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MILITARY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT





“The Mississippi National Guard is proud to serve the citizens of Mississippi and our great nation. Our force stands “Shoulder to Shoulder” to defend freedom and preserve our American way of life for future generations.”

- Command Sgt. Maj. John T. Raines III, Senior Enlisted Advisor - Army

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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, 2017 through June 30, 2018. During this span, the Mississippi National Guard has again distinguished itself as one of the strongest Guard organizations in the nation.

Over the past year, our team has served with pride in Mississippi and beyond. Our Soldiers, Airmen, civilian employees, and families are second to none and their collective contributions continue to enhance our readiness to serve into the future.

In addition to stellar service, the MSNG marked several milestones. The Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center celebrated its centennial anniversary in July; our Regional Counterdrug Training Academy marked 25 years of service; and the Camp McCain Training Center celebrated its 75th Anniversary in December. These world class facilities are huge contributors to national defense and law enforcement nationwide.

Mississippi's citizen Soldiers and Airmen are setting new standards of excellence in service. They will continue to be ready to serve Mississippi and our country into the future.

Maj. Gen. Janson D. Boyles
The Adjutant General of Mississippi

KEY LEADERSHIP



Maj. Gen. Gregory Kennedy
Assistant Adjutant General - Army

Major General Gregory L. Kennedy was appointed assistant adjutant general - Army September 1, 2016. He guides the formulation, development, and implementation of all programs and policies affecting the Mississippi Army National Guard and its nearly 10,000 Citizen Soldiers.



Maj. Gen. William Hill
Assistant Adjutant General - Air

Major General William O. Hill serves as the assistant adjutant general - Air and as commander of the Mississippi Air National Guard. He assists the adjutant general with directing Air National Guard operations and establishing policy, ensuring the combat readiness and mission capability of two flying wings, a Combat Readiness Training Center, Air Support Operations Squadron, Air Component Operations Center, Special Operations Civil Engineering Squadron, and an Air Control Squadron.



**Chief Warrant Officer 4
Thomas Smith**
Command Chief Warrant Officer

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Thomas W. Smith was appointed as the seventh command chief warrant officer of the Mississippi Army National Guard, April 6, 2018. He serves as the adjutant general's personal adviser on all warrant officer related matters. His primary mission is to coordinate with the state military personnel office, the recruiting and retention office, and subordinate commanders to implement a comprehensive warrant officer recruiting program.



Command Sgt. Maj. John Raines
Senior Enlisted Advisor - Army

Command Sergeant Major John T. Raines assumed responsibility as the seventh senior enlisted advisor for the Mississippi National Guard, July 10, 2015. Raines also serves as the state command sergeant major for the Mississippi Army National Guard. He advises the adjutant general and the assistant adjutant general - Army on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life.



**Command Chief Master Sgt.
C. Lynn Cole**
Senior Enlisted Advisor - Air

Command Chief Master Sgt. Lynn C. Cole assumed responsibility as the thirteenth senior enlisted advisor for the Mississippi Air National Guard, December 2, 2017. She advises the adjutant general, the assistant adjutant general - Air, and all Air National Guard commanders and staff on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting mission effectiveness, professional development, military readiness, training, and assignment policy.

STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING

The Mississippi National Guard maintains a strong presence throughout the Magnolia State. Our entire force consists of approximately 12,400 Soldiers and Airmen, 1,100 of which are Active Guard and Reserve. We have 1,700 federal technician employees and 960 state employees, both of which are comprised of Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians. The MSNG has 72 Army National Guard readiness centers in 66 communities across Mississippi, and three major Air National Guard facilities. With a proactive attitude, our dedicated employees continued to search for more effective and efficient ways to conduct business. The MSNG will continue to be good stewards of government funding while always protecting the interest of the state of Mississippi, our Soldiers and Airmen, and the taxpayers.

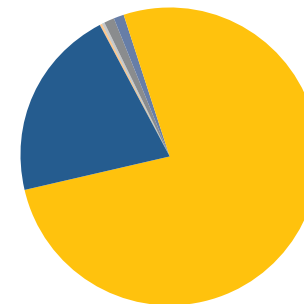


BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE, HANDING OVER THE PAST

The Mississippi Army National Guard has received a lease from the Desoto County Board of Supervisors for 20 acres of state land near the intersection of Hwy 51 and Star Landing Rd in Southaven. Our force plans to construct a 97,558 SQFT National Guard Readiness Center that supports individual and collective training, administrative, automation and communications, and logistical requirements. The \$25M facility will house 11 full-time employees and 359 traditional guardsmen.

