

ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report



Always Ready. Always There



From the Adjutant General

It is my pleasure to present the Arkansas National Guard's annual report for fiscal year 2008.

It has been a tremendous year in our history, with 3,200 Soldiers leading the way for our nation as the first National Guard brigade combat team to mobilize for a second tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With nearly one-third of our total force deployed overseas, we continued to meet the needs of the state here at home. In fact, it was a historic year in that respect, as we answered the call for 81 state active duty missions in support of civil authorities - more than we have ever faced in a single year of our history.

The year's success didn't come without its challenges, but our Soldiers and Airmen stepped up and answered those challenges with an extremely high level of professionalism. Our troops could not do it alone however. This success was made possible by the support of the Families, friends, employers and entire communities who continue to stand behind these great men and women. That support is greatly appreciated. Through that continued support, our ability to answer the calls of our state and nation remains strong.

Through that same support, the pride in wearing this uniform remains high. This is a fact made evident by the strength in our recruiting and retention numbers. At the end of fiscal 2008, our force stood 10,492 strong - well over 100% of our total authorized strength. On behalf of these 10,492 Soldiers and Airmen, I would like to offer our gratitude to the entire state of Arkansas for the overwhelming support you have shown our organization. Success would not be possible without it.

With this we close the book on another successful chapter of our history, and we pledge our continued support as we stand ready to face the challenges of 2009 and beyond.

William D. Wofford
Major General
The Adjutant General

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MISSION

The Military Department of Arkansas is a broad, community-based, organization with both federal and state government responsibilities. Federal missions include operations in support of the Army and Air Force for peacekeeping and wartime missions. State missions primarily include disaster relief and community support. The department, comprised of both Army and Air National Guard elements, has service and economic impact in 57 Arkansas counties. The agency's mission, vision and values serve to focus operations on critical customer requirements to provide trained, ready professionals and units responsive to the needs of the nation, state and community.

Vision

Arkansas National Guard military and civilian professionals, working as a team, building the finest reserve military organization serving the nation, state and community.

Values

Integrity means honesty, candor, ethics, morals and accountability. Commitment means loyalty, caring, trust and teamwork. Professionalism means selfless service, empowerment, stewardship and excellence in all we do. Warrior Spirit means placing the mission first, never accepting defeat, never quitting and never leaving a fallen comrade.



History

Arkansas National Guard Museum

The museum is located in historic Lloyd England Hall on Camp Joseph T. Robinson, and acquires information and artifacts relating to the Arkansas National Guard, and its militia predecessor.

The museum has over 6,400 square feet devoted to over 1,100 artifacts, including two large models of the post, a conserved Civil War battle flag and a 75mm artillery piece with caisson and limber.

Of particular interest is the Yeater Collection of over 189 weapons, including rifles, muskets, machine guns, pistols, shotguns, sub-machine guns, bayonets, sabers and knives.

The museum is often the first exposure visitors have to the Arkansas National Guard, and hosts over a thousand visitors from all over the world each year.



The Arkansas National Guard traces its roots back to 1804 and a small territorial militia. The governing body of the Indiana territory was charged with developing laws for the newly created District of Louisiana, of which Arkansas was a part. On Oct. 1 of that year, a law was enacted requiring that “all male inhabitants in the district shall be liable to perform militia duties...” By the time Arkansas became the 25th state in 1836 the militia was strong and well organized.

During the reconstruction era the militia was reorganized into the Arkansas State Guard, and then in 1909 it was transformed into the Arkansas National Guard, gaining federal recognition and support. The Air Guard was established in 1925 with the formation of the 154th Observation Squadron at Little Rock’s Adams Field.

The Arkansas Guard has seen action in both World Wars, Korea, Desert Storm, and Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. During World War II members of the Arkansas National Guard crossed the beaches of Normandy, stormed Mount Cassino, helped destroy the Ploesti oil fields, defended Dutch Harbor, Alaska, participated in the Rhineland campaigns and helped liberate Rome.

Since its humble beginnings as a militia, the Arkansas National Guard has fought in the Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War and the infamous Brooks-Baxter War of 1874. The Arkansas Air National Guard entered the jet age with the introduction of the F-84 during the Korean War. Since then, Arkansas Airmen have flown many types of aircraft, including the KC-135 tanker, the RF-101 photo reconnaissance jet, the F-100 Super Saber, the F-4C Phantom and the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Today the 189th Airlift Wing flies the storied C-130 Hercules transport., and the 188th Fighter Wing in Fort Smith wields the A-10 Thunderbolt II, known as the “Warthog.”

The Arkansas National Guard played an important role in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, when 13 Army units were called into federal service and members from 10 Air units were called up. Over 3,400 Arkansans were tapped for the operations.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 11,000 of Arkansas’s Citizen Soldiers and Airmen have been mobilized to more than 50 locations around the globe. This call to service is not without sacrifice. Twenty-three have died while serving overseas, and over 3,200 were deployed away from their Families and employers at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 as part of the Army National Guard’s 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD



Leadership

Joint Force Headquarters

The Joint Staff

Command Group: The Adjutant General, Deputy Adjutant General, Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Forces Land Component Commander, Joint Forces Air Component Commander, Chief of Staff Air National Guard, Director of the Air Staff. **Personal Staff:** Command Sergeant Major, Command Chief Warrant Officer, Inspector General, Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard. **Special Staff:** Chaplain, Director of State Resources, Judge Advocate General, Safety, Special Projects Officer, Human Resources, Director of Military Support, Public Affairs, Intelligence Operations Specialist, Recruiting and Retention. **Coordinating Staff:** Deputy Chiefs of Staff for Logistics, Personnel, Information Management, Operations, Aviation, and Engineering, and the Strategic Planning Officer.



Brig. Gen.
William J. Johnson
Deputy Adjutant General



MG William D. Wofford
The Adjutant General

Maj. Gen. William Wofford is the adjutant general of Arkansas, and is a member of the Governor's cabinet as head of the Arkansas Military Department. His cadre of Air and Army leaders, and professional staff, guide over 10,000 trained and disciplined forces who remain ready to respond when needed. JFHQ, located at historic Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock, is at the center of a complex and expansive organization that is unique in its ability to fulfill both state and federal missions. The Arkansas National Guard operates with over 1,700 full time federal employees and over 500 full time state employees. Over 8,800 Soldiers and Airmen serve as part time Guard members with full time civilian jobs.



Brig. Gen.
Richard E. Swan
Chief of the Joint Staff



Brig. Gen.
Riley P. Porter
Commander, Joint Forces
Air Component



Col. (P)
Roger L. McClellan
Commander, Joint Forces
Land Component



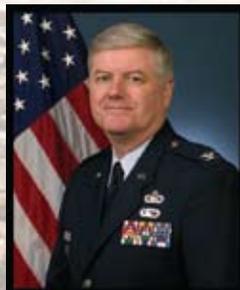
Brig. Gen.
Travis D. Balch
Chief of Staff
Arkansas Air
National Guard



Command Sgt. Maj.
Deborah J. Collins
State Command
Sergeant Major
Arkansas Army
National Guard



Chief Warrant Officer
Wayne Cates
Command Chief
Warrant Officer
Arkansas Army
National Guard



Col.
William E. Stanton
Director of the
Air Staff
Arkansas Air
National Guard



Command Chief
Master Sgt.
Normal P. Gilcrest
Command Chief
Master Sergeant
of the Arkansas Air
National Guard



Leadership

Major Commands

Arkansas National Guard major commands include: the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; the 142nd Fires Brigade; the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade; the 87th Troop Command; the 189th Airlift Wing; the 188th Fighter Wing; the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center; the 233rd Regiment Regional Training Institute; Robinson Maneuver Training Center; Chaffee Maneuver Training Center; the Army Aviation Support Facility; and the State Medical Command.



Col. Kendal W. Penn
Commander, 39th Infantry
Brigade Combat Team



Col. Keith A. Klemmer
Commander, 142nd
Fires Brigade



Col. Karen D. Gattis
Commander, 77th Theater
Aviation Brigade



Col. Mark Lumpkin
Commander, 87th
Troop Command



Col. James R. Summers
Commander, 189th
Airlift Wing



Col. Thomas I. Anderson
Commander, 188th
Fighter Wing



Col. Walter L. Jones
Commander, Robinson
Maneuver Training Center



Lt. Col. Robert E. Embry
Commander, Chaffee
Maneuver Training Center



Col. Steven E. Miles
Commander, National Guard
Marksmanship Training Center



Col. Stephen A. Womack
Commander, 233rd Regiment
Regional Training Center



Col. Robert A. Mason
State Surgeon
State Medical Command



Lt. Col. Mark McMullen
Commander, Army Aviation
Support Facility

▶ **10,492**

Soldiers and Airmen make up the Arkansas National Guard.

▶ **1,736**

*Full time employees
583 State employees
588 Federal Technicians
565 Active Guard & Reserve*

▶ **8,234**

Army National Guard members.

▶ **1,970**

Air National Guard members.

▶ **11,500**

Soldiers and Airmen mobilized in support of federal missions since Sept. 11, 2001.

▶ **3,200**

Approximate number of members deployed as of Oct. 1, 2008.



