



Georgia Department of Defense 2010 Annual Report

Georgia Army National Guard - Georgia Air National Guard - Georgia State Defense Force



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My fellow Georgians,

It is with esteemed pride and pleasure that I present this 2010 annual report to the General Assembly and the citizens of Georgia, outlining the accomplishments and challenges of the Georgia Department of Defense.

It is my honor to continue serving as Georgia's 40th Adjutant General, commanding the more than 14,000 outstanding men and women of the Georgia Army National Guard, Georgia Air National Guard and Georgia State Defense Force. These Citizen-Soldiers have accomplished much this past year, and it is my hope that this report will serve as an adequate account of their exceptional performance.

In 2010, the Georgia Guard's largest command – the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team – returned from its yearlong deployment in Afghanistan. As we welcomed home the 48th, we sent several other units to war. Currently, we have more than 1,500 Guardsmen deployed across the globe in support of our nation's military efforts.

Of course, these deployments have a profound impact on our local communities. With Guard units geographically dispersed throughout the state, there's hardly a community in Georgia which has not directly felt the sting of deployment. Yet, the support from our communities and employers has been superb – and that has made the challenges facing our Guardsmen all the easier to bear.

As we continued our efforts to support the U.S. abroad, we also worked diligently to expand and improve our homeland defense capabilities here at home. Part of this effort entailed the transformation of one of Georgia's storied major commands – the 78th Troop Command – into the 78th Homeland Response Force (HRF). Georgia was selected as one of just 10 states nationwide designated with the distinction of providing a regional HRF, demonstrating the confidence our national leadership has in the Georgia National Guard's capability to respond to homeland defense needs.

The Soldiers, Airmen, and state employees of the Georgia Department of Defense have served our state and nation proudly and professionally, and they remain steadfast in their effort and dedication to maintain the highest standards of excellence in both their homeland defense and war-fighting missions. The citizens of Georgia can rest well knowing that no matter what threats are imposed upon this state or nation, the Georgia National Guard will be there, ready to face any challenge, prepared to overcome any obstacle.

ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE!

Sincerely,

 MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM T. NESBITT
 The Adjutant General of Georgia



"Operation Patriot Winter" officially began on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011. Within hours of a request by the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Guard drivers and vehicles arrive on the scene, enabling State Troopers to reach areas that were otherwise inaccessible with their patrol vehicles, helping to reduce response times.

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Mission:

The Georgia Department of Defense provides ready and relevant military forces to the Combatant Commanders, and with the consent of the Governor provides command and control, and capabilities to support Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civil Authorities.

Vision:

A strong and growing joint military organization, recognized as a leader in strength, readiness, and innovation; an interagency partner and leader; postured for quick, effective response; chosen for new missions and force structure, the likes of which provide opportunities for those members who live the Ga. DoD values to realize their potential through service to the state and nation.

Values:

- Integrity First
- Service Before Self
- Competence
- Initiative
- Teamwork
- Continuous Improvement
- Personal Courage

Priorities:

- Defend the Homeland and Defense Support to Civil Authorities
- Support the war fight by providing ready units
- Continuously transform the force to remain relevant

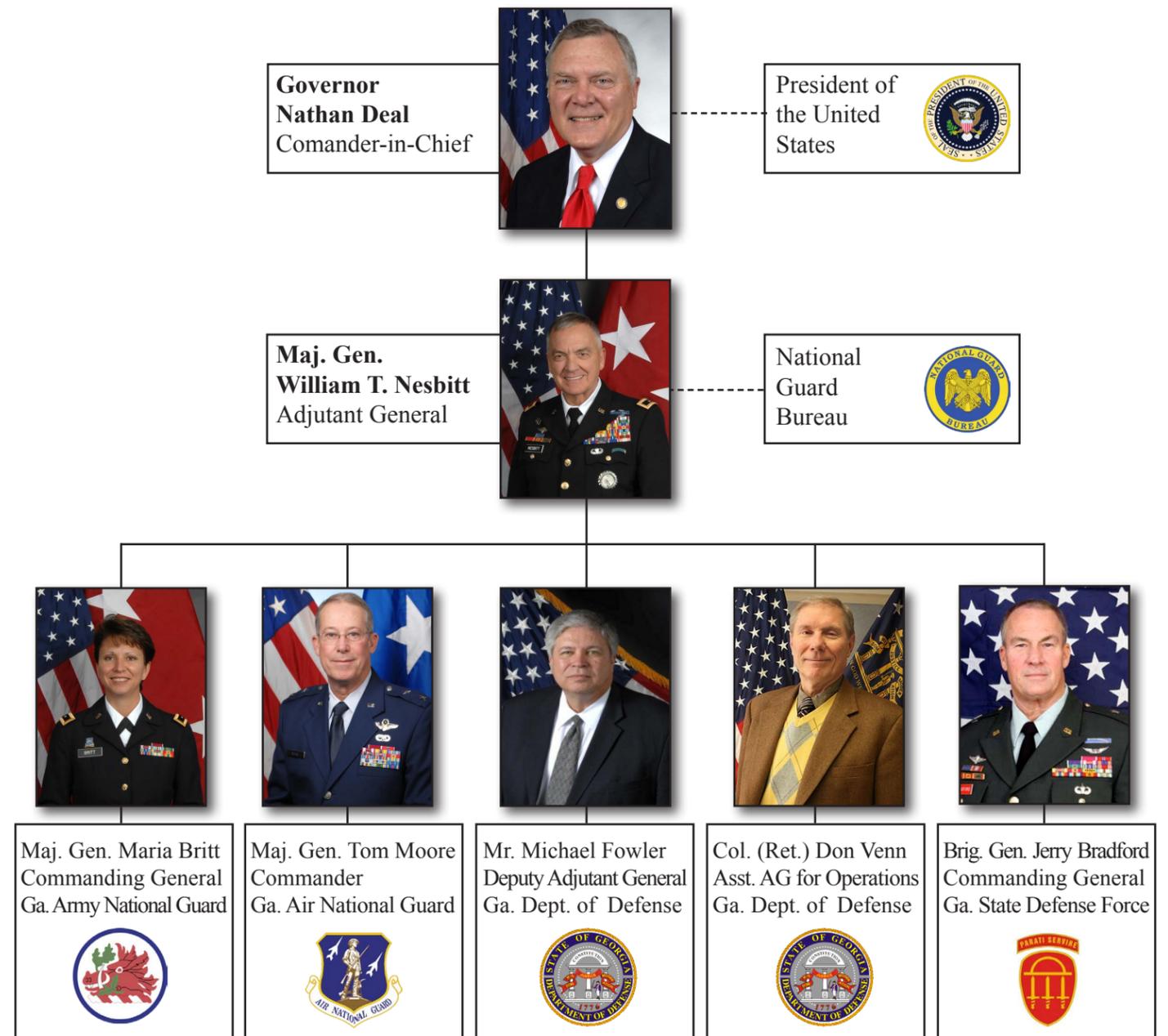
Goals:

- Develop strong partnerships as part of an Interagency Team
- Develop a collaborative environment to facilitate joint and interagency training
- Conduct relevant, mission-focused training
- Array forces to best realize recruiting potential and respond to state emergencies
- Participate in experimentation and exercises to lead innovation in doctrine, equipment, and business solutions
- Mobilize, deploy, sustain, redeploy, and reconstitute forces to meet the full range of homeland and global requirements
- Provide opportunities for members to see their quality of life enhanced through service to the State and Nation
- Be identified as the right choice for future missions and forces

Focus:

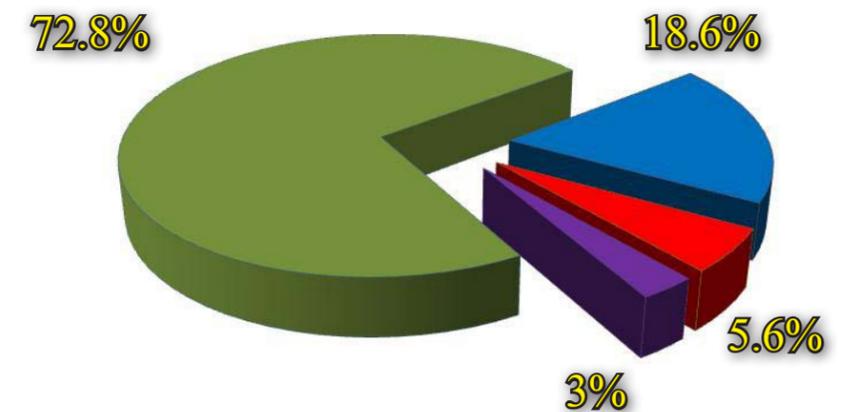
- Ready Units, Soldiers, Airmen, and Families
- Competent, adaptive, learning leaders
- Seamless connectivity to all leaders
- Balanced contributions from Army and Air service components
- High Quality of Life for our Soldiers, Airmen and Families

Ga. DoD Chain of Command



Organization Composition

- 11,119 Army Guardsmen
- 2,849 Air Guardsmen
- 850 SDF Members
- 460 State Employees



Foreword

Had we ink enough and time, the Georgia Department of Defense 2010 Annual Report could fill volumes. 2010 was yet another dynamic year for the organization, a year full of growth and excellence in mission accomplishment.

However, the Annual Report must be representative rather than exhaustive, and so this report will capture only a portion of the great work done by the Georgia Department of Defense this year. In fact, it's worth taking a moment to consider just how much gets accomplished in a given year by these 14,000 Soldiers, Airmen, volunteers, and civilians as they work constantly in support of their state and nation – each of them proud to be part of what is, indeed, a strong and growing joint military organization.

Major Gen. Nesbitt issued Operations Order Number One a little over five years ago, and it has since served to guide our ensuing 40% growth. The organization has grown professionally, as well: wartime deployments, innovative training, domestic contingencies, and overseas training and operations all have deep effects on individuals who participate in, and grow, the organization as a whole.

The quality of our leaders is on display in the awards they win in competitions around the country, as well as the innovative training they provide. For example, the new National Guard Language Center is the first of its kind, and trains Guardsmen from all over the country. At the unit level, leaders provide challenging, realistic training that pushes Guardsmen to develop and refine tactics and procedures that will enable them to execute their domestic or wartime missions with distinction.

The Georgia Air National Guard

had key roles both in peace and in war in 2010. The New Year found a team from Brunswick's 165th Air Support Operations Squadron deployed to Afghanistan, where they were able to maneuver with fellow Georgians of Macon's 48th Brigade. In support of recovery operations after Haiti's devastating earthquake, members of Savannah's 165th Force Sustainment Squadron established a kitchen for military members at the Port Au Prince airport. Yet another team, from Brunswick's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron, found themselves operating on the deck of the USS Iwo Jima, cruising the Caribbean in support of a major humanitarian exercise.

2010 saw the Georgia Army National Guard's storied 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team return from its yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. The resilience and the capability of the brigade served it well as missions and requirements changed, sometimes drastically, during their deployment. Meanwhile, the 190th Military Police Company deployed to Afghanistan, and Det. 1, Company B, of 1-169th General Support Aviation Battalion redeployed from Afghanistan. Both are part of a steady flow of units to and from the front lines.

Back home, the State Defense Force also assisted disaster relief efforts for Haiti, with 97 members donating nearly 370 man-hours in support of Operation Healing Hands right here in Georgia. Their extensive Search and Rescue training not only helped further define their role in the Ga. DoD, it also helped them succeed in a real-world SAR mission later in the year.

The Ga. DoD provided significant interagency leadership in 2010. Major Gen. Nesbitt ushered in a new era of joint cooperation by convening the first-ever conference of commanders

and officers from every military and defense installation in the state – the goal being to prepare for future emergencies. Later in the year, a massive hurricane readiness exercise provided the same leadership and opportunity to coordinate civil, military, and non-governmental organizations from across the state.

The Counterdrug Task Force not only trained law enforcement agents from across the state, but also seized \$53 million of marijuana in an operation near Helen. This was the second-largest marijuana bust in state history.

The year, however, was not without loss. Sergeant David Holmes of Swainsboro's 810th Engineer Company was killed by an IED attack in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant 1st Class Edgar Roberts later died of wounds inflicted by the same IED attack. Losing these Soldiers reminds us of the sacrifices our Guardsmen and their families make – and of the honor and dedication our Guardsmen show when, knowing the dangers, they serve anyway.

Here in the Annual Report, you can learn more about some of these events, as well as the units themselves, and some specifics about the economic and educational effects the Ga. DoD has on Georgia. Taken all in all, it's clear that the operations we conduct, the assistance we provide, the chances we have to learn and to lead --- all allow us to live the organization's values and truly realize our own potential in service to the state and nation.

We look forward to continuing to serve, and to continuously seek ways to improve our service through the Georgia Department of Defense.

Maj. John H. Alderman IV
State Public Affairs Officer
Georgia Department of Defense

Economic Impact

In addition to providing Georgia with a robust capability to respond to contingencies, the Guard is clearly a significant economic engine for the state as well.

Despite its budget woes, the state has continued to support the Georgia National Guard, as evidenced by the new \$26 million Cumming Regional Armory and the \$16 million Lorenzo-Benn facility. While the Cumming armory is the first new armory in Georgia in many years, the Ga. DoD has seen \$300 million in renovation and construction over the last 10 years, after seeing virtually no such funding over the course of the previous 40 years.

The state's investments in its National Guard have more than paid off, as the Georgia Guard has had a significant positive impact on the State's economy. Because most of the organization's funds come from federal sources, Georgia actually sees more tax revenue from the income of its Citizen-Soldiers than it spends on the Georgia Guard as a whole. That's to say nothing of the profoundly positive

and direct economic impact the Guard's armories, bases and other facilities have on their surrounding communities and businesses.

As an illustration: the Guard receives \$10 million in Georgia state funding annually. This money pulls down another \$30 million in federal matching funds into the Georgia Guard's state account. The Georgia National Guard's federal budget is about \$500 million. So, Georgia's \$10 million investment annually generates \$500 million for the state's economy.

Additionally, Guardsmen in Georgia pay about \$25 million in state income tax. One could look at the original \$10 million funded by the state as a loan that the Guard uses each year to generate a half-billion dollars in revenue, then pays the loan back with 250% interest.

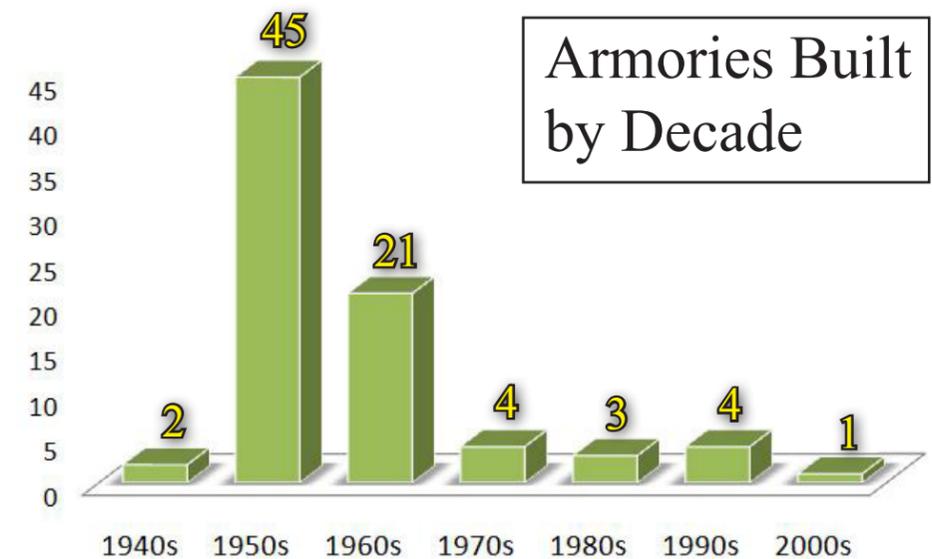
With the National Guard, the nation gets a capable military force that is able to carry out both domestic and overseas missions with only five percent of the total base budget of the Department of Defense. The central reason for the National Guard's cost-effectiveness is the part-time/full-time force mix. Until called upon and placed

into paid-duty status, traditional National Guard members incur minimal cost to the Department of Defense.

Cost savings include fewer pay days per year; lower medical costs; lower retirement expenditures; lower training costs; virtually no cost for moving families and household goods every two or three years; fewer entitlements, such as housing and food allowances; and lower base support costs in terms of services and facilities, including commissaries, base housing, base exchanges, and childcare facilities.

The Georgia National Guard provides a broad array of capabilities to the state and nation. Three main elements — domestic support missions, overseas defense missions, and the Ga. DoD's ability to do both missions cost-effectively — prove that the Georgia National Guard is a great value for the state.

In upcoming years, the U.S. Armed Forces will be expected to continue to provide services at the highest level without continued budget increases. The Georgia National Guard will certainly be a major consideration in providing a solution to this challenge.



2010 Timeline

Air Guard's Shannon promoted to General

March 2, 2010 – Air National Guardsman Robert L. Shannon is promoted to Brigadier General, making Shannon the first African-American general officer in the 63-year history of the Georgia Air National Guard.



Hurricane Exercise 2010

June 10, 2010 The Georgia Department of Defense conducts Hurricane Exercise 2010 at Jekyll Island, taking a big step forward in preparedness to serve Georgia communities during an emergency by testing communications systems and synchronizing logistics and operations plans.

New leadership for Georgia Air National Guard

July 24, 2010 — Major Gen. Thomas R. Moore becomes the commander of the Georgia Air National Guard during a ceremony at the Museum of Aviation. Moore succeeds Maj. Gen. Scott A. Hammond, who formally retired during a ceremony shortly after relinquishing command.



Georgia NCO Competes Against Army Guard's Best

Aug. 3, 2010 – Staff Sgt. Kevin O. McMakin, of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, competes against top NCOs of the Army National Guard in the annual Best Warrior competition held at the Warrior Training Center.



169th returns to Savannah

Sept. 3, 2010 – Savannah's Detachment 1, Company B, 1-169th General Support Aviation Battalion, Georgia Army National Guard, returns after a 10-month deployment to Afghanistan.

