

Maryland

Military Department 2007 Annual Report



Martin O'Malley
Governor



Anthony G. Brown
Lt. Governor

Our Vision

The Maryland Military Department is tasked at both the federal level by the President of the United States and at the state level by the Governor to defend our country and state. In order to meet the demands encompassed within those missions, we must build and maintain a force structure that makes us relevant and ready for any scenario. We are engaging at the federal level to ensure that the Maryland National Guard is trained and equipped equal to our active duty component partners. With the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in the lead, we are working to ensure that we are prepared to do our part of the public safety team concept. As threats change, we will constantly review our preparedness posture so that we can always be: RELEVANT and READY.



Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Cocoran, an optometrist with the 175th Medical Group, evaluates a patient at the Rosebud Comprehensive Health Care Facility in Rosebud, S.D.

Federal Mission Statement

The mission of the Maryland Military Department is to maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war, national emergency or as otherwise needed.

State Mission Statement

The Department also provides highly trained personnel, equipment and facilities capable of protecting life and property and preserving peace, order and public safety and supporting the State of Maryland in a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of awareness, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.



Governor Martin O'Malley presents the Army Achievement Medal to a Soldier from the 290th Military Police Company during a deployment ceremony at the Parkville Armory on Oct. 26.



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Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill
Adjutant General

January 10, 2008

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

Dear Governor O'Malley:

I am pleased to submit our fiscal year 2007 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).

As a high point in demonstrating the interoperability of its branches, the personnel of the Department participated in Exercise Vigilant Guard, a National Guard Bureau sponsored homeland security/terrorist response exercise designed to enhance the preparedness of Maryland National Guard forces in performing their roles as the first military responder in all domestic emergencies last September. The first two days were command post exercises where our forces monitored and reacted to situations designed to lead a response to a local terrorist threat. The third day was a functional exercise culminating in a response to a terrorist attack near M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. The response was in support of local first responders. The exercise involved participation from all branches of the Maryland Military Department.

MEMA continues to be a proactive coordinator of resources for state and local agencies who have critical responsibilities in emergency management and homeland defense. Homeland security grants for state and local agencies from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are managed by MEMA. 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 when an earthen dam in Garrett County threatened to break putting down stream homes at risk from flooding. The agency coordinated helicopter support from the Maryland Army National Guard, which transported dam safety experts and specialized pump equipment to the scene. Once in operation, the pumps lowered the water level of the dam and removed the threat to the homes that were in danger.

MDDF continued its role of providing support to the Maryland National Guard. Their legal teams and financial management teams continued to provide pro-bono legal and financial services to members of the Maryland National Guard and their family members. MDDF also established an Engineering Corps, which supports the Maryland National Guard with professional engineering support as well as damage assessment capabilities during emergencies or disasters. Members of MDDF's 10th Medical Regiment, which was recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a medical reserve, mobilized and deployed to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in support of a humanitarian mission undertaken by the 175th Medical Group of the MDANG. The teams provided medical treatment to more than 4,000 Native-American citizens living on the reservation. The deployment marks the third time that the MDDF has mobilized and deployed outside of the state.

Approximately 1,300 Soldiers of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the MDARNG mobilized and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition, 50 Soldiers of B Company, 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with their CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

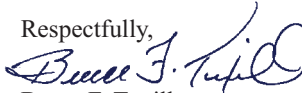
More than 230 Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers led by Brig. Gen. Edward Leacock, the assistant adjutant general for Army have returned from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where they have been serving our country as part of the task force guarding the captured terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba since January, 2006. They did a fantastic job and represented our country and our state well.

Airmen of the Maryland Air National Guard have maintained a critical presence throughout the year in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Members of our 135th Airlift Group, home-based at Warfield Air National Guard Base, returned home after a two year deployment flying the C-130J aircraft throughout the spectrum of combat mission areas. During this mission, the unit participated in more than 500 continuous days of combat operations. They flew more than 1,800 sorties, 3,700 flight hours, hauled more than 4,500 short tons of cargo and transported more than 20,000 combat soldiers. They also provided much needed theater airlift so that our Soldiers could avoid exposure to the dangers associated with ground convoy transportation. Their outstanding performance and patriotism under the most difficult circumstances makes Marylanders proud.

The 104th Fighter Squadron of the MDANG, which flies the new A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft deployed to Iraq in September. The unit became the first fighter squadron in the history of the U.S. Air Force to make a combat strike using the Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) while conducting close air support missions for ground forces.

The Maryland Military Department remains a solid bastion in the economic viability of Maryland as our fiscal impact totaled \$307.9 million. The ratio of federal dollars spent in Maryland to state dollars invested is strong at nearly 19 to 1 for the Maryland Military Department. The Department continues to provide employment and education opportunities to Marylanders while providing an opportunity to serve our citizens at home and abroad.

Governor, we remain "relevant and ready" to serve the needs of our nation and state as we continue to write a new chapter in our long and distinguished history.

Respectfully,

Bruce F. Tuxill
Major General, MDANG
The Adjutant General

Priorities for the Adjutant General

The members of the Maryland Military Department (MDMILDEP) must be provided the proper training and equipment in order to possess the capabilities to be "ready and reliable" to defend the homeland if called upon by the President of the United States or the Governor of the State of Maryland. This will require additional federal and state funding for new facilities as well as operations and maintenance costs.

Retain Airlift Mission

Maryland is scheduled to receive the C-27 Joint Cargo aircraft (JCA) as a replacement for the eight C-130J aircraft lost to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC). With the reality that the JCA program may never survive, The Adjutant General requested support in the acquisition of 8 or 12-aircraft Associate C-130J unit for permanent basing at the Warfield Air National Guard Base at Martin State Airport. The lack of a bridge mission is already resulting in the loss of manpower from the Maryland Air National Guard in FY09. The issue is being actively coordinated with the Governor's office and additionally requires Congressional support.

(Martin State Airport), Project Number PJMS959554, currently programmed for FY11 was authorized in the 109th Congress but was never appropriated due to the removal of all earmarks in the FY07 spending bills. The Adjutant General requested support for our number one military construction project through a request for congressional add to the FY08 Military Construction (MILCON) Appropriations Bill. Failure to appropriate in FY09 will result in a loss of the project.

Military Construction (MILCON)

Maryland has been 53rd of the 54 states and territories for Air National Guard Military Construction capital projects for almost two decades. The highest priority construction project for the Maryland Air National Guard is:

The fire station at Warfield Air National Guard Base/Martin State Airport

The \$12.5 million in federal funds for the construction of a fire station at Warfield Air National Guard Base



The Dundalk Field Maintenance Shop at 60% completion. When operational, by the summer of 2008, the shop will support Maryland Army National Guard units throughout the Baltimore area, increasing readiness for state and federal missions.



