

# ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD

*Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report*



*Always Ready, Always There*  
Have a Shiloh

# From the Adjutant General

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It is my pleasure to present the Arkansas National Guard's annual report for Fiscal Year 2009.

This report documents another historic year for us – a year full of both challenge and success. Within these pages you will find an overview of our organization and visualize the contributions made by our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen as well as our force of civilian employees who work to support them. Together we comprise a truly Joint Force which has done an outstanding job through our dual mission to support the communities of Arkansas and the nation as a whole.

Our federal mission hit a high point for us in December 2008, as we welcomed home over 3,200 Soldiers who had served on the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's second tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Nearly every unit of the Arkansas Army Guard was tapped to help fill in the ranks for that deployment, bringing our level of trained and experienced troops to unprecedented levels.

With this return, our deployed troop numbers dropped to their lowest levels since 2001, but our role in the war on terror didn't end. We witnessed the deployment and return of Airmen from the Security Forces Squadrons of our two Air Guard wings, who served overseas in Kyrgyzstan. We said goodbye to our Airmen with the 188th Fighter Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron, who deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with the mission of helping to close our nation's detention facility there. Our Airmen with the 123rd Intelligence Squadron continue to do their part in the fight as well, completing their eighth year of supporting combat operations overseas without ever leaving the state.

As with recent years, we met that federal mission while balancing a heavy response here at home in the aftermath of natural disasters and other state emergencies.

In a year that began with severe ice storms across the northern third of the state, 2009 presented us with a record-setting 107 calls for support to the communities of Arkansas. The year once again tested our ability to support the state while continuing to support operations overseas, and our Soldiers and Airmen proudly met the challenge.

That challenge is not met solely by our uniformed Soldiers and Airmen however. Our men and women are only able to perform so successfully at this level due to the tremendous support we enjoy from our Families, friends, employers, legislators and entire communities throughout the state. Without this support we would not be able to respond to these calls to serve with such a high level of strength and determination. That support is greatly appreciated and we are more than happy to return the favor.

With this we proudly close another successful chapter of our history and we pledge our continued support for years to come.

**Maj. Gen. William D. Wofford**  
**The Adjutant General of Arkansas**



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Deputy Adjutant  
General



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Warrant Officer  
Arkansas Army  
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Arkansas Air  
National Guard



Command Chief  
Master Sgt.  
Stephen Arnold  
Command Chief  
Master Sergeant of  
the Arkansas Air  
National Guard

## JFHQ

**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:** State Command Sergeant Major, State 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, State Surgeon.

**Coordinating Staff:** Deputy Chiefs of Staff for Logistics, Personnel, Information Management, Operations, Aviation and Engineering, and the Strategic Planning Officer.

**United State Property and Fiscal Office:** Comptroller, Data Processing Division, Grants and Agreements, Internal Review, Purchasing and Contracting, Supply and Services, Training.

# Major Commands

## A Joint Force

The Arkansas National Guard is comprised of several major commands and their supporting organizations. These include:

**39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team**

**142nd Fires Brigade**

**77th Theater Aviation Brigade**

**87th Troop Command**

**189th Airlift Wing**

**188th Fighter Wing**

**National Guard Marksmanship Training Center**

**233rd Regiment Regional Training Institute**

**Robinson Maneuver Training Center**

**Chaffee Maneuver Training Center**

**Army Aviation Support Facility**

**State Medical Command**

**Recruiting and Retention**

**61st Civil Support Team**



Col. Kirk VanPelt  
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



Col. Robert E. Embrey  
Commander, Chaffee Maneuver Training Center



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



Col. Louis Landreth  
Commander, 233rd Regiment Regional Training Center



Col. Robert A. Mason  
State Surgeon  
State Medical Command

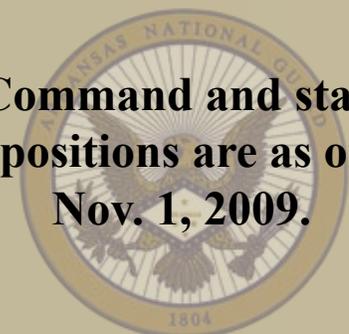


Lt. Col. Phillip A. Hogue  
Commander, Army Aviation Support Facility



Lt. Col. Stanley Evans  
Commander,  
61st Civil Support Team

**Command and staff positions are as of Nov. 1, 2009.**





Lt. Col. Wesley Hilliard  
State Chaplain



Col. Mark McMullen  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Aviation



Col. Robert E. Embrey  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Engineering



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Deputy Chief of Staff  
Information Management



Col. Donald W. Brooks  
Director of Logistics,  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Logistics



Col. Cary A. Shillcutt  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Operations



Lt. Col. Franklin Powell  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Personnel



Col. Richard J. Moore  
Director of  
Military Support



Mr. Raymond Moix  
Director of  
State Resources



Lt. Col. Anita Long  
Human Resources



Col. Matthew W. Fleming  
State Judge Advocate



Lt. Col. Alex Finger  
Acting State  
Inspector General



Col. Larry Curtis  
Strategic Planning  
Officer



Col. Philip L. Roser  
United States  
Property and  
Fiscal Officer

## 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.

# Year of the NCO

## *No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of Soldiers!*

Since 1775, the Army has set apart its NCOs from other enlisted Soldiers by distinctive insignia of grade.

With more than 200 years of service, the U.S. Army's Noncommissioned Officer Corps has distinguished itself as the world's most accomplished group of military professionals. Historical and daily accounts of life as an NCO are exemplified by acts of courage, and a dedication and a willingness to do whatever it takes to complete the mission. NCOs have been celebrated for decorated service in military events ranging from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, to charges on Omaha Beach and battles along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, to current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In recognition of their commitment to service and willingness to make great sacrifices on behalf of our Nation, the Secretary of the Army established 2009 as Year of the NCO.

In the Arkansas National

Guard, the State Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Deborah Collins, asked each of the four Army National Guard brigades to commemorate the year in their own way. During annual training, the units conducted "NCO Induction Ceremonies," where every Noncommissioned Officer was reminded of their important role as members of a time honored corps known as the "backbone of the Army."

"The NCO Corps in all of our services is what makes the United States military the finest in the world," says Command Sgt. Maj. Collins. "We are what makes the difference, and that is one thing I do not want to ever see change!"



*...we are  
Noncommissioned  
Officers,  
leaders!*

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 1804 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 following the Civil War, the militia was reorganized into the Arkansas State Guard. In 1909 it was transformed in 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 Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. During World War II, members of the Arkansas National Guard crossed the beaches of Normandy, stormed Mount Cassino, helped destroy the Polesti 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, the 188th Fighter Wing flies the A-10 Thunderbolt II, “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’ Citizen Soldiers and Airmen have been mobilized to more than 50 locations around the globe. Mobilizations have affected nearly every Army and Air Guard unit in the state. This call to service has not been without sacrifice as 20 have been killed in action.

Along with a long history of serving our federal mission, we have responded countless times to natural disasters and state emergencies. From the mobilization of the entire Arkansas National Guard in response to the Central High crisis in 1957 to 2009’s 107 state active duty missions, the Guard is always ready, always there for Arkansas.