GSDF finds body of missing amateur astronomer

Nov. 18, 2010 – Georgia State Defense Force personnel locate the body of Keith Burns, an amateur astronomer who had been missing for more than a week. After scouring an area that had previously been searched by others, the body was discovered by Sgt. Jay Tavares of the GSDF 1st Brigade.

Gov. Deal reappoints Nesbitt as TAG

November 17, 2010 – Governor-elect Nathan Deal asks Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt to continue as Georgia's Adjutant General during Deal's tenure as governor. Deal said Nesbitt has "tirelessly and vigilantly" served Georgia for decades.

GSDF lends a healing hand to injured Haitians

Feb. 2, 2010 – Georgia State Defense Force dedicates 97 members and nearly 370 man-hours in support of Operation Healing Hands, a program helping Haitians recover from a devastating earthquake.



48th IBCT returns home

April 7, 2010 - Waves of Soldiers from units comprising Georgia's 48th Brigade arrive at Hunter Army Air Field on their way home from a yearlong deployment in Afghanistan. The deployment officially ends as Col. Lee Durham, 48th Brigade commander, returns to a warm welcome from Gov. Sonny Perdue and others. In all, about 3,200 48th IBCT Soldiers returned home in 2010.

Georgia Guard Engineer killed in Afghanistan

June 26, 2010 - Sergeant David Alexander Holmes, a Georgia Army Guardsman with the 810th Engineering Company, is killed in action by an IED while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.



165th marks 40 years of safety

Oct. 1, 2010 – The 165th Airlift Wing celebrates an outstanding flying safety record over the last 40 years. The last "Class A" mishap for the Wing was in 1970, when a C-124 impacted Pavlov Volcano, Alaska. The total flying time for the Wing without a "Class A" incident is an astounding 159,647 hours.



190th MPs deploy to Afghanistan

Jan. 17, 2010 – Kennesaw's 190th Military Police Company deploys for a yearlong security mission at Bagram Air Base in northeastern Afghanistan.



Jan. | | | | Feb. | | | | March | | | | April | | | | May | | | | June | | | | July | | | | Aug. | | | | Sept. | | | | Oct. | | | | Nov. | | | | Dec. | | | |



Georgia Air Guard teams up with 48th IBCT in Afghanistan

Jan. 1, 2010 – Airmen from the Georgia Guard's 165th Air Support Operations Squadron serve alongside advancing infantry Soldiers from Georgia's 48th Brigade in eastern Afghanistan to call in combat air support if the situation presents itself.



Guardsmen open radio stations to give Afghans their own voice

Feb. 4, 2010 – Calhoun's 1/108th Cavalry Regiment sets up two radio stations for Afghan villagers, located in the Shinwar and Muhmand Dara provinces, to counter Taliban propaganda.

Airmen respond to Haiti disaster

May 12, 2010 – Nine Citizen-Airmen of Savannah's 165th Force Sustainment Squadron, 165th Airlift Wing, work as part of the official United States response to the devastating earthquake that ravaged Haiti by establishing a food kitchen for the military members based at Port Au Prince's international airport.

Georgia National Guard opens Language Center

June 1, 2010 – The Georgia National Guard Language Center opens its doors as the first center of its kind, housing language training classes for Guardsmen from all over the country.

Homeland Response Force

July 13, 2010 – Governor Sonny Perdue announces that Georgia will be one of only 10 regional states nationwide to have a fast-responding homeland security force aimed at handling weapons of mass destruction incidents.



3rd Squadron NCOs take third in international airborne competition

Aug. 7, 2010 – The Georgia Army National Guard's parachute team from 3rd Squadron, 108th Cavalry Regiment, win third-place trophy at the Rhode Island National Guard's 28th annual Leapfest International Parachute Competition.

Guardsman dies as result of injuries received in Afghanistan

August 17, 2010 - Sergeant 1st Class Edgar N. Roberts, 39, of Hinesville, a Georgia Army National Guardsman assigned to the 810th Engineer Company, dies as a result of wounds received during an IED incident that occurred in Afghanistan on June 26, 2010.

Counter Drug seizes \$52 Million worth of marijuana, 2nd largest find in state history

Sept. 21, 2010 – After a Georgia Army Guard Counterdrug pilot spots marijuana growing on the side of a North Georgia mountain near Helen, officials uncover the 2nd largest marijuana bust in state history.



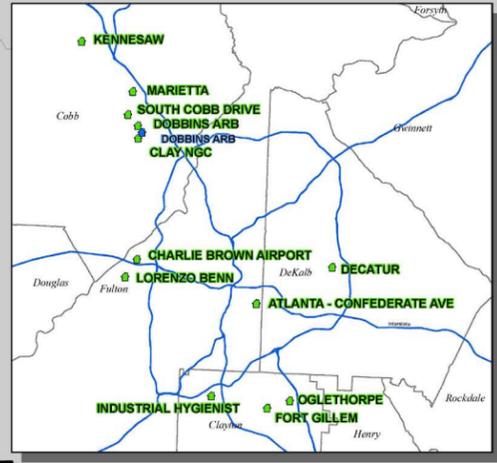
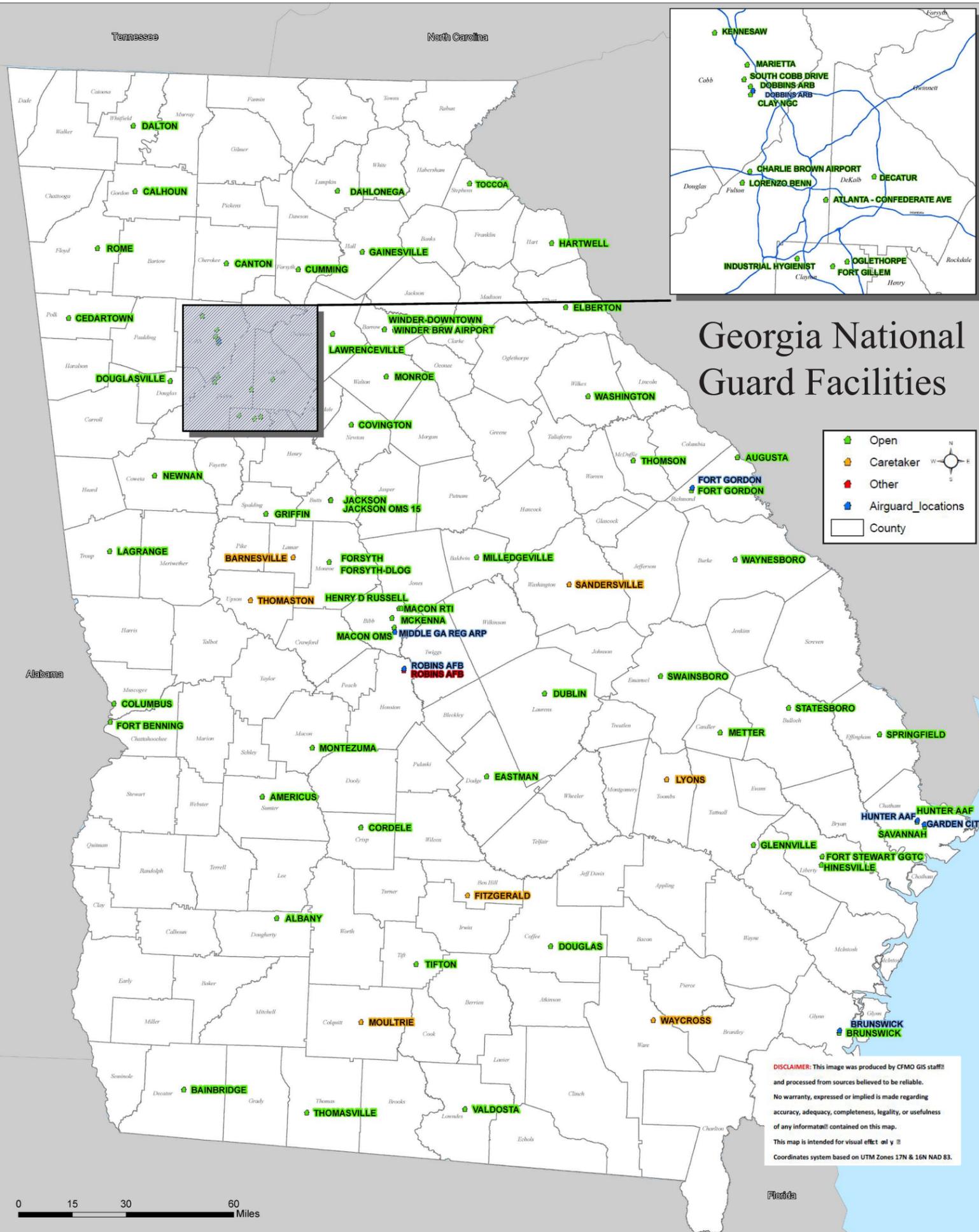
Britt receives second star

Oct. 15, 2010 – General Maria L. Britt, Georgia Army Guard Commander, receives her second star, marking her progression to the rank of Major General. She is the first female in the Georgia National Guard to become a two-star general.



Georgia celebrates National Guard's 374th Birthday

Dec. 14, 2010 – Re-enactors from the Georgia Guard and the Historical Society of Georgia help members of the Georgia Army and Air National Guard, the air base, and local, state and federal government officials celebrate the National Guard's 374th birthday at the state's Air Guard Headquarters.



ALBANY
CO F/148TH BSB - 127
AMERICUS
CO D/ 2-121 (L) - 79
ATLANTA - CONFEDERATE AVE
1962 CCT - 4
D8/HHD/MOB/CMD - 4
AUGUSTA
878th EN BN - 175
HHC/ 878th EN - 83
877TH EN CO (HORIZONTAL) - 161
BAINBRIDGE
DET 1/1230TH TC - 60
BARNESVILLE
NONE
BRUNSWICK
CO G/148TH BSB - 91
CALHOUN
1-108 CAV - 358
HHT 1-108 CAV - 116
CO D/ 148TH BSB - 101
CANTON
TRP B/ 1-108 CAV - 79
CEDARTOWN
TRP A/1-108 CAV - 79
CHARLIE BROWN AIRPORT
3-108 CAV - 323
HHT/ 3-108 CAV - 95
TRP C/ 3-108 CAV - 138
CLAY NGC
GA-JFHQ (ARMY) - 541
78th AVN TC - 550
78th AVN TC - 22
139 CH DET - 2
124 MPAD - 20
122D RTI - 99
BDE ETT 1 - 14
BN ETT 1 - 14
BN ETT 2 - 14
D3 HHC/1-111 AV (UH-60M) - 3
D1 C/1-111 AV (UH-60M) - 39
D3 D/1-111 AV (UH-60M) - 11
D3 E/1-111 AV (UH-60M) - 8
C (-) / 2-151 S&S BN (LUH) - 68
165 QM CO (-) (ADS) - 76
177 EN CO (TOPO) - 119
COLUMBUS
648TH MEB - 3005
HHD, 648TH MEB- 176
CORDELE
COC/ 2-121(L)
COVINGTON
CO B/ 1-121 (L) - 131
CUMMING
348TH BSB - 331
HHC/ 348TH BSB - 70
A/ 348TH BSB - 104
420 SIG CO - 47
DAHLONEGA
GA CADET DET - 4
DALTON
TRP C/1-108 CAV - 84
DECATUR
HRF 907
HHD, 78TH TROOP COMMAND - 45
78TH Troop Command - 1666
HHD/ 170TH MP BN - 73
DOBBINS ARB
1-171 GSAB - 233
HHC (-)/ 1-171 AV - 74
CO A(-)/ 1-171 AV - 35
CO D(-)/1-171 AV - 46
CO E(-)/1-171 AV - 78
D9 OSACOM (C-26) - 8
4TH CSD (WMD) - 22
138TH CM CO - 148
AASF #2 - 0
DOUGLAS
848TH EN CO (SAPPER) -100

DOUGLASVILLE
TRP A/ 3-108 CAV - 45
TRP B/ 3-108 CAV - 45
DUBLIN
A CO/ 148th BSB - 134
EASTMAN
DET 1A/ 148TH BSB - 69
ELBERTON
HHB/1-214th FA - 90
FITZGERALD
NONE
FORSYTH
148TH BSB - 878
HHC/ 148TH BSB - 80
Co C/ 148th SB - 77
FORSYTH-DLOG
None
FORT BENNING
82N CRC - 202
FORT GILLEM
560TH BFSB - 1109
560TH BFSB - 162
CO B (-) 48TH BSTB - 50
221ST MI BN - 290
HHC/ 221ST MI BN - 55
A/ 221ST MI BN - 59
B/ 221ST MI BN - 57
C/ 221ST MI BN - 77
230 BSC - 211
FORT GORDON
HHC/201ST RSG - 63
1148TH TC - 172
278TH PM CO - 170
D1 A/ 221ST MI BN - 42
FORT STEWART GGTC
TSDD - 66
RTS-M - 14
874TH EN TM - 39
175TH EN PLT - 42
GAINESVILLE
CO C/ 1-121 (L) - 131
GLENNVILLE
122D ROC - 19
GRIFFIN
2-121 IN (L) - 685
HHC/ 2-121 IN (L) - 213
HARTWELL
DET 1.876TH EN CO - 46
HENRY D RUSSELL ARMORY
NONE
HINESVILLE
B / 348TH BSB - 157
HUNTER AAF
DET 1B (UAS) - 22
D1B/ 1-169 AV (CH-47) - 26
D2 HHC/ 1-169 AV - 2
DET 1B (UAS) 48TH BSTB
D2D/ 1-169 AV (CH-47) - 28
D2E/ 1-169 AV - 12
AASF #3 - 0
D2 B/ 935TH DASB - 39
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST
NONE
JACKSON
B / 148TH BSB - 77
JACKSON OMS 15
NONE
KENNESAW
781ST TC BN (CERF-P) - 32
190TH MP CO - 159
LAGRANGE
1177th TC (-) - 177
LAWRENCEVILLE
CO A/1-121 (L) - 131
LORENZO BENN
NONE
LYONS
NONE

MACON OMS
NONE
MACON RTI
48TH IBCT - 3451
CO C/ 48TH BSTB - 59
HHC/ 48 IBCT (L) - 154
DET 1 HHC 48TH BSTB (MP) - 74
MARIETTA
202D EOD DET - 23
248TH MEDCO - 80
277TH MAINT CO - 181
MCKENNA ARMORY
NONE
METTER
265TH RSG - 63
MILLEDGEVILLE
CO D/1-121 (L) - 79
MONROE
178th MP CO - 170
MONTEZUMA
DET1 / 1177TH TC - 60
MOULTRIE
NONE
NEWMAN
CO B / 2-121 (L) - 131
OGLETHORPE
GA-JFHQ (ARMY) - 332
R&R DET - 155
GA Medical Det - 94
116th Army Band - 40
ROME
1160 TC (PLS) - 170
SANDERSVILLE
NONE
SAVANNAH
179TH MP CO - 170
1-118TH FA - 294
HHB/1-118TH FA - 106
BTY B/1-118TH FA - 94
SOUTH COBB DRIVE
NONE
SPRINGFIELD
BTY A/ 1-118th FA - 94
STATESBORO
48TH BSTB - 397
HHC (-) / 48TH BSTB - 117
CO A/ 48TH BSTB - 75
SWAINSBORO
A / 878 EN BN FSC - 92
810 EN CO (SAPPER) - 100
THOMASTON
NONE
THOMASVILLE
DET 1/1230TH TC - 117
THOMSON
B / 1-214TH FA - 87
TIFTON
HHD/110TH CSSB - 78
TOCCOA
876TH EN CO (-) - 116
VALDOSTA
CO A / 2-121 (L) - 131
WARNER ROBINS AFB
CO H/ 171 (C-23) - 8
WASHINGTON
1214TH FSC - 151
WAYCROSS
NONE
WAYNESBORO
C / 1-214TH FA - 87
WINDER BRW AIRPORT
D2 HHC/ 1-185 AV (UH-60)- 3
D1 C/ 1-185 AV (UH-60) - 21
D2D/ 1-185 AV (UH-60) - 12
D2E/ 1-185 AV (UH-60) - 7
AASF #1 - 0

WINDER-DOWNTOWN
A/1-214th FA - 87
1-121 (L) - 685
D2 HHC/ 1-185 AV - 87
HHC/1-121 (L) - 213
CO E/148TH BSB
GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
BRUNSWICK
165TH ASOS - 75
224TH JOINT COMM SQT SQ - 191
DOBBINS ARB
HQ GA AIR NG - 44
283RD COMBAT COMM SQ - 105
530TH AIR FORCE BAND - 36
FT GORDON
139TH INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON - 45
GARDEN CITY
COMBAT READINESS TRNG CTR - 89
165TH AIRLIFT WING - 911
HUNTER ARMY AIR FIELD
117TH AIR CONTROL SQ - 186
MACON
202ND ENGINEERING INS SQ - 111
ROBINS AFB
116TH AIR CONTROL WING - 1,123
LEGEND
JFHQ
78TH TROOP COMMAND
78TH AVIATION TROOP COMMAND
648th MANEUVER ENHANCMENT BRIGADE
48TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
560TH BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE BRIGADE
GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
Entries organized by town, unit and authorized strength





Georgia Army National Guard Soldiers prepare for an “ambush” as part of their eight-day training in the field to hone their leadership and MOS skills.

Georgia Army National Guard

The Georgia Army National Guard consists of more than 11,100 Citizen-Soldiers training in more than 79 hometown armories and regional facilities across the state. Georgia’s Army Guard is the 8th largest in the nation and includes combat, combat support and combat service support units.

The Georgia Army National Guard is organized into five major subordinate commands: the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of Macon; the 78th Homeland Response Force at Clay National Guard Center in Marietta; the 78th Aviation Troop Command also at Clay; the 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade at Fort Gillem; and the 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in Columbus at Fort Benning.