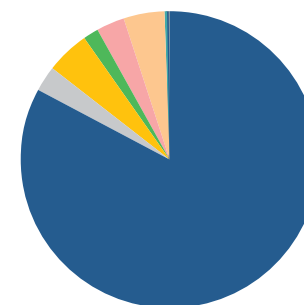
Over the past year, the Mississippi National Guard returned three Army National Guard Readiness Centers to the communities of Gloster, Richton, and Waynesboro. These actions are part of a force structure reduction, cost-savings, and facility consolidation plan. These returns have reduced annual maintenance and utility costs and provided each community will additional property to meet their needs.

Mississippi Army National Guard FY 2018 Federal Appropriations: \$455,956,449



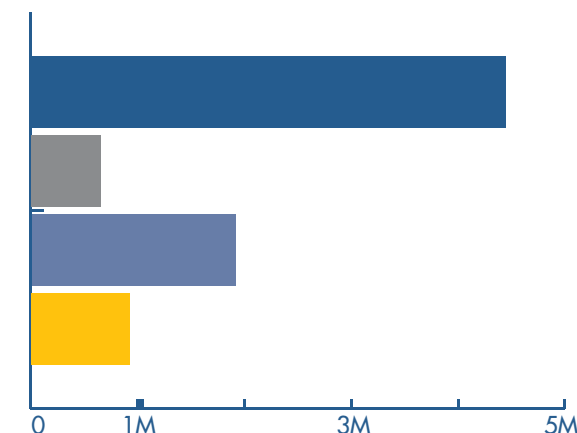
- Operations and Maintenance: \$306,241,400
- Military Pay and Allowances: \$112,363,300
- Goods and Services: \$14,500,000
- Military Construction: \$18,316,549
- Youth Challenge: \$4,350,000
- Special Forces: \$155,000
- Employer Support of the Guard/Reserve: \$30,200