From left, U.S. Army Maj. William Bickel, left, Sgt. Salvatore Lumaro and Capt. Dave Lemanski, all assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, provide covering fire for other members of their squad during military operations in urban terrain training at Fort Dix, N.J., May 11, 2007. The 58th IBC is training in preparation for deployment to Iraq.

Dundalk Armory

This is a 100 percent federally-funded Readiness Center due to units it supports being part of Army National Guard Division Redesign Study (ADRS), a federally directed reorganization. The current facility has a leaking roof, inadequate electrical systems, insufficient ventilation, and insufficient classrooms. The firing range is currently shut down for lead testing and therefore prevents sufficient training support. The kitchen is inadequate and certainly insufficient to meet the expanded personnel serving at this center. The locker rooms are located in a separate building from the showers and latrines. This alteration would increase the readiness, morale and retention of the personnel stationed at this facility. Approximately \$14.971 million in federal funds moved forward from FY11 for this project (Project #240017).

Year at a Glance



Sgt. 1st Class Glen Reisinger and granddaughter Samantha Harper exchange laughs as Reisinger asks Samantha to smile for the camera.



The 104th Fighter Squadron supports their hometown Ravens while deployed to Iraq.



Sgt. Jose Figueira (left) was naturalized as an American citizen at the Ft. McHenry Naturalization ceremony Sep. 24.



1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment of the Maryland Army National Guard stand in formation at their send off ceremony at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis.

Fiscal Impact

The primary purpose of the Maryland Military Department, which oversees the Maryland Army and Air National Guard, MEMA and the Maryland Defense Force, is to contribute to the security of the nation and the state of Maryland. While doing so, it also has a major impact on the State of Maryland.

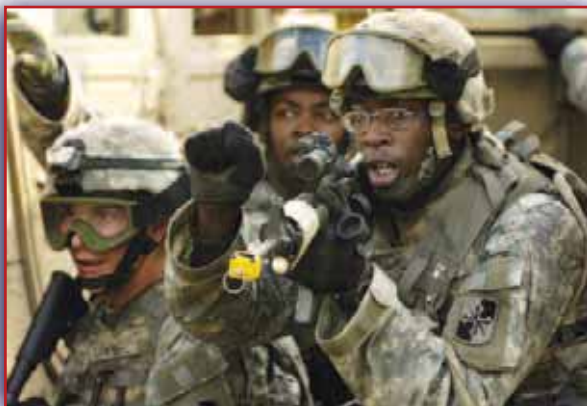
Financial support to the Maryland National Guard totaled \$307.9 million in fiscal year 2007. Funds are received from the Department of the Army (48%), the Department of the Air Force (36%), the Department of Homeland Security (11%), and the State of Maryland (5%). State funds cover the salaries of state 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 to nearly all political subdivisions in Maryland, cover pay and allowances, training, supplies, equipment and construction. This also includes funding for 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.



Members of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, train at Fort Dix, N.J. in preparation for their deployment to Iraq.



A Maryland Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter is used to hoist a diesel fuel tank into position on top of the Oakland Dam.

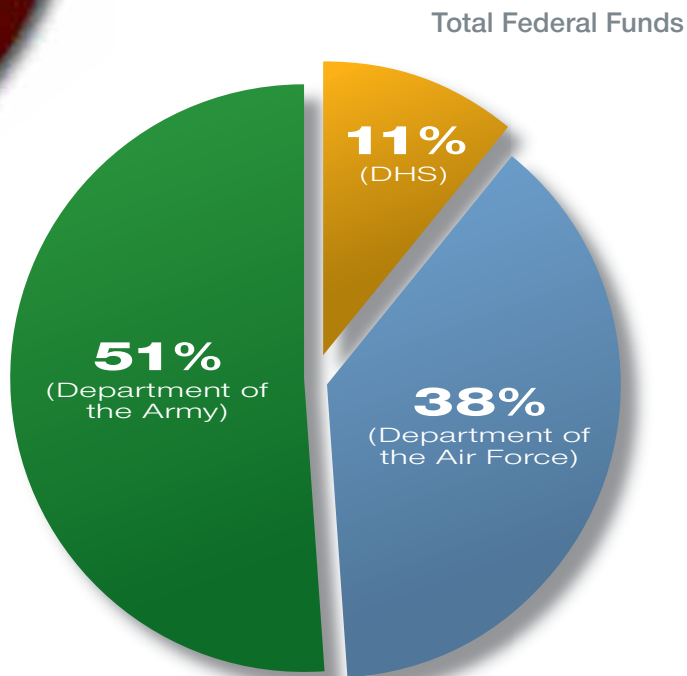
Federal vs. State Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2007





\$15.2 Million
(State 5 Percent)

For every \$19 spent by the federal government in support of the Maryland National Guard, the state spends \$1



Fiscal Year 2007

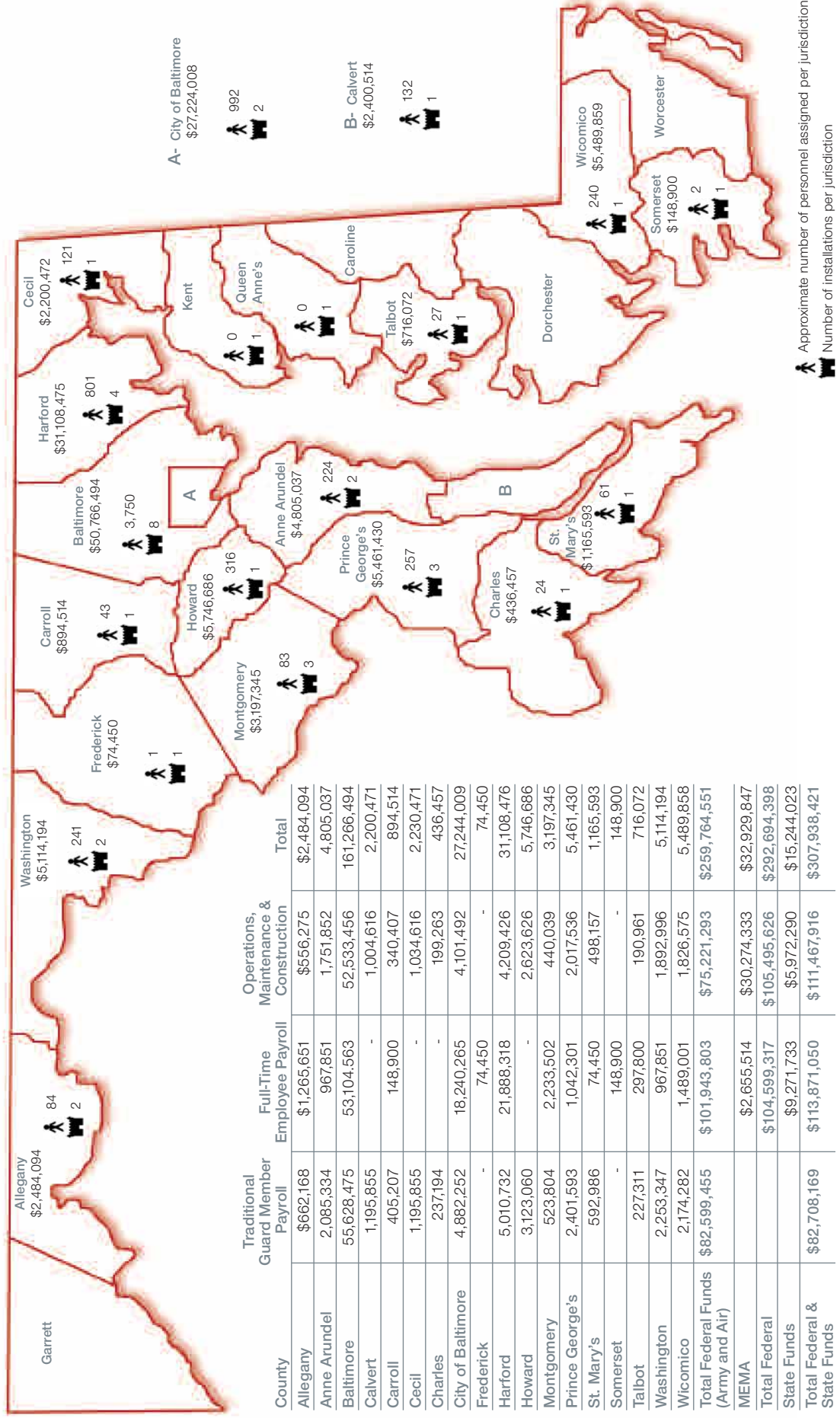
 (95 percent) \$292.7 Million federal contribution to Maryland National Guard

