



# ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD



**ALWAYS READY.  
ALWAYS THERE.**







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## 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Provided training and strategic planning for **43** community-based organization (CBO) events in all four Congressional Districts in Arkansas

**164** Soldiers and Airmen provided **365** days of state active duty support

Executed over **\$1.4M** of state and federal emergency funds

**199** Guardsmen provided **11** days of winter response support at a cost of **\$308,034**

**11** Guardsmen provided **43** days of support to the southern border mission, costing **\$207,556**

**Two** helicopter rescue missions were executed in the state

**Over 570** Guardsmen deployed to the nation's capital for inauguration support

Civil Support Team supported **17** air monitoring requests and **two** emergency missions

Trained **300** Air Force, inter-service and international students in C-130H operations

Safely executed more than **3,600** flying hours on **1,600** sorties last year between student and instructor training

Trained **280** Airmen to identify cyber vulnerabilities and to develop safeguards for critical weapons systems

Deployed **260** Airmen to support the state missions and Combatant Commanders.

**One** of **24** Air National Guard weather units that support conventional U.S. Army forces across the nation

Carried out more than **50** kinetic strikes on **300** targets during nearly **6,000** combat flight hours

Provided more than **19,000** hours of target development analysis producing more than **1,200** intelligence products

Provided support during **320** different MQ-9 missions and created over **2,000** intelligence products totaling over **4,000** hours of ISR across six countries

Razorback Range saw **440** aircraft sorties, **750** inert munitions dropped, and trained **430** visiting JTACs that called in more than **4,800** controlled strikes

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## A LETTER FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



I'm continually amazed and impressed by the caliber of Soldiers and Airmen in our formations around the state. They're putting in the challenging work that it takes to be a professional Guardsman, and it shows in their readiness and preparedness as they executed assigned taskings and missions last year.

Service to one's state and nation isn't easy, but our Guardsmen make it look easy. I can tell you from first-hand experience, it's difficult to balance personal relationships, full-time employment or college, hobbies, and military service and be successful at all of them.

The Arkansas National Guard is 8,500 strong in a state of roughly 3.1 million. Arkansas Guardsmen make up just 0.2 percent of the state's total population. But that small percentage of the population has a dynamic impact on the state. While we are a consistent, reliable source economically to the state, we're admired for our ability to achieve the results desired by our employment on a given mission. Arkansas Guardsmen are nimble. One week some could be called to project the nation's power overseas. Next week, some could be extending the helping hand of hope to citizens around the state. We did those very things in 2021. It's obvious that state leaders appreciate how capable and agile the Arkansas National Guard has proven to be.

We had numerous opportunities throughout the year for us to showcase our nimbleness to respond:

- 570 Guardsmen to Washington, D.C., to protect our nation's Capitol building and the 59th inauguration of our duly elected president.
- 200 Guardsmen in February to assist the Arkansas State Police when snow stranded travelers for four days.
- 130 Guardsmen from the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade to the Central Command area of responsibility to help maintain a U.S. military posture in Southwest Asia sufficient to strengthen defense relationships and build partner capacity.
- 5,000 Guardsmen from the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and units from 20 other states completed a challenging 30-day Joint Readiness Training Center rotation at Fort Polk, La.
- 20 Air Guardsmen to several stateside locations to support Afghan nationals as part of Operation Allies Refuge, and later Allies Welcome.
- 500 Guardsmen from the 39th and 142nd to Louisiana after Hurricane Ida came ashore.
- 10 vehicle mechanics from the 142nd to Texas for 90 days to assist that state with Operation Lone Star, a state-led mission to deter illegal immigration.

Of course, while we were executing all these missions, the pandemic continued to spike and fall, and with that came additional mobilizations to support Arkansans around the state with vaccine strike teams. And that's layered on top of Soldiers from 87th Troop Command training at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.; and the Sustainment Training Center in Camp Dodge, Iowa; or the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade executing community engagements, joint agency operations, and natural disaster relief.

The Arkansas Air National Guard was equally busy. The 188th Wing flew more than 6,000 combat flight hours, and carried out more than 50 kinetic strikes on more than 300 targets, while deploying nearly 80 Air Guardsmen to seven locations around the globe in support of combat and humanitarian operations.

The 189th Airlift Wing flew 3,600 hours, training 300 Air Force, inter-service and international C-130H aircrew students. The Wing also trained 280 Total Force cyberspace Airmen to identify cyber vulnerabilities and to develop safeguards for critical weapons systems in the Air Force. They did this while deploying 180 Air Guardsmen to support state and federal missions.

We had a three-week stretch last year from late May to early June that will set the course for years to come for our Air Guard units. On May 21st, we learned that the Air Force chose the 189th Airlift Wing to be the Air National Guard's C-130J schoolhouse. It's expected that the 189th will receive its first C-130Js in 2023. That's a relief as it ensures the 189th's viability well into the future. They'll have C-130Hs and Js on the ramp at Little Rock Air Force Base until the Air Force phases out the legacy H models down the road. This was a huge win for us.

On June 3rd we learned that the acting Secretary of the Air Force chose the 188th Wing and Ebbing Air National Guard Base as the primary location to host a squadron of Republic of Singapore F-16 Fighting Falcons, and up to 36 F-35 Lightning IIs as part of a Foreign Military Sales program. The F-16s are scheduled to arrive in 2023 and F-35s as early as 2024. The Singaporeans will relocate their training squadron at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona to the River Valley and train their pilots to fly, fight and win using Arkansas' robust air space and targets on Razorback Range. In 2024, we expect to see 380 active duty Airmen and their families arrive to begin training F-35 pilots from Singapore, Poland, Switzerland, Finland, the United Arab Emirates, and potentially more in the future. There's no doubt that in 2021, the Arkansas National Guard lived up to the motto: Always Ready, Always There.