Mississippi Air National Guard FY 2018 Federal Appropriations: \$165,848,693

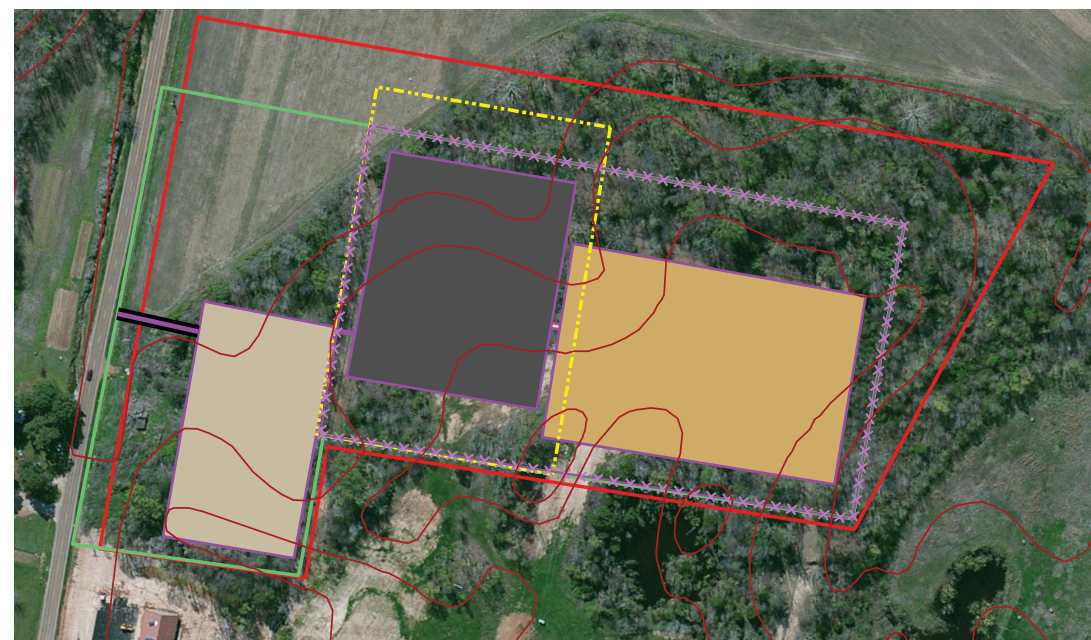


- Military/Civilian Pay and Allowances: \$137,602,535
- Supplies and Equipment: \$4,543,199
- Facilities: \$7,629,201
- Base Operating Cost: \$2,765,668
- Misc.: \$5,210,848
- Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization: \$7,509,082
- Recruiting & Retention: \$239,510
- Subsistence: \$154,669
- Clothing: \$193,981

Mississippi Military Department State Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations: \$7,942,694



- AGO - Fund 2701: \$4,443,720
- Museum - Fund 2705: \$653,392
- Youth Challenge - Fund 2706: \$1,920,582
- State Education Assistance Program - Fund 2708: \$925,000





ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

The Mississippi National Guard experienced a high operations tempo during state fiscal year 2018. The organization's Army and Air National Guard personnel were heavily engaged in training and operations both at home and abroad. As a result of these activities, several headlines were made. Approximately 3,250 members of the Tupelo-based 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield; Nearly 400 of our Soldiers and Airmen supported Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria recovery efforts in Florida, Georgia, Texas, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and the MSNG Counterdrug Program assisted in the location and seizure of more than 20,000 marijuana plants with a street value of \$23 million in Jefferson Davis County. These are only a few of the numerous examples of superior service provided by our volunteer force.

"Our ability to achieve mission accomplishment is a result of the people within our formations. The Mississippi National Guard is blessed to have talented, resilient, and dedicated Soldiers and Airmen who are ready to serve."

- Col. Joe Hargett, G-3, Deputy Chief of Staff - Operations



155th Uses the Port of Gulfport

The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team is the first Army unit to ship equipment from the Port of Gulfport. The 155 used the port to send their equipment to the Middle East in preparation of their upcoming deployment.



Kelly Promoted to Brigadier General

Miss. Gov. Phil Bryant and The Adjutant General of Miss. Maj. Gen. Janson D. Boyles promoted Trent Kelly to the rank of Brig. Gen. at the Mississippi National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters, Jan. 20, 2018.



Apaches to Remain in Tupelo

The U.S. Army will retain the Tupelo-based Company A, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment AH-64 Apache helicopters.



MAJOR UNITS & ACTIVITIES

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 Academy, MERIDIAN
- Readiness Sustainment Maintenance Academy Site, CAMP SHELBY
- 3 Army Aviation Support Facilities, JACKSON, MERIDIAN, TUPELO
- 13 Field Maintenance Shops, LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE STATE
- Combined Support Maintenance Shop, CAMP SHELBY
- Unit Training Equipment Shop, CAMP MCCAIN
- Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site, CAMP SHELBY
- Regional Training Institute, CAMP SHELBY
- Youth Challenge Academy, CAMP SHELBY
- Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, CAMP SHELBY
- 186th Air Refueling Wing, MERIDIAN
- Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, GULFPORT
- 172d Airlift Wing, FLOWOOD



CAMP SHELBY
JOINT FORCES
TRAINING CENTER
CAMP SHELBY, MISS.



CAMP MCCAIN
TRAINING CENTER
ELLIOT, MISS.



GULFPORT
COMBAT READINESS
TRAINING CENTER
GULFPORT, MISS.



172D
AIRLIFT WING
FLOWOOD, MISS.



JOINT FORCE
HEADQUARTERS, MSNG
JACKSON, MISS.



185TH
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
SUSTAINMENT COMMAND
LAUREL, MISS.

STATESIDE & FORWARD SERVICE



Southwest Border

Members of Tupelo's Company C, 1st Battalion, 114th Aviation Regiment deployed in May 2018 in support of Operation Guardian Support, a joint task force effort to conduct security operations along the U.S. Southwest border with Mexico. The group provided aerial surveillance support to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Border Patrol using three UH-72 Lakota helicopters. This was the fourth time the unit conducted Southwest border security operations. Unit members supported Operation Jump Start in Texas from 2007 to 2008. They also served during Operation Guardian Eye in Texas in 2012 and in Arizona from 2014 to 2015.



