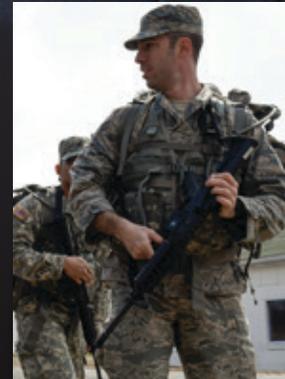
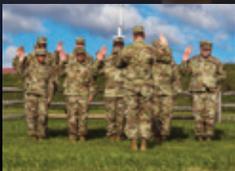


Maryland Military Department

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Larry Hogan
Governor



Boyd K. Rutherford
Lt. Governor

MISSION

Stand ready to respond to and support any requirements our state and nation have with a highly qualified team of soldiers, airmen, civilians, and volunteer forces.

VISION

Remain a transparent, agile, and diverse organization, providing a wealth of capabilities for the defense of our nation and the support to our state, while creating resiliency in our communities and strengthening our team by supporting its members and their families.

VALUES

An agile, transparent team with high standards

Embrace change: build and maintain open and honest people-focused systems; zero tolerance for harassment in any form, inclusive team where all members have value.

Diversity of capability, people, and thought

Teams made up of members who can respond to the full spectrum of requirements; a workforce that represents the communities we serve, with opportunities available for those who display the leadership, tenacity, and skill needed for our success.

High levels of individual and team preparedness

Processes and systems that provide leading indicators; integrate quality in all we do, ensuring consistent positive outcomes for our team members and our federal and state partners.

Continuous improvement

Invest in individual training and capabilities, enabling a world-class team of highly proficient individuals.

Comprehensive communication and coordination

Constant vertical and horizontal communication and coordination between the Military Department and the subordinate elements, as well as key stakeholders federal government, state agencies, and emergency managers.

Dear Governor Hogan,

I am pleased to submit the Maryland Military Department's fiscal year 2018 annual report, detailing the accomplishments of Maryland's Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Emergency Management Agency, and Defense Force.

As members of the Military Department, we are called to serve and protect our communities our state, and the nation. In a time of limited resources, our success depends on making the most of the talent in our organization. We must be inclusive and diverse, maximizing the skills and experience of leaders and members at all levels. We have built a diverse leadership team of which we can all be proud, but we must continue to improve. Everyone in each component must be given the opportunity and encouraged to reach their full potential.

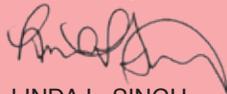
The Maryland National Guard continues to support many overseas contingency operations. Our personnel serve in ongoing operations in Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea, and the Horn of Africa. In 2018, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our State Partnership Program with Estonia, and the 15th year of our SPP with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Additionally, personnel from all components supported the state's response to a devastating hurricane season which affected several states this year. We supported the recovery in the Carolinas, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

The Military Department is a solid contributor to the economic strength of Maryland with a fiscal impact of \$307.2 million. The department's ratio of federal dollars spent for each state dollar invested is nearly 25 to 1. We continue to provide employment, education, and leadership development to Marylanders, while providing our citizens an opportunity to serve our state and nation.

The Maryland Military Department will continue to field relevant and ready forces to serve the needs of our citizens. Thank you for your support as we continue a new chapter in our long and distinguished history.

Respectfully,



LINDA L. SINGH
Major General, MDARNG
The Adjutant General



**Major General
Linda L. Singh**
The Adjutant General



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

Flying missions - MD Air National Guard

As we move into 2019, the MDANG is focused on retaining the state’s flying capabilities. In 2014 and again in 2015, Congress delayed the divestiture of A-10 aircraft from the Air Force inventory. While the final decision for the A-10 aircraft resides in Congress, the Air Force Fiscal Year 20 Program Objective Memorandum reduces the A-10 inventory from 281 to 218 and decreases the number of combat squadrons from nine to six. The MDANG has been identified as one of the squadron reductions. Concurrently, the MDANG has been identified by the Air Force to gain a C-130J squadron following the departure of the A-10. The FY20 POM submission is counter to the FY19 National Defense Allocation Act which states sustainment of the 281 A-10 aircraft helps to meet Air Force fighter aircraft capacity requirements and directs the Air Force to retain the current inventory until approximately CY 2030. Given this, the 175th Wing should retain the A-10 mission until the divestiture decision is finalized. However, this risks reassignment of the C-130Js currently earmarked for the MDANG to another unit. To retain vital force structure and flying mission capabilities in Maryland, it is a priority to retain the A-10s in the 175th Wing until the divestiture decision is final, and to add the C-130Js earmarked for delivery to the MDANG.

Benefits and facilities - MD Army National Guard

The MDARNG provides a professionally trained and equipped force for federal missions and state emergency response. The MDARNG leverages federal and state education benefits to recruit and train experts across a wide range of military and civil competencies including cyber, aviation, and logistics. Retaining excellent benefits, supporting individual growth and leader development opportunities, and improving the quality of membership are vital to attracting and retaining talented individuals to serve. The MDARNG’s capital investment strategy combines federal and state resources that are essential to maintain, improve, and construct the facilities needed to support a modern response force and the communities we serve.

Implement the Maryland Emergency Management System - MEMA

The Maryland Emergency Management System is the state’s comprehensive system for ensuring that agencies and stakeholders can work together to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond, and recover from incidents, emergencies, and disasters. This will be accomplished through the development of operational plans for Consequence Management and Disaster Risk Reduction and policies, programs, and projects within both of these focus areas.

Expand current capabilities - Maryland Defense Force

The Maryland Defense Force continues to assess their current capabilities to ensure that they are properly aligned to support the other pillars of the Maryland Military Department. This assessment will help advance credentialing, recruitment needs, and training requirements. It will also improve the MDDF’s ability to respond to requests for mission support for the department and the community.





