

# MARYLAND

## Military Department



## 2012 Annual Report

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Governor



Anthony G. Brown  
Lt. Governor



**Major General  
James A. Adkins**  
The Adjutant General



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## *OUR* MISSION

The Maryland Military Department will staff, train, equip and deploy its National Guard units in support of federal and state missions as directed by the president of the United States and the governor of Maryland. The Department's Soldiers and Airmen, emergency management professionals, civilian staff and volunteer forces will coordinate and support state responses to any major emergency or disaster, support local governments, coordinate assistance from the federal government, and respond to requests for assistance from other states. Finally, the Department will be one of the leading state agencies in caring for Maryland's service members and their Families, particularly during and after periods of mobilization in support of state and/or federal missions.

## *A VISION* OF EXCELLENCE

### **READY TO SERVE STATE AND NATION**

The Maryland Military Department will further position itself as a ready and relevant organization, answering all calls for service - be they from the governor or the president. In doing so, we will preserve our rich history and proud tradition of service to the citizens of the state of Maryland and the United States of America.

### **CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES**

The Maryland Military Department will ensure that our military and civilian leaders appreciate and value our collective obligation to take care of our most valued assets - our personnel and their Families - who collectively form the backbone of the Maryland Military Department. Together, we will work as a team to enhance both readiness and quality of life for all who proudly serve our state and nation.

### **VALUES FOR LEADERS AND MEMBERS**

Effective communications up and down the chain of command and throughout the organization will be the keystone to our success. We will develop leaders with integrity, competence and moral courage at all levels. We will be open and fair while providing opportunities for all to serve and succeed.

### **RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS TO ALL**

We will uphold our commitment to be good stewards of the environment and the resources provided to us by the federal government and the state of Maryland. Whenever possible, we will look to both the public and private sectors to apply best practices for the benefit of all our stakeholders.



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The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor, State of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

I am pleased to submit the Maryland Military Department's fiscal year 2012 annual report, which incorporates the accomplishments of the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force.

I am very pleased to report the outstanding performance of elements of the department in their support of the citizens of Maryland during Super Storm Sandy. The Maryland Army and Air National Guard and members of the Maryland Defense Force supported local and state agencies in tasks ranging from augmenting first responders, transporting food and water to Maryland communities in need. This was all precisely coordinated by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, which operates the State Emergency Operations Center. MEMA also established a remote operations center in Garrett County as they recovered from the record snowfall from the storm. At the peak of the storm response efforts, the Maryland Guard had approximately 200 vehicles and 800 personnel dispatched throughout the state. The Guard also accepted and completed 41 missions from 17 counties, Baltimore City, Annapolis and Ocean City.

The Maryland Army and Air National Guard have continued to support many overseas contingency operations. In addition to supporting operations in Afghanistan and Kuwait, our military personnel have returned from Egypt where they were part of the Multi-national Peacekeeping and Observer Force in the Sinai under the provisions of the Camp David Accords. During 2012, we had as many as 1,600 Soldiers and Airmen serving on active duty across the globe.

The department remains a solid contributor to the economic strength of Maryland as our fiscal impact totaled \$380 million. The department's ratio of federal dollars spent in Maryland for each state dollar invested is nearly 31 to 1. We continue to provide employment and education opportunities to Marylanders while providing our citizens an opportunity to serve their state and their nation.

Governor O'Malley, the Maryland Military Department remains a "relevant and ready" force, prepared to serve the needs of our state and nation as we continue a new chapter in our long and distinguished history. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

JAMES A. ADKINS  
Major General, MDARNG  
The Adjutant General





# PRIORITIES FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE ORGANIZATIONS IN MARYLAND GOVERNMENT. IT IS THE ONLY DEPARTMENT THAT IS COMPOSED OF STATE EMPLOYEES, FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND UNPAID VOLUNTEERS. THE BULK OF ITS FUNDING COMES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE MISSIONS THAT THEY ARE ASSIGNED AND ACCOMPLISH ARE LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE. MANY OF THESE MISSIONS PLACE THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARM'S WAY.



Members from several Maryland Guard units deployed to Crisfield Md., to assist local authorities with house-to-house evacuations after Super Storm Sandy passed Oct. 30.

### Taking Care of People

The appropriate resourcing of essential programs that support personal resilience before, during and after deployments, Family readiness, employment assistance and education assistance is critical to our success on and off the battlefield. In this era of budget restraints and economic downturn, the Maryland Military Department will not lose sight of the well-being of our most important resource—our people. We will continue to strengthen our members not only from a readiness standpoint, but from a whole-person perspective, taking into account the deployment cycle, employment and education and, most importantly, Families.

As a nation at war, even with the re-

cent drawdown, we are constantly in a deployment cycle. This intermittent disruption of our members' lives can take a toll on all aspects of daily life. Understanding this, the Military Department provides first-rate assistance to service members and their Families through the



Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Strong, 175th Wing safety superintendent, inspects Detachment 1, 786th Force Support Squadron with Maj. Demetria Johnson, squadron commander, at Stuttgart Army Garrison, Patch Barracks, Germany, June 21.

Yellow Ribbon Program. This program takes place before, during and after a deployment. The training gives service members and their Families access to services

to support their physical and mental health and well-being. We also understand that the deployment cycle can affect Soldiers

and Airmen in the workplace and civilian education environments. To help in those situations, the MDNG's Education Services Office has a wide range of programs designed to help Guard members pay for higher education and to help them find gainful employment if needed. Through recent partnerships with employers, the state of Maryland and a variety of Maryland colleges and universities, our members are in a better position than ever to succeed in today's ever-changing, and increasingly competitive, economic climate. Above all, we are committed to ensuring our Families remain as supportive and dedicated as they have always been. Our Family Readiness Program sponsors summer camps for military children, Strong Bonds marriage enrichment seminars for couples and single Guard members, and many other ongoing programs to assist Families as they move through the constant deployment cycle.

### The Future of the Maryland Air National Guard's C-27J Aircraft

The Maryland Air National Guard turned in all eight of their C-130J 'Hercules' aircraft during FY 2011 and has successfully transitioned to the Joint Cargo Aircraft, the C-27J 'Spartan.' This summer, the C-27J unit returned from Afghanistan where it deployed two of their aircraft to conduct combat support operations. The Maryland Air National Guard currently has three C-27J aircraft and is scheduled to receive a fourth. While this is only half the number of cargo aircraft previously assigned, the Maryland Air National Guard crews are adapting to the transition, having trained for the new aircraft.

Approximately 30 members of the 135th Airlift Group, along with two C-27 Spartan aircraft, returned after a two-month deployment. An additional 25 members arrived June 30. While deployed, the unit members and aircraft worked in direct support of the U.S. Army providing air assets to move cargo and personnel, as well as air-dropping supplies.





However, due to the requirements for deployment, maintenance and training, four aircraft will be inadequate to perform all missions effectively. If the U.S. Air Force decides to remove the C-27J airframe from its inventory, the loss of aircraft in Maryland may limit our capability to support disaster relief in the state. We must recruit and retain Airmen based on our projected needs, and the uncertain future of the C-27J makes that difficult.

**New Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group**

The U.S. Air Force is looking to the future and increasing its cyber intelligence capabilities. With the success of the 175th Network Warfare Squadron, Maryland may gain an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance group. The ISR group would support intelligence operations in the cyberspace domain. The group may include two intelligence squadrons and an intelligence support squadron. The future of the C-27J Spartan and the ISR group will be determined by the U.S. Air Force and Congress, and we must remain ready to support the future force.

**Building a New Combined Support Maintenance Shop**

Building a new Combined Support Maintenance Shop to replace the oldest shop in the nation is a top priority. The mission of CSMS is to provide direct and general support maintenance on all surface equipment in the inventory. The CSMS would support 40 Maryland Army National Guard units, nine Organizational Maintenance Shops, two Army Aviation Support Facilities, and other federal agencies through inter-service agreements. The CSMS provides sustainment-level maintenance to include, replacing transmissions, rebuilding, painting, engine testing and more. The current Havre de Grace facility is more than 80 years old and was originally built as the grandstands for a horse track. This two-story wooden structure is in dire need of repair. The shop has a leaking roof, an inadequate electrical system, insufficient ventilation, insufficient parking, deteriorating shops

and an inadequate kitchen. The renovation of this aging facility will dramatically improve the readiness of MDARNG units.

**Gunpowder Small Arms Range Upgrade**

Due to new safety requirements, operation of the main small arms range at the Gunpowder Military Reservation has been suspended. This is the only range in Maryland, and every unit must now travel out of state for basic weapons qualification, an annual requirement. This adds a strain to already limited resources and has a major impact on training and readiness. This project is not currently part of the military construction program and would require federal and state support with a shared cost of \$2 million in federal funds and \$1 million in state funds. With the funding, we construct a safe, state-of-the-art 25-meter range with 25 lanes. It would be designed in a way that no rounds could leave the confined space of the range. This is a shared-use facility with Baltimore City and Baltimore County Police.

**Construction of the Army Guard Easton Readiness Center**

This project will be 100 percent federally funded at a cost of \$13.7 million and is part of the Army transformation. Transformation is the U.S. Army's plan of modernization and integration of new concepts, organizations and technol-



*The small arms range at the Gunpowder Military Reservation, home of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), sits idle due to safety concerns and required renovation before it can be used.*

ogy within the armed forces of the United States. The Easton Readiness Center, built in 1974, is in need of repair. The facility, which is home to approximately 100 Soldiers, has inadequate classroom space, administrative, storage and training areas. The new facility will dramatically improve the readiness of the unit, as well as improve morale and retention of the Soldiers based there.

**MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CAPABILITIES**

The Maryland National Guard is committed to providing 10 core capabilities for homeland readiness.

- Aviation/Airlift
- Command and Control
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) response
- Engineering
- Medical
- Communications
- Transportation
- Security
- Logistics
- Maintenance

The governor can count on National Guard assets to be available to him within the first hours of a domestic incident.