Units

Separate Units

Joint Force Headquarters*
 61st Civil Support Team (WMD)*
 Army Aviation Support Facility*
 Detachment 30, Operations Support Airlift Command*
 Medical Command*
 Recruiting and Retention Command*
 Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center*
 Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center
 233rd Regiment Regional Training Institute*
 National Guard Marksmanship Training Center*

142nd Fires Brigade

Headquarters, Headquarters Btry., Fayetteville
 142nd Network Support Signal Co., Springdale
 Btry. F, Target Acquisition Btry., Fayetteville

217th Brigade Support Battalion

Headquarters, Headquarters Co., Booneville
 Co. A (-), Lincoln
 Det. 1, Co. A, Berryville
 Co. B, Rogers

1st Battalion, MLRS - M270A1

Headquarters, Headquarters Btry., Harrison
 Btry. A, Bentonville
 Btry. B, Springdale
 Btry. C, Rogers
 1142nd (-) Forward Spt. Co., Bentonville
 Det. 1, 1142nd Forward Spt. Co., Harrison

2nd Battalion, M109A6 Paladin Howitzer

Headquarters, Headquarters Btry., Fort Smith
 Btry. A, Van Buren
 Btry. B, Siloam Springs
 Btry. C, Ozark
 937th (-) Forward Spt. Co., Fort Chaffee
 Det. 1, 937th Forward Spt. Co., Charleston

77th Theater Aviation Brigade

Headquarters, Headquarters Co.*
 777th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB)*
 Co. F, 1st Bn., 211th Aviation (Air Traffic Services)*
 Det. 1, Co. B, 449th Aviation Support Bn. (AVIM)*
 Det. 1, Co. C, 1st Bn., 111th Air Ambulance*
 Det. 3, Co. D, 1st Bn., 111th Aviation Bn.*
 Det. 3, Co. E, 1st Bn., 111th Aviation Bn.*
 HHC 1st Bn., 114th Aviation*
 Co. A, (-) 1st Bn., 114th Aviation (Security and Support)*
 Det. 3, HHC, 1st Bn., 185th Aviation*
 Co. B, 1st Bn., 185th Aviation*
 Co. C, 1st Bn., 185th Aviation*
 Det. 1, Co. D, 1st Bn., 185th Aviation*
 Det. 1, Co. E, 1st Bn., 185th Aviation*

87th Troop Command

87th Troop Command Headquarters*

25th Rear Tactical Operation Center*

871st Troop Command Headquarters*

119th Mobile Public Affairs Det., North Little Rock
 106th Army Band*
 296th Ambulance Co., Hot Springs
 213th (-) Med. Co. (Area Support), North Little Rock
 Det. 1, 213th Med. Co., Dumas
 216th Military Police Co. (-), West Memphis
 Det. 1, 216th Military Police Co., North Little Rock
 1123rd Transportation Co. (-), North Little Rock
 Det. 1, 1123rd Transportation Co., Blytheville
 224th Maintenance Co. (-), Mountain Home
 Det. 1, 224th Maintenance Co., Marshall

875th Engineer Battalion

Headquarters, Headquarters Co., Jonesboro
 1036th Engineer Co., Jonesboro
 1037th Engineer Co., Paragould
 1038th Horizontal Construction Co.*
 1039th Engineer Co. (-), Marked Tree
 Det. 1, 1039th Engineer Co., Harrisburg

39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

Headquarters, Little Rock

Special Troops Battalion

Headquarters, Headquarters Co., Conway
Co. A, Clarksville (Engineers)
Co. B, Little Rock (Military Intelligence)
Co. C, Pine Bluff (Signal)

Brigade Support Battalion

Headquarters, Headquarters Co., Hazen
Co. A (-), Stuttgart } (Transportation
Det. 1, Co. A, West Helena } Fuel &
Det. 2, Co. A, Pine Bluff } Water)
Co. B, Heber Springs (Maintenance & Transportation)
Co. C, Lonoke (Medical)
Det. 1, Co. F, Beebe (Forward Support)

1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery

Headquarters, Headquarters Btry. (-), Russellville
Btry. A (-), Morrilton
Det. 1, HHB*
Det. 1, Btry. A, Perryville
Btry. B (-), Dardanelle
Det. 1, Btry. B, Paris
Attached: Co. G, BSB, Russellville

1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry

Headquarters, Headquarters Co. (-), Malvern
Det. 1, HHC*
Det. 1, Malvern
Co. A (-), Prescott
Det. 1, Co. A, Arkadelphia
Co. B (-), Texarkana
Det. 1, Co. B, Hope
Co. C (-), Mena
Det. 1, Co. C, DeQueen
Co. D, Sheridan
Attached: Co. E, BSB, Benton

2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry

Headquarters, Headquarters Co. (-), Searcy
Det. 1, HHC, Wynne
Det. 2, HHC*
Co. A, Walnut Ridge
Det. 1, Co. A, Rector
Co. B (-), Batesville
Det. 1, Co. B, Augusta
Co. C (-), Forrest City
Det. 1, Co. C, Brinkley
Co. D, Newport
Attached: Co. F, BSB, Cabot

1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry

Headquarters, Headquarters Troop (-), Warren

Det. 1, HHT*
Troop A (-), El Dorado
Det. 1, Troop A, Crossett
Troop B, Magnolia
Troop C (-), Camden
Det. 1, Troop C, Fordyce
Attached: Co. D, 39th BSB, Monticello

189th Airlift Wing**

189th Operations Group**
189th Operations Support Flt.
154th Training Sqd.

189th Maintenance Group**
189th Maintenance Sqd.
189th Aircraft Maintenance Sqd.
189th Maintenance Operations Flt.
189th Maintenance Spt. Flt.

189th Mission Support Group**
189th Mission Spt. Flt.
189th Communications Flt.
189th Security Forces Sqd.
189th Services Flt.
189th Civil Engineer Sqd.
189th Aerial Port Flt.
189th Logistics Readiness Sqd.

189th Medical Group**

Air Guard Separate Units

123rd Intelligence Squadron **
154th Weather Flight **

188th Fighter Wing***

188th Mission Support Group***
188th Mission Spt. Flt.
188th Civil Engineer Sqd.
188th Security Forces Sqd.
188th Communications Flt.
188th Services Flt.
188th Logistics Readiness Sqd.

188th Operations Group***
184th Fighter Sqd.
188th Operations Spt. Flt.

188th Maintenance Group***
188th Maintenance Operations Flt.
188th Maintenance Sqd.
188th Aircraft Maintenance Sqd.

188th Medical Group***

*Camp Joseph T. Robinson
**Little Rock Air Force Base
***Fort Smith Air National Guard Station



Joint Force

61st CST (WMD)



The 61st Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) is comprised of 20 full-time Army and Air National Guard members, who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents anywhere in the state. Among the many specialized tools employed by the CST is a mobile laboratory where their technicians can quickly analyze samples of unknown substances to help first responders know what they are up against. The unit trains year round, and was called out for a real world mission June 19 in Fayetteville, Ark.,

when approximately 30 people experienced symptoms from exposure to an unknown contaminant. A joint training exercise with the Red River Army Depot's Directorate of Emergency Services served as the first test of the unit's new "divided response plan." The plan calls for a smaller "strike team" of technicians, survey team members, medical personnel and leadership to be airlifted ahead of the main body during an emergency situation.

▶ **99%**

Certainty in identifying hazardous substances by the 61st CST (WMD).

▶ **1,000**

Hours per year the 61st CST (WMD) spends training to maintain proficiency.

▶ **24/7**

The 61st CST (WMD) is on call for response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.

▶ **187,000**

Square foot Army Aviation Support Facility on Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

▶ **16**

UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters welcomed back from the overseas deployment reset program.

▶ **\$33 mil**

AASF facility opened in Fiscal Year 2007.

AASF

The Army Aviation Support Facility provides centralized control, proper utilization and maintenance support of Arkansas Army National Guard aviation assets. Detachment 30, Operations Support Airlift Command, and the Security and Surveillance Counter Drug Aviation Operation fall under the AASF. The 187,000 square foot facility, completed in 2007, anchors the Camp Robinson Army Air Field, and is the focal point for Arkansas Army National Guard aviation operations. During Fiscal Year 2008, the facility supported aviation operations that included fighting wildfires in California, hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana and Texas, and the rescue of a downed hang glider pilot on the dangerous slopes of Petit Jean Mountain near Morilton. The AASF also welcomed back 16 UH-60 Blackhawks from the overseas deployment reset program. The aircraft were returned in like-new condition, providing Arkansas Army national Guard pilots upgraded avionics and improved reliability.





Joint Force

▶ 1,474

Total new recruits brought into the Arkansas National Guard, including 202 new Air Guard members.

▶ 590

New troops entered the Arkansas National Guard through the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program.

▶ \$1.1 mil

Paid out to Soldiers and Airmen participating in the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program

▶ 8,500

Periodic Health Assessments performed by MEDCOM each year.

▶ 23,000 +

Inoculations of Arkansas National Guard Soldiers by MEDCOM in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ 9,000 +

Medical exams or reviews of Guard troops in Fiscal Year 2008.

R & R

Recruiting and Retention Command, headed by Lt. Col. Gregory C. Bacon, is responsible for obtaining and retaining qualified individuals for the Army National Guard to meet the demands of local, state and national taskings. As of September 30, 2008, the Arkansas Army National Guard stood at approximately 8,500. Over 590 new recruits entered the Arkansas National Guard through the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program, which paid out over \$1.1 million to Soldiers and Airmen who participated in the program. In Fiscal Year 2008, the Recruiting and Retention force consisted of 240



personnel, including full-time military recruiters, contracted civilians and long term active duty for operational support. Also in Fiscal Year 2008, Recruiting and Retention's Army National Guard Fishing Team unveiled a powerful tool to hook new recruits: a new fully-decked out tournament fishing boat.