 (5 percent) \$15.2 Million state contribution to Maryland National Guard

Total Work Force

Maryland Army National Guard	5,077
Maryland Air National Guard	1,598
MEMA	71
Maryland Defense Force	272
State Employees Working for Military Department	381
	7,399

Maryland Military Department Fiscal Impact by Jurisdiction FY07



Approximate number of personnel assigned per jurisdiction
 Number of installations per jurisdiction

Maryland National Guard's Real Property



The Dundalk Field Maintenance Shop is at 60% completion. The shop will be operational by the summer of 2008.

Real Property Holdings Inventory Includes:

- 36 Armories
- 1 Airfield
- 1 Airbase
- 4 Military Training Reservations
- 8 Field Maintenance Shops
- 363 Buildings
- 3,029,400 Square Feet
- 4,171 Acres

Property Value: \$306,750,000

In September 2006, the Maryland National Guard, through the Maryland Department of General Services, awarded the design-build contract for the new Dundalk Field Maintenance Shop. At the end of 2007, the facility was more than 60 percent complete, with occupancy anticipated for summer 2008. The \$6.3 million 20,000 sq. ft. facility will replace an inadequate, obsolete 50-year-old 3,500 sq. ft. facility. It will be capable of providing centralized maintenance to more than 275 military vehicles and other pieces of military equipment. It will be a state of the art facility serving 15 units throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area, and will help improve the readiness of the units it serves. The design-build team is lead by Kinsley Construction and LSC Design, Inc.

Two additional significant construction projects were underway through this past year. A \$1.49 million Ready Building, nearing completion, will support the Maryland

National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team, increasing the readiness of this Homeland Security-focused unit. The project is the renovation and modification of an existing Fort Meade building, with occupancy anticipated for this winter. Additionally, work is nearing completion on a \$2.98 million 17,000 sq. ft. interim warehouse at the Maryland National Guard Havre de Grace Military Reservation that will support the entire Maryland Army National Guard, statewide, with federal supplies and material. This was an un-programmed quick turnaround project supported by the National Guard Bureau in response to the critical need to provide a replacement for an inadequate, obsolete structure. The existing structure is more than eighty years old and has become an impediment to providing the quality of service the Guard needs to meet its state and federal missions. Warehouse occupancy is anticipated for mid winter.

A design-build contract was awarded for a new \$6 million Readiness Center at Olney, Maryland in September 2007. This project is the result of a Department of the Army-directed force structure enhancement and will house a medical ground transportation unit. Design work continues rapidly to allow construction to be underway by spring 2008 and occupancy by summer 2009. Homeland Security Construction Corporation of Hyattsville, Maryland leads the design and construction team for this 28,600 square foot building.

Maryland Army National Guard (MDARNG)

Mission

The Maryland Army National Guard will provide ready units and soldiers to support the federal and state missions, while adding value to organization members, their families and the communities of Maryland. The federal mission is to provide deployable units and soldiers promptly for war, national emergency or as otherwise needed. The state mission is to provide defense support to civil authorities for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required under state laws.

Vision

“Time to Change-Time to Address Critical Areas”

The Maryland Army National Guard will be the Army National Guard’s premier force. We are reshaping and reforming the Maryland Army National Guard as a relevant future force that will always be capable of supporting and accomplishing both its federal and state missions. The Maryland Army National Guard has a renewed focus on Soldier values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. Our internal focuses are to MAN, EQUIP, TRAIN, and improve INFRASTRUCTURE, encompassed by a focus on improving QUALITY OF LIFE. The tool we are using to accomplish this is our Maryland Army National Guard Strategic Plan, which gives us long-term direction for the future of this organization.

The Maryland Army National Guard and every other Army unit is transforming itself so that senior commanders who are tasked with carrying out the national security policies of our nation, can tailor their combat power with unit modules designed to accomplish certain missions. The ongoing changes also allow for the creation of new units and opportunities to serve. Another aspect of these changes involves the basing of these units at locations where they can rapidly respond to state emergencies such as natural disasters, which can occur at any time and without warning. The armories must be large enough to house the units based there as well as their equipment. They should be located where the local population constitutes an adequate recruiting base.

Accomplishments

This year has been full of Soldiers returning from war, leaving for war, supporting state missions, training, and participating in special events.

Departing on Federal Missions:

- ★ In April, Maryland began the largest combat deployment of the Maryland National Guard since World War II with the activation the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to Iraq via training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. When all Soldiers have deployed, the numbers will total approximately 1,300 for this mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- ★ In May, about 350 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team from Dundalk, Towson, Elkton, White Oak and Frederick armories followed their brigade headquarters into Iraq by way of Fort Dix, New Jersey. Many Soldiers from B Company, 1-175th Infantry were formerly part of B Company, 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry Regiment, which returned from an Iraq mission about two years ago.
- ★ Also in May, B Company, 3rd Battalion of the 126th Aviation Regiment, a CH-47 Chinook unit left for Fort Carson, Colorado to train for their Afghanistan deployment in August 2007. This mission is in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- ★ In June, approximately 400 members of 1st Squadron, 158th Cavalry Regiment departed for training at Fort Dix, New Jersey followed by a deployment to Iraq, completing the last wave of Soldiers from the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team for this mission.
- ★ In October, the 290th Military Police Company sent about 130 Soldiers to Fort Bliss, Texas for