The organization’s mission is to provide ready forces to the Governor or combatant commanders in order to support homeland defense and overseas contingency operations. In 2010, the GARNG succeeded in all its endeavors by meeting all federal and state requirements including the deployment or redeployment of over 4,000 Soldiers while simultaneously conducting multiple state and regional homeland contingency exercises.

The GARNG’s four priorities ensure continued preparedness to meet all missions: quality strength; logistics excellence; preeminent facilities; individual and organization learning, innovation and growth.

Relative to quality strength, the GARNG’s success in the Recruiting and Retention Force continued in 2010, as the battalion enlisted more than 1,790 quality recruits and officer candidates. These new accessions, coupled with key programs initiated or piloted in the state including Personnel Services Delivery Redesign, decentralized medical services, dental contract improvements, and other services, have empowered

human resource personnel and yielded outstanding ratings in various measured programs of the 54 States and Territories (3rd in End-Strength, 3rd in Medical Readiness, 2nd in influenza vaccination, and 7th in Dental Readiness). Additionally, the quality strength focus provided greater impetus towards qualifications improving our duty qualification rate to 14th among our fellow states and territories. These accomplishments continue to set the conditions for the GARNG to be in a position of strength for increased federal funding, future force structure, and full-time manning.

The GARNG’s logistics excellence focus was tested in 2010 during a significant external evaluation of all facets of logistics, maintenance and physical security by the Combined Logistics Review Team. The comprehensive evaluation of 14 areas yielded one noteworthy and 10 satisfactory overall ratings.

The year was one of the busiest relative to equipping the organization, with the GARNG receiving a tremendous influx of high-tech and dual-use equipment including communications, operations centers, vehicles, updated HH-60M Blackhawks and three of the four LUH-72 Lakota Helicopters. These platforms provide the state the dual-use capabilities for projecting forces internally to support homeland defense or externally to support overseas contingency operations.

In support of the GARNG’s third priority of Preeminent Facilities, nearly a dozen projects were placed into or under construction in 2010.

Leadership, Innovation and Growth are hallmarks of the continuous improvement mindset we expect of our personnel. Numerous initiatives were developed and championed by members of our team in 2010. Some of the most noteworthy efforts were partnerships with the National Guard Bureau to expand our Regional Training Institute to increase Military Intelligence specialty throughput and the activation of a modern Signal Academy.



Maj. Gen. Maria Britt
Commanding General
Ga. Army National Guard



Command Sgt. Maj. James Nelson
State Command Sgt. Major
Georgia National Guard

The development of the Georgia Language Training Center has placed a critical language and cultural training facility on the East coast for the first time. Experiences are critical for growth and development and numerous overseas deployments were executed to provide challenging joint and multinational environments for Soldiers and units to exercise including: England, France, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, Georgia, Mali, Mauritania, Uganda, Pakistan, Korea, and Japan.

The organization continues to foster a climate of development of senior leadership through professional military schooling, career management boards, and assignment committees designed to select, assign and promote those who role model the values and continuous improvement actions expected of high-performance personnel.

48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

Macon's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is headquartered at facilities once used by the 122nd Regional Training Institute on South Shurling Drive.

The 48th, which moved from Macon Russell Armory after returning from its 2009-2010 deployment, will remain in the old RTI site until renovations at the armory on North Shurling Drive are completed.

Colonel John F. King took over as the 48th Brigade Commander for Col. Lee Durham on Oct. 3, 2010. King's senior enlisted leader is Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph E. Recker.

As a combat brigade team, the 48th is authorized an estimated 3,425 Soldiers to carry out its mission statement of mobilizing, conducting post-mobilization training and then deploying rapidly to any contingency area – at home or abroad – by air, sea or land, whether in support of the governor during state emergencies or in conjunction with combined offensive and defensive operations worldwide.

The 48th's most recent deployment – the second since 9/11 – was to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from June 2009 to May 2010.

The 48th also mobilized in 2004 for combat operations in support of the War on Terror, and the Brigade deployed to Iraq in 2005, where they experienced some of the fiercest combat action of the campaign.

Elements of the 48th also deployed to Bosnia in 2001 to provide support operations for Task Force Eagle.

More than 4,500 members of the 48th mobilized in 1990 to participate in Desert Storm, and it was the first and only National Guard combat brigade validated as combat-ready for the Gulf War – though the conflict ended before the 48th was deployed.

During this last deployment, the 48th suffered an estimated 49 of its Soldiers wounded in action and eight combat-related deaths, significantly less than the 26 Soldiers it lost to enemy action during its deployment as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom III in 2005-2006, but still an enormous loss to the families, friends and fellow service members of those fallen heroes.

No exact number of those wounded during Operation Iraqi Freedom is available.

In 2010, every element of the brigade received the Meritorious Unit Citation for their accomplishments during the 48th's deployment to Iraq. Several awards for valor have also been presented to 48th Brigade Soldiers for their individual contributions during that yearlong mission.



Col. John King
Commander
48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Ga. Army National Guard

78th Aviation Troop Command

Home-stationed at Clay National Guard Center in Marietta, the Georgia Army National Guard's 78th Aviation Troop Command is the aviation arm of the Georgia Army National Guard. Colonel Brent Bracewell, with Command Sgt. Major Claude Ray as his senior enlisted leader, commands the 78th ATC.

The mission of the 78th's more than 574 pilots, aircrew, maintenance, and support personnel is to mobilize and deploy aviation forces for providing command and control, air movement, and air assault operations in support of combat operations worldwide, as well as to provide aviation support during state and national emergencies in response to homeland defense operations.

The 78th ATC's major deployments and redeployments in 2010 included: CH-47 Chinook helicopters of Detachment 1, Company B, of the 169th on their second deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters of the 171st mobilized in November for their second deployment to Iraq, this time in support of Operation New Dawn; C-23 Sherpas of Company H, 171st Aviation completed their fourth rotation to Iraq – this time in Balad – in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters of the 185th mobilized for deployment to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

The most recent aviation asset to deploy were the UH-60M Black Hawks of the 1-111th, which left Feb. 5, 2011 for deployment in Iraq. There, under the Army's 49th and 29th Aviation brigades, its 60 pilots,

aircrew, maintenance, flight medical and support personnel, will provide MEDEVAC support to troops now involved in Operation New Dawn.

Among the 78th Aviation's accomplishments is the creation of the C-27J Spartan – Joint Cargo Aircraft – facility at Robins Air Force Base. Facility personnel successfully supported the first C-27J aircraft qualification courses taught there by New York-based L-3 Communications. Georgia Army National Guard Aviation has been, and remains, integral in the selection and fielding of the C-27J Spartan JCA. During 2010, Company H, 171st Aviation personnel successfully completed the multi-service operational test and evaluation of the aircraft, thereby completing transfer of the program – on time and budget – to the Georgia Air National Guard. The Georgia Army National Guard is responsible for the overall flight operations risk management of the \$2 billion JCA procurement contract.



Col. Brent Bracewell
Commander
78th Aviation Troop Command
Ga. Army National Guard



48th IBCT Units

- 1st Squadron, 108th Cavalry, of Calhoun
- 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, of Winder
- 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, of Griffin
- 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment, of Savannah
- 148th Brigade Support Battalion, of Forsyth
- 48th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, of Statesboro

78th ATC Units

- 78th Aviation Troop Command Headquarters, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta
- 1st of the 171st General Support Aviation Battalion, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta
- Company H, 171st Aviation Regiment, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta
- 2nd Battalion, 151st Service and Support, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta
- 1st of the 169th General Support Aviation Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah
- Company C, 1st of the 111th General Support Aviation Battalion, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta
- 1st of the 185th Air Assault Battalion, Winder
- 935th Combat Service Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah
- Detachment 9, Operational Airlift, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta
- Company C, 2nd of the 151st Aviation Security and Support Battalion, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta
- Army Fixed Wing Support Activity, Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins
- Army Aviation Support Facility No. 1, Winder Barrow Airport, Winder
- Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta
- Army Aviation Support Facility No. 3, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah

648th Maneuver Enhancement

The Georgia Army National Guard's 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, authorized an estimated 3,280 Soldiers, formed on Oct. 1, 2007, about the same time as the Army Guard's 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade in Ellenwood. The 648th's current commander, Col. Andy Hall, took over command from the Brigade's first commander – Col. Keith Knowlton – on Aug. 8, 2010. The 648th's senior enlisted leader is Command Sgt. Maj. John Smiley.

The MEB's mission is to provide manned, ready, and fully equipped mission-capable units to combatant and joint task force commanders, with the capabilities of full-spectrum operations and consequence management to support the warfight and homeland defense, as well as to provide defense support to civilian authorities in times of crisis.

The MEB's command and control capacity exceeds that of any other brigade headquarters. MEBs, in general, are uniquely designed for both the warfighting and operational support roles. Their elaborate capabilities are a microcosmic parallel of the National Guard's dual roles to serve in the operational environment and in a local role in support of state missions, mostly in disaster and humanitarian relief operations. There are just 21 MEBs in the nation – two of which are active duty Army, three are Army Reserve and 16 belong to the Army Guard.

Among the major training events conducted by elements of the 648th in 2010 was JTF 781's collective training at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson

Airport with local first responders, and its joint training exercise with civilian and Navy first responders, as well as the Florida Army Guard, at Naval Air Station Jacksonville on Feb. 10. On March 10, the 1st of the 214th conducted its annual training and a live fire exercise at Fort Stewart in Hinesville.

June 10 saw a combination of training as the 648th participated in a statewide rehearsal at Jekyll Island in preparation for the 2010 hurricane season, while the 878th engineers conducted their annual training, and Soldiers from the 876th Engineer Company helped the Boy Scouts of America rehabilitate its campgrounds outside Lincolnton. Also on June 10, the 170th MP Battalion conducted its annual training at Fort Gordon. July 10 found the 648th Headquarters Detachment and 348th Brigade Support Battalion conducting annual training at Fort Stewart.

Several elements of the 648th MEB deployed, or returned from deployment in 2010. The 877th Engineer Company – assigned to JTF 781 as its search and extraction element for support to civil authorities – departed for Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on Dec. 10, 2010. Returning from deployment in 2009 was the 190th Military Police Company on Jan. 10; the Marietta-based 248th Medical Company on May 10; and the Swainsboro-based 810th Engineer Company on Sept. 10.

The 648th began 2011 by preparing three other units for overseas deployments. These include the brigade Headquarters Company, 170th MP Battalion as well as the 179th Military Police Company.



Col. Andy Hall
Commander
648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade
Ga. Army National Guard

648th MEB Units

- 878th Engineer Battalion, Augusta
- 170th Military Police Battalion, Decatur
- 348th Brigade Support Battalion, Cumming
- 1st of the 214th Field Artillery Battalion, Elberton
- Joint Task Force 781st CERFP (CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package), Kennesaw

Note: The 1-214th and Joint Task Force 781 were removed from the 648th's subordinate units list at the end of Fiscal Year 2010 and now are part of the 78th Homeland Response Force.

560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade

The Georgia Army Guard's 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade is commanded by Col. Thomas Carden and based at Fort Gillem in Ellenwood. The brigade's senior enlisted leader is Command Sgt. Maj. Philip Stringfield.

Since its inception on Oct. 1, 2007, the brigade's mission has been to provide command and control of reconnaissance, surveillance, and intelligence operations in support of a division, corps or joint task force. The headquarters provides command, control and supervision of the tactical operations of the brigade and attached units, while the headquarters company provides unit administration and logistical support for the brigade staff sections. The 560th is authorized an estimated 1,108 Soldiers with which to carry out that mission.

The 560th, and the units that make up the brigade, carried out several significant and unique training events in 2010. One of these was Exercise Natural Fire in October. During the exercise, the BFSB – as part of Task Force Kitgum – performed command and control operations in Kitgum, Uganda, in order to synchronize multinational forces conducting field training exercises and humanitarian civic assistance operations to enhance interoperability among participating forces.

The brigade also inspired training exercise Gambit 2012 in Islamabad, Pakistan, in April with a series of planning conferences with Pakistani military to support multinational training in support of Army Central.

In May, Soldiers of the 560th

worked specifically with the Ugandan army to set up a Military Decision Making Process (MDMP) training event. The idea was to familiarize the Ugandans with U.S. Army Light Infantry MDMP at the tactical battalion level. Uganda's military is highly interested in understanding how the American Army conducts the MDMP based off their operational lessons learned in both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Somalia.

The seminar assisted the process by establishing a basic understanding of roles and responsibilities of a light infantry battalion staff in the MDMP process, MDMP timelines and sequence of events, products or deliverables, and an understanding of how this product aids the field commander. This, in turn, set the foundation for a follow-on MDMP, which will familiarize the Ugandan army with the light infantry decision-making process at the brigade level.

Such training events also help the U.S. by enhancing awareness in the U.S. military of Ugandan infantry battalion practices, thereby improving interoperability. They also elicit lessons learned from the audience's peacekeeping operations.

In October, BFSB Soldiers traveled to Kumamoto, Japan, Joint Base Lewis-McCord, to participate in Yama Sakura 59 – an annual bilateral joint training exercise intended to strengthen the working relationship and combat readiness of the two nations – alongside the Japan Self Defense Force and other U.S. military forces. The simulation-based command post exercise underscores the United States' commitment to Japan's defense in accordance with a mutual defense treaty that was implemented in 1951 and revised in 1960. Yama Sakura was held first in 1982.



Col. Thomas Carden, Jr.
Commander
560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade
Ga. Army National Guard

560th BFSB Units

- 420th Network Signal Company, Cumming
- 230th Brigade Support Company, Fort Gillem, Ellenwood
- 3rd Squadron, 108th Cavalry, Chamblee

Other 2010 Accomplishments:

- All units of the 560th BFSB were federally recognized
- Dedication of Blair Drop Zone at Catoosa Training Area in honor of 1st Sgt. John Blair
- Taught the first Intelligence Officer Basic Courses in Rwanda and the country of Georgia
- Conducted airborne operations every quarter
- Opened Language Training Center at Clay National Guard Center in June, 2010 and taught 12 classes

78th Homeland Response Force

Georgia's 78th Homeland Response Force, formerly 78th Troop Command, officially changed its unit designation on Nov. 1, 2010 – filling a crucial gap as the response force for all of FEMA Region IV, and stepping up as one of just 10 new HRFs in the nation.

Once home-stationed in Decatur, it has – since Jan. 11, 2011 – occupied the former headquarters of Naval Air Station Atlanta at what has been the Clay National Guard Center since late September 2009. As 2011 progresses, many of the units that make up the 78th HRF will be relocated from their present armories to facilities at Clay.

Commanded by Col. Michael Scholes, Sr., since Dec. 1, 2010 (when Scholes took over command from Col. Thomas H. Blackstock), the 78th HRF's mission is to man, train and equip a homeland response force that can provide a response capability to assist civil authorities in saving lives and mitigating suffering in response to a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incident.

At the same time, the 78th must provide trained and ready troops to support overseas contingency operations. To fulfill its mission statement, the 78th is authorized an estimated 2,677 Soldiers. The 78th's senior enlisted leader – since Jan. 14, 2011 – is Command Sgt. Maj. Grady Gayton.

As the 78th HRF continues to support its stateside mission of providing support to civil authorities in times of disaster, it also has seen the deployment and redeployment of its subordinate units as the War on Terror continues. In 2010, for example, the 277th Maintenance

Company deployed to Afghanistan, while the 1177th and 1148th Transportation Company deployed to Qatar. Also in 2010, Tifton's 110th returned from its yearlong deployment in Iraq and Kennesaw's 190th Military Police Company, which at the time of its departure was part of 78th Troop Command, redeployed from Afghanistan. The 190th, along with other elements of the 170th Military Police Battalion, are now under the 648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in Columbus.

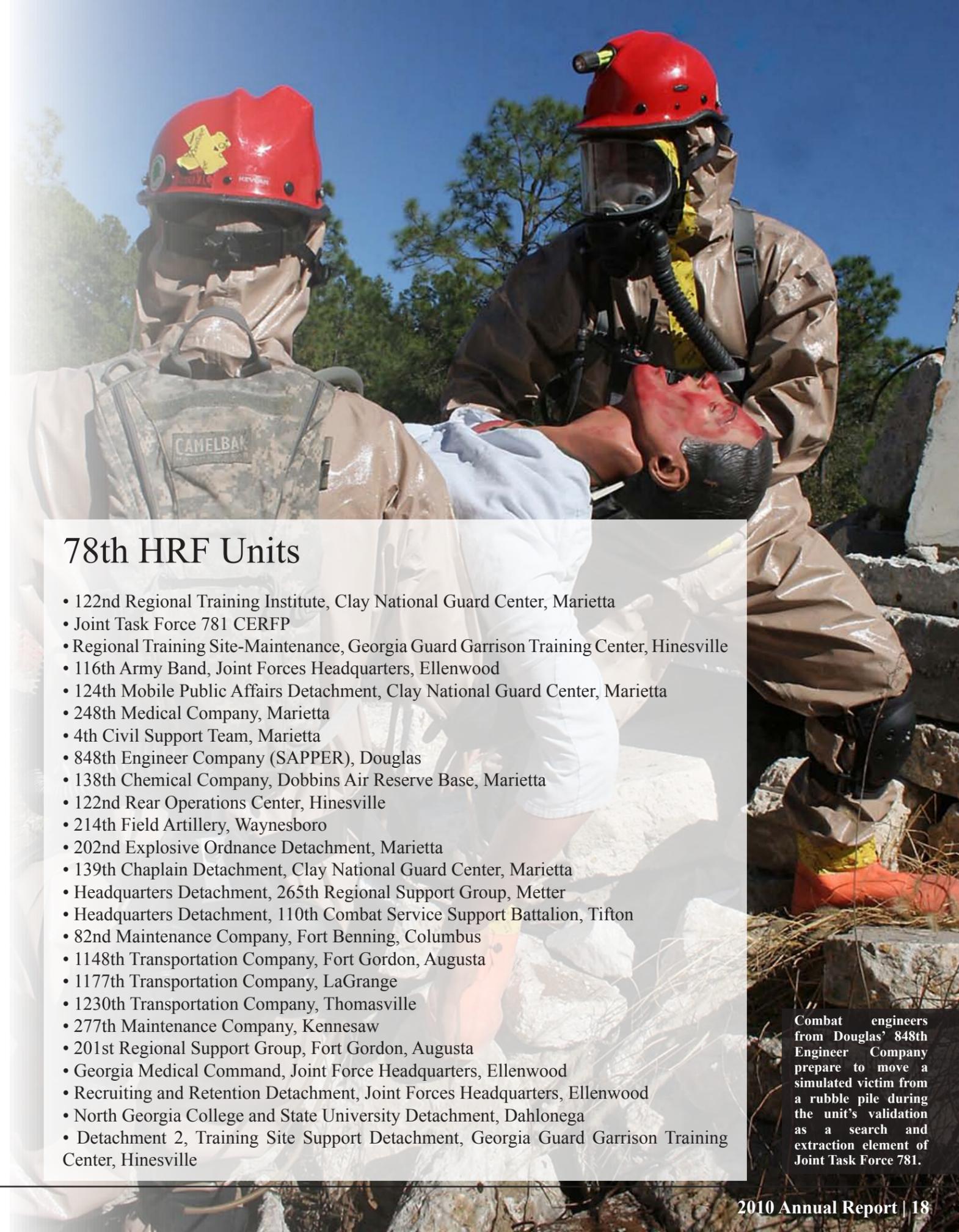
Scheduled to deploy in late spring to Southeastern Afghanistan is the 201st Regional Support Group-Agriculture Development Team 1. It is the first of three such Georgia teams that are part of the ongoing National Guard program to help the Afghans improve their farming and agribusiness techniques, thereby enhancing that country's agricultural economy and steering Afghan farmers away from growing poppy, which is used for making heroin.

