,880.00
PEC Pay & Operations	\$35,607,282.00

TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$474,995,051.10
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT \$783,741,834.32*

*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.

PUTTING ARKANSAS FIRST

STATE ACTIVE DUTY MISSIONS

The Arkansas National Guard is always ready and always there to answer when Arkansans call. 2020 was an unprecedented year for our State Active Duty missions. Largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Never in our history has so many Guardsmen been called-up to serve on missions for such a lengthy period in the state of Arkansas. Over 100 missions were in direct support of the Arkansas Department of Health and other partners to fight the spread of COVID-19. During the peak of the COVID-19 planning and civil unrest periods over 650 Soldiers and Airmen were serving on State Active Duty.

State Active Duty missions are coordinated through the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management as directed by the governor and 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.

Missions during 2020 included: COVID-19 call center support, COVID-19 case management support, Joint Operations Center and Joint Information Center support, COVID-19 screening support, Physician Case Management Support, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers planning support, ADH planning support, State Veterans Cemetery support, Federal Surplus Warehouse support, COVID-19 patient transport, Civil Unrest support to local law enforcement, Tornado shelter support, water supply missions, as well as 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.

While the National Guard’s primary focus is the safety and security of the residents of Arkansas, we also have a responsibility to our taxpayers to use their tax dollars responsibly and efficiently. In 2020, the Arkansas National Guard provided professional, cost-effective and reliable solutions for the needs of Arkansans with a total cost to the state of \$1,987,117.62, some of which is federally reimbursable.

The Arkansas National Guard has developed plans for homeland security-type missions, and are uniquely qualified to support needs within the state. To request our support, the mayor, county judge or county sheriff should request specific support through the Arkansas Department 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 we are 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 such as a pandemic or civil unrest.

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 operational 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 assessments

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

Light and heavy transport vehicles.

Bulk transport of fresh water.

All-terrain vehicles and ambulances for winter weather patrols.

Electrical power generation capabilities.

Helicopters for medical evacuation, search and rescue operations, and firefighting support.

The most valuable asset of the National Guard is the highly trained, professional personnel who operate our complex technical systems and equipment.

These Soldiers and Airmen assist with and 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 resourced fifteen requests for intelligence analysts during FY20. The analysts were also assigned additional duties as the training officer, Intelligence oversight officer and the prescription drug take back coordinator. Along with the additional duties, these analysts worked over 7,000 man hours, supporting 115 cases, producing 22,022 products and database entries, 249 de-conflictions, and 12 drug trafficking organizations (DTO) were disrupted/dismantled. The analytical support provided by the program assisted in the seizure of drugs, cash, and assets with a combined value of \$11,958,345 and arrested 399 individuals.

The Arkansas National Guard Counterdrug Aviation Section maximized law enforcement agencies’ ability to effectively combat the specific vulnerabilities of production, distribution, and transportation of narcotics. The aviation section logged over 236 flight hours in support of narcotics investigations.

Domestic cannabis suppression and marijuana eradication operations were conducted during a four month period throughout the state. Intensive coordination between the Arkansas National Guard Counterdrug Aviation Section and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, U. S. Forestry Service, Judicial Drug Task Forces, County Sheriff’s Offices ensured the operations were successful. 18 missions were conducted in 17 counties in Arkansas. 562 marijuana plants, with an estimated street value of \$562,000 were eradicated.

The Counterdrug program provided transportation assistance to 2 statewide prescription drug take back initiatives involving 188 collection locations. These two initiatives resulted in 53,545 pounds of prescription medication turned in for destruction.

COVID-19



General Daniel Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, declared 2020 as the “Year of the Guard” due to the unprecedented level of high-profile domestic activations of Guardsmen. In 2020, the National Guard mobilized more Soldiers and Airmen, for longer, than at any time since World War II. The scale, scope, and duration of Arkansas National Guard’s missions in support of our state partners are proof of Gen. Hokanson’s sentiment that 2020 truly was a “Year of the Arkansas National Guard”. Never in our history have we continuously had Arkansas Guardsmen on orders to support a statewide health emergency for nearly an entire year.

The Arkansas National Guard provided support to our state and local partners with over 300 Soldiers and Airmen serving on missions including:

- Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Case Management Support
- Joint Operations Center (JOC) Liaison Support
- Joint Information Center (JIC) Support
- University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS) Medical Screening and Testing Support
- Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Physician Case Management Support
- ADH Planning and Support
- U.S. Corp of Engineers Planning and Support

- Federal Surplus Warehouse Support; Personal Protective Equipment Packaging and Distribution
- State Veterans Cemetery Support
- Federal Warehouse Access Control
- ADH COVID Patient Transport
- Washington County Case Management Support
- Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) Screening and Testing Support
- Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Planning Support



CIVIL UNREST

In addition to the Arkansas National Guard’s support for COVID-19, we also rendered support to the Arkansas State Police and local law enforcement agencies during the period of civil unrest in May and June of 2020, which included a full activation of the Rapid Response Force and National Guard Response Forces. This included more than 600 Soldiers and Airmen who have been specially trained, equipped and prepared to help law enforcement partners ensure calm and restore order when needed. Their missions protected lives and property in the communities of which we are members, and ensured the right of Arkansans to safely and peacefully protest. It was one of our toughest missions, but this is what we are trained to do. The Arkansas National Guard is a force for peace and this mission is yet another example of Arkansas Guardsmen living up to our motto of “Always Ready, Always There”.