*Major General Kendall Penn*

The Adjutant General  
Arkansas National Guard



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 following the pandemic. We are preparing for future peer/near-peer conflicts, protecting the homeland, and serving 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 at a moment’s notice. We are always ready, always there. The Governor, the state’s commander-in-chief, calls upon the National Guard during state emergencies to meet the needs of Arkansans. The President of the United States calls upon the National Guard to meet the nation’s needs. While 2021 was perhaps one of our most challenging years in terms of state active duty and other missions, the Arkansas National Guard continues to serve communities around the state by performing a wide variety of missions. These missions include disaster response, security assistance, search and rescue, and other tasks where Guardsmen’s unique capabilities are unmatched.

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 giving the Guatemalan military 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
- CJTR Camp Joseph T. Robinson (Camp Robinson)
- SPP State Partnership Program
- YCP Youth Challenge Program





# WHY I JOINED THE GUARD



**“I’m Sgt. Gabor Felszeghy and I joined the Arkansas National Guard for the simple reason that I wanted to give back to this country...”**

**Sgt. Gabor Felszeghy, a Combined Support Maintenance Shop surface maintenance mechanic, was born in Budapest, Hungary. In his home country, he was into athletics and staying fit, and he still is today. As an adult, he moved to America and eventually joined the Arkansas Army National Guard.**

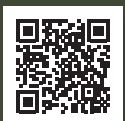
**The Army Guard has given his life stability, a craft and a career, where he serves at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock, Ark. Follow the QR code to learn more about his journey.**



**“I’m 1st Lt. Charles Davis and I joined the Arkansas National Guard because of the... student loan repayment program...”**

**First Lt. Charles Davis, a Joint Force Headquarters public affairs officer at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock, initially enlisted in the Arkansas Army National Guard’s Echo Co., 39th Brigade Support Battalion, as a welder to help pay off his student loans. He then transferred to the 119th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. Later in his career, he commissioned through the state’s Officer Candidate School to begin his journey in the officer corps.**

**His dad was an enlisted United States Navy Sailor stationed in the Philippines when he was born. Follow the QR code to learn more about his journey.**



**“I’m Tech. Sgt. Jazzmin Smith... I joined the military for school... my dad who served ... and I have grandpa... who retired as a Master Sgt. ...”**

**Tech. Sgt. Jazzmin Smith, a 189th Airlift Wing material management craftsman, from Jacksonville, Ark., used her G.I. Bill and education benefits to earn a bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Central Arkansas. She joined because her dad and grandfather both served in the Air Force.**

**Since she aimed high, she’s blazed her own trail and turned her initial enlistment into a career while serving her state at home at Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville. Follow the QR code to learn more about her journey.**



**“I’m Tech. Sgt. Angelo Cueva... I joined the Arkansas Air National Guard because I wanted to serve our country and have a global impact while being stationed locally...”**

**Tech. Sgt. Angelo Cueva, a 188th Wing geospatial intelligence analyst, started his path in the Air Force Reserve, then the Army, before joining the Arkansas Air National Guard. He found a home in the Arkansas ANG because it offered him an opportunity to do his dream job.**

**Now, he’s having a global impact while serving at home at Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith, Ark. Follow the QR code to learn more about his journey.**



**en español**





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 uniform and civilian 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 FY 21, 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 FY 21, 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.

