

Maryland

Military Department
2006 Annual Report



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Governor



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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.



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.



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The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor, State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

January 10, 2007

Dear Governor Ehrlich:

I am pleased to submit our fiscal year 2006 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).

Throughout the year, Maryland's Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen successfully continued to respond to the needs of our country and our state. This is in keeping with a tradition that is more than 370 years old. We have approximately 590 Soldiers and Airmen deployed in 30 locations around the world including Iraq, Afghanistan, Cuba, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia, Kosovo, Kuwait, and Uzbekistan.

More than 230 Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers led by BG Edward Leacock, the Assistant Adjutant General for Army have been serving our country as part of the task force guarding the captured terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba since January, 2006. They have done a fantastic job and will be heading home in spring of 2007.

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, have applied their unique expertise in the operation of 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. During that time, they flew more than 2,730 sorties, 4,813 flight hours, hauled more than 5,311 short tons of cargo and transported more than 33,509 combat Soldiers. They 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.

During the summer of 2006, the Department supported President Bush's Border Security Initiative by sending Soldiers and Airmen of the Maryland National Guard to Arizona and New Mexico as part of *Operation Jump Start*. Members of the Guard repatriated more than 1,300 undocumented immigrants in their sector, which resulted in the arrest of more than 750 and the seizure of more than 230 pounds of narcotics.

MEMA has evolved into a proactive coordinator of resources for state and local agencies who have critical responsibilities in emergency management and homeland security. 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). When the Israeli-Lebanese conflict broke out, the U.S. Government made arrangements to repatriate stranded Americans and their family members from Lebanon. Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport was selected as the port of entry. At your direction, the State's repatriation plan was implemented at the request of the U.S. Government. MEMA coordinated the efforts of other state departments and agencies to assist with lodging, communications, food, medical and transportation. More than 5,000 Americans and their family members came through the airport and were greeted and assisted by officials from state, local and non-governmental services to their final destinations. Members of the Maryland National Guard and MDDF volunteered to assist those returning.

MDDF demonstrated the benefit of last year's reorganization. Newly established 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 Bosnia & Herzegovina in support of a humanitarian mission undertaken by the 175th Medical Group of the MDANG. Working in two-week increments, the teams provided medical treatment to Bosnian citizens living in remote areas. Many of the people who came for help had never been treated by a health care professional. By the conclusion of the mission, the teams had cared for approximately 2,083 patients in 14 villages. The deployment marks the first time that the MDDF has ever been mobilized and deployed overseas.

The Maryland Military Department remains a solid bastion in the economic viability of Maryland as our fiscal impact totaled \$320.8 million. The ratio of federal dollars spent in Maryland to state dollars invested is strong at nearly 22 to 1 for the Maryland Military Department. In keeping with your "Education and Commerce pillars," 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.

Public Safety

State Operations and Maintenance

As our operational tempo continued to increase in recent years, our facilities continue to age. The average age of these facilities is more than 40 years old. We are requesting additional funding in our State Operations and Maintenance budget of \$1.6 million above the FY’07 level.

Military Construction

An additional \$14.8 million in state matching funds is required to leverage \$79.6 million federal dollars for military construction to include: a Joint Force Headquarters, a Fire Station, and a Corrosion Control Facility.

Joint Force Headquarters

The Maryland Military Department is requesting \$49 million in federal military construction to build a Joint Forces Headquarters building in support of the Maryland National Guard realignment and mission. The headquarters would facilitate command and control of the Maryland Army National Guard, the Maryland Air National Guard, the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Maryland and the 32nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction).



Master Sgt. Freddie Harper, Maryland Air National Guard, reviews a technical manual during a C-130 flight into Afghanistan.

Fire Station

MDMILDEP is requesting \$8.8 million in federal military construction for a fire station at Warfield Air National Guard Base located at Martin State Airport. The current fire station supports the civilian air traffic as well as Maryland Air National Guard flight operations and presently occupies only 50 percent of its authorized space. The area consists of two 45-year-old buildings and a shed located at the extreme end of the runway. This location makes timely response difficult and because of a lack of proper storage space, equipment is stored outside in the elements. A new facility would be centrally located and properly sized to meet mission requirements.

Operations and Training Building

The Maryland Military Department is requesting \$9.3 million in federal military construction to construct a 31,500 square foot building to house the 175th Mission Support Group and 175th Medical Group. The current structure is a 1960s vintage building that is energy inefficient, maintenance-intensive, and poorly configured for current missions. The new structure will include offices, medical/dental examination space, classrooms, administration space, a command section, conference rooms, a telephone switching/data automation center as well as utility systems services and connections.

Infantry Battalion Headquarters Readiness Center

The Maryland Military Department is requesting \$12.5 million in federal military construction to build an addition onto the existing Infantry Battalion Headquarters Readiness center in Dundalk. The existing 45-year-old facility would also be fully modernized in support of the Battalion’s realignment and mission. The facility would house, control and support elements needed to meet both State and Federal mission requirements.

