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Since 1804, the Arkansas National Guard has proudly served as a community-based, combat-proven force of citizen Soldiers and Airmen. More than 8,700 Guardsmen accept the challenges of serving their state and nation. 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 and federal mission. Our Guardsmen are a trained, rapid-response force ready to deploy at a moment's notice. We are Always Ready, Always There.

The President of the United States calls upon the Arkansas National Guard to meet the nation's needs. The Governor, the state's commander-in-chief, calls upon the Arkansas National Guard during state emergencies to meet the needs of Arkansans. 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 Arkansas National 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

A LETTER FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



I could not be prouder of our Guardsmen who served with absolute distinction last year. They left their mark at numerous locations within the state, around the nation, and throughout the world. Every day, our Guardsmen make a difference. Every day, we make our communities, our state, and our nation better. Every day, our world is made more secure because of what our Soldiers and Airmen accomplish.

In responding to the needs of the state, hundreds of our Guardsmen answered the call. From civil disturbance support to the Arkansas State Police, winter weather operations along Arkansas' roadways, vital assistance to our population and local law enforcement following the devastating March 31st tornados in Pulaski and Cross Counties, our Soldiers and Airmen proved time and again that they are our state's hometown force for good. Also, during the summer of 2023, 80 Soldiers from the 1-142nd Field Artillery Battalion deployed to south Texas in a state-active-duty status to augment Texas National Guard forces in support of Operation Lonestar. A perfect example of neighboring states coming to each other's aid in times of need.

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We deployed 50 Soldiers from the 875th Engineer Battalion headquarters on a federal mission to the Southwest border in support of U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and then welcomed home a flight company from the 149th Aviation Battalion who were deployed to Middle East supporting operations in Iraq and Syria. The 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team headquarters element deployed 160 Guardsmen to Grafenwoehr, Germany, and trained over 7,500 Ukrainian armed force members as the lead unit for the Joint Multinational Training Group-Ukraine. The 39th IBCT's 2-153rd Infantry Battalion deployed 450 Guardsmen to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Spartan Shield to promote regional self-reliance and increase security among partner nations. Additionally, Alpha Company, 1-153rd Infantry Battalion deployed to provide quick-reaction force capability across the Central Command area of responsibility. Finally, 35 members of the 216th Military Police Company departed on a nine-month deployment to Romania to provide security for American and NATO allies operating from a base there.

From Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith, Ark., the 188th Wing flew more than 270 missions, amassing 5,100 hours of combat time over the Central Command, Africa Command and European Command theaters. Additionally, the Wing produced more than 170 intermediate targets and nearly 100 advanced targets in support of geographic combatant commanders.

From Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Ark., the 189th Airlift Wing flew more than 2,200 hours and 1,100 sorties to train more than 350 C-130H aircrew students for American and allied nations, ensuring they have trained pilots, navigators, flight engineers and loadmasters to fly operational missions. Additionally, the 223rd Cyber Operations Squadron trained more than 350 cyber operators to defend and protect Air Force cyber systems.

From our local readiness centers, Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center, Camp Joseph T. Robinson Maneuver Training Center, and other locations across the country, our Army units are training on the ground and in the air to build individual and collective readiness that guarantees dominance over any adversary should we be called to engage in combat. To highlight our Soldier's readiness, two of our snipers from the 233rd Regional Training Institutes' sniper school cadre were crowned world champions at the 2023 World Champion Sniper Competition.

You see, everything I've highlighted in this note is absolute affirmation that there is No Better Place than the Arkansas National Guard. There is no better place because of our exceptional people. No better place because of the limitless opportunities we can offer not only to our servicemembers, but those contemplating service as well. And finally, there is no better place because you can't find a better deal out there; a place where our Soldiers and Airmen can serve the state and the nation but grow a civilian career and nurture a family. I encourage all of our stakeholders to let those in your sphere of influence know that WE ARE HIRING!

PROUD TO SERVE!

**MAJOR GENERAL
JONATHAN STUBBS**
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD



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.

