



# Mississippi Military Department

## Annual Report

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



## To the Governor of the Great State of Mississippi

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the annual report of the Mississippi Military Department for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

The Mississippi National Guard is again leading the nation as a model, force multiplier training in national-level exercises Emerald Warrior and Southern Strike. The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team conducted its first Exportable Combat Training Capability exercise, featuring infantry, armor, artillery, aviation and unmanned aerial vehicles while partnering with the 1st Cavalry Division from Ft. Hood. Our Air National Guard continued its C-17 Globemaster and KC-135 Refueling missions. C-17 aircraft and crews remain dedicated to the Air Mobility Command for contingency operations and our refuelers are operating around the globe.

With such a busy year, Mississippi Guard men and women continued to serve in Kuwait and other worldwide locations. They also remained ready to serve our state missions to provide security and storm relief if called upon.

Your Mississippi National Guard remains hard at work providing for our nation's defense and protecting our citizens here at home.

*Augustus L. Collins*

Augustus L. Collins  
Major General, Mississippi National Guard  
The Adjutant General of Mississippi



Maj. Gen. Augustus Collins, the adjutant general, talks with Uzbekistan military representatives at the Joint Force Headquarters in Jackson in July. Each state has a State Partnership Program. Mississippi is partnered with Uzbekistan.

**ON THE COVER:** Soldiers with Troop C, 1st Squadron, 98th Cavalry Regiment, perform an area reconnaissance at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center as part of an Exportable Combat Training Capability exercise on July 28. Below, Airmen from the 186th Security Forces Squadron, secure the exterior of an aircraft during anti-hijacking training at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport during Exercise Southern Strike 16 on Nov. 5. They were assisted by Joint Terminal Attack Controllers from the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron from Meridian,

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Mississippi Magnolia Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program Soldiers practice tactical scenarios during annual training at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. The Magnolia GOLD program offers leadership development courses primarily to Mississippi community college students, preparing them to pursue a commission in the Mississippi Army National Guard.