MEMA Construction

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has requested an addition to



A MDARNG UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter hoists a bucket of water from the Loch Raven Reservoir during water bucket training.

their facility in order to meet the current needs of the agency. The addition would allow MEMA to provide adequate working space for the increased staff and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives in the event of a disaster. As MEMA has grown to meet the increased demands of its mission, they have outgrown their current facility and requested the Department of General Services to provide a temporary 3,500 square foot facility until a permanent addition can be constructed. The temporary facility was delivered in mid December 2006.

Commerce

The Maryland Military Department can facilitate civilian contacts between citizens of Maryland and Bosnia-Herzegovina and Estonia through the federally sponsored State Partnership Program. These contacts encourage interaction on economic, emergency management and governmental issues that will help these former communist countries cope with the challenges of democracy and a free market society. The long-term benefit is the fostering of stable and reliable societies that benefit the national security and economic objectives of our State and the Nation.

Education

Realizing the important need for education, the Maryland National Guard strives to improve the educational status of Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen. The State budgeted amount of \$500,000 coupled with a 50 percent tuition waiver at most colleges and universities allows the Guard to offer college and vocational-technical funding to all members.

Fiscal Responsibility

The Military Department must be efficient stewards of the taxpayer's dollars and look for innovative ways to leverage Federal funding.

Health & Environment

The Military Department revamped and reorganized the Family Readiness Program by establishing four permanent Family Assistance Centers staffed with trained employees. Their mission is to empower families through communication, education and training thus making them more self-reliant. This will enable members of the Guard to focus on the successful accomplishment of their mission.

The Maryland Defense Force revamped its medical teams into the 10th (Maryland) Medical Regiment as the new headquarters unit for the talented healthcare professionals that are part of the Force. The unit provided command and control for other Maryland healthcare practitioners that made an unprecedented deployment to Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In July of this year, MDDF health care providers were sent to Bosnia in support of a humanitarian medical mission being conducted by the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Medical Group.

Facilities Capital Improvement Fund

As the Maryland Army National Guard prepares to conform to the Department of the Army directive to transform its force structure, plans are underway on where to base the new units. Armories that are determined to be unsuitable for retention are being considered for divestiture. Many of the armories are more than 60 years old and this, coupled with a \$10 million maintenance backlog, which grows larger every year, complicates the basing problem. A solution would be to sell the outmoded armories and use the proceeds to repair the remaining armories around the state. However, before that can be accomplished, a fund must be established in law that would allow the Department to use the proceeds to make needed repairs.



Members of the Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit take part in a send-off ceremony prior to deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Fiscal Impact

The Primary purpose of the Maryland Military Department, which oversees the Maryland Army, 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 Military Department totaled \$320.9 million in fiscal year 2006. Funds are received from the Department of the Army (44 %), the Department of the Air Force (28%), Department of Homeland Security (24%), and State of Maryland (4%). State funds cover the salaries of state regular and contractual employees, maintenance and repair of MDNG facilities. Additionally, the state provides matching funds for the Freestate Challenge program and tuition assistance for Guard members.

Federal support to the Maryland 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 Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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.



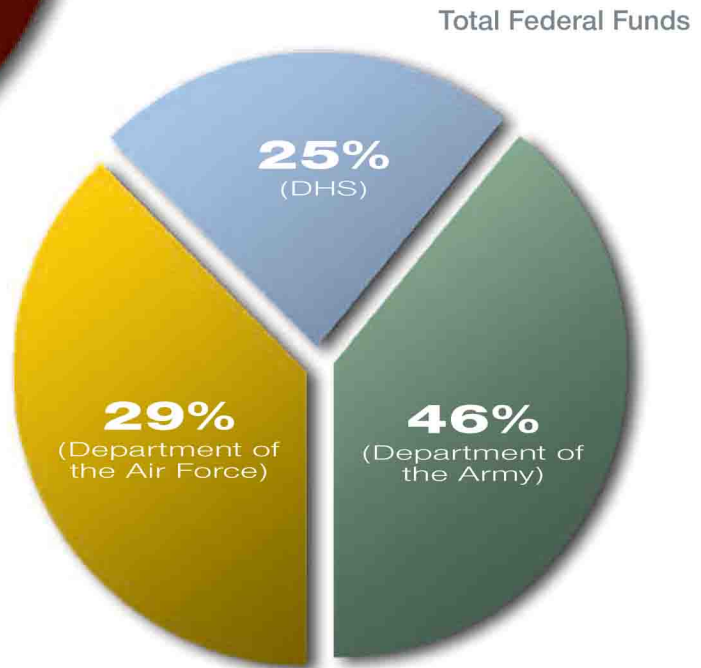
2nd Lt. Christopher Keene, Maryland Army National Guard, helps to secure the landing zone during an air assault training mission.