The 78th's 124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment deployed for two weeks in January 2011 for overseas duty training in support of Yama Sakura 20, an annual joint command, tabletop exercise conducted by the Japan Ground Self Defense Force and U.S. forces. This was the third time the 124th has participated.

The 78th HRF aims to be fully mission capable by November 2011, an ambitious and aggressive goal. Georgia's unique capacity to execute such a transition in the time allotted was no doubt one of the deciding factors which led to Georgia being selected as one of just 10 states nationwide to have a Homeland Response Force.



Col. Michael Scholes, Sr.
Commander
78th Homeland Response Force
Ga. Army National Guard



78th HRF Units

- 122nd Regional Training Institute, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta
- Joint Task Force 781 CERFP
- Regional Training Site-Maintenance, Georgia Guard Garrison Training Center, Hinesville
- 116th Army Band, Joint Forces Headquarters, Ellenwood
- 124th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta
- 248th Medical Company, Marietta
- 4th Civil Support Team, Marietta
- 848th Engineer Company (SAPPER), Douglas
- 138th Chemical Company, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta
- 122nd Rear Operations Center, Hinesville
- 214th Field Artillery, Waynesboro
- 202nd Explosive Ordnance Detachment, Marietta
- 139th Chaplain Detachment, Clay National Guard Center, Marietta
- Headquarters Detachment, 265th Regional Support Group, Metter
- Headquarters Detachment, 110th Combat Service Support Battalion, Tifton
- 82nd Maintenance Company, Fort Benning, Columbus
- 1148th Transportation Company, Fort Gordon, Augusta
- 1177th Transportation Company, LaGrange
- 1230th Transportation Company, Thomasville
- 277th Maintenance Company, Kennesaw
- 201st Regional Support Group, Fort Gordon, Augusta
- Georgia Medical Command, Joint Force Headquarters, Ellenwood
- Recruiting and Retention Detachment, Joint Forces Headquarters, Ellenwood
- North Georgia College and State University Detachment, Dahlonega
- Detachment 2, Training Site Support Detachment, Georgia Guard Garrison Training Center, Hinesville

Combat engineers from Douglas' 848th Engineer Company prepare to move a simulated victim from a rubble pile during the unit's validation as a search and extraction element of Joint Task Force 781.



Pilots with J-STARS crew members take off on a mission over Iraq on Sept. 1, 2008. This flight marked the 116th Air Control Wing's Joint STARS 40,000 combat hours supporting the Global War on Terror. The E-8C Joint STARS is an airborne battle management, command and control, intelligence, and reconnaissance platform. J-STARS has been a mainstay in the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan, compiling more than 66,000 hours in 5,200 combat missions since 2001.

Georgia Air National Guard

High deployment tempo, significant organizational changes and new leadership underscored 2010 as a year of change for the nearly 2,900-person Georgia Air National Guard. Five of the Georgia Air Guard's nine units have deployed personnel and equipment supporting Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) missions in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Warner Robins' 116th Air Control Wing, which flies the Joint STARS mission, has been continuously deployed in Southwest Asia for almost a decade. In 2010, Savannah's 165th Airlift Wing deployed to Afghanistan for six months to provide critical airlift support for coalition ground forces.

In 2010, Brunswick's 165th Air Support Operations Squadron deployed to Afghanistan in support of Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to assume forward air control responsibilities. Eight members of Brunswick's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron joined the U.S. Joint Forces Command's Joint Communications Support Element in early July to provide communications expertise to U.S. Southern Command's Operation Continuing Promise 2010.

In early 2010, Savannah's 117th Air Control Squadron deployed to Qatar for six months providing air control for Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit partnered with other U.S., UK and Royal Australian Air Forces to form the 71st Expeditionary Air control squadron under the command of Georgia's 117th commander.

For almost a decade, the 116th ACW has worked as the only "blended wing" in the Air Force

and was able to accomplish its unique Joint STARS mission with unparalleled results. The "blending" of the active duty 93rd Air Control Wing with the Georgia Air National Guard 116th Bomb Wing in 2002 created a one-of-a-kind organization with many organizational challenges. The professionalism of the men and women of the 116th Air Control Wing, along with their dedicated mission focus, resulted in outstanding mission effectiveness at every level, but especially at its forward operating locations. Administrative, cultural and regulatory challenges were met and overcome to accomplish their mission.

On November 24, 2010, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force designated the 116th Air Control Wing as an "Active Associate" wing and reorganized the "blended" wing concept.

As a result, a new active duty associate wing called the 461st Air Control Wing has been formed. The structure will be an Active Association, composed of the Air Guard's 116th ACW and active duty's 461st ACW, but they will continue to operate together to accomplish the shared Joint STARS mission by integrating Guard and active personnel and functions. The Active Association model is one in which a reserve component (the 116th) has principal responsibility for the weapon system it shares with one or more active units. All personnel in the association will be trained, tasked, inspected and deployed as a unified team to accomplish the common mission. In the midst of this significant organizational change, the unit was awarded its 15th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

All units of the Georgia Air National Guard continue to play an active role in supporting Georgia's homeland defense



Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Moore
Commander
Ga. Air National Guard



Chief Master Sgt. Donald M. Camp
Command Chief Master Sergeant
Ga. Air National Guard

posture, providing unique airlift, engineering and communications resources and abilities. Air Guard personnel train regularly with the Georgia Army Guard's new 78th Homeland Response Force and have responsibilities with Georgia's 4th Civil Support Team, as well as the Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) - Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) organization.

Major Gen. Thomas Moore replaced retiring Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond as Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard in July 24, 2010. Moore previously commanded both the 165th Airlift Wing and the 116th ACW.

165th Airlift Wing

Georgia's 165th Airlift Wing is located at Savannah International Airport, near Garden City, and is composed of more than 900 men and women who support, maintain and fly the unit's eight C-130H "Hercules" aircraft.

The mission of the 165th Airlift Wing is to provide tactical airlift of personnel, equipment and supplies. During 2010, aircraft and crews of the 165th flew missions into every continent and dozens of nations around the world. The unit maintains one of the highest aircraft operational readiness records in either the National Guard or the U.S. Air Force.

As part of its dual mission, the Air Guard wing is also subject to be called upon for assistance during state emergencies to airlift food, medical supplies, equipment, and personnel domestically or internationally. These missions extend to emergency relief support during natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, forest fires, search and rescue operations, and defense support to civil authorities.

The 165th serves as the host base for Brunswick's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron, Hunter Army Air Field's 117th Air Control Squadron, Brunswick's 165th Air Support Operations Squadron, and the Combat Readiness Training Center in Garden City.

Last year, the 165th flew more than 2,600 hours at home and in combat support operations. In January 2011, six of the 165th's C-130 aircraft began the more than 7,000-mile journey to Afghanistan for a three-month stint at Bagram Air Base. This is the ninth time the 165th has deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan in support of the War on Terror. Accompanying the Georgia Guard aircraft headed for Afghanistan were more than 150 Georgia Guard

Airmen, including all of the wing's operations personnel and more than 50 percent of its maintenance department.

Savannah's C-130s will be joined by 10 additional C-130s from the Nevada Air National Guard and active duty Air Force and attached to the 744th Air Expeditionary Wing to put aircraft in the air and move equipment, food and people for Afghan, American and NATO forces fighting the Taliban. This is the largest deployment of aircraft and personnel that has occurred for the 165th.

Since the beginning of operations in the Persian Gulf, the 165th has been integrally involved in air operations. Several elements of the wing have deployed throughout the region, with Airmen serving in Uzbekistan, Turkey, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

In 2009, the 165th deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In 2005, the unit deployed aircraft and more than 100 personnel to Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, for 11 months. During this period, the unit airlifted more than 35,660 tons of cargo in support of the War on Terror.

The Wing's doctors and medical technicians also deployed during 2010 to Honduras, where they treated more than 4,000 people. The unit also supported U.S. Africa Command, teaching aircraft maintenance principles to Libyan Air Force personnel.

In support of Operation Unified Response for Haiti following a devastating earthquake in January 2010, the 165th quickly deployed Airmen to Puerto Rico to fly dozens of much-needed sorties, delivering more than 90 tons of cargo and transporting 296 relief and aid workers into the country.

Domestically, the 165th assisted Army Joint Task Force 781 in providing CBRNE Enhanced



Col. Jesse T. Simmons, Jr.
Commander,
165th Airlift Wing



Response Force Package training involving bomb threats, chemical explosions, search and extractions, radiological accidents, and natural disasters. The 165th coordinated military and civilian security efforts for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed exercise, Ardent Century 2010. The wing also hosted extensive training exercises and firearms for more than 5,500 law enforcement officers from Chatham County as well as Customs agencies, DEA, ATF, U.S. Marshalls and the Secret Service.

The Wing continues to receive numerous awards, including nine Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, and enjoys the reputation of being one of the top airlift units in the nation. This is directly attributed to the professionalism and esprit-de-corps of the men and women who have served, and are now serving within its ranks.

116th Air Control Wing

Continuously deployed for over eight years, Georgia's 116th Air Control Wing has logged more than 62,000 flying hours with the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System command and control aircraft in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Georgia's 116th ACW is the only Air Force unit flying the sophisticated J-STARS mission.

Over the last eight years, the 116th has worked as a blended organization to successfully accomplish the mission with unparalleled results. The "blending" of the active duty 93rd Air Control Wing with the Georgia Air National Guard 116th Bomb Wing created a one-of-a-kind organization with many organizational challenges.

The professionalism of the men and women of the 116th Air Control Wing, along with their dedicated missions focus, resulted in outstanding mission effectiveness at every level, especially at its forward operating locations. Administrative, cultural and regulatory challenges were met and overcome to accomplish the unit's mission.

The 116th received an overall "excellent" rating from the Air Combat Command Inspector General team from Langley Air Force Base for a Phase I Operational Readiness Inspection in November 2010. The wing was evaluated on its ability to rapidly recall all personnel and to prepare personnel and equipment for a long-term deployment to a forward operating location. During the out brief to the wing the ACC IG Team Chief, Col. Leonard Moskal, stated that the 116th was "the best heavy wing he has ever evaluated."

As evidence of the 116th's superb

performance, it recently earned its 15th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

On November 24, 2010, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force designated the 116th Air Control Wing as an "Active Associate" wing and reorganized the "blended" wing concept.

As a result of this reorganization, a new active duty Associate Wing called the 461st Air Control Wing was formed. The structure will be an Active Association, composed of the Georgia Air Guard's 116th ACW and active duty's 461st ACW. They will continue to operate together to accomplish the shared J-STARS mission by integrating Air Guard and active duty personnel to the maximum extent possible in groups, squadrons, flights and shops. The Active Association model is one in which a reserve component (the Air Guard) has principal responsibility for the weapon system that it shares with one or more Active Duty units.

All personnel in the association will be trained, tasked, inspected and deployed as a unified team to accomplish the common mission. Air Guard and active duty supervisors will continue to coordinate with each other to provide a unified approach to direct the operations of the J-STARS association.

The 116th continued its high-profile J-STARS mission in 2010, assisting in the capture of several high-level insurgents as well as uncovering approximately 1,000 IEDs, several IED factories and insurgent tunnel complexes. 116th aircraft and crews also surged to support Afghan national elections, assuring safe conditions for voting.

Also in 2010, the 116th Security Forces Squadron deployed a 39-member team to Kirkuk Air Base for perimeter security missions for six months. The 116th Medical Group conducted two CERFP exercises in



Col. Jeffrey A. Herd
Commander,
116th Air Control Wing



Atlanta and Jacksonville. The medical group is one of three in the nation that is fully mission capable and ready to respond to emergencies.

The 116th was selected as the 2010 Air Force Association Air Battle Management Crew of the Year. While supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, the Wing also participated in 75 local and developed exercises with a combined 2,200 flying hours and 375 missions supporting Air Combat Command and National Guard Bureau missions.

The Wing also developed a Joint Task Force Logistic plan with the Georgia Army National Guard for local defense support of civil authorities operations. In response to a local community need, the Wing's Explosive Ordnance Device team authored a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for the City of Perry.

117th Air Control Squadron

Control of the highly charged and congested airspace over a given combat zone is the responsibility of the Georgia Air National Guard's unique 117th Air Control Squadron, of Savannah. During exercises, contingencies, or actual war, the 117th Air Control Squadron's Command and Control mission is to provide air support activities and to advise and assist the ground force commander in planning, requesting, coordinating and controlling close air support, tactical air reconnaissance, and tactical airlift.

Trained air controllers have the responsibility of directing aircraft entering, exiting or crossing congested airspace using an array of sophisticated radar equipment

and sensors that provide greater coverage than most small city airports.

Air controllers of the 117th deployed in early 2010 to Qatar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Savannah Air Guard unit partnered with 603 ACS from Aviano AFB, Italy, along with personnel from Britain's Royal Air Force, and Royal Australian Air Force. The combined 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron was under the command of Lt. Col Kevin Alwood, 117th Commander.

The 71 EACS earned the "Grand Slam" award, recognizing the squadron's contribution to the wing's overall mission. The "Grand Slam" underscores the superior teamwork and accomplishments from the diverse multinational military team. In addition to overall unit accomplishments, individual



members of 117th ACS were also recognized for their singular accomplishments by the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing and Operations Group.

Not only have operations personnel excelled at providing command and control for the air war over Afghanistan, but the maintenance team also continues to assure a 100% operational rate for its myriad of high-tech communications equipment amidst the punishing desert environment.

165th Air Support Operations Squadron

Close air support for advancing ground units is often critical in perilous combat environments like Afghanistan.

The "Battlefield Airmen" of Brunswick's 165th Air Support Operations Squadron deploy with, advise and assist joint force commanders in planning, requesting, coordinating and controlling close air support, reconnaissance, and tactical airlift missions.

Fourteen 165th ASOS members were deployed with Army ground units during 2010.

Ten deployed with Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to Afghanistan, while one unit member deployed to support 5th

Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division – also in Afghanistan. Another ASOS Guardsman deployed to Djibouti and Kenya in support of Africa Command and its operations around the Horn of Africa.

Returning Guardsmen assisted non-deployed unit members in the intense unit training schedule for close air support, training at bombing ranges in Florida and at Moody Air Force Base.



224th Joint Communications

Consistent, secure and reliable communications is an essential command and control element in a battlefield environment. Brunswick's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron is a high-value asset designated by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide deployable tactical communications for Joint Task Force Headquarters and Joint Special Operations Task Forces.

This unit is often first to deploy in order to establish reliable communications networks and other C4 services to enhance command and control between units, services, or coalition forces.

Reporting operationally to the Joint Communications Support

Element (JCSE), U.S. Joint Forces Command, at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, Georgia's 224th JCSS can globally deploy within 72 hours of notification to provide scalable C4 support to geographic combatant commands and U.S. Special Operations Command.

Forty-four percent of the unit has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom – all as volunteers.

The unit expanded its mission in 2010 by bringing Deployable Joint Command and Control systems to JCSE from SOUTHCOM Headquarters in Miami. Georgia Guardsmen boarded the USS Iwo Jima for a five-month deployment providing support to the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps forces during Operation Continuing Promise 2010, a 13-Caribbean country humanitarian relief campaign.



The unit hosted a JCSE Renegade Ride Exercise in 2010 to test the JCSE ability to evacuate from MacDill in the event of a hurricane, and to redeploy to Brunswick's 224th JCSS to reestablish operational services for worldwide users.

Guardsmen of the 224th also deployed to Pakistan during the 2010 flood disaster to provide communications for the host nation and DoD support efforts.

283rd Combat Communications Squadron

Georgia's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron is responsible for "first-in" rapid deployment and "build-up" of an integrated force with state-of-the-art communications equipment and multi-skilled personnel.

The unit provides scalable command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and information operations capabilities to expeditionary air and space forces for any contingency operation.

Additionally, the 283rd supports two critical U.S. missile defense missions. The first is the National Capital Region-Integrated

Air Defense System, which is responsible for the security of the airspace around the nation's capitol. In accordance with the unit's mission to provide deployable communications and information capabilities, the 283rd provides the complex communications infrastructure for the purpose of training and certifying personnel rotating into the national capital region to man and operate the Integrated Air Defense System.

