



MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2021



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# VALUES

## THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE IS TOP PRIORITY

Every great organization becomes great by ensuring the people who serve it are well cared for. Our Soldiers, Airmen, civilians, and family members deserve that type of care. Each one of our people will be treated with dignity and respect at all times and in all situations. We will continue to ensure that our team is in good mental, physical, medical, and spiritual condition.

## RETENTION OF OUR FORCE IS KEY

We need to keep our teammates on the team by allowing them to succeed and thrive.

**AUTONOMY:** We need to give our teammates a job to do, provide guidance, and let them figure out how to do it.

**MASTERY:** We need to give them opportunities for personal and professional growth.

**PURPOSE:** We need to give them important, meaningful missions.

## READINESS OF OUR ENTIRE FORCE IS NECESSARY

Our leaders have a sacred obligation to build cohesive teams that are trained, disciplined, and able to accomplish their missions. We must be ready to defeat any threats. From deployments to foreign shores to defeat any adversary, to the defense of the cyber domain, to the immediate response to natural disasters: our Guard is always ready and always there.

## RECRUITING IS EVERYONE'S JOB

We must continue to grow the force in order to meet our readiness objectives. Recruiting is a team effort. We are all recruiters and growing the force is our duty.



## MISSION

Protect and assist the citizens of Maryland at a moment's notice while we fight and win our nation's wars on the ground, in the air, and in the intelligence, information, and cyber domains.

## VISION

Execute our state and federal mission with overwhelming effectiveness by sustaining an organization that values competence, strong leadership, and teamwork while providing its members personal growth and a higher sense of purpose.



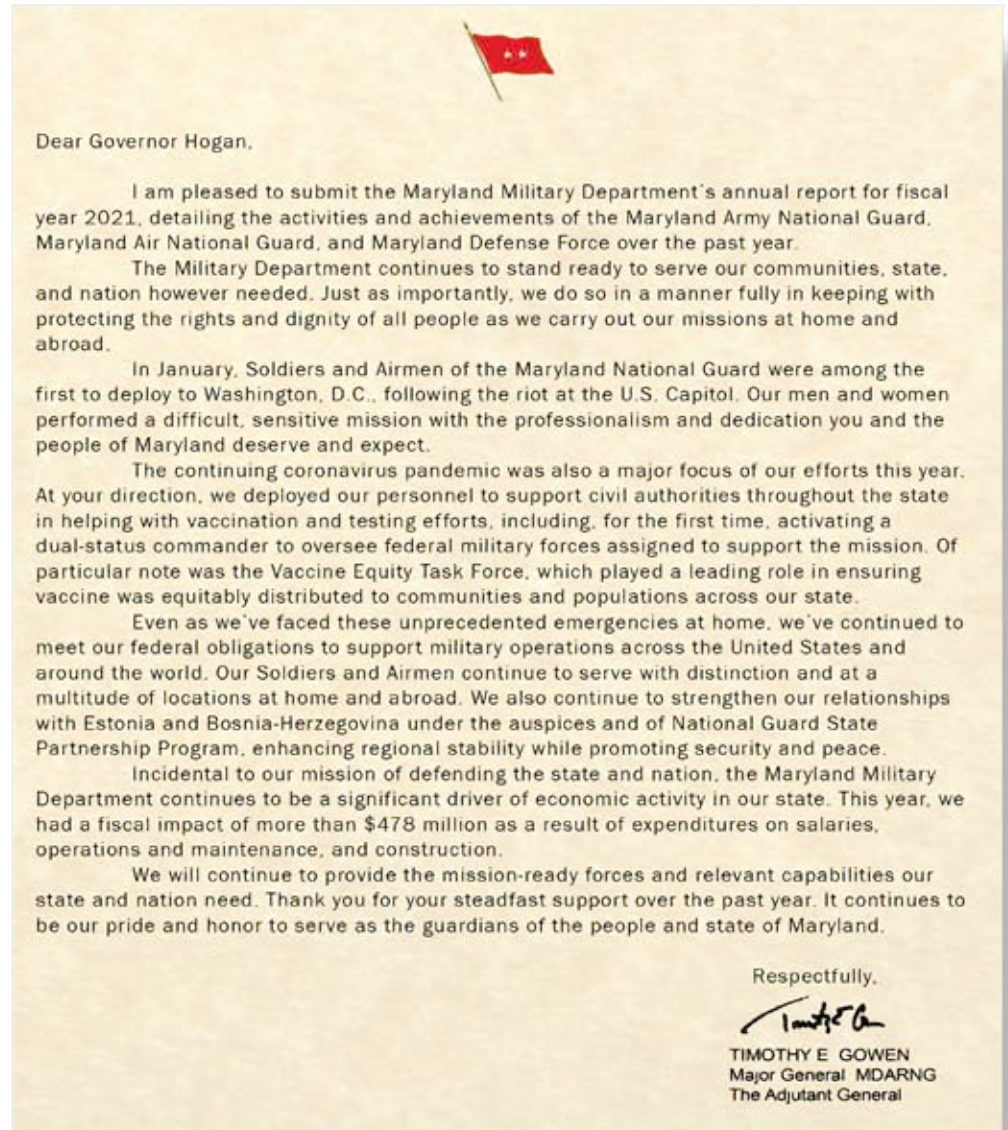
**GOVERNOR  
LARRY HOGAN**  
Maryland Governor



**MAJOR GENERAL  
TIMOTHY E. GOWEN**  
The Adjutant General



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
PERLISA D. WILSON**  
Senior Enlisted Leader





## PURPOSE

The Maryland Military Department's state mission is to provide trained personnel to protect life, property, preserve peace, maintain order and ensure public safety as directed by the Governor. The Military Department maintains facilities throughout the state which enable it to prepare, train, and accomplish assigned missions.