MEDCOM

Col. Robert A. Mason is the Arkansas National Guard state surgeon and head of the State Medical Command. MEDCOM, located on Camp Joseph T. Robinson, is responsible for the health and well-being of the state's National Guard Soldiers. In Fiscal Year 2008, the Medical Command and State Surgeon's Office moved from the Troop Medical Clinic and building 6401 on Camp Robinson to building 15301, known previously as the old 2nd Battalion headquarters of the 77th Aviation Brigade. The move was made, partly, to accommodate the new annual Periodic Health Assessment, which replaced the five year Periodic Physical Exam. The PHA provides the most current, yearly medical screening possible for Soldiers, and places an increased emphasis on individual medical readiness requirements. A major addition to the PHA process is preventative health care counseling for identified risk factors.





Army Units

39th IBCT



The 39th Infantry Brigade Combat team is the largest major subordinate command in the Arkansas National Guard, comprised of approximately one-third of the state's Army force. After having served an 18-month mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2005, the 39th was called up for another tour to Iraq in 2008 - the first

National Guard brigade combat team called for a second rotation. The brigade spent the entirety of fiscal 2008 in an active duty status and deployed forward in March with a mission primarily focused on security and force protection across various areas throughout central and southeast Iraq. The brigade's headquarters element took over the responsibility of base defense for the Victory Base Complex in Baghdad, while the majority of its remaining personnel were located in Tallil, Taji and Al Asad. Of the over 3,000 Soldiers who deployed with the 39th IBCT, approximately half are combat veterans from the brigade's first tour to Iraq. Soldiers and units from each of the Arkansas National Guard's major subordinate commands were tapped to fill the ranks of the 39th for this deployment.

▶ **1,566**

39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Soldiers on their second deployment since 2003.

▶ **46**

39th IBCT units in 42 Armories across the state.

▶ **318**

39th IBCT troops re-enlisted during the recent OIF deployment.

▶ **12**

Rockets can be fired by the MLRS in less than 60 seconds, completely blanketing one square kilometer from over 26 miles away.

▶ **32**

Tons of the latest advances in 155mm self-propelled artillery, the Paladin can fire up to four rounds per minute at a range of up to 30 kilometers.

▶ **143**

142nd Fires Brigade Soldiers mobilized in direct support of Hurricane Gustav operations.

142nd Fires Brigade



The 142nd Fires Brigade has 19 units in 15 different communities throughout northwest Arkansas. The second largest unit of the Arkansas Army National Guard wields the M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System, and the M109A6 Paladin Howitzer, but is most recently known for having several units deployed to Iraq where they served various security missions. The 2nd Battalion's Alpha and Bravo batteries returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom in October 2007, and Charlie battery returned to the United States in February 2008. The 142nd's 217th Brigade Support Battalion was mobilized in 2008 to augment the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

for their second Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment. Many members of the 142nd mobilized state side in support of relief efforts due to the many tornados and floods that hit Arkansas early in 2008, including a 30-person team who made a difference in the devastated community of Atkins, which lost three citizens when hit by a powerful tornado in March.



Army Units

▶ **3,500 +**

77th Theater Aviation Brigade flight hours in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **500**

77th TAB Soldiers honored in Freedom Salute ceremonies in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **214**

77th TAB personnel returned home from deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

▶ **19**

87th Troop Command units in 11 communities in north east and central Arkansas.

▶ **105**

Members of the 87th Troop Command returned from deployment in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **450**

87th TC Soldiers mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of the 39th IBCT.

77th TAB



Located at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade is comprised of approximately 600 Soldiers supporting the state's Army Aviation mission. The brigade's first battalion, 114th Aviation (Security and Support) is responsible for reconnaissance, command and control, and air movement operations in support of homeland security and homeland defense with its force of UH-60 Blackhawk and OH-58 Kiowa helicopters. The battalion's proficiency was most recently tested with the unit's movement of 40 of its personnel to Louisiana to provide command and control

of all aviation assets there in support of relief and recovery operations during the 2008 hurricane season. The brigade's 777th Aviation Support Battalion provides logistical support for the brigade to include aviation maintenance, air traffic control and medical evacuation. Throughout Fiscal Year 2008, the 77th responded to multiple state and national missions to include response to Arkansas tornados, Gulf Coast hurricanes, California wildfires, and other calls for support on the homeland such as search and rescue and counterdrug operations support. In total the brigade flew over 3,500 hours during the year.

87th Troop Command

The 87th Troop Command is the most diverse in military specialty in the Arkansas National Guard. The brigade is comprised of approximately 1,400 Soldiers serving in specialized units such as military police, medical and ambulance companies, engineers, maintenance, transportation, rear operations, public affairs and the Army band. The brigade is made up of 20 units from 13 different communities in the Central, Northeast and Delta regions of Arkansas. In April 2008, the state welcomed home approximately 30 members of the battalion headquarters element of the brigade's 871st Troop Command. The unit spent 10 months serving as a 'Mayor's Cell' for the US Army post housed in Tallil, Iraq. In July, the 871st welcomed home its 213th Area Support Medical Company after its 70 Soldiers spent the past 10 months serving in Tallil as well, having treated over 20,000 patients during the deployment. Upon activation, the 39th IBCT saw its force augmented by approximately 450 Soldiers from various units in the 87th Troop Command.





Air Units

188th Fighter Wing



The 188th Fighter Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard is co-located with the municipal airport at Fort Smith, Ark., and flies the A-10 Thunderbolt II “Warthog,” having completed a conversion from the F-16. In Fiscal Year 2008 the newly formed 188th Fighter Wing/Fort Chaffee Community Council, and the 188th Fighter Wing hosted the 2008 biannual Fort Smith Regional Air Show. Over 200,000 spectators were thrilled by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team, and were given an up close view of the wing’s Airmen, aircraft and facilities. The event brought in an estimated \$5.25 million

of economic activity into the local economy. Once the F-16 to A-10 conversion was complete, the wing began the process of converting from the A-10A to the A-10C, resulting in over 100 personnel in the Maintenance Group receiving upgrade training. The 188th continues to support Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, and has over 30 members of the 188th Security Forces Squadron currently deployed to Kyrgyzstan.

189th Airlift Wing

The 189th Airlift Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard is located on the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville. The wing’s mission focuses on providing C-130 air crew training, and airlifting cargo and personnel in support of state and national objectives. In Fiscal Year 2008, the 189th flew over 5,100 hours and trained 377 students on aircraft that average 46 years of flying service. Over 140 students were trained in the Enlisted Air crew Academic School. The 189th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed 125 engineers to four locations, accomplishing 2,805 hours of renovation at Wake Island, 213,000 pounds of installed steel for a quarter mile of border-fence construction for Operation Jump Start, and 4,000 feet of rebar and 126 yards of concrete were poured at Savannah Air National Guard Base, Ga. The 189th Airlift Wing received a passing grade from the Air Education and Training Command’s operational readiness inspectors. About 15 members of the 189th Security Forces were called to state active duty Feb. 8, 2008 to augment Clinton, Ark., law enforcement officials after a tornado ripped through the town on Feb. 5. The 189th helped repatriate 35 Louisianans evacuated to Little Rock before Hurricane Gustav struck the Gulf Coast.

▶ **1,013**

Personnel is the new authorized strength of the 188th Fighter Wing

▶ **3,636**

Flying hours over 2,451 training flights for 188th pilots in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **\$11.5 mil**

In construction projects managed by 188th Civil Engineering.

▶ **5,100**

Hours the 189th Airlift Wing flew safely during Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **377**

Students trained on 189th Airlift Wing aircraft in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **213,000**

Pounds of steel installed by 189th Airlift Wing Civil Engineers along the border during Operation Jump Start.



Air Units

▶ **56,000**

Accumulated days the 123rd has been mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001.

▶ **700**

Combat intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance sorties the 123rd has provided imagery analysis for.

▶ **50**

Homeland security, law enforcement and natural disaster missions supported by the 123rd in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **22**

Army support weather units in the Air National Guard, including the 154th Weather Flight.

▶ **3**

Army National Guard brigades supported by the 154th Weather Flight.

▶ **100%**

Of the Weather Flight's personnel have deployed in support of OIF or OEF.

123rd Intel Squadron

The 123rd Intelligence Squadron provides near real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support to coalition forces conducting missions as part of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

This 85 member organization receives, analyzes, processes and disseminates intelligence data from manned and unmanned intelligence collection platforms. Their enhanced digital image processing provides the warfighter on the ground the imagery intelligence to maintain positive situational awareness on the battlefield, as well as definitive targeting data necessary to minimize collateral damage.

Along with their roll in supporting the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, during 2008 the 123rd also supported emergency operations involving flood, forest fire and hurricane relief missions with real-time video imagery using the RC-26B aircraft. This imagery support was critical in fighting wildfires in California and in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike which struck the Texas coast.

154th Weather Flight

The 154th Weather Flight is a geographically separate unit of the Arkansas Air National Guard. Its mission is to provide the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team with 24-hour tactical meteorological and climatological services.



Operationally, the 154th, with its limited strength of only 14 personnel, supported several activities in 2008. One member deployed to the 15th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Steward, Ga, to backfill for a member forward deployed to Iraq. In August, a four person team forward deployed for 17 days with members of the 77th's 1st of the 114th Aviation Battalion to Baton Rouge, La., for Hurricane Gustav support.

In addition to observations and forecasts, the unit provides real-time asset protection via weather watches, warnings and advisories to airfield managers in order to protect personnel and aircraft when severe weather approaches.



Federal Missions

Operation Iraqi Freedom



The Arkansas National Guard continues to support Operation Iraqi Freedom with trained and professional Soldiers and Airmen. Over 3,400 members of the Arkansas Army National Guard were deployed throughout Iraq as part of the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which mobilized in late 2007 and returned home throughout December 2008.