A DIVERSE FORCE

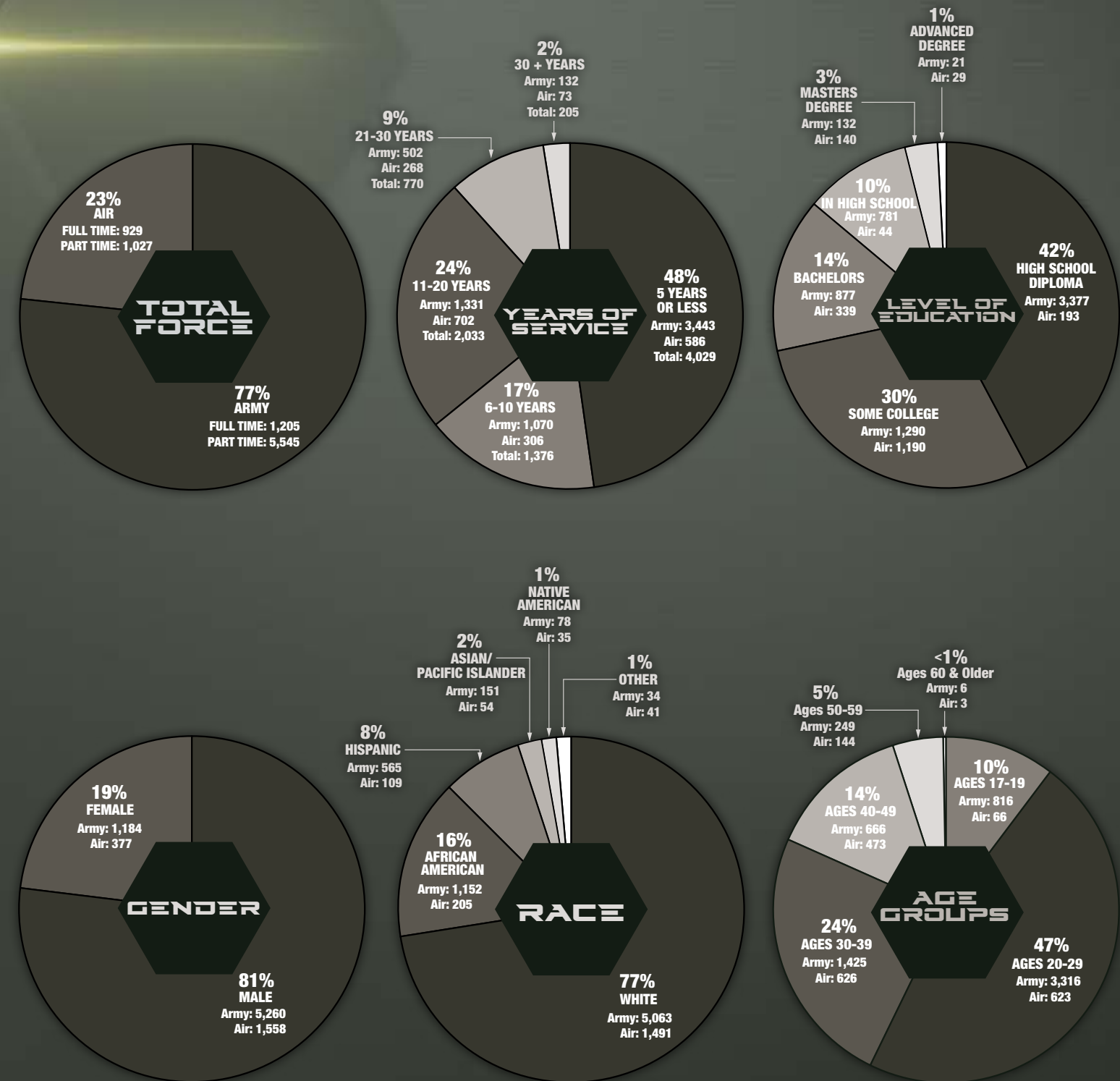
The Arkansas National Guard is a community-based force consisting of men and women from every county in the state and over 600 who reside outside the state. It is a cross section of society representing every demographic group in Arkansas. The force consists of more than 8,700 Soldiers and Airmen; 6,750 in the Army National Guard and 1,956 in the Air National Guard. They are a highly skilled and highly trained team of professionals, dedicated to serving their neighbors. More than 2,000 uniform and civilian full-time employees work together to perform critical jobs to support the total force. The Arkansas Department of the Military manages more than 400 civilian employees to support installation infrastructure around the state. The full-time workforce consists of 1,205 Army and 929 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 FY23, nearly \$280 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 Arkansas 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 FY23, more than \$425 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 \$57 million in CFA funds during FY23.



COUNTY BY COUNTY

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

COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL
ARKANSAS	\$427,864.68	LEE	\$125,516.37
ASHLEY	\$331,309.29	LINCOLN	\$141,276.51
BAXTER	\$702,918.20	LITTLE RIVER	\$192,073.40
BENTON	\$10,850,725.61	LOGAN	\$1,920,475.75
BOONE	\$1,424,683.85	LONOKE	\$27,222,952.42
BRADLEY	\$889,800.61	MADISON	\$244,276.23
CALHOUN	\$109,756.23	MARION	\$137,195.28
CARROLL	\$439,024.90	MILLER	\$744,897.30
CHICOT	\$192,073.40	MISSISSIPPI	\$372,467.88
CLARK	\$768,849.57	MONROE	\$144,460.28
CLAY	\$218,926.92	MONTGOMERY	\$82,317.17
CLEBURNE	\$973,684.82	NEVADA	\$225,370.15
CLEVELAND	\$139,235.90	NEWTON	\$164,634.34
COLUMBIA	\$246,951.51	OUACHITA	\$549,573.49
CONWAY	\$947,338.81	PERRY	\$441,065.52
CRAIGHEAD	\$5,308,264.39	PHILLIPS	\$266,792.88
CRAWFORD	\$11,415,262.58	PIKE	\$251,032.74
CRITTENDEN	\$831,396.94	POINSETT	\$934,338.25
CROSS	\$166,674.95	POLK	\$914,174.63
DALLAS	\$109,756.23	POPE	\$4,253,344.29
DESHA	\$194,114.01	PRAIRIE	\$1,393,178.65
DREW	\$411,585.85	PULASKI	\$105,020,437.91
FAULKNER	\$12,004,153.20	RANDOLPH	248,992.12
FRANKLIN	\$1,958,867.66	SAINT FRANCIS	\$238,571.00
FULTON	\$150,914.81	SALINE	\$8,789,721.75
GARLAND	\$2,538,016.06	SCOTT	\$1,099,575.95
GRANT	\$1,053,369.14	SEARCY	\$247,470.20
GREENE	\$940,637.54	SEBASTIAN	\$34,595,110.94
HEMPSTEAD	364,606.05	SEVIER	\$597,838.03
HOT SPRING	\$2,339,503.38	SHARP	\$360,788.96
HOWARD	\$369,019.04	STONE	\$225,634.30
INDEPENDENCE	\$1,003,316.51	UNION	\$982,516.63
IZARD	\$139,235.90	VAN BUREN	\$358,748.35
JACKSON	\$329,915.06	WASHINGTON	\$12,482,825.08
JEFFERSON	\$1,972,447.82	WHITE	\$8,619,102.77
JOHNSON	\$1,696,899.25	WOODRUFF	\$178,872.55
LAFAYETTE	\$68,597.64	YELL COUNTY	\$860,696.32
LAWRENCE	\$403,258.59		