1108th Aviation Group

Approximately 80 Soldiers from Gulfport's 1108th Aviation Group deployed to Camps Arifjan and Buehring, Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield in November 2017. The group provided fixed and rotary wing maintenance support for units within their area of operations. The Soldiers conducted sheet metal repairs, avionics troubleshooting, and machine shop operations.



859th Engineer Company

The 859th Engineer Company, headquartered in Pascagoula, Mississippi, participated in the Joint Multinational Readiness Center's annual troop construction work project in Hohenfels, Germany, March 11-31, 2018. The guardsmen were among approximately 165 Army National Guard engineer Soldiers, and eight Army Reserve Soldiers in the first of five upcoming rotations for Troop Construction 2018. The unit's mission was to construct projects high on U.S. Army Europe's combat training center's priority list.

230th Financial Management Support Detachment

Jackson's 230th Financial Management Support Detachment deployed to Afghanistan in July 2017 in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. While in theater, the 230th FMSD conducted military pay operations for units and personnel within the detachment's area of operations. Freedom's Sentinel's aim is to continue counterterrorism efforts to eliminate and rid the remnants of al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups from the region.



184th Sustainment Command

Brigadier General Clint E. Walker, commander of Laurel's 184th Sustainment Command, walks with 10th Polish Logistics Brigade, FSG commander, Maj. Dominik Trentkiewicz (left) and his deputy commander, Maj. Przemyslaw Ruman during a tour of the Polish compound, June 4, 2018 in Powidz, Poland. Approximately 250 Soldiers from the 184th participated in Saber Strike 2018, a joint and multinational exercise focused on command and control, logistics, host nation support activities and interoperability. The event facilitates cooperation between the U.S., Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and other allied and partner nations.

1-185th Aviation Regiment

Members of the 1st Battalion, 185th Aviation Regiment deployed to Kosovo in May 2017 for approximately 10 months in support of Operation Joint Guardian. Approximately 130 Soldiers from the regiment's headquarters in Tupelo and Companies A and D in Jackson provided rotary wing aviation lift support in the Balkans using UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.



172d Airlift Wing Evacuates Guatemala Volcano Burn Victims

The wing's 183d Airlift Squadron and 183d Air Evacuation Squadron transported Guatemalan children with burn injuries and their guardians to the Shriners Hospital in Galveston, Texas, June 6, 2018. The flight was one of several collaborations between the United States and Guatemala to respond to the eruption of the country's Fuego volcano.



255th Air Control Squadron

More than 100 members of the 255th Air Control Squadron returned to Gulfport, May 24, 2018 after a six month deployment to Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates. Their mission was to provide air battlefield management and tactical control. Family members and fellow guardsmen greeted the Airmen when their plane landed at the CRTC-Battlefield Airmen Center.

DIXIE THUNDER BRIGADE TRAINS, DEPLOYS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SPARTAN SHIELD

The Mississippi National Guard's largest unit completed years of training and deployed to Kuwait in June 2018 in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

The 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team's deployment is the culmination of almost four years of preparation for duty overseas. The Tupelo-based unit completed training stops at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Irwin, California; and at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The brigade consists of approximately 3,500 Soldiers, including the 2d Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment of the Kansas National Guard. Its journey to Kuwait began in July 2014 at Camp Shelby, just south of Hattiesburg. The group conducted a warfighter exercise that featured a combined arms live fire exercise. The event showcased simultaneous fire from M1A2 SEPv2 tanks, M2A3/M3A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, AH-64D Apache helicopters, M109A6 Paladin 155mm artillery, and other weapon systems.

A year later, the brigade returned to Shelby and completed an Exportable Combat Training Capability exercise, July 19 to August 18, 2015. Approximately 500 active-duty Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team and close to 300 additional troops from the Reserve components join the 155th. An XCTC is a brigade field training exercise, which aims to certify platoon proficiency in coordination with First U.S. Army.

In 2016, the 155th ABCT executed an 800-vehicle convoy from Mississippi to Fort Hood, Texas to participate in a Multi-echelon Integrated Brigade Training exercise at Fort Hood, Texas, June 3-24. A MIBT is a multicomponent, multi-echelon training event that sustains readiness of reserve-and active-component forces. During the exercise, the 155th enhanced its ability to conduct offensive, defensive, civil, stability, and fire support operations. The unit successfully returned all vehicles to the Magnolia State following the exercise.