Federal vs. State Expenditures Fiscal Year 2006



\$13.7 Million
(State)

For every \$22 spent by the Federal Government in support of the Maryland Military Department, the state spends \$1



Fiscal Year 2006



(4 percent) \$13.7 Million
State contribution to Maryland
Military Department

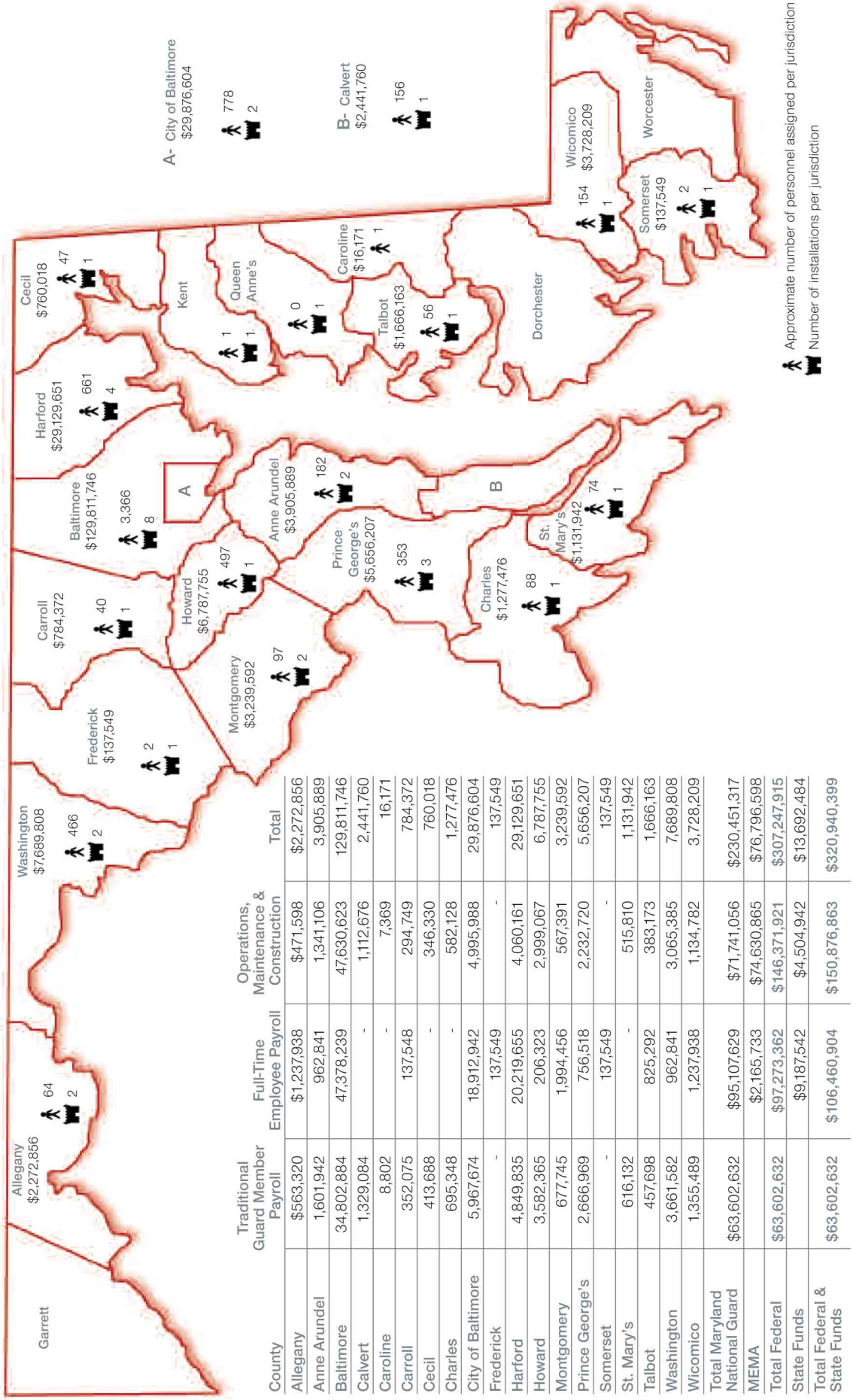


(96 percent) \$307.2 Million
Federal contribution to Maryland
Military Department

Total Work Force

Maryland Army National Guard	5,476
Maryland Air National Guard	1,594
MEMA	67
Maryland Defense Force	253
Maryland Military Department	<u>272</u>
	7,662

Maryland Military Department Fiscal Impact by Jurisdiction FY06



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

Maryland National Guard's Real Property



The Patuxent River Readiness Center was completed in January 2006. Two Maryland Army National Guard units, including one that recently returned from an extended deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, occupy the building.

Real Property Holdings Inventory Includes:

- 35 Armories
- 1 Airfield
- 1 Air Base
- 4 Military Training Reservations
- 8 Field Maintenance Shops
- 363 Buildings
- 3,029,400 Square Feet
- 4,171 Acres
- Property Value: \$306,750,000**

In January 2006 the Maryland National Guard completed the new 31,000 sq. ft. Patuxent River Readiness Center in Lexington Park, Md. The \$6.6 million facility is now home to two Maryland Army National Guard units, including one recently returned from an extended deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The units will leverage training opportunities available through our partnership with the adjacent Patuxent River Naval Air Station. The project team included Maryland based Barclay White/Coakley Construction Joint Venture, HSMM Architects and Engineers, the U.S. Navy, the Maryland Department of General Services and the Maryland Army National Guard Construction and Facility Management Office.

