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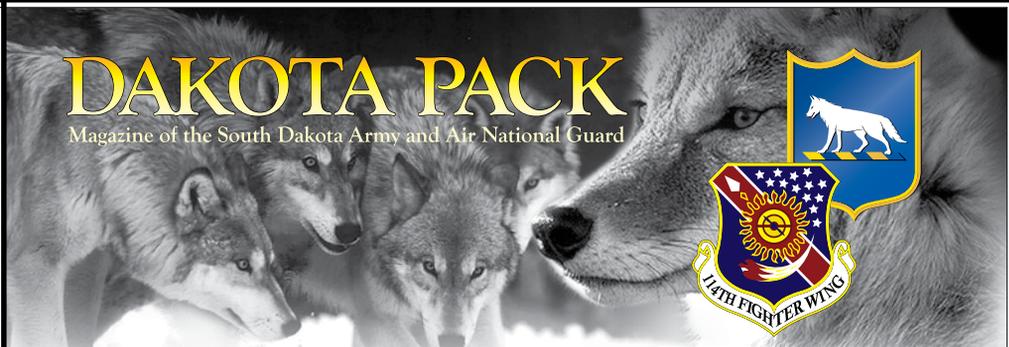
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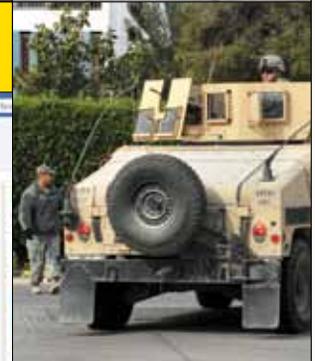
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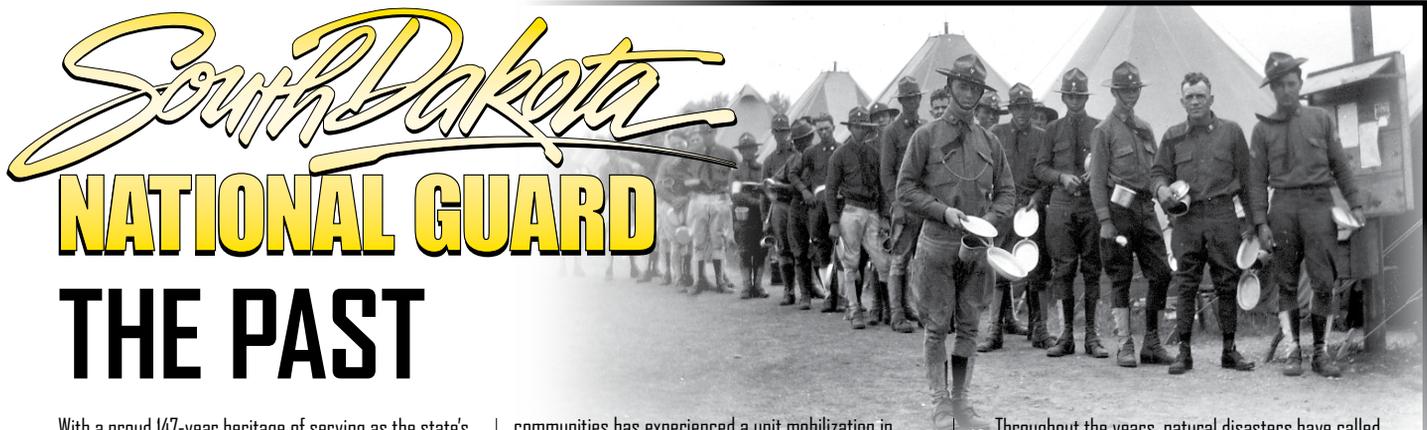
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# South Dakota NATIONAL GUARD THE PAST



With a proud 147-year heritage of serving as the state's militia, the South Dakota National Guard (SDNG) finds its origins dating back to 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory. Since that time, our National Guard units have served in nearly every major war or conflict since the Civil War. The SDNG has seen combat during the Spanish American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. Our National Guard was also called up during the Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, each of South Dakota's 28 National Guard

communities has experienced a unit mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle. More than 4,400 Soldiers and Airmen have deployed in support of these operations and continue to deploy time and time again.

The National Guard is the only military component that holds a dual-mission consisting of both federal and state roles. The federal mission is to maintain trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war or a national emergency. At the state level, the governor reserves the ability, under the Constitution, to call up members of the National Guard in times of domestic emergencies.