GUARD MEMBERS LIVING OUT OF STATE: \$14,745,133.30

TOTALS: \$294,806,406.60

* All information is captured for FY23.

FISCAL YEAR 2023

STATE FUNDING

Payroll, Operations, Maintenance	\$8,318,148
State Active Duty	\$2,219,473
Winter Response	\$11,736
Water Distribution	\$8,000
Disaster Response (Tornado)	\$166,070
Helicopter Rescue Team	\$75,000
Civil Unrest Response	\$54,391
Wildfire Support, Louisiana (EMAC)	\$664,841
Texas-Mexico Border Mission	\$1,239,435

FEDERAL FUNDING

Active Guard & Reserve	\$99,531,777
Military Pay	\$69,219,221
Civilian Pay	\$78,573,768
Operations & Maintenance	\$74,170,180
MILCON	\$0
Cooperative Funding Agreement	\$57,418,752
PEC	\$36,319,427

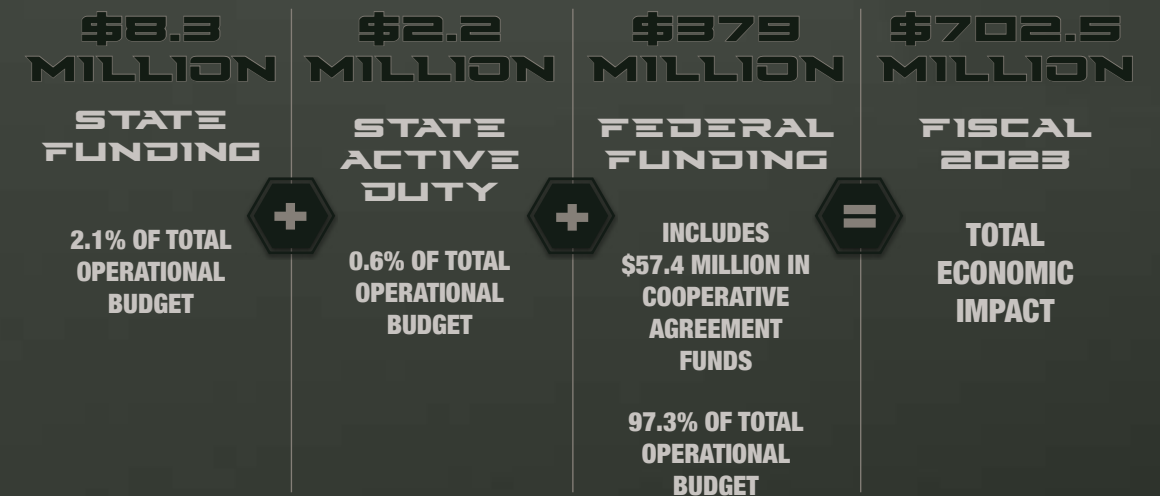
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$415,233,125
TOTAL STATE EXPENDITURES	\$8,318,148
STATE ACTIVE DUTY	\$2,219,473

TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$425,770,746
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$702,521,731*

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

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

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



PUTTING ARKANSAS FIRST

STATE ACTIVE DUTY MISSIONS

The Arkansas National Guard is Always Ready and Always There to assist the residents of the state of Arkansas, and FY23 was no exception.

We continue to be deeply engaged in local disaster response, civil unrest response, and state active duty support to our fellow residents of Arkansas and neighboring states.

During FY23 More than 650 Soldiers and Airmen were activated for State active-duty missions.

These missions are coordinated through the Arkansas Division 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, state active-duty missions during FY23 included: winter response; support to Arkansas State Police; water distributions to support Arkansas communities; security, distribution, and disaster relief support to local communities in response to tornados; search and rescue requests within the state; aerial wildfire support to the State of Louisiana; and border security support to the State of Texas.

While our 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 efficiently.

In FY23, the Arkansas National Guard provided professional, cost-effective and reliable solutions for the needs of Arkansans with a total cost to the state of \$2,219,473, a portion of which is reimbursed to the state by the federal government.

To request our support, the mayor, county judge or county sheriff should request specific support through the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management. These requests must be validated by county coordinators and channeled to the governor's office for approval.

