Maryland Military Department 2008 Annual Report

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Lt. Governor

Brigadier General
James A. Adkins
The Adjutant General

Brigadier General James A. Adkins was appointed as the 28th adjutant general of Maryland effective June 1, 2008. The adjutant general is responsible for the daily operations of the Maryland Military Department which includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Defense Force.

General Adkins was born in Cambridge and grew up in Dorchester County on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Prior to entering the U.S. Army, he served two years with the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office.

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 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen, emergency management professionals, civilian staff and volunteer forces will coordinate and support State response 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 servicemen 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 so doing, 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 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen, civilian staff, and emergency management professionals, 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 in developing 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 fiscal year 2008 annual report for the Maryland Military Department, which incorporates accomplishments of the Maryland Army National Guard (MDARNG), Maryland Air National Guard (MDANG), Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and Maryland Defense Force (MDDF).

The past year was marked by many highlights for the department, including your appointment of a new leadership team including myself as Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Alberto Jimenez as Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon as Assistant Adjutant General for Air, and Richard Muth, as Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

Key to our success as a department is interoperability among all branches of the department. As evidence of that, Military Department personnel participated in several drills and training exercises during the past year including a comprehensive severe storm exercise in May. That exercise, as well as the subsequent lessons learned, was key to the state's successful response during Tropical Storm Hanna, which impacted Maryland with high wind, flooding and widespread power outages. MEMA and the Maryland National Guard also supported a terrorism-related exercise dubbed Operation Purple Haze at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. The exercise was conducted in conjunction with the Baltimore City Fire and Police Departments, the Maryland Stadium Authority, the Baltimore Ravens and the National Football League.

MEMA continues to play a critical role in the proactive facilitation and coordination of resources for state and local agency response during times of crisis and/or natural disaster. Homeland security grants for state and local agencies from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are managed by MEMA, and the agency and the Maryland National Guard continue to successfully operate the Maryland Joint Operations Center (MJOC). MEMA demonstrated its ability to coordinate the use of Maryland resources in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. As part of the pre-existing Emergency Management Assistance Compact, Maryland rapidly deployed a CH-47 Chinook helicopter and crew and two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters to assist the state of Louisiana with its recovery operations in the wake of Hurricane Gustav. Additionally, the Maryland Army National Guard deployed a 50-person aviation command and control cell and an 11-person aviation tactical control systems team. These units were transported by C-130J transport aircraft belonging to the 135th Airlift Group of the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Wing.

The Maryland Defense Force continued its role of providing support to the Maryland National Guard. Legal and financial management teams provided pro-bono services to members of the Maryland National Guard and their family members. Additionally, the MDDF established an Engineering Corps, which has been designed to augment the Maryland National Guard with professional engineering support as well as damage assessment capabilities which can be employed during times of emergency or disaster. With more than 300 volunteers, the Maryland Defense Force continues to grow, thanks in large part to your support.

From a military perspective, approximately 1,200 Soldiers belonging to the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Maryland Army National Guard, who mobilized and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom last summer, returned safely as did 120 Soldiers of the 290th Military Police Company. In addition, 50 Soldiers from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, who deployed to Afghanistan in the summer of 2007 with their Chinook helicopters in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, also returned safely. The 224th Area Support Medical Company, based in Laurel, mobilized and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Maryland Air National Guard also welcomed home deployed Airmen. The 175th Security Forces Squadron returned from a successful six-month deployment to Iraq, as did the 135th Airlift Group (AG), which deployed in April to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 135th AG unit transported 7,576 passengers, flew 744 sorties consisting of more than 965 flying hours and transported more than 2,850 tons of cargo.

From an economic perspective, the Maryland Military Department remains a solid contributor to the economic strength of Maryland as our fiscal impact totaled $297.4 million. The Maryland Military Department's ratio of federal dollars spent in Maryland to state dollars invested is strong at nearly 18 to 1. Included in this past year's budget was $1.5 million from the federal government and $500,000 from the state of Maryland for the National Guard Reintegration Program, which assists Soldiers and Airmen re-adjust to civilian life after overseas deployments. The Department continues to provide employment and education opportunities to Marylanders while providing an opportunity to serve our citizens at home and abroad.

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 to write a new chapter in our long and distinguished history. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

James A. Adkins
Brigadier General (MD), 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. Their missions are local, national and international in scope. Many of their missions place these men and women in harm's way.

PEOPLE

In order to be a relevant and ready organization, prepared to answer all calls for assistance, the department has an obligation to take care of its most valuable asset...its people. The department has initiated or continued programs designed to leverage both internal and external resources in funding and people in order to create an environment of superior readiness and quality of life.

Reintegration: The MDMILDEP established the Maryland National Guard Reintegration Initiative to train and resource every combat veteran and their family for a safe, healthy and successful reintegration into their family, community, school and job following deployment. The June 2007 Report of the Department of Defense Mental Health Task Force found that 49 percent of National Guardsmen reported psychological problems at 90-120 days after redeployment. Within 12 months, 10-25 percent showed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and 20 percent planned to separate or divorce within the same 12-month period. The program was supported by federal and state funds and should be continued.

Increase Education Opportunities: Higher education is a personal goal of many members of the Maryland National Guard and state employees. Education is a stepping stone to advancement, produces a workforce that can better accomplish the department's missions and is a critical factor in recruitment and retention. The department has agreements with 33 Maryland schools. The department will continue to maximize the various programs such as State Tuition Assistance, State Tuition Waiver and Federal Tuition Assistance and will support any supporting legislation.

FACILITIES

In order for our employees to accomplish their missions, they must have adequate facilities. New facilities are needed due to the inadequacy of current buildings.

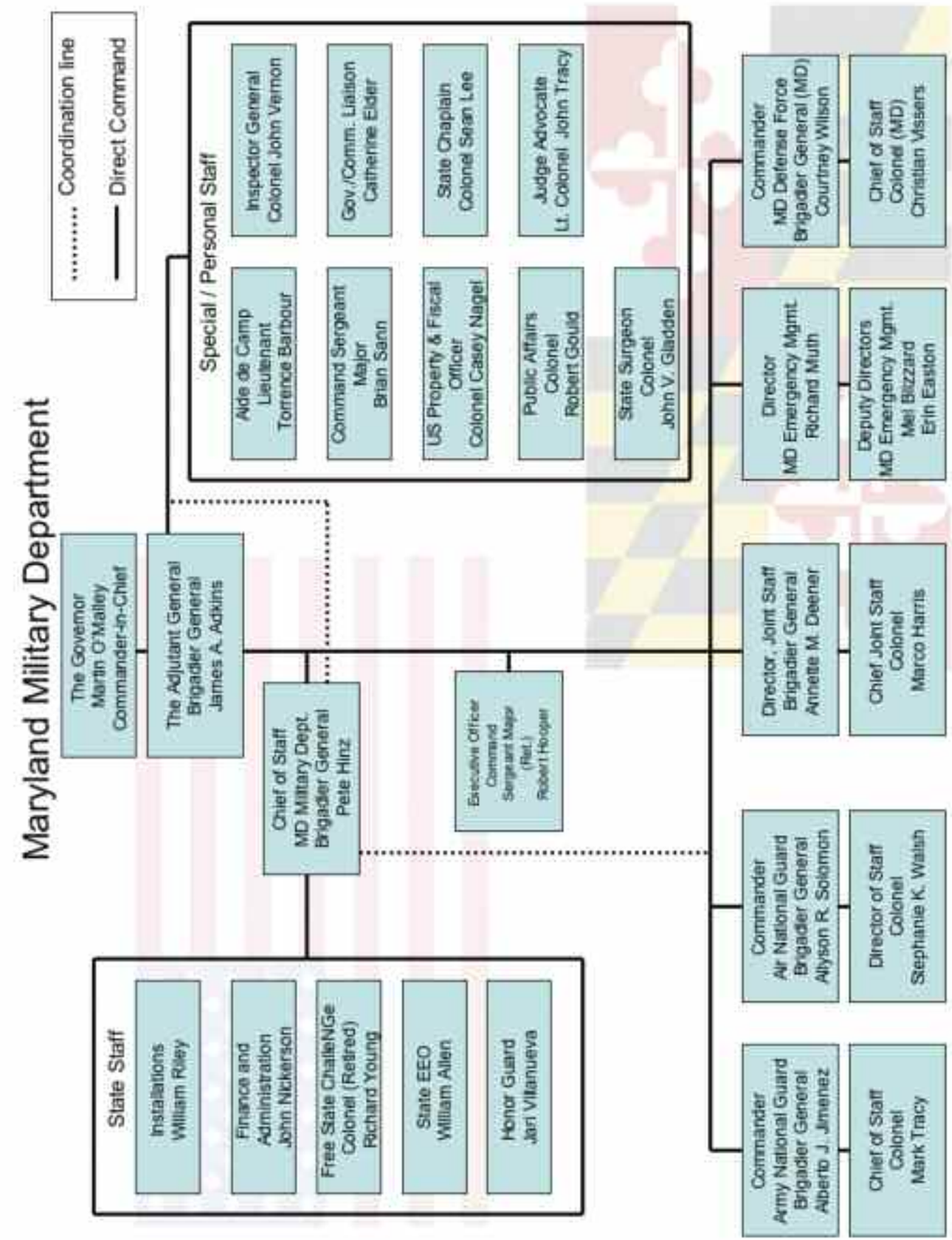
Air National Guard Operations & Training Facility: The Operations and Training Facility of the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard is currently housed in a 1960's-era building built on the very edge of the Warfield Air National Guard Base's perimeter. Besides the security concerns, the current facility has a leaking roof, is energy inefficient, has an inadequate electrical system, has no fire suppression system and is poorly configured for current missions. The proposed new facility will house the 175th Wing's Mission Support Group and Medical Group and will support the operations of a combined Wing. The project is expected to cost approximately $9.3 million. This facility will dramatically improve the readiness of the Wing and its support units and will improve the morale and retention of the Airmen based there.