Throughout the years, natural disasters have called forth the Guard's spirit of teamwork and sacrifice to battle floods, fires, blizzards and tornado destruction. From the Rapid City Flood of 1972 to the 1997 Spencer Tornado to Hurricane Katrina and Rita in 2005, the SDNG has helped its fellow South Dakotans and Americans in times of need.

The proud heirs of the militia tradition can be found in the men and women of today's SDNG. They stand ready to leave the comforts of home and family to help their friends and neighbors, defend their nation's interests and bring peace and hope to people throughout the world.



# THE PRESENT

Today's South Dakota National Guard remains strong with nearly 4,500 Soldiers and Airmen available to execute its dual-mission on the state and federal level. The Guard is now in 28 communities throughout South Dakota and is comprised of 64 separate Army Guard units and detachments, and 17 Air Guard units. These units perform a variety of missions; everything from command and control, administration, engineering, field artillery, transportation, logistics, communications, maintenance, aviation, public affairs, military police, firefighters and medical.

The Guard is no longer a strategic reserve to the active component, but an operational force directly integrated into active-duty deployments and missions. The new force structure of the SDNG is designed to meet the needs of the future force; giving the Guard an enhanced capability to respond in times of emergencies

and natural disasters and to support of the Global War on Terrorism.

In 2009, several Army and Air National Guard units deployed overseas in support of OEF and OIF missions, as well as supporting other operations and mission throughout the country and globe. The Guard also experienced one of the largest state active duty call ups in its history, supporting both South Dakota and North Dakota in spring flooding operations.

The SDNG had an economic impact on South Dakota with more than \$223.3 million dollars in expenditures and wages last year. The SDNG is also one of the largest employers in the state with more than 960 full-time employees, along with more than 3,400 traditional Guard members who train on a part-time basis while pursuing a career or civilian education. These full-time employees, along with state employees and civilian

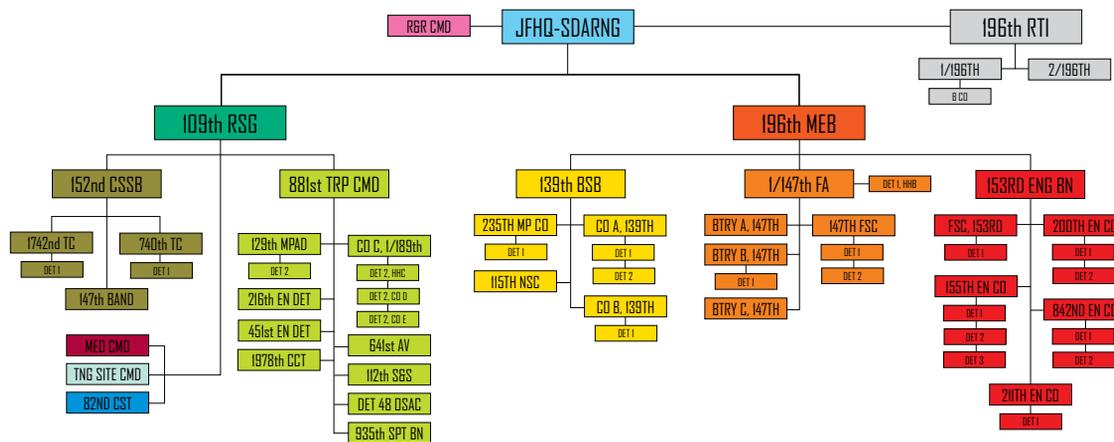
contractors, work to assist the traditional Guardsman by providing administrative, training and logistical support. This support collectively goes into helping units meet mobilization and readiness requirements.

The Army Guard remains strong with nearly 3,400 Soldiers available for state and federal missions. The nerve center for the Army Guard resides at the state headquarters at Camp Rapid in Rapid City; an 84-acre training site first developed in 1924. Today, the camp can provide housing for about 1,000 Soldiers.

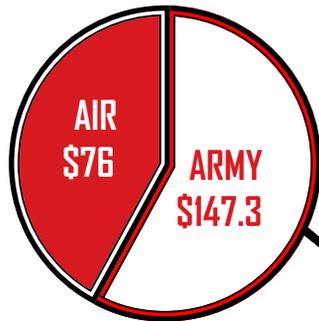
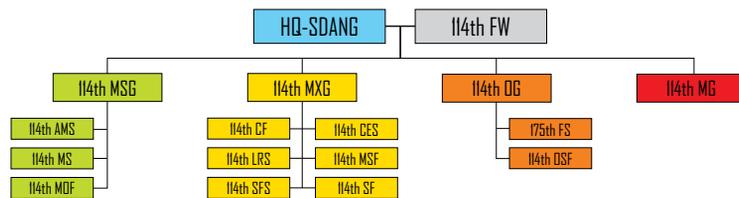
The Air National Guard is located on the southeast corner of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. It has more than 1,100 Airmen assigned to its headquarters and the 114th Fighter Wing. The mission of the Air National Guard is to provide combat capability to the war fight, security for the homeland and provide combat ready units in three roles: federal, state and community.

