MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

Maryland Military Department

1999 ANNUAL REPORT

Honor Guard has busy first year—Details on page 9
Message from the Adjutant General

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor, State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

December 31, 1999

Dear Governor Glendening:

I am pleased to submit our fiscal year 1999 annual report for the Maryland Military Department.

The Maryland National Guard (MDNG) continues to play a key role in the economic viability of Maryland, as our total economic impact remained stable and robust at $138,584,298. With this continued stability, the ratio of federal to state dollars invested in the MDNG remains strong at $18 to $1.

As this report illustrates, the MDNG continues to provide employment and educational opportunities to Marylanders, while remaining ready to serve at home and abroad.

In keeping with a 365 year-old tradition, Maryland’s citizen-soldiers and airmen continue to respond to our state’s needs. In September 1999, the Maryland National Guard’s office of Military Support to Civil Authorities coordinated assistance to local jurisdictions that encountered flooding created in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd. Maryland’s Eastern Shore continued to benefit from the hard work of citizen-soldiers, who spent a second summer completing work on the Marshy Hope wetlands reclamation project. This two-year project was an excellent training opportunity for Maryland Army National Guard (MDARNG) engineers, while also providing the Department of Natural Resources with a valuable service. This was an extremely busy year for the MDNG Honor Guard, which through your support and that of the General Assembly was established in September 1998. In 1999, the MDNG Honor Guard supported more than 1,600 veterans’ funerals and countless other public events.

In 1999, the Maryland Air National Guard’s (MDANG) 175th Wing continued to lead by example in its performance on behalf of its state and nation. The Wing’s 104th Fighter Squadron became the lead unit in the Air National Guard’s first contribution to the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Expeditionary Force when it deployed to Southwest Asia to enforce the UN mandated no-fly zone over southern Iraq. During its time in theater, the 104th flew more than 450 combat missions and conducted ground strikes against Iraqi army radar stations threatening coalition aircraft.

The 175th Wing’s 135th Airlift Squadron formally began its transition to the new C-130J cargo aircraft. The squadron took delivery of the first C-130J, “The Pride of Baltimore,” this past spring. It also participated in numerous missions around the world, including assignments to Central America in support of the ongoing Hurricane Mitch recovery operations. The Wing’s medical squadron joined in this effort as it deployed to Belize to provided badly needed medical care to the people of that nation.

The year ended with a flurry of activity for the MDARNG, as the Army announced that the 29th Infantry Division (Light) immediately would begin training to eventually assume command of the US sector in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2001. Meanwhile, 145 members of the division’s 629th Military Intelligence Battalion continue to prepare to deploy for its historic mission to Bosnia. The 629th will be the first Army National Guard unit to run military intelligence operations in the former Yugoslavia. As we began the new fiscal year, members of the 29th Air Traffic Services Group were in Bosnia coordinating aerial operations for Task Force Eagle.

The MDARNG also figured prominently in the Army’s Hurricane Mitch relief efforts. The 29th Aviation Brigade conducted a six-month rotation in El Salvador providing critical aviation and medical evacuation support to Task Force New Hope. The 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment also participated by assisting with in-theater media management from Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras. The 121st Engineers provided United States Army-Europe with cost efficient assistance in the environmental clean-up and renovation of firing ranges.
in Germany, as, for the first time, the German government allowed the Army to use internal assets to perform this mission. The MDNG also marked the sixth year of its flourishing relationship with Estonia in NATO’s Partnership for Peace Program. This spring, Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the mayors of Annapolis and Salisbury, educators from around Maryland and I traveled to the Baltics to explore economic, educational and cultural opportunities with Estonia.

The Maryland National Guard strengthened its commitment to Total Quality improvement. As a four-time winner, we could not enter the 1998 Governor’s Gold Quality Award competition, but the MDNG returned again to capture top honors in 1999. We, of course, continue to mentor other state agencies in their quest for Total Quality excellence. I am also pleased to report that in 1999 the Maryland Army National Guard won its unprecedented fourth straight Army Communities of Excellence award competition, which recognizes the outstanding Army organizations and installations worldwide.

We continue to expand our community service and education initiatives. We have expanded our Distributive Technology Training Centers to include 11 armories with more planned. Our Partners In Education program now includes 16 out of 18 community colleges and four colleges and universities, including Washington College. The Partners in Education program is helping us to achieve our goal of helping people obtain a higher education at a reasonable cost. To enhance the education level of Maryland’s Guard members, we offer education incentives, which you and the General Assembly have strongly supported.