## OVERVIEW

The Maryland Military Department is a state governmental organization comprised of four pillars: the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and Maryland Defense Force. It was established in 1957 with the Adjutant General in a civilian capacity to manage and maintain the Guard and its missions. Within the MMD, a residential Freestate Challenge program is supported that graduates approximately 200 at-risk youth per year. The MDNG Honor Guard performs military funeral honors for approximately 215 veterans per month. The 175th Wing maintains an operational fire department in addition to the A-10C Thunderbolt II flying mission along with the 175th Cyber Operations mission. We are required to submit timely and accurate request to receive federal reimbursement for state funds expended through cooperative agreements to fund military programs budgeted for more than \$60 million annually. The MMD executes the facilities master plan over a capital portfolio valued in excess of \$750 million by balancing new construction projects with sustainment maintenance while accounting for state property at facilities geographically separated throughout Maryland.



# MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



GOV. LARRY HOGAN



**MDNG JOINT STAFF**  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
COUNTERDRUG  
CBRNE



THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



**MARYLAND MILITARY DEPT.**  
AT-RISK YOUTH PROGRAM  
MILITARY HONORS  
INSTALLATIONS  
MUSEUM



ENGINEERING  
MEDICAL SUPPORT  
CYBER OPERATIONS



**175TH WING**  
A-10 OPERATIONS  
SECURITY FORCES  
MEDICAL SUPPORT  
CYBER OPERATIONS  
LOGISTICS  
ENGINEERING  
COMMUNICATIONS  
MAINTENANCE



**29TH CAB**  
AVIATION/AIRLIFT  
MEDICAL SUPPORT  
MAINTENANCE  
TRANSPORTATION  
LOGISTICS

**70TH RTI**  
TRAINING  
SPECIAL FORCES

**58TH TC**  
COMMAND AND CONTROL  
MILITARY POLICE  
ENGINEERING  
CHEMICAL  
BAND

**58TH EMIB**  
SPECIAL FORCES  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

**ADDITIONAL CAPABILITIES**  
LEGAL  
COMMUNICATIONS



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION  
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT  
MISSION SUPPORT

# ECONOMIC IMPACT

The MDNG receives federal funds in three basic appropriations:

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

## OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

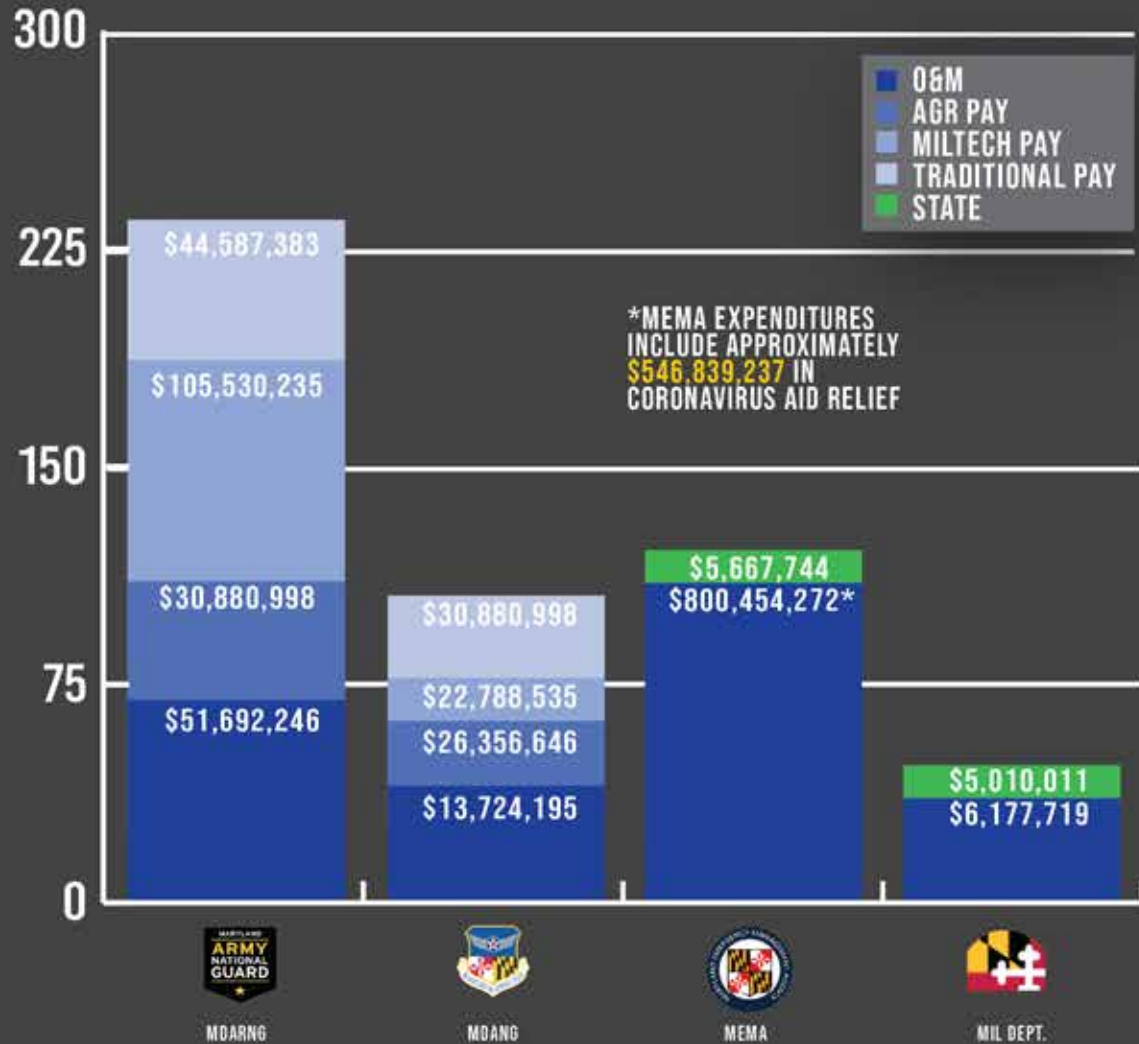
Includes activities involved in the administration of the National Guard, training of units, procurement of organizational equipment, supplies, repair parts, services, equipment maintenance, and activities in connection with military support to civil authorities. This appropriation also includes full-time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

