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Provide roll-up of operational and logistical metrics from the four Maryland Military Defense pillars (Army, Air, Sea, and Navy) supporting Operation Baltimore Rally.

Always Ready:
Mobilized 1,200 personnel in the first 24 hours; 2,000 personnel in the first 48 hours. Maximum total capacity on duty 3,200 by MAY 8, 2015.
De-mobilized 1000 personnel in 24 hours, 2700 personnel in 48 hours, and the remaining element of 200 by 10 hours after release from mission.

MISSION SUPPORT
Total of 628
Army: 2,000
Navy: 2,000
Volunteer hours: 6,200

PATROLS MISSIONS
Setting perimeters of 41 areas in Northeast Baltimore to support Baltimore City Police
Setting perimeters of 19 areas in Northwest Baltimore to support Baltimore City Police
Joint Maritime Force of 20 vessels and 100 troops on task for support Baltimore City Police
Setting perimeters of 11 areas in northeast Baltimore to support Baltimore City Police

VEHICLE OPERATIONS
Total of 100 tactical vehicles on duty
Patrol vehicles: 100
Fuel vehicles: 100
Total: 200

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
25,747 food items served
12,000 operational meals issued



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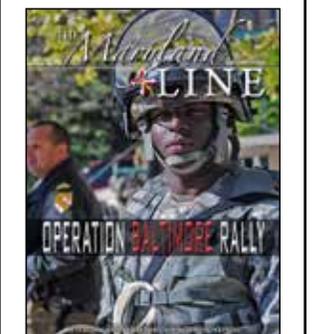
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A Maryland Guard Soldier keeps watch in front of City Hall in Baltimore, April 28, 2015. The Maryland National Guard was activated to assist local law enforcement officials with peacekeeping operations in the city during recent protests. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ron Lee, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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May 20, 2015

TO: All members of the Maryland Military Department

SUBJECT: Operation Baltimore Rally

On behalf of Governor Larry Hogan and the citizens of Maryland, I would like to thank you for your service and dedication during the recent unrest in Baltimore. All of the pillars of the department did an outstanding job in responding to the emergency. The Maryland National Guard was able to mobilize and deploy more than 1,400 members in the first 24 hours and more than to 3,000 in 72 hours. This was done with close coordination with MEMA and with support from the MDDF. It is reassuring as a commander to know that many of you didn't need orders or to be told, and you showed up ready to help.

I was very pleased and proud of our ability to prepare, respond and recover from this operation. We are working with the state as they continue to calculate the cost and the total impact. We must take this opportunity to learn to be better prepared for the next emergency, be it natural or manmade. I had the pleasure of traveling around to the different areas and visiting with our Soldiers and Airmen to thank them for their service. I also made it a point to thank our fellow police officers who were also working long hours in difficult conditions. Many of them mentioned to me how impressed they were with the professionalism and dedication of our young leaders.

I am always concerned about our loved ones at home when we go into harm's way. Every time you put on your uniform your family is making a sacrifice so you can serve. Some of you were serving in your own neighborhood and had to make special arrangements with your families, employers and schools. Please thank everyone on my behalf who helped and supported our efforts.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your families for your dedication, professionalism and commitment to serving our fellow Marylanders.

Respectfully,

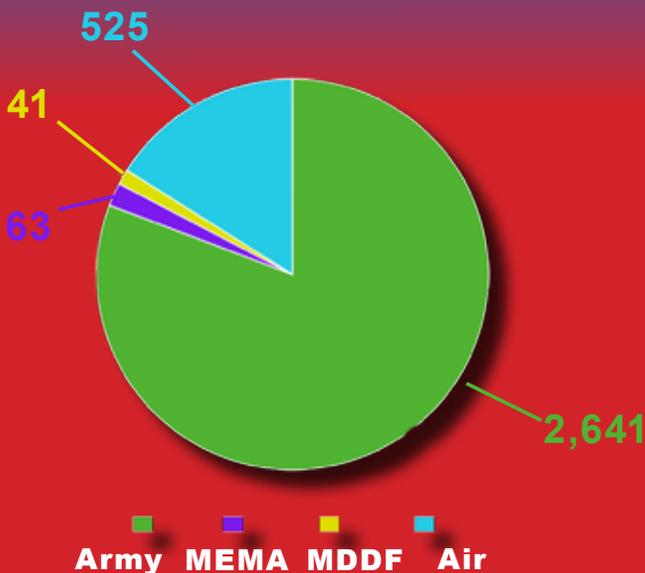
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MISSION SUPPORT