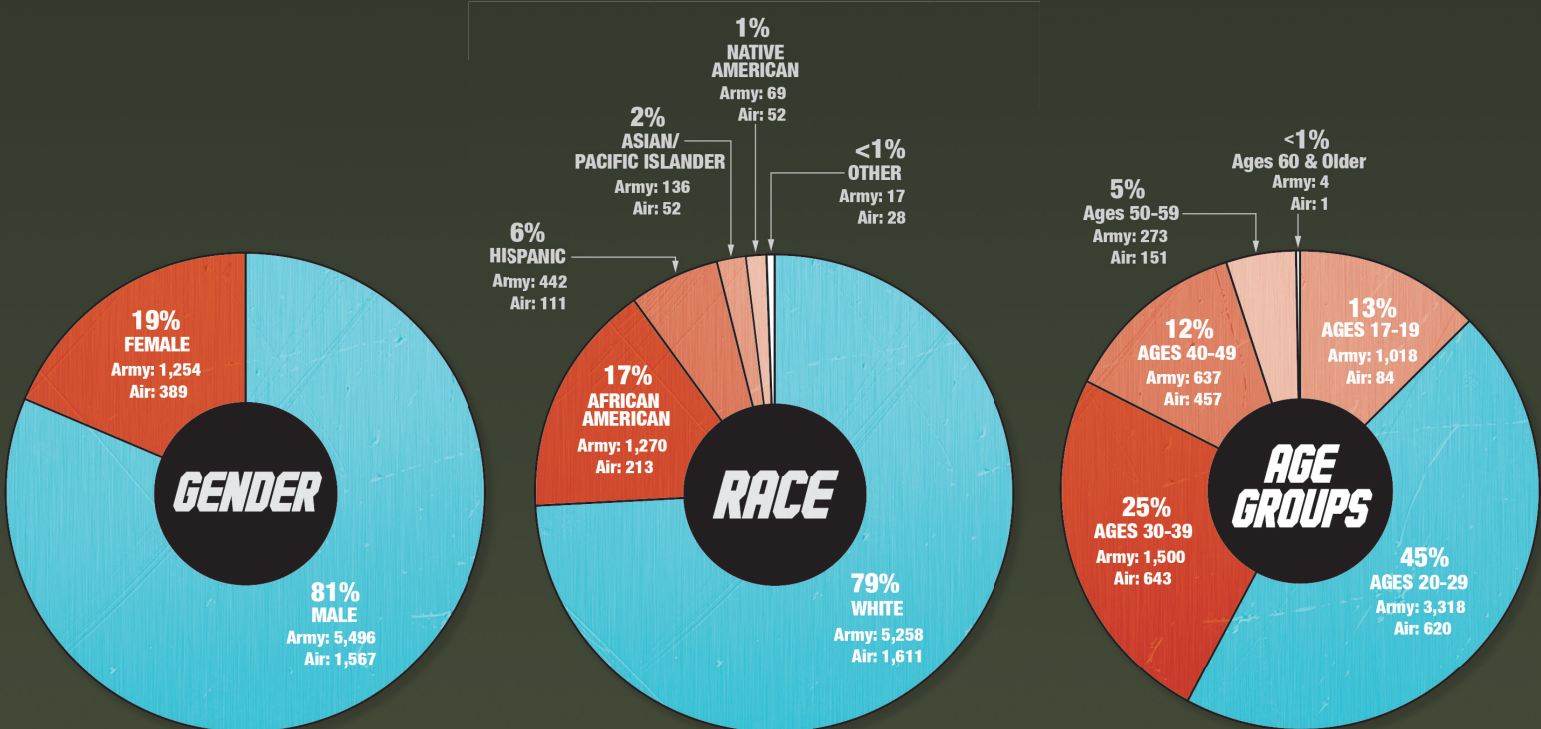
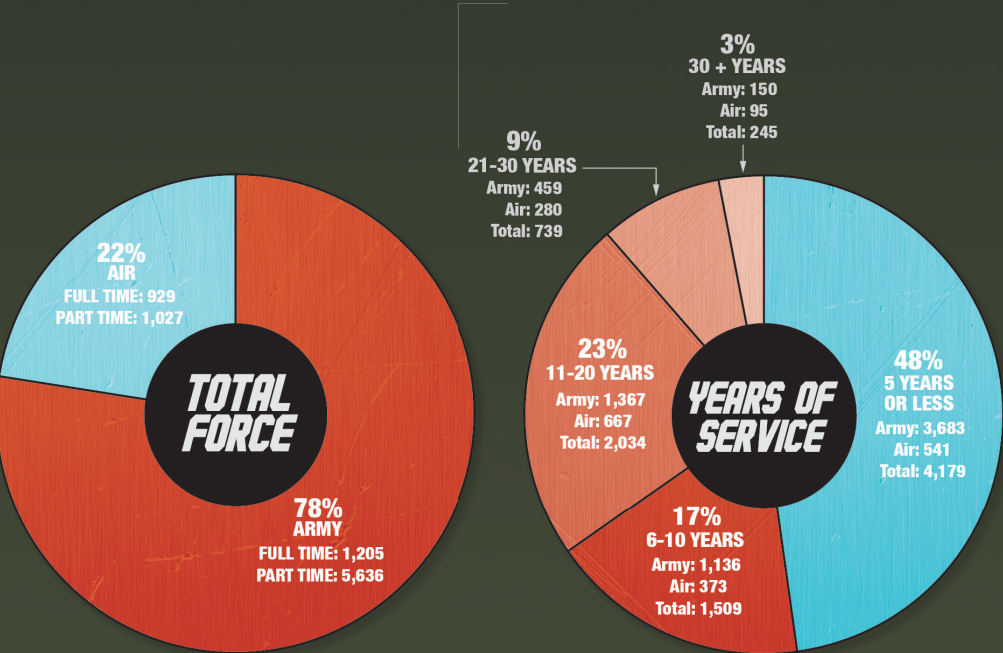
Our Cooperative Funding Agreement with the National Guard Bureau supports construction, maintenance, and operating expenses for our facilities. Arkansas received over \$61 million in CFA funds during FY21.



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.

\* The US Census bureau classifies the Hispanic population as an ethnicity, not as a race.





COUNTY BY COUNTY

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

COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL
ARKANSAS	\$439,172.75	LEE	\$56,255.70
ASHLEY	\$267,691.55	LINCOLN	\$207,258.30
BAXTER	\$650,756.90	LITTLE RIVER	\$103,135.45
BENTON	\$6,065,112.10	LOGAN	\$1,352,593.05
BOONE	\$891,239.60	LONOKE	\$9,976,975.30
BRADLEY	\$244,869.00	MADISON	\$75,007.60
CALHOUN	\$250,853.80	MARION	\$256,624.90
CARROLL	\$335,899.25	MILLER	\$422,024.65
CHICOT	\$223,658.30	MISSISSIPPI	\$290,654.45
CLARK	\$481,532.20	MONROE	\$84,383.55
CLAY	\$387,446.20	MONTGOMERY	\$168,608.10
CLEBURNE	\$483,604.15	NEVADA	\$208,245.70
CLEVELAND	\$167,709.75	NEWTON	\$141,626.65
COLUMBIA	\$348,042.00	OUACHITA	\$470,772.30
CONWAY	\$862,875.55	PERRY	\$530,635.40
CRAIGHEAD	\$3,438,140.85	PHILLIPS	\$196,894.95
CRAWFORD	\$3,104,907.85	PIKE	\$193,671.35
CRITTENDEN	\$384,413.95	POINSETT	\$698,172.85
CROSS	\$140,639.25	POLK	\$718,953.05
DALLAS	\$113,498.80	POPE	\$3,667,497.30
DESHA	\$103,135.45	PRAIRIE	\$443,724.35
DREW	\$730,223.70	PULASKI	\$28,845,162.55
FAULKNER	\$10,367,913.10	RANDOLPH	\$226,010.20
FRANKLIN	\$980,209.60	SAINT FRANCIS	\$192,004.15
FULTON	\$184,053.70	SALINE	\$9,037,488.50
GARLAND	\$2,343,483.05	SCOTT	\$131,263.30
GRANT	\$1,145,269.75	SEARCY	\$257,855.20
GREENE	\$1,408,547.70	SEBASTIAN	\$6,565,587.25
HEMPSTEAD	\$240,551.10	SEVIER	\$514,791.55
HOT SPRING	\$1,368,078.15	SHARP	\$352,020.80
HOWARD	\$234,398.75	STONE	\$209,087.20
INDEPENDENCE	\$736,824.75	UNION	\$615,534.80
IZARD	\$141,745.10	VAN BUREN	\$324,147.80
JACKSON	\$263,352.65	WASHINGTON	\$6,570,291.00
JEFFERSON	\$2,318,171.90	WHITE	\$5,139,391.70
JOHNSON	\$955,270.80	WOODRUFF	\$65,631.65
LAFAYETTE	\$28,127.85	YELL	\$619,544.00
LAWRENCE	\$188,506.40		

GUARD MEMBERS LIVING OUT OF STATE: \$5,472,402.40

TOTALS: \$128,421,856.30

\* All information is captured for Fiscal Year 2021.