## *Separate Units*

Joint Force Headquarters\*  
61st Civil Support Team (WMD)\*  
Army Aviation Support Facility\*  
Detachment 30, Operational 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\*  
Institute Support Unit\*

## *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 Chaffee  
Btry. A, Fort Chaffee  
Btry. B, Siloam Springs  
Btry. C, Ozark  
937th Forward Spt. Co., Fort Chaffee

\* Camp Joseph T. Robinson

\*\* Little Rock Air Force Base

\*\*\* Fort Smith Air National Guard Station

## *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 Air Ambulance\*  
Det. 3, Co. E, 1st Bn., 111th Air Ambulance\*  
HHC, 1st Bn., 114th Aviation\*  
Co. A, (-) 1st Bn., 114th Aviation (S&S)\*  
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 Operations Center\***

### **871st Troop Command**

Headquarters, North Little Rock  
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., Harrisonburg

## ***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  
Det. 1, Headquarters, Headquarters Btry.\*  
Btry. A (-), Morrilton  
Det. 1, Btry. A, Perryville  
Btry. B (-) Dardanelle  
Det. 1, Btry. B, Paris  
Attached: Co. G, Brigade Support Battalion, Russellville

#### **1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry**

Headquarters, Headquarters Co. (-), Malvern  
Det. 1, Headquarters, Headquarters Co.\*  
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, Brigade Support Battalion, Benton

#### **2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry**

Headquarters, Headquarters Co. (-), Searcy  
Det. 1, Headquarters, Headquarters Co., Wynne  
Det. 1, Headquarters, Headquarters Co.\*  
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, Brigade Support Battalion, Cabot

#### **1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry**

Headquarters, Headquarters Troop (-), Warren  
Det. 1, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop\*  
Troop A (-), El Dorado  
Det. 1, Troop A, Crossett  
Troop B, Magnolia  
Troop C (-), Camden  
Det. 1, Troop C, Fordyce  
Attached: Co. D, Brigade Support Battalion, 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.  
189 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\*\*\***

188th Fighter Sqd.  
188th Operations Spt. Flt.

#### **188th Maintenance Group\*\*\***

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

#### **188th Medical Group\*\*\***



## *39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team*

The 39th IBCT is the largest major subordinate command in the Arkansas National Guard. Over 3,000 troops serving with the 39th IBCT returned home in November and December 2008 from a yearlong mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom -- the second combat deployment in five years. While deployed, the Soldiers drove more than 4.3 million convoy miles, escorted hundreds of thousands of tons of cargo and equipment, checked and searched two million vehicles at entry control points, and conducted thousands of combat patrols. A vast majority of the Soldiers were home in time for Christmas.

39th IBCT Soldiers began returning to drilling status in February 2009, the same month many were called to state active duty missions, including the ice storm that hit the northern third of the state. Troops from the 1st Battalion, 151st Cavalry, and 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry, also assisted in the search of a missing Chidester child, among many other state active duty missions.

Returning Soldiers attended 30, 60 and 90 day reintegration training events all over the state, culminating in Freedom Salute ceremonies that recognized their exceptional service.

On May 31, 2009, Col. Kendall Penn relinquished command of the brigade to Col. Kirk VanPelt during annual training at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center. Headquarters, 39th IBCT was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation for "going beyond the call of duty and greatly contributing to the success of Multi-Division-Baghdad."

## *142nd Fires Brigade*

The 142nd has 18 units in 12 different communities throughout Northwest Arkansas. The brigade consists of approximately 1,200 Soldiers divided between three battalions, and wields the M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System and the M109A6 Paladin Howitzer. Most recently, the 142nd's 217th Brigade Support Battalion demobilized in December 2008 through Camp Shelby, Miss., following a deployment supplementing the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 217th subsequently spent the majority of the second quarter of the training year participating in the Arkansas National Guard's reintegration training program.

Many members of the 142nd went on State Active Duty in support of relief efforts following the massive ice storm in February 2009. The brigade opened several armories as community shelters, provided security teams and road clearing teams, and transported everything from FEMA generators, blankets and food, to medical personnel.

During annual training, the 142nd participated in the first multi-echelon command post exercise conducted at Fort Chaffee's new Battle Staff Training Facility. The exercise incorporated two other major subordinate commands along with the Joint Force Headquarters staff, who acted as a corps level headquarters. This capstone training event marked the largest concentration of staff training contractors provided by the National Guard Bureau in the region for training year 2009.



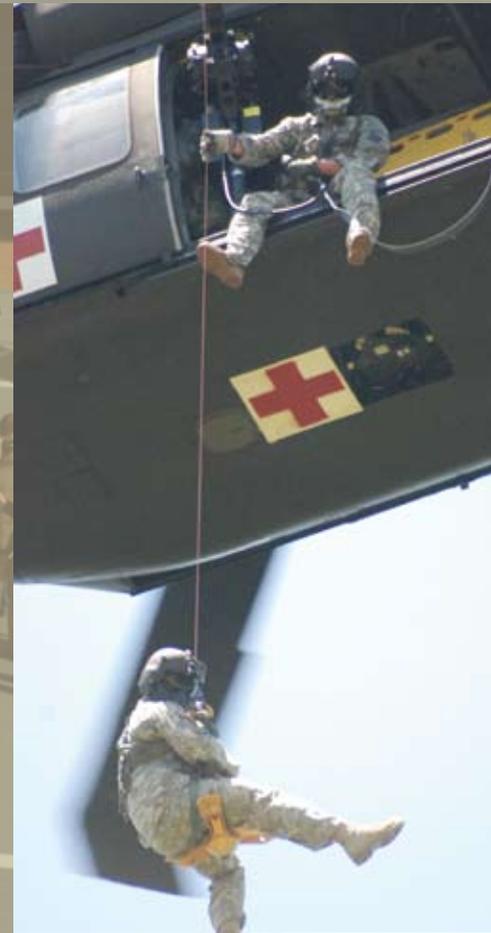
## *77th Theater Aviation Brigade*

The 77th TAB supports the Arkansas Army National Guard aviation mission and is comprised of approximately 700 highly trained Soldiers. The brigade maintains and flies UH-60 Blackhawks, OH-58 Kiowas and the new UH-72 Lakota helicopters. Brigade elements include an aviation support battalion, air traffic services, aviation intermediate maintenance, air ambulance, air assault and security and support units.

Fiscal Year 2009 saw the summer rollout of the brand new, duel engine, UH-72 Lakota, which is replacing the Guard's aging fleet of OH-58 Kiowas. Company A, 1st Battalion, 114th Aviation (Security and Support) received four of the new birds.

Also in FY 2009, 30 members of Detachment 1, Company B, 449th Aviation Support Battalion were called upon for a homeland defense response standby mission, as part of the Consequence Management Response Force. The CCM-RF is in place to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive incidents within the United States. Det. 1 would respond as a maintenance element only if rotary wing aircraft were called into action.

Several of the brigade units have been sourced for overseas operations in the next few years, resulting in an aggressive and intense training plan throughout FY 2009. The brigade flew over 2,990 hours during the year, including state active duty and training missions.



## *87th Troop Command*

The 87th Troop Command is made up of 20 units from 11 different communities in the Central, Northeast and Delta regions of Arkansas. The brigade is the most diverse in military specialty in the Arkansas National Guard, with approximately 1,300 Soldiers serving in specialized units such as military police, medical and ambulance companies, engineers, maintenance, transportation, rear operations, public affairs and the 106th Army band.

In December 2008, the 87th Troop Command welcomed home approximately 550 Soldiers from four units based in seven communities that were deployed as part of the 39th IBCT in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. These units included the 875th Engineer Battalion's 1038th Horizontal Construction Company, and the 871st Troop Command's 1123rd Transportation, 216th Military Police and 224th Maintenance Companies.

Every unit of the brigade provided personnel to fill in the ranks for the 39th's force protection and convoy security mission while in Iraq.

Soldiers from the 875th were notified in June to prepare for their second deployment within three years in support of overseas operations. A formal alert order in August called for approximately 200 engineers to mobilize as members of the 1037th Route Clearance Company. The new unit trained at Camp Robinson and at Fort Chaffee prior to their mobilization, and is expected to be in Afghanistan sometime in early 2010.





## *188th Fighter Wing*

The 188th Fighter Wing, which is co-located with the municipal airport at Fort Smith, Ark., played a significant role in natural disaster relief throughout Arkansas in 2009, and in overseas missions. In response to a deadly ice storm, the 188th deployed 30 Civil Engineering Squadron personnel and a Disaster Relief Beddown Set (DRBS) to provide showers and laundry facilities to over 8,000 residents in Searcy County. 188th personnel and equipment also helped in the communities of Salem and Piggott with power generation, and throughout devastated areas to open roadways and clear debris. When a tornado destroyed the water treatment plant in Dierks, the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron responded with two 600 gallon per hour Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU), which produced over 500,00 gallons of water for 1,200 residents over three and a half weeks.