*Members of the Combined Support Maintenance Shop out of Havre de Grace, Md., give the old Junk Yard Dog vehicle a makeover, creating a more traditional military look for the oversized truck.*





# FISCAL IMPACT

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT, WHICH OVERSEES THE MARYLAND ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD, MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE, IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY OF THE NATION AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND.



The Maryland Army National Guard received four LUH-72 Lakota helicopters throughout April and May. Two of the four aircraft assigned to the MDARNG deployed to Texas in June to assist the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency with surveillance support along the Southwest Border. The LUH-72A Lakota aircraft replaced the OH-58 Kiowa helicopters.

Financial support to the Maryland National Guard totaled over \$380 million in Fiscal Year 2012.

Funds are received from the Department of the Army (47%), the Department of the Air Force (28%), the Department of Homeland Security (19%), and the state of Maryland (6%). State funds cover the salaries of state regular and contractual employees, maintenance and repair of MDNG facilities. Additionally, the state provides matching funds for tuition assistance for Guard members and the Freestate Challenge program.

Federal support to the Maryland Military Department 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. This also includes funding for

the Maryland Emergency Management Agency by the Department of Homeland Security. The figures listed for the counties without armories represent the salaries paid to Guardmembers who live in these political subdivisions but serve elsewhere.

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 ac-

tive 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 fulltime payrolls.

### 3. Construction:

Includes construction, sustainment, restoration and modernization, as well as procurement of facilities and related items for the National Guard. While providing readiness centers is considered to be principally a state responsibility, federal funds are provided for construction and upgrade of facilities to support the federal missions of the National Guard.



The Maryland Air National Guard celebrated the opening of the new Martin State Airport/Maryland Air National Guard Crash Fire Rescue Station with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Warfield Air National Guard Base Jan. 19. The new state-of-the-art facility houses top-notch training, office and storage space for the 175th Civil Engineering Fire and Emergency Services Flight.



# FEDERAL VS. STATE EXPENDITURES

## FISCAL YEAR 2012

— **\$368 MILLION**  
(FEDERAL 97 PERCENT)



For every \$31 spent by the federal government in support of the Maryland National Guard, the state spends \$1.



**\$12 MILLION** ———  
(STATE 3 PERCENT)

### TOTAL WORK FORCE

* Maryland Army National Guard	4,792
* Maryland Air National Guard	1,440
Maryland Emergency Management Agency	66
Maryland Defense Force	445
State Employees Working for Military Department	318
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,061</b>

### TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS



**50%**



**30%**



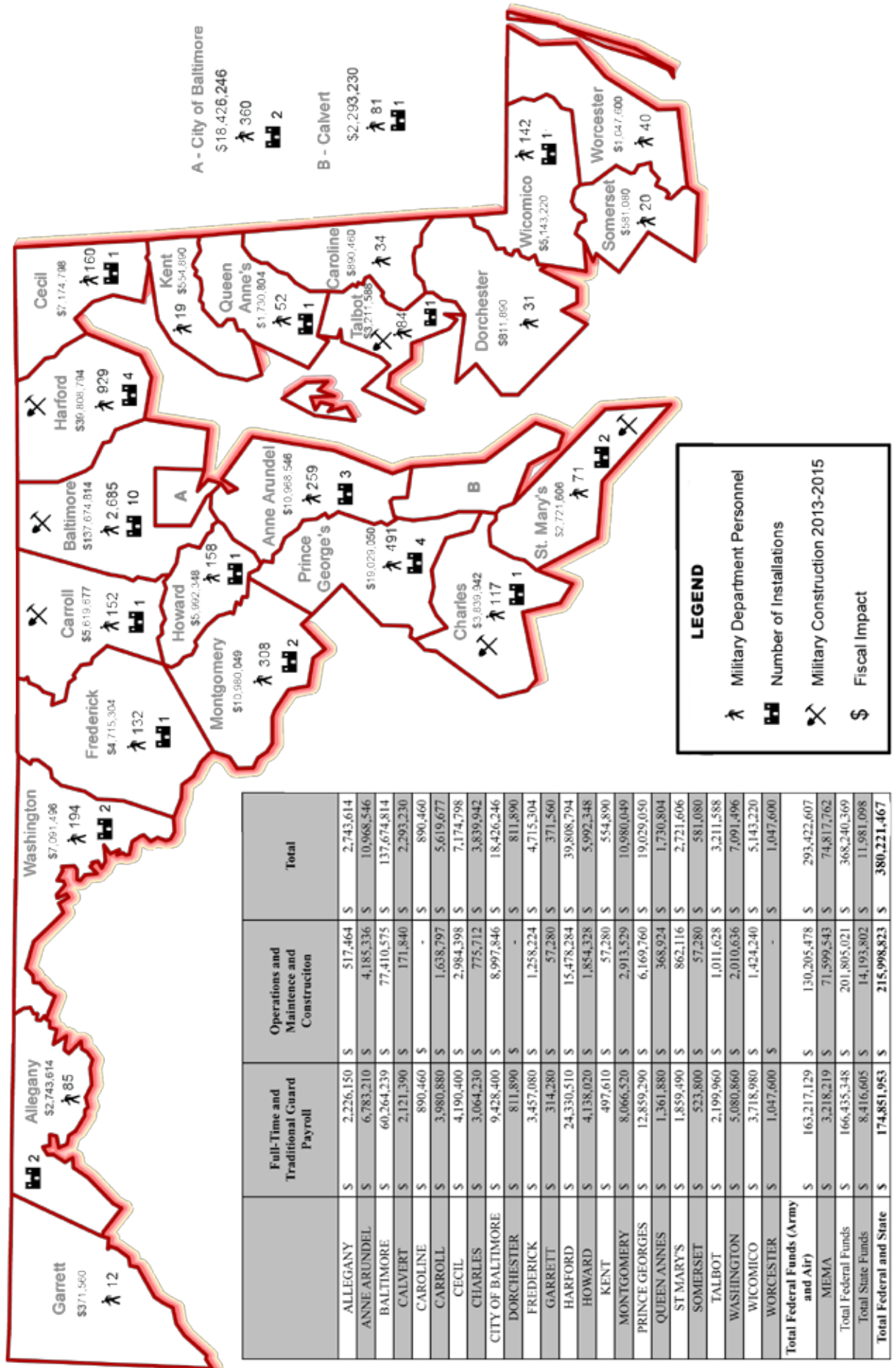
**20%**

\* Includes 1,269 full-time federally funded Soldiers and Airmen





# Maryland Military Department Fiscal Impact By County



	Full-Time and Traditional Guard Payroll	Operations and Maintenance and Construction	Total
ALLEGANY	\$ 2,226,150	\$ 517,464	\$ 2,743,614
ANNE ARUNDEL	\$ 6,783,210	\$ 4,185,336	\$ 10,968,546
BALTIMORE	\$ 60,264,239	\$ 77,410,575	\$ 137,674,814
CALVERT	\$ 2,121,390	\$ 171,840	\$ 2,293,230
CAROLINE	\$ 890,460	\$ -	\$ 890,460
CARROLL	\$ 3,980,880	\$ 1,638,797	\$ 5,619,677
CECIL	\$ 4,190,400	\$ 2,984,398	\$ 7,174,798
CHARLES	\$ 3,064,230	\$ 775,712	\$ 3,839,942
CITY OF BALTIMORE	\$ 9,428,400	\$ 8,997,846	\$ 18,426,246
DORCHESTER	\$ 811,890	\$ -	\$ 811,890
FREDERICK	\$ 3,457,080	\$ 1,258,224	\$ 4,715,304
GARRETT	\$ 314,280	\$ 57,280	\$ 371,560
HARFORD	\$ 24,330,510	\$ 15,478,284	\$ 39,808,794
HOWARD	\$ 4,138,020	\$ 1,854,328	\$ 5,992,348
KENT	\$ 497,610	\$ 57,280	\$ 554,890
MONTGOMERY	\$ 8,066,520	\$ 2,913,529	\$ 10,980,049
PRINCE GEORGES	\$ 12,859,290	\$ 6,169,760	\$ 19,029,050
QUEEN ANNES	\$ 1,361,880	\$ 368,924	\$ 1,730,804
ST MARY'S	\$ 1,859,490	\$ 862,116	\$ 2,721,606
SOMERSET	\$ 523,800	\$ 57,280	\$ 581,080
TALBOT	\$ 2,199,960	\$ 1,011,628	\$ 3,211,588
WASHINGTON	\$ 5,080,860	\$ 2,010,636	\$ 7,091,496
WICOMICO	\$ 3,718,980	\$ 1,424,240	\$ 5,143,220
WORCESTER	\$ 1,047,600	\$ -	\$ 1,047,600
<b>Total Federal Funds (Army and Air)</b>	\$ 163,217,129	\$ 130,205,478	\$ 293,422,607
MEMA	\$ 3,218,219	\$ 71,599,543	\$ 74,817,762
Total Federal Funds	\$ 166,435,348	\$ 201,805,021	\$ 368,240,369
Total State Funds	\$ 8,416,605	\$ 14,193,802	\$ 11,981,098
<b>Total Federal and State</b>	\$ <b>174,851,953</b>	\$ <b>215,998,823</b>	\$ <b>380,221,467</b>





# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD'S REAL PROPERTY

## REAL PROPERTY HOLDINGS INVENTORY INCLUDES:

39 Readiness Centers  
1 Airbase  
3 Army Aviation Facilities  
4 Military Training Reservations  
9 Surface Equipment Maintenance Facilities  
324 Buildings  
2,966,571 Square Feet  
5,246 Acres

**Property Value: \$308,900,000**

### Military Construction – Fiscal year 2012

Fiscal year 2012 marked an active year for military construction projects across the state. The MDARNG completed construction of a **\$27.3 million** project on the **Ruth Army Aviation Maintenance Facility** in Edgewood, providing 137,070 square feet of new and renovated space to support Army aviation operations. The MDARNG completed a \$9.4 million project to renovate and expand the Command Sergeant Major Blair Lee Crockett Readiness Center in Salisbury, yielding 54,409 square feet of new and renovated readiness center space.