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. 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 over 275 military vehicles and other pieces of 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.

For Federal Fiscal Year 2007 a new Readiness Center is programmed for Olney, Md. This project is the result of a Department of the Army directed force structure enhancement and will house a medical ground transport unit. The preliminary design work is proceeding rapidly to allow construction bid and award in 2007.

Maryland Army National Guard

Mission

The Maryland Army National Guard (MDARNG) has a dual mission. The federal mission is to maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war, national emergency or as otherwise needed. The state mission is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required under state laws. We remain relevant and ready to accomplish a broad spectrum of missions.

Vision

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. Many existing units of the MDARNG have consolidated, or have modified their missions to accommodate



The sun sets as Spc. Donald Neuer (left) and Spc. Gary Sohl, both members of the Maryland Army National Guard, monitor the U.S. - Mexican border.

the new structure, or, in some cases, have been removed from the force structure altogether. 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



Spc. William Sowa, Maryland Army National Guard, answers questions regarding the Shadow 200 Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle. Sowa piloted Shadow 200 TUAVs during a year-long deployment to Iraq.

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.

With these challenges in mind, the Maryland Army National Guard will continue to strive to be a relevant force—a force that handles missions across a wide spectrum of contingencies, structured and resourced to accomplish its missions and capable and accessible when called with trained Citizen-Soldiers committed to preserving the timeless tradition and values of service to our station and our state.

Accomplishments

- ★ Staff Sgt. Michael J. McMullen, 243rd Engineer Company, was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry while saving the life of a fellow Soldier while deployed to Iraq.
- ★ More than 230 Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in February. The group, composed of units from throughout the state, is part of Joint Task Force Guantanamo and is supporting detainee operations at the naval base.
- ★ In February, the Maryland Army National Guard welcomed home 20 Soldiers of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion's Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platoon after spending a year deployed to Iraq. The unit was the first within the reserve forces to fly the Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

★ A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in February to mark the opening of the Patuxent River Readiness Center. The Readiness Center is the first Maryland National Guard facility built in a collaborative effort with the United States Navy.



WMAR 2 Reporter Sherrie Johnson is "rescued" during a basket training exercise.

and enhance information sharing systems that aid in information intelligence analysis during an emergency situation.

- ★ The Maryland Army National Guard Aviation Brigade conducted rescue hoist training to better prepare them in the case of natural disaster. Aviators used rescue baskets to hoist mock casualties to the safety of their hovering aircraft.
- ★ In August, 120 Soldiers from the Maryland Army National Guard deployed to Arizona for 60 days to assist in Operation Jump Start, the President's plan to secure the Southwest border with Mexico. While on the border they manned observation points along a 372-mile sector between Arizona and Mexico.

- ★ The Maryland Army National Guard implemented a new National Guard sponsored incentive program for recruiting called the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP). This program is designed to reward traditional Guard members that help the Guard achieve its recruiting goals.
- ★ In March, the Maryland Army National Guard Aviation Brigade conducted fire fighting training jointly with the Baltimore County Fire Department at Loch Raven Reservoir. The Army aviators utilized helicopters equipped with 660 gallon buckets to scoop water from the reservoir and dumped the water on a simulated fire.
- ★ In April 47 Soldiers of the 1159th Medical Company were recognized for their service in Iraq during a Freedom Salute Ceremony. While deployed unit members provided air medevac services critical to the timely treatment of wounded Soldiers.
- ★ Company B, 1-115th Infantry, mobilized and deployed to Iraq in January 2005, and returned in May 2006. While in Iraq the unit conducted stability operations and support operations, contributing to the building of the Iraqi nation.
- ★ Maryland Army National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team and Aviation Brigade conducted communications interoperability training with Harford County local responders. The goal of the training was to test new equipment

- ★ The 32nd Civil Support Team – Weapons of Mass Destruction was certified by the Department of Defense in September. The 32nd CST-WMD assists emergency responders with incident assessment and weapons of mass destruction agent identification. The unit also advises civilian responders of appropriate actions and facilitates requests for additional state and federal military emergency responders.
- ★ In August more than 150 Citizen-Soldiers of the 243rd Engineer Company returned home from a one-year tour in Iraq. The 243rd Engineer Company's mission was to provide transportation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This was done through the re-supplying of combat forces in Iraq and moving entire units that deployed to and re-deployed from Iraq. The unit's Freedom Salute Ceremony was held in December.



Maryland Army National Guard Military Police officers take part in a crowd control training exercise in Washington, D.C.

Maryland Air National Guard



Crew chief Staff Sgt. Justin Elliot, 175th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, helps Maj. Paul Zurkowski unload his equipment after an A-10 sortie at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Mission

The MDANG is comprised of Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard and the 175th Wing. The 175th Wing includes 25 subordinate organizations, possesses 15 A-10C and eight C-130J aircraft and has over 1,500 personnel, including 442 full-time federal and 52 state employees.