1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015

# CITIZEN SOLDIER

## Mississippi Army

### 155th ABCT Tupelo

#### 1-155 INF McComb, Tylertown

**CO A**  
Biloxi

**CO B**  
Poplarville

**CO C**  
Natchez

**CO D**  
Kiln

#### 2-198 AR Senatobia, Batesville

**CO A**  
Hernando, Holly Springs

**CO B**  
Greenwood, Drew

**CO C**  
Oxford

**CO D**  
Indianola

#### 1-98 CAV Amory, Nettleton

**TRP A**  
Pontotoc

**TRP B**  
Booneville

**TRP C**  
Fulton, Iuka

#### 106 BSB Monticello

**CO A**  
Magee, Taylorsville,  
Monticello

**CO B**  
Camp Shelby

**CO C**  
Crystal Springs

**CO D**  
Corinth, Ripley

**CO E**  
Brookhaven, Gloster

**CO F**  
Grenada, Charleston,  
Cleveland

**CO G**  
Louisville, Eupora

#### 2-114 FA Starkville

**BTRY A**  
Columbus, Ackerman

**BTRY B**  
Kosciusko, Winona

#### 155 STB Meridian, Carthage, Quitman

**CO A**  
Canton, Camp Shelby

**CO B**  
Meridian

**CO C**  
Columbia, Clarksdale

### 184th ESC Laurel, Hattiesburg

#### 168 EN BDE Vicksburg

**223 EN BN**  
West Point

**SC 223 EN BN**  
Aberdeen

**288 EN CO**  
Houston

**289 EN CO**  
Bruce, Water Valley

**858 EN CO**  
Calhoun City, Okolona

**HC/SC 890 EN BN**  
Gulfport

**230 EN DET**  
Purvis

**231 EN DET**

**SURV/DESIGN TM**  
Gulfport

**250 EN DET**  
Purvis

**251 EN DET**  
Lumberton

**287 EN CO**  
Lucedale

**857 EN CO**  
Picayune, Wiggins

**859 EN CO**  
Pascagoula, Richton

#### 31 SPT DET Jackson

#### 114 SPT DET Greenville

#### 298 SPT BN Philedelphia

**367 MNT CO**  
Philedelphia, DeKalb

**3656 MNT CO**  
Camp Shelby, Waynesboro

**1687 TPT CO**  
Southaven

**1387 QM CO**  
Greenville, Rolling Fork

#### 1984 SPT DET Jackson

#### 102 MPAD Jackson

#### 41 ARMY BAND Jackson

#### ARNG SOD SOUTH Jackson

#### 47 CST Jackson

# FORCE STRUCTURE

## Mississippi National Guard

### 66th TRP CMD Jackson

**1-204 ADA**  
Newton  
**BTRY A**  
Bay Springs  
**BTRY B**  
Forest  
**BTRY C**  
Morton  
**BTRY D**  
Newton

**112 MP BN**  
Canton  
**113 MP CO**  
Brandon, Mendenhall  
**114 MP CO**  
Clinton, Vicksburg

**210 FI CO**  
Jackson  
**220 FI DET**  
Jackson  
**230 FI DET**  
Jackson

**1108 AVN GP**  
Gulfport  
**CO A**  
Gulfport  
**CO B**  
Yazoo City  
**CO I 1-185 AVN**  
Gulfport

### 185 AVN BDE Jackson

**1-185 AVN**  
Tupelo  
**CO A**  
Jackson  
**CO D**  
Jackson  
**CO E**  
Jackson

**DET 1 CO B**  
**834 ASB**  
Tupelo  
**CO C 114**  
Tupelo  
**CO D/2-151**  
Tupelo  
**B/1/111 AVN**  
Meridian

**F/1-171 AVN**  
Jackson  
**2-185 AVN**  
Southaven  
**A/1/149 AVN**  
Tupelo

**2/20 SFG**  
Jackson, Camp McCain  
**CO C**  
Camp McCain  
**SC**  
Jackson  
**E/SB/20 SFG**  
Camp McCain

### JFH Jackson

### JFH MSNG Jackson

**154 RTI**  
Camp Shelby  
**OCS TNG CO**  
Camp Shelby  
**2 ORD TNG BN**  
**RTS MAINT**  
Camp Shelby  
**MED BN TNG SITE**  
Camp Shelby  
**1 AR TNG BN**  
Camp Shelby  
**2 INF TNG BN**  
Camp Shelby  
**3 NCOA TNG BN**  
Camp Shelby

