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# NATIONAL GUARD MISSIONS

## COMBAT CAPABLE

**Two decades of investment and modernization in the National Guard has paid measurable dividends to our Joint Force's lethality and our nation's security.**

- ▶ Nearly 19,000 Army and Air Guard members, on average, supported combatant command missions overseas every day, in places like Afghanistan, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Kosovo, Kuwait and Qatar last year.
- ▶ Provides 40% of Air Force's conventional overseas MQ-9 Reaper Unmanned Aerial Vehicle sorties and hours.

- ▶ The Pennsylvania Army Guard's 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team deployed to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California in June to test their combat proficiency.
- ▶ The California Army Guard's 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana in July.
- ▶ 2,340 Air National Guard personnel and 86 aircraft were exposed to realistic combat situations during Red Flag and Green Flag exercises in FY21.
- ▶ In FY22, nearly 1,800 Air Guard Airmen and 29 aircraft tested their combat mettle at Red Flag.

## COMBAT CAPABILITIES

- ▶ **More than 12,900** Army National Guard Soldiers are conducting combat, peacekeeping, and deterrent missions worldwide in places like Iraq, Kuwait, Poland, and the Balkans among others.
- ▶ **5,000 Army Guard Soldiers** from 22 units in 27 states participated in 18 Joint Exercise Program events in support of Combatant Command Theater Security Cooperation plans in 2021.
- ▶ **Nearly 42,000 Army** Guard members were mobilized under Title 10 in FY21, supporting OCONUS and CONUS operations as part of the DOD Global Force Management Allocation Plan.
- ▶ The **California** Army Guard's 40th Combat Aviation Brigade recently returned from a Middle East deployment after flying 13,500 hours, delivering more than 16,300 passengers, moving 2.8 million pounds of cargo, and conducting 208 medical evacuation missions.

## GUARD MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GLOBAL MISSIONS:

- ▶ **Washington's** 81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team provided training to the Armed Forces of Ukraine.
- ▶ **South Carolina's** 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade provided command and control to air and missile defense in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.
- ▶ **Illinois'** 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade provided regional security to the Horn of Africa.

- ▶ **Kansas'** 35th Infantry Division provided division-level command and control of Army forces in Kuwait and Jordan supporting Operation Spartan Shield.

## **SECURING THE HOMELAND**

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**Despite a pandemic, the National Guard met every request for homeland support in 2021**

- ▶ National Guard Soldiers and Airmen served their communities 10.2 million personnel days, supporting missions such as COVID-19, wildfires, civil disturbances, and hurricanes in 2021.
- ▶ Guard members from 28 states logged over 220,000 personnel days supporting severe weather events.
- ▶ Guard members responded to 1,963 natural disaster incidents in 2021, rescuing 826 people, clearing 6,391 miles of roads, and distributing nearly 7.8 million meals and over 11 million bottles of water.
- ▶ Guard Soldiers defend the National Capital region, and man non-stop, 24-hour intercontinental ballistic missile defense systems from Alaska and California.
- ▶ Air Guard pilots flew over 2,000 sorties protecting America's air space against external threats in 2021 while operating 15 of the 16 NORAD Aerospace Control Alert sites.
- ▶ Guard members logged 7.6 million personnel days supporting COVID-19 missions in 2021.
- ▶ The NG administered more than 14 million vaccinations to communities.
- ▶ The Air Guard is providing 25% of the Total Force's Distributed Common Ground System (a system that produces military intelligence for multiple military branches) capacity in direct support of the overseas Combatant Commanders.
- ▶ Air Guard C-130 crews, equipped with Module Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS), supported 41 wildfire events by dropping nearly 10.1 million gallons of water and retardant in 2021.
- ▶ Air Guard personnel from the 176th Air Defense Squadron, and the 298th, 224th and 225th Air Defense Groups operate 15 of the 16 NORAD Aerospace Control Alert (ACA) sites.