VOLUNTEER HOURS: 1,355

PATROLS & MISSIONS



- Static security at up to 14 designated sites.
- Roving patrols of 11 areas in Northwest Baltimore to support Baltimore City Police.
- Quick Reaction Force of 25 vehicles and 100 Soldiers on call 24/7 to support Baltimore City Police.
- Quick Reaction Force support using 6 Light Medium Tactical Vehicles and 12 Soldiers on call 24/7 to provide transportation for Maryland State Police QRF.

BALTIMORE RALLY



Always Ready:

Mobilized 1,700 personnel in the first 24 hours; 2,000 personnel in the first 36 hours. Maximum total capacity on duty 3,207 by May 2, 2015.

De-mobilized 1500 personnel in 24 hours, 2700 personnel in 60 hours and the remaining element of 300 in 12 hours after release from mission.

VEHICLE OPERATIONS

■ Total of 324 tactical vehicles/platforms driven over 50,000 miles.

■ Four vehicles recovered and/or repaired.



■ Two missions; UH-60A – 0.7 hours; LUH-72 – 0.8 hours.

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

25,157 hot meals served.



18,000 operational meals issued.





“We do what we can, when we can”

Maryland Army National Guard's 1229th Transportation Company arrive on the scene with a truck full of goods to donate to BIGGYS Community Center in Baltimore, Md., March 5, 2015.



Story by Sgt. Margaret Taylor,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Photos by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis Jr.,
Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office



Baltimore residents were jarred by the sight of more than 3,000 Maryland National Guardsmen and women patrolling the city streets, Apr. 27-May 4.

The last time the Maryland Guard was activated in response to civil unrest was in 1968, so armed Soldiers in the streets used to be a distant memory. Now it's a recent one.

But that recent memory, while jarring, should not cause alarm, as Army National Guard Soldiers of Maryland's 1229th Transportation Company would like to say.

Spc. Norman Lee, a 1229th truck driver from Baltimore, said he wishes that the Guard's presence will inspire hope in the people of Baltimore.

"When worse comes to worse, we'll be out there doing our jobs," Lee said, "We do what we can, when we can."

The Guard's efforts toward the community were to give hope to Baltimore residents and help local law enforcement keep the peace. The operation also affected the Service members involved. On Tues., May 5, 2015, members of the 1229th transported goods donated to Soldiers during Operation Baltimore Rally from LTC Melvin H. Cade Armory to BIGGYS Community Center in Baltimore. The goods were given as a show of gratitude to Soldiers by local businesses and residents.

When the Soldiers arrived, they were helped by some of

the residents in the neighborhood.

For instance, Lee and many of his 1229th teammates left their civilian jobs for a week to camp out at Camden Yards. They lived out of the back of their trucks when not transporting troops or supplies, and roughed it in the Oriole Stadium parking lots.

Sgt. TrudyAnn Jones, a 1229th truck driver who owns her own cleaning business, likened the austere living conditions to what she experienced in a 2014 deployment to Afghanistan. While not a combat operation, she said the operation in Baltimore affected her team in a similar way to a deployment.

"This actually brought us a little bit closer," said Jones, a resident of Prince George's County, Maryland. "It brought us back to that togetherness."