YOUTH CHALLENGE

The Youth Challenge Program reshapes the future for at-risk youth. Participants in this voluntary 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.

Class 52: 99 graduates, 44 GED's, 40 driver's permits issued and over 7,000 hours of Service to Community.

Class 53: 104 graduates, 34 GED's, 42 driver's permits issued and over 7,000 hours of Service to Community.

Class 54*: 73 graduates, 27 GED's, 31 driver's permits issued and over 1,800 hours of Service to Community.

Class 55*: 78 graduates, 18 GED's, 10 driver's permits issued and over 1,900 hours of Service to Community.

*Class 54 and 55 were impacted by COVID-19 and shortened in length. Despite the shortened schedule and being on "closed campus" due to pandemic protocols and restrictions, the cadets were able to reach more than 25 hours each for a grand total of 3,775 hours of service to community by working on projects at YCP to be used in the local area.

During FY20 YCP had major structural and grounds improvements thanks to the Adjutant General's concern and dedication to the cadets and the program.

These included an athletic field (with basketball goals, a walking track, soccer goals, a Frisbee golf course, tether ball courts, and horseshoe pits) and a fitness room with 40 individual work out stations enabling cadets to complete physical training.

Additionally a recreation coordinator position was created and filled. This position organizes outings and activities that are both recreational and educational, and creates community networks to offer growth opportunities for cadets.

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



JSS AND PEC



JOINT SUPPORT SERVICES (JSS)
The mission of the Arkansas National Guard Joint Services Support (JSS) is to support the well-being of Arkansas Service Members, their families, and veterans.

JSS enhances Soldier and Family readiness by providing resiliency and suicide prevention programs along with a network of options to improve the communication between Service Members, families, command, and community resources.

JSS administers the Soldier & Family Readiness Program, Arkansas National Guard Child & Youth Program, The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Military OneSource, Resiliency and Suicide Prevention Program, Survivor Outreach Services, Personal Finance Counselors Program, and the Transition Assistance Program.

There are 11 Soldier and Family Assistance Centers are located across the state at Army National Guard Facilities. Airmen and Family Readiness Centers are located at Little Rock Air Force Base and Ebbing Air Base. These are staffed by Family Readiness Specialists who are ready to connect Soldiers, Airmen and family members with support programs, community outreach, job services, financial guidance, and information to promote readiness, resilience, and self-reliance.

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



NATIONAL GUARD PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CENTER (PEC)
MISSION
PEC trains agile and adaptive leaders ready to lead the Army National Guard and meet the challenges of tomorrow.

VISION
PEC is the premier learning institution in DoD, providing an unrivaled experience to leaders of all ranks.

PEC has 439 employees: 219 contractors, 88 Department of the Army civilians, 49 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldiers, 48 state employees, and 35 Army Guardsmen on temporary tours.

During FY 20 PEC trained 5,261 personnel, conducted 243 iterations of 75 different courses, and hosted 5,327 personnel at 53 conferences.

In support of these events, the Command billeted 6,998 guests over 55,154 cumulative nights, conducted over 1,900 transportation sorties moving 12,406 passengers, and served 37,938 meals.

Due to COVID-19, 82 classes with 2,097 scheduled seats and 64 conferences with 8,153 scheduled guests were cancelled.

ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP

ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD COMMAND



Major General
Kendall Penn
Adjutant General



Command Sergeant Major
Steven Veazey
Senior Enlisted Leader



Chief Warrant Officer 5
Kenneth Brown
Command Chief Warrant Officer



Brigadier General
John Payne
Deputy Adjutant General



Brigadier General
Kevin Vines
Director of Joint Staff

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



Brigadier General
Bradley Cox
Land Component Commander



Command Sergeant Major
Paul Winkle
ARNG Command Sergeant Major



Colonel
Michael Henderson
ARNG Chief of Staff

AIR NATIONAL GUARD



Brigadier General
Thomas Crimmins
Air Component Commander



Chief Master Sergeant
Ronald Boston
ANG Command Chief Master Sergeant



Brigadier General
Paul Rowlett
ANG Chief of Staff



Colonel
Paul Jara
ANG Director of Staff

39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM



The 39th Infantry Brigade is the largest major command in the state and is headquartered on Camp Robinson. The 39th IBCT is comprised of 44% of the state's Army National Guard workforce, and has units located in 37 communities in Arkansas, Nebraska and Missouri. In 2020, the brigade provided

both personnel and resources in support of numerous state active duty missions, conducted training both virtually and in person during a global pandemic, and continues to provide support to the State's response to COVID-19.

In March 2020, the brigade was one of the first Arkansas National Guard units to support the COVID-19 response effort. The Bowie Team provided an initial 20 Soldiers to assist the Arkansas Department of Health's COVID-19 call center. The Brigade added 10 more Soldiers for a total of 30 in early November. These Soldiers answered over 650 calls per day providing timely and accurate information as the State entered the uncertainties of a global pandemic. This mission is currently ongoing.

In March 2020, the 1-153rd Infantry Battalion, 2-153rd Infantry Battalion, Brigade Engineer Battalion and Brigade Support Battalion provided Soldiers to work as part of a joint effort with Arkansas Air National Guard and other state agencies to help plan, assess sites, and provide testing at UAMS. This mission lasted 76 days and concluded at the end of May.