Dundalk Armory Renovation: The Dundalk Armory, built in 1960, is in dire need of repair. The facility, which is home to approximately 300 Soldiers, has a leaking roof, inadequate electrical system, insufficient ventilation, deteriorating classrooms and an inadequate kitchen. Congress recently allocated $829,000 in federal funds for planning and design work. The entire project will cost $21.5 million with $16 million in federal funds requested and a $5.5 million state match. Updating this aging facility will dramatically improve the readiness of the unit's readiness as well as improve the morale and retention of the Soldiers based there.

MISSIONS

The missions of each element of the MDMILDEP are grounded in state and federal statutes and executive orders. Mission accomplishment is the goal of every branch of the department and is directly linked to the training, resources and facilities of the department.

Retaining the Airlift Mission: As a result of the most recent Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendation, the Maryland Air National Guard is scheduled to turn in their C-130J aircraft. The Maryland Military Department is aggressively working to facilitate the transition to a new flying mission.



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.

Financial support to the Maryland National Guard totaled $297.5 million in fiscal year 2008. Funds are received from the Department of the Army (52%), the Department of the Air Force (28%), the Department of Homeland Security (15%), and the state of Maryland (5%). 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 (MEMA) by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The figures listed for the counties without armories represent the salaries paid to Guard members 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 active duty, active duty for training (two-week annual training) and inactive duty training (drill weekends).
2. Operations and Maintenance. Includes activities involved in the administration of the National Guard, training of units, procurement of organizational equipment, supplies, repair parts, services, equipment maintenance and activities in connection with military support to civil authorities. This appropriation also includes all full-time payrolls.
3. Construction. Includes construction and modification and procurement of facilities and necessary items for the National Guard. These funds are not normally authorized for use on state property. In some cases, however, the federal government has provided funds based on the state's agreement to share costs in constructing, altering or modifying selected state facilities.

Congressman C. A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger presents State Adjutant General James A. Adkins with a check representing federal funding for a new fire station at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.

Specialist Keith Simms receives a check for $22,000 from the Guard Recruitment Assistance Program for his successful recruitment of Soldiers into the Maryland Army National Guard.

FEDERAL VS. STATE EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 2008

$281.5 MILLION
(FEDERAL 95 PERCENT)

For every $18 spent by the federal government in support of the Maryland National Guard, the state spends $1

$15.9 MILLION
(STATE 5 PERCENT)

TOTAL WORK FORCE

* Maryland Army National Guard	4,934
* Maryland Air National Guard	1,522
Maryland Emergency Management Agency	72
Maryland Defense Force	314
State Employees Working for Military Department	355
	7,197

*Includes 1,415 full-time Soldiers and Airmen

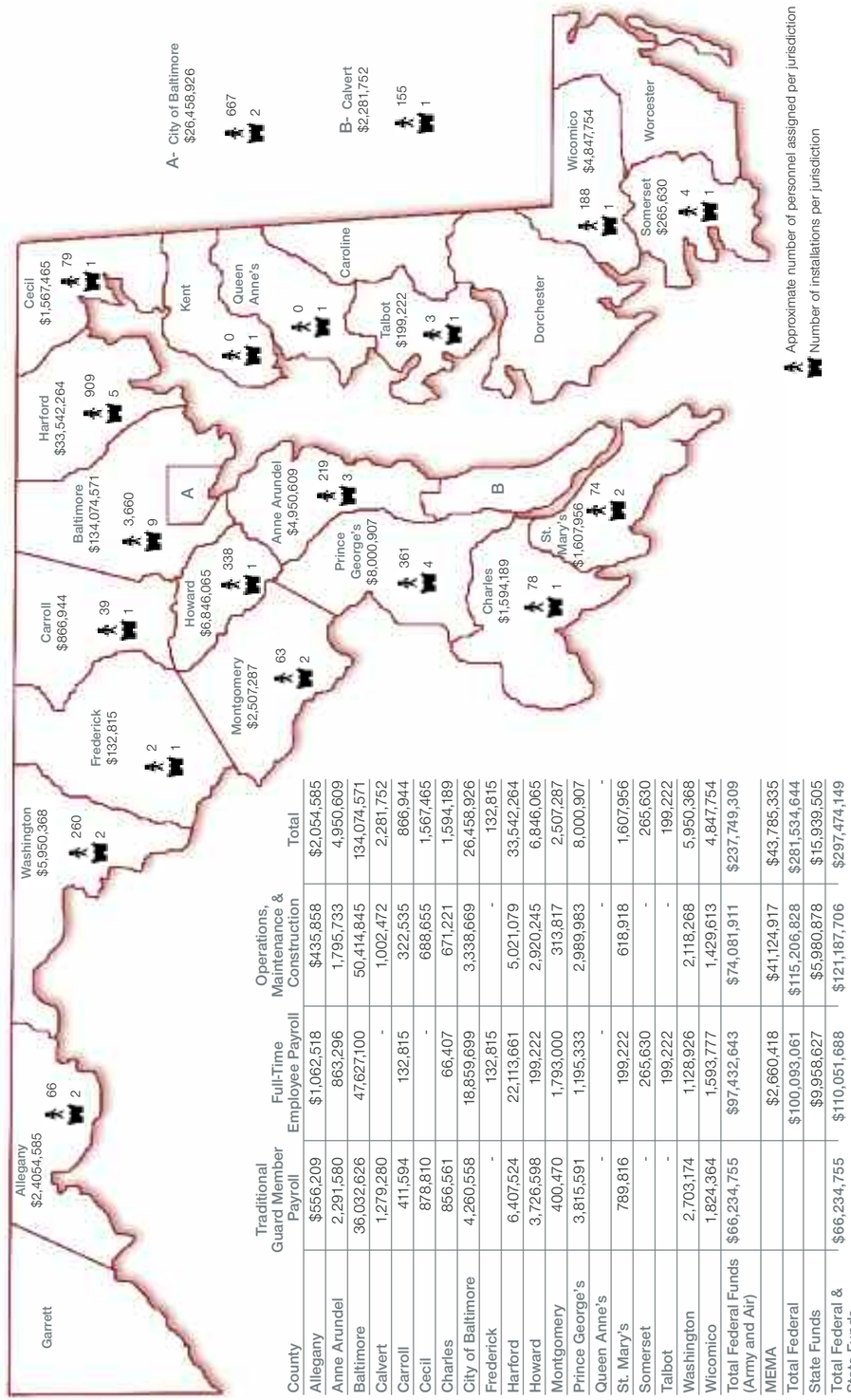
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS

55%

30%

15%

Maryland Military Department



County	Traditional Guard Member Payroll	Full-Time Employee Payroll	Operations, Maintenance & Construction	Total
Allegany	$556,209	$1,062,518	$435,858	$2,054,585
Anne Arundel	2,291,580	863,296	1,795,733	4,950,609
Baltimore	36,032,626	47,627,100	50,414,845	134,074,571
Calvert	1,279,280	-	1,002,472	2,281,752
Carroll	411,594	132,815	322,535	866,944
Cecil	878,810	-	688,655	1,567,465
Charles	856,561	66,407	671,221	1,594,189
City of Baltimore	4,260,558	18,859,699	3,338,669	26,458,926
Frederick	-	132,815	-	132,815
Harford	6,407,524	22,113,661	5,021,079	33,542,264
Howard	3,726,598	199,222	2,920,245	6,846,065
Montgomery	400,470	1,793,000	313,817	2,507,287
Prince George's	3,815,591	1,195,333	2,989,983	8,000,907
Queen Anne's	-	-	-	-
St. Mary's	789,816	199,222	618,918	1,607,956
Somerset	-	265,630	-	265,630
Talbot	-	199,222	-	199,222
Washington	2,703,174	1,128,926	2,118,268	5,950,368
Wicomico	1,824,364	1,593,777	1,429,613	4,847,754
Total Federal Funds (Army and Air)	$66,234,755	$97,432,643	$74,081,911	$237,749,309
MEMA		$2,660,418	$41,124,917	$43,785,335
Total Federal		$100,093,061	$115,206,828	$281,534,644
State Funds		$9,958,627	$5,980,878	$15,939,505
Total Federal & State Funds	$66,234,755	$110,051,688	$121,187,706	$297,474,149

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD'S REAL PROPERTY

REAL PROPERTY HOLDINGS INVENTORY INCLUDES:

37 Armories
1 Airbase
1 Airfield
4 Military Training Reservations
7 Field Maintenance Shops
360 Buildings
3,029,000 Square Feet
4,175 Acres

Property Value: $306,750,000

In November, construction started on the new readiness center in Olney. The $6 million 28,000 square foot facility will include a drill hall, administrative areas, equipment storage areas, classrooms, physical fitness area, kitchen, Family Support Office, maintenance training work bay, locker rooms and an area for virtual training simulation systems.