During the fiscal year, the 188th supported federal missions by deploying 133 members as part of the Air Expeditionary Force. Over 40 were deployed to Kyrgyzstan, 33 to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, 16 to Iraq, 10 to Afghanistan, 10 to Kuwait, six to Germany, and the remainder to 10 other locations around the world.

Throughout the year, the 188th flew 2,012 training flights, totaling 2,895 flying hours, as they prepared for a planned deployment to Afghanistan in 2010. While training for the deployment, the wing completed its first Unit Compliance Inspection in over 15 years, achieving a 94 percent critical compliance rating on 4,402 checklist items.



## *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 2009, the 189th flew over 5,100 hours and trained 338 students on aircraft that average 46 years of flying service. The Enlisted Air Crew Academic School trained 118 students.

State-side deployments for the year included 43 members of the 189th Civil Engineering Squadron who completed construction of two live-fire ranges and a 900 foot landing strip at Fort Richardson, Alaska. When the ice storm hit, 50 members of the 189th deployed to Fulton County as part of the Guard's joint disaster response, and members of the 189th Medical Group deployed to Baja Verapaz, Guatemala, to provide medical and dental services to more than 750 patients.

On the federal side, 31 members of the 189th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Manas International Airport, Kyrgyzstan for 179 days. They provided seamless defense operations for \$2 billion in assets, and ensured uninterrupted air refueling operations and surge deployment of 120,000 transient personnel into Afghanistan.

The 189th Airlift Wing also deployed Airmen from Aerial Port, Communications, Logistics Readiness, Services, Operations and Maintenance to fulfill AEF taskings.

## 123rd Intelligence Squadron

Also known as Distributed Ground Station - Arkansas, the 123rd is an 85 person combat unit that provides near real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support to combatant commanders and warfighting forces. The 123rd also provides federal, state and local agencies near real-time imagery analysis in support of Homeland Defense missions, natural disasters and emergencies.

The squadron has been partially mobilized in place since August 2007 in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. 123rd intelligence analysts have accumulated over 8,100 hours in support of 576 combat ISR missions, and directly contributed to efforts to defeat insurgent forces, and to the restructuring and security of Iraq and Afghanistan. The tireless efforts of 123rd Airmen have provided first phase imagery exploitation on over 1,600 targets, and the dissemination of more than 3,200 secondary imagery products to coalition forces. The unit aided in the capture and/or demise of 20 high-value targets, greatly affecting the enemy chain of command and cohesion of their forces.

The 123rd has also provided tailored incident, awareness and assessment products to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies across the nation. Operations supported included the presidential inauguration, hurricane response and Coast Guard life-saving events. The unit has also been an important player in the state and national counter-drug effort.



## 154th Weather Flight

The 154th Weather Flight's mission is to deploy to directed locations within 72 hours of notification, and to provide 24 hour tactical meteorological and climatological services to two U.S. Army infantry brigade combat teams and an aviation brigade. Currently the 154th provides support to the Arkansas National Guard's 39th IBCT, the 256th IBCT from Lafayette, La., and the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade from Camp Robinson in North Little Rock. The unit is located at the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Ark.

The 154th maintains a worldwide mobilization capability for wartime contingency, and the unit is unique because it is only one of 19 Air National Guard weather units across the nation classified as both a Battlefield Weather Team and a weapons system.

In Fiscal Year 2009, the team welcomed five new members, with all five completing the Air Force's rigorous 51 week weather technical training school.

The unit also provides real-time asset protection via weather watches, warnings and advisories to airfield managers in order to protect personnel and equipment when severe weather approaches.

The 154th Weather Flight completed this year's annual training at Gulfport, Miss., and at their home station.





## *Army Aviation Support Facility*

The AASF provides centralized control, and proper utilization, of all Arkansas Army National Guard aviation assets. The AASF is responsible for the training and standardization of aviation air crews, and direct support maintenance of all Army aircraft.

In addition to supporting the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade and its subordinate units, the AASF oversees Detachment 30 Operational Support Airlift Command, and the Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment.

Det. 30, OASC provides fixed wing operational airlift in support of National Guard, military departments and federal agencies. The RAID provides needed aviation capabilities to meet the growing demands for counterdrug operations support to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

In FY 2009, Arkansas Army aviation helped battle wild fires in California and Texas, flying over 90 hours in support. Over 300 mission hours were flown in support of state active duty missions.

Also in FY 2009, the state received four brand new UH-72 Lakota helicopters, which are replacing the state's aging fleet of OH-58 Kiowa airframes. An additional four helicopters are slated to arrive in FY 2012.

Due to a warrant officer recruiting surge in preparation for upcoming deployments Arkansas aviation currently boasts 28 personnel attending flight school, the largest number in Arkansas' history.



## *61st Civil Support Team (WMD)*

The 61st CST consists of approximately 20 Army and six Air National Guard personnel who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, allowing for immediate response and rapid deployment when an incident occurs. The CST successfully completed more than 20 response, assist and full-scale training missions in Fiscal Year 2009. In addition to garrison duties and several response missions, each team member averaged over 1,000 hours of individual training, resulting in a highly skilled force ready to respond with, assist or train local and state emergency response agencies.

When National Guard and Reserve units throughout the state received suspicious packages last winter, the 61st responded to several events within a short time span, and at various locations. The team was able to identify and mitigate all hazards.

The CST was inspected by the Civil Support Team Standardization Evaluation Assistance Team from the National Guard Bureau in May and received an overall rating of 93 percent.

The team assisted the Troop Medical Clinic when the H1N1 flu virus hit Camp Robinson, and assessed the State Capitol's structure and mail room operation for the potential of intentional airborne contamination in December 2008. The CST also assisted the U.S. Secret Service and Department of Homeland Defense in July 2009 by evaluating two sites for potential structure vulnerabilities.

## Recruiting & Retention Command

R&R currently boasts 121 authorized personnel, 16 contracted civilians and seven Active Duty Operational Support personnel to accomplish its mission of recruiting and retaining qualified individuals for the Arkansas Army National Guard to meet the demands of local, state and national missions. Arkansas' recruiters finished the fiscal year with over 1,100 accessions.

Army Medical Department recruiting focuses on obtaining health care professionals, and was able to recruit 14 officers in only six months after coming together as a team, exceeding their goal of 13.

The Officer Strength Maintenance section brought 132 new junior officers into the Army National Guard, exceeding last year's accessions by 41 and bringing company grade end strength to its highest level since 2005. Chief Warrant Officer Reginald Murrill was recognized as the top warrant officer recruiter in the nation, having accessed 40 new warrant officers into the Army National Guard.

The Recruit Sustainment Program hired nine full time Active Guard and Reserve personnel to man program operations state wide. The RSP program is responsible for ensuring that initial entry Soldiers are prepared to attend basic training. Arkansas was ranked sixth in the nation with a training ship rate of 83.8 percent.

One of the biggest changes faced was the realignment of the state's recruiting regions. The National Guard Bureau continued to fund the Guard's seven existing storefronts while R&R has requested one new storefront in Jonesboro.



## Medical Command

MEDCOM is located on Camp Joseph T. Robinson and is commanded by Col. Robert A. Mason, the Arkansas National Guard state surgeon. The unit is responsible for the health and well-being of the state's National Guard Soldiers.

MEDCOM performs over 8,500 Periodic Health Assessments each year, and provided over 23,000 inoculations during the fiscal year, along with over 9,000 medical exams or reviews. The PHA provides the most current yearly medical screening possible for Soldiers, places an increased emphasis on individual medical readiness and focuses on preventative health care counseling.

MEDCOM rolled into action in April when cases of the novel H1N1 influenza A virus started hitting the state. Better known as the swine flu, four confirmed cases were identified on Camp Robinson. Four active duty Air Force personnel from other states were training on Camp Robinson when they came down with the virus. The afflicted Airmen were isolated and treated by the Troop Medical Clinic.