Lee and Jones and their teammates carried that new camaraderie with them as the Baltimore operation wound down on May 3, calling for a phased withdraw of the MDNG.

But some, like their teammate Spc. Kevin Gilmer, hope the people of Baltimore remember that the Guard is always there for them.

"We care about our communities," said Gilmer, who is a Frederick County, Maryland, construction worker and 1229th truck driver. "We care about where we live and where we work. We do what we can."



Spc. Paul Kasongo with the 1229th Transportation Company carries a tray full of snacks to BIGGYS Community Center.



Members of the Maryland National Guard's 175th Wing work 24-hour shifts in order to support each other during Operational Baltimore Rally April 27 - May 3, 2015.



by Tech. Sgt. David Speicher
175th Wing Public Affairs



24-HOUR SUPPORT

for

OPERATION BALTIMORE RALLY

With Operation Baltimore Rally in full swing, many units at Warfield Air National Guard Base are working 24-hour operations to accommodate Maryland Air National Guardsmen during the state of emergency in Baltimore.

Master Sgt. Elizabeth A. Hicks, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of Personnel Support for Contingency Operations, and her team from the 175th Force Support Squadron, worked those shifts. They established an in-processing station, May 1, in the multi-purpose room of the wing headquarters building. It is the focal point for members in processing and going down range.

Hicks said they make sure members have valid ID cards and dog tags. "We have them fill out a locator card and give them a billeting card. We place them in an arrival status, to use for accountability. Accountability is our number one priority," Hicks said.

Hicks also said she is using 16 members to work 12 hours on shift and 12 hours off shift to accomplish the 24-hour operations.

They processed an initial group of approximately 400 people on Friday in four and a half hours. "We have a good team and we did it," Hicks said. "The whole purpose is to get them in and out as soon as possible."

As of Sunday morning, 416 Airman have been processed.

On the other side of the base, Chief Master Sgt. Richard P. Petrush, 175th Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

manager, also started 24-hour operations, on April 28 at 1 p.m., when they received a warning order of the pending operation.

The EOC supports whatever contingency operation the base supports. They are there to support all Air National Guard assets that support the mission.

"We make it happen," Petrush said. The EOC is working with up to 17 people per shift.

Senior Master Sgt. Dawn Porter, the 175th Services superintendent, and her team, are responsible for providing food and a place for the Airmen to rest.

"We have fed them through contract feeding. We have bedded them down. We are responsible for the portable showers. We do checks on the generators and the hot water on the showers. We issued MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) to the members that are going to Baltimore City. We have had the dining hall open so troops can play games with the assistance of family support," Porter said.

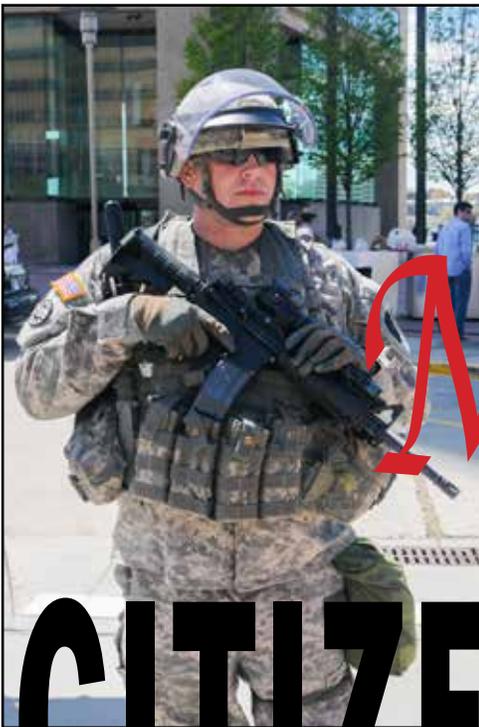
In addition to the 375 cots on base, services requested another 150 so they would have 525. They set up the cots in the two of the aircraft hangars.