Homeland Response Capabilities

The Maryland National Guard provides 11 core capabilities for homeland response operations:

- Aviation/Airlift
- Command and Control
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear response
- Cyber Security
- Engineering
- Medical
- Communications
- Transportation
- Security
- Logistics
- Maintenance

FISCAL IMPACT

Federal vs. State Expenditures

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, as shown on subsequent pages. 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. Page 7 shows estimates, by county, of the salaries of Guard members who live or work there.

** Expenditures are based on the state and federal fiscal year for 2018.*

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.



Total Federal Funds



61%



27%



12%

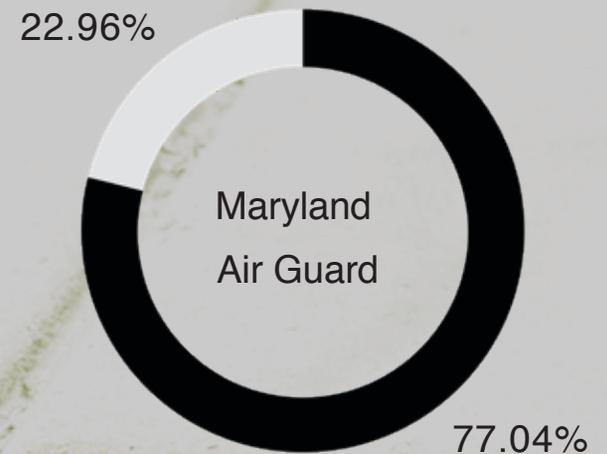
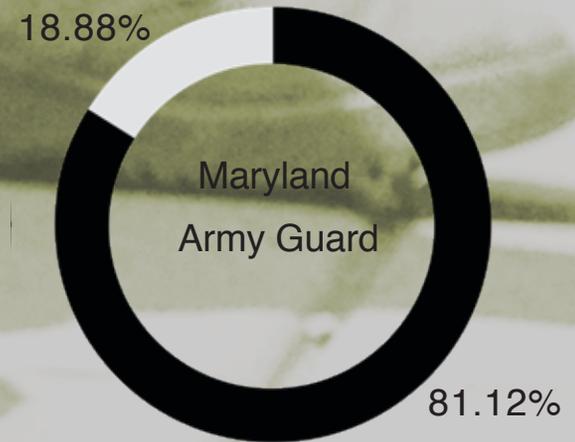
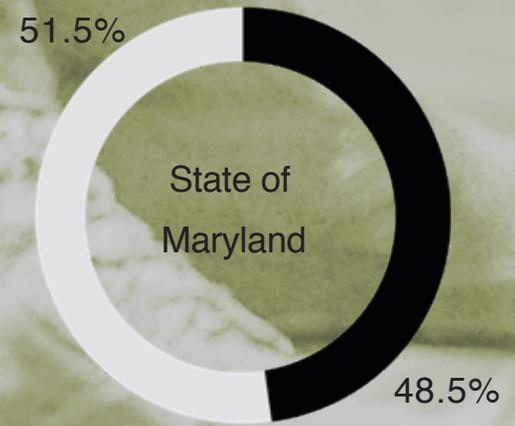
Total Work Force

*Maryland Army National Guard	4,555
*Maryland Air National Guard	1,442
Maryland Emergency Management Agency	67
Maryland Defense Force	151
State Employees Working for Military Department	283
<i>*Includes 1,292 full-time federally funded soldiers and airmen as of Sept. 30.</i>	6,498

Demographics

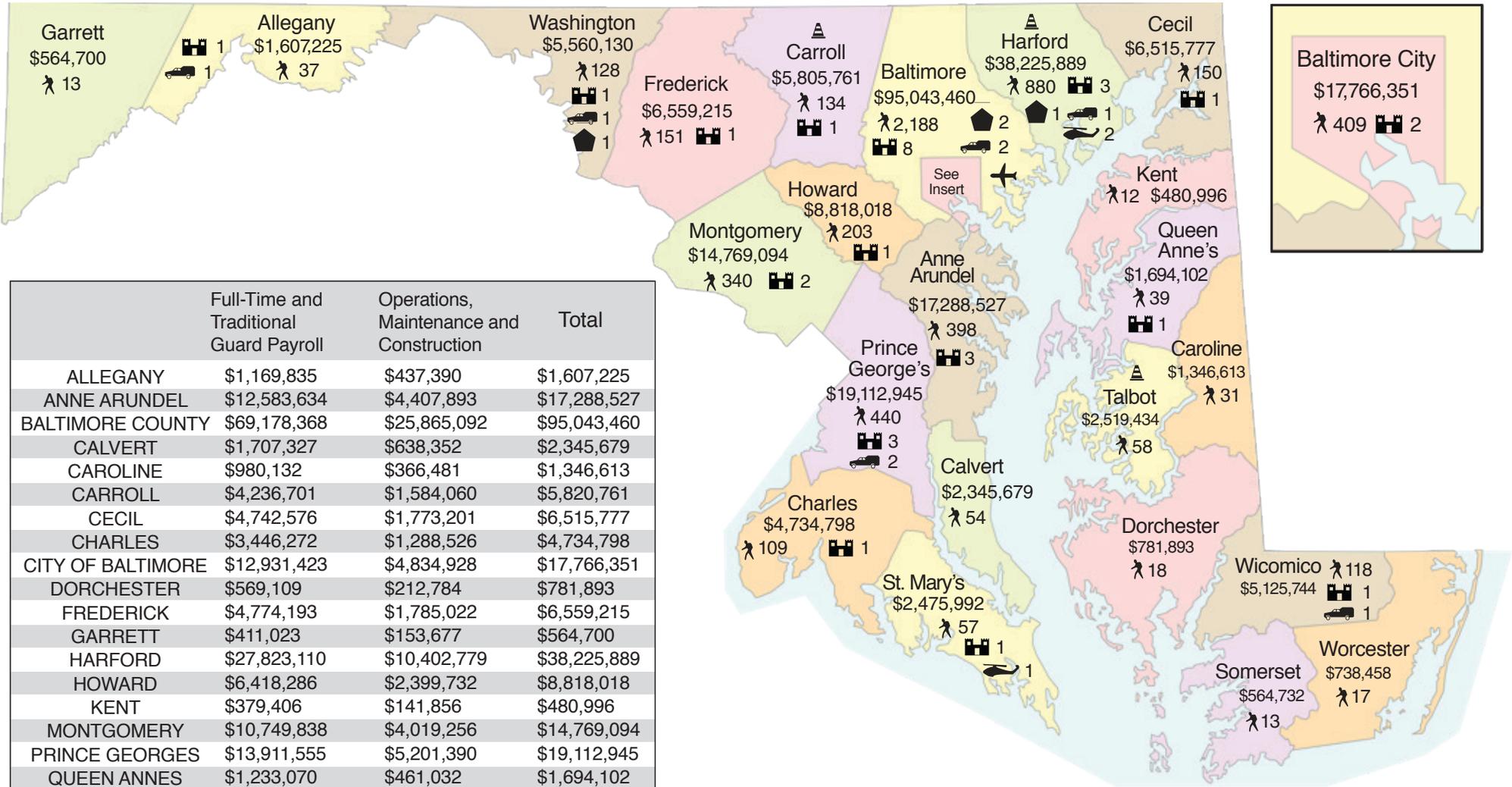
	State of Maryland	MD Army Guard	MD Air Guard
Caucasian	59.60%	60.00%	62.41%
African American	30.50%	33.00%	23.76%
Hispanic	9.50%	4.00%	7.19%
Native American	0.60%	.001%	0.31%
Asian	6.50%	0.03%	3.30%
2+ Races or other	2.70%	0.02%	2.98%