# UNIT COMMAND STRUCTURE

## ARMY GUARD



## AIR GUARD

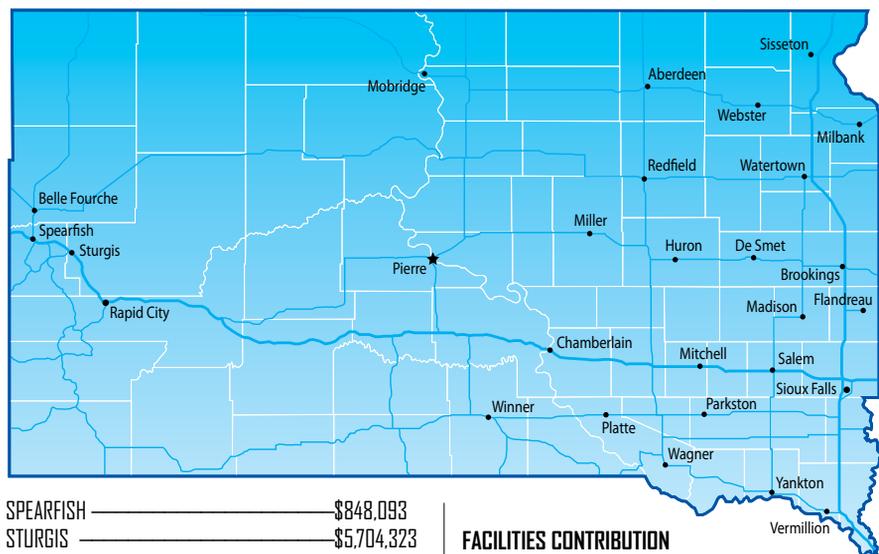


## ECONOMIC IMPACT

**\$223,351,336 MILLION**

COMMUNITY	STATE & FEDERAL
ABERDEEN	\$1,505,673
BELLE FOURCHE	\$454,660
BROOKINGS	\$4,184,595
CHAMBERLAIN	\$1,207,164
* CUSTER	\$281,601
DE SMET	\$236,424
FLANDREAU	\$473,802
HURON	\$2,676,691
* LEMMON	\$70,486
MADISON	\$1,567,573
MILBANK	\$1,162,506
MILLER	\$293,535
MITCHELL	\$6,256,266
MOBRIDGE	\$578,014
PARKSTON	\$534,145
PIERRE	\$3,152,589
PLATTE	\$329,261
RAPID CITY	\$97,944,035
REDFIELD	\$734,420
SALEM	\$853,420
SIoux FALLS	\$85,563,186
SISETON	\$305,286

## COMMUNITY LOCATIONS



SPEARFISH	\$848,093
STURGIS	\$5,704,323
VERMILLION	\$1,101,387
WAGNER	\$370,651
WATERTOWN	\$2,146,831
WEBSTER	\$1,258,333
WINNER	\$275,248
YANKTON	\$1,281,138

### FACILITIES CONTRIBUTION

#### FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

STATE FACILITIES	\$1,238,211
FEDERAL FACILITIES	\$3,974,938

\* NOTE: In 2009, Custer and Lemmon units were reconsolidated into other unit locations throughout the state. Some funds still impacted the community.

# SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP



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## ARMY



## AIR



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114th Fighter Wing

# DEPLOYMENTS

In 2009, the South Dakota National Guard activated about 750 Soldiers and Airmen in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

For the Army Guard, about 350 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery deployed in July to Kuwait in support of OIF. The unit's mission is to provide command and control of Camp Patriot and is responsible for its daily operations, as well as base security.

The 211th Engineer Company (Sapper) also mobilized more than 110 Soldiers in support of OEF in Afghanistan. The unit's mission is to detect and clear improvised explosive devices along movement and supply routes.

During the past year, the Fightin' Lobos of the Air Guard completed more than 25 major deployments in support of OIF and OEF, along with other security, humanitarian and alert missions. These deployments involved more than 550 unit members to 13 different overseas countries and Canada. Overseas duty included deployment to Iraq, Qatar, Germany, Afghanistan, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Korea, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, Suriname and Honduras.