FISCAL YEAR 2021

STATE FUNDING

Payroll, Operations, Maintenance	\$6,997,344.00
State Active Duty	\$4,108,458.00
COVID-19	\$1,409,442.00
Winter Response	\$308,034.00
Hurricane Ida, Louisiana	\$1,433,426.00
Texas-Mexico Border	\$207,556.00
Helo Rescue Team	\$750,000.00

FEDERAL FUNDING

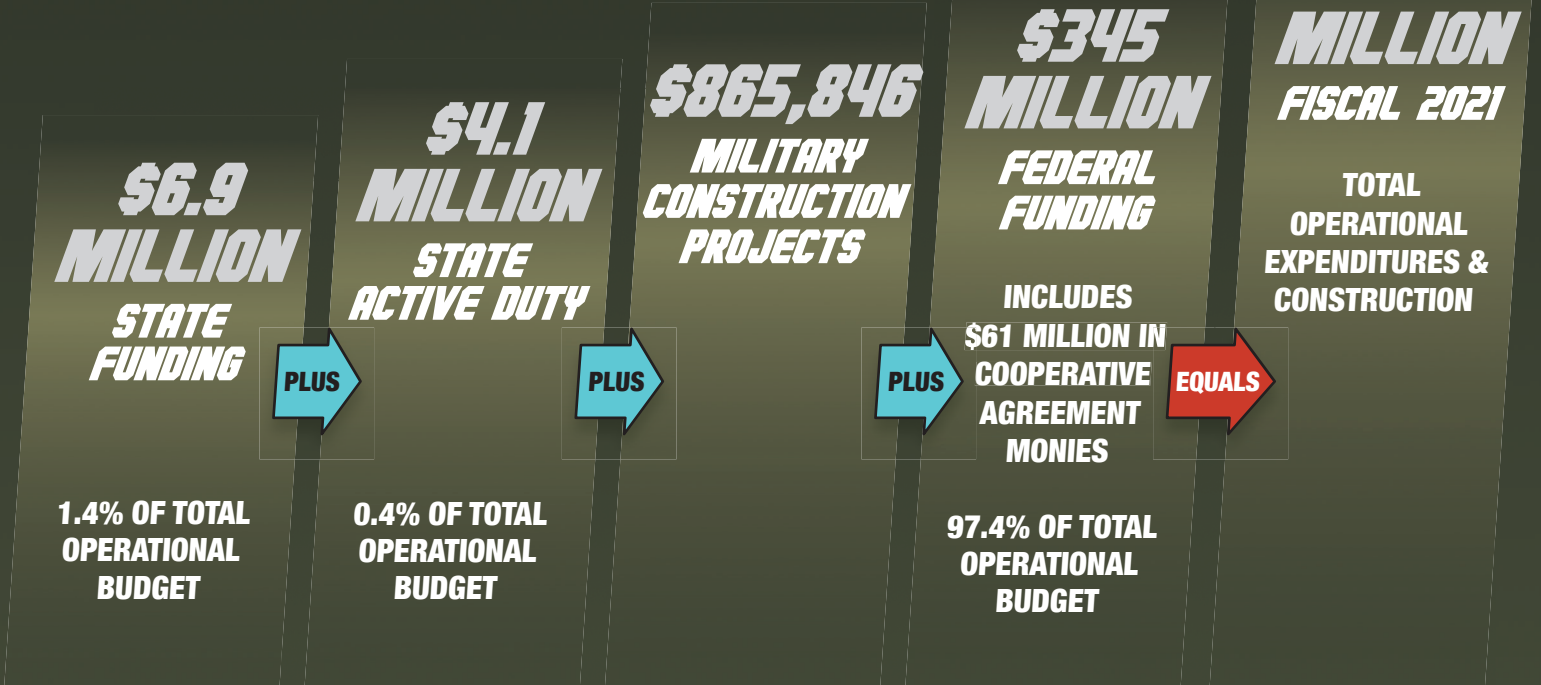
Military Construction Projects	\$865,846.00
Cooperative Funding Agreement	\$60,297,908.00
Military Pay	\$128,421,856.00
Civilian Pay	\$78,181,840.00
Active Guard & Reserve	\$42,309,496.00
PEC Pay & Operations	\$35,607,282.00

TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$356,790,030.00

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT \$588,703,549.50\*

\*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 saw a new slate of unprecedented challenges for our state active-duty missions in FY21.

More than 566 Soldiers and Airmen assisted local hospitals around the state in Covid-19 testing and vaccine administration, mobilized to the southwest border to support the Texas National Guard, and as an emergency response to natural disasters.

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 use their skills and training in a homeland security role by assisting local authorities in emergency response and disaster recovery.

In total, federal and state active-duty missions during FY21 included: support of the 59th Presidential Inauguration, statewide COVID-19 testing and vaccination support, providing vehicle maintenance support on the southwest border for the Texas National Guard, deployment to Task Force Spartan for U.S. Central Command, assistance with humanitarian aid in support of Operation Allies Refuge, and emergency response operations for Hurricane Ida.