Source for state of Maryland data: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau Released 2010.



Male Female

FISCAL IMPACT BY COUNTY



	Full-Time and Traditional Guard Payroll	Operations, Maintenance and Construction	Total
ALLEGANY	\$1,169,835	\$437,390	\$1,607,225
ANNE ARUNDEL	\$12,583,634	\$4,407,893	\$17,288,527
BALTIMORE COUNTY	\$69,178,368	\$25,865,092	\$95,043,460
CALVERT	\$1,707,327	\$638,352	\$2,345,679
CAROLINE	\$980,132	\$366,481	\$1,346,613
CARROLL	\$4,236,701	\$1,584,060	\$5,820,761
CECIL	\$4,742,576	\$1,773,201	\$6,515,777
CHARLES	\$3,446,272	\$1,288,526	\$4,734,798
CITY OF BALTIMORE	\$12,931,423	\$4,834,928	\$17,766,351
DORCHESTER	\$569,109	\$212,784	\$781,893
FREDERICK	\$4,774,193	\$1,785,022	\$6,559,215
GARRETT	\$411,023	\$153,677	\$564,700
HARFORD	\$27,823,110	\$10,402,779	\$38,225,889
HOWARD	\$6,418,286	\$2,399,732	\$8,818,018
KENT	\$379,406	\$141,856	\$480,996
MONTGOMERY	\$10,749,838	\$4,019,256	\$14,769,094
PRINCE GEORGES	\$13,911,555	\$5,201,390	\$19,112,945
QUEEN ANNES	\$1,233,070	\$461,032	\$1,694,102
ST MARY'S	\$1,802,179	\$673,813	\$2,475,992
SOMERSET	\$411,055	\$153,677	\$564,732
TALBOT	\$1,833,796	\$685,638	\$2,519,434
WASHINGTON	\$4,046,998	\$1,513,132	\$5,560,130
WICOMICO	\$3,730,826	\$1,394,918	\$5,125,744
WORCESTER	\$537,492	\$200,966	\$738,458
Total Army and Air Federal Funds	\$189,608,204	\$70,892,595	\$260,500,799
MEMA Federal Funds	\$4,299,111	\$30,338,670	\$34,637,781
Total Federal Funds	\$193,907,315	\$101,231,265	\$295,138,580
Total State Funds	\$8,199,907	\$3,927,206	\$12,127,113
Total State and Federal	\$202,107,222	\$105,158,471	\$307,265,693

298 Buildings
3,109,916 Square Feet of Facilities Space
3,921 Acres
\$1,072,606,764 Real Property Replacement Value

- military department personnel
- 31 readiness centers
- military construction 2018-22
- 4 training sites
- 9 surface maintenance shops
- 3 Army Guard aviation facilities
- 1 Air Guard base

Recently Completed Capital Projects

Havre de Grace Readiness Center

The Maryland National Guard completed the construction of the Havre de Grace Readiness Center in Havre de Grace, Maryland, with a ribbon cutting scheduled for October 2018. The facility costs \$17.4 million, including \$13.05 million in federal funding and \$4.35 million in state funding. It replaced an assortment of poorly configured buildings, originally built to support the Havre de Grace Horse Track, ranging in age from 31 years old to 92 years old.

Programmed Future Facilities Projects

Easton Readiness Center

The project broke ground in June 2017. The new construction cost \$18.4 million, including of \$14.9 million in federal funding and \$3.5 million in state funding. The new construction replaces a readiness center that was 41 years old. Construction is well under way with an anticipated completion in early 2019.

MDANG Cyber-Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center

The facility is currently under construction at Warfield Air National Guard Base. The new construction is at a cost of \$12.1 million in federal funding. The anticipated opening is early 2019.

MDANG Network Warfare Center

The facility is estimated to cost \$6 million in federal funding. A facility ground breaking ceremony occurred in November 2017. The facility is being constructed on Fort Meade near the U.S. Cyber Command. The anticipated opening is Spring 2019.

Freedom Readiness Center

The new construction, in Sykesville, Maryland cost \$30.1 million, including \$22.8 million in federal funding and \$8.5 million in state funding. The construction replaces a readiness center that is 65 years old and a second readiness center that is 61 years old.

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.

Combined Support Maintenance Shop

New construction will cost of \$20 million, comprising of \$15 million in federal funding and \$5 million in state funding. This is phase one of a two phase project. It will replace a cominded support maintenance shop that operates in an assortment of poorly configured buildings ranging from 31 to 92 years old. Project design is anticipated to begin in 2019.