FEDERAL ACTIVE DUTY MISSIONS

The Arkansas National Guard is Always Ready and Always There to answer when our nation calls. FY23 saw many federal active-duty missions.

FY23 saw 870 Soldiers and Airmen on federal active duty missions to Southwest Asia, Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, Antarctica, Indo-Pacific region, and multiple locations across the United States.

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 assistance 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.

COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

The Arkansas Counterdrug Program supports state focused Law Enforcement activities and community organizations by leveraging specialized National Guard military skills and capabilities to prevent, deter, and defeat illicit drug activities.

ARCDP maintained a readiness posture with six Counterdrug members activated for federal-active-duty in 2023. ARCDP sourced 12 requests for analysis support. These analysts worked over 3,580 man-days, supported 200 cases, produced 230 analytical products, and disrupted/dismantled nine drug trafficking organizations. Analysts assisted in the seizure of 9,596 pounds of drugs, and assets with a combined value of \$39,933,127, including 766 arrests and 218 weapons seized.

The Aerial Reconnaissance and Observation section, logged 256.2 flight hours and conducted four marijuana spotter courses, certifying 66 officers. Counterdrug coordinated operations between several Law Enforcement Agencies, as a result, 33 missions were conducted in 24 counties, contributing to 864 marijuana plants eradicated, valued at \$880,000.

The Drug Demand Reduction Outreach provided transportation for two statewide Prescription Drug Take Back initiatives involving 188 collection locations. This resulted in 52,955 pounds of prescription medications being turned in for destruction.

Additionally, DDRO provided training and strategic planning for 204 community-based organization events in all four Congressional Districts, with 242 community leaders attending. Lastly, DDRO coordinated the distribution of 15,000 naloxone kits to Law Enforcement Agencies across the state in an effort to combat the overdose epidemic impacting our communities.



12 requests for Investigative Case and Analysis

3,580 man-days of counter drug analysis

200 cases and produced 230 analytical products

643 counterdrug products and database entries produced

9 drug trafficking organizations dismantled

Assisted in the seizure of more than 9,596 pounds of drugs

Assisted in the seizure of assets valued at over \$39 million.

Assisted in 766 arrests and the seizure of 218 weapons

Over 256 flight hours supporting law enforcement narcotics investigations

33 interagency aerial missions conducted in 24 counties

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PUTTING ARKANSAS FIRST



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 58: 58 graduates, 26 GEDs, 163 books read under the Reading Incentive Program, and over 3,000 hours of service to the community.

CLASS 59: 42 graduates, 20 GEDs, 472 books read under the Reading Incentive Program, almost 2,000 hours of service to the community, and 14 driver's permits awarded.

CLASS 60: 61 graduates, 22 GEDs, 917 books read under the Reading Incentive Program, over 3,000 hours of service to the community, 6 Arkansas High School Diplomas through Graduate Arkansas plus 134 additional academic credits, and 11 driver's permits awarded.

CLASS 61: 60 graduates, 21 GEDs, 627 books read under the Reading Incentive Program, 2 Arkansas High School Diplomas through Graduate Arkansas plus 45 additional academic credits, 29 driver's permits awarded, and over 2,500 hours of service to the community. Additionally 15 cadets became eligible of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

Beginning with Class 58 Youth Challenge implemented the Reading Incentive Program as a means to boost our cadets reading levels. The program has empowered cadets to earn something that is achievable by all. Reading for most of the cadets is their only form of entertainment they can enjoy separately. To progress in the program cadets write a report for each book they complete, and earn one credit. The cadets are then able to use those credits to attend a movie, with popcorn, a drink, and candy. Over the past two years cadets have read over 2,000 books; that's almost 10 books per cadet.

Class 60 was the first Youth Challenge class to work with Graduate Arkansas. Though this process six cadets that were able to earn their high school diplomas and in class 61 we had two cadets leave the program with the High School Diploma.

Since its inception in 1993, the Arkansas Youth Challenge program has produced over 4,600 graduates. Our staff and partners encourage our students to Dream. Believe. Achieve.

JOINT SUPPORT SERVICES

The mission of the Arkansas National Guard Joint Services Support is to support the well-being of Arkansas service members, their families, and veterans.

JSS enhances Soldier and Family readiness by providing holistic health promotion 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, Resiliency, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention Program, Military OneSource, Personal Finance Counselors Program, Survivor Outreach Services, and the Transition Assistance Program.

JSS supports 10 Soldier and Family Readiness Centers across Arkansas at Army National Guard Facilities, Little Rock Air Force Base, and Ebbing Air National Guard 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

The Professional Education Center trains agile and adaptive leaders ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow's Army National Guard. It aims to be the premier learning institution in the Department of Defense, providing an unrivaled experience to leaders of all ranks from across the 54 states, territories, and the District of Columbia. PEC employs more than 400 men and women as contractors, Army Career Professionals, state employees, and active National Guard Soldiers on permanent and temporary orders.

PEC is the home of the National Guard Bureau's priority conferences. Spanning 85 acres and 39 buildings, the PEC campus offers six training battalions, three military housing complexes, a café and the SFC Troy L. Miranda Combat Athletic Performance Center. You will find national programs like Buddy Aid and Health and Holistic Fitness at PEC, as well as Cyber Shield, the largest Department of Defense unclassified cyber defense exercise.

