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READINESS

Having the manning, training, and equipment necessary to support the national defense strategy and the joint force allows us to meet the needs of our communities in times of emergency.

- ★ Generating combat-capable, interoperable, and sustainable National Guard forces to meet Joint Force missions.
- ★ Integrating the National Guard into future force design.
- ★ Strengthening alliances and partnerships through worldwide engagement.
- ★ Enhancing national resilience by strengthening homeland defense and protecting critical infrastructure.

READINESS FACTORS

- ▶ COVID impacting ability to train.
- ▶ Medical coverage (Tricare Reserve Select) for all Guard members, regardless of status, optimizes availability.
- ▶ Predictable funding for State Partnership Program – one of DOD’s best returns on its investment.

BUILDING READINESS

- ▶ 5,000 Army Guard Soldiers from 22 units in 27 states participated in 18 Joint Exercise Program events in support of Combatant Commands.
- ▶ The Pennsylvania Army Guard’s 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team will deploy to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California in June.
- ▶ The California Army Guard’s 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team will deploy to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana in July.



READINESS CHALLENGES

- ▶ **12304a mobilization authority reform needed to expedite National Guard call-ups for no-notice events and deployments.**
- ▶ **Support Service-owned policy on use of training with incidental benefits**
- ▶ **Increase Tricare Reserve Select availability for Guard members will ensure readiness**

INCREASING LETHALITY

- ▶ **The Army National Guard participated in 18 Joint Exercise Program events, with 5,000 Army Guard Soldiers from 22 units across 27 states, in support of Combatant Command Theater Security Cooperation plans in 2021.**
- ▶ **Air Guard units enhanced readiness and interoperability with their Joint Force partners after participating in the first Red Flag exercise of 2022 at Nellis AFB, Nevada.**
 - The exercise included 100 aircraft and 3,000 Soldiers from the Air National Guard, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Space Force UK Royal AF, and Royal Australian AF.