“This is a building but this is more than just a building, this is about taking us to the future.”

-Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, the adjutant general of Maryland



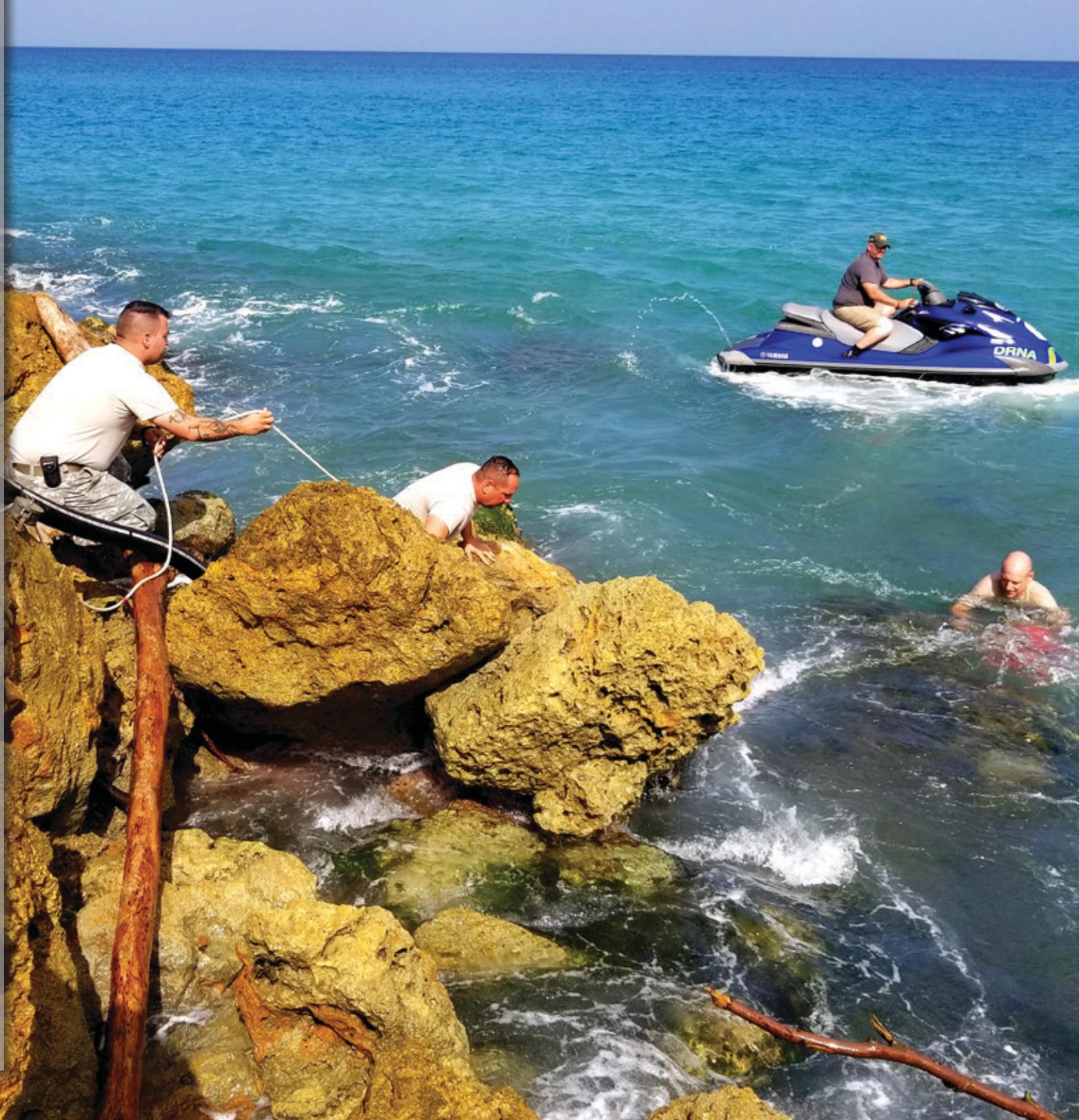


Brigadier General
Janeen Birkhead
Commander of the MDARNG



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.





Fifteen soldiers from the 729th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company support Hurricane Maria relief efforts in Puerto Rico. Their primary mission was to convert seawater to drinking water.

The Maryland Army National Guard provided military units to support of five Combatant Commands and six countries.

The MDARNG acquired the 169th Cyber Protection Team, and fully manned, equipped, and trained the unit within one year.

The 200th Military Police Company deployed to the U.S. Virgin Islands to support disaster relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.

The 729th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company converted seawater into drinking water during the relief efforts in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

The Army Aviation Support Facility and units from the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade passed the Army's rigorous Aviation Resources Management Survey.

The MDARNG validated its ability to support state emergencies in the Exercise Vigilant Guard in May.

MDARNG units successfully deployed the first MDNG Unclassified Production Analysis and Dissemination team during Vigilant Guard.

The MDARNG hosted the Best Warrior Competition, where soldiers, airmen, and members from our State Partnership nations, competed. Spc. Gerald Villamar came in third at the national competition.

All major commands in the MDARNG participated in Exercise Cyber Blitz, demonstrating their ability to defend against cyber intrusions.



Members of the 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade deploy to Raleigh, North Carolina to provide public affairs support to the North Carolina National Guard.

Provided transportation for over 90,000 narcotic disposal pouches

in support of Governor Larry Hogan's anti-opioid initiative.

Capt. Michelle L. Levesque, a Tactical Combat Casualty Care trainer from the 224th Medical Company, explains the importance of rechecking tourniquet placement after moving a casualty during TCCC training.





Brigadier General
April Vogel
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.



Cyber warfare operators, 175th Cyberspace Operations Group, monitor cyber attacks on the operations floor of the 275th Cyber Operations Squadron, known as the Hunter's Den, Dec. 2, 2017.

The 175th Wing received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The airmen who were deployed to Turkey received the Meritorious Unit Award.

The 175th Wing received an "Effective" grade in all areas of Air Combat Command's CAPSTONE Inspection.