## CONSTRUCTION

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

## WHERE THE FUNDING GOES

The Maryland National Guard receives funds from the Department of the Army, Department of the Air Force, Department of Homeland Security, and the state of Maryland. State funds cover the salaries of state regular and contract employees, and supports maintenance and repair of department facilities. Additionally, the state provides funds for the Veterans' Honor Guard, tuition assistance for Guard members, and the Freestate Challenge program. Federal support to the Military Department is significant. These expenditures, which have a statewide economic impact, cover pay and allowances, training, supplies, equipment, and construction. It includes some operational funding for MEMA by the Department of Homeland Security.



# DEMOGRAPHICS



STATE



MDARNG



MDANG



MDDF



MEMA



MILITARY DEPT.

6.1 MILLION CITIZENS

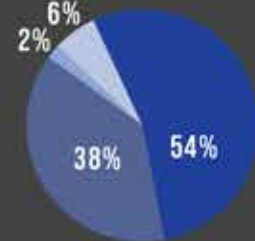
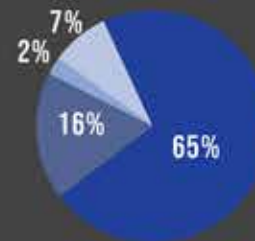
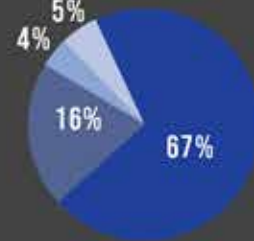
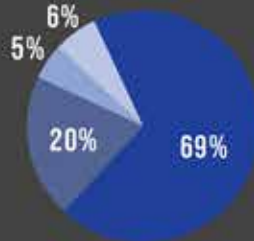
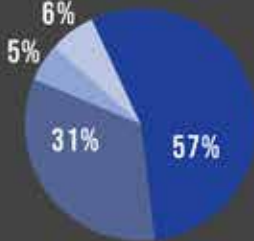
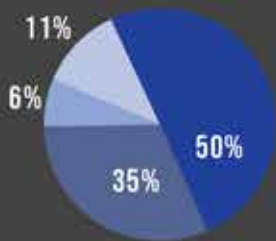
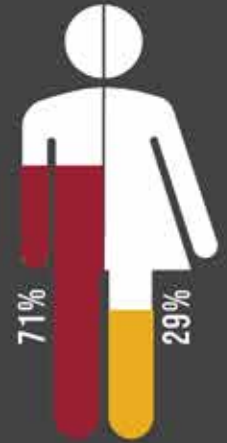
4,600 SOLDIERS