### REC & RET BN Jackson

**ARNG TNG SITE**  
Camp Shelby  
Camp McCain

### 972 JAG DET Jackson

### DET 16 OSA Jackson

**MED DET**  
Jackson, Camp McCain,  
Camp Shelby



# CITIZEN SOLDIER

## Mississippi Air

### 172 Airlift Wing Flowood

### Combat Readiness Gulfport

**172 Financial  
Management Services**

**172 Operations Group**

**255 Air Control  
Squadron**

**172 Operations  
Support Flight**

**183 Airlift Squadron**

**183 Aeromedical  
Evacuation Squadron**

**172 Aerial  
Port Flight**

**172 Airlift  
Control Squadron**

**172 Logistics Group**

**172 Aircraft  
Generation Squadron**

**172 Logistics Squadron**

**172 Maintenance  
Squadron**

**172 Support Group**

**172 Civil  
Engineer Squadron**

**172 Mission  
Support Flight**

**172 Security  
Forces Squadron**

**172 Services  
Squadron**

**172 Medical  
Squadron**

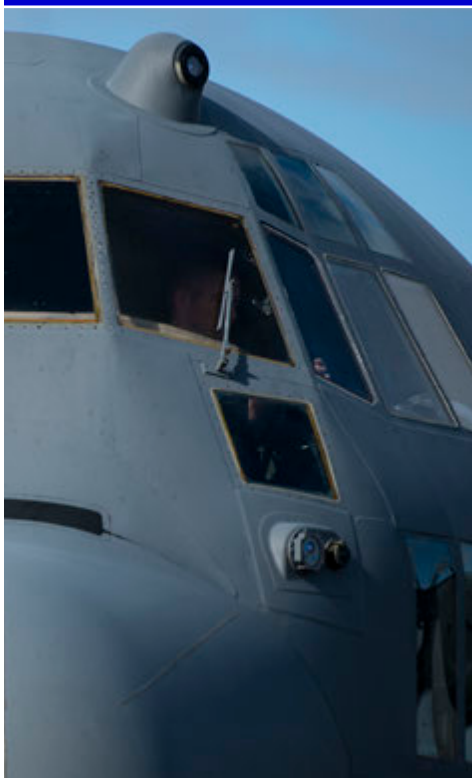


# FORCE STRUCTURE

## National Guard

**s Training Center**  
port

**209 Civil Engineer Squadron**



**186 Air Refueling Wing**  
Meridian

**186 Operations Group**

**186 Air Refueling Squadron**

**186 Operations Support Flight**

**186 Maintenance Operations Squadron**

**186 Maintenance Group**

**186 Medical Squadron**

**186 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

**186 Logistics Readiness Squadron**

**186 Maintenance Squadron**

**186 Mission Support Flight**

**186 Civil Engineer Squadron**

**186 Communications Squadron**

**186 Mission Support Group**

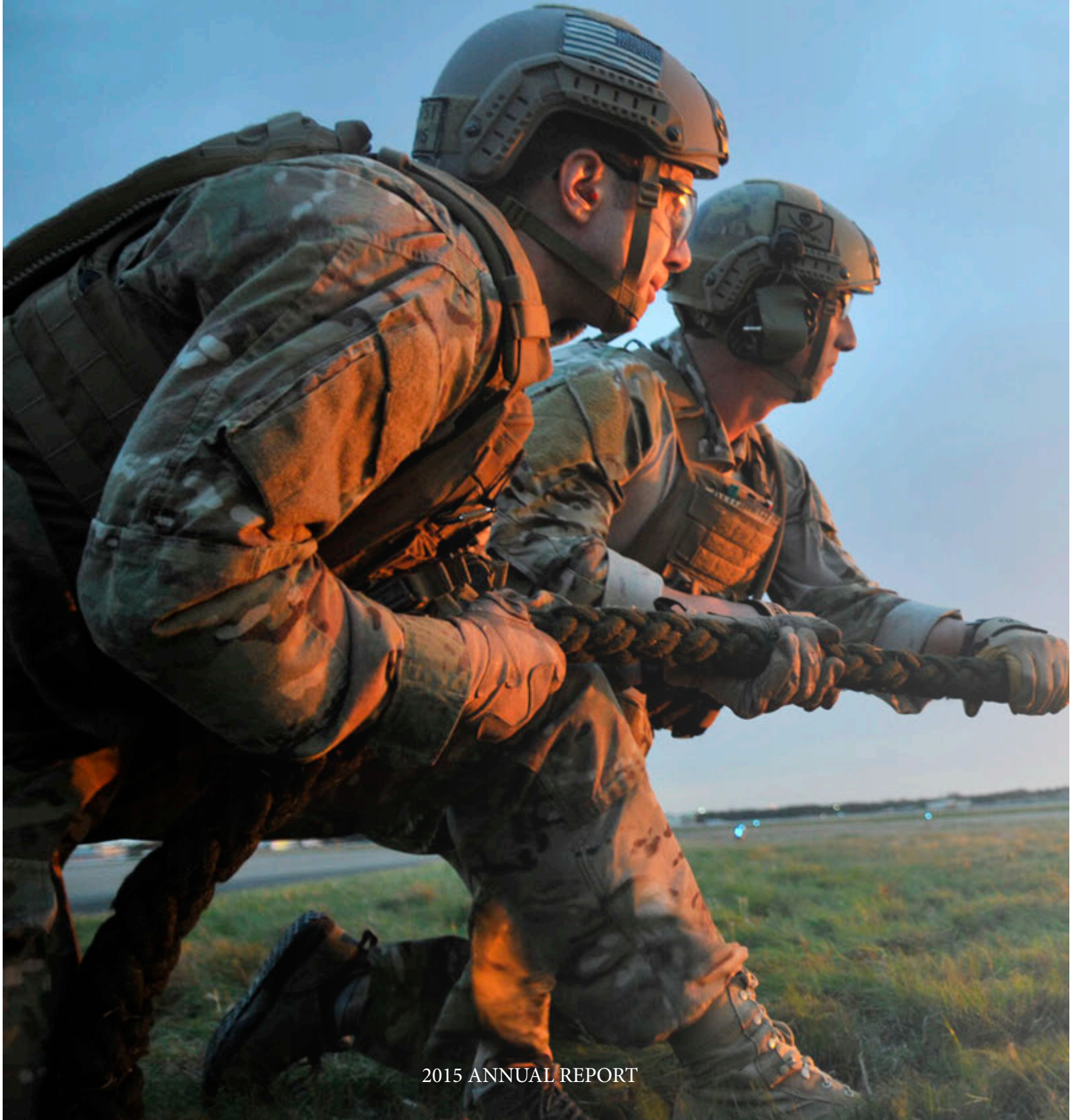
**186 Security Forces Squadron**

**186 Services Flight**

**248 Air Traffic Control Squadron**

**238 Air Support Operations Squadron**

# MAJOR UNITS AND FACILITIES





## Approximately 12,500 Soldiers and Airmen

The Mississippi National Guard possesses an impressive force structure which offers a variety of strong options for state emergency and federal mobilization support. Our units and facilities cover the entire Magnolia State from Corinth to the Coast and Vicksburg to Meridian.

- 1 Theater Aviation Support Maintenance Group (TASMG), GULFPORT (1 of only 4 in the entire Army inventory)
- 1 Special Forces Battalion (Airborne), JACKSON
- Regional Counter-Drug Training (RCTA), MERIDIAN
- Regional Sustainment Readiness Site (RSRS), CAMP SHELBY
- 3 Army Aviation Support Facilities, JACKSON, MERIDIAN, TUPELO
- 13 Field Maintenance Shop (FMS), CAMP SHELBY
- Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS), CAMP SHELBY
- Unit Training Equipment Stop (UTES), CAMP MCCAIN
- Maneuver & Training Equipment Storage Site (MATES), CAMP SHELBY
- Regional Training Institute Schools (RTI), CAMP SHELBY