Our Freestate ChalleNGe program continues to thrive as an example of a successful, results-oriented program for at-risk youth. Nearly 1,000 students have graduated from Freestate ChalleNGe. Sixty-five percent have earned their General Education Development degrees, and more than 80 percent have entered school, received jobs or joined the military. The matching state funds supported by yourself and authorized by the General Assembly continues to be an excellent investment in Maryland’s youth.

We thank you for your continued support and leadership. We look forward to serving you and the citizens of Maryland in the coming year.

Respectfully,

James F. Fretterd
Lieutenant General (MD), MDNG
The Adjutant General
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**Inside Back Cover**: Facilities Data

**Front Cover**: Members of the MDNG Honor Guard gather around "Vixen Tor," the 29th Division command jeep used by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt during World War II. General Dwight D. Eisenhower is shown riding in "Vixen Tor" in November 1944. The jeep resides in the MDNG Military Museum in Baltimore.

**Members of the MDNG Honor Guard** pose with 105 year-old World War I veteran Paul W. Englar of Westminster. The Honor Guard participated in a ceremony in which the government of France awarded Englar its Legion of Honor in recognition of his World War I service. At the far left is Capt. Phillipe Alquier, France's naval attache to the United States.

**Lt. Gen. (MD) James F. Fretterd and Command Sgt. Maj. David Corkran** accept from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki (far left) the Maryland Army National Guard's fourth consecutive Army Communities of Excellence first-place trophy in ceremonies at the Pentagon.

**Lt. Gen. Russell Davis** (far left), chief of the National Guard Bureau and Lt. Gen. (MD) Fretterd accompany 29th Infantry Division World War II veterans Marvin Geyer and Joe Farinholt (forward right), after Farinholt threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Camden Yards on June 6, 1999. Farinholt was honored for having won four Silver Stars in five months during his service in World War II.
Economic Impact

The primary purpose of the Maryland Military Department, which oversees the Maryland Army and Air National Guard and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is to contribute to the security of the nation and the State of Maryland. It also has a major economic impact on Maryland.

Financial support to the Maryland National Guard totaled $138,584,298 in fiscal year 1999. Funds are received from the Department of the Army (55.3%), the Department of the Air Force (37.8%), State of Maryland (5.5%) and Freestate ChalleNGe federal funding (1.4%). State funds cover the salaries of state regular and contractual employees, as well as maintenance and repair of MDNG facilities. Additionally, the state provides matching funds for the Freestate ChalleNGe program and tuition assistance for Guard members.

Federal support to the Maryland National Guard is significant, as shown on the subsequent pages. These expenditures, which have an economic impact on nearly all political subdivisions in Maryland, cover pay and allowances, training, supplies, equipment and construction.

Maryland National Guard units are located in all but four counties—Caroline, Dorchester, St. Mary’s and Worcester. The largest federal expenditures each year are normally in Baltimore County, Harford County and Baltimore City.

Both the Maryland Army and Air National Guard receive federal funds in three basic appropriations:

1. Military Personnel. Includes pay, authorized allowances, uniforms and individual equipment, disability benefits, bonuses and related expenses for personnel in connection with active duty, active duty for training (two-week annual training) and inactive duty training (drill weekends).

2. Operations and Maintenance. Includes activities involved in the administration of the National Guard, training of units, procurement of organizational equipment, supplies, repair parts, services, equipment maintenance and activities in connection with military support to civil authorities. This appropriation also includes all full-time payrolls.

3. Construction. Includes construction, modification and procurement of facilities and necessary items for the National Guard. These funds are not normally authorized for use on state property. In some cases, however, the federal government has provided funds based on the state’s agreement to share costs in constructing, altering or modifying selected state facilities.
FEDERAL TO STATE EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year 1999

State and federal funding to the Military Department: $138,584,298
Less: State General Funds: - 7,728,526
Total federal funds to the Military Department: $130,855,772

For every $18 spent by the federal government in support of the MDNG, the state spends $1.