The second missile defense mission is to provide a tactical communications infrastructure supporting a Deployable – Integrated Air Defense System. This deployable version of the NCR-IADS would respond to any National Special Security Event requiring a missile defense course of action.



139th Intelligence Squadron

The 139th Intelligence Squadron, Georgia's newest Air National Guard unit, was officially activated on May 29, 2008, at Fort Gordon, becoming the ninth Air Guard unit in the state and the first new Georgia Air Guard unit in more than 30 years. The unit received both federal recognition as a U.S. Air Force squadron and initial operational capability in April, 2010. The designation of IOC indicates the unit is qualified and ready to execute specified missions.

The primary mission of this unit is to execute cryptologic intelligence operations to satisfy strategic, operations and tactical intelligence requirements of national decision makers, combatant commanders and combat operations. Additionally, the 139th IS has the important state mission of providing a trained and equipped force to assist the citizens of Georgia in times of emergency.

202nd Engineering Installation Squadron

The installation, repair and serviceability of sophisticated command, control, communications, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C4ISR) to Air Force installations worldwide is the responsibility of the men and women of Macon's 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron.

In 2010, members of the unit deployed to provide engineering installation leadership and services to bases in Qatar, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Its members participated in 20 C4ISR infrastructure projects, to include preparations to move the unit to Robins Air Force Base and co-

The 44-member intelligence squadron employs 37 traditional and seven full-time Guardsmen. The unit fits the classic associate squadron model of the Air Force by working alongside the 31st Intelligence Squadron at Fort Gordon. The 139th IS enhances preexisting intelligence capabilities at Fort Gordon. As home of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Fort Gordon is the largest communications electronics facility in the world. The Distributed Common Ground Systems for the Air Force also resides at Fort Gordon.

Originally activated in February 1942 as the 139th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, with a cadre of 13 intercept and traffic analysis operators, the unit was designated the 2nd Radio Signal Mobile in 1944, and deployed to France with the 9th Air Force a year later. The unit was later transferred to the Department of the Army, where it operated under the Army Security Agency while in Germany. In 1983, the unit was called to duty again during the Cold War to

locate with the 116th Air Control Wing. It also completed a 1st Air Force Phase III project to install interior fiber optics in the Air Force North Headquarters buildings at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida.

Statewide, the Macon Air Guard engineers participated in the Joint Forces Headquarters logistics and hurricane exercise with FEMA and GEMA in preparation for the 2010 hurricane season.

The 202nd received its third consecutive and seventh overall Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 2010 and had the distinction of receiving a Distinguished Mission Support plaque from the National Guard Association of the U.S.

Today, the unit has approximately 110 people in a variety of Air Force



combine with the 6911th Electronic Security Squadron and re-designate as the 402nd Intelligence Squadron. In 2000, the 402nd was deactivated until its recent reactivation as part of the Georgia Air National Guard.

In its first-ever deployment as the 139th IS, the unit sent two intelligence specialists to Ramstein Air Base in Germany for a six-month tour of duty. Guardsmen of the 139th also participated in the state's domestic operations exercise in June 2010 at Jekyll Island.



Specialty Codes, including Ground Radio, Wideband, Cable, Antenna Construction, Engineering, Drafting, Workload, Logistics and Command Support. The unit provides its own in-house information technology, personnel, vehicle maintenance, and material control functions. This outstanding team support ensures the squadron is ready to deploy when the time comes.

530th Air Force Band

The 530th Air Force Band (also known as the "Band of the South") supports global Air Force and Air National Guard missions by fostering patriotism and providing musical services for the military community as well as the general public.

The unit performs for audiences all over the world, although it primarily serves communities throughout Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. This past year, the 530th had missions in each of these states

Combat Readiness Training Center

Pilots and crews destined for operations around the world receive advanced combat training at Georgia's Combat Readiness Training Center, located near Savannah. One of only five multi-service training centers in the Air National Guard, its mission is to provide an integrated, year-round, realistic training environment with access to secure airspace, state-of-the-art lodging facilities, and advanced technical support and training equipment in support of deploying aviators.

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except South Carolina.

The 530th's history dates back to 1946, and it is the oldest of the nine regional Air National Guard Bands. The Band was originally stationed in Alexandria, La.

In 1953, the Band was reformed after an active duty stint and stationed in Marietta. Through the years, the 530th Air Force Band has distinguished itself with memorable performances, including President Harry Truman's dedication ceremony in 1959 for a new National Guard building in Washington, D.C.

Air National Guard musicians are

CRTC is its 5,000-acre Townsend Bombing Range, used in the training of combat pilots in air-to-ground ordnance delivery. In 2010, the CRTC hosted more than 50 military units utilizing its training facility.

A new \$11 million visiting unit dormitory opened in 2010, providing comfortable lodging, messing, and technical support for more than 326 visitors at a time. With a \$6 million repair to the existing aircraft ramp, the CRTC can now support all military aircraft visiting Savannah.

A new cyber training center also opened, providing for initial skills qualification training on theater-deployable communications equipment and critical mission



part-time Guard members with full-time civilian careers. They rehearse and perform one weekend a month and perform an annual concert tour.

qualification training for Air Force Expeditionary Communicators. The Townsend Bombing Range, which continues its high operations tempo, acquired additional air combat training assets, including the first of two Joint Threat Emitters, a MetaVR JTAC training simulator, microwave communications infrastructure, and new mobile/moving strafing targets.

In 2010, Savannah's CRTC was the headquarters, lodging, logistics and technical support for Ardent Sentry 2010, a joint national security operation/exercise including the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, FAA, CAP, and Secret Service assets.



Georgia State Defense Force

When ordered by the Adjutant General, the Georgia State Defense Force provides an organized, trained, disciplined, rapid response, uniformed force. Volunteers respond to needs and emergency situations as defined by the Adjutant General or the Governor, and assist local authorities, where such missions do not conflict.

Prior-service veterans comprise 33 percent of the force. State Defense Force members act as a force multiplier to the Ga. DoD, capable of immediate response when called upon and assisting with everything from search and rescue missions, to disaster relief efforts, to helping reunite redeploying Guardsmen with their families.

The GSDF performs a variety of missions for the National Guard including family support, legal assistance, medical support, and technical assistance in a variety of areas including communications, emergency support teams and in other specialized areas.

The GSDF can also perform missions such as evacuation and control during natural disasters, perimeter safety and medical assistance to major public events, and it maintains liaison with a variety of local emergency, law enforcement, and homeland security agencies. Additionally, the GSDF can assist in military data recording and can help with manning emergency operations centers.

The GSDF provides directly, and makes available through other resources, a wide variety of training and education opportunities, from military operations to community emergency response team training.

The strong working relationship both the Georgia Army and Air National Guard have with the Georgia State

Defense Force allows the GSDF to remain relevant and ready to serve the State and its citizens, now and long into the future.

The Georgia State Defense Force is authorized under the Official Code of Georgia, Title 38.

It has been said, “The spirit of patriotism burns brightest in the heart of the volunteer.” Throughout our nation’s history, it is that spirit of volunteerism which has made America and its citizens strong.

That spirit burns no brighter than in the citizens of the State of Georgia and, most particularly, in those who serve in the Georgia State Defense Force.

These outstanding Americans serve the Department of Defense and our fellow Georgians without compensation or reward. Their service is of the purest kind: duty, honor, country. The men and women of the Georgia State Defense Force epitomize the fullest definition of those words.



Brig. Gen. Jerry Bradford
Commanding General
Ga. State Defense Force



SDF 1st Lt. Jill Doyle, the 911th Support Command’s intelligence officer, inspects the search and rescue pack of Cpl. Ian Willoughby, an information technology specialist with the 911th.



Georgia State Defense Force members practice their Search and Rescue skills during one of their monthly drill sessions.

Joint Staff

The Director of the Joint Staff is responsible for the management, leadership and direction of the Joint Staff related to defense support to civil authorities, homeland security and homeland defense. The Joint Staff is comprised of members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and State Defense Force, as well as Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

The purpose of the Joint Staff is to provide the Adjutant General with time-sensitive intelligence and information relative to issues in Georgia, the United States and the world. This information may come from NGB, Northern Command (located in Colorado Springs), or other state or federal government agencies.

The Joint Staff provides a community-based response force that offers ready, rapid support in defense of the homeland. It seeks to build the strength of the Georgia Department of Defense through internal and external partnerships.

It does this by leveraging and maintaining liaisons with the Georgia Office of Homeland Security, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, and other key emergency and law enforcement officials across the state.

A critical part of the Joint Staff is the Joint Operations Center, currently located at Dobbins Air Reserve Base. The JOC is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide the critical information and communications node for all information with reference to homeland security, homeland defense and DSCA. It will gather, synthesize, and disseminate worldwide relevant and critical information throughout the Ga. DoD.

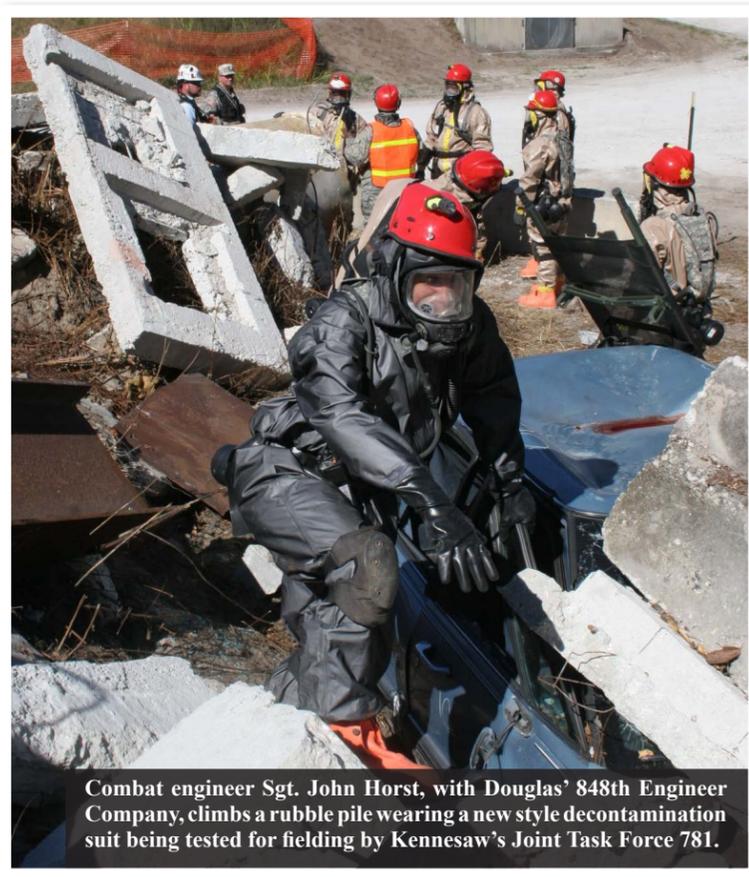
The Director of the Joint Staff also has several other programs under his purview.

The Service Support Directorate is responsible for planning, developing, supervising and directing family programs for National Guard and Reserve members and their families, including any family or deployed military personnel – regardless of service or component – at all levels of contingency and mobilization, with operations throughout the state.

This program also advises the Adjutant General on family readiness, quality of life, other family program matters, and the development and implementation of work and life services and activities for Georgia National Guard Family Programs.



Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney
Director, Joint Staff



Combat engineer Sgt. John Horst, with Douglas' 848th Engineer Company, climbs a rubble pile wearing a new style decontamination suit being tested for fielding by Kennesaw's Joint Task Force 781.

Defense Support of Civil Authorities

It is a primary mission of the National Guard to stand by to assist the state or nation in matters of homeland security or natural disasters. That includes anything from fighting wild fires, to helping with oil spills, to helping flood victims, to assisting with riot control. This is the "traditional role" of the Guardsman – the image of the minuteman with one hand on the plow and the other on the rifle.

This role is essential to the Guard's identity. Guardsmen will always be there, prepared to handle these types of civil disruptions. For that reason, Georgia's National Guard units are geographically dispersed throughout the state for quick response.

And the Georgia Guard is not just defensively postured to assist civil authorities with emergencies, but the organization assists with proactive measures as well. The Guard has been on the ground fighting drug violence for some time here in Georgia. The Ga. DoD has an entire unit dedicated to Counterdrug efforts.

The Joint Staff, through the JFHQ, provides a community-based response force that offers ready, rapid support in defense of the state, region and country. The Joint Staff enhances mission performance and strengthens the care provided to Ga. DoD members and their families by leveraging community presence, employer support and family care programs. Its auxiliary mission is to transform the Ga. DoD to meet future and present federal and state response capabilities.

Under the JFHQ umbrella, the Ga. DoD maintains liaison with

the Georgia Office of Homeland Security and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, along with key emergency and law enforcement officials across the state.

The Guard's Quick Reaction Force stands poised to respond, on very short notice, to provide DSCA. The QRF provides force protection and security for WMD Civil Support Teams and CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package Teams. The Georgia Guard's Quick Reaction Force is comprised of 132 personnel who are capable of responding within eight hours and 500 personnel who can respond within 24 hours.

The Georgia Guard also plays a major role in combating the threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction here at home through its 4th Civil Support Team. This team uses state-of-the-art technology to assess suspected WMD attacks and then advises civilian responders on the appropriate responses to take.

In addition to the CST, the Ga. DoD provides a layer of contingency response through the JTF 781 CERFP.

This team can respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high yield explosive incidents and can support local, state, and federal agencies in managing the consequences of the event by providing capabilities to conduct casualty/patient decontamination, medical support, and casualty search and extraction.

The National Guard also provides Critical Infrastructure Protection-Mission Assurance Assessment Detachments, which conduct all-hazard risk assessments on prioritized Federal and State critical infrastructure in support of the Defense Critical Infrastructure Program. The CIP-MAA team works in conjunction with GOHS and GEMA and provides assistance, advice, and

solutions for securing key facilities, and helps to identify and coordinate resources that might be needed in the event of a natural or manmade emergency. The CIP-MAA program focuses on increasing protection of critical assets within the state of Georgia. The team is comprised of National Guard Soldiers who have extensive knowledge and training in offensive and assault operations, physical security, structural design, infrastructure interdependencies, cyber security and emergency management.

These are Guardsmen who help look after the security of our communications systems, public works, transportation, electrical power and water supply systems. Homeland risk assessments have shown that these points of interest are most likely to be targeted in the event of another domestic terrorist attack; and so, clearly, the Guard's work here is vital to homeland security.

And while it is perhaps well known that the Guard assists with fighting wild fires from the air through its Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, it is perhaps less known that the Guard has its own fire departments.

In fact, the 165th Airlift Wing's Fire Department was awarded the Air National Guard Fire Chiefs Association "Fire Department of the Year Award" in 2009.

And, of course, one state's Guard is always willing to help another state through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which is a national mutual aid partnership agreement that allows state-to-state assistance during governor or federally declared emergencies.

These are just some of the ways the Georgia Guard is facilitating homeland security within the states and the nation at large.

Joint Task Force 781 CERFP

The Georgia Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Response Force Package, also known as the JTF 781 CERFP, is composed of four elements staffed by 400 personnel from previously established National Guard units. The elements are: search and extraction, decontamination, medical, and command and control. The CERFP command and control team directs the overall activities of the CERFP and coordinates with the state Joint Task Force and the

Incident Commander during an event.

The initial establishment of CERFPs placed at least one in each FEMA Region. The Georgia National Guard has one of the 12 validated CERFPs in the country. An additional five CERFPs have been authorized and funded by Congress, to include full-time manning and equipment.

When an incident occurs within a team's response area, they are alerted through their State Headquarters and mobilized on State Active Duty. If the incident is located within their state, they proceed to the incident if directed to do so by their JFHQ. If the incident is located outside of their state, their

State Headquarters coordinates with the receiving state under the terms agreed to in the Emergency Mutual Aid Compact.

In late 2010, the 848th became the search and extraction element for JTF 781 because Augusta's 877th Engineer Company – the unit which previously performed in this role – is out of the state for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

In February 2011, JTF 781 conducted a joint force training exercise with several first response agencies from the Atlanta area at Marietta's Cobb County Public Safety Village. The exercise involved more than 300 Army and Air Guardsmen, training in a true-to-life terrorist scenario.



The Georgia Army National Guard 4th Civil Support team's Sgt. Jonathon Dean sheds his HAZMAT suit with help from Howard County Fire and Rescue HAZMAT technicians.



Vehicles and personnel with Marietta's 4th Civil Support Team are unloaded from a C-5 Galaxy at the West Virginia Air National Guard's Martinsburg Air Base by Airmen of the 167th Airlift Squadron, 167th Airlift Wing.

4th WMD Civil Support Team

The 22 personnel of the 4th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD CST) provide support to civil authorities at domestic CBRNE incident sites by offering identification and assessment of hazards. They also advise civil authorities and facilitate the arrival of follow-on military forces during emergencies and incidents of WMD terrorism, intentional or unintentional release of CBRN materials, and natural or man-made disasters that result in, or could result in, catastrophic loss of life or property. The 4th WMD CST complements and enhances, but does not duplicate, state CBRNE response capabilities.

The Adjutant General can either employ the 4th CST to support the

state response under the direction of the governor or aid another state's response under a supported governor.

The 4th CST is comprised of full-time Army and Air National Guard personnel. The structure of the unit is divided into six sections: command, operations, communications, administration/logistics, medical/analytical and survey.

Each CST deploys to an incident site using its organic assigned vehicles, which include a command vehicle, operations trailer, a communications platform called the unified command suite (which provides a broad spectrum of secure communications capabilities), an analytical laboratory system vehicle (containing a full suite of analysis equipment to support the characterization of the hazard) and several general-purpose vehicles. The CST can also be moved by air,

rail, commercial truck or ship.

The 4th CST was one of the first ten CST units originally established by the U.S. Department of Defense.