During FY23, PEC hosted more than 20,000 students and conference and event attendees.

**COMBAT PROVEN.
COMBAT READY
RESOURCE.**



39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

The 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is headquartered on Camp Joseph T. Robinson and with over 3,000 soldiers authorized, is the largest major subordinate command in the state.

The 39th IBCT can rapidly deploy and execute missions throughout the range of military operations, and stands ready to support the state and civil authorities in times of emergency and distress at home.

During 2023 the 39th IBCT completed multiple pre-mobilization trainings at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, mobilized to various parts of Europe and Asia, met the needs of Arkansans during various state mobilizations to support communities in need, and assisted our partners in Guatemala with training.

Members of the brigade were activated to distribute drinkable water to the communities of Wilmar, West Helena, and Sparkman while the cities worked to restore regular services.

Soldiers deploying in support of Operation Spartan Shield completed pre-mobilization training at Fort Chaffee, and then assumed command and control of the Joint Multi-national Training Group Ukraine where they trained Ukrainians to protect their territorial borders.

The 39th IBCT was activated for winter storm response to provide support to the Arkansas State Police, and aid and recovery assets to the local communities.

Sixty soldiers deployed to Guatemala to conduct 2023 CENTAM Guardian, a multi-nation exercise with Guatemala and other Central American nations to enhance basic infantry skills, small-unit tactics, and mission planning.

While parts of the formation were deployed to various parts of the world, the remainder of the brigade completed its annual training at Fort Chaffee.

As the year came to a close Soldiers continued to support Joint Multinational Training Group Ukraine in Germany, Operation Spartan Shield in the middle east and Southwest Asia and remained prepared for any additional state or federal active duty missions they are called on to assist with the safety and security of the state of Arkansas and the United States of America.

The 39th Infantry Brigade will always be “Fit to Fight, and Ready to Win!” BOWIE TEAM!

77TH THEATER AVIATION BRIGADE

Headquartered on Camp Joseph T. Robinson, the 77th TAB consists of one brigade headquarters, two battalion headquarters, 760 Soldiers, and 29 aircraft.

The 77th TAB aviation capabilities are comprised of the UH-60L and HH-60M Black Hawk, UH-72 Lakota, and a C-26 Metroliner, and associated ground support.

The Black Hawk’s mission is Soldier transport, medical evacuation, security, and surveillance. Crews support and assist civilian authorities during search, recovery and rescue, natural disaster relief, and helping federal and state agencies fight forest fires.

The Lakota provides medical evacuation, search and rescue, and aerial reconnaissance. Crew members work in partnership with state and federal law enforcement governmental agencies, and the Counter Drug program, to lessen and diminish illegal drug production, transportation, and distribution in the state of Arkansas.

The Metroliner is a state and federal dignitary transport aircraft. The flies throughout the continental United States and other countries worldwide.

In FY23, the brigade showcased its versatility and commitment through a series of domestic and international operations.

The 77th TAB responded to a tornado that ravaged a path from Little Rock to Wynne, mobilizing for disaster relief and providing crucial aerial surveillance. This was pivotal in assisting the Governor, local authorities, and ground teams in navigating the aftermath and streamlining recovery efforts.

The brigade had units deployed to the Middle East, contributing to the Global War on Terrorism. Their deployment underlined the Brigade’s capability and readiness to engage in complex combat operations in international conflict zones.

At home, the 77th TAB strengthened international military relationships through the State Partnership Program with Guatemala. The focus areas included night vision devices and high-angle rescue operations.

In addition to these endeavors, personnel of the 77th TAB played a vital role in national security by providing aircrews for ongoing aerial support along the Southwest border.

**COMBAT PROVEN.
COMBAT READY
RESOURCE.**



87TH TROOP COMMAND

87th Troop Command is headquartered on Camp Joseph T. Robinson. In 2023, its Soldiers in subordinate units supported a civil unrest mission in West Memphis, tornado recover efforts in Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Wynne; and winter weather response missions across the state.

The 87th serves as the brigade headquarters for 13 units across eight counties in central and northeast Arkansas. The 871st Troop Command Battalion is comprised of nearly 400 Soldiers and provides a variety of support functions to the Arkansas Army National Guard.

The 106th Army Band promotes the Army and tells its story through music. The 40-person band supported more than 70 missions for more than 40,000 audience members in 2023.

The 216th Military Police Company's 165 assigned Soldiers stand ready to support a variety of missions with a primary focus on security and law enforcement.

The 224th Support Maintenance Company provides field maintenance and recovery support to other Army National Guard units around the state with 125 Soldiers assigned.

The 119th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment comprised of 20 mass communication specialists, public affairs non-commissioned officers and public affairs officers provides Public Affairs support to units deployed in support of Army, joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational operations.

The 875th Engineer Battalion based in Jonesboro, Ark., is a combat engineer battalion and is authorized 370 personnel. The unit 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 HHC, 875th Engineer Battalion, was called to action and mobilized for a year-long federal mission to support U.S. Customs and Border Patrol with 50 Soldiers.

142ND FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

The 142nd Field Artillery Brigade, headquartered in Fayetteville, Ark., plans, resources, executes, and assesses individual and collective training while providing close support and precision strike for Corps, Divisions, and Brigade Combat Teams; simultaneously the organization is prepared to conduct missions in support of state and national emergencies.

