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# MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



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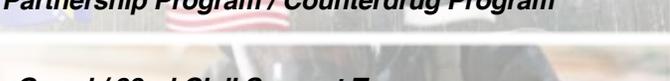
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# VALUES

## The health of our people serving is a top priority

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

## Retention of our current force is key

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

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

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

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

## Readiness of our entire force is necessary

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

## Recruiting is everyone's job

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

# MISSION

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

# VISION

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



**Governor  
Larry Hogan**  
Maryland Governor



**Major General  
Timothy E. Gowen**  
The Adjutant General



**Command Sergeant Major  
Perlisa D. Wilson**  
Senior Enlisted Leader



Dear Governor Hogan,

I am pleased to submit the Maryland Military Department's fiscal year 2020 annual report, detailing the activities and accomplishments of the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and Maryland Defense Force. As always, the women and men of the Military Department stand ready to protect and serve our communities, state, and nation. Equally as important, we continue to serve as the exemplar you and the people of Maryland expect us to be, safeguarding the rights and dignity of all people as we carry out our missions at home and overseas.

The arrival of the coronavirus pandemic within our borders this year resulted in the department's longest and largest domestic mobilization in more than half a century. At your direction, we deployed our personnel to support civil authorities throughout the state in assisting nursing homes, distributing medical equipment and supplies, expanding medical facilities, distributing food, helping set up and run testing sites, and more. We stand ready to assist in whatever missions may be required as the pandemic continues.

At the same time, we have continued to fulfill our federal obligations to support overseas contingency operations. I am proud to say that our Soldiers and Airmen carry forward the legacy of the Old Line State with professionalism, dedication, and honor in Europe, the Middle East, and elsewhere. In addition, we continue to build on the success of our relationships with Estonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina under the National Guard State Partnership Program to enhance stability and security abroad and promote international peace.

Incidental to our mission of protecting the state and nation, our department continues to be a significant economic driver in Maryland, with a fiscal impact of more than \$362 million this year as a result of expenditures on salaries, operations and maintenance, and construction.

The Maryland Military Department will continue to provide the relevant, ready forces our state and nation deserve and expect. Thank you for your unwavering support and confidence in us over the past year and as we forge ahead into the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy E. Gowen', written over a light blue curved line.

**TIMOTHY E. GOWEN**  
Major General, MDNG  
The Adjutant General



Governor



The Adjutant General

### Infrastructure Rebalancing Strategy

The department will pursue an infrastructure strategy of rebalancing its facilities portfolio to better suit a changing force structure within the department's pillars.

The department's goal is to achieve an inventory of efficient, environmentally friendly, flexible facilities designed to optimally support the units and mission capabilities of its pillars.

The strategy has three components: reduce the total number of facilities in the inventory by targeted divestiture of old, obsolete facilities, re-stationing diversely organized units to leverage training and recruiting opportunities and long term investment in the construction and maintenance of modern, efficient facilities specifically designed to better support execution of the broad range of state and federal missions.

### Acquisition Improvement Strategy

The department will implement a strategy to improve its acquisition capacity and fulfill all purchasing and contracting requirements of its pillars.

The department's goals are to improve the transparency of its procurement system, and the timeliness of requests, responses, and actions.

A phased approach will be used, beginning with analyzing procurement processes, defining process maps for acquisition of products and services, establishing a tracking system which improves the speed and efficiency of procurements, and developing and implementing a department acquisition plan, codified an update to the department's published procurement policies and procedures.



The Maryland Military Department is composed of four pillar agencies: the Maryland Army National Guard, the Maryland Air National Guard, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Maryland Defense Force. The Department's state mission is to provide trained personnel to protect life, property, preserve peace, maintain order, and public safety as directed by the Governor. The Military Department maintains facilities throughout the state which enable its pillars to train, prepare for, and accomplish assigned missions.

# THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT

## Serves the **Homeland**

Given our unique dual state and federal role, the Maryland National Guard is the first military responder to emerging threats within the state of Maryland. Our forces provide critical capabilities to our civil authorities in times of need.



## Supports the **Warfight**

Fighting America's wars is the primary mission of the Maryland National Guard. The MDNG provides the Army and Air Force lethal forces capable of fighting in an array of complex environments.



## Builds Enduring **Partnerships**

The Maryland National Guard is a community-based force where our members are an integral part of their local communities.