Many units throughout the Army Guard were tapped to augment the 39th's deployment, including the 217th Brigade Support Battalion of the 142nd Fires Brigade, and the 87th Troop Command's 216th Military Police Company, 1123rd Transportation Company, 224th Maintenance Company and the 1038th Horizontal Construction Company of the 875th Engineer Battalion.

On the Air Guard side, the 123rd Intelligence Squadron is providing imagery intelligence support to the troops on the ground in Southwest Asia with out leaving Arkansas.

Many units of the Arkansas Army National Guard returned home in Fiscal Year 2008. A and B Batteries, 2nd of the 142nd Fires Brigade returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom in October 2007. The Army Airspace Command and Control element of the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade returned in December 2007. C

Battery, 2nd of the 142nd came home in February 2008, and Headquarters, Headquarters Battery of the 142nd arrived home in April 2008. The Headquarters element of the 871st Troop Command hit American soil in June 2008, and the 871st's 213th Area Support Medical Company was welcomed home in July.



▶ **3,300**

Approximate number of Soldiers and Airmen deployed in support of federal missions.

▶ **400**

Days in a current federal mobilization.

▶ **193**

Days spent on active duty in Iraq by members of the 39th IBCT during FY 2008.

▶ **34**

Members of the Air National Guard's 123rd Intelligence Squadron mobilized in support of OIF.

▶ **350**

Full time members of the Arkansas National Guard were federally mobilized under U.S. code Title 10.

▶ **3,821**

Soldiers federally mobilized under U.S. code Title 10 in Fiscal Year 2008.



Federal Missions

Operation Enduring Freedom

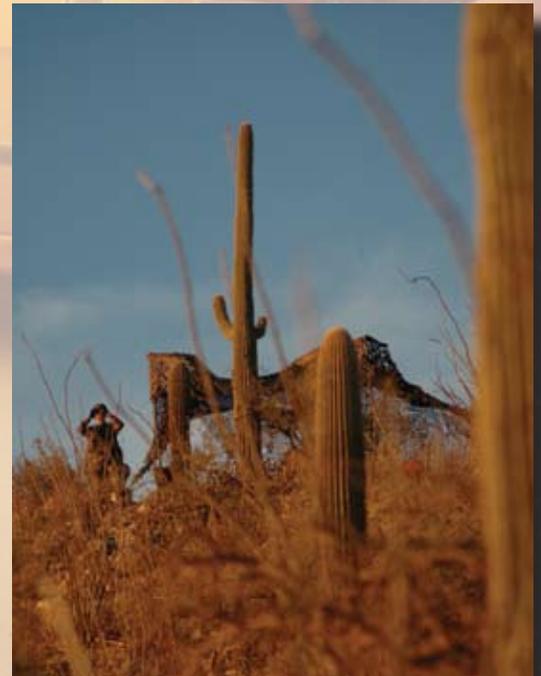


The Arkansas National Guard continues to support the global war on terror through flexibility of mission and availability of troops. In December 2008 Detachment 30, Operations Support Airlift, Joint Force Headquarters, returned from a deployment to Djibouti, Africa, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom - Horn of Africa.

Approximately 32 members of the 188th Fighter Wing's Security Forces deployed in July to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan as part of the Air Expeditionary Forces.

Operation Jump Start

Operation Jump Start is the name given to the deployment of National Guard troops along the United States/Mexico border. National Guard members were not involved in actual law enforcement activities. They supported the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Border Patrol agencies with administrative and civil engineering projects. By taking over these two areas they freed up sworn agents to field units. Before the operation wrapped up in July 2008, Arkansas had over 80 Soldiers and Airmen on orders in support of the operation, including six in Arizona, 71 in New Mexico, eight in Texas and two in Arkansas.



▶ **32**

Members of the 188th Fighter Wing's Security Forces deployed to Kyrgyzstan.

▶ **500**

Flight hours flown by Detachment 30, OSA in support of OEF-Horn of Africa.

▶ **1,243**

Arkansas National Guard flight hours on border during Operation Jump Start.

▶ **27,950**

Operational Man days by the Arkansas National Guard in support of Operation Jump Start in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **91.4**

Arkansas Soldiers and Airmen, on average, manned the US-Mexico border in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **63%**

Drop in the number of illegal crossings through the Arkansas sectors of Arizona and New Mexico.



State Active Duty

A busy year for the Guard

In 2008 the Arkansas National Guard proved the value of its dual mission by responding to a spate of natural disasters, including hurricanes, tornados, flooding and fires. The Directorate of Military Support counted 81 state active duty missions in Fiscal Year 2008, a marked rise from the ___ in Fiscal Year 2007. The 81st mission began Sep. 26, and temporarily provided two water buffalos to North Little Rock.

The fiscal year's first state active duty mission began Dec. 13 with a manhunt in Bee Branch that involved personnel and a Blackhawk from the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade. The next 24 missions began Feb. 5, 2008 when a powerful tornado ripped through several northwest Arkansas communities in Pope, Van Buren, Baxter, Stone and Scott counties. The small town of Atkins, near Russellville, was especially hard hit.

In March, wide-spread flooding brought the Guard out for another six missions in communities from Leslie, Marshall and Berryville to Jacksonport and other areas of northeast Arkansas.

Another round of tornados and flooding on Apr. 3 resulted in 10 more state active duty missions. Members of the Guard fanned out to help victims in Saline, Baxter and Carroll counties, and in Pulaski, Searcy, and Independence counties.

Two more tornados on May 2 and May 10 resulted in 11 more missions covering Damascus, Heber Springs, Hensley, Greers Ferry, Stuttgart and Earle. By this point, the mission number was over 50, compared to just nine state active duty missions in May 2007.

A Jun. 3 manhunt in Van Buren county was mission number 55, and involved personnel and a Kiowa from the Directorate of Military Support's Counterdrug program.



▶ **81**

State Active Duty missions in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **24**

State Active Duty missions undertaken in 15 days after the Feb. 5 storms.

▶ **715**

Arkansas Guard members called to State Active Duty.

▶ **100 +**

Vehicles used to support State Active Duty missions.

▶ **25**

Instances aircraft were used to support disaster relief in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **700 +**

Cots provided for tornado, flood and hurricane victims.



State Active Duty

▶ **3,000 +**

Blankets provided for tornado, flood and hurricane victims.

▶ **2,308**

Displaced citizens of New Orleans processed through Fort Chaffee.

▶ **2,200**

Displaced citizens of New Orleans housed at Fort Chaffee following Hurricane Gustav.

▶ **216**

Soldiers and Airmen called up to work at Fort Chaffee during evacuee operations.

▶ **44**

Soldiers and Airmen deployed to Baton Rouge in support of Hurricane Gustav relief operations.

▶ **40**

Medical patients returned to Louisiana via a 189th Airlift Wing C-130.

On Jun. 19, 23 employees at the Washington County Health Department fell ill due to an unknown contaminant, resulting in the 61st Civil Support Team's first real-world mission for 2008. Sixteen members of the unit, their equipment and a mobile lab truck moved to the scene near Fayetteville, and quickly determined that no volatile substances were involved.

The raging wildfires in California brought five members of the 77th and a Blackhawk out for mission number 57. They returned to Arkansas July 31.

On August 25 news stations in the state caught dramatic footage of the Guard's search and rescue capabilities when a Blackhawk crew snatched a stranded hang glider from the rocky slope of Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton.

Gustav and Ike



The Arkansas National Guard's relief efforts for Hurricane Gustav began well before the powerful storm reached land. State active duty mission 59 began on August 29 with the deployment of 44 Soldiers and Airmen to Baton Rouge International Airport to perform airspace management and command and control, and weather analysis, forecasts and air-field resource protection. Also on the 29th, the Guard opened up Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center to Hurricane Gustav evacuees, who numbered over 2,300 before they were returned to their homes some 15 days later. A total of 15 missions covered Gustav relief efforts, including an airlift of medical patients back to health care facilities in Louisiana.

Hurricane Ike missions began September 10 with the 189th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard picking up hurricane relief supplies. State active duty mission 74 saw two Arkansas Blackhawks and eight personnel from the 77th deployed to Texas for possible search and rescue, commodities distribution and/or levy repair missions.

Mission number 80 for fiscal year 2008 began September 20 when a readiness center in Texarkana was opened for two days to aid Texas victims of Hurricane Ike.





Top Stories



Oct. 1, 2007 – Approximately 3,000 Soldiers called to active duty for training in preparation for the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's 2nd mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Oct. 1, 2007 – The 123rd Intelligence Squadron continues its local mobilization in support of the Predator mission overseas. Housed at the Little Rock Air Force Base, the unit has provided real time data interpretation to the troops on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001.

October 2-13, 2007 – The Camp Robinson based Marksmanship Training Center hosted over 400 military marksmen for its 37th annual Winston P. Wilson Marksmanship Training Exercise and 17th annual Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting.



Oct. 3, 2007 - Approximately 40 Soldiers returned from deployment to Iraq with the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade's Company D, 2nd Battalion, 114th Aviation Regiment (Air Traffic Services).

Oct. 8, 2007 - Approximately 250 troops with the Van Buren and Siloam Springs based Batteries A and B of the 142nd Fires Brigade's 2nd Battalion return from Iraq.

Oct. 9, 2007 – Approximately 80 Soldiers with the Headquarters and Headquarters Support Battery of the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Fires Brigade return from Iraq.

Oct. 11, 2007 – Group Internment ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery for the 77th Aviation Brigade's Maj. Michael Taylor, Sgt. Maj. William 'Tom' Warren, and Sgt. 1st Class John 'Gary' Brown who



were killed on January 20, 2007 along with 12 others when their Blackhawk went down to enemy fire outside of Baghdad.