During 2023 the 142nd FAB participated in WFX 23-4 at Fort Riley, Kan., the 1-142nd Field Artillery Battalion shot 60 H185 Reduced Range Rockets with their MLRS platforms and 2-142nd Field Artillery Battalion fired over 1000 rounds of 155MM HE.

The brigade completed a radar upgrade which increased the lethality and accuracy, and conducted training on the Command Post Computing Environment and the Distributed Common Ground System-Army.

The 142nd Signal Company conducted a rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center supporting the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Hawaii National Guard where they provided tactical internet to the 29th IBCT.

1-142nd FA BN participated in Operation Lone Star, providing border security operations in support of the Texas National Guard, assisting in the prevention of terrorist activity, illegal entry of undocumented noncitizens, and the detection and prevention of drug smugglers. Over 200 illegal boarder crossings were deterred during this mission.

2-142nd FA BN was awarded the Extended Range Cannon Artillery platform and is one of only two battalions in the DoD to first field this modernized artillery platform. They also increased their lethality due to a size increase which added six new Paladin artillery platforms as well as sections.

217th BSB further enabled their ability to provide support for sustainment operations though new equipment increasing the ability to provide field-level maintenance for BDE operations. This new capability decreased equipment down-time by 15% and increased the overall lethality of the 142nd FAB.

**COMBAT PROVEN.
COMBAT READY
RESOURCE.**



188TH WING

Headquartered at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, the 188th excels in five primary mission areas: MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft operations, Distributed Ground Station Arkansas, all-source targeting, Mission Support Group functions, and the Medical Group's expeditionary medicine.

The 188th Operations Group stands out as the most sought-after MQ-9 operator in combat theaters. In FY23, they accomplished more than 270 missions, amassing over 5,100 hours of combat employment. The unit performed mission taskings in five areas of responsibility, including support to Central Command, Africa Command, and European Command.

The 188th Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Group offers around-the-clock support to Combatant Commanders, identifying targets, enabling planning, and sharing vital data. The group's targeting squadron integrates geospatial, open-source, and signals intelligence. It produced more than 170 intermediate targets, nearly 100 advanced targets, and three weaponizing solutions in FY23.

The ROC – also known as the Razorback Operations Center- is a state-of-the-art, 40,000 square-foot building uniquely combines MQ-9, DGS-AR, and targeting missions, making it the only Air National Guard unit with such comprehensive integration.

The 188th Mission Support Group ensures seamless base operations through maintaining essential infrastructure and logistical support. This includes security forces, civil engineering, force support, base communications, logistics, and base contracting. MSG also houses the CE Red Horse Training Center and Emergency Management Mission Essential Training schools. Together they trained more than 420 Airmen from across the Air Force in 2023.

The 188th Medical Group excels in expeditionary medicine, providing critical healthcare services in various operational environments. In 2023, its members provided service during Operation Continuing Promise in Guatemala, and Operation Cope North in the Pacific Air Force area of operation. Guardsmen also participated in two exercises: Germany Air Defender, Pacific Sentry in Pacific Command, and trained 25 Costa Rican law enforcement officers on tactical trauma care. At Ebbing, they provide medical care to more than 900 Airmen.

In FY23, the 188th Wing demonstrated its global commitment by deploying nearly 20 members to five locations, supporting both combat and humanitarian operations, showcasing its multifaceted capabilities and unwavering dedication to its diverse mission sets and the National Defense Strategy.

189TH AIRLIFT WING

Headquartered at Little Rock Air Force Base, the 189th Wing operates the sole C-130H Formal Training Unit for the Department of Defense, providing aircrew training to pilots, navigators, flight engineers, and loadmasters. More than 350 Air Force, inter-service, and international students annually graduate from its courses. The 189th Operations Group safely executed more than 2,200 flying hours, and 1,100 sorties between student and instructor training.

FY23 numbers were historically down due to grounding of the entire C-130H fleet with cracked propellers and barrel assemblies. During this time, Operation Queen Bee was stood up via the 189th Operations Group, effectively maintaining the readiness and proficiency of C-130H Guard units by using loaner aircraft. The group's target goal for FY24 is 2,900 flying hours. The 189th's flying training mission will expand to include C-130J model training in FY25 as the Air Force continues its C-130 recapitalization project, with the first J-model scheduled to arrive at the 189th Airlift Wing in October 2024.

The wing is also home to the 223rd Cyberspace Operations Squadron which serves as the Air Force's Total Force Mission Team Field Training Unit. This FTU delivers cyberspace vulnerability assessment initial qualification and specialized training for cyber warfare operators across the Air and Space Force and graduated more than 350 operators in FY23. The 223rd COS also serves

as an operational Cyber Protection Team, conducting defensive cyberspace operations in support of combatant commands.

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.

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 that continue the modernization of the C-130 weapons system.

154TH WEATHER FLIGHT

A detachment of Joint Force Headquarters, Arkansas Air National Guard. The flight is one of 24 Air National Guard weather units supporting 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 in Alabama and Mississippi, and the state Joint Operations Center during domestic operations. The unit deployed one Airman for six months in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, while other unit members completed annual training at Camp Robinson in June.