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

## The MDNG receives federal funds in three basic appropriations:

### Military Personnel

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

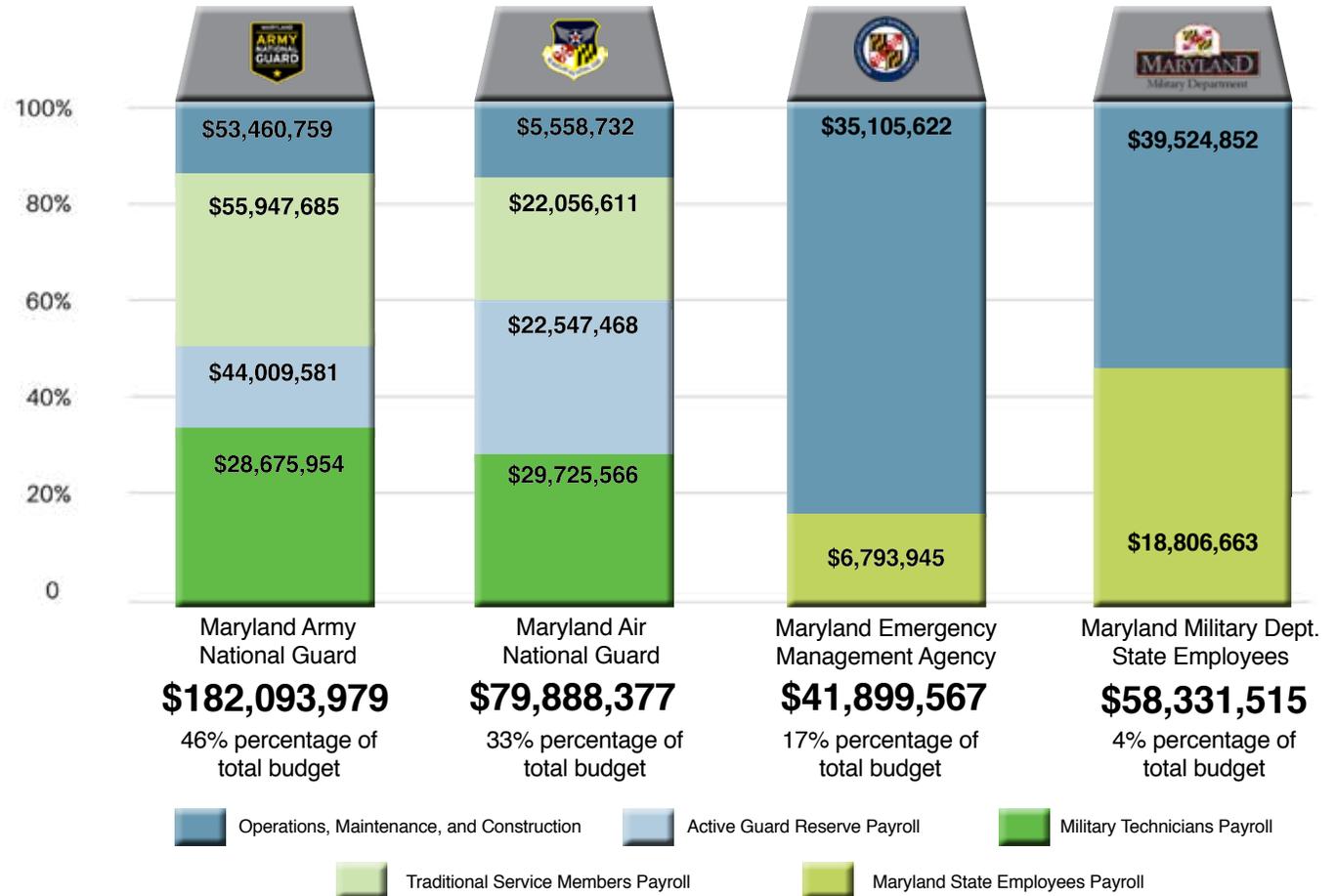
### Operations and Maintenance

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

### Construction

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

## Breakdown (by Pillar)



## Where the funding goes

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

# DEMOGRAPHICS



**MDARNG**

4,559 Soldiers



82% 18%



**MDANG**

1,330 Airmen



79% 21%



**MDDF**

185 Members



82% 18%



**MEMA**

79 Members



60% 40%



**Employees**

262 Members



74% 26%



**State of MD**

5.7 million citizens



52% 48%

**Caucasian 56%**

**69%**

**61%**

**77%**

**52%**

**58%**

**African American 34%**

**21%**

**15%**

**13%**

**39%**

**30%**

**Hispanic or other 9%**

**5%**

**21%**

**6%**

**8%**

**6%**

**Asian 1%**

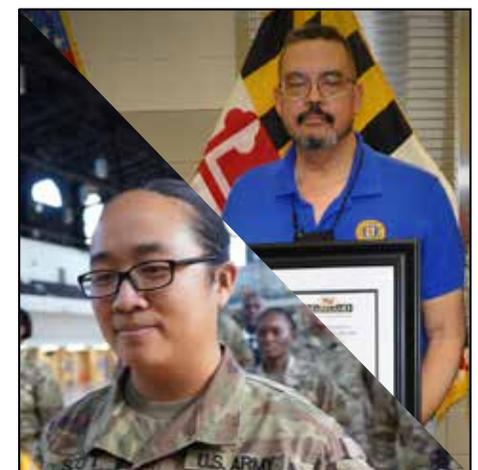
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**3%**

