



THE OHIO ADJUTANT



GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2020





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Governor DeWine,

My report to you and the citizens of Ohio looks much different today than it would have just a few short months ago. A pandemic, followed closely by protests and civil disturbances, meant your Ohio National Guard was there to support citizens across the state in their time of need.

The coronavirus pandemic took the world by surprise, and required our state and nation to take unprecedented measures in order to keep the virus from spreading so much as to strain the state's medical capacity.

More than 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen served their fellow Ohioans with various missions, including collecting personal protective equipment, supporting food banks, and providing medical and operational support at state correctional facilities.

When protests and riots taxed local law enforcement, the National Guard provided assistance in order to protect citizens and property, while ensuring everyone's right to demonstrate peacefully.

Each of those events led to a joint operation of our Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and Ohio Military Reserve, the likes of which we have not seen in decades. However, the National Guard has a long history of supporting the state and nation during times of emergency. Our year-round training makes it possible for us to rapidly respond during homeland emergencies. It's why America has a National Guard.

The Ohio National Guard marked additional significant achievements in the past year.

Legislation created a new cyber defense force and expanded the state's ability to develop cybersecurity talent. The volunteer Ohio Cyber Reserve (OhCR), made up of trained civilians, is now part of the state defense force and is available to assist eligible municipalities with cybersecurity vulnerabilities and provide recommendations to reduce cyber threats.

The Ohio Cyber Range, a virtual cybersecurity training ground that opened in May 2018 with a demonstration site at the University of Cincinnati, doubled in capacity in 2019 with a second site opening at the University of Akron.

More than 1,000 Ohio Air and Army National Guard members deployed across the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and Antarctica for overseas operations, and the U.S. National Capital Region in support of the federal homeland defense mission.

The Ohio National Guard co-hosted Vigilant Guard 19-4 in August, the largest disaster response exercise in state history with more than 3,000 personnel from 90 organizations participating.

Members of the Ohio Air and Army National Guard teamed with local medical personnel from Tuscarawas County to provide free health care services in August to more than 500 residents of the surrounding area, as part of GuardCare 2019.

Whether it was a planned deployment or rapid response to an emerging health threat, one constant thread was woven throughout the past 12 months — the unwavering, selfless service of the women and men of the Ohio National Guard.

Respectfully submitted,
 Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr.
 Ohio Adjutant General



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FEDERAL COMMAND



THE PRESIDENT
 can order National Guard personnel to federal active duty during a national emergency and can also mobilize units to support active-duty forces performing Department of Defense missions.



STATE COMMAND



GOVERNOR

Mike DeWine

The Governor is the commander in chief of the Ohio National Guard and, as such, has the authority to activate the Ohio National Guard to support and assist local authorities during state emergencies or for homeland defense.



ADJUTANT GENERAL

Major General John C. Harris Jr.

The Adjutant General is a member of the Governor's cabinet and is responsible for the command of the Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Air National Guard, Ohio Military Reserve, Ohio Naval Militia, and Ohio Cyber Reserve.

The Adjutant General supervises the flag officer heads of these components in the day-to-day operation and management of the readiness, fiscal, personnel, equipment, and real property resources of the agency.

OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ~ 11,400 Members



ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL
Colonel Daniel J. Shank

Responsible for establishing policies, priorities, and oversight for the readiness of Ohio National Guard Soldiers in six brigade-level major subordinate commands.



STATE COMMAND
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

**Chief Warrant Officer 5
Jay K. Stuckman**

Provides direction, guidance, resources, assistance, and supervision of the Ohio Army National Guard Warrant Officer Corps, overseeing warrant officer leader development and mentorship while providing essential advice to the Assistant Adjutant General on warrant officer issues.



STATE COMMAND
SERGEANT MAJOR

**Command Sergeant Major
Sheldon Chambliss**

Serves as the principal enlisted advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General for Army. He observes training and all matters concerning the enlisted members of the Ohio Army National Guard and their Families.

OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD ~ 5,000 Members



ASSISTANT ADJUTANT
GENERAL

**Brigadier General
James R. Camp**

Responsible for directing the organization's day-to-day operations and administration, and helping establish policy to ensure mission readiness of personnel in four flying wings and six support units.



OHIO DEPUTY ASSISTANT
ADJUTANT GENERAL

**Brigadier General
Todd M. Audet**

Principal deputy to the Assistant Adjutant General for Air; assists in management of the organization's operations, administration, mission readiness, and policies.



STATE COMMAND CHIEF

**Chief Master Sergeant
Heidi A. Bunker**

Principal enlisted advisor to senior Ohio Air National Guard leadership responsible for matters influencing the health, morale, and welfare of the organization's assigned enlisted Airmen and their Families.

HEADQUARTERS, STATE DEFENSE FORCE

~ 330 Members

COMMANDING OFFICER
Colonel Richard J. Vasquez

Comprising the Ohio Military Reserve, Ohio Naval Militia, and the Ohio Cyber Reserve, Ohio's State Defense Force can be called by the governor to aid civil authorities.



MILITARY RESERVE

~240 Members

COMMANDING OFFICER
Col. Charles Defer



Upon declaration of a state emergency, the Ohio Military Reserve may be called to aid civil authorities through medical and logistical support, as well as volunteer reception and management.

NAVAL MILITIA

~40 Members

COMMANDANT
Capt. Darron Fischmann



The Ohio Naval Militia is an organized, unarmed all-volunteer naval unit. Its active mission is to patrol the weapons range impact area off Camp Perry, on Lake Erie, during use of the ranges.

OHIO CYBER RESERVE

~50 Members

The Ohio Cyber Reserve is a volunteer civilian force drawn from private sector cybersecurity experts with the mission to deter, mitigate, and protect critical infrastructure across the state.





JOINT FORCE ~ 16,400 Total Members



#INTHISTOGETHEROHIO

In the closing comments of a recent edition of the venerable television news magazine “60 Minutes,” the anchor mentioned how the year 2020 reflects the idea of perfect 20/20 vision. He pointed out that the coronavirus pandemic has provided us with anything but clarity.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) spread across the globe in a matter of months and caused disruptions to nearly every aspect of our normal routines.

The Ohio National Guard’s response to fight the effects of the virus began when Gov. Mike DeWine signed a state active duty proclamation on March 18 to activate approximately 300 personnel from the Guard and Ohio Military Reserve to assist with humanitarian efforts.

“The action I’ve taken to activate the Ohio National Guard will provide support to our food pantries that are low on staff and need help getting food to some of our most vulnerable citizens,” DeWine said in a news release issued the next day.

The Soldiers were dispatched to 12 food bank warehouse locations throughout the state in support of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. Two more locations were added later, the force supporting the mission doubled, and, as of mid-June, more than 25 million pounds of food had been distributed.

“We have a long history of supporting the state and nation during times of emergency,” said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, at



THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD'S ROLE IN STATE'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

the time of the first deployments. “Our Guard members are coming from counties across the state to serve their own communities, ensuring their neighbors continue to receive food and pantry items.”

More than a dozen missions followed the food bank support, and more than 1,000 Ohio National Guard and Ohio Military Reserve members were called into action. The missions included collaborating with regional partners to identify and develop alternate care sites to expand medical capacity, assisting in warehousing and collecting personal protective equipment, and providing medical and operational support at state prisons.

A joint task force oversaw all the varied missions. Led by Col. Matthew Woodruff, commander of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), the task force provided management and oversight to all Ohio National Guard support requested through the governor's office.

“Although the 37th IBCT provides the majority of the overall command structure, we are a joint task force with Army Guard, Air Guard, and members of the Ohio Military Reserve,” Woodruff said. “We are a supporting force to allow state agencies and organizations to continue operations during a time when they have experienced significant impacts to staffing and increased demands for resources.”