Completed Projects in 2008

The Dundalk Field Maintenance Shop opened in July 2008. The shop is a $6.3 million 20,000 square-foot facility that serves 15 units throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area and provides centralized maintenance to more than 275 military vehicles and other pieces of equipment.

A new warehouse at the Havre de Grace Military Reservation was completed for $2.98 million. It has 17,000 square feet and will support the entire Maryland Army National Guard with federal supplies and materiel.

The 32nd Civil Support Team benefited from a $1.49 million renovation of an existing building at Fort Meade.

This year, the Maryland National Guard acquired the Adelphi Readiness Center from the Navy and renovated the 21,000 square-foot facility for $850,000 to bring it to current building standards and to meet the needs of the MDARNG units in the area.

Future Projects Critical to the Modernization and Readiness

Federal funding of $28 million will be provided for an addition and alteration to the Army Aviation Support Facility at Edgewood. The project will provide a facility of up to 152,000 square feet, with an addition up to 86,000 square feet and substantial renovations and modifications to existing buildings.

A separate $9.8 million of federal funds will be provided, together with at least $4.8 million of state funds (in State Fiscal Year 2010), for the Salisbury Readiness Center addition alteration. Portions of the 50-year-old building will be replaced, and an addition of more than 20,000 square feet will be included resulting in a facility of approximately 50,000 square feet. Preliminary design work and contract document preparation is under way for these projects, and both are to be awarded during 2009.

Bill Cox, project manger for Kinsley Construction Company, gives Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general for Maryland, the key to the new Dundalk Field Maintenance Shop during the shop's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Congressman C. A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger tries out the Maryland Air National Guard's A-10 flight simulator with Brig. Gen. Guy Walsh at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.

Brig. Gen. Alberto Jimenez, Assistant Adjutant General-Army and Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, were among the dignitaries present to break ground at the future site of the Maryland National Guard's newest armory in Olney, Md.

MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

MISSION

The MDARNG will provide ready units and Soldiers to support federal and state missions, while adding value to our organization members, their families and the communities of Maryland.

2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEPLOYMENTS AND EVENTS

In 2008, the Maryland Army National Guard welcomed home more than 1,200 members of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from their yearlong deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The deployment was the largest mobilization of Maryland National Guard combat troops since World War II. The brigade's homecoming was followed by Freedom Salute Ceremonies which formally recognized the Soldiers and their Families.

Also returning from the Iraq Theater was Detachment 13, Operational Support Airlift Agency and the 290th Military Police Company. B Company, 3-126th Aviation Regiment returned from Afghanistan.

The Maryland Army National Guard also held mobilization ceremonies for several units deploying in support of the Global War on Terror including the 224th Area Support Medical Company, members of the 58th Special Troops Battalion, C Company 1-169th General Support Aviation Battalion, and 18 Soldiers of the Afghan National Army Embedded Training Team. 16 members of the 115th Military Police Battalion also deployed to Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the State Partnership Program.

January 2008 - The MDARNG received the highest assessment level of "green" from the National Guard Bureau's Command Logistics Review Team – Expanded inspection (CLRT-X). This was the MDARNG's highest score ever in the major federal inspection, which gauged the state's logistical posture.

March 2008 - The 32nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) of the Maryland National Guard participated in a multi-echelon full-scale terrorism exercise in the National Capital Region. They participated with CST's from Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

May 2008 - Soldiers and Airmen of the Maryland National Guard provided security and other service at the Preakness Stakes at the Pimlico Racetrack in Baltimore. The Maryland National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team also was on hand to provide support to local first responders.

July 2008 - Brig. Gen. James Adkins, the adjutant general for Maryland presided over the ribbon-cutting for the new Dundalk Field Maintenance Shop. The $7.1 million state-of-the-art facility provides maintenance support for more than 200 vehicles and pieces of equipment supporting Maryland Army National Guard units.

August 2008 - The Maryland Army National Guard and active duty Soldiers supported Operation Purple Camp, a weeklong camp for children of deployed Soldiers located near Chestertown, Md. The National Military Family Association and Easter Seals sponsored the camp which was one of 62 locations in 37 states. The support provided by the Maryland Army National Guard included equipment displays including HUMVEEs and helicopters, demonstrations and inflatable games.

August 2008 - The 29th Combat Aviation Brigade of the Maryland Army National Guard and four A-10C's of the 104th Fighter Squadron of the Maryland Air National Guard conducted Search and Rescue training on the Eastern Shore. The training involved three personnel transported to remote locations equipped with current technology that allowed them to be tracked and rescued. Similar training was conducted in November.

August-September, 2008 - A CH-47 Chinook helicopter from the Maryland Army National Guard with a crew of eight deployed to Meridian, Miss. to provide support and conduct rescue missions in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. Two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters were later deployed to Jackson, Miss. with nine personnel. The helicopters were requested by Louisiana officials because of their hoist capabilities through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The Headquarters element of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade also provided 50 Soldiers and related equipment to assist in providing command and control support for regional aviation operations.

October 2008 - The Maryland Army National Guard arranged a live feed from Iraq at the start of the pregame show at Ravens Stadium with the Soldiers of the 224th Area Support Medical Company. During the game, the unit was featured in random prerecorded "shout outs".

November 2008 - The Joint Force Headquarters Medical Detachment of the Maryland Army National Guard traveled to Senegal as part of Operation Flintlock. The Soldiers provided medical support to 500–700 local civilians a day.

November 2008 - Brig. Gen James Adkins broke ground for the new Olney Armory. The project is expected to be completed by winter 2009-2010 and will cost $6 million. The new armory will house the 224th Area Medical Support Company, which is currently serving in Iraq.

Brigadier General Alberto J. Jimenez
Assistant Adjutant General for the Maryland Army National Guard

Brigadier General Alberto J. Jimenez is currently assigned as the assistant adjutant general for the Maryland Army National Guard and the Maryland Army National Guard commander. He is a Citizen-Soldier whose career spans more than 30 years of military service. He has served in positions ranging from company, through brigade command, as well as serving in various staff assignments throughout his career. He is a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served as an attack-helicopter pilot and was an honor graduate of the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga.

Sgt. Ernest Ford, a combat medic with the medical platoon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, tests Spc. David Proctor's blood pressure. The HHC medics in Mosul hosted a sick call in which they treated minor injuries to take the pressure off the local combat support hospital.

Pfc. Aaron Hawkins of B company, 729th Brigade Support Battalion, is executing a maneuver known as passing the guard, in an attempt to establish a dominant position on Sgt. 1st Class Carrie Heinze, an operations noncommissioned officer with the 70th Training Regiment.

Soldiers from B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 110th Field Artillery Regiment fire the M102 105mm howitzer during the last live fire of the unit's guns at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008. The regiment, organized in 1915 and now part of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, is scheduled to be inactivated in 2009 when the 58th IBCT transitions to a battlefield surveillance brigade. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jon Soucy)

Spc. Taesik Kil , a native of Salisbury, Md, completes an inspection of the servo area on one of two Maryland Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters sent in support of Operation Jumpstart.

The Maryland Army and Air National Guard teamed up together for vital search and rescue training. During a planned scenario the MDARNG flew out Black Hawk helicopters to rescue downed pilots on the Eastern Shore. While Soldiers hoisted the downed pilots to safety, pilots from the MDANG provided security in their A-10 Warthogs.

Spc. Ryan Kamauff, of B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 110th Field Artillery Regiment, attaches the fuze on a 105mm high explosive round during the last live fire of the unit's guns at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

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 AND EIGHT C-130J AIRCRAFT, AND MORE THAN 1,500 PERSONNEL, INCLUDING FULL-TIME FEDERAL AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

MISSION

The Federal Mission: In peacetime, to prepare for wartime tasks, maintain readiness and support homeland security operations and international peacekeeping efforts. In wartime, to provide close air support and tactical airlift capability to combatant commanders worldwide and to deploy mission-ready Base Operating Support functions such as security forces, civil engineering, logistics and medical as required.

The State Mission: During emergencies, Warfield Air National Guard Base is a main operating location for Civil Air Patrol, Search and Rescue and alert team operations. The 175th Wing provides a 100-person Rapid Response Team. Additionally, the Wing participates in and supports community service projects/events in the local area.

2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEPLOYMENTS AND EVENTS

The Maryland Air National Guard continues to modernize its aircraft, facilities and infrastructure. This includes military construction of a new fire station to support Martin State Airport and the local community as well as funds for A-10C Navigational Targeting Pods and relocation of the Warfield Air National Guard Base main entry gate to improve safety and traffic flow associated with the new Route 43 extension.

Thirty-six members of the 175th Wing deployed to Arizona in support of Operation Jump Start, the National Guard program assisting in securing the U.S. border with Mexico, in February 2008. While there, they constructed vehicle barriers and fencing along the border.

From April to September of 2008, C-130J aircraft, crews and support personnel of the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Group were deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During this deployment, the unit flew 744 sorties consisting of more than 965 flying hours and transported more than 2,850 tons of cargo and 7,576 passengers.

In June 2008, members of the 175th Wing deployed to air bases in England, where they augmented the security forces, communications and public affairs offices.