An outbreak of flu like symptoms at Youth Challenge on Camp Robinson saw members of MEDCOM put on State Active Duty orders for 10 days to provide medical observation of the cadets. None of the cases were confirmed as H1N1 influenza.

In June 2009, the State Surgeon Office received a "Best Practice" award for its Basic Life Support Program from the Director of the Military Training Network.





## *Operation Iraqi Freedom*

The Arkansas National Guard continued to support Operation Iraqi Freedom throughout 2008. Over 3,200 members of the Arkansas Army National Guard were deployed throughout Iraq as part of the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which was in its second trip to Iraq in five years. The brigade mobilized in late 2007, and spent nine months on the ground as part of an Operation Iraqi Freedom security mission.

Units tapped to augment the 39th included the 142nd Fires Brigade's 217th Brigade Support Battalion. The 87th Troop Command's 216th Military Police Company, 1123rd Transportation Company, 224th Maintenance Company and 1038th Horizontal Construction Company also joined the mobilization. Troops from many other units throughout the Arkansas Army National Guard also were tapped to augment the 39th. The brigade returned home in December 2008, and began a three month reintegration process, which culminated in a series of Freedom Salute ceremonies throughout the Spring of 2009.

On the Air Guard side, the 123rd Intelligence Squadron continued its mission of providing imagery intelligence support to commanders on the ground in Southwest Asia while remaining mobilized in place. As many as 60 of the unit's personnel have supported both Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom without ever leaving the state.

## Operation Enduring Freedom

While missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom have waned, operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom continue to expand.

Approximately 30 members of the 188th Fighter Wing's Security Forces deployed to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan in July 2008 as part of the Air Expeditionary Forces. They were replaced by members of the 189th Airlift Wing's Security Forces in February 2009. Those Airmen returned home to the Little Rock Air Force Base in August 2009.

Soldiers of the 875th Engineer Battalion were notified in June 2009 to prepare for a second deployment in support of overseas operations in the past three years. The battalion returned from an Iraq deployment in September 2007 after clearing over 1,200 roadside bombs. The unit received a formal alert order in August calling for two companies, approximately 200 troops, to prepare for mobilization. The unit began home station training in October and moved to their mobilization station in November before heading to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Also in 2009 the Arkansas National Guard began identifying Soldiers and Airmen who would be part of a special Agricultural Development Team slated for deployment to Afghanistan in early 2010.





## *A Busy Year begins with an escape*

Fiscal Year 2008 ended with an incredible 81 State Active Duty missions on the books. Fiscal Year 2009 shattered that number by 26.

State active duty mission number 1 began just 14 days into the new fiscal year when the Department of Military Support's Counterdrug team was called upon to support civil authorities in the search for an escapee. An OH-58 Kiowa was sent to Pope County in support of the search.

After providing cots and blankets to the United Methodist Behavioral Hospital in Maumelle, the calendar year ended quietly. Then on January 24 Arkansas responded to a call for help from our big brother to the southwest. On November 17 two UH-60 Blackhawks and seven Army aviation troops headed to Western Texas with bambi buckets to help fight the raging wild fires there. Arkansas' participation in the mission ended on January 29. In the mean time, the Arkansas National Guard was keeping an eye on the weather and, in anticipation of a predicted cold front, decided to be ready ahead of time. Mission number four for the year began January 26 and called for commodities distribution throughout Central and Northwest Arkansas.

## *From Fire to Ice*

On Monday, January 27, 2009, requests for National Guard assistance began to pour in from counties in North Arkansas hit by a particularly nasty ice storm. Soldiers and Airmen were called upon to respond to the emergency needs of communities all across the state with supplies, shelter, water and power generation. The coordinated effort to mitigate the effects of the hazardous conditions began with mission number five which called for members of the 188th Fighter Wing and the 87th Troop Command to provide power generation support in Fulton County. From there the ice storm mission total topped 78 and lasted well into February.

Approximately 1,000 Guard members worked the winter weather response missions across the northern third of the state. In response to the devastation wrought by the ice storm, the Guard deployed 10 50-person County Support Teams throughout nine counties. Many of the Soldiers in the teams had just returned from Iraq with the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and were spending their days clearing debris from the roadways with chain saws and muscle. Others went door to door in the community to help notify residents of boil orders in the area, and to check on their health and welfare.

In Clay County the Air National Guard made good use of one of their Disaster Relief Beddown Sets by deploying the shower and laundry elements of the system in Marshall. For the first time in days, area residents were able to do their laundry and take a hot shower, thanks to the National Guard.

As power companies worked feverishly to restore power, the Guard responded with missions that included power generation, cots and blankets, emergency shelter, fuel, water, health and welfare checks, route clearance, shower systems, radios, and chain saws.

## *A Tornado hits the Mena area*

By the time mission number 84 wrapped up on February 9, calm had mostly returned to the state. But just three days later members of the 39th were called out to help search for a missing child from Chidester. The incident ended in tragedy when the boy was found drowned in a nearby lake. Things returned to normal until April 9 when a tornado struck Mena and surrounding communities. Approximately 50 Soldiers, primarily with the 39th, arrived on the scene to assist civil authorities with house by house searches, and to provide security. The Guard was also called upon to deliver packaged meals and over 160 cots and blankets to the community. The Guard itself did not escape the affects of the storm as the Mena armory sustained heavy roof damage.

In Dierks, a team of five Airmen with the 188th's Civil Engineering Squadron deployed two water purification units and power generators to restore clean water to the small Southwest Arkansas town. The Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU) can take water from any surface source and filter it to absolute purity, moving approximately 1,200 gallons per hour to support the daily needs of the community's 1,230 residents.

## *H1N1 strikes Camp Robinson*

Also in April, cases of the novel H1N1 influenza A virus, better known as the swine flu, became a major concern of the Arkansas Department of Health. In anticipation of a possible pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control began sending antivirals to areas of the country. The Arkansas National Guard provided security at the ADH central warehouse in Pulaski County. On May 8, the Arkansas National Guard identified its first four confirmed cases of H1N1 on Camp Robinson. The post experienced several other cases of flu-like symptoms, all of which were isolated and treated in order to contain the spread of the virus. All personnel affected were treated until well.

## *Training turns into real-world mission*

The 105th state active duty mission for the year occurred on July 29 when the 61st Civil Support Team responded to a real-world mission just two hours into a training event in Conway. The day started out with a call for the team of Army and Air Guard members to deploy as part of a normal training exercise to test their technical proficiency in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incident response. By noon an unknown chemical found leaking from a parked truck just 10 miles from their training site had the CST responding for real.

September saw the last two missions for the fiscal year. Mission 106 called for the Counterdrug unit to aid in the search for a fugitive in Saline County. An outbreak of flu like symptoms at Youth Challenge brought Medical Command on to state active duty orders for 10 days to provide medical observation of cadets, bringing the total mission count to 107 for Fiscal Year 2009.



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**Oct. 5, 2008** -- Lt. Col. (P) Robert E. Embrey officially accepted command of the Arkansas National Guard's Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center from Col. Louis Landreth. Col. Kevin Wear handed the helm and responsibility for the Arkansas Air National Guard's 188th Fighter Wing to Col. Thomas Anderson at a change of command ceremony in Fort Smith.



**Oct. 13-17, 2008** -- The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center hosted its 38th Annual Winston P. Wilson Warfighter Sustainment Training Exercises, and 18th Annual Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting at Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

**Oct. 23, 2008** -- Civic leaders from seven states climbed on aircraft, viewed C-130 simulators, fired rifles in a firearm training simulator, received briefings, flew on Army National Guard Blackhawks and watched an airfield assault demonstration during the Air National Guard's 2008 Business and Industry Days.



**Nov. 1-8, 2008** -- In preparation for the return of 3,000 Soldiers from deployment, the Arkansas National Guard kicked off its "Yellow Ribbon Family Reintegration Training Program."

**Nov. 5, 2008** -- A new multi-lane front gate facility at Camp Joseph T. Robinson officially entered into service at an opening ceremony.