A Soldier assigned to Echo Company, 629th Military Intelligence Battalion provides overwatch security at a checkpoint area near the Joint Task Force Guantanamo detention center on Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Chief Warrant Officer Robert J. Berdanier, a pilot with the 224th Aviation Regiment does preflight inspection checks at Weide Army Airfield (Edgewood). Photo by Spc. Elizabeth Jones, 29th MPAD, Maryland National Guard.

training on their way to Iraq. This unit has deployed several times over the past few years, to include Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Returning from Federal Missions:

- ★ In February, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group, and the Special Operations Detachment – Joint Forces were given a “Freedom Salute” for their service in Afghanistan the year prior. The Salute is a formal ceremony to honor those who returned from a year in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- ★ In March, a Freedom Salute was conducted for two companies of the 224th Aviation Regiment of the Maryland Army National Guard.
- ★ In June, a Freedom Salute was conducted to honor more than 230 Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers of Joint Task Force Guantanamo made up of units from around the state. They spent about a year in Cuba guarding captured insurgents and performing other duties.
- ★ A logistical and intelligence task force from Maryland Army National Guard assigned to the 29th Infantry Division Headquarters returned from a year-long peacekeeping deployment to Kosovo.

State Missions:

- ★ In March, a potential catastrophe was averted in Garrett County near Oakland thanks to the quick response of aviation units of the Maryland Army National Guard. An earthen dam threatened to overflow, jeopardizing 25 homes downstream. Maryland Army National Guard helicopters transported divers and two large pumps to the scene. Once the pumps became operational, they began pumping water from behind the dam at a rate of 10,000 gallons per minute and averted a catastrophe.

Training:

- ★ In August, a Special Forces unit of the Maryland Army National Guard attended the Erna Raid Military Competition, an international military stakes (marksmanship, land navigation and other events) competition spread over 1,000 kilometers in northern Estonia. The team finished 3rd among international competitors and 15th overall.
- ★ In September 2007, the Maryland Army National Guard participated heavily in the functional portion of Exercise Vigilant Guard, a National Guard Bureau sponsored homeland security/terrorist response exercise designed to enhance the preparedness of National Guard forces in performing their roles as the first military responders in all domestic emergencies.

Special Events:

- ★ In September, a Maryland Army National Guardsman was one of 15 military personnel sworn in as an American citizen at an immigration ceremony at the Fort McHenry National Monument.
- ★ In October, Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill, the adjutant general of Maryland participated in a ceremony where there was a mass internment of remains in Arlington National Cemetery of U.S. Soldiers shot down over Iraq on January 20, 2007. Among the dead was Command Sergeant Major Roger Haller of the Maryland Army National Guard's 70th Regional Training Institute at Camp Fretterd in Reisterstown.
- ★ The Maryland Army National Guard received the Distinguished Motor Vehicle Safety Award from the National Guard Bureau for 10 years (1997 to 2007) without a Class A or Class B Army motor vehicle accident. A Class "A" accident involves property damage in excess of \$1 million and or fatality or permanent disability. A Class "B" accident involves property damage in excess of \$200,000, but less than \$1 million and or permanent partial disability and or three or more people hospitalized.



Sgt. Jessica Kucek, a CH-47 Chinook helicopter crew chief, talks on the radio during the final training exercise at Fort Carson, Colorado prior to deployment to Afghanistan in August.

Maryland Air National Guard



Two A-10 Thunderbolts over the Eastern Shore.

Overview

The MDANG is comprised of Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard, the 175th Wing and the 104th Weather Flight. The 175th Wing includes 25 subordinate organizations, possesses 18 A-10C and eight C-130J aircraft and has over 1,500 personnel, including 443 full-time federal and 54 state employees.

Mission and Vision

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, civil engineering, logistics and medical as required.

The State Mission: During emergencies, Warfield Air National Guard Base is a main operating location for joint aviation operations (fixed rotary/wing), Search and Rescue, C-130J alert operations and Civil Air Patrol. 175th Wing provides a 100-person rapid response team. Additionally, the Wing participates in humanitarian operations throughout the United States and worldwide and supports community service projects and events in the local area.

Vision: As the U.S. military continues to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, so does the Maryland Air National Guard. Our vision continues to be that of “leading the way” in combat and humanitarian operations. The MDANG has deployed 1,899 members to locations worldwide since Sept. 11, 2001, as part of the Global War on Terrorism on all continents. Goals remain focused upon positioning the MDANG for continued success and building upon the unit’s rich 86-year history. We continue to see ourselves at the forefront as we continue to deploy the C-130J for both combat and humanitarian missions. We pride ourselves on being “First to Fly” whether it’s the JN-4 Jenny in 1921, the C-130J Hercules in 1999 or the A-10C Thunderbolt in 2007. Our vision is to continue this pioneering tradition by becoming one of the first Air National Guard wings to fly the next generation fighter, the F-35 Lightning II and the Joint Cargo aircraft, the C-27B.

Despite the recommendation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission to reassign the MDANG’s C-130J aircraft, we remain actively engaged in efforts to procure the Joint Cargo Aircraft as a follow-on mission. This will posture MDANG as the first state to establish a joint Army/Air National Guard flying organization.

The MDANG continues to modernize its aircraft, facilities and infrastructure. This includes military construction for 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 base’s main entry gate to improve safety and traffic flow associated with the new Route 43 extension.



*Tech. Sgt.
Wilbert Morales,
Loadmaster 135th
Airlift Squadron.*



A C-130J prepares for service in support of the California wildfire effort.

Accomplishments, Deployments and Events

- ★ The 104th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron carried out the first-ever combat deployment of the new A-10C attack fighter by the U.S. Air Force during an Air Expeditionary Force rotation to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. Over 300 members strong, the MDANG was the first unit ever to employ the precision Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) from an A-10 in combat operations. During their two month deployment, the 104th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron flew 610 combat sorties and 2203 combat hours.
- ★ The 135th Airlift Group, which maintained detachments of aircraft and personnel in the Middle East, concluded over two years of nearly continuous service in the Global War on Terror. During this time, they flew 3,214 sorties and transported a total of 40,846 passengers and 8,348 tons of cargo. In addition, two MDANG C-130J aircraft flying airlift missions for the U.S. Southern Command as part of Operation Coronet Oak in San Juan, Puerto Rico were tasked to respond to the August earthquake in Peru. Within hours, MDANG aircrew were airborne, flying 132 passengers and 115.1 tons of cargo in support of international relief efforts. The 135th Airlift Group also deployed C-130J aircraft, crews and support personnel to Ramstein Air Base, Germany in support of Operation Joint Enterprise, the NATO peacekeeping mission in Kosovo from Sept. 17 to Oct. 6, 2007. While there, they flew 24 sorties, encompassing 70 flying hours carrying 218 passengers and 56.6 tons of cargo.
- ★ 175th Wing deployed 53 Air Guardsmen to Arizona and New Mexico as part of Operation Jump Start, the mission to secure the U.S. border with Mexico. MD guardsmen continue to support this mission both at home and in Arizona.