Additionally, in 2012 the Military Department broke ground on a **\$4.6 million**, 9,916 square-foot **Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems Operational Facility** at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River—Webster Field Annex in St. Inigoes. The Military Department placed three additional military construction projects under contract. These included a **\$14.3 million** renovation and expansion of the readiness center in **Dundalk**, a **\$7.1 million** renovation and expansion of the **Westminster Readiness Center** and a **\$10.3 million** replacement of the **La Plata Readiness Center**.

### Capital Investment Strategy

In 2011, the Maryland Military Department began an ambitious longer-term effort to rebalance our facilities to our forces. This effort moved forward significantly in 2012. The department published a new Capital Investment Strategy which includes a long-range construction plan designed to build more cost-effective, flexible and capable facilities which support our strategic force distribution, while simultaneously divesting obsolete facilities. The goal of the strategy is to build down the department's inventory, creating a more modern, capable and cost-effective real property structure to support the force.

Over the past quarter century, Maryland Army National Guard force structure decreased by 35 percent while readiness center space grew by 22 percent. The average age of readiness centers rose to 55 years. In short, the real property inventory has become over-built and over-aged. Additionally, changes to missions and functions within the Army have made the facilities inventory ill-suited to the current and projected size and functional requirements of our force.

The new Capital Investment Strategy set a course for reducing excess facilities, modernizing the inventory and fully supporting our force structure. To do this, the department is planning and implementing projects to construct larger, more cost-effective multi-unit facilities. This will reduce operations and maintenance costs while preserving unit readiness and operational capability. Recognizing that the future of security at home and abroad entails coordinated joint service and interagency effort, we are actively seeking joint and multi-agency projects through the Joint



*The Maryland Air National Guard kicked off the construction of the new facility that will consolidate the location of the 175th Wing Headquarters personnel, Mission Support Group and the Medical Group, Oct. 2, at the Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.*

Service Reserve Component Facilities Board process. This led to planning efforts in 2011-2012 with both the U.S. Army Reserve and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for potential joint construction projects in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

The Military Department initiated re-stationing and disposal actions which will ultimately eliminate 10 of the oldest facilities in the inventory over the next decade. This effort will dispose of more than half a million square feet of facility space with an average age of more than 77 years. In 2012, disposal actions included transfer of the Chestertown Readiness Center to Washington College, and expected transfer of the La Plata Readiness Center and parcel to Charles County in exchange for a new parcel for the construction of the new La Plata Readiness Center.

The department established a Real Property Planning Board to provide analysis and support for a new Capital Investment Strategy designed to rectify facility imbalances and issues. Forces are being redistributed to reduce excess space and respond to long-term projected changes in force structure and composition, demographic trends and operational requirements.

The Maryland National Guard is moving toward a future real property inventory which respects and preserves our heritage while posturing us to meet the challenges of the 21st century.



# MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**MISSION:** The mission of the Maryland Army National Guard is to:

- **Man, equip, train and sustain the force;**
- **Mobilize units and Soldiers to federal service as ordered by the president; and**
- **Provide support to civil authorities during minor, major or catastrophic disasters/emergencies in the state of Maryland as directed by the adjutant general.**

## Commander's Vision:

The Maryland Army National Guard team prepares, supports and provides highest-quality Soldiers and units for federal and state missions. We think strategically as we safely, effectively and efficiently conduct operations to accomplish missions and continually improve our organization for current and future members. We mentor and develop Soldiers and leaders at all levels to be key members of the team and to grow as individuals. We embody Army values and are objective and fair in our mission focused decision-making and leadership. We integrate our Families and employers to the greatest extent possible to enable greater Soldier participation, performance and accomplishments. We communicate openly toward a clear and transparent environment. Finally, we are proud of our traditions and lineage, and we respect and honor all service, from a Soldier's completion of their first obligation to those completing a career of service.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**In 2012** – The Maryland Army National Guard welcomed home several units from overseas deployments throughout the year. Units returned from service across the globe in Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti and Egypt. The homecomings were followed up by Freedom Salute ceremonies, officially recognizing the Soldiers and their Families for their sacrifices. In 2012, the Maryland Army National Guard hosted Freedom Salutes for the Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit; 243rd Engineer Haul Team; Security Partners Teams-1 and 2; 1729th Field Support Maintenance Company; 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment; C Company, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment; 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion; 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment; and units of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade.

**April 19, 2012** – The Maryland Army

National Guard debuted its new light utility helicopter, the LUH-72A Lakota during an orientation flight from Camp Fretterd Military Reservation. The new helicopter is designed for national defense and domestic preparedness missions.

**June 1, 2012** – Two LUH-72A Lakota light utility helicopters from the Maryland Army National Guard deployed to Texas for a border surveillance mission.

the Patuxent Naval Air Station.

**September 8, 2012** – Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland conducted a commemoration ceremony at the MDNG Fallen Warrior Memorial at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation. The name of Maj. Robert Marchanti II was added to the Fallen Warrior Memorial.

**September 25, 2012** – The Maryland Army National Guard conducted a



*The Maryland Army National Guard held a mobilization ceremony Feb. 3, for the members of C Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment at the Armory in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground for their deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with 44 members and six of their UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.*

**August 1, 2012** – The Maryland Army National Guard conducted swift water rescue training with the Baltimore County Fire Department.

**August 29, 2012** – The Maryland Army National Guard conducted a groundbreaking ceremony to start the construction of a maintenance and operations building for the Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System detachment at Webster Field near

ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new expansion of the Army Aviation Support Facility at Weide Army Airfield at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

**September 28, 2012** – Brig. Gen. Peter C. Hinz, assistant adjutant general-Army, conducted a graduation ceremony for graduates of the Warrant Officer Candidate School in the Reckord Lounge of the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore.





**October 13, 2012** – The Maryland Army National Guard conducted a graduation ceremony for the Maryland Army National Guard’s Officer Candidate School at the 29th Division Hall at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.

**October 6, 2012** – The Maryland Army National Guard conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Salisbury Readiness Center in Salisbury, Md. The armory is the home of the 115th Military Police Battalion, Maryland Army National Guard, which is deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**October 28 - November 4, 2012** – All functions of the Maryland Military Department, including Army and Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force, provided coordinated preparation and response actions to assist the citizens of Maryland immediately before, during and after Super Storm Sandy, which brought high winds, waves and snow to the state. The Military Department provided more than 800 personnel and 200 pieces of equipment in the effort. This was the largest deployment of personnel and equipment in response to a natural disaster.

Support Battalion, Afghanistan

- Detachment 1, Company A, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Tactical Unmanned Aerial System), Afghanistan
- 110th Information Operations Battalion, Afghanistan
- Detachment 13, Operational Support Airlift
- Company C, 1204th Aviation Support Battalion, Iraq
- Headquarters and Headquarters, 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, Iraq
- 29th Infantry Division, Security Partnering Team, Afghanistan
- Company F, 1st Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment, Iraq



*Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers from B Troop, 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment, in Easton, Md., conduct an air extraction exercise using two Maryland Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters during their two-week annual training at Fort AP Hill, Va., June 9-23.*

- Special Operations Detachment-Joint (Airborne), Afghanistan
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 115th Military Police Battalion, Afghanistan

Additionally, Soldiers from these units began their deployments in 2012:

- Company C, 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment, Afghanistan
- Company B, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, Afghanistan

**DEPLOYMENTS:**

The MDARNG welcomed home Soldiers in 2012 from the following units:

- 1729th Field Support Maintenance Company, Iraq
- Company C and Detachments, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, Iraq
- 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, Sinai Egypt
- 1297th Combat Sustainment



*Thirty Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers, from units across the state, formally reenlisted Dec. 16 during a ceremony on the field at M&T Bank Stadium prior to the Baltimore Ravens’ game against the Denver Broncos.*



**Brigadier General Peter C. Hinz**  
Assistant Adjutant General-Army



**Command Sergeant Major LeRoy C. Hill**  
Maryland Army National Guard  
Command Sergeant Major



# MARYLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD

**OVERVIEW:** The Maryland Air National Guard is comprised of the Joint Force Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard and the 175th Wing. The 175th Wing is made up of 24 subordinate organizations including 18 A-10C Thunderbolts and three C-27J Spartan aircraft and almost 1,500 personnel, including full-time federal and state employees.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**January 2012** – The Maryland Air National Guard unveiled its Mobile Emergency Operations Center, which is designed to support civilian entities in a disaster in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware. The trailer is stored at the fire station at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.

**January 19, 2012** – The Maryland Air National Guard held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new fire station at the Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md. The new station is of sufficient size to allow sheltering of all fire equipment, which the previous structure could not.

**February 8, 2012** – Brig. Gen. Alyson R. Solomon, assistant adjutant general-Air, provided opening remarks at the Federal Aviation Administration Black History Opening Ceremony, Fort Worth, Texas.

**February 24, 2012** – Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland, hosted a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program pre-deployment event for members of the 175th

Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard in preparation for upcoming deployments.

**April 12, 2012** – Capt. Barry Crawford received the Air Force Cross, the U.S. Air Force's second highest decoration for valor, for his actions in Afghanistan. The Air Force Chief of Staff presented the medal in the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon.

**April 20, 2012** – Col. Scott L. Kelly, commander of the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in a ceremony at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.

**June 5-8, 2012** – The 175th Network Warfare Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, participated on a cyber panel during the Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence Conference in Tallinn, Estonia.

**June 10, 2012** – The Maryland



Staff Sgt. Joanna Marriott, a member of the 175th Security Forces Squadron, conducts a patrol in Afghanistan, Jan. 4.

Air National Guard conducted a Hometown Heroes event in conjunction with the Maryland Air National Guard's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program in Towson, Md. State Command Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Hart delivered the keynote address.

**June 25 & 26, 2012** – Members of the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Group returned from a deployment to Afghanistan. The unit flew C-27J aircraft and was based at Kandahar Airfield as part of the Army's 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.

**July 7 – 15, 2012** – The Maryland Air National Guard provided support to the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol as they conducted their Tri-Wing Encampment at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md.



Airmen with the 175th Wing's Maintenance Group prepare one of the A-10C Warthog aircraft for deployment. The unit deployed to Afghanistan March 30 to provide close air support to ground forces.