**4%**

**1%**

**6%**



# MILITARY DEPARTMENT FOOTPRINT



295 Buildings



3.2 Million Square Feet of Facilities Space



3,913 Acres



\$1.2 Billion Property Value

## COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

### MDANG Cyber-Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center

Officially opened in early June 2020, the facility cost \$12.1 million in federal funding and is new construction at Warfield Air National Guard Base.

### MDANG Network Warfare Center

The facility is on Fort Meade near the U.S. Cyber Command and cost \$6 million in federal funding.

## PROGRAMMED FUTURE FACILITIES PROJECTS

### Freedom Readiness Center

The readiness center in Sykesville is under construction and will replace two 60-year old readiness centers. The center costs \$25 million, \$17 million in federal and \$8 million in state funding. The anticipated completion is December 2020.

### Combined Support Maintenance Shop

Currently in the project design phase, its estimated cost is \$22 million, \$12 million in federal and \$10 million in state funding. The anticipated completion for the Havre de Grace facility is January 2022.

### Maryland Emergency Management Agency Headquarters

A modernization and expansion project at a cost of \$13.4 million in state funding is planned for 2020. The modernized facility will be able to support MEMA's current size and mission which has expanded since original building.

# REAL PROPERTY



Leadership of the 175th Wing and 175th Cyberspace Operations Group attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Warfield Air National Guard Base at Martin State Airport in Middle River, Maryland, June 6, 2020.



| The Freedom Readiness Center under construction in Sykesville, Maryland.



Brigadier General  
Adam Flasch  
Director, Joint Staff

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



Members of the Maryland National Guard's Joint Staff stand at the position of attention for a group photo in front of the Camp Frettered Armory.



The Maryland Joint Staff oversaw the Maryland National Guard's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. In March, the Joint Staff was federally mobilized in order to coordinate the efforts of Maryland Soldiers and Airmen in assisting the state in combating the pandemic. The Joint Staff worked in a multi-dimensional environment helping to provide support to many local and state agencies. The Joint Staff worked closely with all levels of state and local governments, along with our federal partners like FEMA and U.S Army Corps of Engineers .

The Joint Staff was able to provide MDNG leadership with timely and relevant information that allowed them to employ limited resources effectively. The Joint Staff, along with the Maryland Medical Detachment, worked with the Maryland Surge Capacity Task Force to address the unique challenges afflicting the nursing home community. This effort helped control the spread of COVID-19 and certainly helped save many Maryland lives. The Joint Staff continues to provide staffing and support between the MDNG and our state partners as we remain vigilant in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Adjutant General authorized the Joint Staff Service Badge for members of the MDNG Joint Staff. The badge recognizes those assigned or attached to the Joint Staff for their service to the state during this time of need. In order to be eligible for the badge, those assigned must serve on the staff for at least one year and complete the FEMA's foundation Domestic Operations courses. Additionally, the TAG recognized that service on the Joint Staff for a declared federal emergency, like the nation's COVID-19 response, would qualify members for its awarding. So far this year, the Joint Staff Service Badge has been awarded to over 70 Maryland National Guard members to include members of the Maryland Defense Force.



**Brigadier General  
Janeen Birkhead**  
Assistant Adjutant General-Army



**Command Sergeant Major  
James Nugent**  
Command Sergeant Major of  
the MDARNG

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



Command Sgt. Maj. Coakley Workman carries a box of apples during a COVID-19 mission led by the Maryland Army National Guard chaplains to help City of Refuge Baltimore, a non-profit organization, distribute food to members of the Baltimore community on March 26, 2020.

The Maryland Army National Guard supported more than 1,100 missions during the State's COVID-19 response. Nearly 22,000 citizens were screened/tested at sites supported by Maryland Soldiers. They distributed more than 1.1 million meals and 5 million items of PPE. Joint medical teams visited 252 skilled nursing facilities and assisted the teams onsite.

Army Planners worked with federal, state, and local authorities to plan coordinate and execute various missions. They collaborated with local non-profit and medical entities to distribute test kits as well as deliver and erect a dozen medical tents and hundreds of hospital beds. More than 1,000 Soldiers supported COVID-19 missions in every county across Maryland.