- ★ In July, 49 members of the 175th Medical Group deployed to the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where they provided expert medical care to more than 3,900 residents, as well as veterinary service to 117 animals.
- ★ In August, the 235th Civil Engineering Flight worked multiple projects on an Israeli base in support of Exercise Related Construction. As the design and management agent, they built and retrofitted four large dormitories, a munitions maintenance facility, bomb and aircraft sunshades and a covered off-taxiway bomb buildup pad. The 235th CE flight is also in the design phase for the construction of multiple buildings in Morocco and Romania.
- ★ The 175th Wing hosted more than 100 foreign air attachés on Feb. 18, 2007. The attachés, who represented 32 different countries, toured the base and received briefings on the operations of the Maryland Air National Guard.
- ★ Additionally, 175th wing members provided a variety of resources in support of the gubernatorial inauguration, including communications support, escorts for distinguished guests and an aerial fly-over.
- ★ In addition to non-combat related taskings, a total of 701 members of the 175th Wing were mobilized during 2007. They served in 10 different countries worldwide.

Community Outreach

- ★ The Wing conducted flybys for state and local community events and base tours for Boy/Girl Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, civic leaders and community residents. Sponsored, supervised, and helped provision the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol's Tri-wing Encampment. Collected winter clothing for the Coats-for-Kids annual campaign conducted for families in need within the local community.
- ★ The 175th Wing and Maryland ANG is proud of its 86 year heritage of community outreach.



Col Randy Brown and Master Sgt. John W. Wissman, III provide veterinary services on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

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

- ★ **March 6-14, 2007** – A potential catastrophe was averted in Garrett County near Oakland thanks to the quick response of aviation units of the Maryland Army National Guard. An earthen dam threatened to overflow, jeopardizing 25 homes downstream. Maryland Army National Guard helicopters transported divers and two large pumps to the scene and once the pumps became operational, they began pumping water from behind the dam at a rate of 10,000 gallons per minute and averting a catastrophe. MEMA coordinated the State's response, which included the Maryland National Guard, the Middle River Volunteer Fire Department dive team, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland State Police.
- ★ **March 15, 2007** – Maryland Military Department and the MEMA conducted a briefing for U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, Under Secretary (and FEMA Director) R. David Paulison. This was the first time that a federal cabinet official visited MEMA and the State Emergency Operations Center.
- ★ **April 12, 2007** - Maryland Military Department and the MEMA conducted a briefing for Congressman John Sarbanes and members of his staff regarding the capabilities of the department and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. The briefing and tour were conducted at the State Emergency Operations Center.
- ★ **April 12, 2007** – The Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland National Guard hosted the 22nd Annual Severe Storms Awareness Conference at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum. The conference had more than 300 atten-



Governor Martin O'Malley speaks with Charlie Simpson, Maryland Joint Operations Center manager, during a visit to MEMA.

dees and featured presentations from the top leaders from the National Hurricane Center, the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- ★ **May 2, 2007** - MEMA hosted a visit by a P3 Orion "Hurricane Hunter" aircraft at the Martin State Airport in Middle River, Maryland. The public was invited to come out and inspect the aircraft and speak with the crew about their duties. Groups of school children and their teachers and parents came to view the aircraft named "Kermit" after the character in the *Muppets*. The aircraft remained at the airport for a day before traveling to a new city. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service send this aircraft to different cities at the start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season to encourage family preparedness. The season begins on June 1st and runs through the end of November each year.
- ★ **May 16, 2007** – The Maryland Emergency Management Agency co-hosted a "Gathering of Command Posts." Their partner was Globalstar LLC, a satellite telephone technology provider. The event was held at the Camp Fretterd Military Reservation and involved operators of mobile command posts from Maryland and neighboring states, their super-

visors, technicians and command staff. The purpose of this event was to allow participants to meet and network with their counterparts from neighboring jurisdictions, compare notes on their vehicles and learn from each other.

May 22, 2007 – Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill, the Adjutant General, delivered remarks to the Maryland Emergency Management Directors Conference in Ocean City. This annual event, which is co-hosted by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Emergency Management Association, is a professional workshop for Maryland's emergency management community. This year's attendance was between 150 and 185. The emphasis this year was on law enforcement incidents.

June 1, 2007 – Maryland Emergency Management Agency hosted Governor Martin O'Malley and his Cabinet for an exercise at the State Emergency Operations Center in Reisterstown. This morning-long disaster exercise allowed the O'Malley-Brown Administration an opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to emergency preparedness. It also allowed Cabinet officials to consider their roles during an emergency or disaster.

July 31 – August 1, 2007 – the Maryland Emergency Management Agency participated in a pandemic flu exercise directed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that was designed to test the effectiveness of response plans to a pandemic outbreak including the distribution of medications from the National Strategic Stockpile. MEMA partially activated the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Information Center.

Exercise Vigilant Guard – September 5-7, 2007 – Exercise Vigilant Guard was a National Guard Bureau sponsored homeland security/terrorist response exercise designed to enhance the preparedness of National Guard forces in performing their roles as the first military responder in all domestic emergencies. MEMA partially activated the State Emergency Operations Center and had several of their personnel in supporting roles. The first two days were command post exercises. The third day was a functional exercise culminating in a response to a terrorist attack near M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. The exercise had participation from public

affairs/public information professionals from all branches of the Maryland Military Department.

October 30, 2007 – The Maryland Emergency Management Agency activated the State Emergency Operations Center during the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant drill. In addition to the activation of the State EOC, Constellation Energy (which owns the plant) activated its Emergency Operations Facility located in Barstow, Maryland. The Maryland Department of the Environment has the lead because the department regulates radiological health in Maryland. MEMA and all other state departments and agencies were in support. While MEMA does not normally invite media to the State EOC during the drill because the drill is being graded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Agency, local media have previously been invited to and have previously attended the mock media portion of the drill, which will be at the Barstow location operated by Constellation Nuclear which operates the power plant.

November 27, 2007 – Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill, the Adjutant General of Maryland and Maryland Emergency Management Agency director John Droneburg attended an inaugural celebration for a new curriculum program at Joppatowne High School in Joppa, Md. The program allows students to focus on studies that may lead to a career in Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

December 7, 2007 – J. Carver Struve, State Hazard Mitigation Officer of MEMA, received the State's Innovative Idea Award. Struve was credited by State Treasurer Nancy Kopp for developing the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Strube's hazard mitigation work was instrumental in convincing insurance company representatives who were in the process of setting premiums for the state's catastrophic loss policy, to reduce the premium by almost \$1 million. His work saved the taxpayers a substantial sum of money while helping MEMA to assess and mitigate the vulnerability of state-owned facilities. He also received a glass trophy and a monetary prize of \$1,000.

