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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Programs making a difference in nearly 2,800 communities in 50 states,
3 territories and DC

- ★ 10.2 million personnel days in support of domestic emergencies in 2021.
- ★ Served more than 7.6 million days providing nearly 14 million vaccinations, security, logistics, and food in 2021.
- ★ The National Guard is part of a whole-of-government response that has helped resettle over 50,000 Afghan evacuees since August.
- ★ The 40 National Guard Youth ChalleNGe and 5 Job ChalleNGe academies across the nation have graduated nearly 190,500 cadets since its inception in 1993.

- ★ National Guard units host STARBASE events where fifth-grade students can conduct hands-on activities related to aviation, science, technology, engineering, math, and space exploration.

YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

- ▶ The 5-1/2 month, in-residence course takes at-risk 16- to 18-year-olds and teaches them the life skills and self-discipline needed to success, while helping them to earn credits toward high school diplomas or prepare them for a GED.
- ▶ The 5-month Job Challenge in-residence program allows selected Youth Challenge graduates to obtain job certifications, credentials, or apprenticeships to facilitate living wage jobs.
- ▶ Nearly 82 percent of all Challenge graduates earn their high school diploma, GED or obtain college credits.
 - Approximately 33 percent going on to attend additional college or other schools.
 - Roughly 10 percent enter the military
 - The remainder join the work force within one year of graduation.
- ▶ The per-student-cost for a Challenge graduate averages \$24,000 annually, compared to the approximately \$112,555 per-year cost for a youth in juvenile custody.