Woodruff said he is proud of each member of the task force for the long hours they have worked and the time they have spent away from family.

“They put themselves on the front lines of this pandemic. In many cases, our forces have increased productivity within the supported organizations exponentially,” he said. “I could not have asked for a better group of professionals to answer the call to serve.”

More than two months after the first call for assistance, the Ohio National Guard continued to work with state partners to fill critical needs. In late May, medical professionals from the Ohio National Guard and Ohio Military Reserve began to support onsite sample collection at congregate long-term care facilities such as nursing homes across the state. In June, the teams spanned out to community sites for free testing to any Ohioan who wanted to be tested for the virus.

“There have been short-notice missions that our men and women have responded to with a lot of skill and to the great praise from those of whom we are supporting,” Harris said.

Among those expressing praise was Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, executive director of the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, who called the “hard work and sacrifice” of National Guard members humbling and inspiring.

“Ohio's food banks have seen record numbers of people in need, many for the first time,” Hamler-Fugitt said. “At the same time we have been faced with the extraordinary challenge of a virus that puts our largely elderly volunteer network at risk. Without question, the only way we've



been able to surge and sustain our response to this crisis is with the support of the incredible Ohio National Guard and Ohio Military Reserve members working courageously at our warehouses and in our communities to feed their neighbors.”

A common hashtag used on social media during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic was #InThisTogetherOhio — a unifying phrase to rally Ohioans during a time of wearing face masks and practicing social distancing. By following public health guidelines in order to stop the spread of the virus, Ohio was able to flatten the curve in a predicted spike in COVID-19 cases this spring.

“We don’t know what will happen in the coming months and whether there will be another wave of COVID-19 cases. There’s still work to be done in order to contain this virus and protect the health and safety of our loved ones,” Harris said. “As Ohioans who have taken an oath to serve this great state, the Ohio National Guard will continue to be ready to help our fellow citizens.”

VIGILANT GUARD 19-4 LARGEST EXERCISE OF ITS KIND IN OHIO’S HISTORY

The Ohio National Guard co-hosted Vigilant Guard 19-4 in August 2019, which tested Ohio’s ability to respond to various disaster simulations, challenging those involved to their very limits. The national-level disaster response and emergency management exercise involved more than 3,000 personnel and over 90 local, state, and federal agencies, and was co-sponsored by U.S. Northern Command.

One of the main goals was to bring together local first responders, state-level assets like the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Ohio Department of Transportation, National Guard units, and national agencies like the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Members from the Arkansas, West Virginia, Colorado, and New York National Guards also participated. First responders faced a variety of scenarios, from a plane crash and a train wreck, to a terrorist attack with a “dirty” bomb, to a cyberattack that crippled power and water services.





GUARDCARE

PROVIDED FREE HEALTH SERVICES TO MORE THAN 500 OHIO CITIZENS IN NEED DURING 2-DAY EVENT

Members of the Ohio Air and Army National Guard teamed up with local medical personnel from Tuscarawas County in August 2019 to provide free health services to residents of the surrounding area as part of GuardCare 2019.

In partnership with the local health department and the Ohio Department of Health, National Guard members assisted in providing services such as sports physicals; women's health exams; vaccinations; and dental, vision, and hearing screenings.

GuardCare allows not only the community the opportunity to get essential health care needs met, but it also offers the participating National Guard medical personnel the opportunity to do their jobs on a large scale and improve their skills.



SUPPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN RESPONSE TO CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN MULTIPLE OHIO CITIES

Gov. Mike DeWine activated the Ohio National Guard on May 30. The Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were part of the National Guard Response Force (NGRF), a fully equipped and specially trained force to provide the essential capabilities needed to effectively respond to and mitigate civil disturbances. They supported local law enforcement in Columbus and Cleveland by assisting in providing safety and protection to citizens and property while ensuring people's right to demonstrate peacefully.

Approximately 100 Soldiers also deployed to Washington D.C. at the request of the Secretary of Defense to assist the National Guard during ongoing protests. They augmented the force to provide protection at key sites in the district.





OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD **COMPRISES SIX MAJOR COMMANDS ~ 11,400 Total Members**



PROPERTY IN 38 COUNTIES ACRES

41 Installations	1,246.4
34 State-Owned	513.06
7 Federally Licensed to State	733.4
3 Training Sites/Areas	22,653.2
Camp Perry State-Owned	515.1
Camp Garfield Federally Licensed to State	21,682.4
Camp Sherman Federally Licensed to State	455.7
Total Ohio Army National Guard Acres	23,899.6



16TH ENGINEER BRIGADE
1,700 Members



**37TH INFANTRY
BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM**
3,700 Members

THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PROVIDES infantry, armor, artillery, engineering, transportation, water purification, air defense, cyber, logistics, administrative, medical support, and command personnel who have the training and equipment to perform our federal warfighting mission as well as our state mission to support local authorities during domestic emergencies.

The state's 107 Army Guard units occupy 44 training sites/areas and readiness centers statewide.

More than 900 Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers deployed overseas and to the National Capital Region in support of homeland defense.

A new Ohio Army National Guard network operations unit, the 1137th Signal Company TIN-E (Tactical Installation and Networking-Enhanced), was established to provide a multitude of cable, wire, and fiber optic systems installation and maintenance capabilities.

Historic renovations to the Hough Auditorium at Camp Perry Joint Training Center in Port Clinton, Ohio, won a Preservation Merit Award from the Ohio History Connection for a \$1.6 million federally-funded renovation project that upgraded the interior of the theater, including new seating, restrooms, and lighting.



73RD TROOP COMMAND
2,200 Members



**174TH AIR DEFENSE
ARTILLERY BRIGADE**
1,000 Members



371ST SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE
1,800 Members



**SPECIAL TROOPS COMMAND
(PROVISIONAL)**
1,000 Members



Columbus, Ohio | 1,700 Members
Col. Andrew Stone
Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Metter

Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
16th Engineer Brigade

204th Engineer Detachment

Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
216th Engineer Battalion

- Support Company, 216th Engineer Battalion
- 1194th Engineer Company
- 811th Engineer Company
- 1191st Engineer Company
- 1137th Signal Company

Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
112th Engineer Battalion

- Support Company, 112th Engineer Battalion
- 812th Engineer Company
- 945th Engineer Company
- 1192nd Engineer Company
- 291st Engineer Detachment
- 292nd Engineer Detachment
- 5694th Engineer Detachment
- 295th Engineer Detachment
- 296th Engineer Detachment

Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
5th Battalion,

- 54th Security Force Assistance Regiment
- Companies A, B, C, and D, 5-54th SFAR

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to Operation Spartan Shield and
Operation Steady Resolve

Trained at Warfighter Exercise, Fort Hood, Texas;
Camp James A. Garfield, Newton Falls, Ohio;
Camp Grayling, Michigan; Vigilant Guard 19-4,
Camp Garfield

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Ohio Army National Guard's Most Improved
Medium-Sized Company: Headquarters and
Headquarters Company, 112th Engineer Battalion

Ohio Army National Guard's Top Ranked Category
3 Unit in Active Strategy: 812th Engineer Company

De Fleury Medal:

- Sgt. 1st Class Michael Donley (Bronze)
- Sgt. 1st Class Nate Niedermeier (Steel)

16TH ENGINEER BRIGADE



BLAST, BUILD, BATTLE

The 16th Engineer Brigade provides command and control of assigned subordinate units/teams. Executes, coordinates, directs and conducts mobility, counter-mobility, survivability tasks, and provides support to general engineering missions, in support of maneuver and support brigades. Enable tailored force packages to be applied to a specific mission group, focused logistics, and constructive force protection. Reinforces engineers in maneuver Brigade Combat Team.

37TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

Columbus, Ohio | 3,700 Members
Col. Matthew Woodruff
Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Schuster



Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

Detachment 1, Operations Company,
Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion,
38th Infantry Division

1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment
• Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
Companies A, B, C, and D, 1-148th Infantry

1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment
• Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Batteries
A, B, and C, 1-134th FA

2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry Regiment
• Headquarters and Headquarters Troop,
Troops A, B, and C, 2-107th Cav

837th Engineer Battalion
• Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
Companies A, B, and C, 837th Engineer Battalion

237th Support Battalion
• Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, and G,
237th Support Battalion

1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment
• Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
Companies A, B, and C, 1-145th AR
• Company H, 134th Support Battalion
• Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters
Battery, 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery Regiment

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to Operation Spartan Shield and
Operation Steady Resolve

Trained at Warfighter Exercise at
Camp Atterbury, Ind.; BREAKTHROUGH 2019
with Hungarian Defence Forces' Land Forces

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Added 1st Battalion, 145th Armored Regiment
to 37th IBCT hierarchy

NO TIME FOR GLORY

The 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) provides command, control, and supervision of the operation of the brigade and attached units.



Columbus, Ohio | 2,200 Members
Col. Jeff Watkins
Command Sgt. Maj. William Adams

73rd Troop Command

52nd Civil Support Team

Company B, 2nd Battalion,
19th Special Forces Group

155th Chemical Battalion
• 173rd Chemical Detachment
• 637th Chemical Company
• 684th Medical Company
• 285th Medical Company

437th Military Police Battalion
• 135th Military Police Company
• 323rd Military Police Company
• 324th Military Police Company
• 838th Military Police Company

1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment
• Companies A, B, D, and E, 1-137th Aviation

Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters
Company, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment
• Co B (-Detachment 1), 3rd Battalion,
238th Aviation Regiment

• Detachment 2, Companies C, D, and E,
3-238th Aviation

Company B (- Detachment 1), 638th Support Battalion

Detachment 1, Company D, 1st Battalion,
376th Aviation Regiment

Detachment 2, Company A, 2nd Battalion,
641st Aviation Regiment

Detachment 21,
Operational Support Airlift Command

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to Operation Spartan Shield,
Operation Freedom's Sentinel, U.S. Southern
Command operations

Trained at Platinum Wolf, Serbia; National Training
Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.; Balance Nail, Nepal;
Balance Torch, Thailand; Rigid Blade, Indiana;
HAVEACE exercise, Florida; Camp Grayling, Mich.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Supply Excellence Award—National Level:
Staff Sgt. Olivia Sheaffer

Supply Excellence Award—Battalion Level:
Sgt. 1st Class Jack Kacin

Siebert Award, Company Level Award for
Chemical Corps: 637th Chemical Company

73RD TROOP COMMAND



ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, NO NOTICE

The 73rd Troop Command provides command, control, and support of subordinate units during premobilization (peacetime) training and non-deployed (steady-state)/domestic operations in order to maintain readiness and mission-essential task list proficiency for eventual mobilization/deployment in agreement with the adapted sustainable readiness model.

174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BRIGADE



ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

The 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (ADA) commands and coordinates the operations of subordinate air defense artillery battalions and other assigned and attached units in the theater army.

Columbus, Ohio | 1,000 Members
Col. Thomas E. Moore
Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel L. Hobson



Headquarters and Headquarters Battery,
174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

- 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment
 - Batteries A, B, C, and Service Battery, 1-174th ADA
- 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment
 - Batteries A, B, C, and Service Battery, 2-174th ADA

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to National Capital Region
Trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Legion of Merit: Col. (Ret.) Larry Pinkerton
Ancient Order of Saint Barbara inductee:
Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Mike Grove
Honorable Order of Saint Barbara inductees:
Col. (Ret.) David Powell
Lt. Col. James McCandless
Lt. Col. Danielle Head
Maj. Bryan Eschbach
Maj. Drew Rothmeeler
Capt. Brian Breeden
Sgt. 1st Class Justin Spring
Maj. Dave Wallace



Springfield, Ohio | 1,800 Members
Col. Mark Hatfield
Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Barga

Headquarters and Special Troops Battalion,
371st Sustainment Brigade

- 137th Signal Company
- 211th Maintenance Company
- 212th Maintenance Company
- 1482nd Transportation Company
- 1487th Transportation Company

112th Transportation Battalion

- 1483rd Transportation Company
- 1484th Transportation Company
- 1485th Transportation Company
- 1486th Transportation Company

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to Operation Spartan Shield

Trained at Vigilant Guard 19-4, Springfield, Ohio;
Fort Polk, Louisiana; Camp Grayling, Mich;
Homeland Response Force Casualty Assistant
and Support Element (CASE) training, Camp
James A. Garfield, Newton Falls, Ohio; Camp
Atterbury, Ind.

371ST SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE



SUSTAINMENT WARRIORS

On order, the 371st Sustainment Brigade provides command and control for all subordinate units of the sustainment brigade, synchronizes current and future sustainment operations for the Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) and Theater Sustainment Command (TSC).

SPECIAL TROOPS COMMAND (PROVISIONAL)

Columbus, Ohio | 1,000 Members
Brig. Gen. Steve Rhoades
Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Thomas



- Joint Force Headquarters
 - Detachment 2, United States
 - Army Cyber Protection Team 172
 - 571st Judge Advocate General Detachment
 - 671st Judge Advocate General Detachment
 - 1937th Support Detachment
- OHARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion
- OHARNG Medical Detachment
- 147th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)
 - 1st and 2nd Battalions, 147th Regiment (RTI)
 - 122nd Army Band
 - 196th Public Affairs Detachment (Mobile)



DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Get Fit, Stay Fit; Strong Bonds programs:
building resilient Soldiers and Families

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Brig. Gen. Stephen Rhoades took charge of Special Troops Command during a change of command ceremony July 20, 2019.

New OHARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion storefronts opened in Zanesville, Vandalia, Steubenville, Defiance, and Cleveland Heights

PROVIDE READY SOLDIERS WHEN CALLED

Special Troops Command (Provisional) supports Ohio Army National Guard units through all phases of sustainment, restoration and modernization, so that units are ready to mobilize in support of contingency operations and the National Military Strategy. STC provides support to all Ohio Army National Guard units when called by the governor of Ohio. The STC provides organized, trained and equipped units to protect life, property and to preserve peace. STC Soldiers will participate in national, state and local programs that support our communities.



OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD 5,000 Members



THE OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD deployed more than 200 Airmen and completed missions across the globe. The 200th RED HORSE Squadron deployed to Puerto Rico to set up temporary housing to accommodate military personnel aiding in the recovery efforts following earthquakes on the island.

There was special recognition for Kristina Lee, daughter of Col. Andrew Lee, commander of the 179th Airlift Wing Medical Group in Mansfield, Ohio, who was named the 2020 Military Child of the Year® Award recipient representing the National Guard.

The 121st Air Refueling Wing, 178th Wing, 179th Airlift Wing, and 180th Fighter Wing deploy worldwide to fulfill aerial refueling missions, air transport, communications, engineering and security requirements. In addition to the four flying units, there are six subordinate geographically separated units (GSUs). Ohio's Air Guard units are dispersed in seven geographic locations — Columbus, Toledo, Springfield, Cincinnati, Mansfield, Zanesville and Port Clinton.