$18 TO $1
FEDERAL VS. STATE PAYROLL SHARE
Fiscal Year 1999

State payroll share: $4,897,807

Federal payroll share:
- Military Technicians and AGR (Full-Time): $51,522,425
- Traditional Guard members (Part-Time): $44,462,210

Federal Total: $95,984,635
Total Payrolls: $100,882,442

$4.9 Million (4.85%)
$95.9 Million (95.15%)

19 federal payroll dollars spent for every state payroll dollar invested.

$19 TO $1
## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

### ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT BREAKDOWN

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#### TOTAL FUNDS

| TOTAL FUNDS | 138,584,298 |
ECONOMIC IMPACT
BY COUNTY
FY-99

TOTAL $138,584,298
FINANCIAL LEVERAGE AT ITS BEST!

In return for a state expenditure of $7.7 million, Maryland receives:

- Federal jobs: 1,058 full-time and 7,069 part-time.
- An estimated $8 million in state tax revenue from $130.8 million in federal expenditures.

$130.8 Million

State Tax Revenue Exceeds State Expenditures!

$7.7 Million

Sources: Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development Office of Research, United States Property and Fiscal Office and Maryland Military Department Finance Office.
Capt. Julie Hudson, posing in front of an A-10 Thunderbolt II attack jet, became the first female fighter pilot in the Maryland Air National Guard upon completing her training in 1999. Prior to flying the A-10, she piloted the C-141 cargo aircraft. Capt. Hudson is one of many Maryland Guard members who have applied their military skills to private industry. In civilian life Capt. Hudson is a pilot with Northwest Airlines.

Maryland's Assistant Adjutant General—Army, Brig. Gen. H Steven Blum (right), assumes command of the historic 29th Infantry Division (Light) in ceremonies at Fort Belvoir, VA. in August 1999. More than 4,500 soldiers serving in the Maryland Army National Guard are members of the 29th Infantry Division (Light).
MILITARY SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES

MDNG Honor Guard

- Performed over 1,600 veterans' burials during FY-1999.
- Supported multiple Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies statewide.
- Supported more than 100 non-internment events in FY-99, to include the governor's inauguration and other occasions.

In FY-99 the MDNG made more than 3,000 equipment loans or direct support of events to government and non-government agencies.

Support included:

- 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band
- Aircraft support
- Ground transportation
- Engineer support
- Use of armories
- Speakers' Bureau
- Governor's Inauguration
- Counter-drug support to law enforcement

Maryland Army National Guard engineers work each year on a variety of projects both in Maryland and worldwide. These projects save taxpayer dollars and benefit both Maryland and the nation.
Lt. Gen. (MD) Fretterd and key Guard leaders inspect the work performed by the 243rd Engineer Company at the Marshy Hope wetlands site on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This work done in support of the Department of Natural Resources saved Maryland taxpayers thousands of dollars in labor and equipment costs.

Emergency Response Teams

Rapid Assessment and Initial Detection (RAID) Team
- Nine soldier team—experts in nuclear, biological and chemical warfare.
- Will work in support of local, state and federal authorities in the event of a nuclear, biological or chemical occurrence in Maryland.

First Responder Support (FRST) Team
- 160 soldier team of traditional Guard members.
- Trained in medical rescue response, fire fighting and security operations.
- Available to support the local first responding authorities in the event of a terror attack or other emergency situation.

The 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band, "The Adjutant General’s Own," is one of the units most requested to support events each year throughout Maryland.

The Maryland National Guard's RAID team, shown working in a simulated chemically contaminated environment, provides Maryland's emergency management officials with a team of experts to back-up local first responders in the event of a nuclear, biological or chemical event here at home. The MDNG has established the RAID and FRST teams completely on its own, without any designated funding support from the Defense Department.
### EDUCATION INITIATIVES

**“Partners in Education Program”**

Realizing the ever-increasing need for an educated populace, the Maryland National Guard has become a major participant in Maryland’s higher education system. Through the “Partners in Education” program, the Guard and 21 Maryland institutions of higher learning have entered into agreements of mutual benefit. The Guard gains better educated citizen-soldiers and airmen through this partnership, while schools are allowed to offer courses to the public at satellite sites using the Distributive Training Technology classrooms in Guard facilities. These partnerships give Guard members the opportunity to achieve a college education at a reduced cost, while other Marylanders benefit by receiving a wider choice of schools, along with more convenient class times and locations.

### Federal Education Programs for Guard Members

**Montgomery G.I. Bill:**

- Pays Guard members in good standing $251 monthly when enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester.
- Each Guard member can receive this benefit for up to 36 months.