The services group had about 17 Airmen working to keep operations going 24 hours a day.

"These folks train for this, this what they go to school for. It is just a different environment that we have to implement it in. This is the first time a lot of my Airmen have practiced what they were taught," Porter said.

Sgt. Seth Pettit, an infantryman with the 175th Infantry Regiment stands at the ready near the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Md., April 28, 2015.

Sgt. Seth Pettit looks proud while on patrol near the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Md., April 28, 2015.



Maryland

CITIZEN SOLDIER

shares experience as

HISTORY TEACHER

*Photos and story by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis, Jr.,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

In the midst of the sirens, fires, frustration, and vandalism recently in Baltimore, the Maryland National Guard stepped in to help, becoming a part of history in the making.

As an infantryman with the historic 175th Infantry Regiment, Sgt. Seth Pettit also became a part of this history. Along with 2,000 other Citizen-Soldiers, the full-time high school history teacher answered Maryland's call as a Soldier to keep Baltimore's citizens safe.

Looking back on the past, frustration from civil injustices culminating with the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., sparked the Baltimore riots of 1968. The Maryland National Guard has not been used in this capacity since

then, until now.

"One thing I try to do in my classes is to show students that history connects to what's happening today," Pettit said. "Now I'll be able to give them that first-hand experience of being in the situation."

This isn't the first time Pettit has put down the textbook to give his students a first-hand perspective of the historic events taking place present-day.

"I share stories from Iraq and what motivated me to join the Guard," said Pettit, who joined the Guard seven years ago. "One motivation I had was 9/11, and a lot of students that I have were two, three, four years old when that happened... so I am able to relate those experiences to them."

Pettit said he is proud to be apart of the team patrolling in the heart of Baltimore, keeping his fellow citizens safe, and that he wishes his experiences will inspire his students.



▲ Sgt. Seth Pettit looks alerts while on patrol near the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Md., April 28, 2015.

- Sgt. Seth Pettit

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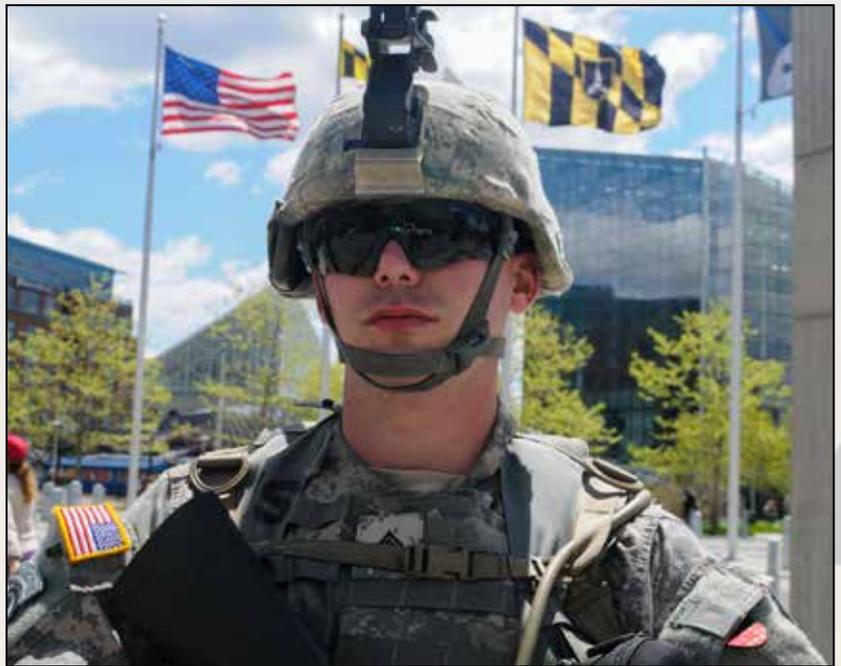