1,329 AIRMEN

208 MEMBERS

81 MEMBERS

201 MEMBERS

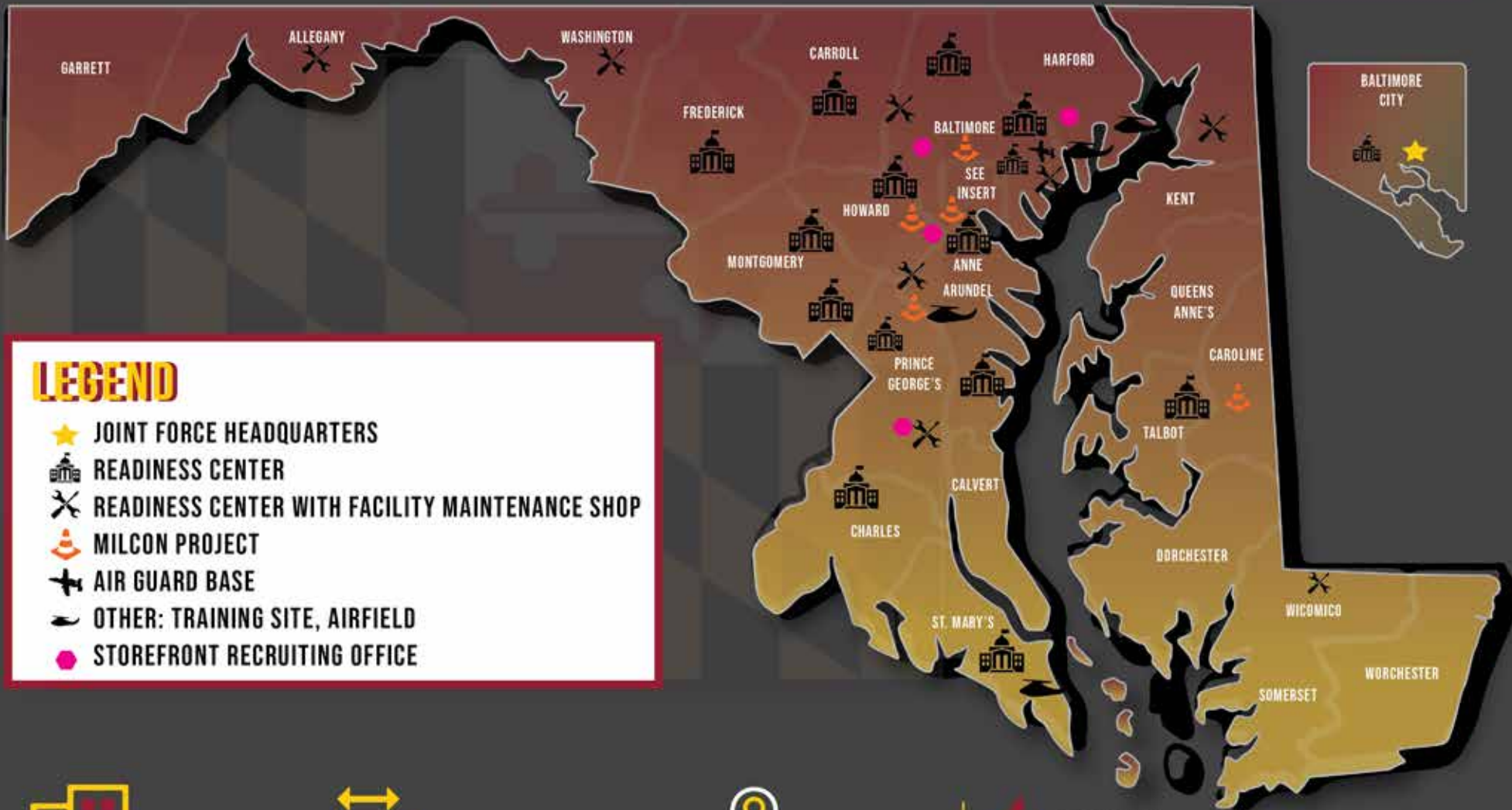


MALE FEMALE CAUCASIAN AFRICAN AMERICAN ASIAN HISPANIC OR OTHER



# MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT

# FOOTPRINT



## LEGEND

- ★ JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
- 🏢 READINESS CENTER
- 🔧 READINESS CENTER WITH FACILITY MAINTENANCE SHOP
- 🚧 MILCON PROJECT
- ✈️ AIR GUARD BASE
- 🛩️ OTHER: TRAINING SITE, AIRFIELD
- STOREFRONT RECRUITING OFFICE



295 BUILDINGS



3.2 MILLION SQUARE FEET  
OF FACILITIES SPACE



3,913 ACRES



1.2 BILLION  
PROPERTY VALUE



# REAL PROPERTY

## COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

### FREEDOM READINESS CENTER

The new readiness center in Sykesville is anticipated to be operational by 2022. The center costs \$25 million, \$17 million in federal and \$8 million in state funding. The center was officially renamed the Major General Linda L. Singh Readiness Center in October 2021.

### MDANG CYBER OPERATIONS CENTER

The operations center is a geographically separated MDANG facility on Fort Meade near the U.S. Cyber Command. The facility cost \$6 million in federal funding and the 10,000 square foot building opened in FY21.



## PROGRAMMED FUTURE FACILITIES PROJECTS

### AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR

The facility is slated for renovation in FY22 and will receive an estimated \$0 in state funding and \$2 million in federal funding. The hangar is located at the Warfield Air National Guard Base.

### COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP

Currently in the project design phase, its estimated cost is \$22 million, \$12 million in federal and \$10 million in state funding. The Maryland Military Department has requested additional federal funding. The projected completion for the Havre de Grace facility is January 2024.





**BRIGADIER GENERAL  
ADAM FLASCH**

Director, Joint Staff

We serve as the Joint Force Headquarters for Maryland and assist the Adjutant General in exercising authority and direction over assigned and attached organizations of the Maryland Military Department in order to accomplish state and federal missions.





The Maryland Joint Staff oversaw the Maryland National Guard's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. In February, Joint Staff members were federally mobilized in order to directly support the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) with vaccination site setups and administrative functions. The Joint Staff worked closely with partners at all levels of state and local governments, including county executives and Governor Larry Hogan. By September 2021, the Joint Staff supported coordination of 175,000 vaccinations over 13 counties and facilitated 83,000 tests.

For the first and second quarter of 2021, the Joint Staff focused primarily on direct coordination of mass vaccination site setups and county vaccination site support. By June 30, 2021, the Joint Staff had assisted in the planning and coordination of 742 missions and five mass vaccination sites throughout the state of Maryland, including M&T Bank Stadium, Six Flags, Wicomico Civic Center, Greenbelt Metro Station, and Hagerstown Premium Outlets. The Joint Staff worked with planning cells in the Army and Air National Guard in order to ensure the success of all vaccination and testing missions around the state. The Joint Staff played a vital role in the initial rollout of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, working closely with MDNG medical personnel to initiate vaccinations for Maryland guardsmen and citizens alike.

The Joint Staff was able to provide MDNG leadership with timely and relevant information that allowed them to employ administrative and vaccination resources effectively throughout the state. Over 193 days of COVID-19 pandemic support was provided to address the unique challenges of vaccination site administration and setup. This effort helped vaccinate over 175,000 Marylanders over the course of eight months, reducing the spread of the virus and saving lives. The Joint Staff continues to provide support to MDH and other state partners as we continue to remain vigilant in combatting the spread of the COVID-19.

MARYLAND  
**ARMY  
NATIONAL  
GUARD**  
★



**BRIGADIER GENERAL  
JANEEN L. BIRCKHEAD**  
Assistant Adjutant General  
MDARNG



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
JAMES M. NUGENT**  
Command Sergeant Major of  
the MDARNG

We are an organization of excellence, embedded in our communities and focused on improving security, safety, and support to all citizens. We man, equip, train, and sustain the force to mobilize when ordered to federal service by the president, and provide support to civil authorities during state emergencies as directed by The Adjutant General.