Oct. 13, 2007 – Grand opening of the new 39,725 square foot Morale Welfare and Recreation complex at Camp Robinson.

Oct. 13, 2007 – Col. Walter Jones assumes command of the Robinson Maneuver Training Center from Col. Steve Payne.

Nov. 2, 2007 - Staff Sergeants Jay Pedro and Randy Schnell, with Camp Robinson's National Guard Marksmanship Training Center, placed second in the 7th annual International Sniper Marksmanship Sustainment Training Exercise, held at Fort Benning, Ga.

Nov. 3, 2007 - Col. Jim Summers assumes command of the 189th Airlift Wing from Col. Travis D. Balch.



Dec. 6, 2007 - Six Soldiers were reunited with their Families, when the 77th's Army Airspace Command and Control team returned from its yearlong deployment to Iraq.

Dec. 31, 2007 - Brig. Gen. Larry Haltom, the deputy adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard, retires after 36 years of service.



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Jan. 2, 2008 – The 39th Brigade advance party departs for the unit’s mobilization station, Camp Shelby, Miss. The state would witness 29 more send-offs over the next five days.

Jan. 5, 2008 - William J. Johnson promoted to the rank of brigadier general and appointed as the deputy adjutant general - the first African American general officer in the Arkansas National Guard.



Jan. 23, 2008 - The 123rd Intelligence Squadron celebrated its 50th anniversary as part of the Arkansas Air National Guard.

Feb. 2, 2008 - The 233rd Regional Training Institute opens its new \$5.5 million General Instruction Building on Camp Robinson.



Feb. 5, 2008 – A single tornado tore a 123 mile swath of destruction from Atkins to Highland, and killed 13 people. Arkansas National Guard troops fanned out to lend muscle, equipment and support, resulting in 24 state active duty missions over a 12 day period.

Feb. 12, 2008 - Over 150 Soldiers with the Ozark based Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Fires Brigade arrive home to the United States just two days shy of Valentine’s Day.

Mar. 1, 2008 - The 223rd Combat Communications Squadron closes its doors in Hot Springs, sealing the final chapter of the Air National Guard unit’s 55-year history.

Mar. 3, 2008 – A tornado struck Camp Shelby, Miss.,

where the 39th Brigade was preparing for deployment to Iraq. Fourteen Arkansas Soldiers suffered minor injuries when a barracks roof collapsed as a result of the powerful storm.



Mar. 6, 2008 – The 39th Brigade conducts a farewell ceremony at Camp Shelby, Miss., and prepares for its late March deployment.

Mar. 19, 2008 – Heavy rains cause flooding across the state and in turn result in seven more state active duty missions for the Guard in Leslie, Marshall, Berryville, Newark and Jacksonport. Missions included fresh water support, emergency shelter, provision of sandbagging equipment, and damage assessment flights.

Mar. 23, 2008 – Approximately 60 Soldiers with the Fayetteville based Headquarters element of the 142nd Fires Brigade returns from Iraq via Fort Sill, Okla., on Easter Sunday.

Apr. 3, 2008 - Another round of Arkansas tornadoes tore through the state resulting in state active duty missions from Cammack Village in Pulaski County to Hurricane Creek in Saline County. Total states mission count for the fiscal year breaks 40.

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Apr. 17, 2008 – For the second time in Iraq, the 39th Brigade officially takes responsibility of their mission with a transition of authority ceremony.

April 24, 2008 - The 87th Troop Command welcomes home 30 Soldiers with its North Little Rock based 871st Troop Command Headquarters after having completed a yearlong ‘mayor’s cell’ mission in Tallil, Iraq.

May 4, 2008 – Sgt. Erich Smallwood, of Truman, and Sgt. John Ray Massey, of Higginson, were honored for their sacrifice at Camp Robinson when their names were added to the Guard’s Killed in Action Memorial. Both men were killed in Iraq while deployed in 2007.



May 2, 2008 – Tornados result in the call for Guard support in Damascus, Heber Springs and Hensley.



The Guard was primarily tasked with providing security in the devastated areas.

May 10, 2008 - The state active duty mission count topped 50 when another round of strong storms moved through the state, spawning a powerful tornado that left a large part of Stuttgart in ruins.

May 17-18, 2008 - The 2008 Fort Smith Air Show was cohosted by the City of Fort Smith, Fort Chaffee Community Council and the 188th Fighter Wing. The two-day event drew over 220,000 attendees.

May 18, 2008 - Col. Jeffrey Montgomery hands over

command of the 142nd Fires Brigade to then-Lt. Col. Keith Klemmer in a ceremony at Fort Chaffee.



Jun. 8, 2008 - Travis D. Balch promoted to the rank of brigadier general and named chief of staff for the Arkansas Air National Guard.

June 19, 2008 – Approximately 30 employees of the Arkansas Department of Health in Fayetteville fell ill with respiratory problems as a result of an unknown contaminant. The 61st Civil Support Team (WMD) was called out to support the local authorities and found there to be no unexpected volatile substances on the scene.

June 30, 2008 – The 87th Troop Command welcomes home 70 members of the brigade’s North Little Rock and Dumas based 213th Medical Company (Area Support) at the conclusion of its mission to provide ‘level II’ medical care to all of South Central and Southeast Iraq. By the end of the unit’s deployment, the 213th had treated over 20,000 patients.

July 5, 2008 - Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Woodham, of Rogers, Ark., died in Tallil, Iraq, of non-combat related causes while serving with the 39th Brigade.



Top Stories

July 12, 2008 – Five Soldiers with the 77th Aviation Brigade departed for California with a UH-60 Blackhawk equipped with a “Bambi bucket” to assist with the state’s massive wildfires. The Air Guard’s 123rd Intelligence Squadron was also called upon to provide imagery analysis support during the operation.

July 28, 2008 - Over 30 members of the 188th Fighter Wing’s 188th Security Forces Squadron, from Fort Smith, deployed to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan for a six month rotation in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Aug. 11-15, 2008 – The commander of the Guatemalan Air Force, Brig. Gen. Juan Ruiz leads a delegation of other Guatemalan leaders during a visit to the natural state as part of their partnership with the Arkansas National Guard in the international State Partnership Program.

Aug. 25, 2008 – The Guard responded to its 58th state active duty mission by deploying a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to Conway County for an extremely dangerous night rescue of a stranded hang glider pilot who had crash landed on the side of Petit Jean Mountain.

Aug. 29, 2008 – The advance party of a total team of 44 Soldiers and Airmen headed south to Camp Beauregard, La., in preparation for Hurricane Gustav. The Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 114th Security and Support, were tasked to provide airspace management and command and control for all aviation assets there



to support the relief effort. The Airmen of the 154th Weather Flight were deployed as part of the team to

provide weather briefings and forecasts to the pilots supporting the effort.

Aug. 30, 2008 – Evacuees seeking shelter from the incoming Hurricane Gustav begin arriving at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center. The post welcomed a total of 2,308 evacuees primarily from the New Orleans area.



Aug. 31, 2008 – Hurricane Gustav hits the Gulf Coast. The Guard responds to a total of 14 state active duty missions as a result of the storm. Arkansas was called upon for missions ranging from emergency shelter, commodities distribution (primarily cots and blankets), damage assessment flights and imagery analysis.

Sep. 1, 2008 – Maj. Gen. (Ret.) James Herbert “Jimmie Red” Jones, former adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard, passes away at his home in Hot Springs at the age of 88.

Sep. 13, 2008 – Hurricane Ike hits the Gulf Coast. The Guard responds to a total of six state active duty missions as a result of the storm. Missions ranged from generator power support, delivery of hurricane relief supplies, deployment of Blackhawks for possible search and rescue, and transportation of medical patients back to Louisiana via C-130.