At the same time, Guard members were preparing for federal missions and heading out on deployments. The 244th Engineer Company served in Kuwait and Afghanistan in support of Operation Spartan Shield for nine months, building or refurbishing infrastructure and base defenses. Members of the Maryland National Guard's 58th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade and the 629th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Battalion deployed to Afghanistan. The nearly 130 Soldiers were the first Guard E-MIB to deploy in support of combat operations. Members of the 729th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company supported NATO logistic operations out of Poland.

Spc. Josiah Taft, a healthcare specialist in the 104th Medical Company Area Support, and Sgt. Brian Murphy, a radio operator-maintainer in the 248th Aviation Support Battalion, won the Best Warrior Competition for Region II hosted by the MDARNG and later competed in the national competition at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. It was the first time Maryland sent both a Soldier and noncommissioned officer to compete at the national level.

Maryland National Guard's 229th Army Band typically performs for military and civilian functions throughout the year but many of those events were virtual or performed with no live audience to be shared later. They supported Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and special tributes for WWII veterans after the pandemic began.

Members of the 1229th Transportation Company deliver food to the CASA de Maryland Baltimore Regional Education & Employment Center in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 3, 2020.



## 1229th Transportation Company

At the height of activations, nearly **70 Soldiers** drove more than **29,000 miles**, delivered nearly **210,000 boxed meals**, and executed over **130 missions** moving essential supplies.





**Brigadier General  
Edward S. Jones**  
Assistant Adjutant General-Air



**Chief Master Sergeant  
Anthony Sims**  
Maryland Air National Guard  
State Command Chief

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



An A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft assigned to the 104th Fighter Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard, conducts a training mission at Warren Grove Range, New Jersey, July 21, 2020. (Photo by Peter Adreani)

During Maryland's COVID-19 response, the 175th Force Support Squadron processed more than 800 Soldiers and Airmen for state active duty. 175th Mission Support Group Airmen supported the Strategic National Stockpile mission where they processed and distributed \$377.9 million worth of PPE and medical supplies. Also, the Medical Emergency Operations Center assisted COVID-19 testing operations, the 175th Medical Group augmented a joint screening/testing team, cyber operators completed 400 vulnerability assessments on government websites, and Airmen distributed thousands of meals to the local community.



Ground transportation specialists with the 175th Logistics Readiness Squadron, prepare and load boxes of medical supplies and equipment, March 19, 2020, at the Maryland Strategic National Stockpile location.

The 175th Cyberspace Operations Group mobilized more than 80 personnel with full-spectrum cyberspace operations. They had the first defensive cyber mission in support of the U.S. Space Force and also the first cyber protection team with all three mission elements in the U.S. Cyber Mission Force. The group led malware analysis for all of Cyber National Mission Force and more than 50 cyber operators participated in Operation Gladius Strike with Estonia.

More than **130** personnel deployed supporting exercises and operations **6** At **6** different locations across the globe.

The 175th Operations Group executed Operation Snowbank and Operation Bear Trap supporting Air Force and Army exercises. The 175th Maintenance Group participated in simulated combat scenarios/live fire proficiency training at Ft. Drum. Both groups successfully completed the Wing's first Air Combat Command war readiness exercise.

Three A-10Cs from the 104th Fighter Squadron conducted the "Maryland Unites" flyover in honor of healthcare workers, first responders, and essential personnel on the frontlines of the pandemic. The flyovers were covered widely by local and regional news leading to enthusiastic community support in-person at key locations and online.

The 235th Civil Engineer Flight was awarded both the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the 2020 Gears of Government Award.

(From left) U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Hunt, Maryland National Guard Joint Task Force Cyber operator, and U.S. Air Force Maj. Robert Duluca, MDNG JTF-Cyber operations officer, poses for a photo April 3, 2020, at the 175th Wing at Warfield Air National Guard Base at Martin State Airport, Middle River, Maryland.





**Russel J. Strickland**  
Executive Director, MEMA



**Chas Eby**  
Deputy Executive Director, MEMA

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



Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and Lt. Gov. Boyd K. Rutherford discusses Maryland's initial response to COVID-19 before addressing the media at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency regarding the measures to take to keep Marylanders safe.

MEMA led multiagency coordination in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and developed a distribution management plan to comply with new FEMA regulations while continuing to assist State agencies in development of Continuity of Operations (COOP) plans. MEMA also assisted the Maryland Center for School Safety in reviewing over 1,000 public, non-public, and private school emergency plans while the Maryland Joint Operations Center operated Maryland's 24/7 School Safety Tip Line.