- Youth Challenge Program, CAMP SHELBY
- Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, CAMP SHELBY



CAMP SHELBY  
JOINT FORCES  
TRAINING CENTER,  
CAMP SHELBY, MISS.



CAMP MCCAIN  
TRAINING CENTER  
ELLIOTT, MISS.



GULFPORT  
COMBAT READINESS  
TRAINING CENTER  
GULFPORT, MISS.



172ND AIRLIFT WING  
FLOWOOD, MISS.



JOINT FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS, MSNG  
JACKSON, MISS.



185TH THEATER  
AVIATION BRIGADE  
JACKSON, MISS.



47TH CIVIL  
SUPPORT TEAM  
FLOWOOD, MISS.



186TH AIR  
REFUELING WING  
MERIDIAN, MISS.



66TH TROOP COMMAND  
JACKSON, MISS.



168TH ENGINEER  
BRIGADE  
VICKSBURG, MISS.



155TH ARMORED  
BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM  
TUPELO, MISS.



184TH EXPEDITIONARY  
SUSTAINMENT COMMAND  
LAUREL, MISS.

# Mississippi National Guard

## Training Centers

The Mississippi National Guard is fortunate to have three state-of-the-art training facilities which host hundreds of service members from across the country. Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center also served as a Mobilization Station for troops who deployed.

### Camp Shelby

Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center (CSJFTC) is the largest state-owned mobilization site in the nation, and supports a wide variety of training and logistical support activities, including heavy maneuver and collective gunnery, multiple battalion field artillery fire ranges, realistic environmental training, air-to-ground combat training capabilities and theater-specific mobilization training for reserve and active components of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

It is located just south of Hattiesburg, Miss. Founded in 1917, the 135,000 acre installation was named after Isaac Shelby, a Revolutionary War hero and the first Governor of Kentucky. Camp Shelby has served as a training and mobilization site for American troops from World War I and World War II, all the way to current Overseas Contingency Operations in locations all around the world.

Camp Shelby mobilized and demobilized over 200,000 troops since beginning the execution of its mission as a U.S. Army Forces Command Primary Force Generation Installation in June 2004.

The Unmanned Aircraft System Support Facility at CSJFTC has been named the nation's only Unmanned Aircraft Regional Flight Center. The \$72 million facility opened in 2009, and its new mission expanded to support the Army's flying program for active duty and National Guard units utilizing both AAI RQ-7 Shadow and RQ-11 Raven unmanned aircraft systems.