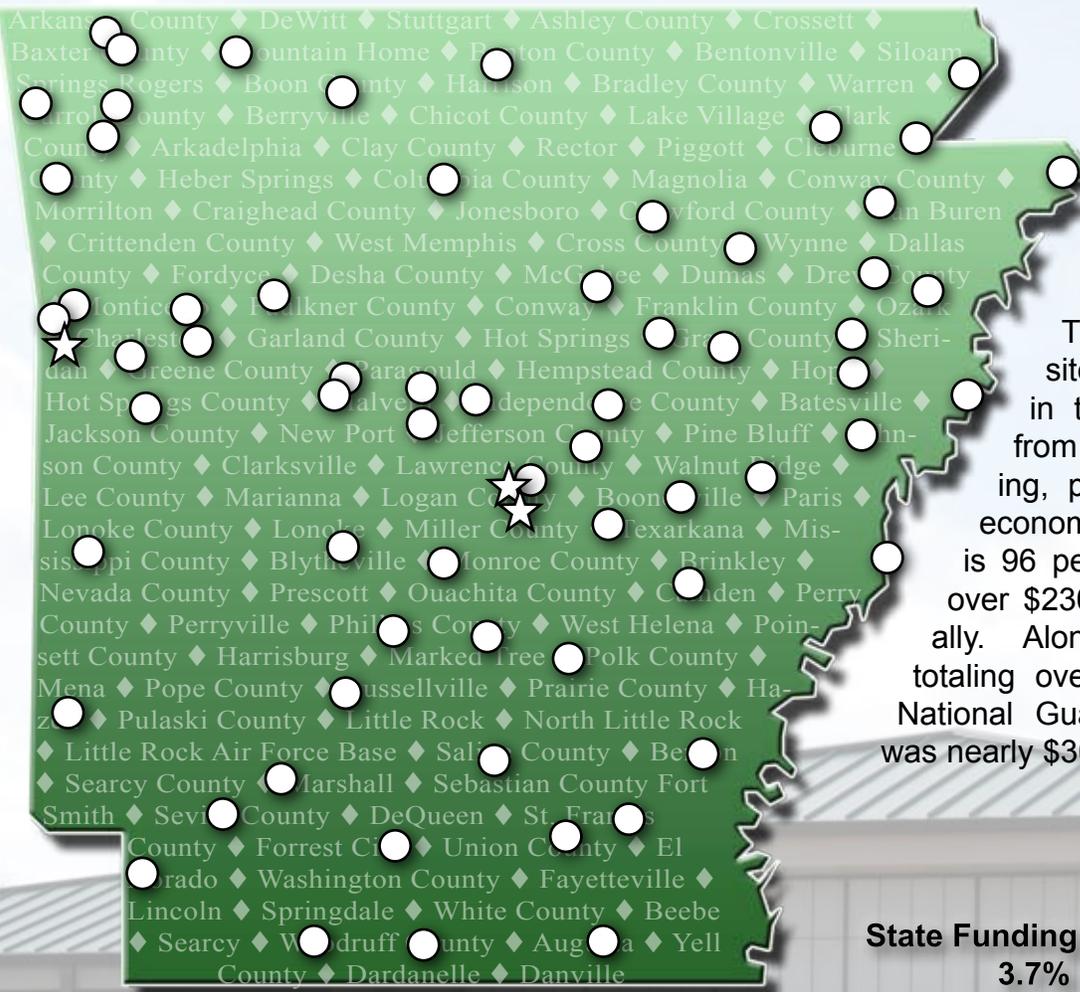


Sept. 25, 2008 - Arkansas Guard named business of the year by the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce.

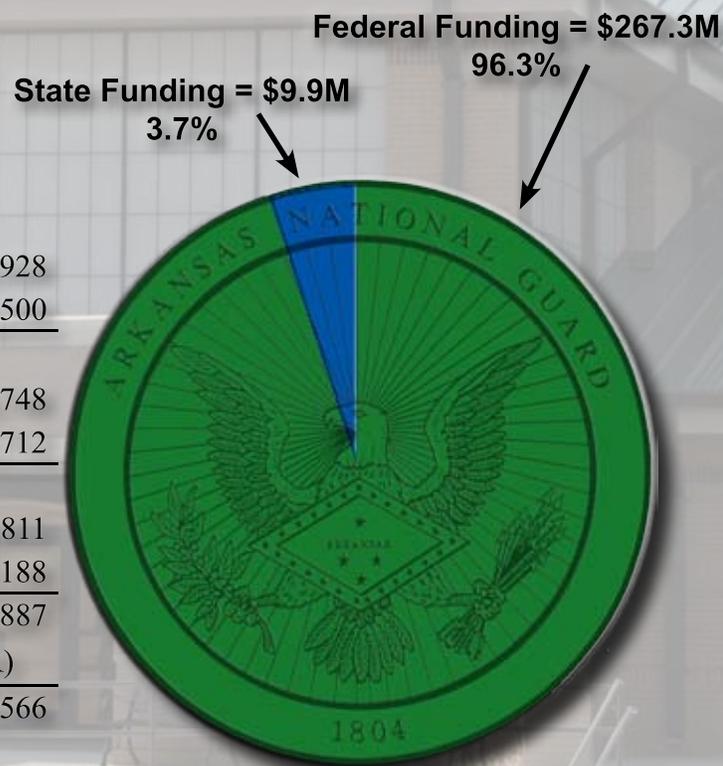
Financials

The Guard is Big Business

The Arkansas National Guard is comprised of 130 units in 66 communities throughout the state. There are two major training sites in the state which bring in tens of thousands of troops from across the nation for training, positively impacting the local economies. The Guard's budget is 96 percent federal funds, bringing over \$230 million into the state annually. Along with construction projects totaling over \$11 million, the Arkansas National Guard's total operating budget was nearly \$300 million in Fiscal Year 2008.



State Expenditures	
Army National Guard	\$10,070,928
Air National Guard	\$553,500
Federal Funding	
Army National Guard	\$44,526,748
Air National Guard	\$2,325,712
State Active Duty	
Emergency	\$186,811
Non Emergency	\$469,188
Accounting Documents	
(\$58,132,887)	
(23,714 total transactions processed through DSR)	
Military Construction	
\$11,195,566	





Military Construction

▶ **39,000**

Square foot morale Welfare and Recreation complex opened in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **\$55 mil**

Multi-phase RTI project kicked off by completion of \$5.5 million Phase I.

▶ **\$14 mil**

Million dollar ammo supply point opened on Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Area.

▶ **\$1.5 mil**

Million dollar multi-phase machine gun range under construction on Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Area.

▶ **\$19 mil**

Million dollar Armed Forces Reserve Center under construction at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Area.

▶ **\$3.9 mil**

Million dollar ammo supply point under construction at Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Area.

A new 39,000 square foot Morale Welfare and Recreation complex opened on Camp Robinson Oct. 13. The \$3.5 million complex houses the Rock restaurant, Rock lounge, a coffee bar, barber shop, the post exchange, a Federal Credit Union branch, a dry cleaners and a gift shop.



The grand opening and dedication of the 233rd Regional Training Institute's \$5.5 million general instruction building Feb. 2 marked the completion of phase one of a three phase \$55 million project to bring the RTI's facilities up to the same high standards of the training it provides.

Current Construction

Chaffee Maneuver Training Center	Armed Forces Reserve Center	\$19 million
Robinson Maneuver Training Center	Ammo Supply Point	\$4 million
Robinson Maneuver Training Center	Urban Assault Course	\$2 million
Chaffee Maneuver Training Center	Consolidated Maintenance Facility	\$27 million
Arkadelphia	Armed Forces Reserve Center	\$13 million
Robinson Maneuver Training Center	Professional Education Center	\$18 million
	GED Plus Complex	

(As of Sep. 30, 2008)



Economic Impact

County	City	Impact
Arkansas	Stuttgart	\$ 1,169,679
Ashley	Crossett	\$ 648,681
Baxter	Mountain Home	\$ 1,107,834
Benton	Bentonville	\$ 840,107
	Siloam Springs	\$ 772,091
	Rogers	\$ 781,591
Boone	Harrison	\$ 2,097,596
Bradley	Warren	\$ 3,157,204
Carroll	Berryville	\$ 618,795
Clark	Arkadelphia	\$ 641,442
Clay	Rector	\$ 1,239,424
Cleburne	Heber Springs	\$ 1,042,660
Columbia	Magnolia	\$ 1,346,524
Conway	Morrilton	\$ 892,846
Craighead	Jonesboro	\$ 3,973,558
Crawford	Van Buren	\$ 837,108
Crittenden	West Memphis	\$ 2,460,977
Cross	Wynne	\$ 12,533
Dallas	Fordyce	\$ 578,805
Desha	Dumas	\$ 1,188,753
Drew	Monticello	\$ 1,201,028
Faulkner	Conway	\$ 1,532,125
Franklin	Ozark	\$ 772,138
	Charleston	\$ 916,066
Garland	Hot Springs	\$ 2,929,060
Grant	Sheridan	\$ 724,824
Greene	Paragould	\$ 1,274,776
Hempstead	Hope	\$ 639,117
Hot Springs	Malvern	\$ 2,649,594
Independence	Batesville	\$ 945,013
Jackson	New Port	\$ 1,184,191
Jefferson	Pine Bluff	\$ 3,484,295
Johnson	Clarksville	\$ 943,485
Lawrence	Walnut Ridge	\$ 573,267





Economic Impact



County	City	Impact
Logan	Boonesville	\$ 1,516,086
	Paris	\$ 947,598
Lonoke	Lonoke	\$ 555,487
Miller	Texarkana	\$ 625,431
Mississippi	Blytheville	\$ 736,574
Monroe	Brinkley	\$ 603,126
Nevada	Prescott	\$ 560,202
Ouachita	Camden	\$ 639,319
Perry	Perryville	\$ 548,144
Phillips	West Helena	\$ 1,749,296
Poinsett	Harrisburg	\$ 650,204
	Marked Tree	\$ 1,276,161
Polk	Mena	\$ 568,514
Pope	Russellville	\$ 3,262,067
Prairie	Hazen	\$ 1,751,675
Pulaski	Little Rock	\$ 2,918,031
	North Little Rock	\$ 96,744,044
	LRAFB	\$ 24,914,927
Saline	Benton	\$ 1,299,444
Searcy	Marshall	\$ 781,400
Sebastian	Fort Smith	\$ 32,365,786
Sevier	DeQueen	\$ 632,886
St. Francis	Forrest City	\$ 647,470
Union	El Dorado	\$ 572,115
Washington	Fayetteville	\$ 3,640,486
	Lincoln	\$ 672,270
	Springdale	\$ 854,912
	White	\$ 586,338
White	Beebe	\$ 586,338
	Searcy	\$ 2,796,454
Woodruff	Augusta	\$ 394,701
Yell	Dardanelle	\$ 826,533
	Danville	\$ 595,838
Total Arkansas National Guard Impact		\$ 232,410,706
Total State Budget Fiscal Year 2008		\$ 12,300,000



Legislative Accomplishments

District Breakdown

- 21 Guard units in Congressman Marion Berry's district (Northeast)
- 36 Guard units in Congressman John Bozeman's district (Northwest)
- 19 Guard units in Congressman Mike Ross' district (South)
- 62 Guard units in Congressman Vick Snyder's district (Central)

President signs bills

Just hours before the new fiscal year began the President signed a funding bill for the Department of Defense and Military Construction. The Defense Authorization bill was signed on Oct. 14. In the appropriation bill, Congress provides a total of \$22.9 billion for the National Guard, an additional \$1.2 billion, or 5.4 percent, over the President's request of \$21.6 billion.