**Army Continuing Education System *(ACES):**

- Pays up to $100 per credit hour for undergraduate study and $170 per credit hour for graduate study.
- Only good for up to six credit hours of study each semester.

\* This program is for those not receiving any other federal education assistance such as the G.I. Bill.

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**The Maryland National Guard’s Partners in Education**

- Allegany Community College
- Anne Arundel Community College
- Carroll Community College
- Catonsville Community College
- Cecil Community College
- Charles Community College
- Chesapeake College
- Dundalk Community College
- Essex Community College
- Frederick Community College
- Frostburg State University
- Garrett Community College
- Hagerstown Community College
- Harford Community College
- Howard Community College
- Montgomery College
- Salisbury State University
- University of Baltimore
- Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Washington College
- Wor-Wic Community College

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**Lt. Gen. (MD) Fretterd and Dr. Charlene Nunley** (2nd from the right), president of Montgomery College, enter into a “Partners In Education” agreement during a signing ceremony at the White Oak Armory located in Silver Spring. Also pictured are Dr. Floyd Cumberbatch (far left) and Lt. Col. Milton P. Davis.

**This Distributive Technology Training (DTT) Center at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation is representative of the MDNG’s other DTT Centers. Equipped with computers and video teleconferencing, DTT enables students to take classes from schools across the state of Maryland.**
ARMY GUARD FORCE STRUCTURE

The Maryland Army National Guard (MDARNG) is well structured to support both its federal and state missions. As of September 30, 1999, the total work force was 6,599, which consists of traditional Guard members, full-time federal military technicians and Active Guard-Reserve (AGR) personnel and civilian employees. Members of the MDARNG make up five major commands and the State Area Command Headquarters. Three of the major commands belong to the 29th Infantry Division (Light): 3rd Brigade, 29th Division Support Command and the 29th Aviation Brigade. The other two major commands are the 58th Troop Command and the 70th Regiment (Leadership), a military training academy. These units provide not only a robust combat arms capability, but also many units critical to state missions such as military police, engineer and transportation units.

Citizen-soldiers are trained in their respective Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) through the Army school system and supervised on-the-job training. Guard members are encouraged to attain higher education through a series of education benefits. Equal opportunity for all Guard members remains paramount to the Maryland Army National Guard’s leadership.

Two existing and one new MDARNG armory were dedicated in 1999: the Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein Armory in Prince Frederick, the Brig. Gen. Thomas B. Baker Armory in Ellicott City and the Brig. Gen. (MD) Barb L. Wachter Organizational Maintainace Shop at Camp Fretterd.

Promoted in the summer of 1999, Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Goode, Jr., the assistant division commander—support for the 29th Infantry Division (Light), speaks at the change of command ceremony for the 29th Division Support Command.

STRENGTH REPORT

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Uniform personnel strength in the Maryland Army National Guard is 6,425. Total personnel strength is 6,599.
ARMY GUARD WORLD MISSIONS
Major Deployments/Participation for FY-99

Task Force New Hope
- Hurricane Mitch Relief
  El Salvador

Operation Joint Guard
- NATO Stabilization Forces
  Bosnia-Herzegovina

Joint Task Force Bravo
- Humanitarian Assistance
  throughout Central America

US Army - Europe Engineer Support
- Firing Range Renovations
  Grafenwohr, Germany

NATO Partnership For
Peace/State Partnership Program
- Republic of Estonia

US Eighth Army Aviation Support
- Repair and Maintenance of Aircraft-
  Republic of Korea

US Central Command – S.W. Asia
- Movement Control Exercise
  Saudi Arabia

Members of the 29th Aviation Brigade load
UH-1 Huey helicopters for shipment to El Salvador. The brigade
performed a six-month rotation in El Salvador as part of Task Force
New Hope.

Lt. Gen. (MD) Fretterd, Lt. Gov. Townsend and Annapolis
Mayor Dean Johnson (2nd from right) sign a friendship agreement
with the mayor of Tallinn, Estonia in May 1999. Tallinn is Estonia’s
capital city.
ARMY GUARD WORLD MISSIONS

A soldier from the German army surveys a defensive position with a well concealed soldier from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry during a field exercise at Fort Dix, NJ. The Germans participated in an exchange with Maryland’s cavalry during the summer 1999.