The 175th Cyber Operations Group supported the Air Force One mission to ensure the cybersecurity of the president's aircraft.

The leaders and cyber professionals of the 175th Wing participated in Cyber Guard 17.

The Cyber Operations Group held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new \$6 million design build 9,000 square foot facility at Fort Meade, Maryland.

The 175th Wing participated in Exercise Vigilant Guard, providing cyber, intelligence, logistics, communications, public affairs, force support, and chaplain support.

Members of the 175th Cyberspace Operations Squadron attended NIAS the largest annual NATO cyber security conference, in Estonia.

The 104th Fighter Squadron participated in Exercise Northern Strike.



An A-10 Thunderbolt II, 175th Wing, prepares to bank left after receiving fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft from MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, May 24, 2018.

Nearly 150 airmen have been deployed across the Middle East in support of combat operations

The 175th Cyber Operations Group National Mission Team completed their National Mission Team cyber mobilization at Fort Meade, Maryland.



Members of the 175th Fire Department and Department of Veteran Affairs Fire Department lower a victim role-player down before providing medical treatment at Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center during Exercise Vigilant Guard, on May 9, 2018.



Russel J. Strickland
MEMA Executive Director

The Maryland
Emergency Management
Agency proactively
reduces disaster risks
and reliably manages
consequences through
collaborative work with
Maryland's communities
and partners.



Kate Hession, deputy executive director of MEMA, speaks at the press conference announcing the safety tip line and mobile app from the governor's "Safe Schools Maryland" initiative. The anonymous tip line and app help streamline the reporting of possible threats.

MEMA conducted joint damage assessments and successfully applied for Major Disaster Declarations for Frederick, Washington, Howard, and Baltimore counties following May flooding.

Maryland worked with state and local partners to deploy supporting resources to the Carolinas during the 2018 hurricane season.

MEMA, along with other state, local, federal, and private sector partners, participated in Atlantic Fury, a national level exercise, in May.

MEMA, along with other state, local, and federal partners, coordinated activities related to public safety and security for Fleet Week activities, in October.

MEMA has partnered with the Frederick County Community College Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management on an emergency management apprenticeship program.

MEMA, along with the Maryland Center for School Safety, launched the Safe Schools Maryland tipline and smartphone application.

MEMA Training and Exercise Branch successfully led the State through the annual graded exercise for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station.

MEMA and the National Governors Association hosted the first ever Maryland Resilience Retreat with state agencies and partners.



Lt. Gov. Boyd K. Rutherford speaks during a press conference at the Harford County Emergency Operations Center, Forest Hill, Maryland, on May 7, 2018. The press conference began Maryland's response during Exercise Vigilant Guard.

MEMA submitted over \$10 Million

in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects

and the annual and nationally competitive Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs.



Russell Strickland, executive director of Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Col. Ed Chamberlayne, commander of the Baltimore District-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and various other local emergency responders attend the kick-off of Maryland's new "Know Your Zone" evacuation campaign.



Maryland Defense Force



Brigadier General (MDDF)
Lorenza Cooper
MDDF commander



Command Sergeant Major
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.





MDDF Engineers conducted tree removal operations at the Camp Fretterd Military Reservation saving thousands of dollars.

In fiscal year 2018, MDDF members volunteered more than 26,000 hours, saving the state more than \$1.5 million.

The MDDF implemented the same physical fitness requirement equivalent to the Army height/weight standards.

In November an Officer Development Program was instituted to train non-prior military service members.

The MDDF updated its website to focus on recruiting news members.

The MDDF adopted a web-based data management system from the California State Defense Force to support publishing orders, strength reports, awards, man-hours, training, and records.

The MDDF developed a professional ethics policy focused on four core principles loyalty, professionalism, honesty, and competency.

The MDDF Cyber held a workshop at the Maryland Association of Counties Conference in Ocean City to enhanced awareness on cyber threats.

The MDDF continues to provide support to the Freestate Challenge Academy with in-processing of new cadets and conducted classes on financial management.

The 10th Medical Regiment developed and implemented a self-health assessment for all members.



Gov. Larry Hogan presents Brig. Gen. (MDDF) Lorenza Cooper, commander of the Maryland Defense Force with a citation in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the all-volunteer, uniformed state defense force.

The MDDF's 121st Engineers saved the MILDEP more than **\$200,000** by identifying significant savings



The MDDF Cyber helped to simulate an attack on a 911 call center during Exercise Vigilant Guard.



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 its state and federal missions.





The Joint Staff participated in Exercise Vigilant Guard, a national level exercise. This exercise provided the opportunity to develop, refine, and rehearse policies and procedures to request and exercise Dual Status Commander Authority and request and employ Emergency Management Assistance Compact agreements with other states.

The Joint Staff supported a regional level Defense Support to Civil Authority response to Hurricane Florence in North and South Carolina. The MDNG provided aviation and public affairs assets to the affected region.

The Counterdrug Aviation Detachment conducted operations with the District of Columbia's Drug Enforcement Agency field office to assist with ongoing narcotics investigations in Prince Georges County.

Criminal analysts assisted Maryland State Police in the dismantling of a major drug trafficking organization operating in Anne Arundel County. Results included 14 arrests and the seizure of five vehicles, \$50,000 in cash, and over 600 grams of heroin/fentanyl.

Members of the 32nd Civil Support Team planned, coordinated and conducted a joint training exercise focused on maritime response alongside our local, state and federal partners.

The 32nd CST underwent their Training and Proficiency Evaluation, by U.S. Army North. The CST responded to two separate Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive incidents in which all 12 unit key collective tasks were evaluated each day.

The 32nd CST partnered with the Baltimore County Police Bomb Squad to conduct interagency training in order to develop joint entry tactics and techniques utilizing each other's personnel.

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Maryland maintains partnerships with Estonia, since 1993, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, since 2003, as part of the initial outreach by the United States 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.



Members of the AFBiH, EDF, and MDARNG met together in Estonia to compete in the annual Admiral Pitka Challenge.