In the authorization bill, Congress has approved all four of the National Guard Bureau's legislative proposals, including the critical increase in control grade limits. The bill more than doubles requested growth in Army National Guard full-time staffing by authorizing 3,564 additional positions above 2008 levels. This includes 2,010 additional Active Duty Guard and Reserve slots, and represents the largest increase in full-time manning in 22 years. Arkansas has acquired 90 of these additional full time slots.

Families benefit

Changes to the Family and Medical Leave Act, authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, will extend the period of unpaid, job-protected, leave that eligible Family members can take to care for wounded warriors.

The rule gives America's military Families special job-protected leave rights to care for brave service members who are wounded or injured. The legislation also helps Families of members of the National Guard and Reserves manage their affairs when their service member is called up for active duty.

Eligible employees, who are Family of covered service members, can take up to 26 work weeks of leave in a 12-month period to care for a Soldier, Airman, Marine, Sailor or Coast Guardsman who became ill or injured in the line of duty. For more information go to www.ngb.army.mil/ll.



▶ **\$22.9 bil**

Budgeted for the National Guard Bureau by the Defense Authorization Bill.

▶ **3,564**

Additional full-time slots for the Army National Guard as authorized by Congress.

▶ **90**

Additional full time positions in the Arkansas National Guard.

▶ **2,010**

Additional Active Duty Guard and Reserve positions nationwide as authorized by Congress.

▶ **\$5.5 mil**

General Instruction Building opened on Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

▶ **26**

Work weeks of leave a Family member can take in a 12 month period to care for a wounded service member.



People

▶ **5,856**

Federal awards processed for Arkansas Guard members.

▶ **1,508**

State awards processed for Arkansas Guard members.

▶ **16**

Family Assistance Centers throughout the state.

▶ **70**

Arkansas youths participating in the 2008 Minuteman Youth Camp at Camp Robinson.

▶ **847**

Promotions in the Arkansas Army National Guard in FY 2008.

▶ **6**

Special Emphasis Observances in coordination with the Little Rock Cultural and Diversity Commission.



The Arkansas Army National Guard named its top Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer Mar. 22 following a tough three day competition that tested nerves and skills. Spc. Sean R. Walters of Battery A, 1-142nd Fires Brigade, was named 2008 Soldier of the Year. Sgt. 1st Class Gregory L. Gordey of the 87th Troop Command's 106th Army Band earned NCO of the Year Honors.

Employees of the Year



Employees of the Year: The 2008 Arkansas National Guard employees of the year were announced Dec. 9, 2008, recognizing those who's performance of duty, customer service, team building, attitude, work ethic, safety commitment and community involvement are of the highest standard. From left to right: Ms. Lesa Booker, Youth Programs, state non-administrative category; Ms. Suzanne Homesly, 189th Airlift Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, state administrative category; Master Sgt. Toni Jasper, 189th Airlift Wing, Air National Guard Active Guard and Reserve category; Staff Sgt. Stephanie Tucker, United States Property and Fiscal Office, Army National Guard Technician category; Senior Master Sgt. Gary Ash, 189th Airlift Wing, Air National Guard Technician category. Not pictured is Capt. Brian Mason, 87th Troop Command, Army National Guard Active Guard and Reserve category.



Training

Camp Robinson MTC



The Robinson Maneuver Training Center provides year-round installation, logistical and training support to military units, law enforcement agencies and civilian organizations. The 32,000 acre facility is home to the Arkansas National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters, and is host to three premier training centers: The National Guard Professional Education Center, the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center and the 233rd Regiment Regional Training Institute. Camp Robinson is also home to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade, the 87th Troop Command, Joint Force Headquarters and the Arkansas National Guard Museum.

CRMTC boast several rifle, machine gun and mortar ranges, exciting mountain bike and hiking trails, a nine-hole golf course, and some of the best hunting in the state. CRMTC was the site of the 2008 Winston P. Wilson Sustainment Training Exercise, and the international Armed Forces Skill at Arms meeting.

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Fort Chaffee MTC



The Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, located near Fort Smith, provides quality facilities, weapons ranges and training land for all military units. Army and Air National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, active Army, U.S. Navy Seabees, Marines, and active duty Navy SEALs take advantage of FCMTTC's 65,000 acres of training land. Annual usage of FCMTTC places the post among the top five of all Army National Guard training centers. Fort Chaffee's full-time employees, annual federal budget and usage are significant contributors to the local economies of many Sebastian County communities. In FY 2008, FCMTTC was the first in the National Guard to host a Brigade sized element in fielding the

new National Guard Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC), which uses "theatre immersion" techniques that allow Soldiers to train while becoming familiar with the sights and sounds they will encounter on the battlefield.

▶ **32,000**

Acres make up the Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center.

▶ **1.6 mil**

Rounds of ammunition expended on the ranges at Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center during Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **437,000**

Man days of training for Soldiers, Airmen, Seamen, Marines and law enforcement on CRMTC.

▶ **65,000**

Acres make up the Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center.

▶ **474,000**

Man day usage of FCMTTC in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **63**

Various units, from all components, conducted mission essential training at FCMTTC in Fiscal Year 2008.



Training

▶ 2,026

Soldiers trained at the 233rd Regional Training Institute in 2008.

▶ 54

States and territories' Soldiers trained at the 233rd RTI.

▶ \$5.5 mil

General Instruction Building dedicated in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ 991

Soldiers and Airmen trained by the Marksmanship Training Center in FY 2008.

▶ 21,000

Plus students attended the National Guard Professional Education Center in FY 2008.

▶ \$3.6 mil

In economic impact for central Arkansas as provided by the Professional Education Center.

233rd RTI

The 233rd Regiment Regional Training Institute is the largest full time infantry school in the nation next to Fort Benning, Ga. The 233rd RTI trains Soldiers from all 54 states and territories and boasts an accomplished Pre-mobilization Training Assistance Element (PTAE), which assists with training, evaluation and certification of mobilizing units in the National Guard. In February 2008, the RTI opened the doors of its new \$5.5 million general instruction building, the first phase of planned \$55 million project to bring its facilities up to the same high level as the instruction it provides.



NGMTC



The Marksmanship Training Center is the proponent for marksmanship warfighter skills training through sustainment and formal school programs, actively training Army and Reserve Component Soldiers and Airmen from all 54 states and territories on a variety of weapons. As a combat force multiplier, these programs are designed to improve readiness and sharpen skills for deployment operations. NGMTC boasts the only Army National Guard sniper school in the U.S., and the only Close Precision Engagement Course in the Air Force as a whole. The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center annual hosts the Winston P. Wilson Warfighter Sustainment Training Exercise concurrently with the international Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting, with over 400 participants.

NGPEC

Camp Robinson is home to the National Guard Bureau's Professional Education Center. The PEC is the primary center for vocational training for full-time unit support personnel from all 54 states and territories, and has state of the art conferencing capabilities. In FY 2008, the PEC launched the Army National Guard GED Plus residential training program, with about 2,000 young Soldiers earning their GED. In FY 2008 the PEC trained over 20,000 Soldiers and Airmen, including over 300 Arkansas National Guard members. Students and conference attendees generate an estimated economic impact of over \$3.6 million annually.





Programs

Counter Drug

The Arkansas National Guard's counterdrug program, and specifically the seasonal marijuana eradication effort, is a unique aspect of the Guard's mission and a part of the national drug control strategy. The program was started with a presidential authorization in 1989 and provides funds from the Department of Defense on a yearly basis to governors, who submit plans specifying the usage of each state's National Guard assets to support counterdrug efforts. The State Police are the lead agency in any interdiction or eradication efforts, and routinely request support due to the Guard's unique ability to provide trained citizen Soldiers and Airmen with military skills and equipment, legal status as a state militia, and strong ties to the local communities affected by the persistence of illicit drugs.

CSTP

The Civilian Student Training Program is a state funded program, working with the juvenile justice system, that provides a structured, discipline-based and military style behavior modification environment. The program accepts adjudicated, male nonviolent youthful offenders ranging in age from 13 to 17. It is a nine week residential, multi-phase, program that stresses value-based learning, physical fitness, academic and life skills education, and community service. The program was proposed by the Arkansas National Guard and established by the state legislature in 1993, and is a part of the State Military Department. All participants are enrolled under court order. Although not a General Education Degree program, CSTP has a better than 80 percent GED attainment rate.



Youth Challenge

The Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge is a program for at-risk youth ages 16 to 19. Cadets live on Camp Joseph T. Robinson for 22 weeks during the residential phase. The program is centered on eight core components which teach the skills cadets need to be successful members of society. Academic excellence, physical fitness, job skills, service to the community, health and hygiene, responsible citizenship, leadership/followership, and life coping skills are the eight components. Following the residential phase cadets continue to report their success through their mentor. Youth Challenge is one of three youth programs supported by the Arkansas National Guard Youth Foundation, which obtained its 501(c) (3) tax exempt status during fiscal year 2008.

▶ **20,000**

Marijuana plants eradicated with the help of the Arkansas National Guard

▶ **550 +**

Flying hours for the Guard's OH-58 Kiowas in support of law enforcement efforts.

▶ **323**

Court ordered juveniles were enrolled in CSTP in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **18,500**

Community service hours performed by CSTP students in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **97**

Youth Challenge Cadets, representing classes 29 and 30, graduated in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **49**

Youth Challenge Cadets earned their GED or high school diploma.



Programs

▶ **12**

State Partnership Program events during Fiscal Year 2008, including seven exchanges.