Lt. Col. Pete Hinz (2nd from right), commander of the 121st Engineer Battalion, reviews work done by the battalion at a tank gunnery range at Hohenfels, Germany.

Members of the 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry’s scout platoon discuss an upcoming mission while training at the United States Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, GA.
ARMY GUARD COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Distributive Technology Training (DTT).** Using its widespread armories, the Maryland National Guard is constructing a multi-purpose statewide network of video teleconferencing and telecommuting centers. These centers, which are open for public use, can be used for taking college courses through distance learning, telecommuting or military training for Guard members. Several colleges in partnership with the Guard (see page 10) are already offering classes on this network. New centers were opened in 1999 at Salisbury and Silver Spring, giving the Maryland National Guard eight DTT facilities statewide.

- **Scholastic Games.**
  The 36th annual Maryland National Guard Scholastic Games, the largest indoor high school track meet in Maryland, were held at the Fifth Regiment Armory.

- **Governor’s Inauguration.**
  In keeping with a long-standing Maryland tradition, the Maryland National Guard planned and coordinated the inaugural ceremonies for Maryland’s governor, Parris N. Glendening, and lieutenant governor, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

About Face!
The About Face! program teaches or provides: family counseling, parenting skills, job readiness, job exploration and life-coping skills to middle school aged youths at risk of drug or alcohol abuse or violence. This non-resident program located at Camp Fretterd in Reisterstown uses a combination of after-school instruction and weekend retreats to teach these skills.

**Military Youth Corps (Freestate ChalleNGe Academy).**
The opportunity to earn a General Education Degree (GED), learn life-coping skills and job skills is provided to 16-18 year old high school dropouts who have volunteered to participate in a 22-week residential program located at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Since 1993, nearly 1,000 students have graduated from Freestate ChalleNGe.
ARMY GUARD COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Toys for Tots and Santa Claus Anonymous**
  Distributed toys collected through the Toys for Tots program for needy children. Also raised more than $2,000 for needy families through the Santa Claus Anonymous program.

- **American Red Cross Blood Drives**
  Several blood drives are conducted throughout the year at Maryland Army National Guard armories throughout the state. More than 300 pints of blood were collected in FY-99.

- **Soldier's and Airmen's Emergency Relief Fund**
  Emergency funds were distributed to Maryland Guard members in need through the support of in-house charity activities and private donations.

- **Middletown Community Baseball Field**
  In a cost-saving venture for the citizens of Frederick County, Maryland Army National Guard engineers constructed a new baseball field for Middletown High School.

- **Bea Gaddy's Annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution and Bags of Plenty Food Drive**
  The Fifth Regiment Armory was used as the site of Bea Gaddy's annual Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless, and several Maryland Army National Guard units collected and distributed food to area food banks.

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Sgt. Scott Gostomski (rear of photo) explains an exhibit in the Maryland National Guard's Brig. Gen. Bernard Feingold Military Museum at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore to a group of Cub Scouts.

In April 1999, the 1229th Transportation Company paraded its new five-ton military vehicles through Crisfield and then hosted an open house to solidify the Guard's ties to the community. In the background is the Maj. Gen. (MD) Maurice D. Tawes Armory, named after one of the Guard's World War II veterans.
Lt. Col. Dave Tanaka, a veteran combat fighter pilot, was elevated to the position of Vice Commander, 175th Wing in the Fall of 1999. Lt. Col. Tanaka, who is pending promotion to full colonel, commanded the MDANG’s 104th Fighter Squadron during its deployment to Kuwait in the winter of 1999.

“People are our most important resource” is more than just a slogan in the Maryland Air National Guard, as evidenced by 1999 being the “Year of the Enlisted Force.” The enlisted members of this outstanding organization have always been the backbone of one of the Baltimore area’s major employers. As of September 30, 1999, the total workforce was 1,636, which consists of traditional Guard members, full-time federal military technicians, Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) personnel and civilian employees.

Members of the Maryland Air National Guard make up the 175th Wing, which consists primarily of two major flying units, the 104th Fighter Squadron and the 135th Airlift Squadron. Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard supports the 175th Wing and is located at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore. The units of the Maryland Air National Guard are an integral part of the nation’s air forces.

Citizen-airsman are trained in their respective Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSCs) through the Air Force school system and supervised on-the-job training. Guard members are encouraged to attain higher education through a series of education benefits. Equal opportunity for all Guard members remains paramount to the Maryland Air National Guard’s leadership.