From June 22 to 29, 2008, personnel assigned to the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard partnered with the Civil Air Patrol to conduct their Annual CAP Tri-Wing Encampment. The 135th Airlift Group provided orientation flights aboard C-130J aircraft for CAP Encampment attendees.

A team of more than 70 members of the 175th Wing, including civil engineers, security forces, medical, communications and public affairs personnel deployed to Bosnia from July 12 to Aug. 14, 2008 where they worked with Bosnian engineers to refurbish a primary school in the town of Vlasenica as well as a memorial near Sarajevo which is dedicated to three American diplomats who lost their lives during the Bosnian civil war. The project was conducted under the auspices of the National Guard's State Partnership Program.

A delegation of Bosnian military officers visited Maryland in mid-October, during which time the group received training in emergency response procedures from members of the 175th Wing.

The 175th Wing conducted a terrorism response exercise involving a simulated chemical attack at Warfield Air National Guard Base on November 24 and 25, 2008. The exercise was designed to test the participants under conditions of the highest force protection posture. Local civilian first responder agencies also participated.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Maryland Air National Guard conducted fly-bys for state and local community events and base tours for Boy/Girl Scouts, the Civil Air Patrol, civic leaders and community residents. The Maryland Air National Guard sponsored, supervised and assisted the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol's Tri-wing Encampment. The Maryland Air Guard also collected winter clothing during the annual Coats-for-Kids campaign for families in need within the local community.

Brigadier General Allyson R. Solomon
Assistant Adjutant General-Air of the Maryland Air National Guard

Brigadier General Allyson R. Solomon was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Maryland Air National Guard in 1986. She has served in a variety of military assignments including commander of the 175th Mission Support Flight, commander, 175th Mission Support Group and chief of General Officer Branch, National Guard Bureau. Her military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the State of Maryland Distinguished Service Cross and the State of Maryland Meritorious Service Medal. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Loyola College and a Master of Arts Degree from Auburn University and is also a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.

Senior Airman Kenneth Cumbie, 612th Air Base Squadron, drives a forklift to load medical supplies onto a C-130J from the Maryland Air National Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Sonny Cohrs)

Senior Airman Michael Knecht, 438th Air Expeditionary Group weapons loader, helps load 30 mm rounds for an A-10C Thunderbolt II's Gatling gun before a night-combat operation. Airman Knecht was deployed from the 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, Baltimore. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. D. Clare)

Members of the Maryland Air National Guard Air Force Emergency Management Team conduct preparedness training at Warfield Air National Guard Base.

Two Maryland Air National Guard A-10Cs and a C-130J prowl the skies over Maryland on a training mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Jim Foard)

Master Sgt. Cathy Burns, a member of the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Civil Engineer Squadron, drills a hole for mounting a light switch at a primary school in Vlasenica, Republika Srpska, Bosnia-Herzegovina July 15, 2008, as part of a humanitarian civic action project under the auspices of the National Guard's State Partnership Program. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Wayde R. Minami)

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Pollack, 438th Air Expeditionary Group structural maintenance technician, (left) and Master Sgt. Anthony Bahur, structural maintenance supervisor, perform a structural repair on an A-10C Thunderbolt II's engine inlet. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. D. Clare)

MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MISSION

The mission of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is to protect lives, property and the environment of its citizens by providing emergency management leadership and coordination of response.

VISION:

MEMA will be the most effective emergency management agency in the country. Its goal is the integration and coordination of statewide resources and the safety and welfare of its citizens.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

January 16, 2008 - The Maryland Military Department conducted a briefing for Maj. Gen. Richard Rowe, commanding general of the Joint Force Headquarters of the National Capital Region and Military District of Washington and Maj. Gen. Fred Robinson, commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground and members of their staffs regarding the capabilities of the department and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. The briefings and tour were conducted at the State Emergency Operations Center in Reisterstown.

April 21, 2008 - The Maryland Emergency Management Agency hosted the 23rd Annual Severe Storms Awareness Conference at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, Md. The conference was attended by more than 300 first responders, emergency managers and others involved in the management of emergencies and disasters. Speakers this year included Mr. Ronald Jackson, director general of the Jamaica Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management and Mr. William Massey, hurricane preparedness expert from Dewberry Technologies.

April 22, 2008 - The Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Military Department participated in a federally-evaluated emergency preparedness exercise for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station located in Delta, Pa. Although the plant is across Maryland's border, the drills are conducted because two Maryland counties (Harford and Cecil) are within the plant's emergency planning zone (EPZ). The exercise was evaluated by FEMA and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The event was covered by local media.

May 5-6, 2008 - The Maryland Emergency Management Agency conducted a Hurricane Exercise at the State Emergency Operations Center in Reisterstown. The exercise was used to prepare state and local emergency managers in their response procedures before, during and after a simulated hurricane event. This activity was done prior to the start of the Mid-Atlantic hurricane season on June 1.

May 20, 2008 - Governor Martin O'Malley announced the appointment of Mr. Richard Muth as the director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. Director Muth, who has been a Baltimore County firefighter for 33 years, has been the county emergency manager for 19 years. His appointment became effective June 1.

June 5, 2008 - The Maryland Military Department and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency hosted a visit by 13 Near East journalists and translators of the U.S. State Department. The journalists were in the United States at the invitation of the State Department to discuss and learn how media relations are conducted at all levels of government. The group received a background briefing on MDMILDEP and MEMA at the State Emergency Operations Center and was given a tour of the facility including the Joint Information Center, which is used to coordinate public information during emergencies and disasters.

June 16-19, 2008 - The Maryland Emergency Management Agency supported a multi-day Pandemic Flu Exercise led by the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. MEMA partially activated the State Emergency Operations Center to monitor the scenario and coordinate the State's response. The 175th Logistics Readiness Squadron of the Maryland Air National Guard played a vital role in the National Strategic Stockpile receiving, staging and storage portion of the exercise.

July 15, 2008 - The Maryland Emergency Management Agency activated the State Emergency Operations Center during an emergency preparedness exercise involving the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. The scenario involved a violent assault on the plant by terrorist which resulted in the destruction of property and the release of radioactivity. This was a demonstration exercise to help develop grading criteria. FEMA Director David Paulison observed the exercise at the Constellation Energy Operations Facility in Bartsow, Md.

August 2, 2008 - The Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland National Guard supported a terrorism-related evacuation exercise called Operation Purple Haze at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. The exercise was conducted in conjunction with the Baltimore City Fire and Police Departments, the Maryland Stadium Authority and the National Football League. MEMA coordinated the exercise and provided some evaluation support. Evacuation participants were fans and volunteers. The 32nd Civil Support team of the Maryland National Guard participated in the exercise.

September 6, 2008 - The Maryland Emergency Management Agency activated the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 3 staffing in order to monitor and respond to the need of local jurisdiction during the passage of Tropical Storm Hanna, which came ashore in South Carolina and proceeded up the Eastern Seaboard. Governor O'Malley made a partial emergency declaration in order to ready the resources of the state before the storm reached Maryland. During this same time period but prior to Tropical Storm Hanna, MEMA had activated to a Level 2 staffing to support a 43-member EMS Strike Team and 22 Troopers from the Maryland State Police deployed to Louisiana in support of law enforcement and emergency medical missions.

Fred Frey, of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, deployed to the National Response and Coordination Center in Washington, D.C. where he assisted in coordinating on a National level all resources going to the areas impacted by Hurricane Ike.

Sharon Campbell of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency deployed to Texas from September thru October in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike and was assigned to work at the FEMA Joint Field Office (JFO) in Austin assisting FEMA in helping to coordinate recovery efforts.

October 2008 - MEMA was named the lead state agency responsible for planning and coordinating Maryland's role in and response to the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. MEMA worked closely with the Presidential Inauguration Committee (PIC), FEMA, DHS, numerous state agencies, 26 Maryland jurisdictions and 24 federal partners to develop plans and response strategies and ensure all state resources were prepared to respond in case of a disaster or catastrophe.

Gov. Martin O'Malley and Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins participate in a Cabinet exercise prior to Tropical Storm Hanna at the Maryland State Emergency Operations Center.

Actors simulate reactions to a mass casualty disaster during Exercise Purple Haze at the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore on August 2, 2008.

Emergency Medical Technicians evacuate casualties during the simulated mass casualty Exercise Purple Haze at the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore on August 2, 2008.

An EMT treats a simulated burn victim during Exercise Purple Haze at the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore on August 2, 2008.

Gov. Martin O'Malley and MEMA Director Richard Muth appear at a news conference at Warfied Air Base prior to deployment of Soldiers and Airmen for Hurricane Gustav.

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 that 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.

PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Cavalry Troop A, the MDDF mounted ceremonial unit, represented the Maryland Military Department at a number of highly-visible public events and parades across the state, while continuing to train to its secondary mission of providing mounted urban search & rescue. In June, Troop A qualified 11 riders to the 1926 U.S. Army saber qualification course as an exercise to instill rider confidence and esprit de corps.

MDDF medical personnel continued to support the Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program (PDHRA) by screening more than 900 National Guard members redeploying from overseas. More than 30 MDDF medical and mental health personnel are trained to perform these in-depth evaluations so that Guard members can be further treated as needed.