In April 2020, members of the 1-206th Field Artillery Battalion and Bridge Support Battalion supported warehouse operations, providing logistics and distribution capabilities to help deliver lifesaving medical equipment and critical supplies to designated healthcare facilities in Arkansas. This 84-day mission concluded near the end of June.



39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM



Colonel
Jonathan Stubbs
39th IBCT CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Jessie Parsons
39th IBCT

1-153RD BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Matthew Bialy
1-153 CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Marcus Evans
1-153rd

2-153RD BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Anthony Sevier
2-153 CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Ryan Stark
2-153

COMBAT PROVEN. COMBAT READY RESOURCE.

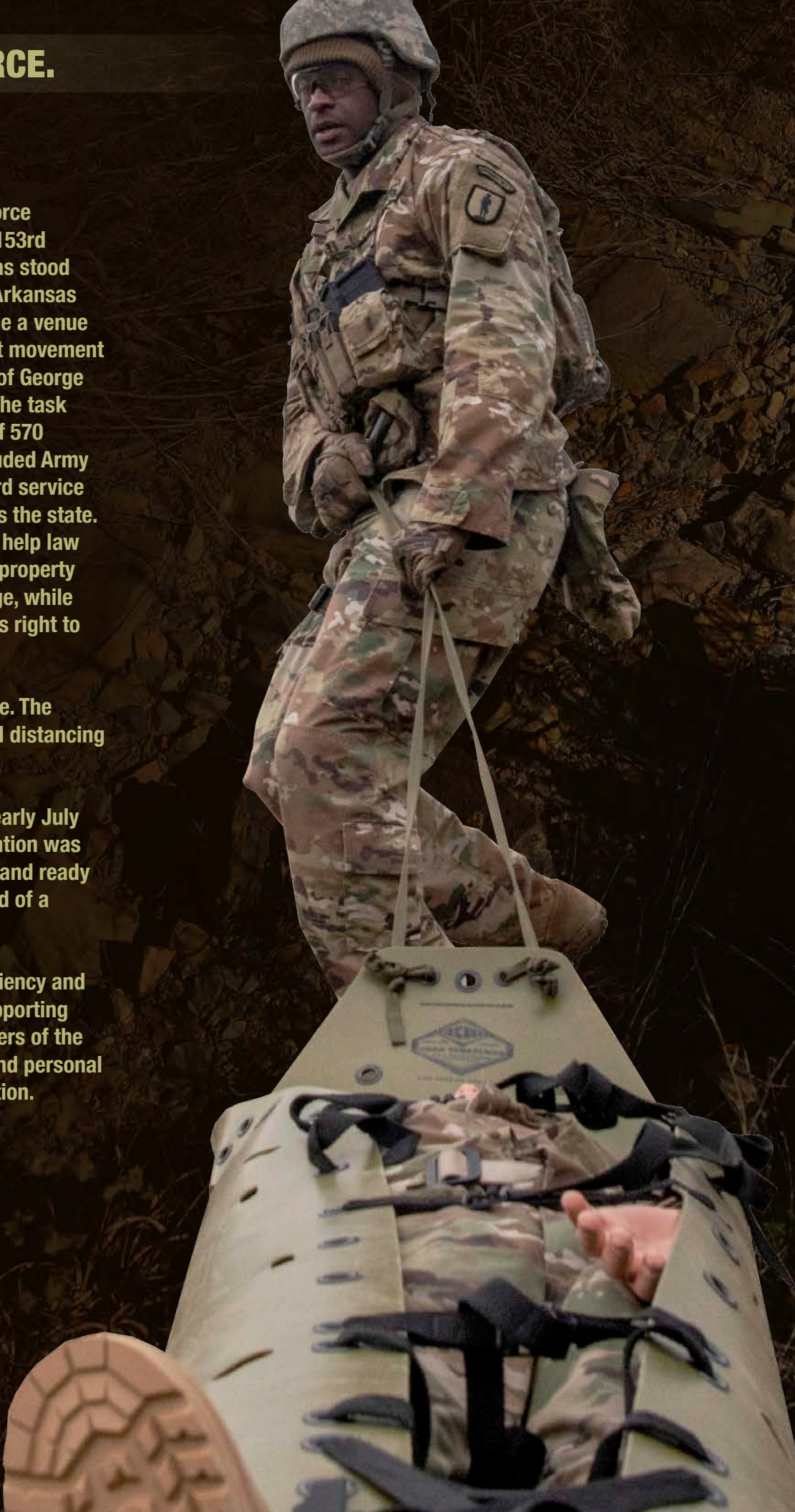


In June 2020, Task Force Gunslinger, led by 2-153rd Infantry Battalion, was stood up in support of the Arkansas State Police to provide a venue for a peaceful protest movement related to the killing of George Floyd in Minnesota. The task force was made up of 570 Guardsmen that included Army and Air National Guard service members from across the state. Their mission was to help law enforcement protect property from unlawful damage, while safeguarding people’s right to peacefully protest.

In October 2020, the Brigade provided 37 Soldiers to support Youth Challenge. The Soldiers provided additional cadre to support the program’s COVID-19 social distancing mitigation plans. This mission was concluded in early November.