The MDNG conducted

63 SPP events

34 with Estonia



29 with Bosnia and Herzegovina



Tri-Lateral Events (Estonia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – MDNG)

Members of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Estonian Defence Force participated in the Maryland National Guard Best Warrior Competition in Maryland.

Estonia

Service members of the Maryland Army and Air National Guard continued to engage with our Estonian partners on cyberspace operations by participating in numerous exercises and planning sessions.

The MDANG participated in Locked Shields, a NATO run cybersecurity exercise, with more than 30 other nations and 1,000 participants.

MDNG soldiers and airmen supported the EDF May 2-12 during Exercise Hedgehog 2018, conducted in Estonia.

MDNG cyberwarriors supported their Estonian counterparts as they opened the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

The MDNG hosted AF BiH members during annual training events with the 32nd Civil Support Team.

Senior enlisted leaders of the MDARNG shared their knowledge with AF BiH noncommissioned officers on NATO support staff functions, practices, and procedures to operate in international and interagency environments across the full spectrum of military operations.

Nine members from our state partners were integrated as a part of our Joint Staff in Exercise Vigilant Guard.

Members of the AF BiH joined soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment during their annual training in Wyoming.



MDNG
Counterdrug Program has **20**
criminal analysts

composed of:



 18 soldiers and 2 airman

Counterdrug operates

  4 UH-72
Lakota
  helicopters
with three pilots and one crew chief

An estimated value of
all seizures is over

\$200 since the
program's
inception
million in 1989.



We provide support for the
Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation's
Badges for Baseball,
a program which provides
coaching and mentoring to over

890

children from across the U.S.



MDNG
Honor Guard **2,600**
has performed

military honors at state veteran's ceremonies
and numerous private ceremonies.

55 soldiers, airmen, and
state employees make
up the MDNGHG
in 4 different locations throughout the state

MDNGHG Color Team participated in

- Fallen Warrior Memorial
- 9/11 Memorial service
- Veterans Day observance
- Memorial Day commemorations at Maryland state veterans cemeteries.

The combined effort of military and
civilian employees provides honors for

200-300
veterans every month
by performing at military funeral honors



The 32nd Civil Support Team supported

60 missions or exercises

including **6** real-world responses and **20** stand-by missions



The 32nd CST **22** full-time members from the consists of **22** Maryland National Guard from **14** different specialized career fields.



Conducted a weeklong multi-CST exercise which included the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina personnel, Aug. 2018.



Provided support for Mardi Gras, New Orleans, Louisiana, Feb. 2018.

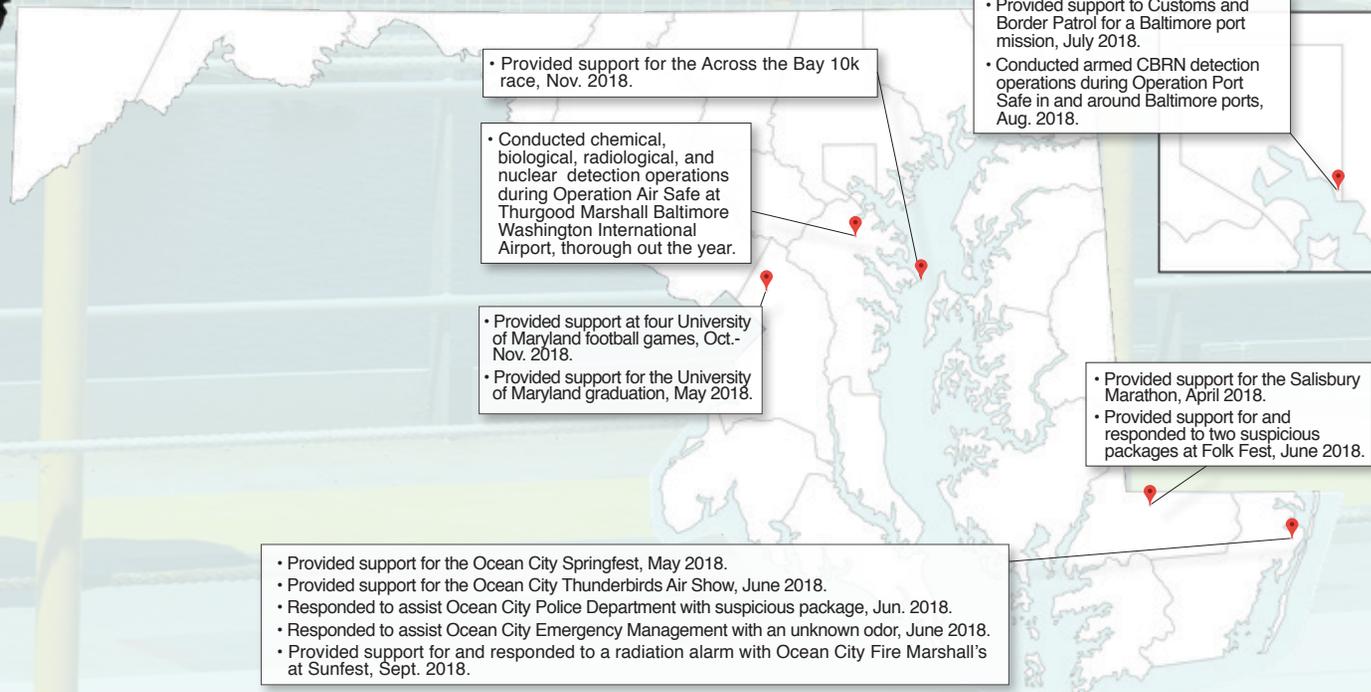


Provided support for the Boston Fourth of July Celebration, July 2018.



Deployed two communication noncommissioned officers to Puerto Rico, Oct. 2018.

The 32nd CST team was rated as trained in all the tasks on their mission essential task list after an U.S. Army North evaluation in June 2018.