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 FY21, the Arkansas National Guard provided professional, cost-effective and reliable solutions for the needs of Arkansans with a total cost to the state of \$60,297,908, a portion of which is reimbursed to the state by the federal government.

The Arkansas National Guard has developed plans for homeland security 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.

## FEDERAL ACTIVE DUTY MISSIONS

The Arkansas National Guard is always ready and always there to answer when our nation calls. FY21 saw a return of many federal active-duty missions.

Our Guardsmen served on missions to protect the nation's capital, provide humanitarian aid, and a deployment overseas.

FY21 saw more than 650 Soldiers and Airmen on federal active duty.

Federal active-duty missions are coordinated through the Director of Military Support during national need or emergency, giving our Guardsmen an opportunity to apply their skills and training in protecting our nation's citizens, security and interests around the world.

## 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.

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

These Soldiers and Airmen assist agency partners with planning and coordination to manage their resources and ensure the Arkansas National Guard delivers support whenever and wherever needed.



10 requests for Investigative Case and Analysis

20,000 man-hours of counterdrug analysis

111 cases and 249 case de-conflictions

643 counterdrug products and database entries produced

20 drug trafficking organizations dismantled

Assisted in the seizure of 43,558 pounds of drugs

Assisted in the seizure of assets valued at over \$4,895,225

Assisted in 278 arrest and the seizure of 267 weapons

297 flight hours supporting law enforcement narcotics investigations

39 interagency aerial missions conducted in 26 counties

Over 800 marijuana plants, valued at over \$832,000, were eradicated

41,737 pounds of prescription medication destroyed Interagency communications support provided to 24 missions throughout the state

## COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

The Arkansas Counterdrug Program resourced ten requests for Investigative Case and Analysis support during 2021. Program analysts were assigned additional duties as Training Officers, Intelligence Oversight Officers and given oversight of the annual prescription drug takeback program. Counterdrug analysts worked over 20,000 manhours, supported 111 cases and 249 case de-conflictions, produced 643 products and database entries, and disrupted or dismantled 20 drug trafficking organizations. The analytical support provided by the Arkansas Counterdrug Program assisted in the seizure of 43,558 pounds of drugs, cash, and assets with a combined value of \$4,895,225, including 278 arrests and 267 weapons seized. This portion of the Arkansas National Guard state assistance program significantly impacts the drug trade in Arkansas and surrounding areas.

The Counterdrug Aviation Section maximized law enforcement's ability to effectively combat specific vulnerabilities in the production, distribution, and transportation of narcotics in Arkansas and surrounding states. Aviators logged over 297 flight hours supporting Law Enforcement narcotics investigations utilizing the UH-72A Lakota.

Aviators conducted aerial reconnaissance and observation operations over four months throughout the state. Intensive coordination between the Drug Enforcement Administration, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, U. S. Forestry Service, Judicial Drug Task Forces, County Sheriff's Offices, and the Counterdrug Aviation Section ensured missions were successful. Interagency coordination resulted in 39 missions conducted in 26 counties within the state. Over 800 marijuana plants, with an estimated street value of \$832,000, were eradicated.

Additionally, the Counterdrug Program provided transportation assistance for two statewide prescription drug takeback initiatives involving 188 collection locations. These two initiatives destroyed 41,737 pounds of prescription medication.

Counterdrug Soldiers provided communication support to 24 missions in Arkansas. The Arkansas Counterdrug Program provided full-motion video downlink and mobile communication support with the UH-72A helicopters and RC-26 airframe for multiple large-scale law enforcement narcotics operations.

Finally, Drug Demand Reduction Outreach Civil Operators provided training and strategic planning for 43 community-based organization (CBO) events in all four Congressional Districts in Arkansas. Ten of 13 drug prevention regions were impacted, with 240 community members attending. The Arkansas Counterdrug Program utilized two personnel to support the Arkansas Drug Director's Office and CBOs in the state.





**YOUTH CHALLENGE**

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 56: 74 graduates, 25 GED's, 40 driver's permits issued and over 7,000 hours of Service to Community.

\*Class 56 was impacted by COVID and executed on a Closed Campus Protocol; the cadets were able to reach more than 52 hours each of Service to Community by working on projects here at YC to be taken out into the community. Class 57 was canceled due to COVID

During FY21 The Youth ChalleNGe Music/Video Production room was created to allow future Cadets to utilize their skills to activate their Post Residential Action Plan using sound engineering and music editing skills. The Production room is furnished with iMac computers and Midi keyboards utilizing industry standard software.

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 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 ARNG 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 21 PEC trained 6,670 personnel, conducting 341 iterations of 75 different courses and hosted 4,708 personnel at 74 conferences/special events.

In support of these events, the Command billeted 7,362 guests over 53,713 cumulative nights, conducted about 1,024 transportation sorties moving 4,864 passengers, and served 50,857 meals.

\*Due to COVID-19, During FY 21 PEC cancelled 82 classes with 2,097 scheduled seats and 69 conferences/special events with 8,385 scheduled guests.





## 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

The 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) headquartered on Camp Joseph T. Robinson, is the largest Major Subordinate Command in the state. With over 3,017 Soldiers authorized, it comprises 44% of the state’s Army National Guard workforce. The brigade, headquartered at Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center, spans 36 communities in Arkansas and Nebraska, and Missouri.

During 2021 the 39th IBCT completed Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Rotation at Fort Polk, Louisiana, met the needs of fellow Arkansans with COVID-19 response support and a plethora of other State Active Duty (SAD) missions.

In February 2021, 88 members of the 39th IBCT provided aid to stranded motorists and impacted communities during the historic severe winter weather that saw an average of 11.8 inches of snow accumulation.