COMPRISES FOUR WINGS

121ST AIR REFUELING WING

1,190 Members

178TH WING

1,080 Members

179TH AIRLIFT WING

900 Members

180TH FIGHTER WING

1,000 Members

SIX GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATED UNITS

123RD AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

170 Members

164TH WEATHER FLIGHT

10 Members

200TH RED HORSE SQUADRON

400 Members

**220TH ENGINEERING
INSTALLATION SQUADRON**

100 Members

**251ST CYBERSPACE ENGINEERING
INSTALLATION GROUP**

40 Members

**269TH COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS
SQUADRON**

110 Members



PROPERTY IN 7 COUNTIES

	ACRES
4 Wings	772.0
Mansfield* Federally Licensed to State	289.0
Rickenbacker* Federally Licensed to State	168.0
Springfield* Federally Licensed to State	180.0
Toledo State-Owned	135.0
6 Geographically Separated Units	89.3
Blue Ash Federally Licensed to State	12.0
Port Clinton Federally Licensed to State	64.3
Zanesville Federally Licensed to State	13.0

*GSUs co-located with Wings

Total Ohio Air National Guard Acres 861.3

Columbus, Ohio | 1,190 Members

Col. David Johnson
Chief Master Sgt. Troy Taylor



- 121st Comptroller Flight
- 121st Maintenance Group
- 121st Maintenance Squadron
- 121st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 121st Maintenance Operations Flight
- 121st Operations Group
- 121st Operations Support Squadron
- 166th Air Refueling Squadron
- 121st Mission Support Group
- 121st Civil Engineering Squadron
- 121st Force Support Squadron
- 121st Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 121st Security Forces Squadron
- 121st Communications Flight
- 121st Medical Group
- 121st Medical Group Det 1

Geographically Separated Units

- Joint Force Headquarters
- 220th Engineering Installation Squadron
- 164th Weather Flight

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to provide air refueling support to world-wide contingency operations; deployed approximately 100 Airmen and flew more than 800 sorties, totaling over 3,400 flying hours; transferred more than 6.3 million pounds of fuel

Extended mission in support of Department of Defense aircraft hurricane evacuation

Trained at Nuclear Operational Readiness Exercise/Global Thunder Exercise

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Many Airmen recognized for their outstanding performance as quarterly award recipients or through coin presentations from elected officials and the adjutant general

121ST AIR REFUELING WING



The 121st Air Refueling Wing continuously delivers worldwide Air-to-Air Refueling, Disaster Response, and Combat Support.

178TH WING



The 178th Wing provides ready units to conduct Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Operations Support to execute Federal and State missions while maintaining an active involvement with the local community.

Springfield, Ohio | 1,080 Members

Col. Kimberly Fitzgerald
Chief Master Sgt. Scott Ross



- 178th Comptroller Flight
- 178th Intel/Surveil/Recon Group
- 124th Intelligence Squadron
- 125th Intelligence Squadron
- 126th Intelligence Squadron
- 127th Intelligence Squadron
- 178th Operations Group
- 162nd Attack Squadron
- 178th Operations Support Squadron
- 178th Mission Support Group
- 178th Civil Engineering Squadron
- 178th Force Support Squadron
- 178th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 178th Security Forces Squadron
- 178th Communications Flight
- 178th Medical Group

Geographically Separated Units

- 123rd Air Control Squadron
- 251st Cyberspace Engineering Installation Group
- 269th Combat Communications Squadron

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to Operation Inherent Resolve
(Approximately 100 Airmen supported 400 missions for 7,800 total combat hours)

Extended missions in support of Dayton, Ohio tornado recovery efforts; U.S. Air Forces Europe Fourth of July events, Germany; Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Trained at BALTOPS 2019 and Exercise Ample Strike 2019 (MQ-9 support)

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Col. Kimberly Fitzgerald became the first female commander of the 178th Wing during a Nov. 3, 2019, change of command ceremony.

First equipped and trained Air National Guard swift water rescue team in nation

Ohio Air National Guard Outstanding Airmen of the Year: Capt. Adam G. Hermanns, Company Grade Officer; Master Sgt. Shawn F. Murray, First Sergeant; Senior Master Sgt. Bryan E. Mech, Senior Noncommissioned Officer; Staff Sgt. Caleb E. Evans, Noncommissioned Officer; Senior Airman Michael A. Griffin, Airman



Mansfield, Ohio | 900 Members

Col. Todd K. Thomas

Chief Master Sgt. Todd A. Hunt

- 179th Comptroller Flight
- 179th Maintenance Group
- 179th Maintenance Squadron
- 179th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 179th Maintenance Operations Flight
- 179th Operations Group
- 164th Airlift Squadron
- 179th Operations Support Squadron
- 179th Mission Support Group
- 179th Civil Engineering Squadron
- 179th Force Support Squadron
- 179th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 179th Security Forces Squadron
- 179th Communications Flight
- 179th Medical Group

Geographically Separated Units

- 200th RED HORSE Squadron
- 200th RED HORSE Squadron Det 1

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to Operation Deep Freeze, Antarctica; Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Inherent Resolve (740 flight hours, transported more than 800 personnel and 42 tons of cargo, and provided airdrop for 450 paratroopers); Silver Arrow, Germany

Extended mission in support of Operation Steady Resolve, Ohio;

Trained at C-130 formation airdrop training, Savannah Fly-away, Georgia; Serbian-U.S. Medical Knowledge Exchange (MKX)

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Col. Todd K. Thomas took charge of the 179th Airlift Wing during a change of command ceremony Aug. 4, 2019.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Selected to Fly NASA Orion Spacecraft support mission between Kennedy Space Center in Florida and Ohio

New Photographer of Year for National Guard Bureau: Senior Airman Alexis Wade; Military Writer of Year for National Guard Bureau: Staff Sgt. Megan Shepherd; Picture Story of Year, Military Visual Awards: Tech. Sgt. Joe Harwood; Financial Management Civilian of Year: Sadana Cornell; National Guard Military Child of Year, Operation Homefront: Kristina Lee

179TH AIRLIFT WING



The 179th Airlift Wing fulfills its mission by transporting personnel and cargo throughout the United States and the world. In addition, the 179th Airlift Wing participates in disaster relief efforts and other domestic emergencies as required. It is ready to deploy to overseas bases when directed by higher headquarters.

180TH FIGHTER WING



The 180th Fighter Wing provides for America; protection of the homeland, effective combat power, and defense support to civil authorities, while developing Airmen, supporting their Families and serving in the community.

Toledo, Ohio | 1,000 Members

Col. Michael DiDio
Chief Master Sgt. Edward Wagner



- 180th Comptroller Flight
- 180th Maintenance Group
- 180th Maintenance Squadron
- 180th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 180th Maintenance Operations Flight
- 180th Operations Group
- 112th Fighter Squadron
- 180th Operations Support Squadron
- 180th Mission Support Group
- 180th Civil Engineering Squadron
- 180th Force Support Squadron
- 180th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 180th Security Forces Squadron
- 180th Communications Flight
- 180th Medical Group

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to provide combat support to worldwide contingency operations in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East; flew 2,600 sorties, totaling more than 4,000 flying hours; deployed more than 180 tons of cargo

Trained at Exercise Combat Hammer, Utah

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Ranked Highly Effective, Air Force-level Unit Effectiveness Inspection

Mission Ready—

1st Air Force Alert Force Evaluation

Mission Ready—

Alert Force Operational Assessment



180th Fighter Wing breaks ground on new F-16 hangar construction project

A groundbreaking ceremony was held July 10, 2019, for the \$9 million project for a deployment processing facility, a base fitness center, and a F-16 fighter jet hangar that will house up to four aircraft and has a projected completion date of October 2020.