**July 9-10, 2012** – The Maryland Air National Guard completed their Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program for security forces personnel who were demobilizing after overseas deployments to Afghanistan.

**July 14, 2012** – More than 250 members of the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Wing, air crew and ground support personnel, returned from their deployment to Afghanistan. While deployed, the 175th Maintenance/Operations Group provided close air support to ground forces with the A-10C Warthog Jet Fighters.

**July 23-27, 2012** – The 175th Network Warfare Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, participated in Cyber Guard, a cyber defense exercise; the first-ever of its kind sponsored by U.S. Cyber Command. The exercise was intended to simulate a cyber attack on the U.S.

**August 1-30, 2012** – The 235th Civil Engineering Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, performed four Joint Reception, Staging and Onward Integration site surveys at various regional airports in Maryland to support the Joint Force Headquarters' plans for emergency preparedness throughout the state.

**August 16-17, 2012** – The 104th Fighter Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, finished in the top three Attack Teams for the 2012 Hawgsmoke competition at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Eighteen A-10 squadrons and teams from around the world competed in the seventh biannual bombing and tactical gunnery competition.

**October 2, 2012** – Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon, assistant adjutant general-Air, conducted a ground-breaking cer-

emony to begin the construction of the new Maryland Air National Guard Operations, Medical and Training Building at Warfield Air National Guard Base.

**October 14, 2012** – The 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, hosted a Wing Family Day/Welcome Home event honoring all members and their Families for their contributions in 2012.

**October 28 - November 4, 2012** – All functions of the Maryland Military Department, including Army and Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force, provided coordinated preparation and response actions to assist the citizens of Maryland immediately before, during and after Super Storm Sandy, which brought high winds, waves and snow to the state. The Military Department provided more than 800 personnel and 200 pieces of equipment in the effort. This was the largest deployment of personnel and equipment in response to a natural disaster.

**November 26-30, 2012** – The 175th Network Warfare Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, conducted the Cyber Defense Integrated Planning Conference, attended by the Pennsylvania and Michigan National Guards, Lithuania and Latvia.

**December 2, 2012** – The Maryland Air National Guard conducted its fifth-annual Airman Recognition Ceremony to honor the unit's outstanding performers for 2012.

### DEPLOYMENTS:

The MDANG deployed more than 440 Airmen in 2012. While all groups had

members deploy, the largest were from the following units:

- 175th Security Forces Squadron, Afghanistan
- 104th Fighter Squadron, Afghanistan
- 135th Airlift Squadron, Afghanistan

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

The MDNG conducted flyovers for state and local community events and conducted base tours for community organizations, including local high school and college ROTC programs. The MDNG assisted the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol's Tri-wing Encampment, which is a basic training-style experience and introduction to the Civil Air Patrol for new cadets and involves physical training, drill and ceremonies, as well as classroom instruction on U.S. Air Force fundamentals, career exploration, aerospace education, and character development. The MDANG also participated in the Military Youth Challenge program and the Red Cross Blood Drive.



**Brigadier General  
Allyson R. Solomon**  
Assistant Adjutant General-Air



**Chief Master Sergeant  
Glenn D. Hart**  
Maryland Air National Guard  
State Command Chief

*Friends, Family and service members cheer as the C-27J aircraft does a fly-by before landing. The aircraft and Maryland Air National Guard 135th Airlift Group members returned from their deployment to Afghanistan during a ceremony held at the Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md., June 25.*





# MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**January 17, 2012** – The Maryland Emergency Management Agency participated in a Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station full-scale exercise dress rehearsal. MEMA, along with allied state agencies, local jurisdictions and Pennsylvania emergency management colleagues, prepared for a federally graded nuclear power plant exercise scheduled for March 2012.

**January 26, 2012** – MEMA hosted a disaster response tabletop exercise for Governor O’Malley’s cabinet.

**March 7, 2012** – MEMA conducted a terrorism tabletop exercise for Governor O’Malley’s cabinet at the State

House.

**March 27, 2012** – MEMA, in partnership with Exelon Corporation, participated in a graded nuclear power plant exercise for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station. This event was different than past exercises in that it was a night-time scenario posing unique challenges for responders.

**April 11, 2012** – The National Weather Service, in partnership with MEMA, Maryland’s 26 local emergency managers and public school systems throughout the state, conducted a statewide tornado drill.

**April 12, 2012** – MEMA conducted a State Emergency Operations

Center Functional Exercise, testing Maryland’s response to an earthquake. The exercise involved multiple state agencies and partners and was held at the State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Fretterd.

**May 17-19, 2012** – MEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center in support of the G8 Summit which had convened for three days at Camp David, Md.

**May 21, 2012** – Mr. Kenneth J. Mallette assumed his duties as the new Executive Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

**June 12-19, 2012** – MEMA’s State Emergency Operations Center activated in support of the Salibration



Maryland Emergency Management Agency Director Kenneth Mallette briefs Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley as Super Storm Sandy heads up the East Coast and the state prepares for Super Storm Sandy.





event which took place in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Selected MEMA staff also worked in area command centers supporting Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

**May 29-June 1, 2012** – MEMA and the Maryland Emergency Management Association co-hosted their annual Emergency Management Directors Conference in Ocean City.

**June 4, 2012** – MEMA conducted a table top exercise for the Governor's cabinet in the State House. The exercise dealt with hurricanes and hurricane preparedness.

**July 1-8, 2012** – MEMA fully activated its State Emergency Operations Center around the clock during this time period as the state moved from response to recovery in the days after the June 29th Dorecho. The activation continued during an extreme heat wave to support Marylanders who were still out of power from the Dorecho.

**July 18, 2012** – MEMA conducted a Western Maryland Communications Exercise with Western Maryland counties.

**August 24, 2012** – MEMA hosted a meeting of the state's cabinet secretaries to discuss how the state departments and agencies operate in the State Emergency Opera-



Members of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency work together with agencies from across Maryland in the Emergency Operations Center at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md., in response to Super Storm Sandy.

tions Center during an emergency. The meeting also was the first use of new computers that had been installed in the SEOC.

**October 5, 2012** – MEMA conducted an Anthrax-related tabletop exercise for the Governor's cabinet in the Governor's Reception Room in the State House.

**October 27-31, 2012** – MEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center to a Level 1 status in anticipation of Super Storm Sandy's arrival on the East Coast.

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Agencies from across Maryland gather together in the MEMA Emergency Operations Center at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md., Oct. 28 - Nov. 5, to coordinate efforts in response to Super Storm Sandy.



**Kenneth Mallette**  
Maryland Emergency Management Agency Executive Director





# MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE

**MISSION:** The Maryland Defense Force is a volunteer, uniformed agency of the Maryland Military Department, authorized by Maryland law, with a mission to provide competent professional and technical support to the Maryland National Guard and state civil agencies as ordered by the governor and the adjutant general.

**VISION:** The Maryland Defense Force supports the Maryland National Guard by providing trained and ready competent personnel with professional and technical skills that augment the MDNG in its state mission and support its mobilization to, and redeployment from, federal missions. The MDDF prepares for and responds to homeland security and civil emergencies by maintaining trained and ready personnel who can supplement the state's emergency management and first-responder resources, and strengthens Maryland's communities through service programs such as the Freestate Challenge. The MDDF will train to become the premier volunteer force in Maryland and to set the standard for public service for other state defense forces and volunteer public service organizations.

Members of the Maryland Defense Force worked alongside Towson University students in the nursing and health professions, April 20, during a training scenario used to simulate a massive earthquake hitting the Towson campus and causing hundreds of casualties.



## MDDF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**In 2012** - The Maryland Defense Force provided more than 50,000 man hours of support, saving the state an estimated \$5 million.

**In 2012** - The Maryland Defense Force supported multiple pre-deployment and reintegration events for the Maryland National Guard.

**March 24, 2012** - The Maryland Defense Force conducted its annual muster at the Pikesville Military Reservation. Vice Admiral Michael Miller, superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy delivered the keynote address. The event was followed by training classes.

The Maryland Defense Force conducted their annual muster March 24.







**April 2012** – Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, awarded the 10th Regiment of the Maryland Defense Force with the Maryland Outstanding Unit Award. The 10th Regiment played, and continues to play, a critical role in the Maryland Army National Guard’s medical readiness process.

**April 20, 2012** – Elements of the Maryland Defense Force’s 10th Medical Regiment and the Maryland Army National Guard conducted a mass-casualty exercise called Operation STAT at the Towson University campus.

**May 19, 2012** – Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, made opening remarks at a conference of the East Coast State Defense Force commanders at the Weinberg Center at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md. The Maryland Defense Force hosted the event.

**June 13-19, 2012** – The Maryland Defense Force supported the Star Spangled Sailabration. This event involved 193 Maryland Defense Force members and more than 5,000 man hours in support of the U.S. Navy and the City of Baltimore. The MDDF provided escorts for buses to ship tours, two first-aid stations, linguistics support and musical support.

**July 7, 2012** – Approximately 40 members of the Maryland Defense



*The Maryland Defense Force band plays during a Veterans Day parade in Baltimore City, Nov. 11, to honor men and women retired and currently serving in the armed forces.*

Force assisted the Baltimore Emergency Management Agency in providing necessary water, ice and Meals-Ready-to-Eat to at-risk citizens who were affected by the heat wave and power outages during the first week of July.

**October 21, 2012** – The Maryland Defense Force set up a mobile hospital unit and conducted a drill with their volunteers. The inflatable hospital remained up until the end of the regional preparedness conference the next day. The MDDF disassembled the unit and delivered it to Queen Anne’s Emergency Management/Health Department where

it will be stationed.

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*Senior leaders from seven different states on the east coast attended the first State Defense Force commander’s conference at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md., May 19-20. The Maryland Defense Force hosted the two day conference to discuss how they can best serve their states’ military departments’ needs in an era of reductions in funding and manpower.*



**Brigadier General (MDDF)  
Brian Kelm**  
Maryland Defense Force  
Commander





# JOINT STAFF ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY SUPPORT

## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

Since 1989, the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Program, a federally funded Department of Defense program, has been a vital member of a coalition of law enforcement agencies, community-based organizations and educators. This coalition has been involved in a multi-front struggle against drugs and the violence and crimes that they bring to our community. The mission of the program is to provide professional and dedi-

Airmen are from Maryland National Guard units from across the state and perform counterdrug duties in various support roles.