The Maryland Army National Guard supported Operation Capitol Response with about 800 soldiers and Brig. Gen. Janeen Birckhead as the commander for Task Force Capitol Grounds. MDNG continued in Washington D.C. to support the peaceful transition of power during the 59th President Inauguration.

MDARNG medical support teams assisted and supported mass vaccination sites. Concurrently, MDNG continued to support the ongoing COVID response. Governor Larry Hogan appointed Brig. Gen. Birckhead as the Vaccine Equity Task Force lead to ensure communities facing barriers the equitable opportunity to receive vaccines.

At the same time, Guard members prepared for federal missions and headed out on deployments. The 729th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company was welcomed home from their NATO mission in Poland to support Operation Atlantic Resolve. The 58th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade and 629th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Battalion returned from supporting Operation Inherent Resolve in Afghanistan, also returning was B. Company 20th Special Forces. The 29th Military Police Company deployed troops to Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo with back-to-back missions. Also, an MDARNG Medevac and ASB sent an aviation maintenance section to Kosovo. Members of the 58th Troop Command's 110th Information Operations Battalion rotated teams deployed to Djibouti to continue support in the Horn of Africa. The 29th Infantry Division deployed to Kuwait and assisted with the Afghans' resettlement.

Guard members Capt. Ryan Slaughter, a logistics officer with the 70th Regiment, was deemed the best officer for the 2021 MDNG Best Warrior Competition. Spc. Richard Granke, a healthcare specialist with the 224th Medical Company Area Support, and Sgt. James McGill, a 224th Medical Company Area Support radiology specialist, were deemed the best soldier and noncommissioned officer of the 2021 MDNG Best Warrior Competition. McGill went on to win Region 2 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., and proudly represented Maryland at the National Best Warrior Competition at Camp Navajo, Ariz.



**NEARLY 200 SOLDIERS OF THE 729TH QUARTERMASTER COMPOSITE SUPPLY COMPANY, RETURNED FROM THEIR 11-MONTH DEPLOYMENT TO POLAND IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ATLANTIC RESOLVE.**





**BRIGADIER GENERAL  
EDWARD S. JONES**  
Assistant Adjutant General  
MDANG



**CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT  
ANTHONY D. SIMS**  
Maryland Air National Guard  
State Command Chief

We are committed to community while ensuring our aircraft and personnel are ready to support state and federal missions. We are the lead agency for Maryland's Cyber Center of Excellence, developing policy, organization, facility solutions, and leadership for Maryland's operations in the cyber domain.



As the pandemic continued the past year, the Maryland Air National Guard stayed very busy. Airmen of the 175th Wing forward deployed to six vaccination sites across Maryland, administered 77,000 vaccines to the community. These mobile vaccination support team also provided support for the distribution of hundreds of thousands more vaccinations during those missions. The 175th Medical Group held 29 vaccination events for guard members, retirees, and their dependents leading all ANG states in COVID-19 vaccinations.

A team of five senior planners augmented the Maryland Department of Health incident command staff and helped state officials open 12 mass vaccination locations across the state. In conjunction with the University of Maryland Medical System, 85 Airmen from 17 different squadrons of the 175th Wing operated the state's second-largest mass vaccination site at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, ultimately distributing over 248,000 vaccines. The 55,000 square foot stadium site in Baltimore was setup in just 18 days by those Airmen. Vice President Kamala Harris, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass, and Governor Larry Hogan visited the site and thanked the Airmen for their support to the community.

Airmen of the 175th Logistics Readiness Squadron "Port Dawgs" processed thousands of National Guard members and handled over 260,000 pounds of equipment and cargo in support of the 59th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. Members of the 175th Security Forces Squadron also provided support to the Presidential election and civil unrest.

With the sudden influx of evacuees from Afghanistan, the wing mobilized approximately 30 Airmen to support reception and processing efforts at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

A-10 Ops and Maintenance deployed for four exercises since October 2020, like Combat Hammer, Volk Field CSAREX, and Green Flag West. During Hawgsmoke, 175th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron won top honors and the 104th Fighter Squadron had the top A-10 pilot in the U.S Air Force. The 175th Cyber Operations Group mobilized in both our offensive and defensive cyber missions for United States Cyber Command's Cyber National Mission Force and conducted exercises like Southern Strike 21, Cyber Blitz, and the President's Cup, in addition to conducting state cyber response activities. The 135th Intelligence Squadron simultaneously supported combatant commanders across the globe and Counterdrug Program priorities in the state.

The Maryland Air National Guard commemorated 100 years of serving the state and nation with a centennial celebration on June 29, 2021. The Wing closed out the year with Air Combat Command capstone inspection with an effective rating, five superior teams and 30 superior performers.



**THE 175TH WING PAINTED AN A-10 THUNDERBOLT WITH A SCHEME THAT PAYS HOMAGE TO OVER 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MARYLAND AND THE NATION.**





RUSSEL J. STRICKLAND  
Executive Director, MEMA



CHAS A. EBY  
Deputy Executive Director, MEMA

We proactively reduce disaster risks and reliably manage consequences through collaborative work with Maryland's communities and partners.



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GOVA  
MOBILE

Let's end COVID



The state COVID-19 operations shifted from response to recovery mode as Maryland prepared to address the long-term effects of the pandemic. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency supported the coordination and establishment of vaccination clinics and mobile vaccination units, booster shots, testing efforts, contact tracing, and ongoing outreach to underserved communities. MEMA continues to fill key roles in the Multi-Agency Coordination Unified Command organizational chart, with the Maryland Department of Health as the lead agency.

The International Association of Emergency Managers awarded the Department of Emergency Management a global technology award for the agency's innovative approach to resource management during the COVID-19 Pandemic. When availability and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) became an important consideration, Maryland officials quickly developed a formula to calculate how fast the material was being used.