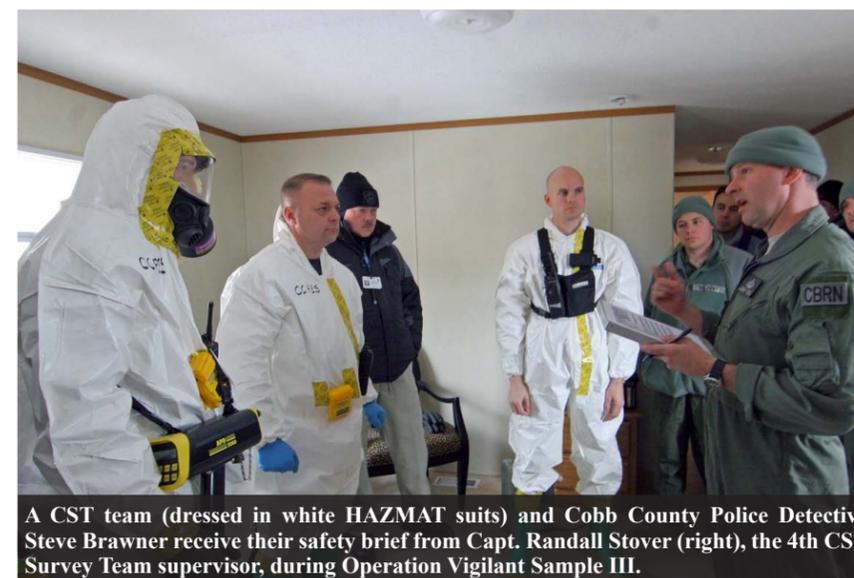
Recently, Georgia's 4th CST successfully tested standards for the collection, transport, analysis and communication of results of suspicious substances done by their unit with officials from Cobb County fire, police and sheriff's offices during a weeklong bio-terrorism exercise called Operation Vigilant Sample III. The operation was carried out at a remote training site on Fort Detrick, in Maryland, under the watchful eyes of the Georgia Division of Public Health and Cobb-Douglas County Public Health. Also there to watch and evaluate how things went were representatives of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the American Standards for Technology and Material, the FBI, and USAMRIID.



Georgia Air Guard Master Sgt. Eric Hogan, communications chief for the Marietta-based 4th Civil Support Team, conducts pre-mission checks on the CST's communications equipment in a staging area not far from Fort Detrick.



Staff Sgt. Steve Phoenix (front), the CST's decontamination section supervisor, accepts weapons from a U.S. marshal being directed to the decontamination line by a Howard County HAZMAT technician.



A CST team (dressed in white HAZMAT suits) and Cobb County Police Detective Steve Brawner receive their safety brief from Capt. Randall Stover (right), the 4th CST Survey Team supervisor, during Operation Vigilant Sample III.

Georgia Provides Southeast with New Homeland Response Force

First formed in 1636, the National Guard has protected our homeland since well before the nation's founding. In its newest mission, the Georgia National Guard was recently selected as one of just 10 state Guards nationwide designated to provide a new unit called a Homeland Response Force.

To meet this new challenge, the Georgia National Guard's 78th Troop Command was re-designated as the 78th Homeland Response Force with the responsibility to provide Georgia and all of FEMA Region IV with the unique capability to augment first responders and incident commanders in the event of an emergency.

The goal of the new unit and its 2,677 personnel is to be fully mission capable by November 2011, an ambitious and aggressive goal indeed.

Georgia's unique capacity to execute such a transition in the time allotted was no doubt one of the deciding factors which led to our state being selected as one of just 10 nationwide to have a Homeland Response Force.

The Georgia National Guard continues to lead the way on the national stage on this initiative and many others.

The focus of this specialized unit will be on chemical, biological, nuclear agent detection and decontamination – and its robust command and control headquarters

will be capable of commanding multiple units with similar or additional capabilities, depending on the mission requirement.

The 78th HRF will be a critical component in the overall ability of the Georgia Department of Defense to perform homeland defense missions and defense support to civil authorities by responding regionally to domestic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosive attacks. It will bring life-saving medical, search and extraction, decontamination, security, and command and control capabilities to bear where they are needed most.

This robust new organization will allow us to save lives and mitigate human suffering as quickly as possible, helping to diminish any redundancy or confusion during an actual emergency response.

The joint focus of the Georgia HRF mission allows different regional services and agencies to learn from one another, work together, exercise and train more efficiently, and feel more comfortable with capabilities and assets in the event of a crisis – which helps overall preparedness.

The HRF is designed to foster a routine dialogue between regional first responders and other agencies.

Region IV includes Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Ideally, the 78th HRF will play an important role at the regional level in terms of helping develop and build regional plans and working with southeastern emergency managers to build a functioning and cohesive connective tissue at the regional level.

One of the important concerns establishing the Georgia HRF

should alleviate is the need to respond to multiple, simultaneous disasters. Through these HRFs, the Department of Defense will have the federal capacity to command and control response to multiple disasters or emergencies throughout the nation, simultaneously.

That being said, a given HRF will see most of its activity in direct response to a request from a governor of an afflicted state, should an incident occur.

It is important to recognize the logistical reality that, a vast majority of the time, an emergency or disaster is going to be controlled at the local level by state government. The Department of Defense wanted to rebalance its forces to reflect that reality and provide the optimum capacity for homeland support.

Georgia's selection as the home of our region's homeland response is yet another testament to the skill, preparedness and outstanding performance demonstrated by our Guardsmen and, in particular, what was the 78th Troop Command.

In a sense, what has taken place is the creation of a new breed of emergency responders, able and ready to serve their nation in a crisis. This authorization demonstrates the confidence national leadership has in Georgia's capability to respond when the need arises.

The emerging homeland defense missions and roles that the National Guard will fulfill through the HRF are ones for which the Guard is particularly well suited to execute.

It is a great honor for Georgia to be chosen for this important mission, but also a great responsibility and the organization will be ready to meet that challenge.

Counterdrug Task Force

The Counterdrug Task Force conducts a full spectrum campaign that bridges the gap between Department of Defense and non-Department of Defense institutions in the fight against illicit drugs and transnational threats to the homeland. The program contributes military support for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations as well as combatant commanders.

The Counterdrug program's goal is to provide the nation with a drug-free, mission-ready force to defend the interests of its citizens at

home and abroad.

The unique military skills of these Soldiers and Airmen are the key to providing this vital support. They work at all levels of government to anticipate, deter, and defeat these threats in order to enhance national security and protect our society.

National Guard Counterdrug Program personnel, as a whole, are woven into the fabric of our communities all across America, operating in 54 states and territories.

In 2010, the more than 40 highly trained Georgia Guardsmen in the CDTF assisted in illegal narcotic and property seizures totaling in excess of \$421 million dollars.

Marijuana Eradication in 2010 was at its highest in years, with

over 75,000 outdoor plants being eradicated.

In July 2010, the largest Methamphetamine lab on the entire East Coast was discovered, producing approximately 200 lbs. of meth per month. In Sept., the Georgia CDTF facilitated the second largest marijuana operation in state history, whereupon 26,212 plants with a street value of more than \$52 million were seized.

Another important aspect of the CDTF is the Drug Demand and Reduction program, which provides educational programs to schools and civic organizations on drug awareness and prevention. During 2010, this drug awareness program was presented to a total of more than 77,825 students.



Local, state and federal officers gather at a rally point before moving on to their objective – a sparsely wooded area being used by simulated drug dealers for a simulated drug deal. The group was among the more than 20 officers from departments and agencies across Georgia who took part in the five-day Woodland Training course put on by the Georgia Counterdrug Task Force and taught by Georgia Army Guardsmen who make up the Task Force's Ground Reconnaissance Teams.

Emerging Missions

National Guardsmen have a unique blend of civilian and military skills. It is the dual, Citizen-Soldier nature and temperament of Guardsmen that allows them to be so effective when conducting “smart power” missions. The National Guard has been conducting such missions in Eastern Europe, South America, and Central America for over two decades and is heavily involved in “smart power” operations in Afghanistan.

The State Partnership Program, agribusiness development teams, and training and reconstruction teams are excellent examples of the National Guard using civilian skills to support the geographical combatant commanders’ theater

campaign plans.

The National Guard also provides forces for several innovative training and reconstruction teams, including the operational mentor and liaison teams, embedded training teams, and provincial reconstruction teams, all operating in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Helping the unfortunate and oppressed through noncombat initiatives is nothing new to the National Guard. In the War on Terror, Guardsmen have helped Iraqis and Afghans improve infrastructure, advance law enforcement, bring utilities to towns and villages, and enhance relationships with local leaders.

As a specific example, Guardsmen in Georgia’s 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team took on several noncombat roles during their 2010 deployment to

Afghanistan. Soldiers of the 121st Infantry Regiment provided medical assistance to children of the Kuchi nomadic tribe. Members of the 1/108th Cavalry Regiment opened two radio stations in the Muhmand Dara and Shinwar provinces to give the people of those regions a voice to counter Taliban propaganda. Georgia’s Citizen-Soldiers were also actively involved in civil-military projects designed to create Afghan jobs and offer military-age men a paying alternative to joining the insurgency.

Georgia’s Guardsmen have proven themselves repeatedly in combat as well as in humanitarian and domestic response missions. They consistently perform at the professional level that the state and nation expects.

Agribusiness Development Teams

Agribusiness development teams are part of the counterinsurgency strategy put forth by the U.S. led International Security Assistance Force. The ISAF was formed to put a stop to the violence in Afghanistan and improve the Afghan people’s confidence in their central government.

The Georgia National Guard has made a three-year commitment to providing ADTs in Afghanistan. The first of these is set to deploy for southeastern Afghanistan in the spring of 2011.

In preparation for that deployment, the involved Georgia

Guardsmen have used the new language lab at Clay National Guard center to improve their understanding of the Pashto and Dari languages used in that region. The ADTs have also tapped the University of Georgia for additional agriculture instruction from the staff of UGA’s College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Afghanistan may be a high-tech battlefield, but its agriculture practices are like those of America during the 1900s, or in some cases the 1800s. And the farmers there are woefully poor – even by Afghanistan’s standards.

The job of the Agribusiness Development Teams is to help the Afghans change their practices through education, mentorship and “easy-to-train, easy-to-sustain” crop, livestock, water and land

management projects that fit their culture and their environment.

Afghans who learn these straightforward practices can pass them on to their fellow farmers, especially those of the next generation. In this way, they move ever-closer to self-sustainment and the revitalization of a local and national agricultural economy.

While America’s agricultural initiative in Afghanistan may be considered a “noncombat mission,” it is still dangerous. Keeping the Taliban at bay, let alone trying to force them to leave the team’s area, will not be easy, especially in those places the Taliban calls home.

But the ultimate goal is to get the Afghans accustomed to picking up shovels to solve their problems, instead of AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades.

State Partnership Program with the Nation of Georgia

The National Guard State Partnership Program was established in 1993 in response to the radically changed political-military situation following the collapse of communism and the disintegration of the Soviet Union. The SPP began as a bilateral military-to-military contact program to engage the countries of central and Eastern Europe, and is a direct growth of the United States European Command Joint Contact Team Program.

The SPP has grown far beyond JCTP and is now a key security cooperation tool, facilitating interaction in all aspects of civil-military cooperation.

The Georgia National Guard has a strong State Partnership program with the Country of Georgia. This relationship began in 1995.

In 2010, the partnership focused

on helping Georgians identify and find their own solutions to the challenges they face today. The future of the partnership will be based on continuing to build upon the already robust 15-year old partnership, with the intent of building defense, interagency, and crisis management capacity within the partner country.

Over the course of the Georgia SPP, the nation of Georgia has come to the brink of becoming an official member of NATO – thanks, in no small part, to the State Partnership Program.

In 2010, the Georgia National Guard helped train over 2,000 Georgian Soldiers. It is worth noting that embedded Georgia National Guard Soldiers have fought side-by-side with Georgian Soldiers in Iraq. In fact, the country of Georgia is the third largest contributor of coalition forces currently in Iraq.

The Georgian Armed Forces are currently providing one battalion to the coalition forces in Afghanistan with an additional battalion in training. The State of Georgia

supports the U.S. Marine Corps as they train multiple Georgian battalions for combat in Afghanistan.

Disaster response/interagency coordination efforts within the SPP will reach a milestone in June 2011 when the nation of Georgia conducts its first large-scale, multi-agency disaster response exercise under the watchful eye of National Guard mentors.

The state of Georgia is the home of the second-largest diaspora of Georgians outside the country of Georgia. Many National Guardsmen are active in the Atlanta-Tbilisi Sister City Committee, which contributes to building relationships within the state.

Through the SPP, the State of Georgia benefits by being able to play a role in overall United States security assistance and foreign policy initiatives. The state also benefits from the extensive experience Guardsmen procure while working with the country of Georgia on a variety of missions.



Public Affairs

The primary goal of public affairs is to tell the Guardsman's story so the people of the State know the great work their Guardsmen perform. The challenges of getting that story out in today's busier-than-ever media market are considerable. And in 2010, all elements of the Georgia Guard's public affairs operations made considerable gains in finding new ways to meet that challenge.

2010 marked the re-launch of the Unit Public Affairs Representative program, this time with joint training conducted at units across the state. Revamped training now focuses the UPAR on helping tell their unit's story – and on providing first-line engagement with media in an emergency. Key, too, was new strategic planning that linked public affairs assets across the state into the overall emergency operations plans.

In order to reach the geographically dispersed units of the Ga. DoD and interested civilian parties, online outreach became the primary means of communication. Throughout 2010, the Georgia National Guard has been a trendsetter in online outreach – winning online competitions, leading the pack in followers on multiple channels, generating more traffic than the organization has ever seen before, and connecting stakeholders with command information in more ways and on more channels than any other state National Guard agency in the country. Central in all of this has been the total overhaul of the Georgia Department of Defense's official website: www.GaDoD.net.

Indeed, NGB identified www.GaDoD.net as the best website in the National Guard, and the website was also selected as second best in the entire U.S. Army for the 2010 year.

The website totaled just 43

articles, press releases and updates during 2009 (or 4.3 posts per month). With a reinvigorated UPAR program and a new strategic vision in place in 2010, the website saw an explosion of content – 205 additional news stories, press releases and special events updates in a single year (or 17 posts a month) - nearly a 500% increase in the content generated and posted to the website annually, thanks largely to the committed and tireless efforts of the PAO collectors.

Website traffic went from a few hundred hits a month in 2009, to a monthly average range of between 5,000 and 10,000 unique visitors. As a result, stories the PAO has always spent countless man hours on are now generating thousands of views, as opposed to hundreds.

This evolution was made possible, in large part, because of the Georgia National Guard's sleek website design, new features and overall search engine optimization (SEO) with special focus on fundamental online outreach strategies, and clear command messages to transform the website into the command information channel it needed to be.

The Georgia Guard's website dominates its keyword market, drawing in many thousands of viewers. Additionally, a quick analysis from HubSpot's website/SEO grader indicates that www.GaDoD.net ranks in the 93rd percentile of all websites in the world, has over 14,000 indexed web pages, is linked to by nearly 40 other websites, and reads at a graduate level. According to this same report, Alexa ranks the Georgia Guard website amongst the top 18% of all websites in the world at generating traffic.

The Georgia Guard's online dominance has not been limited to the website.

While the Georgia Guard has a dominating presence on



Twitter (with over 1,800 followers – third amongst all state National Guard profiles), Flickr (accumulating 120,000 views this past year) and Facebook (with over 3,300 fans – eighth amongst all state National Guard profiles) the organization has a pervasive presence on other social media and online outlets as well, to include: YouTube (12,500 video views), Issuu (over 7,000 document views), SlideShare, FeedBurner, GovDelivery, Muziboo, Bit.ly, and Vimeo.

The December 2009 edition of the monthly publication, the "Georgia Guardsman" magazine, generated just 492 views over the course of an entire year. The December 2010 edition generated more than 5,300 views over the course of six weeks – nearly a 1,000% increase in views in about 1/10th the time. And the increased traffic hasn't been limited to the Georgia Guard's command information periodical.

2010 saw a momentous boost in traffic and interest throughout all channels. The Georgia National Guard Facebook page in 2009 had less than 150 fans; today it generates as many as 3,000 impressions per individual update over the course of a single day or two.

Each of these outlets contributed, in a unique way, to the overall strategic communications of the Georgia Department of Defense in 2010 – allowing the organization to sync command messages across all channels and communities.



Sergeant 1st Class Roy Henry sloshes through the Chattahoochee River during a photo assignment. Henry, a full-time journalist with the Georgia Department of Defense Public Affairs Office, has been covering Georgia Guard units and events for the past ten years.

Youth ChalleNGe Academy

The Georgia National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program exemplifies great value to the state of Georgia and local communities. On March 5, 2011, Georgia's 10,000th YCA graduate walked the stage after earning his diploma, highlighting 18 years of outstanding success by intervening and changing the lives of the state's at-risk youth. Georgia has two of the 33 programs nationwide, yet has produced 10% of the total number of graduates nationally.

Georgia's Youth ChalleNGe has produced graduates with the values, skills, education, self-confidence and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults. This success comes as an incredible bargain to the entire state in that the federal government pays 75% of the cost of the program, thus allowing the state to pay only 25%. Additionally, YCA program statistics show that, nationally, communities surrounding ChalleNGe facilities receive the benefit of 590,665 hours of volunteer service. Those hours are valued at more than \$3,000,000, based on the present federal minimum wage.

Conversely, had these youth not been given a second chance, the negative effects on the state would have been significant. High school dropouts have a 6 percent higher unemployment rate, are 3.5 times more likely to be arrested, and eight times more likely to be incarcerated. Eighty percent will appear before a judge within five years. A staggering two-thirds of prison inmates are high school dropouts.