The 114th Fighter Wing mobilized 275 Airmen in support of OIF with the United States Air Force's Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) rotation plan. This ongoing Combat Air Force operation included the deployment of the unit's F-16 Fighting Falcons. This deployment of aircraft and personnel will be the third large-scale deployment for the 114th Fighter Wing in support of OIF since 2006.



# STATE ACTIVE DUTY

South Dakota National Guard units were not only needed for overseas deployments in 2009, but many were also called up for state active duty missions as well. The SDNG's Joint Force Headquarters maintains a Joint Operation Center (JOC) that is trained, equipped and postured to execute emergency operations.

To help coordinate and execute response efforts, the SDNG is divided into different task forces to provide assistance to our local communities throughout the state in the event of an emergency. Separated by eight geographic locations, units are assigned to each task force providing personnel and equipment for response to severe weather, fires, natural disasters, search-and-rescue operations, civil disturbances and homeland defense.

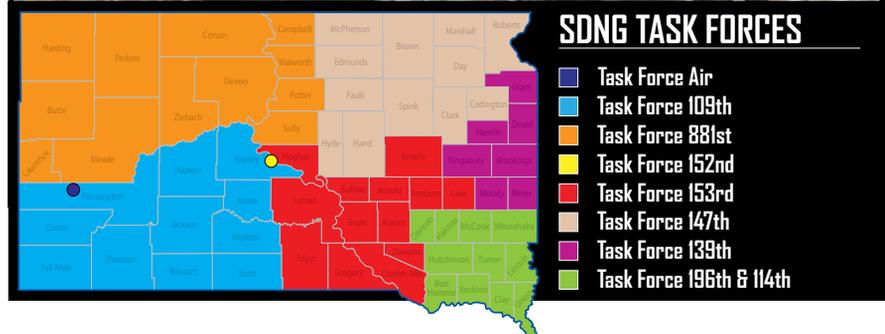
The Guard expended more than 2,800 workdays in support of state missions such as flood operations, fighting fires and snow removal during several winter storms throughout the state.

More than 350 service members from about 15 units assisted in one of the largest state active duty call ups in both South Dakota and North Dakota history. South Dakota experienced moderate flooding along Moccasin Creek, where the James and Elm Rivers meet near Columbia, and in areas near Aberdeen.

North Dakota experienced historic flooding conditions along the Red River near Fargo, with waters

rising to nearly 43 feet – more than 22 feet above flood stage. These Guardsmen and women worked 12 hour shifts for nearly a week to fill sandbags and patrol dikes

for leaks and weak spots in freezing temperatures, wind, snow and rain – all in an effort to help the citizens of their own state and of North Dakota.



# STATE PARTNERSHIP



The SDNG's State Partnership Program (SPP) contributed significantly to the overall mission of global stability and promotion of democracy in its partnership with the South American country of Suriname. The SPP is a grassroots Department of Defense program that focuses on building relationships through mutual exchanges of ideas and face-to-face interaction between civilian and military organizations from a state or territory within the U.S. and a foreign country.

The SD-Suriname SPP was formally established in August 2006 to develop mutually beneficial partnerships between the 2 entities. The partners were chosen based upon similarities in population size, land mass, agricultural based economies, and lack of significant language barriers.

In 2009, the SPP had nine significant events with 350 direct participants.

- **Business Exchange** – Members of a local YMCA board met with leadership of the Suriname YMCA, DEO Foundation, Ministry of Defense and other youth sports organizations to exchange ideas and processes within organizations.
- **MOD/AMB Visit** – The Suriname Minister of Defense and U.S. Ambassador to Suriname conducted an orientation visit to S.D. to meet key government, community and private sector leaders in order to orient them to the state and discuss potential partner opportunities for Suriname government, community and private sector leaders/organizations.
- **Business and Cultural Conference** – The Suriname Ministry of Defense, in coordination with Anton de Kom University and several private and government officials, organized a four-day event in Suriname to provide education on S.D. to a large group of Surinamers.