The Public Assistance Branch is processing reimbursements for eligible expenses incurred throughout the COVID-19 response, and this will continue well into 2021 and expected to exceed \$1 Billion. These expenses include the cost of PPE, staff time, feeding, and the cost of vaccine distribution. The Hazard Mitigation Branch began administering two new grant programs; the High Hazard Dam & Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities programs. These programs fund projects aimed at reducing overall disaster risk and improving Maryland communities. The Recovery Branch supported recovery efforts for several disasters including flash flooding in Prince George's County and Tropical Storm Isaias. These efforts included facilitating multi-agency efforts and assisting local emergency managers with their recovery needs.

MEMA's Private Sector Integration Program held the 2020 PSIP Summit in Baltimore, Maryland. The program has been able to increase its membership from 500 private sector businesses, industry, and critical infrastructure to 1000 members. The PSIP program also led the first ever Maryland Business Emergency Operations Center for COVID-19 Statewide Response delivering crucial intelligence, guidance, to Maryland Businesses During Global Pandemic. The MBEOC has worked closely with the Maryland National Guard during COVID-19 response to provide information and logistical support to alleviate industry stressors at the height of the pandemic.

MEMA created the Cyber Preparedness Program and secured over \$1 million in cyber preparedness and cyber security

investments, contracts, and procurements. Additionally, MEMA successfully created and executed a multi-year investment strategy of approximately \$2.6 million in projects resulting in administrative efficiencies and increased value to the State of Maryland and was directly responsible for ensuring the expenditure of nearly \$4.7 million in homeland security and emergency management projects across three separate state agencies and across three federal fiscal grant years. MEMA also identified and capitalized on financial opportunities resulting in quick-turn, value-add projects benefiting at least six state agencies and valued at approximately \$1.65 million.



Lt. Col. Adam Smith (left), deputy joint operations officer for the Maryland Army National Guard speaks to Chas Eby, deputy executive director with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, about COVID-19 response planning at the State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Freilerd Military Reservation on March 14, 2020.

**MEMA** was eligible to apply for  
**\$3.6 Million** in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects  
and the annual and nationally competitive Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs.



## Maryland Defense Force



Brigadier General (Md.)  
Gregory J. Juday  
Commander, MDDF



Command Sergeant Major (Md.)  
Guy Johnson  
Senior Enlisted Leader, MDDF

**We are a volunteer, uniformed component of the Maryland Military Department, authorized by Maryland law. The MDDF provides trained and competent personnel with professional and technical skills that augment the MDNG in its state mission and support its mobilization to and redeployment from, federal missions.**



Maryland Defense Force member sorts groceries at Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church to distribute groceries to the local community on May 15, 2020, in Stevensville, Maryland.

Members of the MDDF Cyber Defense Unit presented at the Information Operations & Cyber Operations Symposium held in Annapolis, Maryland, on Nov. 17, 2019. The presentation discussed common weaknesses in critical infrastructure which could lead to a scenario that a malign foreign cyber actor with the ability to influence U.S. elections through information operations.

The Cyber Defense Unit also worked with their counterparts in the Maryland National Guard and the Maryland Department of Information Technology to assess hundreds of state IP addresses and websites for vulnerabilities. The results were shared with state officials to increase the public's confidence in the information communicated by the governor and various state agencies.

Members of the MDDF planted tree saplings behind the Havre de Grace Readiness Center on Nov. 1, 2019. Maryland Military Department personnel and cadets from the Freestate Challenge Academy also helped in the reforestation project.

The MDDF partnered with the University of Maryland to teach the Infrastructure and Society course at the College Park campus. This service-learning course is a part of the College Park Scholars program and it is affiliated with the A. James Clark School of Engineering. The course is designed to emphasize the importance of identifying the root causes of the "Infrastructure Crisis."

Sgt. (Md.) Travis Keys was named MDDF Soldier of the Year. Keys serves as an HVAC expert in the 121st Engineer Regiment and was recently promoted to sergeant.

Staff Sgt. (Md.) Danielle Schmitt was named MDDF NCO of the Year. Schmitt serves as the acting 1st Sergeant of the Band. Maj. (Md.) Harold Bailey was named MDDF Officer of the Year. Bailey has displayed his talents as a planner during Operation Vigilant Guard and the reorganization of the 10th Medical Regiment where he serves as the executive officer.



MDDF member checks a Soldier's paperwork outside of the MDNG's joint reception, staging, onward movement, and integration station at the Dundalk Readiness Center on March 19, 2020.

The 10th Medical Regiment provided support during the COVID-19 response by providing **1,532** volunteer hours in: **medical, logistics, training, and liaison roles.**

MDDF saved the MILDEP more than **\$120,000** though its support.



Defense Force member trims tree as part of a property management healthy tree strategy.