The Engineer Corps completed inspections of 23 National Guard installations and armories across the state during a two-month period involving more than 450 man-hours. The inspections assessed the condition of critical MDNG infrastructure and are used to program maintenance and repair dollars.

MDDF chaplains are fully integrated into the MDNG Chaplain's Corps and have provided a broad range of support throughout the year, including spiritual counseling during unit activities, counseling for families of deployed Guard members and post-deployment stress counseling.

MDDF collaborated with the MDNG and MEMA to increase efficiency of Maryland's aviation assets and the control of airspace in the event of emergencies involving extraordinary flight activity such as a total closure of airspace similar to 9/11 and lesser contingencies and activities involving aviation assets.

MDDF volunteers screened potential candidates and assisted with induction activities for the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, a National Guard sponsored initiative which provides at-risk youth an opportunity to reclaim their lives by developing values, skills, education and self-discipline.

MDDF Financial and Legal Assistance Teams continued to provide extensive pro-bono financial and legal counseling and assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard, providing support in particular to those deploying and their families.

January 2008 - The MDDF submitted four professional articles to the *State Defense Force Journal* for publication. The articles dealt with the MDDF's emerging engineer capability; new Search and Rescue missions for Troop A the commissioning of the MDDF's first Jewish Chaplain and MDDF's participation in Exercise Vigilant Guard. The publication of these articles in a professional journal would enhance the MDDF's reputation as a premier State Defense Force.

May 10, 2008 - Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, then adjutant general-select, made remarks at the Annual Muster of the Maryland Defense Force (MDDF) at the Pikesville Armory. The muster was an opportunity for the MDDF to gather for training in its assigned missions of supporting the Maryland National Guard.

August 9-10, 2008 - Eight medical professionals from the Maryland Defense Force 10th Medical Regiment performed Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) during a two-day period for members of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat at the Baltimore Veterans Administration Hospital.

August 24, 2008 - The Maryland National Guard, in conjunction with the MDDF organized the Basic Disaster Life Support Course at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation. The course was a review of all-hazards topics including natural and accidental man made events, traumatic and explosive events, nuclear and radiological events, biological events and chemical events. It was designed to establish an understanding of the standards of basic disaster life support across military and civilian agencies. Participants included Maryland and Virginia National Guardsmen, emergency medical service (EMS) personnel, hazardous materials personnel, public health personnel and health care providers.

September 15-19, 2008 - The MDDF supported the annual National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) Convention. After a year of planning meetings, rehearsals and other activities and the support of all MDDF units, Col. (MD) Robert A. Barish, Commander, 10th Medical Regiment, helped finalize preparations and acted as master of ceremonies during the annual NGAUS convention in the Baltimore Convention Center.

September 19, 2008 - Lt. Col. (MD) Charles Wiles represented the MDDF 10th Medical Regiment at the 58th Troop Command's Maryland Joint Operations Center Command Post Exercise. The exercise took place at the Adelphi armory to train for the proposed implementation of the Joint Medical Operations Cell (JMOC).

October 5-24, 2008 - Three student positions were reserved for Phase One at the Army Flight Surgeon's course at Fort Rucker, Ala. MDDF health care providers. Col. (MD) Patrick Shanahan, Lt. Col. (MD) Donald Alves, and Maj. (MD) Thomas Krisanda are scheduled to attend Phase Two in March 2009. After completing their studies, they will provide additional flight surgeon support to the Maryland Army National Guard's 29th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Maryland Defense Force medics simulate a casualty evacuation during a training mission.

Chaplain (Capt.) Steliac returning from a field training exercise with the Maryland Defense Force.

Maryland Defense Force Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Charles Nalls and Chaplain (Capt.) Steliac pose near a military ambulance before a night land navigation course at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.

Maryland Defense Force medics oversee a student giving a saline lock while conducting combat lifesaver training.

Chaplains from the Maryland Defense Force give mass to officer candidates at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.

MDMILDEP ACTIVITIES

MDMILDEP CHANGE OF COMMAND

With the retirement of Maj Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, Governor Martin O'Malley appointed Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins as the 28th adjutant general of Maryland. A change of command ceremony was conducted at the Fifth Regiment Armory on June 5, 2008, and officiated by the governor. Units in the parade formation represented the MDARNG, MDANG, and MDDF. General Adkins also holds the post of Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and is the only person to hold two Cabinet positions.

EXERCISE PURPLE HAZE

On August 2, 2008 the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland National Guard supported a terrorism-related evacuation exercise called Operation Purple Haze at M&T Bank Stadium (Raven Stadium) in Baltimore. The exercise is being conducted in conjunction with the Baltimore City Fire and Police Departments, the Maryland Stadium Authority and the National Football League. MEMA coordinated the exercise and providing some evaluation support. Evacuation participants were fans and volunteers. The 32nd Civil Support team of the Maryland National Guard participated in the exercise.

SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE GUSTAV

At the request of Louisianan Governor Bobby Jindal, Governor O'Malley agreed to provide mutual aid in a partnership agreement called the Emergency Management Assistance Compact or EMAC. This compact allows state-to-state assistance during a federally or governor-declared state of emergency. The requests were coordinated by MEMA. The initial request to Maryland was for an Emergency Medical Strike Team organized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Services Systems and departed from the Baltimore City Fire Academy for Alexandria, La. on August 30, 2008. On August 31, a CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopter and a crew of eight Soldiers deployed to Camp Beauregard, La. to support post-hurricane search and rescue missions, logistical air movement of supplies, air movement of evacuees, and sandbagging of levee breaches. The deployment was for 15 days. The Soldiers who deployed with the CH-47 were from B Company 3-126th General Support Aviation Battalion and had just returned from a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in late May. The strike team consisted of 11 vehicles and three trailers from five Maryland counties. The strike team set up on the campus of Louisiana State University.

On September 1, 2008, two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters from the Maryland Army National Guard deployed to Jackson, Miss. with nine personnel. The helicopters were requested by Louisiana officials because of their hoist capabilities. The request also was made through the EMAC and coordinated by MEMA. A 50-person Aviation Command and Control cell and an 11-person Aviation Tactical Terminal Control Systems team also was requested and departed from Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md. for Louisiana in support of recovery operations for Hurricane Gustav on September 2, 2008. The Command and Control cell was based at Baton Rouge, La. while the Aviation Tactical Terminal Control Systems team was based at Esler Field in Alexandria, La. Both units were transported by C-130J aircraft from the Maryland Air National Guard.

TROPICAL STORM HANNA

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency hosted an emergency preparedness exercise for Governor O'Malley and his Cabinet in the State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Fretterd hosted by Brig. Gen. Adkins. The event became a dress rehearsal for Tropical Storm Hanna which arrived in Maryland later in the week. The State Emergency Operations Center was activated on September 6 to monitor the storm and coordinate assistance to Maryland's 26 local jurisdictions.

COMBINED SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING

The 29th Combat Aviation Brigade of the Maryland Army National Guard and 104th Fighter Squadron of the Maryland Air National Guard teamed up for vital search and rescue training on August 21, 2008. During a planned scenario, the MDARNG pilots flew UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to rescue downed MDANG pilots on the Eastern Shore. While Soldiers hoisted the downed pilots to safety, pilots from the MDANG provided security from their A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft.

Maj. William "Doc" Walters Looks out over the desert near Q-West in Iraq.

Air National Guard firefighters discuss their training mission at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md.

Newly appointed Maryland National Guard Adjutant General James A. Adkins receives the flag from Governor Martin O'Malley during the change of command ceremony.

Governor Martin O'Malley explains Maryland's role and preparations for Hurricane Gustav to the media as Maryland Adjutant General James A. Adkins look on with MEMA Director Richard Muth.

Governor Martin O'Malley addresses MEMA personnel during Tropical Storm Hanna.

Members of the 224th Area Support Medical Company appear on the Raven's SmartVision screen at M&T Bank Stadium from Tallil Air Base in Iraq before the Ravens' win over the Oakland Raiders on October 26, 2008.

The Maryland Army and Air National Guard teams up for vital search and rescue training. During the training mission, Army Guard Black Hawk helicopters rescued downed pilots on the Eastern Shore while Air Guard A-10 Warthogs provided security.

As part of non lethal weapons training, a Soldier from the 729th BSB takes down a simulated rioter while fighting the effects of pepper spray at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in March 2008.

JOINT STAFF AND DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES ACTIVITIES

DURING 2008, THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO BUILD UPON NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES, EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND DOCTRINE AND MILITARY SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. WORKING WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS, THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD AND MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE ASSESSED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS AND GAP ANALYSIS ASSESSMENTS TO DEVELOP AND LEVERAGE MILITARY CAPABILITIES IN SUPPORT OF ALL HAZARDS. USING FEDERAL NATIONAL GUARD ASSETS THE FOLLOW CAPABILITIES WERE LEVERAGED:

Response Support

Hurricanes Gustav and Hanna: Working with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the MDNG responded to support the Gulf region for hurricanes Gustav and Hanna. Working in a unified effort, the MDANG transported support packages from the MDARNG that primarily focused on aviation, air traffic control and appropriate support slices to the affected states.

Strategic National Stockpile Reception, Storage, and Staging Support

The Maryland National Guard continued to work with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and participated in exercises in the receipt and deployment of the stockpile. The Strategic National Stockpile is a pharmaceutical and medical formulary maintained by the Center for Disease Control and is shipped upon a Governor's request to support major disasters and disease outbreak. The state was awarded high marks from the Center for Disease Control.