MDNG, local law keeping peace in Baltimore

Major General Linda Singh speaks with a police officer during peacekeeping operations in the Baltimore, April 28, 2015. (Photo by Sgt. Margaret Taylor, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

175th Inf. Regt. Soldier keeps peace at inner harbor

Sgt. Patrick Leech with the Maryland Army National Guard's 175th Infantry Regiment, B Company, stands alert at the Inner Harbor, in Baltimore, Md., during Operation Baltimore Rally on April 28, 2015. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis Jr., 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



Guard members return to the community - Maryland

The Maryland National Guard was committed to supporting the state of Maryland, from the senior leadership to the squad leader. "The Maryland Guard is really made up of individuals that live in the communities. . . That's the power of the Guard, is that we're all part of the community." (Video by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis, Jr., 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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“I Serve” - Poem

In a poem written by Staff Sgt. Stephen Scott, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Maryland Guard members express what it means to serve together. (Video by Staff Sgt. Mitchell Miller, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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More than 3,000 Maryland National Guard members were activated for a state of emergency to assist local law enforcements with peacekeeping operations in Baltimore during recent protest.



Baltimore Rally - Night Patrol

Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers patrol the streets of Baltimore, April 28. The Maryland National Guard was activated to assist local law enforcement officials with peacekeeping operations in the city during recent protests. (Video by Pfc. Patrick Rooney, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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MDNG Officer equips Soldiers for civilian media

Capt. Christian Callender, commander of the 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, instructs Soldiers on how to interact with civilian media during peacekeeping operations in Baltimore, April 27, 2015. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ron Lee, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

Telling the MDNG story internationally

Nuestra Tele Noticias 24 Horas (NTN24) (Our TV News 24 Hours), an international 24-hour news channel, interviews a Hispanic Soldier with the Maryland Army National Guard, during Operation Baltimore Rally, at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Md., April 28, 2015. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis Jr., 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



Maryland Guard members say thanks for the support

Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers thank members of the community for their support and generosity during their mission in Baltimore. Organizations and individuals donated their time and resources, providing food, beverages, and other morale-boosting gestures for Guard members and law enforcement agencies throughout the week. (Video by Staff Aimee Fujikawa, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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Baltimore Citizens Take Photos with Maryland National Guard Soldiers

National Guard Soldiers pause to take photos with thankful Baltimore citizens on May 1, 2015. Soldiers stood by to protect citizens during a large crowd gathering near the CVS Pharmacy that was burned earlier this week when protests got out of hand. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mitch Miller, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



We want to make our home safe

Spc. Noel Salinas, a member of the 244th Engineer Company based at Baltimore's LTC Melvin H. Cade Armory, shares his thoughts on the mission to help keep his community calm. (Video by Staff Sgt. Mitchell Miller, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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Members of the community

Neighbors helping neighbors (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mitch Miller, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



Gov. Hogan gives press conference at 5th Regiment Armory

Governor, Larry Hogan, gives a press conference along with Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh, in front of the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore, Md., April 29, 2015. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis Jr., Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office)



Soldiers meet the community

Members of the community showed their gratitude and support to Service members during their mission to keep the community safe. (Video by Staff Sgt. Michael E. Davis, Jr., 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

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MOBILITY IS KEY

in the

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*By Capt. Cody Starken,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*



- Senior Master Sgt. Matt Crabill

“It offers those in command a calm and efficient communications platform for those in the field.”



When a large-scale crisis happens, responders need a way to coordinate movements and operations between units. The Maryland National Guard's Operation Baltimore Rally, a mission to assist law enforcement agencies, is no different.

As of May 2, the Maryland National Guard had more than 3,000 Soldiers and Airmen working in and around the city, and more than 150 vehicles in play as well. Coordinating movements for such a large task force in an urban environment is no easy task, especially when trying to work with other agencies and preserve normal residential activity.

The Guard's answer to these difficulties is the Mobile Emergency Operations Center. The MEOC enables communication and teamwork between civilian authorities and Guard personnel, offering security and peace of mind to the citizens of Baltimore without leaving a permanent footprint in the area.