**Oct. 18, 2019**

Spc. Hunter Olson became the first Maryland National Guard Soldier to make runner-up in U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition. He progressed through the battalion, brigade, MDNG, and regional competitions to make it to the Army BWC, he was a close runner-up for first place, something never accomplished by any Maryland National Guard Soldier before.



**Nov. 15, 2019**

Baltimore Ravens team players met with Maryland Freestate Challenge cadets at the Baltimore Raven's Under Armour Training Facility, Owings Mills, Maryland.

# YEAR in REVIEW

FY 2020: October 2019 to September 2020



**Dec. 8, 2019**

The 175th Wing held its annual Outstanding Airman of the Year Ceremony.



**Dec. 28, 2019**

Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford takes part in a deployment ceremony for about 200 members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 729th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company at the Fifth Regiment Army in Baltimore, Maryland.



**March 12, 2020**

Competitors navigate the obstacle course part of the Maryland National Guard's Best Warrior Competition, at H Steven Blum Military Reservation, Glen Arm, Maryland.



**March 31, 2020**

Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy visits the state of Maryland's first COVID-19 screening site with Maryland 4th Congressional District Representative Anthony G. Brown, Army Guard Director Lt. Gen. Daniel Hokanson, and Maryland Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Timothy Gowen.



**April 17, 2020**

Members of the Maryland National Guard and Maryland Defense Force partnered with a local church in support of efforts to distribute groceries to the local community, in Stevensville, Maryland.



**May 8, 2020**

The Maryland National Guard conducted community flyovers to honor frontline COVID-19 responders and essential workers across the state.





**Jan. 16, 2020**

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford, and senior leaders of the Maryland National Guard welcome home members of the 244th Engineer Company at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.



**Feb. 24, 2020**

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Timothy E. Gowen, the adjutant general of Maryland, and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Perlisa D. Wilson, senior enlisted leader for the Maryland National Guard, attend the Estonian Independence Day celebration in Tallinn, Estonia.



**Feb. 28, 2020**

MDNG Soldiers and Airmen support residents and business owners devastated by two flash floods during the filming of a television special featuring celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay in Ellicott City, Maryland.



**March 12, 2020**

Governor Larry Hogan signed an executive order activating the Maryland National Guard in response to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic, also known as COVID-19.



**June 13, 2020**

Soldiers from the Maryland National Guard's 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, as well as distinguished guests, attend the NCO Induction Ceremony, at Havre De Grace Readiness Center, Havre De Grace, Maryland.



**July 14, 2020**

Maryland National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team participated in a training exercise at H Steven Blum Military Reservation in Glen Arm, Maryland.



**Aug. 11, 2020**

C Co. (Signal), 29th Inf. Div. hosted its first ever SIGNAL Stakes Challenge. Soldiers were trained and evaluated on warrior task and occupational skills including signal operations, weapon familiarity, first-aid care, and other warrior tasks.



**Sept. 12, 2020**

The Maryland Army National Guard's Medical Detachment provided dental examinations to nearly 30 D.C. Army National Guard Soldiers at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Maryland.





Maryland maintains partnerships with Estonia, since 1993, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, since 2003. It's a part of the initial outreach by the U.S. toward new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The partnership program emphasizes civil and military cooperation with civil control of a professional military. Maryland has a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market economies, and promote regional cooperation and stability.

# 22

**MDNG SPP  
Conducted  
events**



# STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



**Estonia**

Maryland National Guard members observed the Estonian Defence League's Utria Assault 2020, an annual long-range reconnaissance patrol competition in Tallinn, Estonia, from Jan. 14-19, 2020. MDNG personnel observed the three-day competition to develop the training and logistical requirements needed to prepare the MDNG to participate in future competitions.

The MDNG command team were special guests at the Estonian Independence Day events in Tallinn from Feb. 22-27, 2020. They met with Embassy Country Team, had engagements with the Estonian Defence Force and League, and conducted site visits to Tapa Military Installation and the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn.



**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina personnel attended the South East Europe Regional HMMWV Maintenance Conference at Camp Dodge, Iowa, from March 1-8, 2020. Participants discussed specific vehicle maintenance requirements in order to build an effective maintenance program for their ground mobility fleets.

Five Soldiers traveled to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from Jan. 11-18, 2020, to help develop the AFBiH medical capabilities and interoperability with NATO forces, helping to provide a NATO compatible ambulance support function and tactical evacuations by 2022.



**Tri-Lateral Events**

Members of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Estonian Defence Force participated in the MDNG Best Warrior Competition in Maryland, from March 9-13, 2020, with three personnel each competing.

Twenty-five Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment participated in Exercise Winter Camp in Tapa, Estonia, from Feb. 10-25, 2020. The Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina sent five soldiers that were integrated with the Maryland Army National Guard unit during the event. The MDARNG and AFBiH conducted cold weather operations and survival training for 15 days.