Camp Shelby also includes two Operational Readiness



An M113 Armored Personnel Carrier from 288th Engineering Company, of Houston, and M1A2SepV2 Abrams Main Battle Tanks from 2nd Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, of Senatobia, pull security as part of a training drill during an Exportable Combat Training Capability exercise at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center on Aug. 8.

### CAMP SHELBY BY THE NUMBERS

Range Facilities (M9-MLRS)	36
Crew Served Range Capability	100 Crews per Day
Crew Served Firing Positions	10 Firing Points
Zero Positions (Individual/Crew)	286 Firing Points
Individual M4/M16 Range Capacity w/Iron Sights/CCOs	768 PAX per Day
Individual M4/M16 Firing Positions	48 Firing Points
Total M9 Training Capacity CPQC/Ait C	200/4,560 PAX per Day
Non-Lethal Familiarization Training Capacity	200 PAX per Day
Village Complexes (13 total)	2,500 PAX per Day
Counter IED Defeat Lanes (3)	300 PAX per 3-Day Course
Combined Arms Collective Training Facility	40 Targets
Multi-Purpose Range Complex	14 Crews Day/Night
Unmanned Aircraft System Regional Facility	2 PLTS per Week
Urban Assault Course (UAC)	300 PAX per 2-Day Course
Life Fire Shoot House	400 PAX per Day
MRAP Driver's Course	25 PAX per 6-Day Course
Detention Facility	150 PAX in 10- or 21-Day Course
Billeting Capacity	Over 8,000
COL Capacity (4 COLs)	3,082
DFAC Capacity Cantonment/ COLs	9,450/3,212
Central Issue Facility	300 PAX per Day
Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) in support of Mob/Demob	250 PAX per Day
Soldier Readiness Checks (SRC) Personnel, Chaplain, Finance, JAG	400 PAX per Day

Training Complexes valued at \$41.4 million. Each ORTC is an Army standard design featuring two, four-story buildings for Soldier billeting.

Other features at CSJFTC include 13 Village Complexes which can manage 2,500 Soldiers per day, three Counter Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Lanes, an Urban Assault Course, a Live Fire Shoot House, four Contingency Operating Locations and many other services and training opportunities.

### Camp McCain

Camp McCain, in Elliott, Miss., is a National Guard training site that covers 13,000 acres. Training at the facility includes tank maneuvers, artillery training and general training for National Guard troops.

Camp McCain was one of several training sites that sprang up throughout Mississippi during World War II. In 1942, the United States Army opened a major training facility on a 42,000 acre site at Elliott, Mississippi in Grenada County. The facility was named Camp McCain in honor of a famous family of military men from neighboring Carroll County, including Carroll county native Major General Henry P. McCain. Troops for the army's 87th and 94th divisions trained at Camp McCain before being sent into combat in Europe. At the peak of its expansion, Camp McCain served as many as 50,000 troops.

The US Forest Service (USFS) permitted 5,874 acres to the Army in December 1942 to be utilized as the Oxford Bombing Range. The Oxford Bombing Range was to provide the Army Air Forces with a site for testing bomb dropping mechanisms and like purposes. It is assumed that practice bombs (with spotting charges) were used at the

site. In 1943, The Secretary of War determined that there was longer a military necessity for the bombing range. In August 1943, the USFS permitted 30,617 acres (including the bombing range area) to the Army for use as a maneuver area. The maneuver area was utilized by the Army units stationed at Camp McCain, MS, for bivouac and maneuver purposes. The maneuver area remained active until 1947. Currently, most of the site is forest land within the Holly Springs National Forest.

The camp also served as a prisoner of war camp for captured German soldiers -- Camp McCain housed 7,700. In 1944, the four base camps - Camp McCain, Camp Como, Camp Clinton, and Camp Shelby - developed fifteen branch camps that furnished POWs to work in the cotton fields. The Camp closed on October 15, 1944 and all but 3,000 acres of the site was sold. The camp was deactivated after the war and most of the buildings were dismantled and some sold to municipalities and colleges.

Camp McCain today functions as an important Army National Guard training site, but with only one-tenth of its original area and capacity. In 1947, the Mississippi National Guard prevailed upon the U.S. Government to retain part of the camp for small arms training. The rifle ranges and 3000 acres were retained under state control, and the rest sold.