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233RD REGIMENT, REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

The 233rd Regiment, Regional Training Institute on Camp Joseph T. Robinson plans, resources, and executes individual training in accordance with the One Army School System policy to train U.S. Army Soldiers in both 11 (Infantry) and 25 (Signal Corp) Career Management Filed courses, and conducts an Officer Candidate School, a Warrant Officer Candidate School, a Sniper, Common Faculty Development – Instructor Course, a Maneuver Tactics Foundation Course, and both Basic and Tactical Combatives courses. Additionally the schoolhouse hosts GT Enhancement Courses to increase the number of qualified applicants for OCS and WOCS.

The 233rd RTI prepared to conduct Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration for any response needed within the state or nation.

In FY23, RTI trained 1,231 Soldiers. WOCS Phase 1, graduated three Warrant Officers. OCS commissioned nine Lieutenants and inducted six retired Colonels into the OCS Hall of Fame.

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Cotton and Staff Sgt. Allen Smith, both 233rd RTI Sniper Instructors, placed first overall at the 2023 International Sniper Competition.

NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING CENTER

The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center on 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 increase battlefield survivability.

The school focuses 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.

Annually, National Guard Marksmanship Training Center hosts the Winston P. Wilson Championship series which

is comprised of three separate disciplines: Small Arms, Sniper, and Machine Gun. Additionally, the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center conducts Phase 3 of the Chief, National Guard Bureau Postal Match and supports the seven Marksmanship Advisory Council Regional Matches that are conducted across the 54 states, territories, and districts.

In FY23, the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center supported and trained Soldiers and Airmen that competed in the All-Army Small Arms Championship which resulted in an overwhelming amount first place finishes from National Guard teams in 5 of the 7 match categories for this event.

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 on all civil-military training, exercises and state active duty response missions. Each year units of the Arkansas National Guard participate in numerous multiagency exercises for training.

61ST CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

The 61st Civil Support Team, 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 chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear material events, as well as natural or man-made disasters within the state of Arkansas and across the United States.

The unit is the Governor's and the Adjutant General'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.

FY23 was a busy year for the 61st. It conducted CBRN training across the state of Arkansas with local, state, and federal partners, 12 training exercises which included working with Civil Support Teams from other states, and New Madrid Seismic Zone Planning.

The team provided support to; Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort, Arkansas State University football, University of Arkansas football, the Steel Horse Rally, the Bikes, Blues and BBQ, the Little Rock Marathon, the Wal-Mart Shareholders meeting, the NFL Draft, the United Nations General Assembly, the U.S. Open, the NCAA College World Series, and the Governor's Inauguration.



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 Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock and Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center 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

Since 2002 the Arkansas National Guard has partnered with the Republic of Guatemala as part of the State Partnership Program, a security cooperation program that connects the National Guard with the militaries of partner nations around the globe.

The Arkansas National Guard's unique range of skills are utilized to address the needs of our partner nation, all while adapting to on-demand geopolitical and climate changes. These engagements include exchanges of expertise, assessments, cultural activities, military associations, and key leader engagements. We strive to prepare ourselves and our partners to increase readiness, confront common threats and create a secure environment for our citizens.

Recently, the program has seen a growth in joint and multinational exercise participation. During FY23 Arkansas Air and Army National Guard members participated in three US Southern Command joint exercises and executed co-deployments with other SPPs in Costa-Rica, Trinidad & Tobago, Honduras, and Colombia.

In Guatemala exchanges included: disaster response, cyber defense awareness, military police roles, warehouse protocols, combat medic best practices, chaplaincy in the military, remotely piloted aircraft operations, aircraft maintenance, military public affairs, and NCO basic skills training, to name a few.

We are committed to maximum participation in the State Partnership Program and seek to integrate Soldiers and Airmen from units throughout the state to share their skills with our Guatemalan partners and increase their cultural awareness.

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



CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON

Camp Joseph T. Robinson is home to the Installation Support Unit, 39th IBCT, 77th TAB, 87th TC, Joint Force Headquarters, 233rd Reg. RTI, National Guard Marksmanship Training Center, National Guard Professional Education Center, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, Arkansas State Police, Civilian Student Training Program, and Arkansas National Guard's Youth Challenge Program.

CJTR has 23 training areas, 28 small arms ranges, two impact areas, two restricted air spaces, an obstacle course, and a simulations complex.

In FY23 Range Operations coordinated more than 1,400 activities that led to over 263,000 individuals meeting training objectives.

The Integrated Training Area Management team maintains more than 32,000 acres of training land through the integration of mission requirements with environmental considerations and sound land management practices. This includes the maintenance and repair of maneuver areas, trails, bivouac sites, landing zones, artillery firing points, and observation points.

The Logistics Division provided logistical readiness and coordinated more than 4,600 activities and provisions for 126,675 customers, and managed the retail and bulk petroleum, distribution. The Unaccompanied Housing Program serviced 67,525 soldiers/civilians with a wide range of accommodation types generating \$611,700 in revenue.

Public Works Division executed a \$1.95 million sustainment budget for facilities and grounds, kept roads operational and clear during inclement weather, operated the wastewater treatment plant, and maintained more than 42 miles of firebreaks.

The Recycling Facility recycled 192 tons of material which prevented the material from entering the landfill.