The MDNG provides the following agencies with counterdrug support: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Maryland State Police, Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, Baltimore City Police and a variety of community-based organizations and coalitions.



A child tries to throw a football while experiencing the effects of alcohol on his vision with the fatal vision goggles used by the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Program during the Joint Service Open House at Joint Base Andrews, Md., May 18.

ment in the seizure of 54 pounds of cocaine, 1,921 pounds of processed marijuana and the eradication of more than 1,000 plants.

The Counterdrug Program also oversees and facilitates the Joint Substance Abuse Program and the Prevention, Treatment and Outreach program for the Maryland National Guard. In 2012, the Counterdrug Program assisted 11 service members, who voluntarily referred themselves for drug treatment, with various treatment programs and services to address their substance abuse or dependency issues. PTO efforts included an internal training initiative to educate commanders, unit leaders and Soldiers returning from deployment during their reintegration briefings about the self-referral program and treatment options.



Nearly 100 sixth, seventh and eighth graders from St. Jane Frances School in Pasadena, Md., graduated from the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug 'Stay on Track' program May 14, after completing the 12-week substance abuse prevention program.

In Fiscal Year 2012, the Counterdrug aviation team flew 213.9 flight hours and conducted 61 missions. The Drug Demand Reduction team performed a total of 31 missions in 11 counties, reaching 4,258 students and 13,055 members of the general public with our drug education and awareness

ated military personnel with unique qualities to support federal, state and local LEAs, as well as community-based organizations in efforts to reduce the demand for drugs in our state.

message. Criminal analysts supported cases that contributed to the seizure of \$4.3 million and nine vehicles and led to more than 300 arrests. The Counterdrug Program aided state and local law enforce-

Thirty-one highly trained Army and Air National Guard personnel, who are on full-time active duty status, staff the MDNG Counterdrug Program. These skilled Soldiers and

The Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Program supported the first annual National Above the Influence Day, Oct. 18, at the Boys and Girls Club of Harford County in Aberdeen, Md., by providing fun and educational activities to the children.







*The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard helped welcome the Bosnia and Herzegovina Minister of Defense Muhamed Ibrahimovic, and his delegation, at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md., June 14.*

## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD HONOR GUARD

The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard provides military funeral Honors for veterans throughout the state of Maryland. During State Fiscal Year 2012, the Honor Guard performed 3,396 honors at state veterans cemeteries and numerous private cemeteries. Military funeral honors are one of the benefits offered to those who served our nation in times of war and peace. The benefit is free and available, by law, to military person-

nel on active duty, former members who served on active duty and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, members of the Selected Reserve, former members of the Selected Reserve who served at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, and former members of the Selected Reserve who were discharged due to a service-connected disability.

Since its inception in 1998, the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard has conducted more than 40,000 honors for our Maryland veterans. During FY 12, the MDNGHG Colors Team represented the Maryland Military Department in many events including the dedication of the Maryland 9-11 Memorial, the dedication of a Blue Star Memorial marker in Baltimore, dedication of a new flag plaza on Federal Hill, the annual Fallen Warriors ceremony at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation, and services for veterans at Maryland state cemeteries on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

The Guard also rendered honors to many Maryland veterans including Maj. Robert Marchanti II, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles Irons, and retired Maryland Brig. Gen. Joseph Albert M. Lettré, former commander of the Maryland Defense Force. The Honor Guard also participated in

two honorable transfer ceremonies at Joint Base Andrews and Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

In FY 12, the Honor Guard was awarded the Adjutant General's Special Recognition Ribbon for outstanding service and achievement. The Honor Guard also received an official citation from the Maryland General Assembly.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**In FY-12, the Maryland Military Department supported more than 230 community events and organizations at an economic value of \$775,500 through the following activities:**

- Military Bands
- Air Guard Fly-overs
- Color Guard and Military Honors
- Marching Units
- Use of Armories
- Speakers Bureau
- Equipment Loans
- JROTC/ROTC Support



*The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard recognized each fallen Maryland service member by rendering honors during a ceremony held in the senate chambers at the state house in Annapolis, Md., March 5.*



**Colonel  
Linda L. Singh**  
Director, Joint Staff



# JOINT STAFF ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY SUPPORT

## PARTNERS IN CARE AND STRONG BONDS



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Hayes helps load boxes filled with food at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Nov. 19. Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Md., a participating congregation in the Partners in Care program, donated 30 holiday turkeys and food boxes to Maryland service members and delivered them to Knox Presbyterian for distribution to Families in need.

## PARTNERS IN CARE

The Partners in Care program is an initiative of the Maryland National Guard providing relationships with local congregations for referral and support of Maryland National Guard members and their Families when in need. A memorandum of understanding between participating congregations and the Maryland National Guard allows for the referral of Soldiers, Airmen and Family members to the closest Partner in Care congregation for support. Each congregation provides support within the limits of its ability free of charge, regardless of religious affiliation, and without further obligation. Services include, but are not limited to: counseling for individuals, couples, marriages and Families; child care; children and youth support groups;

basic household and auto repair; Family and loved ones deployment and reintegration support; crisis and grief counseling; and many other helpful services. There are currently 90 participating congregations representing 18 different faith groups in 23 counties and Baltimore City. Partners in Care is administered by the Joint Force Headquarters Chaplain's Office.

## STRONG BONDS

Strong Bonds

is a Chaplain-led Army program in support of Guard member and Family relationships. Strong Bonds offers programs for single Soldiers, married Soldiers, and Families that teach relationship skills designed to promote healthy and resilient relationships. The retreats are free of charge and are led by certified instructors at locations across Maryland.



Tech. Sgt. Mary Watkins is welcomed home by Capt. Eric Werking. The Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Squadron returned to Warfield Air National Base June 25, from a deployment to Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom to a crowd of Family members and well wishers happy to see them return.

Chaplain (Col.) Sean Lee, Maryland National Guard state chaplain, presents a plaque to Reverend Cassandra Burton and Mr. H. Art Taylor, senior warden, after the signing of the memorandum of understanding officially making the Christ Episcopal Church in Clinton, Md., a Partners in Care congregation, Sept. 30.







## 32ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM (CST)



The 32nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) is a highly specialized unit, which supports local authorities by responding to situations involving potential use of weapons of mass destruction or other



The 32nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) supported the Star-Spangled Sailabration, which had more than one million visitors participating in a week-long bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812.

incidents. The CST's mission is to assess the incident consequences, identify chemical, biological or radiological sources or agents, advise civilian responders on appropriate actions through on-site testing and expert consultation and facilitate the arrival of additional state and federal military forces and responders. The unit is composed of 22 full-time members of the Maryland National Guard, and their skills encompass 14 military occupational specialties.

The unit consists of six sections: command, operations, administration, logistics, medical/analytics and survey. Each section uses state-of-the-art equipment to provide support to the first responder community.

In 2012, the 32nd CST combined

with five other CSTs, conducting multi-CST all-hazards mission in the District of Columbia. The mission was to positively identify chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-yield explosive agents suspected, in multiple locations. The unit deployed the entire unit and equipment via ground movement.

The team deployed during 12 stand-by missions to support civil authorities with counter-WMD expertise for National Special Security Events and other high-profile events within Maryland.

The team also conducted more than 12 assist missions to provide contingency operations liaison, technical training assistance and capability briefs to state and local organizations throughout Maryland. Of particular note, the 32nd CST has developed a partnership with the Maryland Department of the Environment and the state fire marshal in coordinating a unified response to CBRNE and WMD incidents within the state of Maryland. As a MDNG unit, the 32nd CST is deployed under the authority of the governor and adjutant general.

Requested through the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the CST can be immediately called 24 hours a day, seven days a week, arriving at an emergency site within two hours. The unit is located at Fort Meade, Md.

32nd Civil Support Team supported the following exercises or missions in 2012:

- Bosnian Instruction – Fort Meade, Md.
- Capital Shield – Baltimore/Washington, D.C.



Tech. Sgt. Kevin Estes removes Cpl. Jeffrey Jones' Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment after going through the decontamination tent during a training exercise conducted in Garrett County, Md., Aug. 20-24.

- Army/Navy Game – Baltimore
- July 4th celebration – Washington, D.C.
- University of Maryland WMD tabletop exercise – College Park, Md.
- 1812 Sailabration – Baltimore
- Joint Guardian Exercise – Washington, D.C.
- Operation Deep Water – Deep Creek, Md.
- Center for National Response – Ocean City, Md.
- New Year's – Baltimore
- Preakness – Baltimore
- U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases – Biological Agent Identification and Counterterrorism Training – Fort Detrick, Md.



Cpl. Jeffrey Jones sprays Spc. April-Mae Ridenour with water as they go through the decontamination tent during training Operation Deep Water at Deep Creek Lake, Md., Aug. 20-24.



# JOINT STAFF ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY SUPPORT

## STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Maryland National Guard's State Partnership Program maintains partnerships with two countries in Europe—Estonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The SPP was launched in Europe as part of the initial outreach by the United States toward new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The SPP brings together U.S. states and territories with partner nations through a range of military, civil-military and civil activities under the Maryland Military Department auspices.

The partnership program emphasizes civil and military cooperation with civil control of a professional military. Maryland has a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market economies and promote regional cooperation and stability. Maryland's partnership with Estonia officially started in 1993 and is currently used as the primary example for developing future partnerships within the program. The partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina started in 2003 continues to flourish and expand.

In 2012, the MDNG conducted more than 30 SPP events with its partners, continuing a swift pace for what has become a very robust program. Two pilots from Estonia, Capt. Rene Kallis and Capt. Martin Noorsalu, deployed to Afghanistan with the Maryland Army National Guard's C Company, 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment this year and have been fully integrated in their ongoing operations. Upon their return, they will continue to serve as members of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade through 2013 as part of a three-year exchange program.