MEMA worked with local and federal partners to respond to weather events in 2021 and continued recovery efforts from storms that hit in 2020. The remnants of hurricane Ida tore through Maryland on September 1, spawning several tornadoes and causing flood damage. The Small Business Administration approved a disaster declaration that made low-interest loans available to survivors in Anne Arundel, Cecil and Montgomery counties. Additionally, MEMA staffed the State Emergency Operations Center as a late October nor'easter brought some of the worst tidal flooding to the state. Concurrently, MEMA continued to coordinate reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for hurricanes and costs related to the COVID-19 response. As of late October, FEMA provided reimbursement of more than \$1.6 million for damages related to hurricane Isaias and almost \$1.03 billion for COVID-19 costs to state and local government agencies.

The State of Maryland 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan that was adopted by Governor Larry Hogan was the result of collaboration between local jurisdictions and stakeholders to identify, assess and develop mitigation strategies to address hazards impacting Marylanders. The plan builds upon the 2016 version to add additional hazards, including public health emergencies, soil movement, extreme temperatures, dam failure, as well as human-caused hazards and threats.

The Hazard Mitigation Branch learned in April that FEMA approved \$3 million in funding to help the city of Annapolis with a major project to reduce flooding around its harbor and preserve the state capitol's historic waterfront. Eleven projects were submitted for funding under FEMA's Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities program and are undergoing final review, to include a plan to improve the water quality and shoreline of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River in Baltimore.

As of 01 October 2021, MEMA no longer exists, in its place is the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM), an agency that is completely independent of the Maryland Military Department (MMD)



**MEMA CREATED THE CYBER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM AND SECURED OVER \$1 MILLION IN CYBER PREPAREDNESS AND CYBER SECURITY INVESTMENTS.**





**BRIG. GEN. (MDDF)  
GREGORY J. JUDAY**  
Commander, MDDF



**COMMAND SGT. MAJ. (MDDF)  
GUY JOHNSON**  
Senior Enlisted Leader, MDDF

We are a volunteer, uniformed component of the Maryland Military Department, authorized by Maryland law. The MDDF provides trained and 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.



Fiscal Year 2021 was remarkably busy for the Maryland Defense Force (MDDF). Three MDDF units were re-designated including the 27th Training Battalion, the 231st Troop Command and the 256th Cyber Defense Unit. The MDDF was awarded the prestigious 2020 Governor's Service Award in the Government Agency category and the 10th Medical Regiment was awarded the 2021 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Innovation Award.

The MDDF 10th MR was especially busy supporting Maryland's efforts against the spread of the COVID-19 virus. For months, the unit spearheaded MDDF's support of the Maryland National Guard (MDNG) veterans COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Baltimore Veteran's Administration Medical Center. A separate MDNG vaccination program for Baltimore City residents was also supported by MDDF personnel at New Shiloh Baptist Church.

A total of 70 Maryland Army National Guard buildings were inspected by MDDF's 121st Engineer Regiment as a part of the annual MDNG Installation Status Report program. MDDF personnel donated 1,050 hours to complete this mission. The 121st ER also taught an Infrastructure and Society course at the University of Maryland at College Park during the fall semester.

The 231st Troop Command managed the in-processing for the MDNG Freestate Challenge Academy at Aberdeen Proving Ground - Edgewood Area. This year COVID-19 testing was administered and vaccination shots were provided to those in need. Additionally, MDDF provided interpretation services for families of Spanish speaking cadets.

The 256th Cyber Defense Unit conducted joint virtual drills with the Virginia Defense Force where incident response, recovery best practices and physical penetration testing were reviewed. The unit also shared best practices and lessons learned during the annual 2021 State Guard Association of the United States conference.

During all three phases of the Maryland Army National Guard Officer Candidate School, the MDDF Chaplain Corps performed religious services, prayers, counseling, pastoral care and provided moral support for the officer candidates. The goal of the Chaplain Corps was to help the candidates with their spiritual, emotional and psychological needs in order to be at their best while facing adversity.

The MDDF Band performed during a Memorial Day Ceremony at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery (Salute to Veterans) and a Memorial Day Ceremony that honored veterans in Pasadena, Md. where a bugler was provided to Sound TAPS on 29, 30, and 31 May. The MDDF Band performed with the 229th Army Band for Concert in the Park at Tydings Memorial Park in Havre de Grace and supported the Maryland National Guard Officer Candidate School graduation at Aberdeen Proving Ground - Edgewood Area. The MDDF Band also played with the 229th Army Band for a concert at Shamrock Park in Belair and at a ceremony honoring the Military and First Responders at the Timonium Fairgrounds.



**THE MDDF COMPILED 26,633 HOURS  
IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF  
MARYLAND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR,  
WHICH SAVED THE STATE OF MARY-  
LAND A TOTAL OF \$1,773,165.00.**



# YEAR-IN-REVIEW

OCTOBER 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 2021



**OCT 06**

Soldiers from the 169th Cyber Protection Team participated in Cyber Shield exercise



**NOV 14**

Members of the 29th Military Police Company deployed to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo to conduct training with the NATO-led Kosovo Force



**DEC 06**

The 175th Wing held the Airmen Recognition Ceremony at Warfield Air National Guard Base



**JAN 05**

MDNG dispatched mobile vaccination support teams to assist local health departments with vaccination clinics



**JAN 07**

Approximately 800 MDNG personnel were activated to provide security and logistics support for the 59th Presidential Inauguration



**FEB 09**

Secretary of the Army visits MDNG Mobile Vaccination Support Team



**FEB 11**

58th EMIB & 629th MI BN returned from Afghanistan 9-month deployment

**OCT 22**

MDNG Guardsman honored with MacArthur Leadership award



**NOV 17**

Soldiers of the 729th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company, returned today from their 11-month deployment