The Federal Mission: In peacetime, the Maryland Air National Guard prepares for wartime tasks, maintains readiness, and supports homeland security operations and international peacekeeping efforts. In wartime, it provides close air support and tactical airlift capability to combatant commanders, and deploys mission-ready support functions such as security, civil engineering, logistics and medical as required.

The State Mission: 175th Wing provides command and control, airlift capability and highly trained personnel when tasked by the Governor. During emergencies, Warfield Air National Guard Base is a main operating location for Civil Air Patrol, Search and Rescue and alert team operations.

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 operations. The Maryland ANG

has deployed over 1,200 members to locations worldwide since Sept. 11, 2001, as part of the Global War on Terrorism.

Goals remain focused upon positioning the MDANG for continued success and building upon the unit's rich 85-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 A-10A Thunderbolt in 1979, the C-130J Hercules in 1999 or the A-10C in 2006. 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

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 Combat Full Mission Trainer and relocation of the base's main entry gate to improve safety and traffic flow associated with the new Route 43 extension.



Tech. Sgt. Rachele Jones, 175th Medical Group, helps a patient relax during her visit to a clinic.



Staff Sgt. Ed Slavin demonstrates how to rig seats as members of the Indian Air Force tour a Maryland C-130J at Leh Air Force Base in northern India.

Accomplishments

Combat Airlift: The 135th Airlift Group continued two-year mobilization conducting flight operations throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the U.S. Central Command area of operations. By the time they complete their Operation IRAQI FREEDOM deployment in mid-January, they will have flown 4,813 flight hours on 2,730 sorties; transported 33,509 passengers and over 5,311 short tons of cargo.

A-10C Precision Engagement Conversion: The 104th Fighter Squadron was hand picked to lead the U.S. Air Force conversion to the new A-10C. Comprehensive avionics upgrades improve A-10's ability to locate, identify, track, destroy, and assess targets, and employ joint "J series" weapons and GPS guided munitions.

Mission to India: The 135th Airlift Group demonstrated C-130J capabilities to the Indian Air Force at Agra Air Force Station, resulting in the first purchase of U.S. aircraft by the Indian Air Force in decades.

Information Operations: 175th Information Operations Squadron is attached to the National Security Agency and performs all aspects of Computer Network Operations through integrated planning, employment, and Information Operations capabilities.

Humanitarian Mission to Bosnia: The 175th Medical Group deployed 86 medical professionals to Tuzla, Bosnia, visiting 14 remote mountain villages and treating 2,083 patients.

Katrina Recovery: The 175th Medical Group assisted in continuing reconstruction and recovery efforts by deploying personnel to New Orleans to work in Expeditionary Medical Support.

Convoy Security: The 175th Security Forces Squadron deployed personnel to provide security for convoy operations in Bosnia.

Civil Engineers: The 235th Civil Engineering Flight provided Program Management, Design, Surveillance and Supervision of Contingency or Exercise Related Construction in Israel.

Strategic National Stockpile: : The 175th Logistics Readiness Squadron was lead unit in planning the operation of the receiving, storage, and staging of Maryland's Strategic National Stockpile during an exercise at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Lebanon Repatriation: Maryland Air Guardsmen worked with the Governor's office, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and numerous volunteers to assist displaced citizens returning during the fighting in Lebanon.

Major Inspections: The 135th Airlift Group was rated Excellent during their Air Mobility Command Operational Readiness Inspection.

Community Outreach: The Maryland Air National Guard conducted flybys for state and local community events and base tours for Boy/Girl Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, business leaders and community residents. In addition, they sponsored, supervised, and helped provision the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol's Tri-wing Encampment. Coats-for-Kids- Helped collected in excess of 2,800 coats during the annual campaign for families in need within the local community.



A-10 Pilots Capt. Christopher Lake (left) and Maj. Todd Anthony discuss plans prior to a training mission.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mission

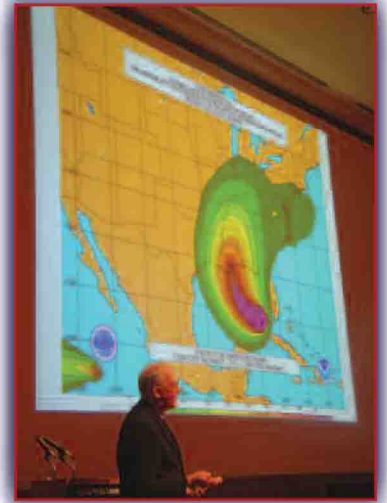
The mission of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is to protect lives, property and the environment of its citizens by providing emergency management leadership and coordination of response.