\* The program limited the number of events due to effects of pandemic.



# MDNG COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM



MDNG  
Counterdrug  
Program has

**33**  
personnel



composed of 28 Soldiers & 5 Airmen

Counterdrug expanded investigative analysis support to three additional law enforcement agencies, the Maryland Natural Resources Police, the Harford County Sheriff's Office, and the Maryland State Police Western Maryland Narcotics Task Force, to assist in the battle against the opioid epidemic throughout the state

An estimated value of seizures over  
**\$36.4 million** for fiscal year 2020.

## Aerial Reconnaissance Support



4 UH-72  
Lakota  
Helicopters

with 3 pilots and 1 crew chief



MDNG  
Honor Guard  
performed

**2,538**

military honors at veterans  
ceremonies and private  
ceremonies.

**48**

Soldiers,  
Airmen, and  
state employees  
make up the  
Honor Guard

in four different locations  
throughout the state.

**The Honor Guard's  
Color Team**  
participated in

**Fallen Warrior Memorial  
9/11 Memorial service  
Veterans Day observance  
Memorial Day Events**

The combined effort  
of military and civilian  
employees provides  
honors for

**200-225**

veterans every month  
by performing military  
funeral honors.

Maryland Army National Guard's, 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry  
Regiment held their 245th Pass in Review ceremony at the 5th  
Regiment Armory in Baltimore, Maryland, on Dec. 7, 2019.

# 32ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM



The 32nd CST supports civil authorities by responding to situations involving the use of weapons of mass destruction or other incidents and identifies chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear sources.

The 32nd CST consists of

# 22

## full-time members

from 14 different specialized career fields.

The 32nd CST participated in

# 60

## missions or exercises,

including 2 real-world responses and 21 stand-by missions.



The 32nd CST, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol conducted interagency presence patrols and reconnaissance in and around BWI Airport and the Port of Baltimore during nine separate missions.



The 32nd CST provided support to the University of Maryland during the 2019 football season. The unit conducted chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear detection operations for three games. The 32nd CST provided advice to the MDARNG units supporting the COVID-19 testing location at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland, on risk mitigation and personnel decontamination.



The 32nd CST augmented the District of Columbia's 33rd CST in supporting three games of the 2019 Major League Baseball World Series, the 2019 Marine Corps Marathon, and 2020 State of the Union address in Washington, DC, helping them perform CBRNE detection and response operations.



The 32nd CST responded to a request by the Cambridge Police Department completing a required radiation scan of evidence prior to submission to the Maryland State Lab. The 32nd CST also responded to a request to assist local responders in reopening a hospital after a potentially hazardous situation was discovered in Cambridge, Maryland. The CST used its capabilities to determine no hazards were present.



The 32nd CST provided support for the Ocean City Air Show in Ocean City, Maryland. The interagency support included local, state, and federal assets and was the first major event in Ocean City since COVID-19 restrictions began.



Maryland National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team participated in a training exercise at H Steven Blum Military Reservation in Glen Arm, Maryland, on July 14, 2020.



In fiscal year 2020, the museum recieved

**\$118,108**

from the MD Military Department for:

- \* 2 Contract Employees
- \* 2 Supervised Interns
- \* 20% of archive scanned

The Maryland Museum of Military History and Maryland Center for Military History are chartered under state law to promote the history and heritage of the armed forces in Maryland. The museum presents information and artifacts covering the state's military heritage from the founding of the Maryland colony to the present. The center includes original records relating to the organized militia of Maryland as well as the Maryland National Guard in federal service, including one of the most extensive collections of original documents relating to the 29th Infantry Division in World War II.

**151**

information requests fulfilled

**50+**

artifacts cataloged

**38**

visitors

\* Limited access due to effects of pandemic.



## AIR GUARD

The 175th Wing helped build Airmen resilience during the third Annual Wellness Week. Wellness Week focuses on Comprehensive Airman Fitness: mental, social, physical, financial, and spiritual wellness. Classes and activities like financial classes, resume writing, and therapeutic breaking increased attendance by nearly 25%.

The SAPR and Suicide Prevention Program developed a yearly training that focused on Wing Airmen's testimonials. The personal stories were powerful and helped their Wingmen know that it is important to ask for help when needed. The resilience tactical pause created conversation and connectedness between members of each squadron. The 175th Diversity Counsel was founded this year to create a culture that supports diversity and inclusion as well as fosters cultural growth through empowerment, recommendations, education and leadership.