"It offers those in command a calm and efficient communications platform for those in the field," said U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Matt Crabill, a trained MEOC operator. He is also an emergency flight superintendent for the Maryland Air National Guard. "It's a center to help talk to civilian emergency services and the National Guard

providing quick and efficient response support."

Not only does the MEOC facilitate communication, its size and mobility are ideal for Baltimore's city streets. The size of a tractor trailer, the MEOC houses six workstations and a conference area, operates on its own generator, and boasts satellite, internet, and television feeds.

"If we didn't have this, and we had to [use] 50 vehicles and several hundred people, you [leave] a large footprint," said Brig. Gen. Paul C. Maas, Jr., member of the MDANG.

Operations in the MEOC can continue for up to five days without refueling the generator. This allows for continuous communication when providing support to civilian organizations.

While the MEOC works well in longer operations, it is also perfect for responding quickly to emergencies.

"If we had a tanker overturned resulting in a spill with a fire," Maas said, "we can pull this up within a block, and within 20-30 minutes, we can have this operating."

The Maryland National Guard is made up of Citizen Soldiers and Airmen who live and work in the state. The MEOC enables these Marylanders to get their job done efficiently so that, at the end of the day, they and their neighbors can go home safely.

MARYLAND AIRMEN SUPPORT THE MISSION

By Tech. Sgt. Christopher Schepers,
175th Wing Public Affairs



- Master Sgt. Duane Murrill

“We are one team, one fight and we did it as a team down to our lowest Airman.”

Twenty Airmen from the 175th Security Forces Squadron volunteered to support local law enforcement, beginning on April 28, when the Maryland National Guard was activated to help keep Baltimore City calm after unrest during demonstrations last weekend. Those Airmen also stepped up to keep fellow Service members safe at the 5th Regiment Armory.

With only a few hours of notice, the security forces personnel were in place to conduct 24-hour security operations at the armory, which houses military equipment and approximately 1,000 Maryland Guardsmen, providing assistance for Joint Task Force Chesapeake’s mission across the city.

“Without each and every non-commissioned officer that volunteered to deploy, we would not have been able to get the job done,” said Master Sgt. Duane Murrill, night-shift non-commissioned officer in charge.

“We are one team, one fight and we did it as a team down to our lowest Airman.”

On the third day of the deployment, their responsibilities shifted from security operations to a Quick Reaction Force. The security forces Airmen stand trained and prepared to assist with protecting lives and property.

“At home station, we train with less-than-lethal use-of-force tactics, body search methods and handcuffing techniques to keep our minds and bodies ready to respond,” said Master Sgt. Jerome Howard, day shift non-commissioned officer in charge.

The mobilization for a riot is the first for the Maryland Air National Guard since the riots of 1968 when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

“I am happy to be here and am honored to serve the citizens of the state of Maryland,” said Tech. Sgt. Keri Wanner, security forces craftsman.

The 175th Wing deployed a total of 136 personnel to the city and a mobile emergency operations center. Currently, over 2,900 Maryland Guardsmen have been activated for the mission.



Staff Sgt. Cameron Lincoln, assigned to the 175th Security Forces Squadron Maryland Air National Guard, directs traffic into the 5th Regiment Armory, while pulling gate duty, on April 30, 2015. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ed Bard, 175th Wing Public Affairs)

Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Shaw (left) shakes hands with Lt. Col. Ivan Williams, 175th Wing chaplain on May 2, 2015. Shaw was activated for the State of Emergency and was a part of Operation Baltimore Rally. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ed Bard, 175th Wing Public Affairs)



Lt. Col. Ivan Williams (right) talks to members of the Maryland Air National Guard in Baltimore May 2. The Airmen are part of Operation Baltimore Rally during the state of emergency in Baltimore. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. David Speicher, 175th Wing Public Affairs)



- Lt. Col. Ivan Williams, 175th Wing Chaplain

“We are here to support our Airmen, to be in the trenches and make sure their morale, if not high, is steady.”