The Bowie Team again demonstrated their agility during annual training in early July 2020 when the scheduled eXportable Combat Training Capability (xCTC) rotation was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. Always committed to being fit to fight and ready to win, the Brigade shifted to a blended annual training period that consisted of a combination of virtual and small unit training at local readiness centers.

The 39th IBCT adaptability during a global pandemic demonstrated the resiliency and resourcefulness of its members. The brigade was willing and capable of supporting the Governor when called to do so throughout a challenging 2020. The Soldiers of the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team will continue to drive a culture of unit and personal readiness. It stands ready to continue to serve the community, state and nation.



39TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Daniel White
39th BSB CDR



Command Sergeant Major
David Scroggins
39th BSB

1-206TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Jonathan Smith
1-206th CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Patrick Holthusen
1-206th

239TH BRIGADE ENGINEER BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
David Stanley
239 BEB CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Cory Miller
239 BEB

77TH THEATER AVIATION BRIGADE

The 77th Theater Aviation Brigade (TAB) is located on Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center. The Brigade complements over 770 Soldiers assigned. The 77th Brigade capabilities are aviation rotary/fixed wing assets that consist of the UH-60 Black Hawk, LUH-72 Lakota, and the C-26 Metroliner (fixed wing) and complimented with aviation fueling, maintenance, and ground support means to the state.

The UH-60 aircraft are utilized for Soldier transport, MEDEVAC, security, and surveillance missions. The 77th supports and assists civilian authorities via search, recovery and rescue missions, natural disaster relief, and assisting federal and state agencies in fighting forest fires.

The LUH-72 units' primary missions are MEDEVAC and search, rescue, and aerial reconnaissance. The LUH-72 crews work hand in hand with state and federal law enforcement agencies to provide evaluative capabilities to the state's Counter Drug program to lessen and diminish illegal drug production, transportation, and distribution in the state of Arkansas.

The C-26's primary mission is supporting state and federal dignitary transportation. The C-26 flies missions throughout the continental United States and around the globe.

During FY20, the 77th TAB implemented and executed missions at home and abroad, supporting disaster relief operations, hurricane and tropical storms responses, and border security, and performed combat operations in the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve/Operation Spartan Shield. In January of 2020, C Co 777th Aviation Support Battalion Signal returned home from a year long deployment to Kuwait and three other countries through the Southwest Asia region.

In April 2020, the 77th mobilized Soldiers in support of State Active Duty missions during the Covid-19 pandemic response, which continued in to 2021.

During FY20, our LUH-72 crews and support personnel provided aerial support to secure the Southwest Border.

The C-26 deployed to the Middle East from November 2019 thru August 2020 in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Spartan Shield.



77TH THEATER AVIATION BRIGADE



Colonel
David Doran
77th CAB CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Johnny Brown
77 TAB

777TH AVIATION SUPPORT BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Bettye Dufour
777th ASB CDR



Command Sergeant Major
David Smith
777th ASB

1-114TH BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Melissa Shipman
1-114th CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Ray Jurjens
1-114th

87TH TROOP COMMAND



The 87th Troop Command (TC) is headquartered at Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center and supports state natural disaster emergency operations by assisting with road clearance, security, search and rescue operations, flood response, and various other disaster relief efforts. 87th TC also serves as the brigade headquarters for 13 units across eight counties in central and northeast Arkansas, including the Recruiting and Retention Battalion. The Joint Service Support and Education Incentives Branch were both attached to the brigade this past year. 87th TC also created the “First Formation” and “Stay Your Best” programs aimed at retention of Soldiers and commitment to Soldier care throughout the state.



HHC, 871st TC supported four state active duty missions including COVID-19 contact tracing, COVID-19 UAMS Patient Transport, Taskforce Gunslinger, and the Fifty-Six, Ark., water mission. The 106th Army Band supported 16 musical performance missions, both face-to-face and virtual, for audiences totaling approximately 5,000 Soldiers, Airmen, family, friends, and community members. The 119th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment provided public affairs coverage and logistical support as part of Taskforce Gunslinger, a joint operation where the unit worked alongside Arkansas Air and Army National Guard Public Affairs assets from the 188th Wing, 189th Airlift Wing, 87th TC, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and 142nd Field Artillery Brigade, as well as state and local law enforcement officials. The 216th Military Police Company conducted joint operations with the Arkansas State Police and 189th Airlift Wing personnel in response to civil disturbances in Little Rock. The 224th Maintenance Company completed an annual training at the Sustainment Training Center in Camp Dodge, Iowa. It was one of the only units in the Arkansas Army National Guard to conduct an in-person annual training during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.



The 875th Engineer Battalion based in Jonesboro participated in training to increase the combat effectiveness of supporting units by providing mobility, counter-mobility, survivability, and general engineering capabilities to federal and state missions. The 1036th Sapper Company prepared for a JRTC rotation in supporting Virginia’s 116th IBCT. The company also aided local civil authorities in support of COVID-19 assistance missions and water transportation to the town of Fifty-Six. The 1037th Mobility Augmentation Company prepared for a XCTC rotation in support of Mississippi’s 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, and later in support of the 39th IBCT. The company also provided mission support to civil authorities for COVID-19 mitigation and relief, as well as the water support mission to the town of Fifty-Six. HHC, 875th Engineer Battalion conducted training in several unit support tasks including command post operations, staff planning, and medical training and support. The company also provided state COVID-19 mission support by providing patient transportation and call center assistance. The FSC, 875th Engineer Battalion trained on providing fuel, food, and maintenance support operations for maneuver units. The company began the year preparing for a Sustainment Training Center rotation and also assisted with the local water support mission to Fifty-Six, helping to deliver nearly 3,000,000 gallons of water by driving more than 20,000 miles in total.