In preparation for JRTC, the brigade completed an eight-day field training exercise at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center (FCMTC) in May 2021. Then in early July, Task Force Bowie returned to FCMTC to muster forces for movement to Fort Polk. With force protection prioritized, a vigorous three-phase COVID-19 protocol was completed before embarking on a three-day 380-mile convoy operation. The movement consisted of 5,031 Soldiers from over 20 states and more than 3,400 pieces of military equipment via land and air. Titled “Operation Bowie Coil,” the brigade assembled on Fort Polk, conducting reception, staging, onward movement, and integration.

During July and August, the 39th IBCT completed just under 30 days of arduous training in the austere and harsh environment of Fort Polk. The brigade locked horns with the Army’s premier opposition forces, the 1-509th (infamously known as “Geronimo”), during force-on-force training. The training culminated with maneuver battalions conducting synchronized company live-fire exercises, integrating indirect fire from the 1-206th Field Artillery Battalion.

In September, more than 250 Soldiers headed back to Louisiana to answer the call of those impacted by Hurricane Ida. During response operations, the 39th IBCT provided a multi-functional battalion headquarters with 21 route clearance teams. As the mission evolved, the multi-functional battalion transitioned to providing local security, and assisting local authorities with distribution of food and potable water.

Throughout 2021, the 39th IBCT trained for global response operations while simultaneously serving state missions and meeting Citizen Soldier professional development needs. The brigade expended over one million rounds of ammunition, and five thousand rounds of artillery and mortar, to improve proficiency.

The 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team remains Fit to Fight, and Ready to Win.



Colonel  
Chad Bridges  
39th IBCT CDR



Command  
Sergeant Major  
Jessie Parsons  
39th IBCT

## 77TH THEATER AVIATION BRIGADE

The 77th Theater Aviation Brigade, headquartered on Camp Joseph T. Robinson, has more than 770 authorized Soldiers. The 77th TAB capabilities are aviation rotary and fixedwing assets that consist of the UH-60 Black Hawk, LUH-72 Lakota, and a C-26 Metroliner (fixed-wing), accompanied by aviation fueling, maintenance, and ground support.

The UH-60 Black Hawk is configured for Soldier transport, medical evacuation, and security and surveillance missions. The 77th TAB supports and assists civilian authorities during search, recovery, rescue missions, natural disaster relief, and assistance to federal and state agencies in fighting forestry fires.

The primary mission of the LUH-72 Lakota is to provide MEDEVAC, search, rescue, and aerial reconnaissance missions. The LUH-72 crew members work in partnership with state and federal law enforcement governmental agencies that offer 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 Metroliner’s primary mission is to support state and federal dignitary transport. The C-26 flies throughout the continental United States and other countries worldwide.

During FY 21, the 77th executed missions in Arkansas, supported natural disaster relief, and conducted community engagements and joint agency operations.

During the winter storms, 77th Soldiers mobilized in support of State Active duty missions to assist the Arkansas State Police with stranded motorists.

The 77th TAB has led the COVID-19 vaccination strike force and assisted the Arkansas Department of Health with coronavirus planning throughout the year while simultaneously training to prepare flight crews and maintenance personnel for possible deployments.



Colonel  
David Doran  
77th CAB CDR



Command  
Sergeant Major  
Johnny Brown  
77th TAB







87TH TROOP COMMAND

The 87th Troop Command, headquartered on Camp Joseph T. Robinson, supports state natural disaster emergency operations by assisting with road clearance, security, search and rescue operations, flood response, and various other disaster relief efforts. The 87th also serves as the brigade headquarters for 13 units across eight counties in central and northeast Arkansas.

During FY 21 the 1036th Sapper Company conducted a JRTC rotation in support of the 39th IBTC, and aided local civil authorities in support of COVID-19 assistance missions and winter weather response missions.

The 1037th Mobility Augmentation Company conducted a National Training Center rotation at Fort Irwin, Calif., in support of the Mississippi National Guard's 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team. At home, the 1037th provided mission support to civil authorities for COVID-19 mitigation and relief, and executed winter weather missions with local authorities.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 875th Engineer Battalion conducted a staff training exercise at the Sustainment Training Center at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and provided state COVID-19 mission support with patient transportation and call center assistance.

The Forward Support Company, 875th Engineer Battalion conducted a training rotation at the Sustainment Training Center at Camp Dodge, and assisted with the local winter weather support missions with local authorities.

The 216th Military Police Company completed five joint training exercises in cooperation with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and the Arkansas Air National Guard. Medics from 216th cross-trained with civilian paramedics from different agencies in real-world events.

The 106th Army Band completed more than 50 missions in support of the Arkansas National Guard and civil authorities. The unit also supported the state's COVID-19 mission, tracking vaccines statewide, and reviewed and corrected COVID vaccination records. Additionally, the 106th Army Band served in an active duty backfill position, state partnership mission after completing the Operational Readiness Evaluation conducted by the National Guard Bureau.

The 224th Surface Maintenance Company conducted maintenance operations in support of the 39th IBCT during its iteration at JRTC. The 224th repaired more than 400 equipment items and contributed 2,250 person-hours that resulted in saving \$270,000 in labor.

The 119th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment supported military missions across the state, our Nation's Capital, and during the 39th IBCT JRTC rotation.



Colonel  
Cory Sailor  
87th TC CDR



Command  
Sergeant Major  
Jeff Michau  
87th TC

142ND FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

The mission of the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade (FAB), headquartered in Fayetteville, Ark., is the precision application of lethal artillery fires utilizing the M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), M777 Howitzer, and M109 Paladin Howitzer. The 142nd FAB is supported by the 217th Brigade Support Battalion and the 142nd Network Support Signal Company. The brigade simultaneously maintains a crisis response posture and is ready at a moment's notice to assist our communities during natural disasters and other emergencies.

In January, over 500 142nd FAB Soldiers deployed to Washington, D.C., in support of the 59th Presidential Inauguration. During this mission, Soldiers provided additional security in the nation's capital by assisting with perimeter security. Their efforts to protect citizens' rights ensured a smooth transition of power as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

In March, Alpha Battery and a detachment of the 936th Forward Support Company completed a deployment to Germany and Poland in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Their efforts provided combat-ready forces, demonstrating the nation's commitment to NATO and improving our ability to work hand-in-hand with our allied and partner nations in Europe.