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

- ★ MEMA continued to operate the Maryland Joint Operations Center. This 24-hour center, staffed by personnel from MEMA and the Maryland National Guard serves as the foundation for the acquisition and dissemination of vital emergency-related information for all partners at federal, state and local levels.
 - ★ MEMA hosted its 21st Annual Severe Storms Awareness Conference at the Kossiakoff Center of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland. Featured speakers included Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Federal Emergency Management Agency director R. David Paulison, and David L. Johnson, director of the National Weather Service. Approximately 300 emergency managers, meteorologists and first responders attended the event.
 - ★ MEMA completed the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. The State Treasurer used the document when she negotiated premiums charged to Maryland for insurance coverage of state property and was able to get the premiums reduced by \$1 million because of the plan.
 - ★ MEMA supported the Governor's Office of Homeland Security in the development and distribution of an emergency preparedness interactive CD for citizens and businesses.
 - ★ MEMA implemented Governor Ehrlich's public emergency preparedness initiative called *Family First ...the*
- program encourages citizens to take greater responsibility in preparing their families for emergencies and disasters.
 - ★ When the Israeli-Lebanese conflict broke out, the U.S. Government made arrangements to repatriate stranded Americans and their families. Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport was selected as the port of entry. Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., directed the implementation of the State's Repatriation Plan at the request of the U.S. Government. MEMA coordinated the effort of other state departments and agencies to assist with lodging, communications, food, medical and transportation. More than 5,000 Americans and their family members came through the airport and were greeted and assisted by state, local and non-government officials and services to their final destinations.
 - ★ One of the most urgent needs after the attacks of September 11, 2001, was the need for the ability to communicate between local, state and federal authorities. MEMA, in coordination with the Maryland National Guard, successfully conducted a series of communications drills and demonstrations to show state and regional communications interoperability in voice and video formats.



Max Mayfield, National Hurricane Center director, speaks during the Severe Storms Awareness Conference that took place in April. The conference was hosted by MEMA.



Mike Zeigler, MEMA director of operations, discusses plans with colleagues during repatriation operations at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.



Federal Emergency Management Director R. David Paulison discusses storm preparedness and response topics during the conference.

Maryland Defense Force (MDDF)



Col. (Md.) Robert Barish (right) of the MDDF confers with a Bosnian doctor while treating a local citizen.

Mission

The mission of the Maryland Defense Force (MDDF) is to muster a force of volunteers capable of providing competent supplemental professional and technical support for the Maryland Military Department.

Vision

MDDF will continue its efforts to reorganize and train to become the premier volunteer force in Maryland and the nation and be the standard for public service for other volunteer groups in Maryland who aspire to its high goals.

Accomplishments

- ★ MDDF Legal Teams continued to provide pro-bono assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard. This assistance is more extensive than that allowed by Staff Judge Advocate Officers assigned to the Guard.
- ★ MDDF Mounted Cavalry Troop supported Independence Day events in Annapolis and the rededication of the Maryland Monument at the Antietam National Battlefield.



Lt. Col. (Md.) Richard Colgan (left) and Col. (Md.) Robert Barish, both members of the MDDF, tend to a patient during a medical mission to Bosnia.

- ★ MDDF Medical Unit was activated, mobilized and deployed to Bosnia in two 2-week increments with the 175th Medical Group of the Maryland Air National Guard to provide health care to citizens of Bosnia & Herzegovina. Some of these people had never been treated by a health care professional before. By the conclusion of the mission, the team had cared for approximately 2,083 patients in 14 villages. This was the first instance of the MDDF being mobilized and deployed for a mission outside of the United States.
- ★ MDDF Commander activated the 10th Medical Regiment (MD) to accommodate new health care personnel who joined MDDF in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina relief operation.
- ★ MDDF Financial Assistance Teams continued to provide pro-bono financial advice and assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard. These volunteers are professional advisors who advise banks and other major financial institutions.
- ★ A new professional engineering corps was established in MDDF. The corps's mission is

to maintain a capable and mission-ready unit to respond to state and local emergencies requiring engineering expertise, such as disaster assessments and recovery.

- ★ MDDF activated 34 medical unit and six support personnel to staff two Baltimore County field treatment centers to treat surge casualties from eight Baltimore County hospitals during the statewide mass casualty HAZMAT "Road Rescue" exercise as requested by the Baltimore County Emergency Management Taskforce.
- ★ Personnel of MDDF were given training to perform duties in the Maryland Joint Operations Center as watch officers. MDDF personnel have served as members of watch teams which also include personnel from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland National Guard.
- ★ Chaplains from MDDF augmented chaplains from the Maryland National Guard in providing spiritual support and counseling services to American citizens who were repatriated during the Lebanon-Israel conflict.
- ★ Brig. Gen. (MD) Fred Smalkin relinquished command of MDDF to newly promoted Brig. Gen. Courtney Wilson in September.



Members of Cavalry Troop A, MDDF, take part in a dedication ceremony at Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Md.

MDMILDEP Activities

Repatriation of Americans Returning From Lebanon

Due to the escalating violence between Lebanon and Israel in July, 2006, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requested assistance from the State of Maryland when the decision was made to evacuate stranded American citizens from Lebanon. Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport was selected as the port of entry. At the direction of Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Maryland's repatriation plan was implemented at the request of the U.S. Government. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency coordinated the efforts of the Maryland Department of Human Resources and BWI with the assistance of the American Red Cross and other state departments and agencies as well as volunteers, most notably first responders from surrounding jurisdictions. These organizations assisted the arrivals with lodging, communications, food, medical and transportation. More than 5,000 Americans came through the airport and were greeted and assisted by officials from state, local and non-government services to their final destinations. Members of the Maryland National Guard and Maryland Defense Force volunteered to assist those returning.