87TH TROOP COMMAND



Colonel
Cory Sailor
87th TC CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Jeff Michau
87th TC

871ST TROOP COMMAND



Lieutenant Colonel
Brian Wheeler
871st CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Rodger Crawford
871st

875TH ENGINEER BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Roger Evans
875th CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Daniel Dale
875th

61ST CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM



Lieutenant Colonel
Brandan Robbins
61st CST CDR



First Sergeant
Brian Mills
61st CST

RECRUITING & RETENTION BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Timothy Dean
R&R CDR



Command Sergeant Major
John Edwards
R&R

142ND FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE



The Soldiers of the 142d FAB completed another productive year of training. The FAB started the TY at Fort Indian Town Gap, Penn., executing WFX 20-1 with the 29th ID. This exercise enabled the FAB to focus its efforts on becoming a deployable, qualified and validated operational force, responsive and adaptive to the needs of the Combatant Commander.

A/1-142 FA and a contingent of the 936th FSC completed pre-mobilization training and deployed to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. The remainder of the 142d FAB completed annual training during August 2020. 1-142 FA shot 32 H185 Reduced Range Rockets with their MLRS platforms, qualifying eight launcher crews as part of Table VI qualification. 2-142 FA fired over 1,000 rounds of 155mm high explosive consisting of practice and special munitions (illumination, smoke, and white phosphorus). All rounds were acquired by the FAB’s Q-53 Radar systems. The 217th BSB and battalion FSCs conducted resupply operations delivering Class I, III, V and IX, both day and night as well as multiple times per day throughout the duration of AT 20. The 142d Signal Company contributed to every brigade-level training exercise with communications support. The success of the 142d FAB as the Force Field Artillery Headquarters (FFA HQ’s) is a direct reflection of their contribution.

National Guard Bureau notified the 142d FAB that the brigade headquarters would be mobilizing in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve during the 4th quarter of TY21. This mobilization will enable the brigade headquarters to execute its wartime mission while refining target acquisition and reducing sensor-to-shooter reaction times. The 142d FAB finished TY 20 with multiple accomplishments. They exceeded expectations during WFX 20-1 as the FAB in support of the 29th Infantry Division, while also leading all Major Support Commands (MSCs) in personnel metrics within the Arkansas Army National Guard. As the second largest MSC in the Arkansas Army National Guard, the 142d FAB remains postured to perform duty in support of state or national initiatives, to include their Field Artillery mission.



142ND FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE



Colonel
Nicholas Jaskolski
142nd FAB CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Shane Oakes
142nd FAB

1-142ND BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Donald Eversole
1-142 CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Douglas White
1-142nd

2-142ND BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Chantry Parker
2-142nd CDR

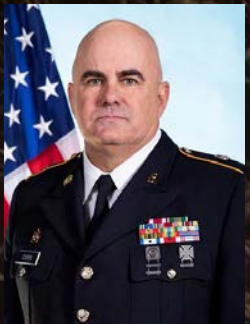


Command Sergeant Major
Billy Williams
2-142nd

217TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Sandra Young
217th BSB CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Brian Cooper
217th BSB

188TH WING



The 188th Wing, located at Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith, provides three indispensable mission sets: MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft; operations, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; and a geospatial targeting squadron. The 188th hosts the only collocated RPA and distributed ground station missions in the Air National Guard.

The 188th Operations Group is the most requested MQ-9 asset in combat warfare.

The group’s attack squadron conducted more than 120 kinetic strikes on more than 400 targets during 300 combat sorties in 2020.

The state-of-the-art Razorback Operations Center, known as “The ROC” is a 40,000 square-foot facility, housing three missions under one roof. It’s scheduled for completion in early 2021. The ISR Group offers precision adversary target analysis, strategic contingency planning, and immediate analysis and information dissemination for around-the-clock, in-theater operations.

The 188th’s geospatial targeting squadron is leading the way in technical advances in the field. The squadron combines holistic assets with publicly available information to generate a catalog of military targets worldwide.

DGS-Arkansas provided support to more than 260 missions on more than 325 different individual targets, providing 1,704 intelligence products, and four kinetic engagements, totaling 4,875 hours of ISR across three different areas of operations and five different countries.

In 2020, the Arkansas ANG was called to help with civil disturbance domestic operations. The 188th Security Forces Squadron members were among those called to action. They assisted Arkansas State Police at the state capitol with riot control and trained more than 400 Soldiers from the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in peacekeeping responses.

Internationally, the wing deployed 150 members to 10 locations in support of global operations.