**Nov. 6, 2008** -- About 25 Arkansas Guard Soldiers and Airmen joined 12 combat-wounded veterans for the central Arkansas portion of the 2008 Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride, known as the "Honky Tonk Challenge." The group pedaled onto historic Camp Robinson shortly before noon and stopped at post headquarters for a scheduled rest.



**Nov. 13, 2008** -- Spc. James M. Clay, 25, of Mountain Home, Ark., died in Anbar Province, Iraq, of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Clay was a member of the 224th Maintenance Company from Mountain Home, but was attached to the 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team during the recent deployment to Iraq.

**Nov. 26, 2008** -- Approximately 160 members of the Crossett and El Dorado based Troop A, 1st Squadron, 151st Cavalry Regiment arrived at Camp Shelby, Miss., marking the first wave of troops returning from deployment with the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.



**Dec. 6-12, 2008** -- The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center's Sniper School hosted the inaugural Inter-Service Sniper Sustainment Training Exercise at the Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center.

**Dec. 18, 2008** -- All but a few Soldiers of the 39th IBCT returned from a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Nearly 900 deplaned in Gulfport, Miss., marking the final return of over 3,200 troops.

**Jan. 10, 2009** -- Thirty-one years after joining the Arkansas National Guard as a private, Roger McClellan, commander, Joint Forces Land Component, became the state's newest Brigadier General.

**Jan. 25, 2009** -- The National Guard Professional Education Center held a groundbreaking ceremony to launch construction of the \$18.4 million GED Plus complex on Camp Robinson.

**Jan. 27, 2009** -- After an incredible 81 state active duty missions in FY 2008, the Arkansas National Guard shattered that number in January and February alone when a devastating ice storm hit 23 counties across the northern third of the state. At one time, over 950 Soldiers and Airmen were working winter response missions.

**Feb. 13, 2009** -- Over 60 Soldiers with the Prescott and Camden based units of the Arkansas National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team arrived in Chidester to support civil authorities in the search for three-year-old Dominick Wesley Arceneaux.

**Feb. 18, 2009** -- After two and a half days of tough competition, Spc. Kaleb Kovach, of Fayetteville, was named the Arkansas Army National Guard's Soldier of the Year, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Southern, of Little Rock, was named the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

**March 1, 2009** -- Thirty-four Airmen with the 188th Fighter Wing's Security Forces Squadron returned from a six-month deployment to Manas, Kyrgyzstan.

**March 1, 2009** -- The Arkansas National Guard announces the hiring of Ronnie Goff as the new Director of Psychological Health. Mr. Goff is available 24 hours a day to any Servicemember or Family member in need.

**March 6, 2009** -- Water rained down on an afternoon grass fire at Camp Robinson courtesy of the Arkansas Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility. The fire occurred on the northeast corner of Camp Robinson in a wooded area near Batesville Pike in North Little Rock. Fire departments from North Little Rock, Sherwood and Camp Robinson all responded to the fire, which was quickly controlled.

**April 7, 2009** -- The 233rd Regiment Regional Training Institute opened the doors to its new 25 series career management field course offering -- the 25U, Signal Support Systems Specialist course -- at Camp Robinson.

**April 9, 2009** -- Another round of state active duty missions began when a powerful tornado struck the communities of Mena and Dierks. Members of

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the 39th IBCT assisted local law enforcement and emergency response agencies in Mena while Airmen from the 188th Fighter Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron deployed two water purification units and power generators to help Dierks.

**April 22, 2009** -- After supporting Saline County authorities in the successful search for missing persons in the vicinity of Lake Norell, Arkansas Guard aviators joined efforts in Sebastian County to search for a missing 67 year old man with Parkinson's Disease.



**April 30, 2009** -- Proving that good things come in threes, a set of triplets from El Dorado, Ark., joined the Arkansas Army National Guard. Joshua, John and Jacob Temple, all 17, took the oath of enlistment at the Military Enlistment Processing Station in Little Rock as their proud parents looked on. Maj. Gen. William Wofford, the adjutant general of Arkansas, administered the oath to the fraternal triplets, who joined the Guard's Recruit Sustainment Program before shipping off to basic training when they turned 18.



**May 2, 2009** -- Members of the 142nd Fires Brigade honored the memory of Col. William Landon Bush by dedicating the Lincoln, Ark., readiness center in his name.

**May 8, 2009** -- At a news conference at the Arkansas Department of Health, it was announced that there were four confirmed cases of the H1N1 influenza A virus identified on Camp Robinson. The infected individuals were four of 40 Active Duty Air Force troops from other states who were training at the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center.



**May 8, 2009** -- Capt. Melissa Lashbrook of the 2nd Battalion, 114th Aviation, 77th Aviation Brigade, was honored as an Army National Guard calendar year 2008 General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award winner. Lashbrook was one of seven Army National Guard winners, and among 28 recipients across the active Army, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

**May 31, 2009** -- Col. Kirk E. VanPelt of Maumelle, Ark., took command of the 39th IBCT in a ceremony at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center. Col. Kendall Penn relinquished command of the brigade he headed during the unit's second deployment to Iraq.



**June 2, 2009** -- The National Guard Marksmanship Training Center's supply section was honored as a national winner of the 2009 Supply Excellence Award at the Combined Logistics Excellence Awards.

**June 4, 2009** -- An OH-58 Kiowa helicopter from the Arkansas National Guard with a Guard pilot and two law enforcement officers aboard crashed into the Buffalo River in the vicinity of Buffalo Point at around 1:30 p.m. All three men aboard the aircraft sustained only minor injuries and were transport-

ed to medical facilities for treatment. The aircraft was quickly removed from the river and taken to Camp Robinson for an investigation.

**July 11, 2009** -- The new \$19 million, 102,000 square foot, Armed Forces Reserve Center opens up near the front gate of the Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center. The new armory houses units of the Arkansas Army National Guard's 142nd Fires Brigade, and the U.S. Army Reserve's 341st Engineer Company.

**June 13, 2009** -- Soldiers of the Arkansas Army National Guard's 875th Engineer Battalion were notified to prepare for a potential second mobilization in support of operations overseas within three years.

**July 14, 2009** -- The Arkansas Army National Guard unveiled its newest workhorse helicopter, the UH-72 Lakota, at a ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility on Camp Robinson.

**July 29, 2009** -- Just two hours after deploying to a simulated chemical incident in Conway as part of an exercise, the 61st Civil Support Team responded to a real-world chemical incident. An unknown chemical found leaking from a truck in a parking lot 10 miles from their training site had the CST responding for real.

**Aug. 19, 2009** -- The Arkansas National Guard's Morale Welfare & Recreation (MWR) celebrated 20 years of service to our troops.

**Aug. 28, 2009** -- Family and friends cheered wildly as 32 members of the 189th Security Forces Squadron completed the final leg of their journey home from a six month deployment to Manas, Kyrgyzstan.

**Sept. 12, 2009** -- Arkansas military veterans and their Families were treated to a day of fun and opportunity, and a rousing 'welcome home' at Little Rock's War Memorial Stadium during the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System's Family Fun Extravaganza.