Cincinnati, Ohio | 170 Members
Lt. Col. Bryan P. Moore
Chief Master Sgt. Gerald W. Sweet

123RD AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to U.S. Air Forces Central
Command area of responsibility
Trained at Northern Lightning, Wisconsin;
Astral Knight, Italy & Croatia; RED FLAG, Alaska

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Astral Knight, Deployed Radar team:
31st Fighter Wing Team of the Quarter
Air Force Association Etchberger Team
of the Year Award

The 123rd Air Control Squadron provides world class rapidly deployable command and control, and battle management capability to meet state and federal missions.

164TH WEATHER FLIGHT



Columbus, Ohio | 10 Members

Lt. Col. Scott A. Lutz

Master Sgt. Thomas J. Mahan



DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Trained at Exportable Combat Training Capability, Minnesota; Homeland Response Force evaluation; Camp James A. Garfield, Newton Falls, Ohio; Vigilant Guard 19-4, Camp Garfield; Warfighter Exercise, Camp Atterbury, Ind.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

U.S. Air Force Weather's Air National Guard Squadron of the Year 2019

Certificate of Excellence for Support of Exportable Combat Training Capability

The 164th Weather Flight provides mission-tailored weather products and support that enhance the safety and operational effectiveness of supported Army, Air Force and Homeland Response units anytime, anywhere.



Port Clinton, Ohio | 400 Members
Col. Michael A. Hrynciw III
Chief Master Sgt. Patrick M. Wahlers



DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to Operation Swift Support, Puerto Rico;
Operation Inherent Resolve;
Operation Freedom's Sentinel

Extended missions in support of Operation
Steady Resolve, Ohio; Ohio National Guard
Joint Force Headquarters officer, Columbus, Ohio;
Camp James A. Garfield, Newton Falls, Ohio

Trained at Mertarvik, Alaska (Innovative Readiness
Training/IRT); Sandusky, Ohio (IRT)

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

U.S. Southern Command's Humanitarian
Service Medal for hurricane response

National Guard Bureau's 2019 Region IV,
Geographically Separated Unit Advanced
Recruiter of the Year:

Master Sgt. Matthew Gainer

200TH RED HORSE SQUADRON



The 200th RED HORSE (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer) provides superior engineering, construction, and logistics capability, during peacetime or combat, anywhere in the world to achieve state and federal priorities.

220TH ENGINEERING INSTALLATION SQUADRON

Zanesville, Ohio | 100 Members

Lt. Col. Christopher Treff

Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Day



DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Extended missions in support of
Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.;
Camp Grayling, Mich.; Springfield Air
National Guard Base, Springfield, Ohio

Trained at Alpena Combat Readiness
Training Center, Mich.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award



The 220th Engineering Installation Squadron commands, organizes, equips, trains, and administers assigned expeditionary cyberspace engineering installation and combat communication forces in support of state and federal emergencies and contingency operations.



Springfield, Ohio | 40 Members
Col. Francisco J. Dominguez
Chief Master Sgt. Paul Williams

251ST CYBERSPACE ENGINEERING INSTALLATION GROUP



DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to U.S. Air Forces in Europe and
Air Forces Africa area of responsibility

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
National Guard Association of the United States
Distinguished Mission Support Award

The 251st Cyberspace Engineering Installation Group commands, organizes, equips, and trains personnel to ensure complete mission readiness in support of emergency U.S. Air Force requirements, and to provide timely and reliable combat communications services in support of state emergencies. They also provide expeditionary cyber services tactically, in a joint environment.

269TH COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

Springfield, Ohio | 110 Members

Lt. Col. Samantha Adducchio
Chief Master Sgt. Steven Earley



The 269th Combat Communications Squadron commands, organizes, equips, trains, and administers assigned expeditionary cyberspace engineering installation and combat communication forces in support of state and federal emergencies and contingency operations.

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Deployed to U.S. Air Forces Central Command area of responsibility; U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa area of responsibility

Extended support of U.S. Air Force Marathon, Dayton, Ohio

Trained at Vigilant Guard 19-4, Ohio; Northern Lightning, Wisconsin; America's Shield, Southeastern U.S.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award



SPECIALIZED UNITS & MISSIONS





**AEROSPACE CONTROL
ALERT MISSION
OHIO CYBER RESERVE
STATE PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM**



HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE
580 Members



52ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM
Weapons Of Mass Destruction
20 Members



**147TH REGIMENT, REGIONAL
TRAINING INSTITUTE**
150 Members



COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE
50 Members



HUNGARY
Since 1993

Ohio's partnership with Hungary was established on July 14, 1993, with the signing of a bilateral affairs agreement. The Ohio-Hungary pairing was chosen, in part, due to the large population of ethnic Hungarians throughout Ohio (the most of any state), especially in the metropolitan areas of Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton, and Toledo, as well as shared geographic features. Since the establishment of the partnership, Ohio and Hungary have conducted more than 150 State Partnership Program events in several security cooperation activities ranging from bilateral familiarizations, small unit exchanges, exercises, senior military and civic leader visits to deployments of joint Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams (OMLTs), in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, which trained Afghan military and police forces.



STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

In looking back on 2019, the Ohio National Guard's State Partnership Program showcased its full array of skills to support U.S. security cooperation objectives by building enduring relationships with its partners, Serbia and Hungary.

In Federal Fiscal Year 2019, the ONG sent about 600 Soldiers and Airmen to Hungary and Serbia to train with its partners and conducted roughly 35 engagements with each country. Most notable exercises were Platinum Wolf, Exercise Breakthrough, Exercise Neighbors, and Cyber Tesla.

For four years running, Ohio National Guard members have participated in peacekeeping training in southern Serbia with security forces of other countries as part of Platinum Wolf. The multinational exercise of 500 Soldiers included 90 members of the Ohio National Guard's 838th Military Police Company out of Youngstown, Ohio, who worked in tandem with 10 other countries (including Hungary) to master peacekeeping skills.

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment participated in BREAKTHROUGH 2019 in June, a training exercise hosted by the Hungarian Defence Forces' Land Forces. This was an opportunity for Ohio's field artillery battalion to deploy its weapons systems in a more complex bilateral operational environment. The Hungarian Land Forces established a challenging environment for the training and provided opportunities for the participating units to develop lethal capacity with their assigned artillery pieces. The exercise tested the participants with fire missions on multiple ranges and distances during the day and night.

Since 2018, units from across the Ohio Air National Guard have participated in Mobile Training Teams (MTT) at Papa Air Force Base in Hungary. Alongside the 435th Contingency Response Support Squadron stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, the Ohio Airmen focused on occupational health, airfield management, cargo load handling, and flight line safety. In 2019, Ohio, jointly with Hungarian partners, delivered training to participants from five countries and about 100 international students. This multiyear series of engagements was previously recognized by the U.S. Air Force with the Mark A. Welsh One Air Force Award at the wing level.

Another challenging, annual SPP training exercise is Exercise Neighbors, which is conducted between the Ohio National Guard, Hungarian Defence Forces, and Serbian Armed Forces, and focuses on building interoperability and exchange of military tactics and experiences.

Apart from large exercises, SPP continued its support to the chaplaincy development program with Serbia, which was recognized nationally as one of the most successful chaplaincy training programs. Ohio chaplains performed field services at the Platinum Wolf exercise 2019 in Serbia and Serbian chaplains

visited St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in northeast Ohio in April and were welcomed and hosted by Ohio's largest Serbian-American diaspora.