By Senior Master Sgt. Ed Bard & Tech. Sgt. David Speicher, 175th Wing Public Affairs

CHAPLAINS MINISTER TO TROOPS

The 175th Wing Chaplain Corps is filling a critical role in the spiritual care of Maryland National Guard members during Operation Baltimore Rally, the National Guard’s response to the state of emergency in Baltimore.

Amid protests and long shifts away from home, the religious support team - chaplains and chaplain assistants - provide a calming voice and spiritual guidance to the troops gathered at a staging area for the operation beside M&T Bank Stadium.

“We are here to support our Airmen, to be in the trenches and make sure their morale, if not high, is steady,” said Lt. Col. Ivan Williams, 175th Wing chaplain. “(We are here) to encourage them.”

“In the old days, chaplains would stay in the office,” he said. “Today they go out into the work areas.”

The chaplains are responsible to be where their Airmen and Soldiers are and report to the commander the level of morale, said Williams.

“We sense that the overall morale is high,” said Williams, a traditional guardsman who works full-time as the director for the North American Division Ministerial Department of the Seventh-day Adventists.

As the group marched from the staging area toward their assignment in downtown Baltimore, Master Sgt. David Yarborough, superintendent of chapel operations, touched every Airman who went by.

“You have to make yourself known,” Yarborough said. “We let them know, we are there for you.”

“Being present is half the job,” said Williams. “If you are not there, how can you know their needs?”



HOW WE MAKE

I moved to Maryland from the Midwest in the early 2000s when I was 19. I wouldn't necessarily say it was a culture shock, but I saw marked differences between St. Louis and Baltimore. What struck me most about the city of Baltimore was its diversity. In the Inner Harbor, for example, I encountered interracial couples and homosexual couples openly holding hands and displaying affection. I saw kids in baggy pants and white T-shirts walk past businessmen and women in professional attire, and neither group seemed uncomfortable.

I was pleasantly surprised with the level of cultural acceptance in my new home. Despite the variety of communities, I felt just as comfortable travelling through East Baltimore as I did travelling through Remington. In short, the biggest difference I saw from my previous residence was the acceptance of those who were different.

Fast forward to December of 2006, when I entered the Maryland Army National Guard. I thought the Army thrived on uniformity, so I expected all Soldiers to be carbon copies with like aspirations and thought processes.

I was wrong.

In Basic Combat Training, I met people of all races and backgrounds from across the U.S. No matter our differences, we all came together to serve our

nation. I came to realize that our unity of purpose was even more powerful than any uniformity required by our profession.

As a member of the Maryland National Guard for nine years, I think it's been interesting to work with Marylanders who have different backgrounds and views. My teammates come from Dundalk, West Baltimore, Western Maryland, the Eastern Shore, Reisterstown, Havre de Grace, and many other places as well. The learning experiences and opportunities to expand my horizons are always there, even if the road isn't always easy. However, when we drew on our diverse backgrounds and directed them toward accomplishing our missions, we were able to achieve great things.

When I was a young man finding my place in the world, Baltimore showed me that respect for diversity should be the norm. Later, the National Guard showed me that diverse populations thrive when they have shared purpose. The greatness of our city and state relies on us - whether we're civilians, Soldiers or government officials - to focus on unity, not uniformity, and to enjoy the well-roundedness that diversity brings. If we follow these principles, our common goal to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of Maryland's citizens is a very real possibility.





BALTIMORE GREAT



*Commentary by Staff Sgt. Stephen Scott,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*





Final Frame

*By Staff Sgt. Aimee Fujikawa,
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

Soldiers conduct patrols in Baltimore before dawn on April 28, 2015. The Maryland National Guard was activated to assist local law enforcement officials to help keep the city safe.