The following summer, the 155th ABCT, Mississippi Army National Guard, completed a National Training Center rotation at Fort Irwin, California, May 18 - June 15, 2017. Collectively, approximately 5,500 Army and Air Force personnel participated in the joint exercise. An NTC rotation replicates the tough, realistic desert operational environment that America's war fighters face in combat.

The 155th faced its final challenge at Fort Bliss, Texas for post mobilization training in the spring of 2018. The Mississippi and Kansas Guardsmen endured a tough environment conducting battle drills and gunnery at the crew, platoon, and company level to build cohesion across the brigade. The unit completed its training in late May and assumed control of operations at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, July 15, 2018.







CAMP SHELBY JOINT FORCES TRAINING CENTER

At 135,000 acres, the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center is the largest state-owned National Guard training site in the nation. It 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, and air-to-ground combat training capabilities for all branches and components of the military. Founded in 1917, the post has served as a training and mobilization site for American troops from World War I all the way to current Overseas Contingency Operations in locations all around the world.

Celebrating 100 Years

Service members joined with the local community to celebrate the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center's 100th Anniversary Saturday, July 15, 2017. Please take the time to visit the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby to check out the newly renovated exhibits detailing the military history of Mississippi.

Gold Star Memorial

Over 450 people gathered May 16, 2017 with Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant, Maj. Gen. Janson D. Boyles, the adjutant general of Mississippi, Medal of Honor recipient Mr. Woody Williams, and Gold Star Family members at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum to unveil the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.



CAMP MCCAIN

Camp McCain is located in Grenada County in the north-central hills of Mississippi, about 110 miles north of Jackson. Historically, Camp McCain consisted of approximately 42,000 acres used by the Army as a training camp during World War II. In late 1944, the camp was deactivated and all buildings were removed. However, in 1947, 3,000 acres of the former installation were set aside for use as a National Guard small arms training facility. The facility continued to grow, and the current Camp McCain owned by the Mississippi Army National Guard (MSARNG) encompasses 12,919 acres. The current installation has a small cantonment area, a range complex, and maneuver areas suitable for tactical, non-firing exercises for Armor, Artillery, Infantry, and combined tank/infantry arms up to company/troup/battery level frequently used by the MSNG, USMC, Navy, Army Reserves, Air Force and various private, state and federal entities for a variety of training activities. Camp McCain marked its 75th anniversary with a ceremony, Dec. 7, 2017.

Best Warrior Challenge

The Camp McCain Training Center hosted once again, the Mississippi National Guard's 2018 Best Warrior Competition, February 26 to March 1. The annual event tests the knowledge, skills and abilities of elite Army and Air competitors from around the state by conquering urban warfare simulations, demonstrating critical thinking, formal board interviews, physical fitness challenges, written exams, and warrior tasks and battle drills relevant to today's operating environment. In only the second time the Mississippi Air National Guard has competed in the Mississippi National Guard's Best Warrior Competition, they fielded a winner. Tech Sgt. Joshua Parker, a security forces Airman representing Gulfport's Combat Readiness Training Center, earned the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year honor. Specialist Darrell Washington of Camp Shelby's 3656th Maintenance Company emerged as the contest's Soldier of the Year. Tech Sgt. Parker and Spc. Washington were recognized for their honors during a banquet, March 3 at the National Guard Association of Mississippi's Noncommissioned Officer annual convention in Jackson.





MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Mississippi Air National Guard has three active bases in Mississippi that are comprised of approximately 2,500 active and traditional Air National Guardsmen. The 172d Airlift Wing at Allen C. Thompson Field in Jackson, Miss., operates eight C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. Its mission is to support the state in the event of a national emergency, maintain peace and order, and support civil defense and pre-attack planning. The 186th Air Refueling Wing at Key Field in Meridian, Miss., operates nine KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft, which provide the core aerial refueling capability for the U.S. Air Force and is capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients. The Combat Readiness Training Center – Battlefield Airmen Center, located on 277 acres in Gulfport, Miss., offers world-class airfield facilities supporting up to three wings, accommodations for up to 100 fighters, and 11,000 square miles of air space.