**DEC 15**

Gov. Hogan announced the reactivation of the MDNG in support of COVID-19 vaccinations



**DEC 14**

A-10C Thunderbolt II pilots from the 104th Fighter Squadron



**JAN 31**

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Janeen Birkhead is named lead for the Vaccine Equity Task Force



**FEB 12**

Six Flags opens as Maryland's first mass vaccination site



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Members of the 175th Cyber Operations Group, Maryland Air National Guard, participated in Southern Strike 21

**APR 14**



Soldiers of the MDNG competed for the title of Best Warrior

**MAR 12**



Members of the 29th ID leave for a 10-month deployment to the Middle East

**MAY 05**



Members of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina learn best practices for vaccinating their citizens during COVID-19 pandemic

**JUN 10**

**JUL 24**



Sgt. James McGill, a radiology specialist with the 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, won the Best Warrior Competition and went to represent the state in the Region II BWC where he was named NCO of the Year



Airmen of the 175th Wing, helped finish construction on homes built for Cherokee Veterans.

**AUG 03**



Members of the VETF hosted the Educators and Cultivators Back to School Summit and Vaccination Clinic

**AUG 17**



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Adam Flasch visited members of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**APR 01**

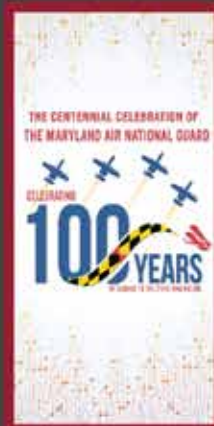
**MAY 31**

Command Sgt. Maj. James Nugent supports the 229th MDNG Army Band at Memorial Day recognition ceremony and parade



Vice President Kamala Harris visited the COVID-19 mass vaccination site at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore

**APR 29**



Maryland Air National Guard commemorates 100 years serving the state and nation.

**JUN 29**

**AUG 4**

MDNG members participate in Admiral Pitka Challenge



MDNG members were given a Governor's citation from the Board of Public Works for their unwavering service to the state during the COVID-19 pandemic

**JUL 28**



Fallen warrior ceremony, which pays respects to guardsmembers who died since 9/11, had its 20th Anniversary

**SEP 11**



The Maryland National Guard State Partnership Program hosted defense attachés from their state partners, Estonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as Adriatic Charter members from Croatia, Montenegro and North Macedonia at the Baltimore Convention Center field hospital and the M&T Bank Stadium mass vaccination site in Baltimore, Maryland. The visit was intended to share lessons learned from Maryland's response with rapidly deploying personnel and equipment to combat the coronavirus pandemic. The first live event of the fiscal year focused on the attachés that lived in the local Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia areas.

Soldiers and Airmen from the 244th Engineer Company, MDARNG and 175th Civil Engineer Squadron, MDANG, participated in an engineering assessment with their Estonian Defense League counterparts in September. The assessments aimed to re-invigorate construction projects that started in 2019 but were put on hold due to COVID-19. Proposed projects for the future include barracks renovations, classrooms, shelters and expansions to live-fire ranges.

In September, Maryland's 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion partnered with the District of Columbia to share maintenance subject matter expertise with Service Members from Burkina Faso. The National Guard unit in Washington, D.C. recently started an SPP partnership with Burkina Faso in 2018. This event was an example of how neighboring national guard units can support for a specific skillset that is unavailable in their State. MDNG's SPP is partnering with DCNG in fiscal year 22 for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives training event in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



**EXECUTED 16 TOTAL EVENTS WITH BiH**  
**EXECUTED 16 TOTAL EVENTS WITH ESTONIA**  
**EXECUTED 1 TRI-LATERAL EVENT**



# COUNTERDRUG

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SEIZURES OVER  
**\$13,091,780** MILLION FOR **FY21** WHILE  
SUPPORTING FEDERAL AND STATE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

## OFF THE STREETS


APPROXIMATELY **9,880** GRAMS OF  
MARIJUANA, **1,491** GRAMS OF FENTANYL,  
AND **11,940** GRAMS OF COCAINE

The MDARNG Counterdrug Program consisted of 41 personnel, comprised of 37 Soldiers and four Airmen. The program has three main focus areas which are aerial reconnaissance and observation, investigative analyst support to law enforcement agencies, and the drug demand reduction outreach program.

Our Aerial Observation and Reconnaissance Support utilized four UH-72 Lakota helicopters with two pilots. The pilots conducted aerial missions with law enforcement agencies totaling to 375 hours. While these missions are separate from the analyst missions, our pilots support many of the same agencies.

The Drug Demand Reduction Program helps local organizations plan and organize events that help to engage communities in a positive manner. This team also helps to develop the local community-based organization leaders and enhance their operation efficiency. They are currently teamed with eight coalitions and growing.

During FY21 Counterdrug expanded investigative analysis support to two additional law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection as well as the Baltimore County Police Department to assist the opioid epidemic fight throughout Maryland.



The 32nd Civil Support Team in conjunction with 175th Civil Engineer Squadron, MDANG fabricated and furnished strategic operational maps of the Port of Baltimore for U.S. Customs and Border Protection Marine Enforcement Unit. Additionally, the unit assisted the District of Columbia's 33rd CST and U.S. Secret Service with planning and staffing Joint Hazard Assessment Teams for the 59th Presidential Inauguration, while the remainder of the 32nd CST remained in a ready status to respond. During the 76th session of the United Nation's General Assembly in New York City, the 32nd CST augmented New York's 24th CST with personnel to conduct Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives detection and response operations. This interagency support included local, state, and federal assets.