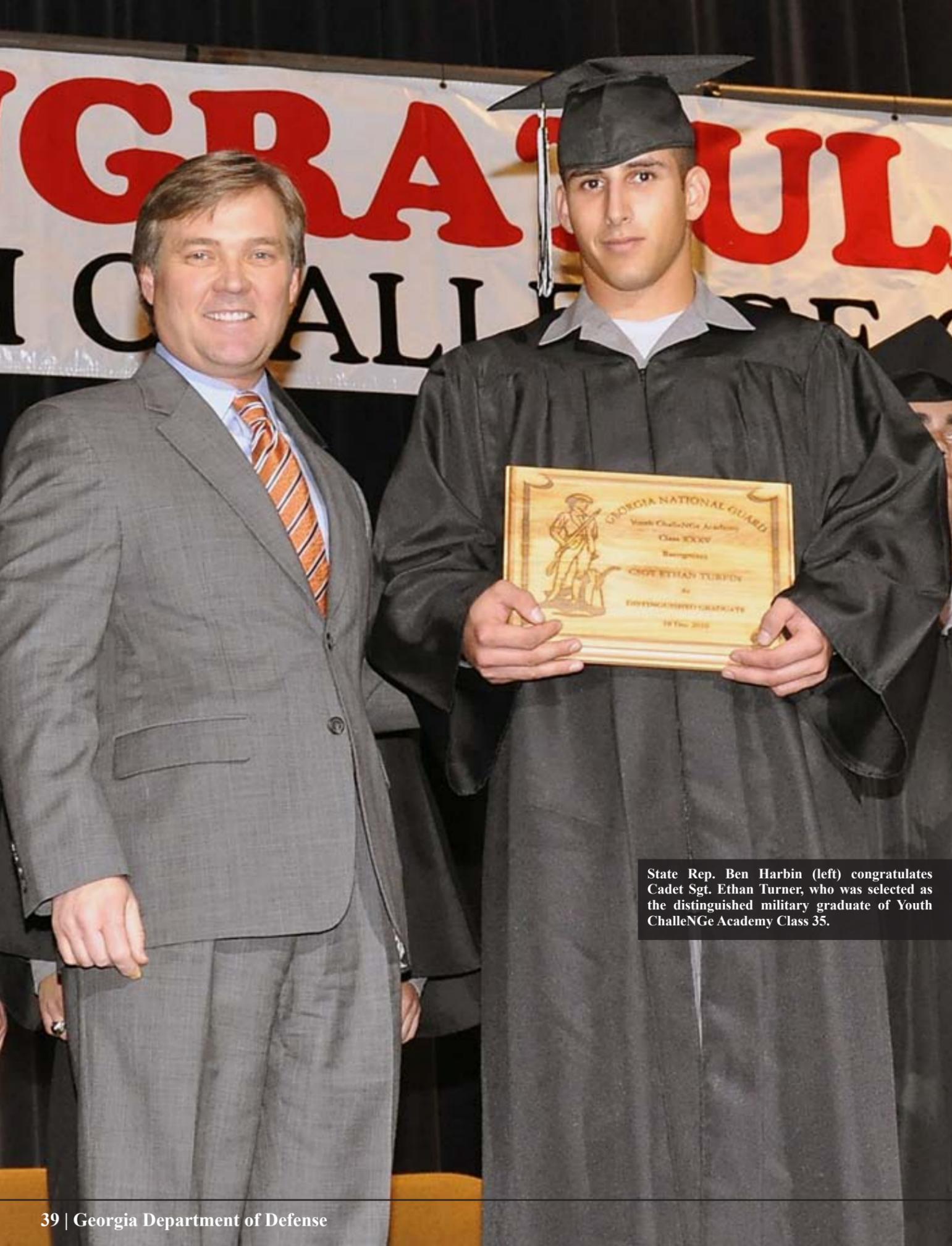
With YCA, a large number of cadets receive their GED, with at least 53 percent joining Georgia's work force, 23 percent going on to college or vocational school, and 20 percent entering military service.

The Ga. DoD orchestrates two campuses, one at Fort Stewart and one at Fort Gordon. Both campuses accommodate approximately 225 students in each of their two classes per year. Each class is 22 weeks in length, is residential, and follows the military model of discipline and structure. One of the most important aspects of the curriculum is that all graduates are taught valuable life-skills. These life-skills have a strong, positive impact on the future of each and every young person that attends the program.

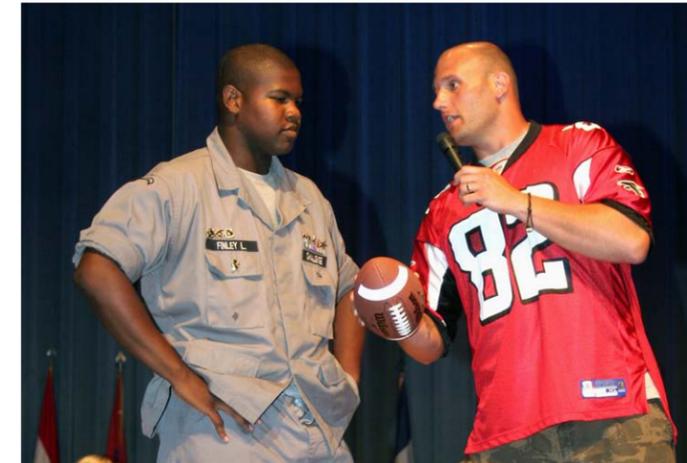
Each young person that enrolls is matched with a qualified mentor who follows the student during the residential phase and then formally assists and monitors their success during the 12 months following graduation. This helps to further solidify the changes that have taken place, both mentally and physically, in the graduate.

Major Gen. William T. Nesbitt, the Adjutant General of Georgia, recently received a "ChalleNGe Champion Award" in Washington, D.C. that attests to his support of the program and the support of Challenge academies nationwide. Through his leadership, Georgia's Youth ChalleNGe program has received numerous accolades at the national level.

All of these factors are key components of a highly successful program that is turning the at-risk youth of today into the productive, tax-paying citizens of tomorrow's state and nation.



State Rep. Ben Harbin (left) congratulates Cadet Sgt. Ethan Turner, who was selected as the distinguished military graduate of Youth ChalleNGe Academy Class 35.



STARBASE

The Georgia Department of Defense's STARBASE program seeks to build interest in science, technology, engineering and math amongst Georgia's at-risk youth. The program exposes students and their teachers to real-world applications of math and science, through experiential learning, simulations and experiments in aviation and space-related fields.

Georgia's STARBASE serves approximately 800 fifth graders annually, with quantifiable improvement. Before participation in the program, students averaged 53.61% on a standardized science,

technology, engineering and math test. After participation in Georgia's STARBASE, average student scores improved by over 20 percentage points to 76.9%

At STARBASE, students participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in aviation, science, technology, engineering, math, and space exploration. They interact with military personnel to explore careers and make connections with the "real world."

The program



provides students with 20-25 hours of stimulating experiences by exposing youth to the technological environments and positive role models found within the Georgia National Guard.

122nd Regiment Regional Training Institute

The 122nd Regiment Regional Training Institute provides regionalized combat arms, leadership, military occupational specialty, additional skill identifier,

noncommissioned officer education system, and general studies training for the Army National Guard, United States Army Reserve, and the Active Component.

The RTI plans and programs training within its region based on requirements identified by the individual training branch, the Army Program for Individual Training and the Training Requirements Arbitration Plan. The 122nd trains

and educates the region's all-volunteer forces to be technically current and tactically proficient as an expeditionary Army.

The RTI teaches Soldiers to operate in a joint interagency, intergovernmental and multinational environment and to conduct full-spectrum operations protecting national security and national defense strategies domestically and abroad.

Language Training Center

The newly constructed Georgia National Guard Language Training Center opened its doors in June 2010 at the Clay National Guard Center to provide the resources necessary for military intelligence linguists to hone their language skills. This cost-effective facility boasts three large classrooms, a state-of-the-art testing center, and a conference

room – though trainers say class sizes are limited to eight students to ensure quality one-on-one training with the Defense Language Institute certified instructors.

The language center also has a number of technological resources like smart boards and projectors in each classroom, and a multi-language video library that already boasts more than 100 movies. As part of a national partnership with the Defense Language Institute, Georgia's language center's primary mission is to give refresher

courses to Guardsmen from all over the country who already learned a foreign language as part of their military careers. These courses enhance their language proficiency and add a degree of cultural awareness training before deployment.

The new lab serves as a unique asset to the region, and the nation as a whole, as it is the only National Guard Language Lab on the East Coast and the first language training facility of its kind for the National Guard.

Educational Opportunities for Guardsmen

The National Guard is a military service with the mission to support and defend not only the Constitution of the United States, but also that of individual States. Therefore, as members of the National Guard, Georgia Guardsmen are also members of the "Reserve Components." Guardsmen may qualify for numerous federal education benefits – some of which are unique to the ARNG while other benefits come for being part

of the Reserve Components team. Guardsmen, their family members, and their employees are eligible for a variety of Federal Education benefits to assist in the pursuit of higher education objectives.

Soldiers of the Georgia Guard have a variety of resources to pay for higher education. Upon enlistment, all Guardsmen qualify for Federal Tuition Assistance program covers up to 100% of tuition and mandatory fees for accredited courses at college, universities, trade, or secondary schools.

These funds are paid on a first come, first served basis, so early application and a proactive attitude working with the education office

and your school is vital. Some Guardsmen are also eligible for VA benefits like the Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve, or Post 9/11 GI Bill.

These funds are in addition to FTA, and can go toward paying for school essentials like books, fees, and housing. The National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Fund may repay up to \$1,819 per semester for eligible Guardsmen. HERO scholarships are available for those Guardsmen who have deployed to combat zones, or the children of those Guardsmen.

These scholarships can cover up to \$2,000 per academic year, capped at \$8,000.

North Georgia College & State University

Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Dahlonega, North Georgia College and State University is a four-year institution with more than 130 years of experience in

educating future leaders. Offering more than 50 major areas of study, North Georgia has many benefits for the 200 Georgia Guardsmen on their campus, starting with awarding 39 Georgia Military scholarships a year to Georgia Army Guardsmen.

This scholarship is a full ride for four years, worth nearly \$20,000 a year to include tuition, fees, books, meals, and housing. The school's Guard Partnership Program allows

enlisted Georgia Guardsmen to serve as ROTC cadets while still drilling with their National Guard units. Members of the program are SMP cadets, and receive extra benefits including an additional monthly stipend and elevated drill pay.

Other programs like Federal Tuition Assistance, VA benefits, and ROTC grants may also be used at this university.

Georgia Military College

Georgia Military College has a main campus in Milledgeville, and satellite campuses in Augusta, Fairburn, Warner Robins, Valdosta, Madison, Sandersville, and Columbus. Statewide, GMC educates approximately 500 Georgia Guardsmen a year. This semi-private community junior college offers 30 state service scholarships a year to Georgia Air or Army Guardsmen.

This scholarship is a full ride for two years, worth nearly \$20,000 a year to cover all expenses including tuition, fees, books, meals, and housing.

Enlisted Guardsmen may participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program as cadets who serve in the Georgia Guard. These cadets receive extra benefits including an additional monthly stipend and elevated drill pay. Other ROTC benefits and scholarships are available. GMC is also one of only five schools in the nation to offer the

Military Junior College scholarship. 17 of these are given annually at GMC. This college also accepts Federal Tuition Assistance and VA benefits.



The Dynamic and Growing Guard

Over the past fiscal year, the Georgia National Guard has secured \$680 million in federal funds, leveraged against a state budget of \$9 million whilst pumping over \$25 million back into the state through the income taxes yielded on Guard payroll. On top of that, the Ga. DoD procured \$135 million in military construction this past year.

But the organization's growth has not been limited to the construction or improvement of facilities. The Georgia Army Guard has grown 40% since 2005. The Army Guard strength was about 8,000 people when the organization instituted Operations Order One (OPORD One). Now there are over 11,100 in the GARNG.

Time and again, the Georgia Guard has met the benchmarks set out in OPORD One. The organization has laid the groundwork for continued growth, and will keep this momentum going.

The current economic downturn has bolstered military recruiting across the board, so the Guard is over strength nationwide. But the success in Georgia was not tied to the economy. The growth in Georgia's Guard came during good economic times, and so the Ga. DoD is well positioned to gain additional force structure and continue to grow, both the Air and Army, in the future.

The eclectic personnel of the Georgia National Guard have optimally positioned the organization for success – to continue on as a strong and growing organization of excellence, recognized as a leader in strength, readiness and innovation, postured for effective response, and

chosen for new missions and force structure.

The many perspectives of our Soldiers and Airmen offer our organization a variety of solutions to today's problems. We know that diversity is not just a matter of ethnographic diversity, but of socioeconomic, demographic, experiential, informational, cultural and fundamental diversity as well. There is a direct correlation between the diversity of thought within a group and its capacity for problem-solving.

And so the Ga. DoD implements diversity as a priority on every level of the organization so that the organization provides opportunities for all members who live the Georgia DoD values to realize their full potential through service to state and nation.

This organization has units from the Army and Air Guard rotating in and out of Afghanistan, Iraq, the Horn of Africa, and other places around the world in support of our war efforts. Their performance has been exemplary.

Commanding generals from all branches of service have noted that the National Guard's effort in Afghanistan have been "extraordinary," and that Guardsmen bring "unique skills and maturity" to the fight "which are critical to the mission."

As the Secretary of Defense pursues initiatives to reduce overhead and increase efficiency within the Department of Defense, many, including Georgia's Adjutant General, feel that the way ahead on such initiatives lies in the National Guard – as the Guard's cost-efficiency relative to capability perfectly aligns it to be a key pillar in achieving the Secretary's intent.

The Georgia Guard, specifically,

has provided key support in the Global War on Terrorism and in homeland security. The men and women of Georgia's National Guard are providing valuable, unique skills sets and experiential knowledge that can only be provided by Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen who have developed a different set of skills and abilities other than Soldiering. Not only is the Guard much less expensive than the Active Component, but the government gets "two for the price of one" because of the Guard's dual state and federal missions.

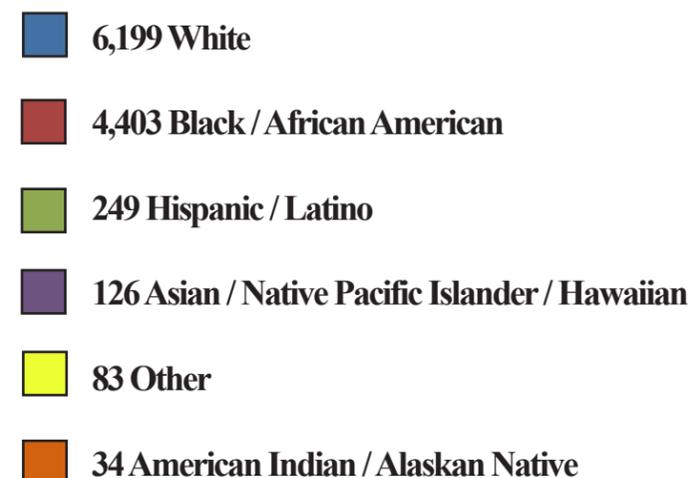
And, to that last point, it is important to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of employers around the state to support their National Guard Employees. Too often, when talking about State and Federal missions, people forget that Guardsmen are Citizen-Soldiers. Meaning, they're citizens first, with civilian jobs. So, when Guardsmen and Airmen need to depart for a mission or training, it takes a toll on the employers they leave behind.

It would be difficult to describe just how important the efforts of these employers are, not just because they maintain our Soldiers as employees, but also because the professional skills and experiences they work to help these Guardsmen acquire make Guardsmen better at their military role as well. These employers, too, play a key role in our fight in the War on Terrorism - by helping us to diversify and educate the Soldiers and Airmen engaging that fight.

Of course this is a two-way street. In return our employers get a drug free, physically fit, leader as an employee in return.

Truly, the Georgia Guard is a dynamic and growing organization: one in which the state of Georgia can take immense pride.

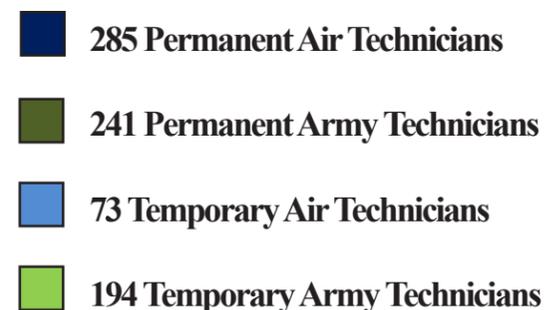
GARNG Diversity



Rank Breakdown



Ga. DoD Technicians



New National Guard Facilities Come to Georgia



**Hunter Readiness Training Center
Hinesville, Ga.**



**Armed Forces Reserve Center
Ft. Benning, Ga.**



**Georgia Army National Guard Armory
Cumming, Ga.**



**Lucius D. Clay National Guard Center
Joint Forces Headquarters
Marietta, Ga.**

Georgia continues to support the growth of its National Guard, as evidenced by the new \$26-million Cumming regional armory and the \$17-million Lorenzo-Benn facility. The Cumming armory is the first new armory in Georgia in many years.

The National Guard has grown in Georgia in other ways as well, with the recent acquisition of Naval Air Station Atlanta and that base's transition into the Clay National Guard Center, where the Georgia Department of Defense's new \$28.8-million JFHQ building is under construction and a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony on base marked the opening of a new language lab. Other Guard expansions in the state include the Fort Benning joint-use armory, the new Hunter Readiness Training Center at Fort Stewart, and AASF 2 being renovated to house our parachute rigger company.

The following Military Construction projects are approved by Congress and under design: a new Readiness Center at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, a new Cumming Readiness Center, the Douglasville Readiness Center, a MATES upgrade at the Georgia Garrison Training Center at Fort Stewart, and the new Macon Readiness Center.

The State's investments in its National Guard have more than paid off, as the Guard has

had a significant positive impact on the State's economy. Because most of the organization's funds come from federal sources, Georgia actually sees more tax revenue from the income of its Citizen-Soldiers than it spends on the Georgia Guard as a whole. That is to say nothing of the profoundly positive and direct economic impact the Guard's armories, bases and other facilities have on their surrounding communities and businesses.

As an illustration, the Guard receives \$10 million in Georgia state funding annually. This money pulls down another \$30 million in federal matching funds into the Georgia Guard's state account. The Georgia National Guard's federal budget is about \$500 million. So, Georgia's \$10 million investment annually generates \$500 million for the state's economy.