*The Maryland National Guard welcomed the Bosnia and Herzegovina Minister of Defense Muhamed Ibrahimovic, and his delegation, at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md., June 14, as part of the ongoing relationship between the countries.*

The MDNG also established a co-deployment with Bosnia and Herzegovina. Twenty-six personnel from the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina deployed with the 115th Military Police Battalion to Afghanistan in support of the International Security Assistance Force. These Soldiers will be fully integrated into the unit and will conduct deployed operations alongside Maryland Guard members by early 2013. The MDNG SPP is the only program to ever have supported two co-deployments with two different partner nations at the same time. This accomplishment has made Maryland's program a model for future combined efforts and initiatives.

- Maj. Gen. James Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, visited both partner nations, meeting with their civilian and military leadership to discuss the success of the program and chart the course ahead.

- The MDNG Joint Staff conducted an "exercise exchange" sending several personnel to Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in

Shared Resilience, a United States European Command exercise. The MDNG later hosted several members of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina Joint Staff during their Command Post Exercise, which was focused on joint staff planning for civil disturbances.

- The SPP conducted a Senior Leader Visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina involving MDNG senior leaders from the battalion level and higher to reaffirm the unwavering support and guidance the program has had since 1993.

- Maryland Air National Guard efforts within cyber activities and the consolidation of these activities into regional events in the Balkans has culminated into a "best practices" example, which EUCOM is using to develop several regional events in other areas.

- Exchanges with Estonia over the last year with Maryland Army National Guard Long Range Surveillance and Special Operations units have led to the maturing of Special Operations Forces capabilities within Estonia. In doing so, one of Estonia's SOF units has been designated to deploy in support of ISAF.

*Capt. Rene Kallis and Capt. Martin Noorsalu, pilots with the Estonian Air Force, visit Camp Bastion during their deployment to Afghanistan where they are assigned with the Maryland National Guard's Company C, 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment.*







# CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY

THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY IS LOCATED AT THE FIFTH REGIMENT ARMORY IN BALTIMORE. THE CENTER ENCOMPASSES THE MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY, WHICH CONTAINS DISPLAYS OF MILITARY ARTIFACTS AND MEMORABILIA DATING BACK TO THE FOUNDING OF THE MARYLAND COLONY IN THE 17TH CENTURY, AND THE MARYLAND MILITARY ARCHIVES, WHICH CONTAINS AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AUDIO RECORDINGS AND MOTION PICTURES RELATING TO MARYLAND'S MILITARY HISTORY, INCLUDING THE WORLD'S MOST EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN BOTH WORLD WARS.

## MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY AND ARCHIVES

The Maryland Museum of Military History was founded in 1982 as the Museum of the Maryland National Guard. The museum was the culmination of years of effort by a group of dedicated officers and, until 2005, was operated and maintained by the Maryland Military Historical Society, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit that continues to serve as the museum's advisory body and source of vital financial aid.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the past year, the museum has accomplished several significant goals:

- Obtained a USS Constellation ship model.
- Obtained a World War II M1 anti aircraft commander's telescope.
- Together with the Maryland Military Historical Society, the Maryland Museum of Military History joined the state of Maryland and Baltimore City in opening the War of 1812 Bicentennial festivities.



and members of the public researching a wide variety of aspects of Maryland Military history. This assistance has been provided in person, by phone and by e-mail.

- Supported the National Guard Association of the United States in celebrating Veterans Day. The support included loaning historic uniforms from the Maryland Museum of Military History for the NGAUS Walk Through History event.
- Complete sets of paper copy morning reports from the 115th, 116th, and 175th Infantry Regiments during World War II are now available in the archives.
- Answered public request for Soldiers' records from the 29th Infantry Division during World War II to be made available and updated.
- Continued to provide personal assistance to educators, authors



*The Maryland Museum of Military History is preparing to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 through a variety of updated displays and historic memorabilia.*



# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Maryland Family Readiness Program:

The Family Readiness Program's mission is to establish ongoing communication, involvement, support and recognition between the members of the Maryland National Guard and members of their Families in a partnership that promotes the best of both. It seeks to contribute to an enhanced quality of life for Maryland National Guard members, their Families and the communities in which they live. The Family Readiness Program works closely with the Yellow Ribbon Program and also does the day-to-day logistical planning for the Strong Bonds events. During 2012, the FRP provided in-depth assistance to 316 families, logged more than 81,600 informational contacts, and distributed more than 20,000 informational and educational items.

### Family Readiness Advisory Council and Teen Advisory Council:

There are two advisory councils sponsored by the adjutant general. The councils meet quarterly and have a vision of enhancing the quality of life for military Families. The councils communicate, mentor and provide outreach to Family

Readiness Groups throughout the state. They formulate recommendations from the field and senior leadership.

### State Youth Program:

Two full-time youth coordinators are in place (Baltimore and Hagerstown) to serve youth ages 6-18 and provide opportunities for youth to develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, employment and friendship. The Youth Program sponsors a summer camp for children/adolescents each year and also a State Youth Symposium. The annual Homefront Challenge youth camp took place June 17-22 at Rock State Park in Harford County. A second youth camp was also held August 13-17 at Echo Hill Camp in Worton, Md.

### Family Assistance Centers:

The Family Assistance Centers provide seven essential services: crisis intervention, legal resource information and referral, financial resource information and referral, Tricare information, identification cards, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System information, and community resource information and referrals.



*Students from 5th District Elementary School in Upperco, Md., raised a flag on the pole in front of the school, March 15, to show their support for the Maryland National Guard members who are currently deployed. The flag was given to the 4th grade class by members of the 29th Infantry Division Security Partnering Team thanking the students for the holiday cards that were made for the troops while deployed in Afghanistan.*

There are six regional Family Assistance Centers: Baltimore, Towson, Annapolis, Havre de Grace, Salisbury, and Hagerstown. The FACs also provide Family readiness briefings to deploying units and make monthly wellness check calls to all Families of service members who are deployed.



*The Maryland National Guard Child and Youth Program held its seventh-annual Homefront Challenge youth camp for the children of National Guard members at the 4-H Camp at the Rocks in Street, Md., June 17-22. The week-long camp is offered to children ages 7 to 12, who have parents or guardians who are currently serving or retired from the Air or Army National Guard.*





**Family Readiness Groups:**

The Family Readiness Group's mission is to implement the commander's Family readiness plan, provide support and education to the Families and serve as a conduit for information between the Family and chain of command. Each level of command has a Family Readiness Group that is composed of volunteers.

**Senior Family Readiness Support Assistant:**

There is one full-time Senior Family Readiness Support Assistant assigned per brigade. The assistant has a primary responsibility of training new and ongoing volunteers at the Family Readiness Group level. The SFRSA also is the key staff member who plans the state's annual Family Readiness Conference, which is the key training event and volunteer recognition event for the Family Readiness Program. The SFRSA is also the mentor for the Family Readiness Support Assistants at the Brigade level.

**Family Readiness Support Assistant:**

There are three full-time Family Readiness Support Assistants in place for the Maryland Army National Guard. They are located at the 58th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade in Towson, the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade in Edgewood, and the 58th



Soldiers from Company C, 1204th Network Support Company of the 1204th Aviation Support Battalion returned to Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md., Aug. 16, after a yearlong deployment to Iraq and Kuwait.

Troop Command in Adelphi. The mission of the FRSA is to empower commanders in their duty to deliver the Total Army Family Program so that Soldiers and Families are informed, educated, assisted and prepared for the unique demands of military life before, during and after deployment.

**Joint Family Support Assistance Program:**

The Joint Family Support Assistance Program augments the existing MDNG Family Readiness Program. It is comprised of five components which provide information and referrals to community services and support; non-medical counseling and education to individuals, Families and groups; child and youth services, including assistance locating child care; financial education and counseling; on-demand support for deployment events such as reunion ceremonies and predeployment meetings; and community capacity building to support Families' access to local resources and support.

**• Military Family Life Consultant**

The Military Family Life Consultant provides short-term situational, problem-solving counseling services to servicemembers and their Families. There are three full-time MFLCs assigned to the Maryland JFSAP: an Adult MFLC, a Youth & Child MFLC and a MFLC Personal Financial Counselor.

**• Military One Source**

Military One Source is a Department of Defense resource program that provides assistance to Families and



Children practice a punching technique during a martial arts class as part of the Maryland Operation: Military Kids' annual summer get-away camp for children with military parents at the Western Maryland 4-H Education Center in Swanton, Md., July 22-28.

service members via the Internet or a toll-free telephone number. The services include everything from common, everyday difficulties that might face a Family to life's most complicated situations. The service is available 24 hours a day around the country and around the world. There is one full-time MOS Consultant assigned to Maryland and the District of Columbia.

**• Operation Military Kids**

Operation Military Kids provides support to geographically dispersed military youth who are affected by the current conflicts. With community partners and statewide volunteers, the program strives to build infrastructure and sustainable programs for Reserve, Guard and off-base military Families. The OMK staff partners with 4H programs around the state. The program is sponsored through the 4H program at the University of Maryland, College Park.

**• American Red Cross –**

**Volunteer Manager**  
The Volunteer Manager Service to Military Families position is responsible for ensuring two-way communications between the Red Cross and the Family Program. The manager serves as the Red Cross point of contact within the state for JFSAP information, supports volunteer recruitment efforts on behalf of Service to Military Hospitals, and assists Warrior Transition Units in respective communities.



# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

The goal of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program is to provide National Guard and Reserve members and their Families with sufficient information, services, referral and proactive outreach opportunities throughout the entire deployment cycle; pre-deployment, deployment, demobilization and reintegration. Hotel accommodations are available for Soldiers, Airmen, and Family members traveling 55 miles or more to the event location from their home of record.

- Phase I: Pre-deployment phase events are all-day activities for Soldiers and Airmen and their Families. Most of the training is for the Family members who will remain at home. Included are classes on resilience, legal issues, finance and budgeting, using Tricare, suicide prevention and depression identification.
- Phase 2: During the deployment phase, Family members are invited to an event some 60 to 90 days before the unit returns. At this time, they are offered classes in reuniting with the Soldier or Airman, recommended strategies for the Family, children's issues and resiliency training.