In September, Soldiers with the brigade's second battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, mobilized for disaster response following Hurricane Ida in Louisiana. During this state active duty mission, Soldiers assisted with search and rescue, provided medical care, logistics support, and evacuation assistance.

The unit deployed to multiple locations throughout the Central Command area of operations in support of both Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve. While deployed, Soldiers conducted subject-matter expert exchanges, joint training exercises, and key leader engagements. These actions increase the ability of U.S. forces to operate alongside host nation military forces while deterring adversarial aggression in the region.



Colonel  
David Gibbons  
142nd FAB CDR



Command  
Sergeant Major  
Shane Oakes  
142nd FAB





## 188TH WING

The 188th Wing, headquartered at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, provides three mission sets: MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft operations; Distributed Ground Station – Arkansas operations, and all-source targeting.

The 188th's operates from Razorback Operations Center (known as "The ROC"), a 40,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility, and is the only unit in the Air National Guard that houses MQ-9, Distributed Ground Station, and targeting missions under one roof.

The 188th Operations Group continues to be the most requested MQ-9 operator in combat theaters. During FY 21, the 184th Attack Squadron carried out more than 50 kinetic strikes on more than 300 targets during nearly 6,000 combat flight hours.

The first-ever MQ-9 launched from Fort Smith Regional Airport during Exercise Establish Fury in summer 2021. This partnership with the Texas Air National Guard 147th Attack Wing and ground forces employed the Reapers in real-time training missions over nearby Razorback Range.

The ISR Group provides combatant commanders around the clock adversarial target acquisition and analysis allowing for strategic planning and critical information dissemination. The targeting squadron is leading the way with innovative target development by integrating geospatial data with open source intelligence and signal intelligence. These techniques provided more than 19,000 hours of target development analysis, producing more than 1,200 intelligence products.

DGS-Arkansas is a nationally recognized premier expert regarding open-source intelligence integration. The full-motion video utilization teams provided support during 320 different MQ-9 missions and created over 2,000 intelligence products totally over 4,000 hours of ISR across six countries.

During FY 21 the 188th Wing deployed nearly 80 members to seven locations around the world in support of combat and humanitarian operations.



**Colonel  
Jeremiah Gentry  
188th WG CC**



**Chief Master Sergeant  
Donnie Frederick  
188th WG CCC**

## 189TH AIRLIFT WING

The 189th Airlift Wing headquarters at Little Rock Air Force Base, 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 189th Operations Group safely executed more than 3,600 flying hours, and 1,600 sorties last year between student and instructor training. The group's target goal for FY 22 is 3,800 flying hours. The 189th's flying training mission will expand to include C-130J model training in FY 23 as the Air Force continues its C-130 recapitalization project.

The wing is also home to the Air Force's Total Force Cyber Protect and Defend course, which delivers cyberspace vulnerability assessment initial qualification training for Mission Defense Teams across the total force. The 223rd Cyber Operations Squadron also offers specialized training for the warfighter via locally developed intelligence support to MDT and partnerships with local technology companies and institutions of higher learning. The 223 COS trained 280 Airmen to identify cyber vulnerabilities and to develop safeguards for critical weapons systems.

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

In FY 21, the wing deployed 180 Airmen to support state missions and combatant commanders.

Finally, the wing supports the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Test Center's C-130 Combined Test Force Detachment, supporting operational and developmental test efforts culminating in the mission enhancement and continued modernization of the C-130 weapons system.

## 154TH WEATHER FLIGHT

The 154th Weather Flight serves as a detachment of Joint Force Headquarters, Arkansas Air National Guard. It's one of 24 Air National Guard weather units that support conventional U.S. Army forces across the nation. The mission of the 154th Weather Flight is to support the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade, two assault helicopter battalions in Alabama and Mississippi, one general support aviation battalion, and the state's Joint Operations Center during domestic operations.

The unit deployed three personnel in support of Operation Inherent Resolve during September, while other unit members completed annual training at Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center.



**Colonel  
Dean Martin Jr.  
189th WG CC**



**Chief Master Sergeant  
Brian Rohauer  
189th WG CCC**





## 233RD REGIMENT, REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

The 233rd Regiment, Regional Training Institute at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, plans, resources and executes individual training annually in accordance with the Total Army School System policy for approved 11 and 25 CMF MOS-T and Professional Military Education. This includes Officer Candidate School (OCS), Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS), 11B Advanced Leaders Course, 11C ALC, 25B ALC, 25B Scout Leader Course and functional courses to include Sniper Additional Skill Identifier B4 and Common Faculty Development-Instructor Course to support the needs of the state and nation.

In TY21, RTI trained over 1,025 Soldiers and NCOs across all three Army components. RTI added WOCS Phase 1 and graduated three warrant officers. OCS commissioned 10 lieutenants and inducted two retired colonels into the OCS Hall of Fame.

RTI also conducted Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration for over 750 personnel, in response to the Hurricane Ida recovery and support operations in Louisiana.

RTI proudly earned an above average evaluation on Proponent Assessments from both Infantry and Signal Proponents and scored a 96 percent on the Army Training and Doctrine Command accreditation.



Colonel  
Michael Henderson  
233rd RTI CDR



Command  
Sergeant Major  
Steven Strayhorn  
233rd RTI

## NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING CENTER (NGMTC)

**NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING CENTER (NGMTC)**  
The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, administers the Chief of the National Guard Bureau's marksmanship training and competitive programs at the regional, national, and international levels, stressing the development of combat skills to improve proficiency above basic marksmanship requirements and increasing battlefield survivability. NGMTC schools focus on advanced skills that aid Soldiers and Airmen in 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 severely affected the schools mission and competition schedule during 2021.