Sgt. Guy Stafford, Maryland Army National Guard member, helps a repatriated citizen make it to a connecting flight.

Operation Jump Start

As part of President Bush's plan to secure the U.S. border with Mexico, 120 Soldiers from the Maryland Army National Guard deployed to Arizona in August for a 60-day mission in support of Operation Jump Start. The Soldiers, who were volunteers, were from the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (BCT). The BCT is composed of Maryland Army National Guard units from across the state. The Soldiers served in support of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. While on the border, they manned seven designated observation

points along a 372-mile sector between Mexico and Arizona. They performed this mission under the command and control of the Governor of Arizona and the ongoing mission is being mission is funded by the Federal Government in Title 32 status.

Operation Jump Start is using National Guard Soldiers and Airmen to provide a temporary bridge until civilian law enforcement can increase its own capabilities. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection, under the Department of Homeland Security is responsible for security the U.S. border with Canada and Mexico. Maryland National Guard personnel were not

directly involved in apprehension activities or other law enforcement operations during this mission. The Maryland National Guard reported more than 1,300 undocumented immigrants, which resulted in the arrest of more than 750 and the seizure of more than 230 pounds of narcotics.

In addition to those who returned, Soldiers and Airmen who are chaplains, public affairs officers, and civil engineers from the Maryland National Guard also deployed to border states as part of Operation Jump Start.

Bosnian Humanitarian Medical Mission

A humanitarian medical mission to the Balkan nation of Bosnia & Herzegovina was undertaken in July, 2006, by the 175th Medical Group of the Maryland Air National Guard and health care professionals from the Maryland Defense Force (MDDF) as part of the National Guard's State Partnership Program.

Approximately 80 health care professionals organized into teams and worked in two-week increments, and provided medical treatment to Bosnian citizens living in remote areas. The teams were paired with Bosnian translators and physicians.

Patients were seen in the following clinics; dental, optometry, medical and surgical. Many were seen in multiple clinics. One of many challenges faced by the teams was helping the patients to understand the causes of their problem were teach preventive measures. A good number of the people had never been treated by a health care professional.

The teams included physicians, dentists, optometrists, physician's assistants, nurses, and medics. United States Air Forces in Europe provided \$70,000, which was used for medical supplies.

By the conclusion of the mission, the team had seen approximately 2,083 patients in 14 villages. This was the first instance of the MDDF being mobilized and deployed for a mission outside of the United States. The State Partnership Program emphasizes civil and military cooperation with civil control of a professional military. The Maryland Military Department has a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market



Staff Sgt. William Young (right) reports to Capt. Brian Perez, both members of the Maryland Army National Guard, on Aug. 24, 2006, describing suspected illegal immigrants spotted by Young's team the previous day.



Master Sgt. Sophia Didley, 175th Medical Group, Maryland Air National Guard examines a patient while in Bosnia.

economies and promote regional cooperation and stability. Maryland was selected to partner with Bosnia & Herzegovina in part because of its successful partnership with Estonia.

Joint Staff and Defense Support of Civil Authorities Activities

Joint Operations and Community Support Activities

During 2006 the Maryland Military Department continued to shape and build additional support capabilities needed within our state and local communities. As in the past, the Department continued to work with local, state, and federal response agencies to refine and develop National Guard and Maryland Defense Force assets that bridge gaps in response capabilities. Using federal National Guard assets and new equipment fielding, the following capabilities were defined:

Security and Surveillance Battalion: New homeland defense aerial support capability for incident commanders and military task force commanders in support of civil authority.

National Guard Reaction Force: Rapid reaction force of up to 400 personnel for support to law enforcement, critical infrastructure protection, and other crisis response operations.

Force Protection Threat Analysis Cell: Threat analysis support cell to the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center. The team continued to produce daily and weekly products for local, state, and federal agencies. The cell's distribution and collaboration is more than 3,000 recipients from around the world.



Maryland Air National Guard A-10s are flown over Maryland during a training exercise.

Chesapeake Joint Terrorism Network: The Maryland Air National Guard continued to host law enforcement and protection agencies from within the Baltimore Metropolitan Area to coordinate law enforcement and threat information as well as a forum for professional education and updates.

Joint Incident Site Communications

Capability: The Maryland National Guard recently fielded a significant communications capability that can be leveraged during major operations or widespread communications outages as experienced during Hurricane Katrina. The set includes: radio equipment capable of communicating with first responders, secure communications, satellite phone and internet access, and a video teleconference system.

Mobile Joint Operations Center

Communications Upgrade: Significant upgrades were made to the mobile operations center shared within the Military Department for field and continuity of operations. Upgrades to the satellite system significantly increased the amount of access to the worldwide web and access to satellite enabled phone service.