Since 1993 the academy has graduated more than
4,371 cadets

In 2017, the academy entered into a partnership with
Harford County Community College
to provide vocational training in the following areas:

- A+ Certification Preparation in Certified Childcare Provider
- Arc Welding
- Occupation Safety and Health inspection
- Fork-lift Operation
- Certification for ServSafe/Culinary Arts
- Driver's Education

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

In October 2017, the program received
\$150,000 in federal funding
to participate in the White House Job Training Initiative. Funds will be used to **establish a job training center** for the cadets at the academy.

In September 2018, the academy received the same
\$150,000 in federal funding
with a state **\$50,000**
match of **\$50,000**
for a total of **\$200,000** for job training.



More than Maryland Army
300 National Guard
 soldiers took advantage of Federal Tuition Assistance.

\$200,000
 budgeted for State Tuition Assistance.

State Tuition Assistance reimbursement can be used for credit-based undergraduate, graduate, professional, vocational-technical, and trade school programs at MDNG partner institutions.

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Maryland colleges and universities have partnership agreements with the MDNG.

Army National Guard, education and gain future career. Discover

50% off tuition

- All-State Career Center
- Allegany College of Maryland
- Anne Arundel Community College
- Baltimore City Community College
- Capitol College
- Carroll Community College
- Cecil Community College
- Chesapeake Community College
- College of Southern Maryland
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Coppin State University
- Fortis Institutes
- Frederick Community College
- Garrett Community College
- Hagerstown Community College
- Harford Community College
- Howard Community College
- Loyola University Maryland
- McDaniel College
- Montgomery College
- National University
- Prince George's Community College
- Saint Mary's College
- University of Baltimore
- University of Maryland University College
- Washington College
- Wor-Wic Community College

50% off 8 semester hours

- Morgan State University

50% off 6 semester hours

- Bowie State University
- Frostburg State University
- Salisbury State University
- Towson University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

25% off 6 semester hours

- University of Maryland at Baltimore

15% off tuition

- Stevenson University

Participating Universities and Colleges within Maryland



The Maryland National Guard removes two six-inch Newton-Stokes trench mortars from Medal of Honor Park, in Baltimore, for restoration and eventual preservation in the Maryland Museum of Military History.



The Gilded Age Hall was dedicated on Feb. 13, 2018, in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Augustus Walley, during the Walley exhibit grand opening. This event was attended by Walley's niece and the Morgan State University Buffalo Soldiers, a historical re-enactment society dedicated to the Buffalo Soldiers and their history. This exhibit included a mannequin depicting Walley and the Don Stivers painting "The Rescue," which depicts Walley's heroic actions under enemy fire that earned the nation's highest military award.

Support Services

Our service members are unique. They live and work in communities across the state. They can be called on at a moment's notice for deployment overseas to a combat zone or in response to a disaster within the state. The vital service our members provide can cause tremendous stress in many aspects of their lives. The Military Department's various support services have been established to help strengthen and improve each member's mental, physical, and spiritual health; and to offer support to their family members and employers.



Wicomico County Sheriff's Office is named as one of the 15 recipients of the 2018 Employer Support Freedom Award on June 26, 2018, signifying Wicomico County sheriff's Office as one of the nation's top employers for National Guard and Reserve service members.



The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

hosted

11

events
attended
by more
than

564

soldiers
and family
members

Child & Youth Program

The Child & Youth Program provided

42 events

reaching 518 MDNG children.

65 volunteers provided

441

service hours.

Some activity highlights of the fiscal year included: one teen council event and two teen symposiums, four events during the Month of the Military Child, nine family day events, and two summer camps.





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.

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congregations representing 18 different faith groups in 22 counties and Baltimore City.

Strong Bonds

is a chaplain-led Army program in support of service member and family relationships.

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Strong Bonds events helping more than 100 soldiers and their families.



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Oct. 16-Nov. 14, 2017

Fifteen soldiers from the 729th Quartermaster Composite Supply Company support the relief efforts in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. Their primary mission was to convert seawater to drinking water, as well as dealing with water storage and distribution operations and activities.



Nov. 18, 2017

Maj. Gen. Linda Singh, the adjutant general of Maryland, discusses leadership, overcoming adversity, and managing priorities with Morgan State University ROTC cadets. Singh also performed the coin toss and at half-time reviewed the Bear Battalion Cadets during their Veterans' Appreciation Day Football Game.



Dec. 29, 2017

The 29th Combat Aviation Brigade cases its colors in Camp Buehring, Kuwait, concluding a successful deployment supporting Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield.



Feb. 17, 2018

Staff Sgt. Allison S. Balsam (center) graduates from the infantry transition course at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Balsam became the first fully qualified female with the infantry military specialty in the Maryland Army National Guard.

Nov. 16, 2017

Members of the 175th Wing collect canned, dry, and frozen goods November 16, 2017, for donations to the Salvation Army. The food is donated to families in need at Thanksgiving.



Dec. 3, 2017

The 175th Wing holds its Airman Recognition Ceremony at Warfield Air National Guard Base, Middle River, Maryland. During the ceremony, units and members of the wing were recognized for achievements throughout the year.



Feb. 26, 2018

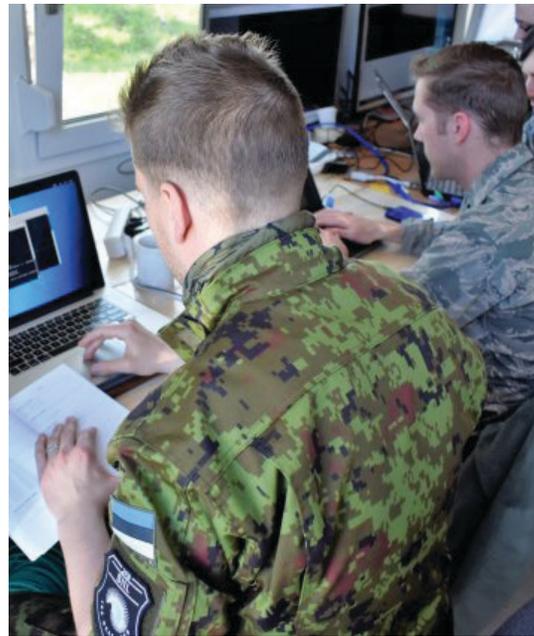
Soldiers of the 629th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Battalion deploy to perform geospatial intelligence operations, analyzing overhead and aerial imagery from photographic and electronic capabilities.