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency has passed a rigorous examination in 58 areas by professional emergency managers and received National Accreditation under the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). MEMA, and by extension the State of Maryland, becomes the 15th state to attain the recognition. The achievement is significant because MEMA is the only agency to achieve the honor in one visit by the inspection team. The achievement reflects the professionalism of the State's emergency management team.

Maryland Defense Force (MDDF)

Mission

The Maryland Defense Force (MDDF) is a volunteer uniformed agency of the Maryland Military Department, authorized by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, 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 personnel with competent 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

Members of the MDDF provided invaluable support to the Governor's Inauguration in January by manning first aid stations, providing communications and crowd control, and escorting VIPs.

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



Troopers from MDDF Troop A carried the colors at the annual White Marsh Avenue Holiday Parade.



Col. Kelm of The Maryland Defense Force speaks at the reopening of the Merson Building.

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 Airmen and Soldiers redeploying from overseas operations this past year. More than 30 MDDF medical and mental health personnel have been trained to perform these in-depth evaluations so that MDNG soldiers can obtain further medical treatment and support as required.

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

In July, a team of medical professionals from MDDF's 10th Medical Regiment deployed with the MDANG's 175th Medical Group to the Indian Health Service hospital on the Rosebud Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. The combined MDANG-MDDF team treated more than 4,000 patients while providing personnel in both units the opportunity to practice interoperability and to exercise their professional skills in a challenging remote environment similar to what one might find during a civil emergency.

Elements of the MDDF joined the National Guard for Exercise Vigilant Guard, a major homeland security/terrorist response exercise. Personnel from the 10th Medical Regiment as well as the legal, chaplain, operations, communications, and public affairs mission oriented units supported both the Joint Task Force Command Post Exercise and the field training events.

Chaplains from the MDDF are fully integrated into the MDNG Chaplain's Corps and have provided a broad range of support through-



Maryland Defense Force medical personnel deployed with the 175th medical group to South Dakota, providing humanitarian medical assistance to the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

out the year including spiritual counseling during unit training, deployment and redeployment activities, counseling for families of deployed Guardsmen, and post deployment stress counseling. MDDF Chaplains are assigned and have primary spiritual responsibility for supporting the 70th Training Regiment at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.

MDDF is collaborating with the MDNG and MEMA in an initiative to increase efficiency in the utilization of Maryland's aviation assets and the control of airspace in the event of emergencies that involve extraordinary flight activity, such as a total closure of airspace, like that which occurred following 9/11, to 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 necessary to succeed as adults.

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.

In November, the MDDF marked its 90th anniversary by celebrating the opening of a new headquarters in the historic Merson Building at the Pikesville Military Reservation. MDDF personnel contributed more than 1,600 volunteer man-hours to the self-service renovation project which restored the building to a high state of serviceability and functionality.

MDMILDEP Activities

Governor's Inauguration

On January 17, 2007, the Maryland Military Department took the lead in supporting the ceremonial events for the inauguration of Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown in Annapolis. The support included the planning and coordination of all official events, including the swearing in, planning, coordination and supervision of the Inaugural Parade, staffing of command posts including the State Emergency Operations Center, escort of VIPs, staffing of first aid center, traffic guides for parade participants and other vital functions. All four branches of the department participated in the event.

Garrett County Dam

In March of this year, a potential catastrophe was averted near Oakland in Garrett County thanks to the quick response of aviation units of the Maryland Army National Guard. An earthen dam whose spillways were blocked by beaver debris threatened to overflow, jeopardizing 25 homes downstream. Maryland Army National Guard helicopters flew across Maryland and transported divers to the scene. When it was determined that the divers could not break the logjam, MDARNG helicopters transported two large pumps across Maryland to the scene and once the pumps became operational, they pumped water from behind the dam at a rate of 10,000 gallons per minute and averted a catastrophe. MEMA coordinated the State's response, which included the Maryland National Guard, the Middle River Volunteer Fire Department dive team, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland State Police.



Ms. Linda Strack of the Maryland Military Department Legislative Liaison Office captured top honors at the 2007 State Employee Recognition and Award Ceremony on Dec. 7.

Rosebud Indian Reservation Medical Mission

During the month of July, a medical team from the 175th Medical Group of the Maryland Air National Guard and the 10th Medical Regiment of the Maryland Defense Force traveled to the Rosebud Lakota Sioux Reservation to perform a humanitarian medical mission at the Indian Health Services Hospital there. While there, they operated several clinics and treated almost 4,000 patients during their tour of duty.

Pandemic Flu Exercise

The end of July brought the Maryland Emergency Management Agency's participation in a Pandemic Flu Exercise directed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that was designed to test the effectiveness of response plans to a pandemic outbreak including the distribution of medications from the National Strategic Stockpile. Units of the Maryland National Guard practiced their role in receiving and distributing medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile. MEMA partially activated the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Information Center to coordinate the state's response and emergency information. Maryland Defense Force personnel worked in the SEOC during the exercise.



Aviators recover slings used during the Oakland Dam emergency.

Exercise Vigilant Guard

In early September, Exercise Vigilant Guard, a National Guard Bureau sponsored homeland security/terrorist response exercise designed to enhance the preparedness of National Guard forces in performing their roles as the first military responder in all domestic emergencies, took place. The first two days were command post exercises which monitored and reacted to situational designed to lead to a response to a local terrorist threat. The third day was a functional exercise culminating in a response to a terrorist attack near M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. The exercise involved participation from all branches of the Maryland Military Department.

Army – Navy Game Support

The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and the United State Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland met at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore to play the 108th Army-Navy Game. The Maryland Military Department supported the event by teaming up with Baltimore City Police in joint security patrols, providing static displays and other essential functions.



Deployed Soldiers from the 58th IBCT send well-wishes to family and friends through the Ravens' Jumbo-tron during Veterans Day at Ravens' Stadium.

Joint Staff and Defense Support to Civil Authorities Activities

During 2007, 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 following capabilities were leveraged:

Response Support: Allegheny County provided transport of emergency search and rescue personnel and supported local emergency management officials at the Barton mine collapse.

Response Support: Garrett County provided emergency aerial lift operations in support of county emergency management officials. Over a two day period Maryland National Guard heavy lift helicopters set in place large mine pumps atop the Oakland Hospital dam to relieve pressure and prevent potential down stream devastation of homes in the area.

Operation Vigilant Guard: The Maryland National Guard and senior state officials participated in a FEMA Region III military and civilian command post exercise to a catastrophic terrorist event within the region. Local, state and federal agencies from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia participated in this United

States Northern Command sponsored event. Locally, the Maryland National Guard planned and implemented a functional training exercise with the City of Baltimore leveraging National Guard Reaction Force and WMD Civil Support Team assets.

Emergency Recall and Notification System: The Maryland National Guard implemented a robust emergency messaging and notification asset and worked with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to provide notification of senior leaders in the event of widespread communications failure or requirements of timely mass notification.

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.