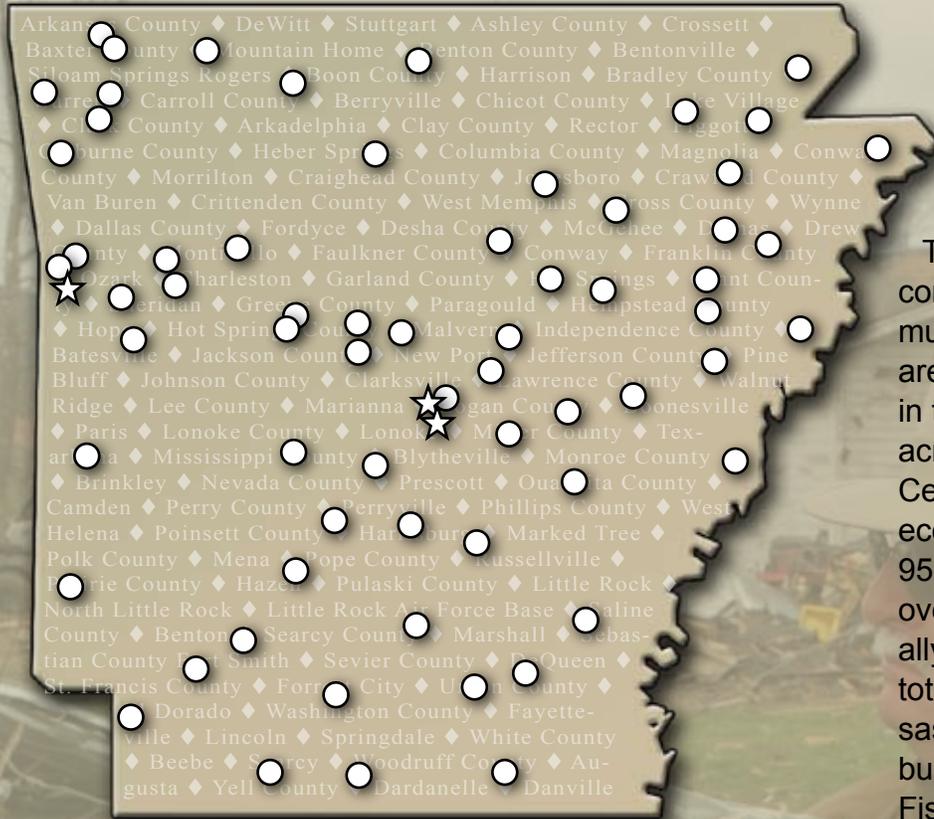
**Sept. 18, 2009** -- Maj. Gen. William Wofford, the adjutant general of Arkansas, and Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe disclosed numbers for suicides among Arkansas' Soldiers and Airmen, and asked the public for assistance in reversing this trend during a press conference at Camp Robinson.

**Sept. 18, 2009** -- The Arkansas National Guard took its first step into social networking with the publishing of the Arkansas National Guard Facebook page.

**Sept. 20, 2009** -- Camp Robinson was the site of the first annual "Stressed Out! -- From Darkness to Light -- Family 5k" event. The event was open to the public, all Soldiers, Airmen and Families, and was designed as a fun run or walk to help bring awareness to the stresses that could lead to tragic decisions.



# Financials



## The Guard is Big Business

The Arkansas National Guard is comprised of 138 units in 66 communities throughout the state. There are two major training sites that bring in tens of thousands of troops from across the nation, and 68 Readiness Centers, all positively impacting local economies. The Guard's budget is 95 percent federal funds, bringing over \$232 million into the state annually. Along with construction projects totaling over \$120 million, the Arkansas National Guard's total operating budget was nearly \$300 million in Fiscal Year 2009.

The Arkansas National Guard also has a full time work force of approximately 1,900 Soldiers and Airmen, and a state civilian work force of over 500.

### State Expenditures

Army/Air National Guard \$12,810,763

### Federal Funding

Army/Air National Guard Payroll \$15,238,524

Army National Guard O&M \$16,390,800

### Military Call-Up

Emergency \$1,930,425

Non Emergency \$3,884

### Accounting Documents

\$64,260,138

23,814 total transactions process through DSR

### Military Construction

\$17,468,341

### State Active Duty Reimbursement

Miscellaneous \$211,953.62

Aerial Support \$55,726.00

Rations Support \$30,672.96

Barracks Bags \$21,216.00

Fuel \$6,608.45

Aviation Support for Texas Wildfires \$160,258.18

Assess Tornado Damage in Mena, Ark. \$38,070.21

**Total Reimbursement \$524,487.42**



## *Fort Chaffee Armed Forces Reserve Center*

This new 102,000 square foot joint complex includes classrooms, administration, heated and unheated storage, physical fitness, break room, Real-Time Personal Indication System (RAPIDS) office, recruiting and retention, family support, kitchen, drill hall, maintenance training bays, and maintenance bays.



## *Camp Robinson Urban Assault Course*

This range has five stations used to train individual Soldiers, squads and platoons on tasks necessary to operate within a built up/urban area. It provides units with a facility to train and evaluate urban operations tasks.



## *Fort Chaffee Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Lane*

This new training range includes a pedestrian overpass, a traffic circle and a four-lane road with vehicle over/under passes, faux fire plugs, curb drains and water drain systems. This creates unlimited scenarios to prepare Soldiers to attack the terrorist network and defeat the force.



## *Current Construction*

<b>Robinson Maneuver Training Center</b>	<b>Ammo Supply Point</b>	<b>\$4 million</b>
	<b>Professional Education Center GED Plus Complex</b>	<b>\$18 million</b>
<b>Arkadelphia</b>	<b>Armed Forces Reserve Center</b>	<b>\$13 million</b>
<b>Chaffee Maneuver Training Center</b>	<b>Consolidated Maintenance Facility</b>	<b>\$27 million</b>
<b>Bentonville</b>	<b>Armed Forces Reserve Center</b>	<b>\$22 million</b>
<b>Cabot</b>	<b>Readiness Center</b>	<b>\$10 million</b>
<b>Jonesboro</b>	<b>Armed Forces Reserve Center and Field Maintenance Shop</b>	<b>\$25 million</b>



# Economic Impact



County	City	Impact
Arkansas	Stuttgart	\$ 1,269,979
Ashley	Crossett	\$ 714,035
Baxter	Mountain Home	\$ 1,203,954
Benton	Bentonville	\$ 921,755
	Siloam Springs	\$ 842,348
	Rogers	\$ 855,546
Boone	Harrison	\$ 2,265,463
Bradley	Warren	\$ 3,435,145
Carroll	Berryville	\$ 674,586
Clark	Arkadelphia	\$ 708,266
Clay	Rector	\$ 1,340,758
Cleburne	Heber Springs	\$ 1,130,293
Columbia	Magnolia	\$ 1,466,669
Conway	Morrilton	\$ 972,598
Craighead	Jonesboro	\$ 4,308,507
Crawford	Van Buren	\$ 909,426
Crittenden	West Memphis	\$ 2,660,052
Cross	Wynne	\$ 23,320
Dallas	Fordyce	\$ 589,634
Desha	Dumas	\$ 1,285,005
Drew	Monticello	\$ 1,296,645
Faulkner	Conway	\$ 1,666,875
Franklin	Ozark	\$ 869,503
	Charleston	\$ 988,245
Garland	Hot Springs	\$ 3,159,283
Grant	Sheridan	\$ 790,531
Greene	Paragould	\$ 1,400,640
Hempstead	Hope	\$ 700,683
Hot Springs	Malvern	\$ 2,868,561
Independence	Batesville	\$ 1,039,968
Jackson	Newport	\$ 1,286,802
Jefferson	Pine Bluff	\$ 3,762,741
Johnson	Clarksville	\$ 1,031,235
Lawrence	Walnut Ridge	\$ 625,606

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County	City	Impact
Logan	Boonesville	\$ 1,645,150
	Paris	\$ 1,030,461
Lonoke	Lonoke	\$ 605,157
	Cabot	\$ 513,329
Miller	Texarkana	\$ 679,858
Mississippi	Blytheville	\$ 846,821
Monroe	Brinkley	\$ 658,596
Nevada	Prescott	\$ 611,455
Ouachita	Camden	\$ 705,243
Perry	Perryville	\$ 561,727
Phillips	West Helena	\$ 1,890,242
Poinsett	Harrisburg	\$ 711,870
	Marked Tree	\$ 1,387,015
	Mena	\$ 641,656
Pope	Russellville	\$ 3,539,263
Prairie	Hazen	\$ 1,926,785
Pulaski	Little Rock	\$ 3,183,860
	North Little Rock	\$ 103,632,033
	LRAFB	\$ 26,663,208
Saline	Benton	\$ 1,416,622
Searcy	Marshall	\$ 860,222
Sebastian	Fort Smith	\$ 34,664,749
Sevier	DeQueen	\$ 688,250
St. Francis	Forrest City	\$ 709,944
Union	El Dorado	\$ 631,449
Washington	Fayetteville	\$ 3,930,279
	Lincoln	\$ 739,739
	Springdale	\$ 928,628
White	Beebe	\$ 650,411
	Searcy	\$ 3,038,279
Woodruff	Augusta	\$ 432,097
Yell	Dardanelle	\$ 893,552
	Danville	\$ 637,648
<b>Total Arkansas National Guard Impact</b>		<b>\$ 250,720,255</b>





## *Chaffee Maneuver Training Center*

The Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center is a 65,000 acre training site for all components of the Department of Defense, and is located near Fort Smith, Ark.