The Maryland National Guard had a formal Freedom Salute ceremony Feb. 5, in Cumberland, Md., to officially welcome home 13 members of an engineering unit after their yearlong deployment to Djibouti.

- Phase 3: The demobilization phase for Soldiers and Airmen at the demobilization site. Typically, this is held at the mobilization base from which the unit departed. It gives information and contacts they may need in the first 30 to 45 days at home.
- Phase 4: The reintegration phase consists of three parts.

1. The first event occurs approximately 30-40 days after the unit returns home. It is for Soldiers, Airmen and their Families. The event is held at a local hotel. Attendees are taught about reconnecting with their Family and children, single Soldier issues and female service member issues. Other classes include Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, employment, resilience, finance, interacting with law enforcement and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder prevention.

2. Approximately 60 to 70 days after the unit returns, a second reintegration event is held at a hotel. It is for Soldiers, Airmen and their Families. Classes include anger management,

substance abuse, suicide prevention, spiritual resilience and applied resilience.

3. Finally, approximately 90 to 180 days after a unit returns, service members have a Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment at the Baltimore VA Regional Office. Soldiers view two mandatory films and then meet with a health care provider. During this event, units leaders and support staff address any outstanding issues, including Line of Duty injuries.



Approximately 30 Maryland National Guard Soldiers from the 29th Infantry Division, Security Partnering Team conducted a Freedom Salute Feb. 25, in honor of their service in Afghanistan at the BWI Airport Marriott Hotel.



Maryland Army National Guard senior leaders visited members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 115th Military Police Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, Dec. 13.





## EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE



Dunbar Armored, Inc. signed a statement of support with the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve, June 14.

were honored for support of their employees. The committee hosted two Bosslift missions. In July an Employer Day event was held with the U.S. Navy Reserve at Fort McHenry where 32 employers toured the Navy Operational Support Center and were able to cruise aboard the unit's Maritime Prepositioning Force utility boats. In September, the Maryland ESGR hosted more than 75 employers and service members at the Baltimore

4,448 Army National Guard members and 3,529 reserve members from the other five reserve components. Maryland ESGR volunteers supported several Veterans Musters and information fairs with the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, briefing veterans on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and soliciting employer support. Volunteers also staffed 40 Department of Defense, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events and two military job fairs in 2012.

Maryland ESGR Ombudsmen provided assistance to more than 100 employers and service members to understand and resolve military related duty questions. ESGR Ombudsmen are DOD certified mediators. In FY 2012, Maryland Ombudsmen were able to mediate all 43 complaints received from Guard and Reserve members regarding their employment and reemployment conditions.

The Maryland ESGR Committee consists of 3 full time staff members and 55 volunteers. In FY 2012, the staff and volunteers worked 7,944 hours to assist Guard and Reserve members and their Families.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

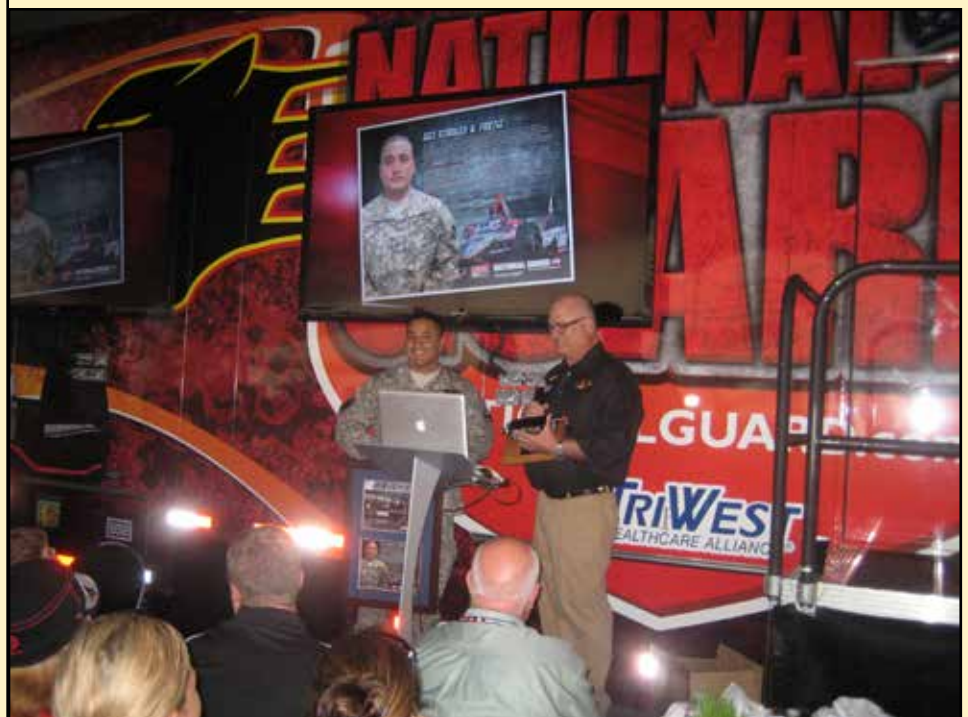
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense organization. It was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve component members (National Guard and Reserve) and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. ESGR assists members from all seven reserve components; Army Reserve, Army National Guard; Air Force Reserve; Air National Guard; Navy Reserve; Marine Corps Reserve; and Coast Guard Reserve. They operate through a network of volunteers throughout the country, and the Maryland Office of the ESGR is located at the Headquarters of the Maryland Military Department in Baltimore (410-234-3809).

Besides its stated goals of promoting public understanding of the National Guard and Reserve and encouraging partnerships between civilian organizations and military units in the community, the office has promoted a number of outreach activities this year in furtherance of its goals.

The Employer Outreach subcommittee hosted luncheons across Maryland where more than 400 employers

Grand Prix road race. In FY 2012, the Maryland ESGR committee sponsored and staffed 89 Employer Outreach events briefing more than 1,700 individuals.

Maryland ESGR members were very active in their Military Outreach mission. Briefings were provided to: 1,148 Air National Guard members;



Sgt. Stanley Fortiz, 291st Army Liaison Team assistant operations noncommissioned officer, receives a hometown hero award from John Barnes, the CEO of Panther Racing during the 2012 Grand Prix of Baltimore, Sept. 2.



# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The Maryland National Guard plays a major role in the state's higher education program. Realizing the important need for education, the Guard strives to improve the educational status of citizen-Soldiers and citizen-Airmen.

Through various programs such as the State Tuition Waiver, State Tuition Reimbursement and Federal Tuition Assistance programs, partnerships between the MDNG and higher education institutions give our military personnel avenues to pursue a valuable education. In addition, these partnerships provide Guard members the opportunity to obtain a college education at little or no cost.

The state of Maryland, in fiscal year 2012, budgeted approximately \$50,000 of State Tuition Assistance for MDNG Soldiers and Airmen. Additionally, more than 440 Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers took advantage of Federal Tuition Assistance. MDNG members also received more than \$600,000 in tuition discounts through the State Tuition Waiver program. The MDNG education programs allow service members to take advantage of state and partner colleges and universities, including vocational-tech and apprenticeship programs. These educational programs are some of the most significant initiatives for the MDNG. Educational entitlements also help to support personnel strength and retention efforts as the MDNG continues to support current conflicts.

Civilian education and training improves the knowledge base of Guard members. Specified mem-



*More than 20 various government agencies and private companies attended the first-ever Maryland National Guard job fair for veterans seeking employment opportunities April 21, in the Ruhl Armory in Towson, Md. The leadership of the 1st Battalion 175th Infantry Regiment was getting ready to return from a yearlong deployment in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt and found that more than 25 percent of their Soldiers were either unemployed or underemployed so they coordinated a job fair to help their Soldiers with employment.*

bers of the MDNG are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public institutions of higher education. The Military Department also provides State Tuition Assistance reimbursement for MDNG Soldiers and Airmen. MDNG members can utilize this benefit for credit-based undergraduate, graduate, professional, vocational-technical and trade school programs at MDNG partner institutions.

The Civilian Employment Assistance office began operations in 2010 and has directly assisted approximately 300 Soldiers and Airmen find employment. The CEA boasts a 70% job placement rate within 90 days. The MDNG CEA website has had more than 1,500 views since its launch. The website provides self-help services ranging from resume assistance and examples, interview

techniques and job searching while deployed. Visitors can also view two informational and counseling videos. During 2012, Maryland experienced unemployment in some counties as high as 11%. Nationally, the veteran unemployment rate was approximately 8% in 2012.

The CEA offers: general employment counseling, résumé review, interview tips, job fair strategies, apprenticeship and licensing counseling and education benefit integration to fund education and/or training. The CEA is networked with all key players in education and training in Maryland to include: Easter Seals, Hero2Hired, and the Maryland Workforce Exchange.

The process begins with assessing the service member's needs, current situation and goals and hopefully ends with gainful employment.





*Maria Golotyuk entered the officer corps during the University of Maryland Army Reserve Officer Training Corps commissioning ceremony in College Park, Md., May 22, when she was pinned as a second lieutenant. Golotyuk claimed the top spot out of more than 5,600 cadets on the Army ROTC national Order of Merit List the previous September. Golotyuk is currently assigned to the Maryland Army National Guard B Company (I&S), 29th Infantry Division.*



To learn more, visit the CEA website at: <http://www.md.ngb.army.mil/XHTML/GuardMembers/Joint/CEA/CEA.html> or contact the CEA directly at: (410)-576-6177/1499.

In addition to the tuition waiver offered as part of this program, National Guard members are also eligible for federal and state tuition assistance, as well as educational benefits under the G.I. Bill.

## PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WITHIN MARYLAND

- Allegany College of Maryland
- Anne Arundel Community College
- Baltimore City Community College
- Bowie State University (50% off 6 semester hours)
- Capitol College
- Carroll Community College
- Cecil Community College
- Chesapeake Community College
- College of Southern Maryland
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Coppin State University
- Frederick Community College
- Frostburg State University (50% off 6 semester hours)
- Garrett Community College
- Hagerstown Community College
- Harford Community College
- Howard Community College
- Loyola University Maryland
- Morgan State University (50% off 8 semester hours)
- Montgomery College
- Prince George's Community College
- Saint Mary's College
- Salisbury State University (50% off 6 semester hours)
- Towson University (50% off 6 semester hours)
- University of Baltimore
- University of MD at Baltimore (25% off 6 semester hours)
- University of MD Baltimore County (50% off 6 semester hours)
- University of MD Biotech Inst (50% off 6 semester hours)
- University of MD College Park (50% off 6 semester hours)
- University of MD Eastern Shore (50% off 6 semester hours)
- University of MD University College
- Stevenson University (15%)
- Washington College
- Wor-Wic Community College

**Note: All schools 50 percent off tuition unless otherwise noted.**



# FREESTATE CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Freestate Challenge Academy is a two-phased, 17-month intervention program for underemployed, drug-free, "at-risk" high school dropouts from the state of Maryland and District of Columbia. The program begins with a 22-week residency phase at the Freestate Challenge Academy at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Following graduation from the resident phase, the cadets are mentored for an additional 12 months, during which time they are placed into jobs, continue their education or enter the military. The mission of the academy is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth and to produce graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline needed to succeed

tremely successful year for the academy. More than 150 students graduated this year, and 3,218 cadets have graduated since the academy's beginning in 1993.

Many alumni of the Freestate Challenge Academy are responsible and productive citizens who are now contributing to their communities throughout



*Cadets celebrate after the graduation ceremony from the Maryland and District of Columbia Freestate Challenge Academy, after completing the 22-week military-oriented residential program for qualified youth located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.*



*Ninety-nine cadets from the Freestate Challenge Academy from Maryland and the District of Columbia graduated from the 22-week military-oriented residential program for qualified youth located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, June 16.*

as adults. Students are brought into a structured and highly disciplined quasi-military academic setting that builds confidence and self-esteem to become productive and contributing members of our society. Cadets attend academic classes to prepare to test for the General Education Development credential and Maryland High School Diploma.

2012 marked the 19th anniversary of the program and was another ex-

the state of Maryland by employing the values and skills taught to them while at the academy.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Maryland National Guard Freestate Challenge Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to three individuals who have significantly contributed to the success of the academy during the past 19 years.

The Freestate Challenge Academy Silver Wings for Youth

Program—a unique and innovative "hands on" and classroom aviation program, where the principles and fundamentals of aviation and aerodynamics are taught on four consecutive weekends

each class cycle—continues to prosper. The instructors are volunteer pilots from the Silver Wings Chapter of Maryland. Practical exercises, quizzes and flight simulators are major components of the program. Each cadet participates in an assisted 30-minute flight in a single engine airplane at the end of the program.

Since its inception in 1996, more than 900 cadets have successfully completed the exacting Freestate Challenge Academy Silver Wings for Youth Program and have enriched their lives with an appreciation for aviation.

*Cadets from the Freestate Challenge Academy stand in front of a fire truck from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Department during a job shadowing event.*







# DEMOGRAPHICS



	STATE OF MARYLAND	MD ARMY GUARD	MD AIR GUARD
Caucasian	64.0%	64.4%	74.4%
African American	28.0%	31.1%	19.2%
Native American	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%
Asian	4.0%	3.0%	2.8%
2+ Races or other	2.0%	0.9%	1.3%
Hispanic	4.0%	2.8%	2.5%
Male	48.0%	84.1%	81.8%
Female	51.5%	15.8%	18.2%

Source for state of Maryland data: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau Released 2011.



# GUARD EQUIPMENT

## HURON



The C-12J Huron can carry seven passengers, four ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations or up to 3,500 pounds of cargo. It carries a crew of two (pilot and co-pilot). The maximum speed is 284 mph, and the range is 1,450 nautical miles.

## HEMTT



Several types of Heavy Equipment Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) are used to carry cargo and fuel or tow vehicles, trailers and howitzers. Range is 300 miles.

## BLACK HAWK



The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter can airlift 11 fully equipped Soldiers and a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and crew chief). Its top speed is 190 knots, its range is 368 miles, and it can carry two 7.62 mm machine guns.

## LAKOTA



The LUH-72 Lakota helicopter is the U.S. Army's new light utility helicopter. It replaced the older OH-58 Kiowa helicopters. The Lakota helicopter is designed for domestic use, supporting homeland security, disaster relief and law enforcement operations.

## FMTV



The Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) was introduced into U.S. Army service in 1996 to replace obsolete and maintenance-intensive 2.5-ton and 5-ton trucks. FMTVs perform equipment transportation, unit mobility, unit resupply and other missions in support of all National Guard missions.





# SPARTAN



The C-27J Spartan provides a true multi-functional, military aircraft designed and built for tactical transport and to support combat operations. It operates autonomously in remote and austere environments and can take off and land from unprepared surfaces and airstrips less than 2,000 feet. This twin-engine turboprop aircraft boasts state-of-the-art avionics, propulsion and systems. The C-27J offers superior and cost-effective performances in any operational condition, extreme mission flexibility, and is uniquely interoperable and interchangeable with heavier military airlifters.

# HUMVEE



The High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (Humvee) is a light vehicle used to carry Soldiers and up to 4,400 pounds of cargo and weapons. Humvees are also used as field ambulances. Maximum highway speed is 65 mph with a range of 350 miles.

# CHINOOK



The CH-47 Chinook helicopter can lift up to 26,000 pounds of weapons or supplies, 33 fully equipped Soldiers or 24 stretchers. It carries a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer). Armament includes machine guns. Maximum speed is 170 knots and range is 400 miles.

# THUNDERBOLT II



The A-10C Thunderbolt II is a close air support, airborne forward control aircraft. It carries a 30 mm, seven-barrel Gatling gun and can carry up to 16,000 pounds of mixed ordinance including 500-pound Nj-82 and 2,000-pound Mk-84 series low/high drag bombs, incendiary cluster bombs, combined effects munitions, AGM-65 Maverick missiles and laser-guided/electro-optically guided bombs. It can also carry infrared countermeasure flares, electronic countermeasure chaff, jammer pods, 2.75-inch rockets, illumination flares, AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles and Joint Direct Attack Munition. It carries a crew of one. The maximum speed is 420 mph with a maximum effective range of 800 miles.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

*Beverly Kuchera receives a certificate of outstanding achievement during the sixth-annual State Employees Recognition Ceremony, June 21, at the Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.*



*Soldiers from the Maryland National Guard's 1-158th Cavalry Regiment and the Rigger Detachment conducted a non-tactical jump from a C-27J aircraft Feb. 4, in Little Orleans, Md., to honor a fallen former Maryland National Guard member.*



*Sgt. Dan Haller, 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment, sits and talks to students assigned to the 70th Regiment, Officer Candidate School, at point Kilo, which is dedicated to his father, Command Sgt. Maj. Roger W. Haller, who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq in 2007. Point Kilo was dedicated to the late command sergeant major by the Soldiers of the 70th Regiment because he loved to sit on that same spot and talk, teach and just think.*

*Senior Master Sgt. Brian McNabb, 175th Maintenance Operation Flight senior controller, discusses the A-10C with Maj. Slobodan Simic and Capt. Zeljko Krajina, Armed Forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina public affairs officers, during their tour of Warfield Air National Guard base in Middle River, Md., Sept. 14.*



*A UH-60 Black hawk assigned to the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, MDARNG, prepares to land on the deck of a U.S. Navy ship in the Persian Gulf. The 29th CAB was the last Army Aviation unit to leave Iraq in December, 2011 and spent most of 2012 developing and expanding regional partnerships and adapting its capabilities to a constantly changing geopolitical environment through nonstandard training such as deck landing qualifications.*



*Col. Dan Marino, 175th Wing vice commander, taxis his A-10C Thunderbolt II after completing his final flight. Marino has flown 4,827 hours in military aircraft and will soon retire. He has the third highest amount of flying hours in an A-10C aircraft.*



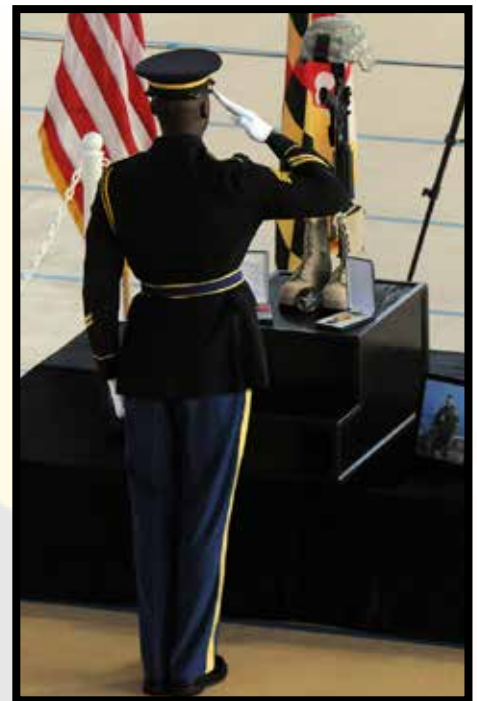
*Members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 200th Military Police Company conducted a Quick Response Force course Feb. 21-24, at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reistertown, Md.*





# HONORING OUR FALLEN

*The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard supported a memorial ceremony held March 8, at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore, Md., for Maj. Robert Marchanti II, 48, of Baltimore, who died Feb. 25 in Kabul Afghanistan, of wounds received during an attack on the Afghan Interior Ministry.*



*The Maryland Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Class 53 candidates organized a 5k run at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md., June 9, in order to raise money toward a charity, set up in memory of Maj. Robert Marchanti II.*



*Friends, Family and colleagues gathered at the Fallen Warrior Memorial Saturday, Sept. 8, for an annual wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the Maryland National Guard Warriors who paid the ultimate price defending freedom. Twelve Citizen Soldiers, whose names are inscribed on the memorial, were remembered during the ceremony at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md.*



# RELEVANT AND READY

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