The Ohio State University and University of Belgrade in Serbia began discussions in 2019 on collaboration in education that included student and expert exchanges, combined research, and joint classroom/curriculum development. The partnership received U.S. Department of State funding and entered into force on Jan. 1, 2020. Exchanges were scheduled to begin in April 2020 but were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following the 2019 visit of Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabić to Ohio, SPP facilitated discussions and conclusions of two memorandums of understanding on economic development and cooperation in education between Ohio and Serbia. Signing ceremonies were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ohio and the Hungarian Defence Forces continue to strengthen their partnership by conducting co-deployments. Two rotations of Ohio National Guard Soldiers deployed alongside Hungary Defence Forces during 2019 in support of KFOR (Kosovo Force) peacekeeping operations. Recently created Hungarian Territorial Reserve Forces have attended many planning conferences in Ohio throughout the year in preparation for their participation with Ohio's 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team when it participates in a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center in 2021.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, and other Ohio National Guard senior leaders visited Hungary and Serbia in September 2019 to hold discussions and mark another successful partnership year with the Hungarian Defence Forces and the Serbian Armed Forces. In Serbia, Harris also attended the annual Military Academy Graduation. During both visits, he met with U.S. Embassy officials, senior military leadership of both countries, and Prime Minister Brnabić. Discussions focused on future engagements and high-level commitment to collaborate on ways to shape and strengthen future events.



SERBIA
Since 2006

The Republic of Serbia signed a bilateral affairs agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense and the state of Ohio on September 7, 2006, establishing the Ohio-Serbia State Partnership. With a substantial Serbian-American community in Cleveland (as well as other Ohio cities) the Ohio-Serbia pairing was a logical choice for Ohio's second state partner. Since then, Ohio and Serbia have conducted more than 70 SPP events in several security cooperation activities ranging from bilateral familiarizations, small unit exchanges, exercises, senior military and civic leader visits to the continued development of the Serbian Armed Forces noncommissioned officer corps as well as potential development of future Medical Readiness Training Exercises (MEDRETE).



The ACA is the No. 1 homeland defense mission and consists of a national network of fully loaded aircraft and trained personnel, ready to protect the country at a moment's notice. They are capable of activating at any time and under any weather conditions in response to airborne threats or aggression over the United States and Canada. These fighter aircraft and personnel may be the last line of multiple layers of U.S. air defense.

180TH FIGHTER WING

Tasked with a 24-hour-a-day/365-day-a-year mission, the 180th Fighter Wing in Toledo stands ready to intercept aircraft violating security guidelines in the airspace encompassing the northeastern United States, utilizing the F-16 fighter jet.

The 180th Fighter Wing has been charged with the ACA mission since October 2008, protecting skies over major metropolitan areas, railway transportation hubs, nuclear power plants, freshwater ports, and shipping lanes within the Eastern Defense Sector.

The 180th FW has been named the ACA Unit of the Year twice and has been called the "benchmark operation" by the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) region commander for the continental U.S.

121ST AIR REFUELING WING

The 121st Air Refueling Wing in Columbus also participates in the ACA mission by providing in-flight refueling support.

AEROSPACE CONTROL ALERT MISSION



Since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the federal government has undertaken extensive efforts to protect U.S. airspace. As a part of this effort, the Department of Defense performs Operation Noble Eagle, which consists of several missions including Aerospace Control Alert (ACA).

CYBERSECURITY



Gov. Mike DeWine signed legislation in October 2019 establishing the Ohio Cyber Reserve (OhCR), a volunteer civilian force of cybersecurity experts with the mission to deter, mitigate, and protect critical infrastructure across the state. The OhCR is under the command of the adjutant general, and can be activated by the governor to augment Ohio National Guard response to cyber incidents.

The OhCR is available to help eligible small municipalities conduct vulnerability testing on their computer systems. The team will also have a cyber education mission to inform students about the inherent dangers of online activities; host interactive activities, such as cyber “capture the flag” competitions at high schools, colleges, and universities; and encourage interest in those fields of study.

The first three teams have been formed and are based in Central and Southwest Ohio. Additional teams will be added across the state, with a total of 10 teams expected to be formed throughout the year. Members will maintain their full-time careers but will train one weekend a month and receive certification. While in training status, they will not be paid, but if activated to state active duty they would be paid as members of the organized militia.

The OhCR is an initiative born from an Adjutant General's Department partnership with more than 200 representatives from public, private, military, and educational organizations that make up the Ohio Cyber Collaboration Committee (OC3), which was formed to develop a stronger cybersecurity infrastructure and workforce in the state.

CYBER PROTECTION TEAM

Ohio is part of a Cyber Protection Team partnership with the Indiana and Michigan National Guards. The team is staffed by traditional, part-time National Guard members who work within the information technology and academic sectors, and who offer expertise and competencies in cutting-edge cyber defense policies, tactics, and techniques.

DEFENSE CYBER OPERATIONS TEAM

Each state, territory, and the District of Columbia has a Defense Cyber Operations Team, a small group entity made up of Guard members. The Ohio National Guard DCO Team is a joint effort between the Army and Air National Guard. The team annually attends Operation Cyber Shield to test its ability to handle complex cyber challenges.



Columbus, Ohio
Col. Jeff Watkins
Command Sgt. Maj. William Adams

DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Conducted and passed full-scale collective training evaluation to assess readiness and mission proficiency of entire Federal Emergency Management Agency Region V HRF Enterprise

Performed multi-day training events with entire HRF Enterprise quarterly

Conducted and passed full-scale exercise to assess the HRF Enterprise's ability to fully alert, assemble, and deploy within six-hours

Transitioned the Casualty Assistance and Support Element to the 1486th Transportation and 212th Maintenance companies

Conducted full-scale emergency response exercise with several military and civilian entities across Ohio during Vigilant Guard 19-4

HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE



ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, NO NOTICE

When directed by the Secretary of Defense, coordinated by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and upon consent of the Governor(s) during major or catastrophic chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents, the Homeland Response Force (HRF) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) alerts, recalls, and deploys critical command and control (C2) and lifesaving capabilities within six hours. On order, HRF and CERFP deploy and conduct C2, search and extraction, mass casualty decontamination, and medical stabilization in order to save lives and mitigate human suffering.

52ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

Columbus, Ohio

Lt. Col. David Foster

Sgt. First Class Richard Martinez



DEPLOYMENTS/MISSIONS/TRAINING

Responded to Support Request to Ross County Correctional Institution, in support of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, to assist in identification of multiple unknown substances during normal search and seizure operations

Conducted joint exercise with the Cincinnati Fire Department, Cincinnati Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Evaluated and received highest rating on ability to identify, assess, advise, and assist with unknown hazards to the public during combined lanes training, Akron/Canton, Ohio

Supported the statewide Vigilant Guard 19-4 exercise by identifying, assessing, advising, and assisting the incident commander in the case of an unknown hazard to public safety; worked with many agencies including National Guard Civil Support Team units from Arkansas and Pennsylvania

FIRST TO RESPOND, OHIO AND BEYOND

The 52nd Civil Support Team (CST) deploys in support of civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) or natural disaster incident site by identifying CBRNE agents/substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for state and federal support.