**DURING FY21**  
244 Soldiers trained at NGMTC schools (Squad Designated Marksman and Small Automatic Weapons Expert courses).

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

NGMTC hosted two marksmanship competitions, bringing in over 220 Soldiers and Airmen from across the nation to CJTR and FCJMTC. Additionally, NGMTC supported 33 competitions across the country.



Colonel  
Marcus Bussell  
NGMTC



Command  
Sergeant Major  
Marcus Evans  
NGMTC



**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.



**GIST CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM**

The 61st Civil Support Team (CST), located on Camp Joseph T. Robinson, is a full-time force of 22 Soldiers and Airmen from the Arkansas National Guard who 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 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 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 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. 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 continued its progress in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, restarting in-person engagements in April. The program conducted five virtual engagements using teleconferencing technology and eight in-person engagements. The engagements included Assessments, Orientations, Subject Mater Expert Exchanges, and Key Leader Engagements. Arkansas’ program saw two major milestones this year. Arkansas Air and Army National Guardsmen conducted an in-person RAVEN remotely piloted aircraft subject matter expert exchange with their Guatemalan counterparts and the 233D Regional Training Institute led the inaugural NCO Development Course collaboration with the Guatemalan Army.



**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





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



## ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER

Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center is home to the RMT Institute Support Unit and host to tenant organizations. These include, the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; 77th Theater Aviation Brigade; 87th Troop Command; Joint Force Headquarters; the 233rd Regiment; Regional Training Institute; the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center; National Guard Professional Education Center; Arkansas Department of Emergency Management; Arkansas State Police; Civilian Student Training Program and the Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

The training site consists of 32,000 acres and 27 small arms ranges. During FY 2021, more than 223,260 individuals trained on RMT. In addition to supporting training for all Army National Guard units, RMT supports multiple ROTC and Junior ROTC organizations, ADEM, local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, Sea Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, approximately 17 Army Reserve Units, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, the 189th Airlift Wing, 314th Airlift Wing and the 19th Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base

Post Engineers executed a \$1.4 million sustainment budget for facilities and grounds, kept roads operational and clear during inclement weather, operated the wastewater treatment plant, averaging 200,000 gallons of waste per day and the water treatment facility averaging 165,000 gallons of water per day. Additionally, engineers maintained over 40 miles of firebreaks. The RMT Material Recycle Facility recycled 270 tons of cardboard, plastics and other materials, which prevented the material from entering the landfill and generated \$32,000 in revenues. Billeting serviced more than 99,250 Soldiers and civilians.

## MG CHARLES H. WILSON ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY (AASF)

The AASF provides aircraft maintenance and operational support to the Arkansas Army National Guard. The staff plans and executes a training program to increase readiness at the aircrew and aircraft mechanic level to provide inclusive aviation professionals enabling the 77th Aviation Brigade (TAB) to provide ready, prompt, and sustained aviation capability to support and defend the state and nation.

The AASF supports the 77th TAB and Operations Support Airlift (OSA) Command. During FY21, aircrews flew over 120 missions and 2175 flight hours to support 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.

The AASF is the hub of aviation operations. It provides the technical and tactical experts who train pilots, crew chiefs, and mechanics. The AASF maintains aircraft and manages flight operations to provide the state with mission support throughout the year. Due to the level of requirements for the aircrew member, the preponderance of a National Guard aviator's flight time is flown during the week under the control of the AASF. Aviation readiness is generated through the AASF.

## FORT CHAFFEE JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER (FCJMT)

Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center, in Barling, 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, 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.

Recently, construction of the approximately \$22 Million Scout Reconnaissance and Infantry Platoon Battle Course range complex has been completed and utilized in a fully operational capacity. This project has been in various design stages for nearly two decades, from funding approval to construction. The range provides unique training opportunities to mounted and dismounted Soldiers in both day and night operations. The facility is outfitted with battlefield effects simulators to increase the 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.

Fort Chaffee is the only military installation in the country with a significant navigable waterway available for River Crossing exercises.

Fort Chaffee has been selected to host several 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 complete 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.

## RAZORBACK RANGE

Located 14 miles from the end of the Fort Smith Regional Airport runway, Razorback Range is solely owned, and scheduled, by the 188th Wing's Detachment 1 at Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center. The range offers surface to 30,000 feet of airspace and features thousands of target arrays for day and night operations.

Since October 2020, the range has hosted contract close air support training and became the de facto Joint Terminal Attack Controller training hub in the Air National Guard. In 2021, the Range saw 440 aircraft sorties, 750 inert munitions dropped, and trained 430 visiting JTACs that called in more than 4,800 controlled strikes.



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







## EBBING AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

Ebbing Air National Guard Base, located on the Fort Smith Regional Airport, is home to the 188th Wing. Ebbing is also home to the Civil Engineering Red Horse Training Center that operates on two sites. The fire training area is used by military and civilian firefighters to prepare for base and aircraft emergencies. The base cantonment area trains more than 500 personnel annually in heavy equipment operations, rapid runway repairs, and hosts the ANG's largest tractor-trailer training school house.

In 2021, Ebbing was selected as the preferred location to host the F-35 Lighting II Foreign Military Sales training site and the permanent location of the Republic of Singapore Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon training squadron. Beginning in the summer of 2023, RSAF F-16s will arrive from Luke AFB, Ariz., followed by Polish and Finnish Air Force F-35s in 2024 and 2025.



## 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 1,600 training sorties and 3,600 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.

The National Defense Strategy identifies China and Russia as our country's strategic competitors. The reemergence of long-term strategic competition, rapid dispersion of technologies, and new concepts of warfare and competition that span the entire spectrum of conflict require a force structured to meet this reality. The Arkansas National Guard is ready for the challenges that lie ahead, and our Soldiers and Airmen today are a more lethal, resilient force than any generation before.

## 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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