188TH WING



Colonel
Leon Dodroe
188th WG CC



Colonel
Jeremiah Gentry
188th WG CV



Chief Master Sergeant
Donnie Frederick
188th WG CCC

OPERATIONS GROUP



Colonel
Patrick Coggin
188th OG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Philip Skopp
188th OG CCC

ISR GROUP



Colonel
Sara Stigler
188th ISRG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Doug Lensing
188 ISRG CCC

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



Colonel
Mary Gardner
188th MSG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Larry Laney
188th MSG CCC

MEDICAL GROUP



Colonel
Jefferson Thurlby
188th MDG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Brian Anible
188th MDG CCC

189TH AIRLIFT WING



The 189th Airlift Wing operates the sole C-130H Formal Training Unit providing aircrew training to pilots, navigators, flight engineers and loadmasters. More than 300 Air Force, inter-service and international students annually graduate from its courses. The wing flies more than 1,700 training sorties and 3,500 flight hours per year.

The wing is also home to the Air National Guard's and 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. The wing trained 192 cyberspace Airmen during fiscal year 2020 to identify cyber vulnerabilities and to develop safeguards for critical weapons systems.

Additionally, the wing excels in its state and federal missions. The wing's Rapid Augmentation Team package is uniquely designed to provide a rapid response force to local, state, and federal authorities in support of domestic operations. This team is equipped to support state emergency operations with incident command, road clearing, search and rescue, security, flood response and natural disaster assistance.

In fiscal year 2020, the wing deployed more than 100 Airmen to support Combatant Commanders around the globe to points in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Antarctica.

Finally, the wing supports the C-130H test detachment for the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Test Center, supporting operational tests for enhancements and continued modernization of the C-130H weapons system.

154TH WEATHER FLIGHT

The 154th Weather Flight serves as a detachment of JFHQ, Arkansas Air National Guard. The flight is one of 24 Air National Guard weather units that directly support conventional U.S. Army forces across the nation. The flight's mission is to support the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade (HHC), two assault helicopter battalions (Alabama and Mississippi), one General Support Aviation Battalion, the 175th Fighter Squadron (F-16's) at Ellsworth Air Force Base, and the Arkansas National Guard Joint Operations Center during domestic operations. In 2020, the unit welcomed a new flight commander and completed annual training at home station.

189TH AIRLIFT WING



Colonel
Dean Martin Jr.
189th AW CC



Colonel
Chris Raymond
189th AW CV



Chief Master Sergeant
Brian Rohauer
189th AW CCC

OPERATIONS GROUP



Colonel
Jay Geaney
189th OG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Chad Cooley
189th OG CCC



Colonel
David Allen
189th MXG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Dan Dinkins
189th MXG CCC

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



Colonel
Tina Lipscomb
189th MSG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Regina Monk
189th MSG CCC



Colonel
John Bondhus
189th MDG CC



Chief Master Sergeant
Eric Pipkin
189th MDG CCC

MEDICAL GROUP

233RD REGIMENT, REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE



Mission: The 233rd Regiment (RTI) plans, resources, and executes individual training annually in accordance with the One Army School System (OASS) policy for approved 11 and 25 CMF MOS-T and Professional Military Education (PME). This includes OCS, WOCS, 11B ALC, 11C ALC, 25B ALC, 25B SLC, and functional courses to include Sniper ASI B4 and CFD-IC SQI8/5K in order to support the needs of the state and nation.

In TY20, RTI trained over 900 Soldiers and NCOs across all three Components. RTI was approved to add the Warrant Officer Candidate School Phase 1 to its course listing and

will teach the first iteration in TY21. RTI held a ceremony for the official dedication of the Taylor-Felder Auditorium, during which, the family members of MAJ Michael Taylor and CPT Arthur “Bo” Felder were recognized. Officer Candidate School (OCS) Commissioned 9 Second Lieutenants and inducted 5 into the OCS Hall of Fame.

RTI conducted Joint Reception, Staging, Onward-Movement, and Integration processing for over 600 personnel, both Army and Air, in the ARNG response to Civil Disturbance in support of the Arkansas State Police.

RTI earned a 99.6% evaluation score on Proponent Assessments from both Infantry and Signal Proponents, and scored a 96% on the TRADOC Accreditation. RTI also received a Command Maintenance Evaluation Team (COMET) inspection and scored a 99.5% in 2020.

233RD REGIMENT, REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE



Colonel
Tony Shepherd
233rd RTI CDR



Command Sergeant Major
Steven Strayhorn
233rd RTI

1-233RD BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Ricky Caldwell
1-233rd RTI



Master Sergeant
Christopher Southern
1-233rd RTI



Lieutenant Colonel
Richard Garringer
2-233rd RTI



First Sergeant
Christopher Redfearn
2-233rd RTI

3-233RD BATTALION



Lieutenant Colonel
Richard Garringer
3-233rd RTI



Master Sergeant
Stephen Plichta
3-233rd RTI

NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING CENTER (NGMTC)



The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center administers the Chief of the National Guard Bureau’s 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. COVID-19 travel restrictions severity impacted our mission this and therefore our number reflect that impact.

DURING FY 20:

320 Soldiers trained at NGMTC schools (Squad Designated Marksman, and Small Automatic Weapons Expert course.)

665 Soldiers and Airmen trained through NGMTC competitions (Winston P. Wilson National Matches and Marksmanship Advisory Council Regional Matches)

Two marksmanship competitions hosted bringing in over 54 Soldiers and Airmen from across the Nation to Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center. Additionally, supported 26 competitions across the country.

An economic impact of over \$626,000 for Central Arkansas areas through schools and competitive events programs.

NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING CENTER COMMAND



**Colonel
Marcus Bussell
NGMTC**



**Command Sergeant Major
Billy Ward
NGMTC**

NATIONAL GUARD MEDICAL COMMAND (MEDCOM)



The Medical Detachment (MED DET) is located on Camp Robinson. The mission of the MED DET is to provide health care services that promote, sustain and ensure medical readiness for Arkansas Army National Guard units and Soldiers. MED DET services include Physical Health Assessments (PHA), dental treatment, SPRINT audiology testing, behavioral health, case management, Medical Evaluation Boards (MEB), and Physical Evaluation Boards (PEB). During fiscal year 2020, the MED DET achieved the highest state medical readiness

in Arkansas’ history by attaining 92.11% medical readiness. The MED DET conducted more than 5,500 Physical Health Assessments, 575 dental treatment procedures, reached over 95% of flu immunizations administered, and successfully processed 147 Soldiers through the mobilization and demobilization process, including over 800 for state active duty missions. In addition, the MED DET trained and re-certified 267 combat medics; allowing them to perform medical care during training and combat operations both at home and around the world.

Medical readiness is critical to building and maintaining the Army National Guard as an operational force that is war fighting-capable and governor-responsive. Our motto of “Every Soldier, Every Year” exemplifies that we achieve our medical readiness goal one Soldier at a time.

NATIONAL GUARD MEDICAL COMMAND



**Colonel
Kevin Koehler
MEDCOM**



**Sergeant First Class
Eugene Moore
MEDCOM**

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 Department 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 Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (WMD-CST) is a full-time force of 22 Soldiers and Airmen from the Arkansas National Guard that remain ready to respond to the release of chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear (CBRN) materials, as well as natural or man-made disasters within the state of Arkansas and across the United States. The 61st WMD-CST is the Governor's and TAG's premier force for an all hazards response to a mass casualty event where they provide direct support to the front lines of local, state, and federal emergency response organizations. The team also provides CBRN assistance in support of collegiate athletic events, conferences, races, and other largely attended public events.

In spite of COVID-19, FY20 was a heavy OPTEMPO year for the 61st WMD-CST. It conducted CBRN training across the state of Arkansas with its federal and civilian partners. The team also conducted multi-CST training with Oklahoma's 63rd WMD-CST, and exercised its New Madrid Seismic Zone response plan. Additional training events included Army North Collective Lanes evaluations at Red River Army Depot in New Boston, TX and Hazardous Material Technician recertification in North Little Rock. The team conducted 10 steady-state missions in support of the University of Arkansas and Arkansas State University home football games, as well as the Little Rock Marathon. The 61st WMD-CST also hosted mobile training teams from the NGB J3 Operations Directorate and the Active Army's CCDC Chemical Biological Center for advanced chemical and radiological training.

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 some challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. While we continued with our engagements with Guatemala, nearly all of those engagements were conducted virtually, using teleconferencing technology. These engagements focused largely on both Arkansas' and Guatemala's Pandemic planning and COVID-19 mitigation efforts, ensuring the partnership stayed strong through collaborative training, education, and information-sharing sessions.

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 AND INSTALLATIONS

The Arkansas National Guard is community-based with three installations and 52 readiness centers throughout the state.

ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER



Two significant construction projects began in FY20 on RMTC: the obstacle course, projected to cost \$604,477 and the ACFT Field, projected to cost \$673,000. Both are expected to be completed in FY21.

The projected total of economic stimulus to the local economy generated by RMTC was \$9,414,955

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, Operational Support Airlift Command, CounterDrug Aviation, 154th Weather Squadron, and Robinson Army Airfield. During FY20, aircrews flew more than 3,100 flight hours in support of state agencies, National Guard units, joint training missions, and emergency response in any weather condition. Army Aviation aircraft supported by the AASF include the UH-60 Blackhawk, UH-72 Lakota, and C-26 Metroliner. The AASF specialized in complex and dynamic helicopter training ranging from new students returning from USAACE in Fort Rucker, Alabama to complex multiple aircraft and rescue hoist operations under night vision goggles condition. The AASF team ensures the difficult aviation capabilities of rescue hoist, IR camera, troop movement, and external loads are properly trained through rigorous training repetitions. The AASF provides for the citizens of Arkansas an aviation capability that is “Always Ready, Always There”.

Our Soldiers and Airmen travel from around the state and country to train and work at these facilities.

FORT CHAFFEE JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER (FCJMTC)



FCJMTC is one of only nine installations designated as Regional Collective Training Capability sites in the National Guard. Fort Chaffee hosted over 200,000 man days of training to a diverse audience of Department of Defense service members, Department of Energy trainees, and 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.

FY20 marked the end of construction spanning two decades, and full opening of the \$22 million Scout Reconnaissance and Infantry Platoon Battle Course range complex. The range provides unique training opportunities to both mounted and dismounted Soldiers in both day and night operations. It 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 enhance and develop the installation’s infrastructure. Construction of a 25,000 square foot conference facility began in FY20 and is scheduled to be completed in early FY21. Additionally, construction on a new Army Combat Fitness facility began in FY20 with an expected completion in FY21.

These improvements, along with brigade level training events slated for the next two years, demonstrate the relevance of Fort Chaffee as a regional and national asset to the Army National Guard.