Joint Task Force Commander's Course: The Maryland National Guard had its fourth officer complete the course. Conducted between the National Guard Bureau and the United States Northern Command, the course prepares general officer's to assume the duties of a joint task force commander leveraging both National Guard and active duty forces during major emergency response and National Special Security Events.

State Joint Staff and Joint Task Force Staff Course: The Maryland National Guard had 27 officers and enlisted personnel participate in this course. The year long course better prepares staff leaders to conduct and support large and complex joint operations involving not only National Guard but multiple service components and civilian assets in major emergencies and operations.



Military police from the Maryland Army National Guard ride to the scene of a simulated emergency in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to assist local first responders in Exercise Vigilant Guard.

Interoperable Radios in Blackhawk Aircraft: the Maryland Army National Guard led a national effort to test and install interoperable radios in the UH-60/Blackhawk aircraft. This capability will allow additional National Guard aircraft to communicate with first responders and leverage the near statewide repeater system installed by the Maryland National Guard.

In FY-07, the Maryland Military Department continued its support of community events and organizations through the following activities:

- 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band**
- Color Guard and Honors Detail**
- Army and Air National Guard aircraft fly-overs**
- Speakers Bureau**
- Access to Armories for civic and emergency functions**
- Counterdrug and law enforcement**
- Loans of equipment**
- JROTC/ROTC/Civil Air Patrol**
- Recruiting and static equipment displays**

The estimated economic value to jurisdictions exceeded \$300,000.

Counterdrug Task Force

Since 1989, the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (MD-CDTF), 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-eight highly trained Army and Air National Guard personnel who are on full time active duty status currently staff the MD-CDTF. These skilled Soldiers and Airmen are from Maryland National



Sgt. Brink Sirmons (left), a UAS Operator with Bravo Co. MI TUAS DET1, 58th IBCT, rolls the Shadow 200 UAS into the Army's hanger at Webster's Air Field. Photo by Spc. Elizabeth Jones, 29th MPAD, Maryland National Guard.

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, US 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 FY07

Estimated value of all seizures (FY07)	\$ 19,081,560
Since 1989	252,293,181
Total Arrest supported (FY07)	675
Since 1989	7,895



Counterdrug Reconnaissance Air Interdiction Detachment (RAID) Team Commander, Capt. Kirk Regina displays the spacious cockpit of an OH-58 to Dr. Catherine Huggins Gomes, Dean of Academics at Samuel L. Banks High School in Baltimore.

Joint Staff Activities and Military Support to Civil Authorities

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 the 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.



Members of the 32nd Civil Support team of the Maryland National Guard train during Exercise Vigilant Guard.

Maryland National Guard Honor Guard

The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard (MDNGHG) provides military funeral honors for veterans throughout the State of Maryland. During State Fiscal Year 2007, 3,525 honors were performed at State Veteran's cemeteries and numerous private cemeteries. Standard Honors for a veteran consists of the ceremonial flag fold with presentation to next of kin and a bugler to render TAPS. Full Honors for retirees (20 or more years of honorable service), Medal of Honor recipients and personnel who die while on active duty, consists of pall bearers, firing party, bugler and presentation of the flag to next of kin. Since the inception of the MDNG Honor Guard in 1998, more than 24,000 honors have been performed. In addition, the MDNGHG Color Team posts Colors at many special events e.g., Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, POW/MIA ceremonies, American Legion and VFW conventions, etc.



Members of the Honor Guard unfold the flag and place it on the casket after the church service.

State Partnership Program

The Maryland Military Department is marking the 14th 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 U.S. states and territories with partner nations through a range of military, civil-military and civil activities under the Maryland Military Department auspices. The partnership program emphasizes civil and military cooperation with civil control of a professional military.

In 2003, Maryland was selected to partner with Bosnia and Herzegovina, in part because of the state's previous success with Estonia. Maryland has a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market economies, and promote regional cooperation and stability.

Bosnian officials were interested in learning how to recruit a volunteer force and implement an active reserve component model while developing a non-commissioned officer corps. In September, a delegation of Bosnian military officers visited Maryland where they toured Maryland National Guard and state facilities. They were briefed by Maryland officials on topics ranging from civil-military relations to emergency management. The group also observed the role of the Maryland National Guard in assisting local first responders during emergencies under Exercise Vigilant Guard.

Recently, the Bosnian Minister of Defense, Mr. Selmo Cikotic attended the Bilateral Defense Consultations in Washington D.C. and was invited by Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill to tour the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). During the visit, he was briefed on Maryland's ability to communicate threat and incident awareness across multiple agencies and to coordinate the state's response, if required.



Two A-10C Thunderbolt II fighters and a C-130J Hercules from the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Wing fly a low pass over their home base at Warfield Air National Guard Base at Martin State Airport in Middle River, Md.



Capt. Adolphus Houck makes his way across a northern Estonia waterfall during the Erna Raid 2007 competition in northern Estonia.

Education Initiative

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

Through various programs such as 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 at least \$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 among 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 Terrorism.

Education and training improve the knowledge base of the Guard and our citizen-soldiers and citizen-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



Capt. Kristen Hoeckel of the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Squadron prepares to co-pilot a C-130J to drop off communications equipment.

Freestate Challenge Academy



Freestate Challenge Academy cadets render honors during the National Anthem prior to the beginning of the Ravens game.

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 will help them build confidence to become useful citizens and qualify for the General Education Development (GED) credential. The students are mentored for an additional 12 months following graduation. 2007 has been a banner, yet busy year for the academy, which graduated 171 students. 2,467 students have graduated since the Academy's beginning in 1993.

For the fourth 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 by the Baltimore Ravens football team's home game on Monday, December 3, 2007. The alumni of the Freestate Challenge Academy are responsible and productive citizens who are contributing to their communities throughout the state of Maryland by employing the values and skills taught to them while at the Academy.



Freestate Challenge Academy Students participate in physical training at their facility at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Maryland Military Department Center for Military History

The Maryland Military Department Center for Military History is located at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore. The center encompasses the Maryland Museum of Military History, which contains displays of military artifacts and memorabilia dating back to the founding of the Maryland colony in the 17th century, and the Maryland Military 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.

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:

- Re-organized the layout of exhibits to bring form a more coherent story line, updating Revolutionary War, World War II, and Persian Gulf War exhibits, adding new exhibits covering the Global War on Terror, Civil Unrest in Maryland, and the Cold War.

- Obtained the donation of 26 professional-grade exhibit cases from the Library of Congress.

- Continued on-going efforts to accession and document materials in the collection, while continuing to acquire artifacts needed to fill holes in the collection.

- Refurbished the Reckord Lounge, correcting years of neglect and adding exhibits specific to Lt. Gen. (MD) Reckord's accomplishments.



This mannequin portrays S/Sgt. Sherwood Hallman of Company F, 175th Infantry, as he appeared on September 11, 1944, the day his heroic actions in combat at Ilioc Farm single handedly shattered the formidable German defense lines outside of Brest, France during the 29th Division's effort to capture that vital port in the aftermath of the Normandy campaign.