- ▶ **Air Guard RC-26 fixed-wing and MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft crews logged over 2,300 hours supporting real-time fire mapping; evacuation route identification; and new fire / hot spot detection missions.**
- ▶ **More than 35,000 Guard members from 50 states, 3 territories and the District of Columbia logged over 1.7 million personnel days supporting law enforcement agencies in 2021 by providing crowd control, monument and infrastructure security, traffic control, and roving patrol missions.**
- ▶ **Nearly 26,000 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen reported to DC in under two weeks to support the presidential inauguration Jan 20, 2021. In total, the Guard logged 757,400 personnel days keeping the Capitol safe.**
- ▶ **There are over 2,200 Army and Air National Guard personnel serving in 38 cyber operations units, and an additional 2,240 Guard members providing cybersecurity and information technology support to DOD and state requirements across the 54.**
- ▶ **To allow effective communication between local, state, and federal emergency agencies, National Guard Joint Incident Site Communications Capability teams set-up and operated a self-contained communications package at the Super Bowl and numerous other major events and exercises last year.**
- ▶ **893 Soldiers and Airmen from 24 states supported Operation Afghan Welcome (OAW) missions in 2021.**
- ▶ **The National Guard Counterdrug Program supported 531 State, local, tribal, and Federal law enforcement agencies across the 50 states, 3 territories and the District of Columbia in 2021.**
- ▶ **National Guard Soldiers and Airmen efforts and support led to the seizure of more than 1.5 million kilograms of illicit narcotics, \$281 million in illicit currency and \$30 million in property last year.**
- ▶ **Five National Guard Counterdrug schools trained nearly 69,000 students (to include 9,220 civilian law enforcement officers) in 2021.**

# BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

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## Enduring guard relationships benefit our combatant commands and impact global security

- ▶ Integrated deterrence demands greater cooperation with partners. The National Guard's network of 93 allies and partners through the State Partnership Program (SPP), directly supporting objectives outlined in the National Defense Strategy.
- ▶ After 9/11, 28 SPP partner countries contributed troops to coalition operations - 15 of those SPP countries deployed forces alongside their National Guard partners.
- ▶ The SPP continues to grow by an average of two new partnerships per year.
  - In 2021, we added four new partners: Austria, Cabo Verde, Turkmenistan, and the Maldives.
  - Two more countries are expected to join the SPP in 2022.
- ▶ Through the SPP, National Guard and partner nation personnel learn together, work together, and prepare - if necessary – to fight together.
- ▶ The SPP is a cost-effective program that provides DOD decision-makers a proven tool to help address today's security challenges and a wide range of potential future threats.
- ▶ Before COVID, National Guard Soldiers and Airmen conducted an average of more than 1,000 SPP activities worldwide each year in support of Geographic Combatant Commands.
- ▶ The SPP is a cost-effective program that provides DOD decision-makers a proven tool to help address today's security challenges and a wide range of potential future threats.
- ▶ The National Guard's reputation in disaster response at home and proven combat capability overseas makes it an attractive partner to nations faced with military and non-military threats.
- ▶ Nearly 2,500 Counterdrug Guard members supported 531 law enforcement agencies and 170 community-based organizations in support of 2,700 missions taking nearly \$12 billion in drugs, currency, and property off the streets.

## COVID — 19 MISSIONS

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- 423** — Food Banks Supported
- 452.6M** — Meals Distributed
- 345M** — PPE Pieces Distributed
- 88.1M** — Masks Made
- 18.9M** — Tests / Screens Conducted
- 24K** — COVID Testing Sites
- 115** — Warehouses Operated
- 63.1M** — Pallets Prepared
- 5.8M** — Miles Driven to Deliver Supplies
- 11K** — Bed Capacity Provided
- 1.8M** — Calls Answered / Made
- 550** — Facilities Disinfected / Cleaned
- 440** — Liaison Officers to Supporting Agencies
- 435M** — Total Tests
- 14M** — Vaccinations Administered to Civilians

## NATURAL HAZARD EVENTS

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- 826** — People Rescued
- 7.8M** — Meals Distributed
- 2.8M** — Gallons of Water Distributed
- 11M** — Bottles of Water Distributed
- 1.5M** — Bags of Ice Distributed
- 391K** — Tarps Distributed
- 6.4K** — Miles of Road Cleared

## WILDFIRES

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- 172.6K** — Personnel Days logged
- 4.1K** — Acres Cleared by Hand Crew

## CIVIL DISTURBANCE

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- 26K** — Personnel Supporting Capital Response
- 54** — 50 States, 3 Territories and DC Involved
- 22.1K** — Personnel Trained

## NG AVIATION WILDFIRE SUPPORT

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- 4.7K** — Hours Flown
- 1,360** — Missions
- 10.7M** — Gallons Retardant / Water Dropped

## C-130S EQUIPPED WITH MOBILE AIRBORNE FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEMS

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- 945** — MAFFS missions
- 940** — MAFFS Hours flown
- 2.6M** — Gallons dropped

## OTHER

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- 5,320** — Personnel supporting Southwest Border
- 893** — Personnel providing housing, life support to 20K displaced Afghans
- 21K** — Days supporting Cyber missions in 33 states