CMTC exceeded 270,000 mandays of usage in Fiscal Year 2009, by units of the Army and Air National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, active Army, U.S. Navy Seabees, Marines, and active duty Navy SEALs. Fort Chaffee's full-time employees, annual federal budget and usage are significant contributors to the local economies of many communities in and around Fort Smith.

The new Chaffee Battle Training Center boasts the latest training aids, devices and simulation systems to bring troops up to proficiency in modern tactical combat situations. The CBTC also provides facilities for command post exercises.

In 2009 the realistic Improvised Explosive Device Defeat lane was completed, allowing for the most advanced training for counter IED missions in the Guard. The 1037th Route Clearance Company of the 875th Engineer Battalion made good work of the new IED-Defeat lane during their pre-mobilization training at Fort Chaffee.

CMTC is also conducting a design review for a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility and a Live Fire Shoot House that have an estimated construction cost of over \$23 million, and would include approximately a dozen full-time employees.



## *Robinson Maneuver Training Center*

The Camp Robinson Maneuver Training Center is one of two major training areas in the Arkansas National Guard, and is comprised of over 35,000 acres. The post boasts state of the art 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.

A major part of RMTC is the Institute Support Unit, which is responsible for housing, billeting, ranges, training areas, transportation and logistics support. ISU personnel responded over 30 times for State Active Duty missions, providing a myriad of services that included commodities hauling, power generation, and cots and blankets.

For FY 2009, RMTC saw some major improvements, including a new Urban Assault Course that was completed in September. The UAC provides a five-station training site designed for individual task and small unit Warrior task training. Improvements on Range 16 include a new tower, a covered mess area, a storage facility and improved parking. The new Training Facility 05 supports land mine detection training, and utilizes the Army-Navy Portable Search System.

The HMMWV Egress Assistant Trainer was added to the Training Aids Devices, Simulators and Simulations department in FY 2009. The HEAT simulates a humvee rollover in order to train Soldiers to make a safe evacuation if a rollover occurs.

## *233rd Regional Training Institute*

The 233rd RTI is home to the largest infantry and signal Military Occupational Specialty-producing schools in the Guard. Over the course of the fiscal year, the 233rd RTI trained 1,412 Soldiers from all 54 states and territories. The 1st Battalion, 233rd Infantry School continues to lead the way for quality infantry training. The 2nd Battalion, 233rd runs the largest Signal school in the National Guard and is set to grow even more in 2010.

In the Spring of 2009, the RTI opened the doors to its new Signal Training Center. The former General Instruction Building was renovated and is now equipped with six state-of-the-art computer classrooms and equipment labs worth over \$3 million.

The RTI also runs the Arkansas Officer Candidate School, which established a new 30-day Phase Zero program that focuses on physical training, land navigation and troop leading procedures.

## *Marksmanship Training Center*

Known as the “center of excellence” for Warrior marksmanship training in the nation, the NGMTC executes sustainment training exercises and formal school programs for all states and territories. NGMTC programs evaluate, train and validate Warrior skills, and sharpen individual marksmanship skills and readiness in support of future military operations. The center also employs Mobile Training Teams to prepare active duty and reserve component units planning overseas contingency operations. Over 1,790 Soldiers and Airmen were trained in Fiscal Year 2009.

The center annually hosts the Winston P. Wilson Warfighter Sustainment Training Exercise concurrently with the international Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting, bringing in over 400 participants from 40 states and territories, and five countries.

## *Professional Education Center*

The Lavern E. Weber Professional Education Center, located at Camp Robinson, is the national training center for the Army National Guard. PEC consists of eight training centers covering a wide range of study, including the Human Resources and Readiness Training Center; Information Technology Training Center; Installations, Logistics & Environmental Training Center; Organizational Readiness Training Center; Resource Management Training Center; Strength Maintenance Training Center; Education Support Center; and the General Education Development Plus (GED+) Program.

In FY 2009, nearly 16,000 students were trained on the PEC campus, while the mobile training team went off site to reach another 5,400 students. PEC also reaches students virtually with over 7,000 students being educated via distance learning and web-based instruction. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in January, 2009 for the new GED Plus complex, which is scheduled to open in 2010.





## *Counterdrug*

The 33 Soldiers and Airmen of the Counterdrug Program continue to be a vital tool in the ongoing war on drugs. The Drug Demand Reduction portion of the program reached over 8,000 students in 50 schools statewide, and educated approximately 2,000 young people at Worldfest.

The Drug Supply Reduction section provides intelligence analyst support for the Arkansas State Police, Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI. The DSR assisted in the seizure of over 3,000 pounds of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and processed marijuana, and over 4,700 weapons -- over \$119 million in seizures.

Aviation Operations works with local, state and federal law enforcement in support of eradication and aerial interdiction missions. The introduction of the UH-72 Lakota helicopter was a welcome addition to the Guard's airframe inventory.



## *Youth Challenge*

The Arkansas National Guard Youth Challenge program -- a 22 week residential program for at-risk youth ages 16 to 19--graduated 109 cadets in two classes in FY 2009. Of those cadets, 71 earned a GED or a high school diploma. Twelve graduates of the two classes joined the military and six enrolled in college.

During Fiscal Year 2009 cadets performed community service at numerous events, including the Arkansas Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure against breast cancer, one of the largest in the nation.

Youth Challenge has also begun to participate in the Caregivers Choice program, which provides financial support to certified programs for one-on-one monitoring services to youth with incarcerated parents.

Youth Challenge has partnered with the Arkansas Career Readiness Certification Program, a portable credential based on the WorkKeys® assessments that demonstrates to employers that our cadets possess basic workplace skills.



## *Civilian Student Training Program*

CSTP is a state funded program that provides a structured, discipline based and military style, behavior modification environment. The program accepts adjudicated male nonviolent offenders ranging in age from 13 to 17. The nine week residential multi-phase program 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 part of the Director of State Resources. All participants are enrolled under court order.

Of the 306 young men enrolled in the program in FY 2009, 287 graduated and 36 earned their GED, bringing the total number of graduates from the program to over 5,000 since its inception. The academic grade level increased by an average of 2.5 years, and over 25,000 hours of community service was performed.

## *State Partnership*

The Arkansas-Guatemala partnership, which began in 2002, operates within six major project areas: emergency management/disaster planning and response; engineering; aviation; logistics; medical; security relations. The partnership conducted and/or participated in nine exchanges in FY 2009, including an emergency management earthquake exercise, a Medical Readiness Training Exercise site survey, the Central American military chaplain's conference, and engineer exchange, a logistics exchange, a trauma nursing exchange, an Air Force senior leader exchange, and an Adjutant General and Air National Guard leader visit to Arkansas Airmen performing the MEDRETE.

In addition, meetings and briefings were held with the U.S. Consul General at the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala, and with Guatemala's Ambassador to the United States to discuss opportunities for working more closely in the future.



## *Funeral Honors*

The Military Funeral Honors Program was created to honor those who have served our country, and is in its third year. The program provides final military honors to military veterans and retirees as specified by the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of Defense. The program falls under Joint Forces Headquarters, and specifically, the State Command Sergeant Major.

MFH eclipsed the 2008 mark of 913 burial missions in Fiscal Year 2009 by over 200. The program's 118 trained volunteer MFH participants completed 1,145 missions all across the state.

The Camp Robinson based program works with local veteran service organizations to train and certify their own programs. During a statewide certification and training event June 20 in downtown Little Rock, the Thaddeus H. Carraway VFW Post 2278 from Hot Springs earned top honors.