FORT CHAFFEE JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER COMMAND



Colonel Dwight Ikenberry
FCMTC CDR



Command Sergeant Major Ted Walker
FCMTC CSM

ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER COMMAND



Colonel Erica Ingram
RMTC CDR



Command Sergeant Major William Rayner
RMTC CSM

Robinson Maneuver Training Center (RMTC) is home to the RMTC Institute Support Unit, 39th IBTC, 77th TAB, 87th TC, Joint Forces Headquarter, 233rd Regiment (RTI), the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center, the National Guard Professional Education Center, the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management and the ARNG Youth Challenge Program.

The training site consists of 32,000 acres and 27 small arms ranges. During FY 2020 223,263 individuals trained on RMTC.

Additionally RMTC supports: local, county, state and Federal Law Enforcement agencies; Army Reserve, USMC Reserve, and Navy Reserve units; the 189th and 19th Airlift Wings; and multiple ROTC and JROTC organizations.

Post Engineers executed a sustainment budget of \$1,364,956 for facilities and grounds and maintained over 42 miles of firebreaks. RMTC Material Recycle Facility recycled 270 tons of material and generated \$31,957 in revenue and billeting housed 99,255 soldiers/civilians.

EBBING AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE



Ebbing Air National Guard Base at the Fort Smith Regional Airport is home to the 188th Wing. A \$15.2 million, 40,000 square foot operations facility will be completed in FY21. It will house all three of the wing’s mission sets under one roof.

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 cantonment site allows for more than 500 personnel to be trained each year on heavy equipment, rapid repair, and tractor-trailer driving. The fire training area is used by both military and civilian firefighters who respond to base and aircraft emergencies.

RAZORBACK RANGE

Razorback Range, located 14 miles east of Fort Smith, presents



a diverse joint-training opportunity and offers users the unique ability to drop laser and precision-guided munitions. With the award of contract close air support program in October 2020, the range is now the de facto joint terminal attack controller training hub for the Air National Guard. Razorback Range boasts the only dedicated Joint Terminal Attack Controller air support and briefing facilities in the ANG.

The Class A full-service range boasts airspace from surface to 30,000 feet and fully scorable targets. In 2020, the range saw more than 420 aircraft sorties, 1,400 aircrew-training events, and more than 930 JTAC training events.

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE



Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville is home to the 189th Airlift Wing. The wing supports C-130H aircrew and cyberspace training by providing mission support, maintenance and medical operations. The campus consists of a total of 326,000 square feet in 31 buildings and maintains a single hangar designated to repair and maintain its 13 C-130H fleet.

The 223rd Cyberspace Operations Squadron conducts training of its cyber force students in a top-of-the-line, 10,000 square foot sensitive compartmented information facility, valued at more than \$12 million.

The 189 AW operates and maintains 13 C-130H aircraft and flies over 1,700 training sorties and 3,500 flight hours per year and is home to the Air Force’s premier Cyber Protect and Defend (Intermediate) course, which delivers relevant cyberspace vulnerability assessment hunter initial qualification training for Mission Defense Teams across the total force. Finally, the wing supports the C-130H test detachment for the Air Force Reserve Air National Guard Test Center supporting operational tests for enhancements and continued modernization of the C-130 weapons system.

The Wing is home to the Mobile Emergency Operations Center, Rapid Augmentation Team personnel and specialized equipment, and coordinates with the 189th Communication Flight to manage the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability, a mobile satellite communications system that delivers high bandwidth to support voice over internet protocol phone service and video teleconference service, as well as an interoperable handheld radio solution for first responders.



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.

While Covid-19 prevented face-to-face exchanges last year, we look forward to resuming exchange opportunities in Guatemala, and here at home in Arkansas. In the interim, we have conducted numerous virtual exchanges with our central American partners and will continue to do so until we can resume face-to-face meetings and training opportunities.

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. While, Covid-19 caused the cancellation of one class last year, it hasn’t dampened the spirit around the program. Youth Challenge will continue to develop Arkansas’ workforce and provide reliable, responsible, and capable young people who are ready to enter the job market.



FUTURE OPERATIONS

The future is bright for the Arkansas Air National Guard. The Air Force recently announced a manned-flight mission at Ebbing Air National Guard Base that will bring a squadron of F-16s from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., and new F-35s to Fort Smith to be flown by the Republic of Singapore air force. Additionally, Poland, Switzerland, Sweden and Norway will train F-35 pilots at Ebbing. F-16s are expected to arrive in 2023. F-35s will arrive a couple of years later. The Air Force also announced that four C-130Js will move to the 189th Airlift Wing to establish the Air National Guard C-130J pilot and loadmaster training program. The first two will arrive in 2023, with two others arriving later. C-130 cargo aircraft are critical to the Arkansas National Guard’s success in any large-scale state emergency, such as a New Madrid fault earthquake. C-130Js can haul more supplies and equipment farther and faster than a C-130H, and do it more economically.

The Arkansas Army National Guard will continue to leverage emerging technologies with numerous new equipment and training initiatives planned for 2021. 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.

Vision 2030 has us vectored to continue to be citizen-Soldier centric, expertly led, community connected; ready, adaptive, and resilient; and responsive to state and federal missions. We will do that through a culture of readiness, trust, teamwork, excellence, and accountability that enhances each Soldier’s experience.

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.



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