**STRENGTH REPORT**

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Uniformed personnel strength in the Maryland Air National Guard is 1,636.

Total Personnel strength is 1,699.

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Deployed members of the 104th Fighter Squadron pose in front of a bomb damaged shelter at Al Jabber Air Base in Kuwait, where the squadron was participating in enforcement of the UN No-Fly zone over southern Iraq.

Humanitarian cargo is unloaded from a 135th Airlift Squadron C-130 at Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras. The shipment, which consisted mostly of pediatric medicine, was sent as part of a Hurricane Mitch relief package.
AIR GUARD WORLD MISSIONS

**Operation Snowbird**
- Night Vision Flying and Live Fire
  Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ

**Silver Flag Alpha**
- Security Forces Training
  Indian-Springs, NV

**Aerial Delivery and Passenger Training**
- 135th Aerial Port
  San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Medical Squadron Training**
- Annual Training
  RAF Lakenheath, UK

**Wing Communications Flight**
- Annual Training
  Rhein-Main AB, Germany

**C130-J Dedication Ceremony**
- Dedicated the “Pride of Baltimore II”
  Martin State Airport


Lt. Gen. (MD) Fretterd, Brig. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, the assistant adjutant general—Air (far left) and Brig. Gen. David A. Beasley (center front) the 175th Wing’s commander with past and current members of Maryland’s Congressional delegation during dedication ceremonies for the “Pride of Baltimore II” the first of the Maryland Air National Guard’s brand new C-130J aircraft. Former Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley, (third from left), Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (second from right) and Congressman Benjamin L. Cardin (third from right) are joined by Air Force Lt. Gen. Maxwell Bailey (fifth from right) and Maj. Gen. Richard Cosgrave (fourth from right).
AIR GUARD COMMUNITY

★ Coats for Kids
Collected and distributed coats to disadvantaged youth in Maryland. This is the 12th year of participation.

★ Santa Claus Anonymous
Collected and distributed toys to needy children in Maryland during the holiday season. This is the 21st year of participation.

★ March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon
More than 40 members of the 175th Wing participated. The Maryland Air National Guard has supported the March of Dimes for more than 13 years.

★ Maryland Special Olympics
Provided coaches, mentors and officials to the Special Olympics and its athletes. This is the 30th year of participation.

Christmas in April
Renovation of low-income housing of the elderly and needy in Baltimore City by Maryland Air National Guard volunteers.

★ Red Cross Blood Drives
The Red Cross collected more than 121 pints of blood in the 175th Wing’s 15th year of participation.

Maryland National Guard members have proudly participated in the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon for 11 consecutive years.

Members of the 175th Wing prepare to wrap holiday toys gathered for donation by the Maryland Air National Guard to the Santa Claus Anonymous program.
AIR GUARD COMMUNITY

★ Boy Scouts of America
Assisted with camp-outs and base tours.

★ Freestate ChalleNGe Program
Provided aviation support, operations support and mentors for graduates of the program.

★ Flyovers and Static Displays
Annually conduct flyovers and static displays in support of patriotic holidays, civic and special events.

★ Warfield Air National Guard Base Tours
Provided 29 tours of the base to student and civic organizations.

★ Essex/Middle River Chamber of Commerce Air Show
Annually provide military support to this widely attended event.

★ Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps
Provide support and assistance to local high school JROTC programs.

Civic organizations such as the Boy Scouts often enjoy the opportunity to tour Warfield Air National Guard Base each year.

An annual effort in the Maryland Air National Guard is collecting food during the holiday season for Maryland area food banks.
MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

The mission of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect our institutions from all hazards by leading and supporting the State of Maryland in a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Major Operations and Accomplishments:

Project Impact: In 1999, Prince George’s County joined Allegany County and the tri-county region of Charles, Calvert and St. Mary’s counties as Project Impact areas as awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Project Impact is a federal initiative seeking to change the way America deals with disasters by bringing together community leaders, citizens and businesses to prepare for and protect themselves against the ravages of nature, and reduce hazard vulnerabilities at the community level.

MEMA coordinated Maryland’s participation in the partnership.