## *Family Programs*

The Family Programs office is a part of the Joint Services Support Branch of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and is designed to provide programs, benefits and resources for National Guard Members and their Families.

The Family Programs office works closely with the Psychological Health Program, the Transition Assistance Officer, the Joint Family Support Assistance Program, and the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

During FY 2009, 36 reintegration events were held throughout the state, with over 3,800 Arkansas National Guard and Marine Reservists attending. The events are intended to prepare National Guard and Reserve members and their Families for the deployment, sustain their Families during the deployment and reintegrate the Service members with their Families, communities and employers upon return or separation from active duty.



# Directorates



## Aviation

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation provides Army National Guard air support, security and reconnaissance for the entire state of Arkansas. In FY 2009 the Army's newest aircraft was fielded to the Arkansas National Guard. The Army Aviation Support Facility received and implemented four new UH-72 Lakota light duty helicopters. The Lakota has the latest cutting edge technology, including a fully integrated three-axis autopilot and two Garmin 430 GPS units. The aircraft has been designated as an asset for the Arkansas National Guard Counterdrug Program, and will also provide state homeland security support and natural disaster relief. The bird can carry 11 passengers and remain aloft for up to three hours.

For FY 2009, 10 mission capable pilots were trained, including four Counterdrug pilots, two full-time technicians and four traditional Soldiers.



## Engineering

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering provides construction, environmental and facility management services, and provides for purchases and construction accounting through its Cooperative Funding Agreement Center. The Fiscal Year 2009 operations and maintenance budget of \$40,469,400 included \$12,830,000 in stimulus funds. This funding supported real property and environmental programs, including utilities, salaries, maintenance and repair of facilities, environmental compliance/conservation, and minor construction projects. The FY 2009 military construction budget was \$70 million, and included four major projects: a Readiness Center at Cabot, an Armed Forces Reserve Center at Bentonville, an Armed Forces Reserve Center and Field Maintenance Shop at Jonseboro, and an Armed Forces Reserve Center at Arkadelphia.



## Information Management

The Deputy Chief of Staff, Information Management started the fiscal year supporting the redeployment of approximately 3,000 Soldiers of the 39th IBCT at Camp Shelby, Miss., as they returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. DCSIM also worked to ensure a Data at Rest plan was developed for administrative laptop computers within the full time force. The implementation included the installation of Mobile Armor. Infrastructure projects included the upgrade of the 25B/25U resident course at the 233rd Regional Training Institute at Camp Robinson. DCSIM supported the statewide implementation of the Army records Information Management System during FY 2009. Answering the needs of M-Day Soldiers to access Army Knowledge Online during drill weekends, computer kiosks were distributed to armories all over the state. This gives traditional troops the ability to access Army e-mail, personnel records, register for school or check their leave and earnings statement.

## 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 retain accountability and responsibility for resources and is the steward of public resources.

In FY 2009 DCSLOG and USP&FO provided critical support to the demobilization of the 39th IBCT, the Yellow-Ribbon Reintegration program and pre-mobilization activities. Nearly \$3 million in federal funds were processed for the Arkansas Army and Air National Guard.

The Director of Logistics has control of the Command Logistics and Maintenance divisions of DCSLOG. Approximately \$7 million was spent on repairing and maintaining organizational equipment.



## Military Support

The Director of Military Support recorded a record 107 State Active Duty missions for FY 2009, the most ever in one fiscal year. Eighty-one were in support of the winter ice storm that affected the northern half of Arkansas. Over 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen provided support during the ice storm that left more than 32,000 electric poles down, and over 350,000 Arkansans without power.

DOMS also recorded 11 missions for general humanitarian support, including cots, blankets, water hauls, medical support and generator support. Four missions included support for weather related incidents such as the tornado that hit areas in and around Mena. More than 70 soldiers and Airmen provided support after the tornado, including security, search and rescue, commodity distribution, potable water distribution, aviation support and water purification operations.



## Operations

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations has been fully engaged in mobilization operations in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, and Kosovo Forces Operations. In December of 2008 DCSOPS organized the redeployment of the 39th IBCT, processing over 3,200 Soldiers through Camp Shelby, Miss, and transferring approximately 1,000 troops back to their parent units.

Other mobilization efforts included a 16 person team for security force operations in Afghanistan, and the mobilization and training of the 1037th Route Clearance Company in support of overseas operations.

The DCSOPS training branch processed over 6,500 school applications, and enrolled over 3,000 Soldiers in both duty qualification and professional development courses, resulting in over 2,700 graduates during FY 2009.





## *Personnel*

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel includes the personnel services branch, the action branch, the education services office, the state Family Readiness office, the transition assistance office, and the Arkansas committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

DCSPER is responsible for all Army National Guard personnel actions in Arkansas, and ensures that quality professional services are provided to Soldiers and their Families. For Fiscal Year 2009, DCSPER supported the redeployment and re-integration of approximately 3,000 troops returning from deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The mobilization and deployment of the 1037th Route Clearance Company in support of Operation Enduring Freedom was also supported, including an intensive Soldier Readiness Process for the companies 200 plus troops.



## *State Resources*

The Directorate of State Resources administers all state funds and resources that support the Arkansas National Guard, including \$49.1 million in federal support through Federal/State Cooperative Funding Agreements, and military construction.

DSR is responsible for the maintenance, repair and utility costs of the state's 68 National Guard readiness centers, and for the facilities of the Joint Force Headquarters at Camp Robinson and Fort Chaffee.

DSR provides payroll services and other operations payments when Arkansas National Guard members are called into State Active Duty. DSR spent \$1,939,424 in support of state missions in Fiscal Year 2009. Of the Guard's \$244.8 million operating budget, the state is responsible for about five percent, or \$12.8 million. DSR is also responsible for approximately 540 state employees who work for the State Military Department.



## *Human Resources*

HRO provides a quality full-time workforce for the Arkansas National Guard, including the recruitment and placement of all full-time federal employees. Areas of service include employee benefits, development and training, equal opportunity, and labor relations.

For Fiscal Year 2009, the Human Resources Office screened over 7,000 job applicants for 896 published positions, a record for the Arkansas National Guard. For the fiscal year, 60 full-time employees were mobilized into federal service and 200 were demobilized following deployment.

HRO also helped coordinate six Special Emphasis Programs in conjunction with the Little Rock Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission, including American Indian Heritage month, Asian Pacific month, Black History month, Hispanic Observance, Women's History month and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

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## National Guard Association

Incorporated as a nonprofit entity, the NGAA helps develop and strengthen the National Guard, and fosters programs of interest to its over 1,800 members, comprised of active and retired National Guard leaders. In cooperation with the Arkansas National Guard, the association became an integral part of a recently organized legislative action committee to better effect legislative actions at the state and national levels.

The association supported proposed state legislation that resulted in: increased intuition assistance for Soldiers, Airmen and their dependents; utilization of state active duty monies for training; an alternative bidding process; inclusion of sexual harassment to the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and a buy-back military service provision for retirement. Through an intensive national level effort, government subsidized health care benefits are now available to all current National Guard members and their Families.

## Enlisted Association

The Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard works to advance the standing, prestige and welfare of enlisted members. The EAANG engages legislators on key issues affecting the association's annual, life and associate members.

The EAANG also serves as the state chapter of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Together, these associations work to upgrade National Guard equipment, and to increase benefits for Guard members. They work closely with the NGAA.

## ESGR

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a DoD agency that gains and maintains employer support for all seven Guard and Reserve service components. The agency's small full time staff and 45 volunteers recognize outstanding support, increases awareness of the law and resolves conflicts through mediation. During FY 2009, ESGR worked with 1,789 employers and helped nearly 6,000 reserve component members. More than 1,200 employers signed Statements of Support for the Guard and Reserve, and 200 Patriot Awards were presented to deserving employers. ESGR participated in over 30 conferences, events, training workshops and employer briefings, and a boss lift to Arizona.



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