MSANG YEARLY OVERVIEW

The Mississippi Air National Guard provides the Magnolia State, the U.S. Air Force, and the Department of Defense a trained, combat-ready strategic military force prepared to respond stateside or abroad. Flowood's 172d Airlift Wing conducted numerous missions during State Fiscal Year 2018, including support to the Patriot South and Southern Strike training exercises, contingency mission support to Air Mobility Command, and missions in support of Pacific Air Forces in the U.S. Pacific Command. Meridian's 186th Air Refueling Wing also heavily engaged providing support to multiple contingencies across 11 different countries, including operations Freedom's Sentinel, Inherent Resolve, Key Resolve, and Enduring Freedom. It also established the first RC-26 detachment and conducted four classes. The CRTC hosted Operation Murky Waters, the first of a new series of small scale quarterly training exercises for Battlefield Airmen. The quarterly exercises will complement the training that takes place during the large scale annual exercise Southern Strike.



CRTC-BAC

217 Training Exercises
18,735 Personnel Trained
12 States
\$17M Economic Impact



186th Air Refueling Wing

539 Passengers
525 Sorties
1743 Flying Hours
5M lbs of Fuel Offloaded



172d Airlift Wing

181 Missions
992 Sorties
4,161 Flying Hours
663 Patients
11,659 Passengers



MSNG COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

Meridian Naval Air Station

Meridian, Miss.
 "Press the Fight"

The Regional Counterdrug Training Academy (RCTA) was established in 1992 under the Gulf States Counterdrug Initiative for the purpose of identifying resources, services, and support that could be legitimately provided by Department of Defense components to support counter-drug activities along the U.S. southern coastal region. Since it was established, the Mississippi National Guard's Regional Counterdrug Training Academy has trained over 150,000 law enforcement officers from all 54 states and territories.

The Mississippi National Guard Counterdrug Task Force is managed through the RCTA. The Counterdrug Task Force provides air & ground reconnaissance, case analysis, and linguist support to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.



10,036

Students trained at RCTA

1066

Law Enforcement Agencies registered with the RCTA

237

Total Counterdrug Courses

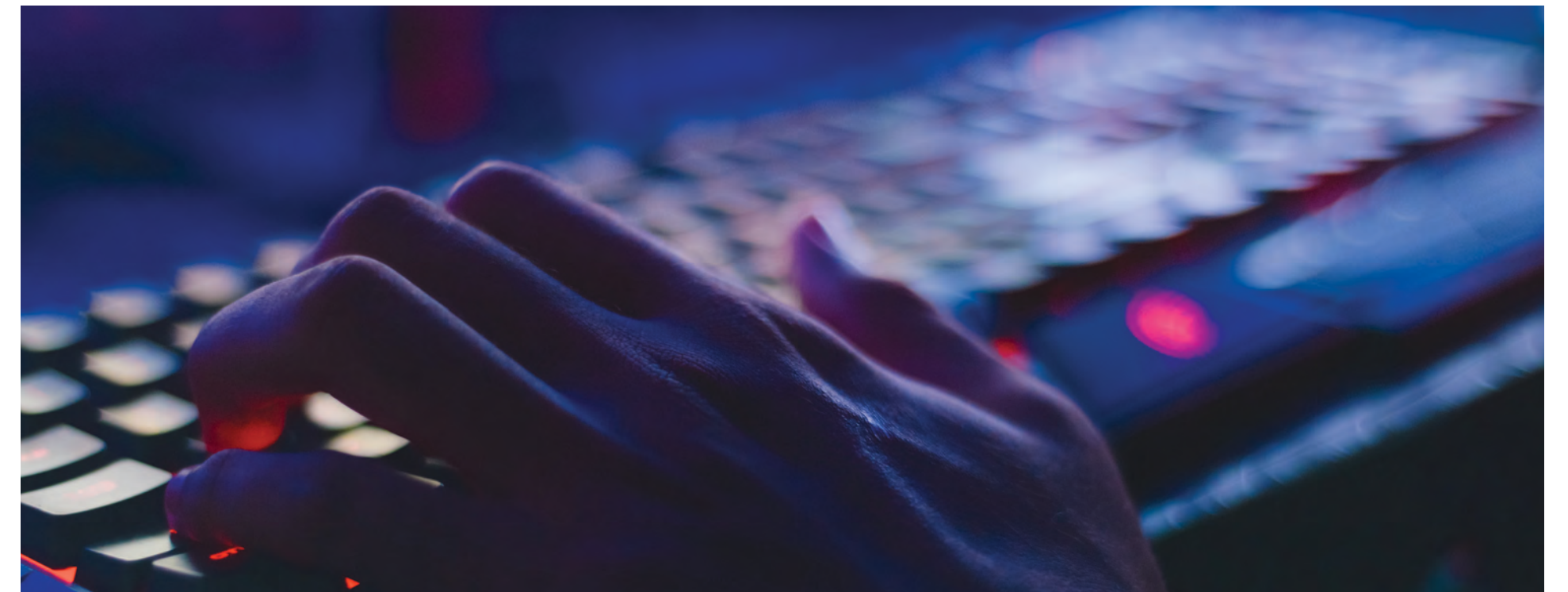
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States & territories involved in RCTA