Hurricane Floyd:
Governor Parris N. Glendenning declared a state of emergency on the morning of September 15, 1999 following knowledge of the impending impact of Hurricane Floyd. The State Emergency Operations Center in Pikesville was activated. The declaration put state agencies on alert to prepare for the coming storm. The hurricane, which was classified at its peak as a Category IV (maximum wind speed of 155 miles per hour), arrived first in St. Mary’s County during the early morning hours of September 16, 1999 with sustained winds of 105 miles per hour. The storm traveled up the Chesapeake Bay, battering both shores with high winds and significant rainfall. Hurricane Floyd left Maryland during the early evening hours of September 16, leaving flooded roads and damage from high winds and rising water. One death occurred, but was not attributed to the storm. More than 600 Maryland citizens spent the night in shelters. Almost 500,000 electric customers were without power. Governor Glendenning was briefed on the results of preliminary damage assessments, which were estimated in excess of $8 million. The governor requested federal assistance on September 22, 1999. On September 24, 1999, President Clinton declared 11 Maryland counties (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Caroline, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Talbot, Somerset and St. Mary’s counties) as major disaster areas. FEMA and MEMA established a joint federal-state disaster field office in Owings Mills and established several fixed and mobile Disaster Recovery Centers servicing Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, St. Mary’s, Harford, Kent, Talbot, Queen Anne’s and Somerset counties. In response to Hurricane Floyd, MEMA, for the first time, sent a representative to FEMA Headquarters in Washington, DC under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. MEMA also developed new procedures for interfacing state/FEMA disaster operations, including resource allocation.
MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): As a result of the Presidential declaration for Hurricane Floyd, the state expects to receive approximately $900,000 in HMGP funds to mitigate future disasters.

Terrorism Forum: In addition to quarterly terrorism forums that were established in 1998, a Terrorism Symposium was held for public information officers from state and local agencies. Presentations were made by officials from MEMA, FEMA, the National Domestic Preparedness Office and the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems.

State Emergency Operations Center: The new State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), located at the Camp Fretterd Armory in Reisterstown, was completed during the summer of 1999. MEMA moved there in November 1999 from its location in Pikesville in time for the Year 2000 rollover.

Year 2000 Preparedness: MEMA continued to take the lead in assessing the vulnerabilities of all public safety computer systems statewide. MEMA provided supervision for a successful statewide Y2K exercise involving all state agencies and local jurisdictions. The new SEOC was activated and successfully monitored the Y2K rollover. There were no reported problems. MEMA was instrumental in organizing state mutual aid for the Y2K rollover. The agency developed processes for use in future joint operations, such as a tracking mechanism that is now incorporated in current operations procedures.

Other Accomplishments: MEMA is updating the State’s Emergency Operations Plan to ensure that it is consistent with the new federal response plan. MEMA received high marks in its Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program and Radiological Emergency Program exercises in 1999. MEMA’s state hazard mitigation policy team continued its work to ensure that communities have better and more stable access to mitigation funds by analyzing mitigation issues and evaluating the wisest use of funds. With current sociological and environmental issues in mind, MEMA is working with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on medical disaster planning. The agency produced a hurricane brochure and CD ROM in time for the height of the 1999 hurricane season (September through November). MEMA is preparing draft legislation for interstate mutual aid that will be introduced in the 2001 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly. MEMA nominated the Delmarva Emergency Task Force to be included in FEMA’s 1999 Compendium of Exemplary Practices in Emergency Management. The task force, which serves more than a million citizens of the Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia (Delmarva) peninsula of the eastern United States, established common methods of communications between state agencies, local emergency managers, the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross. The object was to build better hurricane preparedness among these hurricane-vulnerable jurisdictions. The program was selected by FEMA for inclusion in the compendium.
The new Maryland National Guard Armory at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation north of Reisterstown is home to the MDARNG’s 229th Main Support Battalion, the Military Support to Civil Authorities office, the MDANG’s 104th Weather Flight, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Operations Center.

**$265,784,700 Property Value**

- 37 Armories
- 11 Organizational Maintenance Shops
- 2 Airfields
- 5 Reservations
- 4 Training Sites
- US Property and Fiscal Office
- 303 Buildings
- 41 Installations
- 2,657,847 Square Feet
- 4,068 Acres
Accompanied by Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, Chief of the National Guard Bureau and Lt. Gen. (MD) Fretterd, Mr. Marvin Geyer, a 29th Infantry Division veteran of World War II, is honored on June 6, 1999 by the Baltimore Orioles during a pre-game ceremony. The ceremony occurred 55 years to the day Mr. Geyer landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.