March 15-18, 2018

Service members from the Maryland National Guard, the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Estonian Defence Forces compete in the Maryland National Guard Best Warrior Competition throughout Maryland.





April 7-29, 2018

Soldiers of the 231st Chemical Company and the 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment participate in Vibrant Response 18 and Guardian Resonse 18 in Indiana.

May 2-12, 2018

Airmen of the 175th Wing's Cyberspace Group support Exercise Hedgehog in Southern Estonia. The cyber personnel advised and assisted Estonian Defence Force and Estonia Defence League members to evaluate internal policy for cyber-related activities.

Aug. 4-6, 2018

Master Sgt. Bill Stout, Special Operations Detachment-OTAN/NATO, placed first with the overall lowest individual time at the 2018 Leapfest-International Airborne Competition.

Sept. 16-25, 2018

Soldiers of the Maryland National Guard deployed to North Carolina to support the relief efforts from Hurricane Florence. The MDNG provided aerial and public affairs support to augment the North Carolina National Guard.

May 7-9, 2018

Nearly 2,000 service members participate in Exercise Vigilant Guard in Maryland and Virginia. This exercise allows the Maryland Military Department, along with 42 federal, state, and local agencies a chance to collaborate and test interoperability as part of a national level exercise.



May 26, 2018

The Maryland Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America presented its 2017 outstanding unit of the year award to the 200th Military Police Company.



June 26, 2018

Airmen of the 175th Wing participate in an annual exercise designed to familiarize participants with the identification, location and rescue of survivors in a potential high threat environment at Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center in Wisconsin.

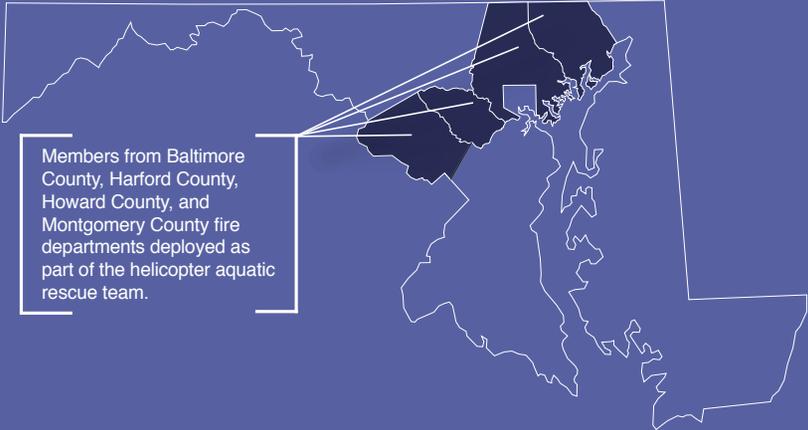


July 22-27, 2018

SpC. Gerald L. Villamar, 629th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Battalion, competes in the 2018 U.S. Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Villamar came in third place in the soldier category.



HURRICANE FLORENCE RESPONSE

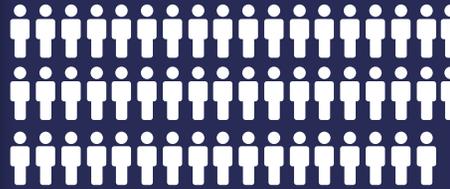


Members from Baltimore County, Harford County, Howard County, and Montgomery County fire departments deployed as part of the helicopter aquatic rescue team.



MDNG BY THE NUMBERS:

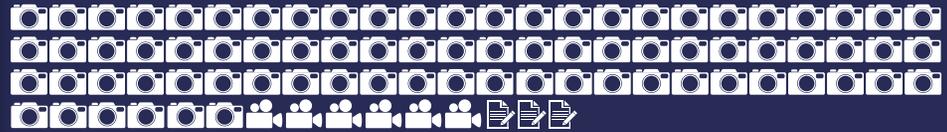
53 people evacuated:



cargo lifted:
128,550
pounds



public affairs products released:



Members of the HART team, public affairs soldiers from the 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, and soldiers from the 1-224th Security and Support Battalion deploy to North Carolina to support the relief efforts under the EMAC.

Governor Larry Hogan declares a state of emergency ahead of the landfall of Hurricane Florence

Hogan authorizes state active duty for members of the MDNG.

September 10

September 12

September 16

Maryland National Guard in the Carolinas · September 17-26

September 14



Approximately 300 Maryland National Guard soldiers and airman were activated and staged prior to Hurricane Florence making landfall. Gov. Larry Hogan visits the 244th and 253rd Engineer Companies in LaPlata, Maryland. Soldiers and airmen were activated because of the possibility of the storm making landfall in Maryland.

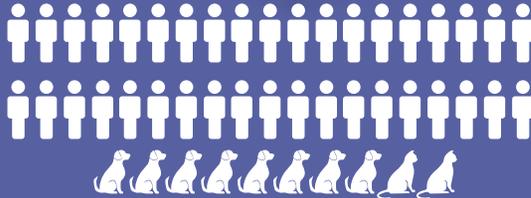
Hurricane Florence makes landfall at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, mid-morning. Maryland receives the initial emergency management assistance compact request from North Carolina.

September 20



Kelly, North Carolina mass evacuation

MDNG evacuated 38 people, 8 dogs, and 2 cats.



440 people and 125 animals were evacuated. Maryland was one of 13 states that aided the evacuation. Kelly, North Carolina has a total population of approximately 544 people according to 2010 U.S. Census data.

September 21

One HART and an air crew from the 1-224th Security and Support Bn. return back to Maryland.

September 26

The last air crew returns to Maryland from South Carolina.

September 20

One HART is deployed and station in South Carolina, to provide support in their relief effort.



September 25

The public affairs team from the 29th MPAD and the 29th CAB returns to Maryland from North Carolina.