MG CHARLES H. WILSON ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY

The MG Charles H. Wilson Army Aviation Support Facility 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 Theater Aviation Brigade to provide ready, prompt and sustained aviation capability to support and defend the state and nation.

During FY23, aircrews flew over 130 missions and 2,350 flight hours to support state agencies, National Guard units, joint training missions, and emergency response with the UH-60 Blackhawk, UH-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.

FORT CHAFFEE JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER

Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center is one of only nine installations designated as Regional Collective Training Capability site, and during FY23 was one of five National Guard installations identified as a Level 1 Garrison Training Center and a Contingency Mobilization Force Generation Installation.

FCJMTC consistently hosts more than 220,000 man-days of training annually to a diverse audience of DoD service members, Department of Energy trainees, as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Units conduct maneuver training, live-fire exercises, river crossings, urban combat training, command post exercises, and battlefield simulations across the 65,000-acre installation.

FCJMTC offers space to train on small arms, crew-served weapons, larger artillery systems and Multiple Launch Rocket Systems, has rail-head capacity, a drop zone, two landing zones, and lodging for more than 5,000 troops at one time, including office space, a conference center, and a 550-seat theater.

FCJMTC is also a managing authority for restricting airspace over the installation in support of fixed wing, rotary wing, UAS, and indirect firing land-based systems.

In FY23 FCJMTC hosted an eXportable combat training capability rotation. XCTC provides a combat training center to brigade combat teams and field artillery brigades at a regional training center, minimizing cost and time away from home and jobs. The program includes an instrumented brigade field training exercise designed to certify platoon proficiency in coordination with First Army.

Additionally Fort Chaffee hosted pre-mobilization training for four company and battalion size elements prior to overseas and domestic deployments. These events, along with future brigade level training events, demonstrate the relevance of FCJMTC as a regional and national asset to the U.S. Military.

RAZORBACK RANGE

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

The range is the host contract for close air support training and is the de facto Joint Terminal Attack Controller training hub for the Air National Guard. In 2023, the range saw 420 aircraft sorties, 730 inert munitions dropped, 19,720 strafing rounds employed, and conducted 562 JTAC training events that called in more than 3,500 controlled strikes for the Air National Guard and partner nations.

The Arkansas National Guard is a community-based organization of Soldiers and Airmen who travel from around the state and country to train and work supporting the needs of Arkansas and the Nation.

FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS



EBBING AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

Ebbing Air National Guard Base, located at the Fort Smith Regional Airport, is home to the 188th Wing and the active duty Air Force's 33rd Fighter Wing, Detachment 1.

The 188th Wing has four groups. The 188th Medical Group provides expeditionary medicine; the 188th Operations Group operates the MQ-9 Reaper and manages Razorback Range; the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group operates Distributed Ground Station Arkansas; and the 188th Mission Support Group provides mission essential logistics, security, base infrastructure management, and contains the Red Horse Training Center as well as the Emergency Management Mission Essential Skills Training school.

The 33rd FW Det 1 is responsible for the development and management of the Foreign Military Sales F-35 training program. The program is currently in development with the first F-35 scheduled to arrive toward the end of 2024.

In addition, Ebbing is the future host of the Republic of Singapore Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon Training Squadron.

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE

Little Rock Air Force Base is located in Jacksonville, Ark., 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 189th AW operates and maintains 13 C-130H aircraft and flies over 1,300 training sorties and 2,900 flight hours per year and is home to the Air Force's premier Cyber Protect and Defend (Intermediate) course, which delivers cyberspace vulnerability assessment hunter initial qualification training for Mission Defense Teams across the total force. In addition, the newly operational Cyber Protection Team conducts defensive cyberspace operations across the globe in defense of national interests.

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-130H 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.

FUTURE FOCUS

The National Defense Strategy identifies China and Russia as America'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 its 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 consistent engagement and cultivating enduring relationships with the people of Guatemala.

The Arkansas National Guard is posturing to begin a relationship with a European country in the not-too-distant future, if selected by the National Guard Bureau.

EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

The future of the Youth Challenge program continues to shine as the Arkansas National Guard works closely with interagency partners to expand facilities and provide more opportunities for the state's youth. Youth Challenge continues to develop Arkansas' workforce and provides reliable, responsible, and capable young people who are better prepared to enter the job market or pursue higher educational opportunities upon successful completion of the program.


FUTURE OPERATIONS

Ebbing Air National Guard Base is scheduled to begin hosting F-35s from Poland in the fall of 2024. Finland is scheduled to arrive with its F-35s in 2025. Germany and Singapore are scheduled to arrive with their F-35s in 2026, and Switzerland is scheduled to arrive with its F-35s in 2027. Additionally, Singapore's F-16s will transition from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., to Ebbing ANGB in 2025.

The 189th Airlift Wing is scheduled to begin receiving the first of its C-130Js in 2024, as the wing begins its transition from the C-130H aircrew training mission to C-130J aircrew training.

The 2-142nd Field Artillery Battalion will field the Extended Range Cannon Artillery platform. It is one of only two National Guard battalions to field this modernized artillery equipment. Additionally, 2-142nd will increase in size, adding six new Paladin Artillery platforms to its inventory.

The 77th Theater Aviation Brigade continues to modernize its UH-60L Black Hawk fleet to the all-digital cockpit HH-60M.



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