Strategic National Stockpile Reception Storage and Staging Response Package:

Working closely with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department established a significant response capability to run and support warehouse and security operations for the stockpile. The Strategic National Stockpile is a pharmaceutical and medical formula maintained by the Center for Disease Control and is shipped upon a Governor's request to support major disasters or disease outbreak.

State Senior Leader Communications: The Department utilized its intrastate FM repeater and phone enabled recall systems to support redundant communications for more than 100 state government leaders. Radios were installed at each Maryland State Police barracks as well as other key sites throughout the state.

Aerial Firefighting Capability and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Natural Resources: The Department signed a MOU to support the state with aerial firefighting buckets. Additional training was conducted with the DNR and local first responders.

Swift Water Rescue: The Department worked closely with several local Swift Water teams to train on insertion and extraction operations. This training will enable the Department and local first responders to rapidly support flood victims.

In FY-06, 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

Countering Drug 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 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 FY06

Estimated value of all seizures (FY06)	\$ 13,093,103
Since 1989	233,211,621
Total Arrest supported (FY06)	728
Since 1989	7,220



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 response unit that supports local authorities by responding to situations where weapons of mass destruction (WMD) may be involved. The team was formed to provide advice to the incident commander at the scene of an incident. The unit is composed of 22 full-time members of the Maryland National Guard and their skills encompass 14 military occupational specialties. The Department of Defense has certified the team as operational. The unit consists of six sections: command, operations, administration, logistics, medical and survey.

The CST has been trained and specially equipped to provide a technical reach-back capability to provide additional expert information. The Adjutant General can employ the CST to support the State's response to a WMD situation under the direction of the Governor of Maryland or to support response by another state under the direction of a supported governor.



A member of the 32nd Civil Support Team monitors for chemical and radiological contamination during a training exercise.



Members of the Honor Guard perform during a funeral.

Honor Guard

The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard has accepted the challenge of providing military honors at funerals of veterans throughout Maryland. The honors rendered varied but missions could include firing parties and casket teams. In fiscal year 2006, the Honor Guard performed approximately 3,317 funeral missions for an average of slightly more than 276 funerals per month. The Honor Guard has presented honors in five states and at numerous private cemeteries. The unit has performed approximately 20,000 honors since its inception in October 1998.

State Partnership Program

The Maryland Military Department is marking its 13th 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.

Maryland also was selected to partner with Bosnia & Herzegovina, in part because of the success with Estonia. Maryland has a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market economies, and promote regional cooperation and stability. The partnership program emphasizes civil and military cooperation with civil control of a professional military. Bosnian officials expressed an interest in learning how to recruit a volunteer force and implement an active reserve component model and developing a non-commissioned officer corps.

Activities this year involved:

- ★ A three-person team from the Maryland Army National Guard and the Maryland Department

of the Environment conducted classes in Bosnia for local officials in hazardous materials and disaster management techniques in early April. Thirty-one Bosnian civilians and military personnel attended the training.

- ★ The Adjutant General led a delegation of key state government officials and leaders from business and academia to Bosnia and Estonia in early June. The team met with Bosnian and Estonian officials to discuss economic and civil-military issues and to foster support for the partnership.
- ★ The 175th Medical Group of the Maryland Air National Guard augmented by health care professionals of the Maryland Defense Force, conducted a humanitarian medical mission in July. The mission took place in rural Bosnia where the team provided medical treatment to approximately 2,083 Bosnians, many of whom had never seen a health care provider.
- ★ A delegation of Bosnians visited Maryland in August where they toured Maryland National Guard and state facilities and received briefings from Maryland officials on topics ranging from civil-military relations to emergency management.



Maryland Army National Guard members presented hazardous material and disaster management techniques to their military and civilian counterparts in Bosnia. The training was conducted through the State Partnership Program.

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 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 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
 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
 Washington College
 Wor-Wic Community College

Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy is a 22-week residential intervention program for unemployed, drug-free, "at-risk" high school dropouts from Maryland and the District of Columbia. 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 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 after they graduate from the program. The year 2006 has been a banner year for the academy, which graduated 169 students. Since the Academy's beginning in 1993, 2,210 students have graduated and 1,475 have received Maryland State high school diplomas.

For the third 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 opening game on Sunday, September 17, 2006. 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 cadets help to assemble a massive U.S. flag prior to a Washington Nationals game in July.



Freestate ChalleNGe cadets present the Colors at the beginning of the National Flag Day Foundation's 23rd Annual Living American Flag program at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

Year at a Glance



Maryland National Guardsmen and Baltimore County Firefighters worked hand-in-hand during water bucket training.



1st Lt. Adam Tiffen, Maryland Army National Guard, displays a saber given to him by his commander after they served a year in Iraq.



Col. James Vandegrift uncovers his unit's colors upon arrival at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in late February.



U.S. citizens returning from Lebanon receive assistance at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Honoring Our Fallen

Staff Sgt. Michael J. McMullen

May 27, 1980 to January 10, 2006



Silver Star

The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Armed Forces, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

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