Civil Support Team (CST)

The 32nd CST (WMD) supported the City of Baltimore at major crowd events related to the 4th of July, Preakness, and New Year's Eve. The Army/Navy game required a multiple agency/multiple CST effort coordinated by the 32nd. The team conducted major multi-day exercises at the Joint Interagency Training Center in West Virginia, and a multiple CST exercise in the National Capital Region. Advanced training was conducted with our response partners at the fire departments and NSA on chemical, biological and radiological threats. The CST also conducted briefings and displays for an Israeli delegation, a Bosnian delegation, and the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Exercises & Training

To maintain a training competency and continue to improve upon skills for domestic operations, the MDNG participated in numerous exercises. Significant exercises included Charm City Challenge-COOP exercise, Hotwire-regional power outage; Maryland Department Transportation-Tabletop Tunnel exercise; M&T stadium (Purple Haze) mass casualty exercise; Peach Bottom; and Hurricane Zoe, a national level exercise.

NGAUS Conference

The National Guard Association of Maryland played host to the 130th Annual National Guard Association of the United States Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center. More than 4,000 attendees from the 50 states and four U.S. territories attended. Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown both made appearances as did representatives from both presidential campaigns.

State Partnership Program (Bosnia and Estonia)-The MDNG continues to carry the bulk of the missions for traveling contact teams (TCTs) and familiarization visits (FAMs) in Bosnia and Estonia. In Bosnia and Estonia, the MDNG supported more than 25 missions with the bulk of those dealing with domestic operations.

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 (LEAs), local communities and the National Guard. This coalition has been involved in a multi-front battle against drugs and drug-related violence. The mission of the program is to provide professional and dedicated military personnel and equipment to support federal, state and local LEAs as well as community-based organizations that work to reduce the demand for drugs. Thirty-four highly-trained Army and Air National Guard personnel, who are on full time active duty status, currently staff the MDNG Counterdrug Program. These skilled Soldiers and Airmen are from Maryland National Guard units from across the state and perform counterdrug duties in a support role.

The following agencies are provided counterdrug support by the Maryland National Guard: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, Maryland State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and a variety of community-based organizations and coalitions.

Maryland National Guard support of drug-related seizures in FY08

Estimated value of all seizures (FY08) **$16,553,606**

Maryland National Guard support of drug demand reduction in FY08

Estimated number of students reached (FY08) **11,102**

MILITARY SUPPORT

Cpt. Rick Breitenfeldt looks out the door of a UH-60 Blackhawk on a training mission over the Chesapeake Bay.

Soldiers pose with the president of the North American Deck and Rail Association (NADRA). NADRA, through its Deck For a Soldier program donated and built a deck for the family of MDARNG Staff Sgt. Brian Daughters (middle).

Senator Barbara Mikulski and Governor Martin O'Malley explain veteran reintegration issues to reporters following a March 27, 2008 veterans roundtable discussion at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore.

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger signs the ceremonial check for federal funding to replace the fire station at Warfield Air National Guard Base as Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon, assistant adjutant general-Air looks on.

Spc. Duchesse Rodnez Lyons speaks to a group of children who attended the Four Seasons Sports Complex Summer Camp in Hampstead, Md. about the effects of Drugs, Alcohol and Prescription Drugs on July 11, 2008.

Spc. Jimmy Algarin speaks to a 4th grade class about the importance Red Ribbon Week and why it is dedicated to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena

JOINT STAFF ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY SUPPORT

32ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM (CST)

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

As a MDNG unit, the 32nd CST is deployed under authority of the Governor and Adjutant General. Requested through MEMA, the CST can be immediately recalled 24/7, arriving at an emergency site within two hours. The unit is located at Fort Meade.

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 2008, 3,575 honors were performed at State Veteran's cemeteries and numerous private cemeteries. Military funeral honors are one of the benefits offered to those who served our nation in time of war and peace. The benefit is free and made available, by law, to military personnel 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.

Military funeral honors consist of the ceremonial flag folding and presentation to the next of kin and the sounding of Taps. The service is available to all honorably discharged veterans. Full honors consists of pall bearers, firing party, bugler and presentation of the American flag to the next of kin. Full honors are reserved for those who die on active duty, Medal of Honor recipients, general officers and enlisted personnel in the pay grade of E-9.

Since its inception in 1998, the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard has conducted more than 36,000 honors. In addition, the MDNGHG Colors Team has posted colors at many ceremonial events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day as well as many other civic functions.

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Maryland Military Department is marking the 15th anniversary of the State Partnership Program (SPP) with Estonia. The SPP was launched in Europe as part of the initial outreach by the United States to new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The SPP brings together states and territories with partner nations through a range of military, civil-military and civil activities. The partnership program emphasizes civil and military cooperation with civil control of a professional military.

In 2003, Maryland was selected to partner with Bosnia and Herzegovina, in part because of the state's previous success with Estonia.

Maryland plays a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market economies, and promote regional cooperation and stability.

In June, Maryland sent its Honor Guard to participate in Bosnia-Herzegovina's Military Cooperation Day. As flag officers from both the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the U.S. European Command were present, Maryland's commitment to Bosnia was evident as its Guard members of the Bosnian Armed Forces were marching side by side.

Later in July, Maryland sent engineers from the 175th Air Wing to conduct Humanitarian Assistance. The two missions that were conducted included the renovation of a primary school in the town of Vlasinica and the renovation of the Igman War Memorial dedicated to the three American diplomats and a French Soldier who died during the Bosnian War.

Recently, a delegation of Bosnian military officers and members of the Bosnian Ministry of Security visited Maryland in order to witness how our Emergency Management system operates from the local to the federal levels. Visits included Maryland's Emergency Management Agency, The Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Red Cross and Baltimore's Emergency Operations Center. While here, the group also witnessed a major weapons of mass destruction response exercise which included multiple first response agencies, including Maryland's 32nd Civil Support Team.

Brigadier General Annette M. Deener
Director of Joint Force Headquarters Staff

Brigadier General Annette M. Deener has served her state as a military officer in the Maryland National Guard for the past 30 years. Born in Cumberland, Md., Brig. Gen. Deener attended Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), earning a Bachelor of Science degree in studio arts in 1975. She then moved on to receive a Masters of Science degree from Frostburg State College in Business Management in 1978. After graduating from Western Maryland College, Brig. Gen. Deener joined the United States Army Reserve and worked as a clerk in a supply company, beginning her career with the United States Military. She received a commission through the Maryland Army National Guard Officer Candidate School as a second lieutenant in 1978, starting her service with the Maryland Army National Guard.

SIGNIFICANT MISSIONS

Sgt. 1st Class Munson and Sgt. Kuchling of the 32nd Civil Support Team demonstrate buddy decontamination at an exercise at Howard County Community College in preparation for an external evaluation. The training was conducted to test the team's response capability in June 2008.

A member of the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard stands at attention during a ceremony for a deceased veteran.

Maryland National Guard Honor Guard members place the American flag over the casket of a veteran at a burial ceremony.

Maryland Air National Guard firefighters train for mission involving chemical environments.

Maryland National Guard Challenge Academy cadets display their unit cohesiveness at an event at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general for Maryland presents an award at the grand opening of the Dundalk Field Maintenance Shop.

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 Airmen.

Through various programs such as State Tuition Waiver, State Tuition Assistance, and Federal Tuition Assistance programs, partnerships between the Maryland National Guard 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 has consistently budgeted no less than $500,000 per fiscal year for National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. In regard to Federal Tuition Assistance, the Maryland National Guard spent approximately $1.3 million in tuition costs on our Soldiers. Maryland National Guard members also received more than $600,000 in tuition discounts through the State Tuition Waiver program.

The Maryland National Guard education programs allow service members to take advantage of state and partnership colleges/universities, including vo-tech and apprenticeship programs. These educational programs are one of the most significant initiatives for the Maryland National Guard. Educational entitlements also help to support personnel strength and retention efforts, as we fight the Global War on Terror.

Education and training improve the knowledge base of the Guard and our Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen.

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Allegany College of Maryland
Anne Arundel Community College
Baltimore City Community College
Bowie State University
Capitol College
Carroll Community College
Cecil Community College
Chesapeake Community College
College of Southern Maryland
Community College of Baltimore County
Coppin State College
Frederick Community College
Frostburg State University
Garrett Community College
Hagerstown Community College
Harford Community College
Howard Community College
Loyola College
Montgomery College
Morgan State University
Prince George's Community College
Salisbury State University
St. Mary's College
Towson University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland at Baltimore
University of Maryland at Baltimore County
University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute
University of Maryland College Park
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Villa Julie College
Washington College
Wor-Wic Community College

FREESTATE CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy is a 22-week residential intervention program for underemployed, drug-free, "at-risk" high school dropouts from the state of Maryland. The mission of the program is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth and to develop graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults. Students are brought into a structured quasi-military academic setting that builds confidence and self-esteem to become beneficial and positive citizens and prepare for the General Education Development (GED) credential and Maryland High School Diploma. The students are mentored for an additional 12 months following graduation. 2008 marks the 15th anniversary of the program and has been an extremely successful, yet very busy year for the academy, which graduated 196 students. 2,636 students have graduated since the Academy's beginning in 1993. The Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Lifetime Achievement Award was instituted this year and presented to five individuals who have significantly contributed to the success of the Academy during the past 15 years.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Academy received the Governor's Volunteer Service Certificate for more than 10,000 hours of service performed by their students to the communities of Maryland and was recognized for this achievement at a Baltimore Ravens home game on September 7, 2008. The alumni of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy are responsible and productive citizens who are now contributing to their communities throughout the state of Maryland by employing the values and skills taught to them while at the Academy.