THE 32ND CST PARTICIPATED IN **69** MISSIONS OR EXERCISES, INCLUDING  
**20** STANDBY MISSIONS AND **29** ASSISTANCE CALLS  
**22** FULL-TIME MEMBERS FROM **14** DIFFERENT SPECIALIZED CAREER FIELDS



# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

## SERVE THE HOMELAND

Proven and prepared to meet every mission within the state of Maryland and overseas.



## SUPPORT THE WARFIGHT

Primary combat reserve focused on lethality to protect the United States' vital interests.



## ENDURING PARTNERSHIPS

Enduring relationships contributes to readiness in local communities and enhances global security.





The Maryland National Guard Historical Services Office, which includes the Maryland Military Museum, supports the Maryland National Guard mission by preserving the history of Maryland's soldiers and airmen through the collection, maintenance, documentation, and presentation of significant events, people, and places that represent the military heritage of the State of Maryland.

**FUNDS RECEIVED FROM MD MILITARY DEPARTMENT: \$208,056**

**INFORMATION REQUEST FULFILLED: 114**

**ARTIFACTS CATALOGUED: 197**

**MUSEUM TOURS/VISITORS: 109**





The mission of the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard is to represent the Maryland National Guard in ceremonial functions with the highest level of dignity and pride for our community, state and the United States Army. The MDNG Honor Guard has a group of dedicated men and women who are diligent and steadfast in providing highly performed "Going Home" services to the families of our veterans. Members of the Honor Guard have worked on a six-day work week with the reduction in personnel throughout the pandemic. The honor guard team members are trained and re-trained to perfection by the training NCOIC.

## 2,520 MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS COMPLETED

- WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- MARYLAND FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL CONVENTION COMMUNITY PARADE
- HONORING THE MILITARY AND 9/11 FIRST RESPONDERS
- FALLEN WARRIORS CEREMONY HONORS FALLEN GUARDMEMBERS



The Freestate Challenge Academy is an alternative program run by the Maryland National Guard and managed through both federal and state governments that offers at-risk youth, ages 16-18, another chance to successfully transition to adulthood through becoming immersed in a residential quasi-military environment for about five months.

At Freestate, cadets participate in GED preparatory education and have the opportunity to take their GED exam to earn a Maryland high school diploma. The cadets receive training in eight core components: Leadership/Followership, Service to Community, Job Skills, Academic Excellence, Responsible Citizenship, Life-Coping Skills, Health & Hygiene, and Physical Fitness. By the end of the program most graduates have a job, are enrolling in college, or enlisting in the military.

July 2021 was the first class since the pandemic began, all incoming candidates of Class 57 were required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 at the time of in-processing. Together with the Maryland National Guard Vaccine Equity Task Force, the program was able to assist with having 89 candidates and many of their family members vaccinated against COVID-19.

**FREESTATE CHALLENGE ACADEMY'S BUDGET IS \$3,371,091 FEDERAL SUPPORT AND \$1,123,697 STATE SUPPORT FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,494,788 IN FUNDING.**



The Maryland Vaccine Equity Task Force (VETF), led by Maryland Army National Guard Brigadier General Janeen Birkhead, is working with the state's 24 local health departments to focus COVID-19 vaccination efforts on underserved, vulnerable, and hard-to-reach populations to ensure the equitable delivery of vaccines. The task force has leveraged resources with close ties to key communities, including the state's Vaccine Advisory Group, the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, the state's network of Medicaid providers, and additional public sector and community partners.

THROUGH POP UP CLINICS, PARTNERSHIP CLINICS, AND MOBILE VACCINE CLINICS, THE VETF HAVE COMPLETED **1,376** MISSIONS ACROSS THE STATE AND DISTRIBUTED **160,835** DOSES OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE.



# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

## MENTAL



THE ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY COPE WITH MENTAL STRESSORS AND CHALLENGES. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR NEEDS AND FEELINGS. OUR THOUGHTS CONTROL OUR ENERGY.

## PHYSICAL



THE ABILITY TO ADOPT AND SUSTAIN HEALTHY BEHAVIORS. REGULARLY WORK OUT AND CONTINUALLY MONITOR PHYSICAL STAMINA. RECOGNIZE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MIND AND BODY: STRONG BODIES HELP BUILD STRONG MINDS.

# SUPPORT SERVICES

## SOCIAL



THE ABILITY TO BUILD AND VALUE INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AS WELL AS SOCIAL NETWORKS. SOCIAL CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS WIDEN PERCEPTIONS AND GROW CHARACTER.

## SPIRITUAL



THE ABILITY TO ADHERE TO BELIEFS, PRINCIPLES, OR VALUES NEEDED TO PERSEVERE AND PREVAIL IN ACCOMPLISHING MISSIONS.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR**  
**YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM**

**RESILIENCE, RISK REDUCTION, SUICIDE PREVENTION (R3SP)**  
**INSPECTOR GENERAL**

# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD BY THE NUMBERS

**1,089** MEMBERS ACTIVATED SERVED OVER **258** DAYS



**847,879** VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED AT **792** SITES  
IN **23** COUNTIES

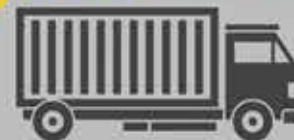
MDNG PROVIDED COVID-19 TESTING FOR

**175,427** PEOPLE AT PERSONAL SCREENING SITES



THE VACCINE EQUITY TASK FORCE COMPLETED OVER **1,376** MISSIONS

**160,835** DOSES DISTRIBUTED AND OVER



**150,000** DOSES PROVIDED TO COUNTY EQUITY PLANS

**800** PERSONNEL DEPLOYED TO D.C. FOR THE SECURITY MISSION  
TOTALING OVER



**403,200** MAN HOURS



\*AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021