MSNG CYBER UNIT

The 178th Cyber Protection Team is a tri-state cyber unit from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Detachment 2, Cyber Protection Team 178 was organized on April 7, 2017 and awarded unit federal recognition on Dec. 12, 2017. The unit is located on the Mississippi State University campus in Starkville, Miss. The CPT provides professional highly skilled Soldiers responsive to the needs of the nation while boosting the state and federal cyber defense capabilities. The mission statement for the team states: conduct defensive cyberspace operations on military networks to support mission requirements as identified by DoD or state leadership. In compliance with federal and state laws, defensive cyberspace operations may be expanded to include cyber command readiness inspections, vulnerability assessments, cyber opposing forces support, critical infrastructure assessments, theater security cooperation, Federal Emergency Management Agency support, training support, and advisory and assistance support.

After organization, the unit participated in multiple cyber industry certification events (e.g., Security+, Certified Ethical Hacker, CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner, etc.) in preparation for mobilization. The Cyber Protection Team mobilized on March 4, 2018 to provide support to U.S. Cyber Command and Army Cyber Command by providing supervision and maintenance to Title 10 U.S. Cyber Command infrastructure.



47th CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

Flowood's 47th Civil Support Team's mission is to assist civil authorities with identifying chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosive agents at state incident sites. Specifically, their support includes providing consequence management and immediate response operations for events that can result in catastrophic life and property losses. The joint group operates on a 24-hour-a-day deployment cycle and has responded to almost every state disaster since its establishment in 2005.



22 Full-time Soldiers & Airmen
14 Occupational Specialties



25,000 Hours
of Specialized Training



4 Training Exercises
5 Community Events
2 State Responses



STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Working Together For Stability

"The hope and mission is to enhance interoperability and flourish partnerships."
- Maj. Amanda Villeret, SPP Director

The SPP is a key U.S. security cooperation tool, facilitating local government, academic and economic contacts as well as National Guard and civilian community involvement with the partner country.

It enhances cooperation across all aspects of international civil-military affairs and encourages people-to-people ties at the state level. Administered by the National Guard Bureau, SPP engagements are conducted both in the U.S. and the partner nation to nurture bilateral relationships via mutual understanding and trust. The NGB allocates approximately \$100K to the SPP annually.

The Mississippi National Guard currently maintains State Partnership Program relationships with Uzbekistan and Bolivia. The MSNG and delegations have discussed Air-to-Ground Integration using ground forces and rotary wing units, counterdrug operations focusing on close quarter and hand-to-hand combat techniques, security and defense topics, and current trauma and medical treatment guidelines.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Mississippi National Guard continues to maintain a strong presence in all its communities throughout the state. This year our force invested time to help two Harrison County schools spruce up their campuses before the children returned in the Fall. Four firefighters from the CRTC-BAC Fire Department received the Mississippi Distinguished Civilian Service Medal for Valor for helping save the life of a man in Harrison County. Guardsmen also spread the message about the importance of music education. Jackson's 41st Army Band visited several schools along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and encouraged students to pursue their talents. Whether visiting patients at Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital or assisting with recovery efforts after a devastating tornado, the Magnolia Guard will continue to be "Always Ready, Always There."





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