Maryland Military 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 documents. 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 preserve historical documents, imagery and recordings relating to the military history of Maryland, and make such materials available to researchers.

Accomplishments

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

- Completed reorganization of World War II documents relating to the 29th Infantry Division and placed them in archival storage containers.

- Created digital images of key World War II documents and photographs, as well as beginning digital scanning of photographs and documents from other eras.

- Continued to add to the library's collection of periodic and non-periodic literature.

- Continued to provide assistance to educators, authors, film makers, and members of the public researching aspects of the military history of Maryland.



A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter is offloaded from a transport ship where it is assembled for service.

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 Guardsmen reported psychological problems at 90-120 days after redeployment. Additionally, within 12 months, 10-25 percent have 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 has 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 Adjutant General has stated simply that we will, "Look 'em in the eye". Every returning Maryland National Guard Warrior will be 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 will 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.

The Adjutant General has decreed that it will not be enough to provide a toll-free number or website to our

Soldiers. Each one 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 has a goal of preparing 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 the 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 the employers of the 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.

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 will be utilized to achieve the goals of the initiative.



Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Guess and his wife Sgt. Nichole Guess enjoy Joint Force Headquarters' Family Day with their new baby Elijah.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Clark Carr of the 58th Brigade Combat Team provides spiritual support to deployed Soldiers in Iraq.



Lt. Col. Gilland prepares to load the next group of Bosslift passengers to participate in the orientation flight.

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 force members) 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. The Maryland Office of the ESGR is located at the headquarters of the Maryland Military Department in Baltimore.

Besides their 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. The ESGR traveled to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Kosovo to brief members of the Maryland National Guard on their re-employment rights when their mission was finished. They hosted a number of lunches across Maryland where employers were honored for their support of their employees. They hosted a Boss Lift to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where employers had the opportunity to observe their military employees in training before their deployment overseas. They staffed a booth at the Maryland Municipal League convention in Ocean City, where the representatives were provided materials informing them of the re-employment rights of members of the Guard and Reserve.

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 39 participating congregations representing sixteen different faith groups in fourteen 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.

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 that 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. They are spread across the state to give full coverage 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. This year, the MDNG FRP will be hosting its annual State Workshop in Ocean City, MD. Topics being covered at the workshop this year are Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD), Financial Readiness, and a "Best Practices" session among others. The Maryland National Guard FRP hosts several youth-oriented events during the last year. A youth camp called the Homefront Challenge took place June 24-29 at Camp Fretterd in Reisterstown. The closing ceremony was attended by Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. A Military Youth Appreciation Day took place on July 14 at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore and another Youth Appreciation Day is tentatively planned for March, 08.

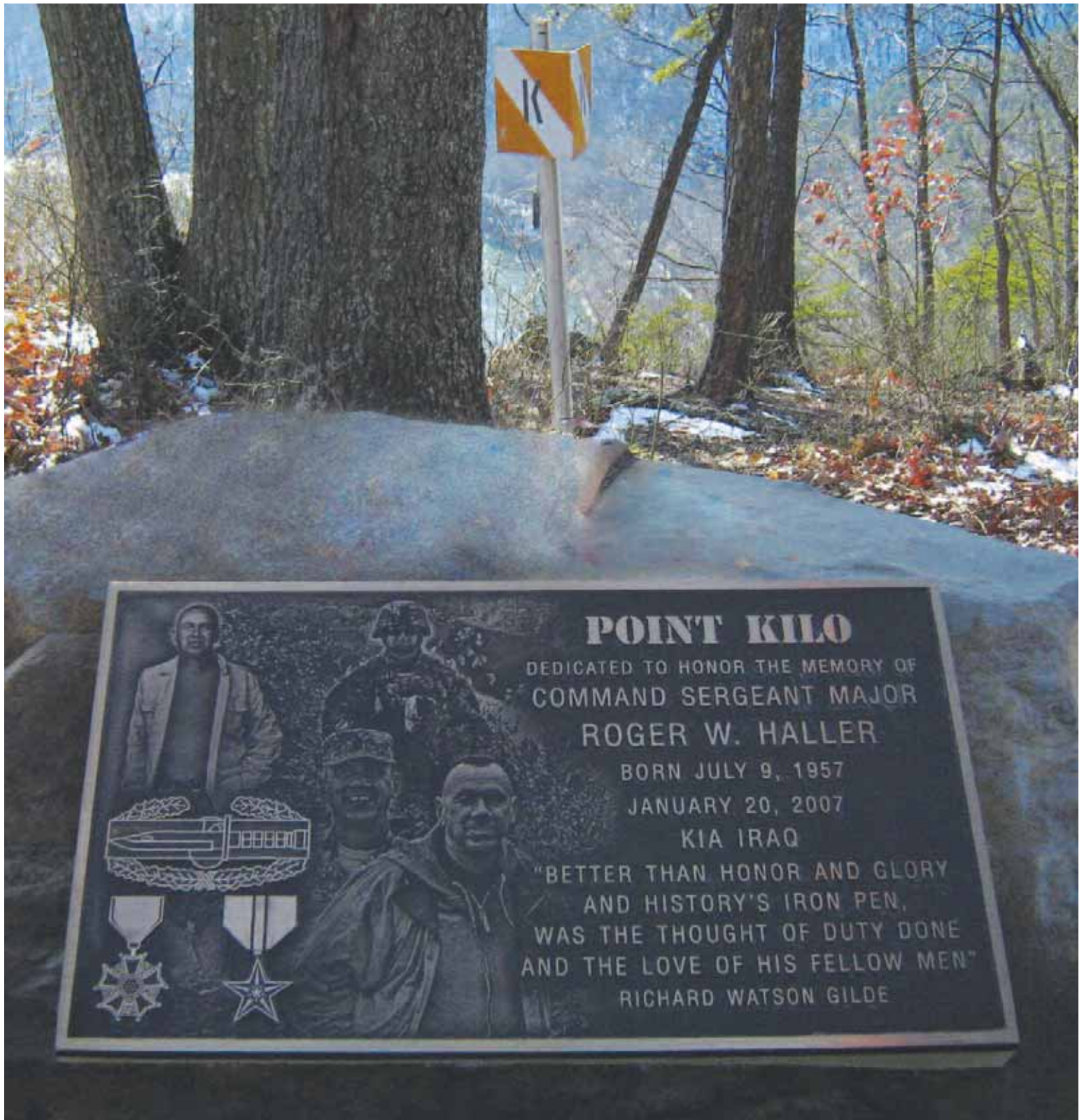


Chaplain (Col.) Sean Lee speaks to Guard Members and their spouses during a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) event.



Maj. April Walker, a pilot with the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Squadron, points out some of the features of the C-130J to Heather Campbell, a congressional staffer from Sen. Ben Cardin's office.

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