▶ **150**

Guatemalan military and civilians the State Partnership Program worked with in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **708**

Employer Statements of Support signed in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **2,500**

Arkansas employers participated in ESGR events in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **913**

Funeral burial missions across the state in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **101**

Arkansas Army Guard volunteers actively participated in the Funeral Honors program.

State Partnership

Arkansas' International Affairs State Partnership Program with Guatemala began in June 2002 as part of a National Guard Bureau nation-wide program that links 45 states, two territories and the District of Columbia with 54 countries



around the world. Along with providing an understanding of each state's partner countries' capabilities, these partnerships often provide opportunities to learn from each other on shared experiences that are unique to the respective partnership. The idea is to foster mutual interests and establish long-term relationships across all levels of society.

ESGR

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. The mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflicts through mediation. ESGR volunteers provide free education, consultation and, if necessary, mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. The Arkansas National Guard, in concert with the Arkansas ESGR committee, conducted a "virtual boss lift" on August 29 which provided Arkansas employers a look into the lives of their deployed employees. Twenty-five local employers and several congressional representatives joined the adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard, Maj. Gen. William Wofford, as he briefed them on the mission of Arkansas's 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Iraq.

Funeral Honors

The Military Funeral Honors Program officially began in October 2006, and was created to honor those who have served their country. The program provides final military funeral honors to military veterans and retirees as specified by the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of Defense. The Camp Joseph T. Robinson-based program works with local veteran service organizations across the state to train and certify their own programs. Arkansas Army National Guard volunteer members of the program performed over 913 burial missions across the state in fiscal year 2008.





Directorates

Aviation

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation is responsible for the Army Aviation Support Facility, and provides centralized control and proper utilization of all Arkansas Army National Guard aviation assets. DCSAVN, through the AASF, is responsible for the training and standardization of aviation air crew members, and direct support maintenance for all aircraft assigned to supported units. Detachment 30 Operational Support Airlift Command, and the Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment are the two major sub organization attached to the AASF. Det. 30 provides fixed wing support of the National Guard, military departments and federal agencies as scheduled by the Army National Guard Operational Airlift Command. RAID provides aviation capability for counterdrug operations in support of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

▶ **16**

UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters returned from deployment to Iraq.

▶ **17**

State's aircraft under the control of Task Force Razorback during Hurricane Gustav operations in Louisiana.

▶ **25**

Construction projects completed or on-going on state properties.

▶ **\$93.7 mil**

Obligated to six major and 25 minor construction projects.

▶ **194**

Macro purchases totaling \$7.2 million processed by DCSIM.

▶ **4,500 +**

Soldier Readiness Processings supported by DCSIM in Fiscal Year 2008.

Engineering

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering provides construction, environmental and facility management services to the Arkansas Army National Guard, and provides for purchases and construction accounting through its Cooperative Funding Agreement Center. The Fiscal Year 2008 budget was \$27,910,000. The funds supported real property and environmental programs, including utilities, salaries, maintenance and repair of facilities, environmental compliance/conservation, and minor construction projects. The Environmental section is involved in the overall effort to protect groundwater and surface water on our training lands. The Conservation and Forestry staff helped conduct prescribed fires at both training centers. The Cultural Resource manager consults with Native American tribes in the preservation of prehistoric sites, and monitoring energy consumptions remains a primary focus.

Information Management

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management procures, deploys and sustains technologies that allow the Guard to effectively accomplish its mission. In FY 2008, DCSIM was able to extend the Arkansas Guard network across state lines and enable access for 39th IBCT Soldiers training at Camp Shelby, Miss., prior to their deployment. In addition to work on armory technology infrastructure upgrades, DCSIM provided support service of significant training events throughout the year. The directorate provided instrumental support to Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center and forward deployed units during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike operations.





Directorates

▶ **10,000 +**

Pieces of Guard surface equipment and vehicles maintained.

▶ **300,000**

Meals served to Soldiers.

▶ **81**

State Active Duty missions in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **60**

State Active Duty missions in support of weather related incidents in the state.

▶ **14,000**

Deploying Soldiers trained and certified by the Arkansas Army National Guard PTAE.

▶ **3,216**

Soldiers trained in there professional development courses.

Logistics

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics advises and assists the adjutant general in resource use, and provides federal resources that are made available to the Arkansas National Guard. DCSLOG is paired with the United States Property and Fiscal Office, which retains accountability and responsibility for resources, and is the steward of public resources. Fiscal Year 2008 saw the establishment of the Directorate of Logistics on Oct. 1, 2007, which has Command Logistics and Maintenance divisions. The Command Logistics division includes the Command Supply Discipline Program, Command Food Service, Logistical Plans and Policy, Combat Service Support Automation Management and Defense Movement Coordinator offices.

Military Support

The Directorate of Military Support is responsible for coordination and oversight of all State Active Duty missions, and assists in the restoration or preservation of the peace and safety of the citizens of Arkansas. DOMS accomplishes this through contingency operations, counterdrug efforts, military support to civil authorities, physical security, force protection and the 61st Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction). DOMS is also has overall responsibility for the Arkansas National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program, the Civilian Student Training Program, Youth Challenge and the Arkansas National Guard Joint Operations Center. A record 81 State Active Duty missions were approved and accomplished in Fiscal Year 2008, including 14 missions in support of Hurricane Gustav operations, and 60 in support of weather related incidents in the state.

Operations

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations is responsible for training, operations, plans, readiness, mobilization, force development and modernization. The Operations and Training division is responsible for plans and policies, the schools program, ammunition allocations, training area development plans and the training budget. The Readiness and Mobilization division is responsible for force structure, force modernization, combat readiness, and the mobilization and deployment of units and individual Soldiers. DCSOPS established the Pre-Mobilization and Evaluations Battalion in Fiscal Year 2008, which provides training assistance and documentation for deploying units.





Directorates

Personnel

Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel ensures quality professional services are provided to Soldiers and their Families, and is responsible for all Army National Guard personnel actions in Arkansas. DCSPER includes the personnel services branch, action branch, education services office, state Family readiness office, transition assistance office, Arkansas Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve office, and Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System project office. DCSPER supported the mobilization of the 39th IBCT with soldier readiness processing activities for over 5,327 troops. DCSPER is also the lead agency in the implementation of DIMHRS, which is set for Spring 2009 and will revolutionize the way personnel and pay is handled in the military. Family Assistance are geographically located at Readiness Centers throughout the state.

▶ **19,544**

Personnel transactions through Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

▶ **1,064**

Non prior service gains, and 439 prior service gains to the Arkansas National Guard in Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **\$12.3 mil**

State budget for Fiscal Year 2008.

▶ **100 +**

Million dollars of Military Department state property value.

▶ **618**

Full time jobs announced, and 2,496 applicants screened by the Human Resources Office.

▶ **340**

Employees trained in a variety of military and civilian courses.

State Resources

The Directorate of State Resources is responsible for maintenance, repair and utility costs for the 69 National Guard readiness centers throughout the state, and for the facilities of the Joint Force Headquarters at Camp Robinson and Fort Chaffee. DSR administers all state funds and resources that support the Arkansas National Guard. DSR also administered \$46.9 million in federal support through Federal/State Cooperative Funding Agreements, and military construction. When Arkansas National Guard members are called to State Active Duty for emergencies such as natural disasters, or in support of training missions, DSR provides payrolls and other operations payments. DSR spent \$1,485,466 in total purchases and payroll in support of the Hurricane Gustav disaster.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Office provides and maintains a quality full-time workforce that trains and supports Arkansas National Guard units capable of performing state and federal missions. HRO includes the Recruitment and Placement of all full-time federal employees of the Arkansas National Guard. It includes the Employee Benefits, Development and Training sections, Equal Opportunity and labor Relations offices. For Fiscal Year 2008, HRO assisted in the mobilization of 350 full time members, requiring nearly 1,000 transactions to transfer personnel to Title 10 status. HRO assisted in 53 Butterbaugh claims, resulting in 1,250 hours of pay being recouped for current and former Arkansas National Guard members. HRO also coordinated six special emphasis observances during the year in coordination with the Little Rock Cultural and Diversity Commission.



Honoring our Fallen

No Combat Losses in 2008

The Arkansas National Guard did not suffer any combat losses in Fiscal Year 2008. However, the Guard did suffer the loss of Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Woodham due to natural causes while he was deployed with the 1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry Regiment, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Tallil, Iraq. Woodham, of Rogers, Ark., was a member of Delta Company, 39th Brigade Support Battalion, Heber Springs, Ark.

On May 4, 2008, the names of two more Arkansas National Guard Soldiers were added to the Killed in Action Memorial in a ceremony held on the grounds of the Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Armstrong Chapel on Camp Robinson. The two plaques added to the memorial honored Sgt. Erich Smallwood of Truman, Ark., and Sgt. John Ray Massey of Higginson. Their names joined those of 46 other fallen Guard members. Smallwood died near Balad, Iraq, May 26, 2007, and Massey died July 15, 2007 in Balad.

On Oct. 12, 2007, three of Arkansas' fallen were given a special honor during a combined internment and memorial at Arlington National Cemetery for remains of 12 Guard members killed on Jan. 20, 2007 when their UH-60 went down to enemy fire northeast of Baghdad, Iraq. Sgt. 1st Class John Gary Brown, Maj. Michael Vernon Taylor and Sgt. Maj. William Thomas Warren of the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade were among the crew of "Easy 40" honored during the ceremony.



Members of the Arkansas Army National Guard honor Sgt. Erich Smallwood and Sgt. John Ray Massey, whose names were added to the Killed in Action Memorial on Camp Robinson May 4, 2008.

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