SILVER WINGS FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Silver Wings for Youth Program is a unique and innovative "hands on" and classroom aviation program where the principles and fundamentals of aviation and aerodynamics are taught during four consecutive weekends during each class cycle. 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. At the conclusion of the flight, each cadet is awarded the coveted Silver Wings badge that is proudly worn on the cadet uniform for the remainder of the class cycle. Since its inception in 1996, more than 660 cadets have successfully completed the exacting Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Silver Wings for Youth Program and have enriched their lives with an appreciation for aviation.

FREESTATE CHALLENGE MISSION: TO PROVIDE WORK SKILLS AND ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS IN ORDER TO INCREASE POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL AND ACADEMIC SKILLS.

Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran; Spc. Andrew P. Green receives the Roger Woods Haller Scholarship.

Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment (RAID) pilot Chief Warrant Officer Scott Sauer speaks to a group of students at West Middle School in Carroll County about the support role RAID plays for the state's drug control policy and law enforcement agencies.

Spc. Aaron Edwards of the Counterdrug Task Force speaks to a 4th grade class at Woodhome Elementary/Middle School during Red Ribbon Week about the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Brig. Gen. Alberto Jimenez, assistant adjutant general, Army congratulates Cadet Calvin D. Pettaway on his graduation from the Maryland National Guard Challenge Academy.

Maryland National Guard Challenge Academy cadets participate in a team building exercise during their 22-week program.

Cadet Joshua Zimmerman participates in the Freestate ChalleNGe Annual Treeplanting event, Havre de Grace, Md.

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, CONTAINING DISPLAYS OF MILITARY ARTIFACTS AND MEMORABILIA DATING BACK TO THE FOUNDING OF THE MARYLAND COLONY IN THE 17TH CENTURY, AND THE MARYLAND MILITARY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER, WHICH CONTAINS AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AUDIO RECORDINGS AND MOTION PICTURES RELATING TO MARYLAND'S MILITARY HISTORY, INCLUDING ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST EXTENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF ORIGINAL WORLD WAR II DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY

The Maryland Museum of Military History was founded in 1982 as the Maryland National Guard Museum. 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) non-profit that continues to serve as the museum's advisory body.

Mission

To collect, preserve, interpret, and present significant artifacts and artwork relating to the history of the Maryland National Guard in federal service and of the people, places, and events that represent the military heritage of the State of Maryland. Through exhibits, educational programs, and outreach, the Museum strives to convey an awareness of the military service of Marylanders, and how that service has helped preserve American freedoms.

Vision

To be the state's premier museum of art and artifacts relating to the military history of Maryland, staffed by professionals dedicated to the proper conservation, exhibition, and management of department's historical collection.

Accomplishments

During the past year, the museum has continued to broaden and professionalize its operations:

- Redesigned World War I and World War II exhibits to form a more cohesive storyline and continued to expand Cold War exhibits
- Continued on-going efforts to accession and document materials in the collection, while continuing to acquire artifacts needed to fill holes in the collection.
- Instituted a volunteer program in cooperation with the Maryland Military Historical Society and the Baltimore County Volunteers.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER

Located in the Fifth Regiment Armory's Hancock Memorial Library, the research center houses one of the world's most comprehensive collections of World War II documents relating to the 29th Infantry Division. In addition, it contains an extensive collection of photographs and documents relating to units of the Maryland National Guard and their militia predecessors.

Mission

To collect, interpret, preserve and promote documents, photographs, electronic media and other materials containing information or imagery relating to the history of the organized militia forces of Maryland, military installations within Maryland, military operations within Maryland and the military service of citizens of Maryland. To educate the public regarding the military history of Maryland by providing bona fide researchers with access to collected materials and by providing historical imagery to support displays by the Maryland Museum of Military History. To advise the Adjutant General and the Maryland Military Department generally on matters relating to the heraldry, honors, lineage, and history of units of the organized militia of Maryland.

Vision

To be the state's premier repository for preserving historical documents, imagery and recordings relating to the military history of Maryland, staffed by professionals dedicated to preserving and properly managing department's historical records and making them available to researchers and the public.

Accomplishments

During the past year, the research center has continued its efforts to preserve historic documents relating to the military service of Marylanders:

- Continued efforts to digitize historic documents and photographs.
- Archived and preserved 19th century militia muster rolls.
- Expanded the library's collection of both periodic and non-periodic literature.
- Continued to provide assistance to educators, authors, and members of the public researching a wide variety of aspects of the military history of Maryland.

Members of the 104th Fighter Squadron perform maintenance of a P-47 fighter at Harbor Field in Baltimore, Maryland.

Members of Co. K, 5th MD Infantry, at Mt. Gretna in 1906.

Members of the 115th Infantry Regiment train with bayonets in preparation for U.S. involvement in World War I.

The Maryland National Guard's 29th Infantry Division at Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers return home from Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

Maryland veterans of the Civil War gather for a reunion at Gettysburg in1888. The current Maryland state flag was adopted from the one shown in the photo, which was carried by the 5th Regiment of the Maryland National Guard.

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD
REINTEGRATION INITIATIVE

Soldiers and Airmen of the Maryland National Guard who deploy to combat zones and return home face incredible challenges... the stress of separation from loved ones... the stress of being in a combat zone...the stress of trying to re-establish former lives and relationships. The June 2007 report of the Department of Defense Mental Health Task Force found that 49 percent of National Guard members reported psychological problems at 90-120 days after redeployment. Additionally, within 12 months, 10-25 percent suffer from clinically significant Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and 20 percent plan to separate or divorce within the same 12-month period following this return from combat. The Maryland Military Department established the Maryland National Guard Reintegration Initiative to train and resource every combat veteran and their family for a safe, healthy and successful reintegration into their family, community, school and job following deployment.

Every returning Maryland National Guard Warrior is seen by members of the Reintegration Team 30, 60 and 90 days after his or her return. Along with their families, loved ones or significant others, they attend Reintegration Academies. These are held at local hotels where they receive education, training and professional assistance to cope with the myriad of problems that await the Soldiers and Families on their return from combat. Each veteran will be afforded the opportunity to meet face to face with other Soldiers and professionals to help them meet the challenge of returning to Maryland as a productive citizen.

The initiative's goal is to prepare every MDNG combat veteran and their Family to successfully deal with the effects of combat operational stress through training, counseling and other programs. It also involves teaching communities how to help returning combat veterans and their families successfully deal with the effects of combat operational stress. It also means reaching out to employers of Soldiers to help them reintegrate into the workplace where they can continue their interrupted careers. For those returning to school it means creating a learning environment where they can succeed after the traumatic experiences of their time in the war zone.

THE INITIATIVE'S GOAL IS TO PREPARE EVERY MDNG COMBAT VETERAN AND THEIR FAMILY TO SUCCESSFULLY DEAL WITH THE EFFECTS OF COMBAT OPERATIONAL STRESS THROUGH TRAINING, COUNSELING AND OTHER PROGRAMS.

Establishment of resources such as briefings by professional counselors, workshops, and faith-based and education seminars along with health screenings and other programs such as Partners in Care utilized to achieve the goals of the initiative.

REINTEGRATION

Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown, the Adjutant General for Maryland Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins and Deputy Secretary for the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Wilbert B. Forbes listen to Soldiers concerns about the reintegration process during a reintegration roundtable discussion in Easton on September 24, 2008.

Spc. Jason Sarver and his family complete registration at reintegration training held for Soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 58th Cavalry Regiment in Annapolis who had returned from duty in Iraq.

1st Lt. Tom Tholen and his family take a break during the reintegration training held at the Doubletree Marriott Hotel in Annapolis.

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 for support. Support is provided within the limits of each congregation's 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 re-integration support; crisis and grief counseling, and many other helpful services. There are currently 55 participating congregations representing 18 different faith groups in 20 counties and Baltimore City. The Military Department's goal is to have a least one Partner in Care in each of Maryland's jurisdictions. Partners in Care is administered by the Joint Force Headquarters Chaplain's Office.

EMPLOYER SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD & RESERVE
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) 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. 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.

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 their goals. The activities included an employer call-a-thon, where volunteers contacted employers of the Guard and Reserve to encourage their support. ESGR committee members have traveled to armories and training centers across the state to brief military members and their families on re-employment rights when the military member's duty is complete.

The Employer Outreach subcommittee hosted luncheons across Maryland where more than 1,000 employers were honored for their support of their employees. The committee hosted a Boss Lift to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., where employers had the opportunity to observe Marine employees in training and tour the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Maryland ESGR members staffed a booth at the Maryland Municipal League convention in Ocean City Md., where representatives were provided materials informing them of the re-employment rights of members of the Guard and Reserve.

Maryland ESGR Ombudsmen were able to mediate 96 percent of the complaints (50 out of 52) received from Guard and Reserve members regarding their employment and reemployment conditions.