# RESILIENCY



## ARMY GUARD

The R3SP Program (Resilience, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention) provides resources and education to Soldiers, family members, and civilian employees to combat high-risk behaviors. The end state is a healthy organization that is resilient, knowledgeable, educated on stress reduction measures, and aware of available Soldier-family support network services.

Master Resilience Trainers support units by providing modules focusing on the core competencies of self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character, and connection. The Substance Abuse Program provides prevention education, case management, and unit risk inventory coordination and support. The Suicide Prevention Program focuses on providing prevention education and suicide intervention training.



The program conducted five teen council events. All teen symposiums were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic; four events in recognition of the Month of the Military Child; eight family day events; one virtual summer camp; four resilience standdowns; and one back-to-school event. Additionally, the program hosted three virtual learning workshops and four virtual monthly activity packets.

## The Program

Provided

**39** events

reaching 798 children

21 volunteers provided

**180**

service hours



Maryland Army National Guard chaplains organized a COVID-19 response team to help City of Refugee Baltimore, a non-profit organization, distribute food to members of the Baltimore community on March 26, 2020.



## MDNG Chaplains Supported

**100**

worship services and special ceremonies supporting more than

**800**

Service members.

A memorandum of understanding between participating congregations and the Maryland National Guard allows for the referral of Service members and their family to the closest **Partners in Care** congregation for support.

There are **74** congregations representing different faith groups.

**9,000** engagements with Service members during the Maryland National Guard's COVID-19 response mission with more than **400** counseling sessions.



Baltimore Ravens team players met with Maryland Freestate Challenge cadets Nov. 15, 2019 at the Baltimore Raven's Under Armour Training Facility, Owings Mills, Maryland.



Since 1993, the Freestate Challenge Academy has graduated more than **4,762** cadets

The academy continues its partnership with **Harford County Community College** to provide vocational training in the following areas:

- \* Arc Welding
- \* Child Care Certification
- \* Fork-lift Operation
- \* Certification for ServSafe
- \* Driver's Education

Cadets who successfully complete the training will be issued Harford County Community College Certificates of Completion.

The academy received

**\$3,371,091** in federal funding with a state match of **\$1,123,697** for a total of **\$4,494,788** for job training



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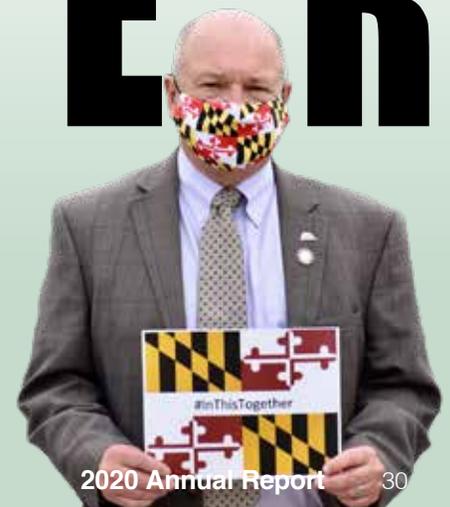


# T H I S



On March 12, Gov. Larry Hogan activated the MDNG to support statewide COVID-19 response efforts. The activation authorized the MDNG to work alongside civil authorities and provide our unique capabilities.

# T O G E T H E R





# Maryland National Guard

## COVID-19 response by the numbers



### 142 DAYS ACTIVATED

APPROXIMATELY

# 1,500

### SERVICE MEMBERS ACTIVATED

including those put on standby

# 1,323

### UNIQUE MISSIONS

with an average of

### 12 MISSIONS PER DAY

**THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE TEAM** handled the receipt, accountability, storage, apportionment, distribution, and delivery of



# 59.1

### MILLION

### pieces of personal protective equipment

TO ALL 23 COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY

# 22,684

### personnel screened/tested at 14 different sites



Maryland Army National Guard Medical Support Teams:

# 252

facilities visited

# 227

sites tested

# 54,564

test kits distributed

# 400

### vulnerability assessments on state & county websites & IP addresses



# 795

### hospital beds transported



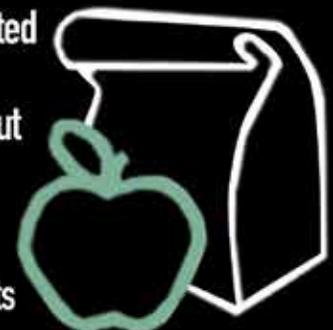
# 520,000

### COVID-19 test kits



# 1,157,262

### meals distributed at 91 different sites throughout the state



# 197,124

### pounds of groceries distributed

# 3,732

### hygiene kits distributed

COMPLETED

### 351 ventilators

# 170

### 588 pallets of PPE

### 9,493 vials of remdesivir to

DELIVERIES OF

### 327 medical and state facilities

AS OF 31 JULY 2020