In the beginning, the camp was administered by the local unit in Grenada. As usage increased, the demand for more facilities also increased. In the mid to late 60's, the 223rd Engineer Battalion constructed mess sheds, quonset huts, a latrine, and some of the first roads in the tactical area. In 1969, tracked vehicles were added to Camp McCain, and 1971 a maintenance facility was built. The open-



**A 2nd Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Soldier evaluates a Soldier's performance with the practice version of the M67 fragmentation hand grenade during his unit's weekend drill at Camp McCain on Oct. 17. The training strengthens proficiency at throwing grenades at targets from the standing and kneeling positions, as well as throwing while lying down.**



**A West Virginia Air National Guard C-130 Hercules takes off from the flight line during Exercise Southern Strike 16 at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center on Oct. 26. Exercise Southern Strike 16 is a total force, multi-service training exercise hosted by the Mississippi Air National Guard's CRTC from Oct. 26 through Nov. 6. The exercise emphasizes air-to-air, air-to-ground and special operations forces training opportunities.**

ing of the tactical areas caused many changes, including the organization of the 221st Engineer Detachment. This unit is now named Detachment 2, State Area Command.

In recent years, the camp has expanded at an excited rate. Additional buildings have been constructed for operations, maintenance support facilities have been added, and three more National Guard Units are now stationed on Camp McCain. Buildings for troop housing have been constructed, so that now 1200 troops may be housed here. In 1984, an additional 4500 adjoining acres were added, increasing the tactical training area. In 1987-1988, ten modern weapons ranges were constructed. The road network on Camp McCain has been expanded and improved, allowing improved tactical training.

## **Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport**

The Air National Guard Field Training Site, Gulfport, Mississippi, was established at the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport in 1954. Renamed the Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) in 1990, military training actually began with the Army Air Corps in 1941. The CRTC's mission is to provide an integrated, year-round, realistic training environment of supersonic airspace, gunnery ranges, systems, facilities and equipment for deployed units to enhance their capabilities and combat readiness. The CRTC fully supports the "Total Force" concept by supporting units from all branches of the Department of Defense (DoD), as well as the National Guard and Reserve components.

The CRTC hosts regular deployments of ANG units, and offers convenient offshore airspace that is fully instrumented for recording air to air engagements. Nearby Camp Shelby features an air to ground range and sufficient low altitude airspace to provide realistic ground attack scenarios.

The CRTC enjoys a very supportive and proactive relationship with the local community. Community involve-

ment includes participation in Chambers of Commerce, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves' (ESGR) programs, and Adopt-A-School and Mentoring programs. During emergencies, the CRTC is supportive of both the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency operations.

The CRTC has two tenant Mississippi Air National Guard units on base. The 255th Air Control Squadron (ACS), activated in 1971 as a Combat Communications Squadron (CCS), was converted to a Control and Reporting Center (CRC) in 1987. They were the first Air National Guard unit to receive datalink capabilities for all joint forces. In 1998, the 255th was converted to their role of Air Control. ACTS provides state-of-the-art Ground Control Intercept (GCI) capability to the total force, as well as other very vital activities. The 255th ACS has 255 personnel and is combat ready in all areas. Their mission is to organize, train and equip personnel to provide an operational ready Control and Reporting Center in support of worldwide theater air operations and statewide emergency contingencies.

The other tenant is the 209th Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron (SOCES). The 209th SOCES was formed as the 173rd Civil Engineering Flight in 1969, and has grown over the years at its present manning of 90 personnel. The mission of the 209th SOCES is to provide a highly mobile emergency engineering force for base damage recovery after attack. This unit constantly trains and maintains a state of readiness to allow short notice deployment capability. This is accomplished through management of the Rapid Runway Repair (RRR) site and the fire training facility. Within the first year of opening, the new RRR site had trained 1,600 personnel, and over 1,400 personnel were scheduled for training in the year 2000. The 209th CES began augmenting the United States Air Force (USAF) "Silver Flag" Training Program at Tyndall AFB, FL in FY00.

**ARMY:  
\$363,675,240**



**MISSISSIPPI  
NATIONAL GUARD  
ECONOMICS**

**STATE  
APPROPRIATIONS:  
\$8,481,470**

**FEDERAL  
APPROPRIATIONS:  
\$488,471,925**



**AIR:  
\$116,315,215**





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