Chaplain (COL) Sean Lee addresses a group of Partners in Care representatives during their annual meeting in Hagerstown on October 2, 2008.

Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Bosslift participants pose in front of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va.

U. S. Fire Administrator and Superintendent of the Emergency Management Institute sign statements of support for the National Guard and Reserve. (Back Row from left: Command Sgt. Major Brian Sann, Maryland National Guard senior enlisted advisor; George Doetsch Maryland ESGR chairman; Lt. Col. Butch Hensel, ESGR executive director. Front row from left: Gregory B. Cade, United States Fire Administrator; James Rebholz, ESGR national chairman; Dr. Cortez Lawrence, superintendent, Emergency Management Institute.)

FAMILY READINESS
PROGRAM

The mission of the Family Readiness Program (FRP) 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.

The full time staff of FRP handles questions and concerns from any member of the Guard Family, or any other military service member. The teams are trained and equipped specifically to provide resources to help deal with health, financial and legal issues, with a particular focus on Families of deployed service members. In addition, the FRP includes a very extensive youth program.

The Maryland National Guard runs five Family Assistance Centers located regionally across Maryland, in Baltimore, Towson, Annapolis, Hagerstown and Essex. Individual military units also operate family readiness groups throughout the state.

The FRP also provides training to Family Readiness Groups and Commanders throughout the year. The Maryland National Guard FRP hosted several youth-oriented events during the year. A Youth Symposium was held in conjunction with the annual Family Readiness state workshop February 29 through March 2. A youth camp called the Homefront Challenge took place June 22-27 at Rock State Park in Harford County. The MDNG FRP will be hosting its 2009 annual State Workshop in Solomons, Md. Topics that will be covered at the workshop include connecting with volunteers from various backgrounds, issues affecting parents of single service members and utilizing resources across the state, among others.

Campers from the Maryland Army National Guard Child and Youth Program, Homefront Challenge Camp, pose for a picture with their new friends as they prepare for the closing ceremony.

One of the many crafts and projects the Homefront Challenge campers made during the five-day camp.

Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon, Assistant Adjutant General-Air. showcases the t-shirt that she presented to some of the campers during the Homefront Challenge closing ceremony.

DEMOGRAPHICS

	STATE OF MARYLAND	MD ARMY GUARD	MD AIR GUARD
Caucasian	61.1%	63.2%	73.3%
African American	28.8%	32.4%	19.9%
Native American	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian	4.8%	2.1%	2.1%
2+Races	1.9%	2.0%	1.2%
Hispanic	6.0%	2.1%	0.3%
Male	48.3%	84.1%	80.1%
Female	51.7%	15.9%	19.9

These data were taken from the Maryland Fact Sheet of the 2005-2007 American Community Survey and were based on data collected over a three-year time period. The estimates were produced and disseminated by the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program.

GUARD EQUIPMENT

Huron

The C-12J Huron can carry 19 passengers, ten 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 HEMTT (Heavy Equipment Mobility Tactical Truck) are used to carry cargo and fuel or tow vehicles, trailers and howitzers. Range is 300 miles.

Hercules

The C-130J Hercules can carry 92 combat troops, 64 paratroopers, 74 litters, 6 pallets or up to 42,000 pounds of cargo. It carries a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and loadmaster). The maximum speed is 417 mph with an average range of 1,841 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.

Humvee

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

Kiowa

The OH-58 Kiowa Warrior is an armed-reconnaissance helicopter. It carries a crew of two at a maximum speed of 120 knots and a range of 345 miles.

Thunderbolt II

The A-10C Thunderbolt II, also know as the Warthog, 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; infrared countermeasure flares; electronic countermeasure chaff; jammer pods, 2.75-inch rockets; illumination flares, AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles and Joint Direct Attack Munition JDAM. It carries a crew of one. The maximum speed of this aircraft is 420 mph with a maximum effective range of 800 miles.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Second Lt. Dave Causey, the morale, welfare, and recreation officer for the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, talks to Staff Sgt.Allen Chrans, a K-9 military policeman with the 506th MP Detachment, near a stage on Camp Stryker before an MWR show with '80s hair-metal band Poison, Sunday, October 8, 2007. Causey coordinates MWR shows on Victory Base Complex by escorting the entertainers and facilitating the needs of the show on site, such as Chran's bomb-sniffing dog. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. S. Patrick McCollum)

Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general for Maryland, promotes Col. Allyson Solomon to the rank of brigadier general, 5th Regiment Armory, Baltimore Md. Brid. Brig. Gen. Solomon currently serves as the Maryland National Guard's assistant adjutant general-Air and is the first black female to hold this position.

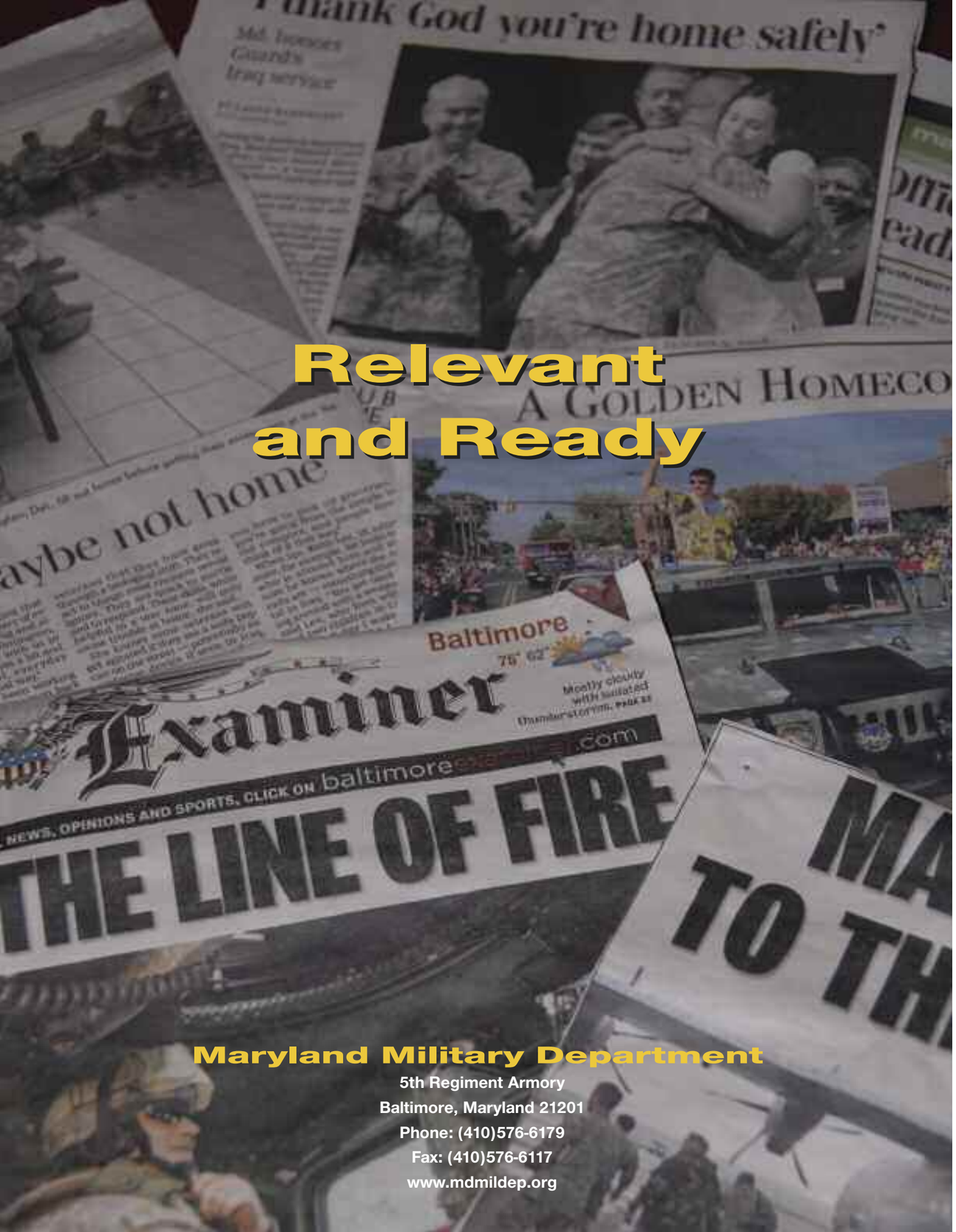
Sgt. Eric Brady, a team member of the Internal Reaction Force of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, pulls out a backback full of gifts for local children during a patrol near Forward Operating Base Q-West, Iraq Friday, Nov. 23, 2007. The Internal Reaction Force patrols for threats against the FOB and builds good relations with neighboring villages by talking to villagers. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. S. Patrick McCollum)

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth McGill, operations noncommissioned officer, Maryland State Medical Detachment receives the John R. Teal Leadership Award for his excellence in the implementation of the Periodic Health Assessment program for the Maryland Army National Guard.

Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Phelps gets a ride in the Maryland National Guard "Minuteman" Humvee during a welcome home parade for the hometown hero.

HONORING OUR FALLEN

DEDICATED ON MEMORIAL DAY 2008, THE FALLEN WARRIOR MEMORIAL IS A LASTING AND FITTING TRIBUTE TO MARYLAND GUARD MEMBERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES AS A PART OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR.



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