Columbus, Ohio
 Col. David S. Rhoads
 Command Sgt. Maj. Adoree Georskey

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Total Personnel Trained - 1,540

- 12B10 Combat Engineer MOS course
115 graduates
- 12W10 Carpentry / Masonry Specialist MOS course
25 graduates
- 88M10 Motor Transport Operator MOS course
82 graduates
- Combat Lifesaver Course: 124 graduates
- 68W Combat Medic Recertification Course
133 graduates
- 88M30 Advanced Leader Course
174 graduates
- Basic Leader Course: 525 graduates
- Common Faculty Development – Instructor Course
49 graduates
- Warrant Officer Candidate School: 18 graduates
- Accelerated Officer Candidate School
7 graduates
- Company Level Pre Command Course
41 graduates
- Combatives Level 1: 22 graduates
- Combatives Level 2: 18 graduates
- Casualty Notification Officer/Assistance Officer course
75 graduates
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training course
75 graduates
- Resiliency Training Assistant course: 45 graduates
- Military Funeral Honors class: 12 graduates

RTI-hosted classes and events:

- Ohio Army National Guard Senior Leader Conference
- Class IV training
- S4/GCSS-Army

Instructor of the Quarter for Training Year 2019

- 1st Quarter- Staff Sgt. Alyssa Begin
- 2nd Quarter- Staff Sgt. Chelsea Sellers
- 3rd Quarter- Staff Sgt. Mark Zimmerman
- 4th Quarter- Staff Sgt. Timothy Short

Ohio Army National Guard Safety Impact Award

- Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Fry
- Staff Sgt. Scott Jakubek
- Staff Sgt. Scott Cole
- Staff Sgt. David Hutton

Warrant Officer Candidate School candidates and staff volunteered to set up a family activity area, and clean common areas, splash pad, and garden area at the Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio

147TH REGIMENT, REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE



CARGONECK GUYOXIM (ALWAYS READY)

The 147th Regiment, Regional Training Institute (RTI) provides institutional training within assigned Career Management Fields, NCOES (Noncommissioned Officer Education System), Officer Candidate School, and Warrant Officer Candidate School missions based on the collective requirements identified by the National Guard Bureau-ART-I (Individual Training Branch), the Army Program for Individual Training for the Army National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserve, the Active Component, and the Subject Matter Expert Regiment in support of the Army's Modular Force.

COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE



Columbus, Ohio

Lt. Col. Alexander Alston III
Sgt. Maj. Dorie Miracle

Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Takeback Days

Transported over 20,000 pounds of unused prescription medications to their final destruction location

Support to law enforcement

Fulfilled 46 requests for support from law enforcement agencies and community-based drug prevention organizations with 65 total personnel

Counterdrug personnel supported the seizure of nearly 6,000 pounds of illicit drugs, including:

- nearly 100 pounds of fentanyl
- over 150 pounds of heroin
- over 300 pounds of methamphetamine
- and non-drug seizures, including profits from sale of illegal drugs, totaled approximately \$60 million in value

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Advocate of the Year Awarded by Montgomery County Prevention Coalition to 1st Lt. Danielle Wildman

The Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Task Force provides direct support to law enforcement, schools, and community-based organizations in order to anticipate, detect, deter, disrupt, and defeat illicit drugs and transnational threats to Ohio's communities.



PROGRAMS





FAMILY READINESS & WARRIOR SUPPORT

- Citizen Soldier for Life – Career Readiness Counselors
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
- Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee
- Military Funeral Honors
- Military OneSource
- National Guard Employment Enhancement Program
- Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee
- Resiliency Risk Reduction & Suicide Prevention
- Sexual Harassment Assault Response & Prevention
- Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
- Strong Bonds Events
- Survivor Outreach Services
- Transition Assistance
- Troop & Family Assistance Centers
- Yellow Ribbon Reintegration
- Youth Programming



EDUCATION & INCENTIVES COMMUNITY RELATIONS





Our Soldiers, Airmen, and Families are the foundation of the Ohio National Guard and our greatest resource.

To support them in all phases of their careers, from recruitment through retirement and beyond, we care for our members and their Families through a variety of programs.

The Ohio National Guard Family Readiness and Warrior Support division serves all of Ohio's service members and Military Families. Core objectives of these programs include preparing troops and Families for deployment, building resiliency in Military Families and members through aggressive individual and Family programming including camps and retreats, and executing specific predeployment briefings and postdeployment reintegration programs for troops, Families, and employers.

FAMILY READINESS AND WARRIOR SUPPORT



FAMILY READINESS TRAINING

The Family Readiness program offers training through the brigade Family Readiness support assistants for all unit commanders, Family Readiness military liaisons, and Family Readiness Group volunteers. The training provides a foundation to build, operate, and support a Family Readiness Group in the Ohio National Guard. In 2019, 308 attendees completed training. As a result of these trainings, the 12-month average percentage for Army unit Family Readiness Groups that met the training requirements (trained commander, Family Readiness Group Volunteer, and Family Readiness Military Liaison) and updated/valid family contact roster was 77%.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

The Youth Program's mission is "To empower and support the social, emotional, and academic needs of Ohio Military Youth across Ohio; building resilience and helping create self-confidence." In 2019, the Youth Program impacted over 3,500 Ohio Military Youth and Family Members during events such as Camp Kelleys Island youth camp, Strong Family Workshops, and the two-day Troop and Family Camps.

STRONG BONDS EVENT PROGRAMMING

The State Chaplain's Office hosted 19 Army Strong Bonds events during TY19. These events accommodated 1,614 total participants. These all-inclusive events provided invaluable time for Soldiers and Family members to reconnect and strengthen their relationships.



TROOP AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTERS

Ohio Troop and Family Assistance Centers (TFAC) across the state provide local resources and referral services to Ohio's military members and Families.

TFAC Specialists conducted 2,443 outreach calls in 2019 to Families of deployed service members, and had more than 1,000 cases that included requests for short-term emergency financial assistance, employment assistance, and referrals to other support organizations.

INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE & REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee's (ISFAC) purpose is to connect Military Families with national, state, regional, and community resources as well as volunteer support services. In 2019, 236 members attended this quarterly meeting.

The Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee (RISFAC) was designed to bring together community partners and local military unit representatives, as well as the volunteers from each of the units' Family Readiness Groups. In 2019, there were 959 community partners throughout the state who attended the RISFAC meetings.

MILITARY ONESOURCE

Military OneSource provides services and tools to all branches of service, active duty, Guard and Reserve. During fiscal year 2019, Ohio's Military OneSource consultant provided support at 29 events with 5,201 attendees, conducted outreach with a total of 2,220 organizations and individuals that resulted in 351 community capacity meetings, and provided direct support to 953 individuals.

YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program gives National Guard members and their Families an overview of services and benefits that are available to them during their mobilization period. In total, in FY19, 1,025 Family members and 1,440 service members were provided information, education, and resources to assist them with the rigors of deployment and reintegration into family, community, and employment life.



RESILIENCY RISK REDUCTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Resiliency Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention (R3SP) team's mission is to enhance the force's resilience, through a combination of specific training and improved fitness, in order to decrease the incidence of undesirable and destructive behaviors, and ultimately achieve a greater likelihood of post-adversity growth and success. In training year 2019, the staff trained 113 Soldiers.

SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

The Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) program provides long-term case management for Families of our fallen heroes. There are more than 2,700 Survivors being outreached to on a regular basis, and SOS coordinators held 82 unique partnered or individual events reaching 23,118 individuals across the state.

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS

The Ohio National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program performed nine honorable transfers of remains for active-duty deaths and completed 4,508 military funeral honors missions in support of veterans, National Guard Soldiers, and active-duty deaths.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE / SEXUAL HARASSMENT ASSAULT RESPONSE AND PREVENTION

The Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) / Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) programs are committed creating a culture where Soldiers and Airmen believe that failure to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault is incompatible with our values, and that a report of sexual assault will be handled professionally and with the victim's best interests in mind.

Key accomplishments included:

- Collaborating with the Ohio Attorney General's Office during the Two Days In May Crime Victims Assistance Conference and facilitating a workshop focusing on a united response to military victims of sexual assault.
- Hosted National SHARP Mobile Training Team
- Assisted state with completion of TY19 Annual refresher SHARP training at a 100% completion rate statewide.