Additionally, Georgia's Guardsmen and Airmen pay about \$25 million in state income tax. One could look at the original \$10 million funded by the state as a loan that the Guard uses each year to generate a half-billion dollars in revenue, then pays the loan back with 250% interest. In addition to providing Georgia with a very robust capability to respond to contingencies, the Guard is clearly a significant economic engine for the state as well.

Historical Roots

A little more than 374 years ago, the Massachusetts legislature ordered the organization of militia companies in the towns around Boston into three regiments, to better defend the lives and liberties of the colonists there. And so the military organization we know today as the National Guard came into existence with that direct declaration on Dec. 13, 1636.

That organization's original charter reflects an aspect of our national character – a tendency not to maintain a large standing military, and even when we go to war, to keep one hand on the plow and get back to our homes and businesses as soon as we can.

Guard historians contend that Massachusetts is the birthplace of the National Guard because the North, South and East regiments created by the legislative action taken 374 years ago can prove their continuous and unbroken existence since 1636.

The Massachusetts Army Guard's 181st Infantry, 182nd Cavalry, 101st Field Artillery and 101st Engineer Battalion are descendants of those regiments and are the oldest units in the U.S. military.

The nation's second oldest field artillery unit belongs to Georgia – the 1-118th, or "Old Hickory" as it's sometimes referred to. In fact, in 2010, Massachusetts' 101st met up with our 118th for a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Phoenix in Afghanistan. But Camp Phoenix is not the first time these units have run into each other. The history between our nation's oldest two artillery units spans hundreds of years.

They fought alongside one another in the Revolutionary War, only to conduct counter-battery fire against each other as rivals in the Civil War on the blood-soaked battlegrounds of Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Florida.

In World Wars I and II, the howitzers of the 1-101st and 1-118th united yet again to fight for America, this time on European battlefields. And as the sun set on the 1-118th's tenure in Afghanistan this year, their responsibilities passed on to an old friend in a new century.

In many ways, the story of these two units is indicative of the larger story of the Guard. Our nation's minutemen have risen to protect their communities time and again, war after war, conflict after conflict, for 374 years.

In December 2010, the Guard celebrated nearly four centuries of service to state and nation, from the earliest colonial days to today, whenever and wherever there has been a threat to our citizens, our values or our way of life.

Our Nation's Guardsmen have played a premier role in homeland defense since the inception of the United States. Indeed, it was the blood of our militiamen in the Revolutionary War who first ensured our right to refer to ourselves as the United States of America.

Today, thousands of national guardsmen and women from around the country continue to build on this proud heritage, performing missions around the world their forefathers in 1636 never could have imagined.

The National Guard has never been more central to our nation's defense or more important to the success of our active military components in the warfight.

It is good to remember, too, the long and storied tradition of the



militiaman, and later minuteman and Guardsman, that came before us. When the Army, Navy, and Marines were being organized in 1775, already our predecessors had seen long service to our country, and decisive service at Lexington and Concord. Today we continue that tradition with ready, relevant forces decisive both at home and abroad; and for all this, we should be proud of being members of the National Guard.

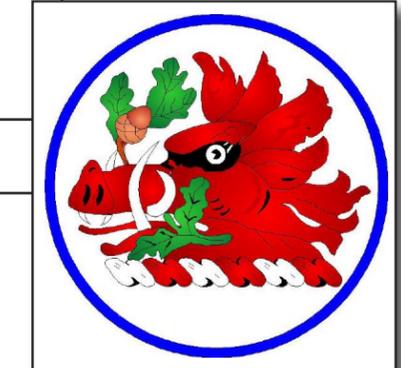
Although the country's growth and expansion has made the United States a large military force around the world, the National Guard still remains a community cornerstone – just as did that when it was given birth in 1636.

Yet the respect and gratitude shown to Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen by their communities has never been greater. Without the continued support of communities and employers, service members could not do what they do 24-hours a day, seven days a week as a central element of homeland defense.



Georgia's Adjutant General Lineage

Rank	Name	Appointment	Date of relief
Lt. Col.	Augustus C. G. Elholm	Dec. 19, 1792	Jan. 15, 1795
Lt. Col.	Jonas Fauche	Feb. 20, 1796	Nov. 2, 1806
Lt. Col.	Daniel Newman	Dec. 13, 1806	Nov. 10, 1817
Lt. Col.	John C. Easter	Nov. 13, 1817	Nov. 11, 1835
Brig. Gen.	Daniel Newman	Dec. 25, 1837	Dec. 22, 1840
Maj. Gen.	Henry C. Wayne	Dec. 12, 1860	May 10, 1865
Col.	John B. Baird	Oct. 16, 1879	Nov. 5, 1882
Col.	Jon S. Stephens	Nov. 6, 1882	Dec. 31, 1886
Brig. Gen.	John M. Kell	Jan. 1, 1887	Oct. 5, 1900
Brig. Gen.	Phil G. Byrd	Oct. 11, 1900	Nov. 11, 1900
Brig. Gen.	James W. Robertson	Nov. 12, 1900	Nov. 30, 1903
Brig. Gen.	Sampson W. Harris	Dec. 1, 1903	July 1, 1907
Brig. Gen.	Andrew J. Scott	July 2, 1907	July 1, 1911
Brig. Gen.	William G. Obear	Aug. 7, 1911	Dec. 31, 1912
Brig. Gen.	J. Van Holt Nash	Jan. 1, 1913	Aug. 26, 1917
Maj.	Arthur McCollum	Dec. 4, 1917	March 1, 1919
Brig. Gen.	J. Van Holt Nash	March 1, 1919	Oct. 20, 1922
Brig. Gen.	Lewis C. Pope	Oct. 28, 1922	June 30, 1923
Brig. Gen.	Charles M. Cox	July 2, 1923	June 27, 1927
Brig. Gen.	Homer C. Parker	June 28, 1927	June 30, 1932
Brig. Gen.	Charles M. Cox	July 1, 1932	Jan. 8, 1933
Brig. Gen.	Lindley W. Camp	Jan. 11, 1933	Jan. 12, 1937
Brig. Gen.	John E. Stoddard	Jan. 12, 1937	Sept. 30, 1940
Brig. Gen.	Marion Williamson	Oct. 1, 1940	Jan. 14, 1941
Brig. Gen.	Sion B. Hawkins	Jan. 14, 1941	Jan. 12, 1943
Brig. Gen.	Clark Howell	Jan. 12, 1943	Sept. 28, 1944
Brig. Gen.	Samuel M. Griffin	Sept. 28, 1944	March 22, 1947
Brig. Gen.	Alpha A. Fowler, Jr.	March 22, 1947	Nov. 16, 1948
Brig. Gen.	Ernest Vandiver	Nov. 17, 1948	June 20, 1954
Maj. Gen.	George J. Hearn	June 21, 1954	July 9, 1957
Maj. Gen.	Charlie F. Camp	July 10, 1957	Jan. 12, 1959
Maj. Gen.	George J. Hearn	Jan. 13, 1959	Jan. 11, 1971
Maj. Gen.	Ernest Vandiver	Jan. 12, 1971	Nov. 1, 1971
Maj. Gen.	Joel B. Paris III	Nov. 2, 1971	Jan. 13, 1975
Maj. Gen.	Billy M. Jones	Jan. 14, 1975	Oct. 31, 1983
Maj. Gen.	Joseph W. Griffin	Nov. 1, 1983	Jan. 14, 1991
Col.	Jerry D. Sanders	Jan. 15, 1991	March 15, 1991
Maj. Gen.	William P. Bland	April 1, 1991	Jan. 31, 1999
Lt. Gen.	David B. Poythress	July 1, 1999	Oct. 28, 2007
Maj. Gen.	William T. Nesbitt	Oct. 28, 2007	to Present



The Boar's Head Explained

The boar's head on the wreath depicted in the patch worn by Georgia National Guardsmen is an adaptation of the crest authorized by the National Guard for the state of Georgia, approved March 20, 1922. The wild boar symbolizes courage and ferocity. The boar's head, which stems from the coat of arms of James Oglethorpe – founder of the Colony of Georgia – is also the emblem of hospitality. The red, white and blue colors are the official colors of Georgia.

A Decade of Sacrifice

Consistent with Department of Defense trends and policy, the Georgia National Guard continues to serve the nation as an operational force in the War on Terror – going well beyond the legacy role of a strategic reserve. Since 9/11, the Georgia National Guard has deployed more than 9,352 Soldiers and 2,500 Airmen overseas, representing more than 85% of all Georgia Guardsmen currently assigned.

The first Army Guard unit to mobilize in the aftermath of 9/11 was the 190th Military Police Company. The 190th departed on Jan. 16, 2002 and returned Feb. 27, 2003, beginning an unabated series of deployments

that continues still today.

November 2001 through April 2002, the 116th Air Control Wing deployed in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks against the United States in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since that time, the 116th has been continuously deployed in Southwest Asia for almost a decade. The 165th Airlift Wing has deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan in support of the War on Terror nine times.

The Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team has completed two major deployments – the first in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005-2006, the second in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009-2010, respectively. Indeed, the vast majority of the nearly 40 Georgia Guardsmen who have died in the

line of duty since 9/11 were in the 48th Brigade during one of these two deployments.

In addition to unit deployments, hundreds of Georgia Guardsmen have deployed individually as Individual Mobilization Augmentees to fill critical roles and shortages for various units throughout the Department of Defense.

Currently, approximately 1,500 Georgia Guardsmen are deployed overseas today with several significant deployments scheduled during the next three years.

The 14,000 men and women of the Georgia National Guard are proud to have played an instrumental role in our nation's defense, and remain ever indebted to the sacrifices made by fellow Guardsmen who have fallen in the line of duty protecting freedom.

Sgt. David A. Holmes

On June 26, 2010, the Department of the Army announced the death of Georgia Army National Guardsman Sgt. David Alexander Holmes. A member of the 810th Engineer Company from Swainsboro, Holmes was killed in action while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Holmes, 34, was from Tennille. He died as the result of injuries sustained while on a route clearance patrol when the vehicle in which he was riding was struck by an IED in Sayed Abad, Afghanistan.

Governor Sonny Perdue issued the following statement upon word of the death of Sgt. Holmes: "The loss of Sgt. David Holmes is a stern reminder

of the dangers our military men and women face each and every day. Our heartfelt prayers go out to David's wife LaTonya and their four children, and the entire Holmes family."

He and his wife LaTonya made their home in Sandersonville, Ga., with their four children: Daveion, almost 2; Tejuan, 10; Shurissa, 10; and ShuQuita, 14.

He previously served for four years in the Navy and four years in the Marines. This was his first tour of duty.

Governor Perdue also said in his statement, "We must never lose sight of the fact that we, as one nation, stand on the shoulders of the young men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty and of those who are on the front lines today."

The entire Georgia National Guard family grieves alongside the Holmes



family. Like all Guardsmen, Sgt. Holmes was a true Citizen-Soldier, one of Georgia's best, who knew his job and was willing to perform it without personal reservation. From his sacrifice, those who wear the uniform are clearly reminded that the values of liberty and freedom are often safeguarded only at an exceptionally heavy price.

2010 Deployments at a Glance

The image features a central globe with four callout boxes highlighting Georgia's 2010 deployments. The boxes are:

- Kosovo:** A photograph of a large military base with hangars.
- State Partnership - Georgia:** A photograph of two men in military uniforms shaking hands.
- Operation New Dawn:** A photograph of a soldier in a red vest and helmet on an airfield.
- Operation Enduring Freedom:** A photograph of a soldier in full combat gear carrying a box.

 The globe also shows various countries and regions, with the word 'UNCLASSIFIED' at the bottom.

Sgt. 1st Class Edgar N. Roberts

Sergeant 1st Class Edgar N. Roberts of Hinesville, a Georgia Army National Guardsman, died as a result of wounds received on June 26, 2010, during the same IED incident that took the life of Sgt. David Holmes.

They were out on a routine clearance patrol in Sayed Abad, Wardak province, Afghanistan, when their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. Roberts was thrown from the vehicle, but survived the immediate effects of the attack despite numerous broken bones and a serious head injury. The 39-year-old was medically evacuated and then transferred to the National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, Md., for treatment. He later died on August 17 as a result of his injuries.

An Army veteran since the first Gulf War, Roberts had been wounded in combat before. In 2009, Roberts'

vehicle flipped over, injuring him, earning him a Purple Heart for his sacrifice.

A memorial service to honor the life and service of Sgt. 1st Class Edgar N. Roberts of Hinesville took place on Sept. 18, 2010, at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Stewart.

Command Sgt. Maj. Lenny Hall of the 878th Engineer Battalion noted at the memorial service that Roberts had volunteered to help the 810th clear roads in Afghanistan so that other Soldiers would not be in danger from IEDs.

Upon word of Roberts' death, Governor Sonny Perdue said, "The news of Sergeant Roberts' passing is heart-wrenching. We prayed fervently for his recovery; now our thoughts and prayers turn to his family and friends. We offer what comfort we can give knowing that Sergeant Roberts died a hero, laying down his life so others may know freedom."

Despite successes in the region, we are reminded with every loss that



significant dangers still exist for the men and women serving around the world. Sergeant 1st Class Roberts was a combat veteran, having faced the enemy before in Iraq. Regardless, he showed no hesitancy when called upon again to serve his state and nation in Afghanistan. The Georgia Guard extends to his family its deepest sympathy for their loss, as well as praise for Roberts' patriotism and valor.

A resident of Hinesville, Roberts is survived by his wife Jannett and seven children.

Georgia National Guard Soldiers Killed in Action Since 9/11

Rank	Full Name	Unit	Date	Country
SFC	Willoughby, Christopher Robert	Co H, 121st Infantry (LRSU)	July 20, 2003	Iraq
SPC	Boles, Dennis Joel	Co C, 1st Bn, 171st Aviation Regiment	Oct. 24, 2004	Kuwait
SGT	Gillican, Charles Crum	Service Battery, 1-118 Field Artillery	May 14, 2005	Kuwait
SGT	Mercer, Chad Michael	2d Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	June 30, 2005	Iraq
PFC	Brunson, Jacques Earl	2nd Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 24, 2005	Iraq
SGT	Fuller, Carl Ray	2nd Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 24, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Kinlow, James Ondra	Co A, 2d Bn, 121st Infantry, 48th BCT	July 24, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Thomas, John Frank	2nd Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 24, 2005	Iraq
SFC	Anderson, Victor Anthonio	2nd Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 30, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Haggin, Jonathon Christopher	2nd Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 30, 2005	Iraq
SGT	Jones, David Randall	2nd Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 30, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Shelley, Ronnie Lee	2nd Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 30, 2005	Iraq
SGT	Ganey, Jerry Lewis	648th Engineer Bn, 48th Infantry Brigade	Aug. 3, 2005	Iraq
PFC	Gibbs, Mathew Vincent	648th Engineer Bn, 48th Infantry Brigade	Aug. 3, 2005	Iraq
SSG	Warren, Charles Houghton	648th Engineer Bn, 48th Infantry Brigade	Aug. 3, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Dingler, Joshua Paul	1st Bn, 108th Armor Regiment	Aug. 15, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Saylor, Paul Anthony	1st Bn, 108th Armor Regiment	Aug. 15, 2005	Iraq
SGT	Strickland, Thomas James	1st Bn, 108th Armor Regiment	Aug. 15, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Stokely, Michael James	Troop E, 108th Cav, 48th Infantry Brigade	Aug. 16, 2005	Iraq
SGT	Draughn, George Ray	Troop E, 108th Cav, 48th Infantry Brigade	Sept. 1, 2005	Iraq
SSG	Hollar, Robert Lee	Troop E, 108th Cav, 48th Infantry Brigade	Sept. 1, 2005	Iraq
SSG	Merck, Dennis Paul	Co B, 878th Engr Bn	Oct. 20, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Dodson, Philip Allan	148th FSB, 48th BCT	Dec. 2, 2005	Iraq
SPC	Futrell, Marcus Shawn	148 FSB, 48th BCT	Dec. 2, 2005	Iraq
SGT	Travis, Philip Lamar	148 FSB, 48th BCT	Dec. 2, 2005	Iraq
SSG	Edwards, Amos Collins	1st Bn, 118th Field Artillery Regiment	Feb. 17, 2006	Iraq
SPC	Singletary, Channing Garrett	122nd Support Center	June 23, 2006	Iraq
SPC	Boone, Christopher Kermin	Co H, 121st Infantry (LRSU)	Feb. 17, 2007	Iraq
SFC	Weaver, Davy Nathaniel	Hqs Co, 48th Infantry Brigade	May 18, 2008	Afghanistan
SSG	Beale, John Curtis	1st Bn, 108th RSTA, 48th Inf Bde	June 4, 2009	Afghanistan
MAJ	Jenrette, Kevin Michael	1-108 RSTA, 48th Inf Bde	June 4, 2009	Afghanistan
SPC	Jordan, Jeffrey William	1-108 RSTA, 48th Inf Bde	June 4, 2009	Afghanistan
1SG	Blair, John David	1st Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	June 20, 2009	Afghanistan
SGT	Chavers, Brock Henry	Co D, 2d Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	July 6, 2009	Afghanistan
SPC	Johnson, Isaac Lee	1-108 RSTA, 48th Inf Bde	July 6, 2009	Afghanistan
CPL	Morales, Raymundo Porras	Co D, 148 FSB, 48th Infantry Brigade	July 21, 2009	Afghanistan
SSG	French IV, Alex	1st Bn, 121st Infantry Regiment	Sept. 30, 2009	Afghanistan
SGT	Holmes, David	810th Engineer Company, 48th BCT	June 26, 2010	Afghanistan
SFC	Roberts Jr, Edgar N	810th Engineer Company, 48th BCT	Aug. 17, 2010	Afghanistan

*"They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save."*

--Francis Marion Crawford



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Major Gen. Scott Hammond (right) hands the Georgia Air Guard guidon to Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Georgia's Adjutant General, as Hammond relinquishes command of the Georgia Air National Guard.



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