CITIZEN SOLDIER FOR LIFE – CAREER READINESS COUNSELORS

The Citizen Soldier for Life (CSFL) program provides direct career preparation, coordinated financial services, delivery of financial education, and teaching Soldiers how to manage a wage once earned. The program aims to increase individual, unit, and Family readiness and resilience, and boost recruiting and retention rates across the Ohio Army National Guard.

In FY 2019, 1,470 Soldiers were provided a CSFL brief and Introduction to Rucksack Essentials, career readiness counselors interacted with more than 2,700 Soldiers, employment assistance services were utilized by nearly 3,000 Soldiers, while about 2,700 Soldiers received financial literacy training.

NATIONAL GUARD EMPLOYMENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The National Guard Employment Enhancement Program completed its fourth year providing employment support and services to Ohio National Guard members, veterans, reservists from other components, and Military Families. Employment placement increased 32% from the previous year.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

Transition Assistance advisors provided support and advocacy for nearly 600 Soldiers who retired or separated from the Ohio National Guard. Nearly 1,800 Soldiers were assisted with questions about state and federal benefits.

EDUCATION & INCENTIVES



Education benefits are a significant incentive for recruiting and retaining quality Soldiers and Airmen in the organization. In addition, as technology constantly evolves, the educational and knowledge demands on our force increase proportionately. Providing a variety of federal and state programs and educational benefits — including tuition assistance, student loan repayment, and induction and retention bonuses — the Ohio National Guard reaps better educated, well-rounded personnel to operate high-tech systems and lead our Soldiers and Airmen.

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

The National Guard has an incentive program consisting of multiple bonus types as well as the Student Loan Repayment Program. All payments for these programs are processed and reviewed at the Ohio National Guard headquarters before being sent to National Guard Bureau for further review and payment.

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program awards college scholarships to Army and Air National Guard members. In the state fiscal year 2020, just over 4,700 scholarships were processed for payment resulting in an appropriation expenditure just over \$18.4 million.

THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS WERE MADE DURING FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Student Loan Repayments\$ 1.4 mil
Repayments made by 192 Soldiers

Bonus Payments\$ 4.3 mil
Payments made to 550 Soldiers

Federal Tuition Assistance\$ 668,446
314 Soldiers enrolled

ARMY & AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Montgomery GI Bill

Chapter 1606 GI Bill2,240 members

Chapter 1607 GI Bill3 members

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Ohio National Guard is an active member of its community and regularly supports requests for participation of military vehicles in parades, speakers at high schools, and equipment displays at community events.

Due to COVID-19 and restrictions on public events, the Ohio National Guard's support for community relations events were curtailed for several months in 2020. This resulted in a 40% decrease in the number of events supported from the previous state fiscal year.

137 EVENTS SUPPORTED

Personnel	990
Color Guard	39
Vehicle Static Displays	45
Speakers	51
122nd Army Band	17
Helicopter Static Displays	8
Audience	1,143,935

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



The Ohio National Guard Community Outreach Program builds relationships with key stakeholders to promote understanding about the Ohio National Guard and improve the readiness and resiliency of Soldiers, Airmen, and their Families in their respective communities. Employers, clergy, and health care providers were key partners in community outreach events, including orientation flights on Ohio National Guard aircraft.

WORKFORCE



Among drill weekends, annual training periods, and deployments, the Ohio National Guard is administered, trained, and equipped through the efforts of the nearly 21% of our workforce that makes up the full-time staff. The full-time staff includes 45% federal Active Guard Reserve members, 41% federal Title 32 dual-status technicians, 6% federal Title 5 National Guard employees, and 8% State of Ohio employees — they are the core of the force, ensuring that our traditional drill status Guard members are always ready to serve.

TOTAL WORKFORCE 16,770
 (Approximate workforce figures as of May 1, 2020)

OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Traditional Guard Members 9,800
 Federal Active Guard Reserve 850
 Federal Title 32 Technicians 640
 Federal Title 5 National Guard Employees 110
Total ONG Army 11,400

OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Traditional Guard Members 3,500
 Federal Active Guard Reserve 730
 Federal Title 32 Technicians 770
 Federal Title 5 National Guard Employees 100
Total ONG Air 5,100

STATE OF OHIO EMPLOYEES

Total State Employees 270

- October 2018
- November 2018
- December 2018
- January 2019
- February 2019
- March 2019
- April 2019
- May 2019
- June 2019
- July 2019
- August 2019
- September 2019

FEDERAL FUNDING

Reported October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Operations & Maintenance	\$ 140,045,434
Military Construction	\$ 5,094,500
Pay and Allowances	\$ 197,766,878
Total	\$ 342,906,812

OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Operations & Maintenance	\$ 33,063,034
Military Construction	\$ 11,897,088
Pay and Allowances	\$ 338,349,987
Total	\$ 383,310,109

TOTAL OHIO NATIONAL GUARD \$ 726,216,921

THE OHIO MILITARY RESERVE (OHMR)

is a volunteer force available to augment the Ohio National Guard. In FY 2020, the Adjutant General's Department provided \$11,939 in state General Revenue Fund support for OHMR operations, including the cost of housing and feeding members during their annual training period, and providing supplies and other necessary day-to-day items.



STATE FUNDING

Reported July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

- October 2019
- November 2019
- December 2019
- January 2020
- February 2020
- March 2020
- April 2020
- May 2020
- June 2020

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

\$ 12,349,942

State General Revenue Funds come from Ohio income tax revenues. General Revenue Funds complement federal grants for administration of the Ohio National Guard and provide the minimal amount of administration and facilities management funded fully by the state.

ROTARY FUND

\$ 1,641,504

Rotary funds come from self-sustaining operations of the Ohio National Guard, such as Camp Perry's transient lodging program and range rentals, as well as the sale of Ohio Army National Guard armories and property.

STATE ACTIVE DUTY

\$ 2,225,869

Funding for state active duty deployments in response to natural and man-made disasters.

FALLEN HEROES

Ohio is not exempt from the costs of war ~ Since 9/11, we have lost 15 Ohio National Guard members



SPC Todd M. Bates
135th Military Police Company
Chagrin Falls, Ohio
December 10, 2003



SSG Aaron T. Reese
135th Military Police Company
Chagrin Falls, Ohio
December 10, 2003



SGT Michael C. Barkey
1484th Transportation Company
Akron, Ohio
July 7, 2004



PFC Samuel R. Bowen
216th Engineer Battalion
Hamilton, Ohio
July 7, 2004



SPC Ryan A. Martin
216th Engineer Battalion
Chillicothe, Ohio
August 20, 2004



1LT Charles L. Wilkins III
216th Engineer Battalion
Chillicothe, Ohio
August 20, 2004



SGT Jeremy M. Hodge
612th Engineer Battalion
Walbridge, Ohio
October 10, 2005



SFC Daniel J. Pratt
211th Maintenance Company
Newark, Ohio
November 3, 2005



SFC Daniel Crabtree
Co. B, 2-19th Special Forces
Columbus, Ohio
June 8, 2006



LT COL Kevin Sonnenberg
180th Fighter Wing
Toledo, Ohio
June 15, 2007



SGT Anthony M. Vinnedge
2-107th Cavalry Regt.
Greenville, Ohio
July 5, 2007



CPT Nicholas Rozanski
37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Columbus, Ohio
April 4, 2012



MSG Shawn Hannon
37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Columbus, Ohio
April 4, 2012



MSG Jeffrey Rieck
37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Columbus, Ohio
April 4, 2012



SPC Cody D. Suggs
1487th Transportation Company
Piqua, Ohio
March 7, 2013

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