- **Engineers & Scientists Abroad Visit** – Individuals from the S.D. School of Mines and Technology conducted survey projects in Paramaribo, Suriname as part of the Engineers & Scientists Abroad (ESA) program.
- **SD Familiarization Tour** – Suriname tourism professionals toured S.D. attractions as part of a state-wide familiarization tour to foster the relationship in the tourism sector among the partners.
- **Public Affairs Exchange** – Members of the SDNG Public Affairs Office and S.D. media representatives/journalists participated in an exchange to educate S.D. media experts on Suriname including its culture, value systems, economic, military support to civil authorities processes, demographics and media relations systems.
- **Boy Scouts Exchange** – Members of the S.D. Boy Scouts Executive Council attended the Boy Scouts van Suriname 85th anniversary to develop short and long-term partnership goals, to build a framework for the continuation of the partnership and to identify some activities to execute as part of a pilot program.
- **TAG/Cabinet Officials Visit** – The Adjutant General of the SDNG, along with the S.D. Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Transportation, conducted a subject matter expert exchange with civil and government leaders of Suriname. This was organized to provide assessment for future partnership events, develop relationships among key players and plan for future exercises and exchanges to share lessons learned and maximize efficiencies and processes.
- **Rotary Exchange** – Members of Suriname Rotary were hosted by their S.D. counterparts. Vocational exchanges included meetings between university professors, oil and natural gas producers and banking executives.

# GOLDEN COYOTE



The South Dakota National Guard hosted its 25th annual Golden Coyote (GC) training exercise held in the southern Black Hills on June 6-20. The two-week training exercise has developed into one of the nation's top training opportunities for National Guard, Reserve and active-duty forces, as well as military personnel from foreign countries.

The exercise provides relevant training opportunities in support of the Global War on Terror and homeland defense. Working in cooperation with the National Forest Service and Custer State Park, the SDNG's GC training exercise allows military units to conduct combat support and combat service support missions in a realistic training environment and provide valuable services to the public.

More than 3,600 military personnel, from 62 units, covering 24 states participated in the exercise and included medical, chemical, transportation, signal, aviation, military

police, engineer and quartermaster units. These units came from multiple branches of the military – Army, Navy, and Air Force – and working together, created an invaluable training experience.

The units trained on their equipment and employed tactics to complete various projects that help improve the forest and infrastructure of many local communities.

In addition, individual units and personnel were able to participate in numerous warrior training tasks and battle drills, such as urban combat operations, land navigation, first aid, casualty evacuation, and day and night convoy operations. This provided a valuable opportunity for units to train on skills needed for any future overseas deployment.



## EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) programs and services help educate employers about the important role the National Guard and Reserve play in our strong national defense. Currently, about half of the nation's total available military manpower is comprised of the Reserve component.

ESGR was founded in 1972 with the mission to build and strengthen the partnerships essential to ensure that Reserve component members are available and ready when needed. ESGR, along with top military leaders, develops solutions to problems that

arise because of employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve.

More than 3,400 volunteer businesses, civic, academic and military leaders serve on ESGR committees in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and in Europe. These volunteers liaison with local companies, chambers of commerce, associations and civic groups to promote support for the National Guard and Reserve.

# IRT PROGRAM

The Innovative Readiness Program (IRT) provides hands-on readiness training opportunities while providing a direct benefit to communities. The program is built upon the long-standing tradition of the National Guard, acting as good neighbors at the local level in applying military personnel to assist worthy civic and community needs.



## IRT/COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2009

### 842nd Engineer Company

- Custer State Park – Road improvement and gravel haul
- Black Hills National Forest (BHNF) – FSR 682 road improvement and conditioning
- BHNF Firewood Haul – Provided essential firewood to Pine Ridge, Crow Creek, Fort Thompson and Lower Brule
- Department of Corrections – Various cut/fill operations to improve athletic ball fields
- Storybook Island – Cut/fill operations to build up the “Pirate Island”
- Faith Rubble Haul – Rubble haul took place in Faith, hauling old debris to landfill
- BH Baseball Association – Cut/fill operations to improve drainage of ball field
- S.D. State Veterans Home – Construction of roads to improve traffic flow
- GF&P – Whitewood Creek Road – Improvement to road surface and drainage

### 155th Engineer Company

- BHNF – Construction of six informational kiosks throughout the Black Hills
- S.D. State Veterans Home – Improvements/renovation to building 4
- American Legion Post 315 – Improvements/renovation to structure
- Custer State Park – Vertical construction of shelter over their sand chip shed
- Tripp County Historical Society – Improvement/renovation to the museum
- Pierre Museum – Construction to install new metal roofing
- Rushmore Little League – Vertical construction of crows nest and equipment shed

### 740th Engineer Company

- Nemo Work Center (NWC) - Construction of retaining wall
- NWC - Roofing project to include placement of new shingles on bunk house

### 256th Combat Support Hospital

- Provided surgical assistance to Pine Ridge Indian Health Service (IHS)

### 730th Area Support Medical Company

- Provided medical support to Lower Brule and Crow Creek IHS

### 456th Dental, Army Reserve

- Provided medical assistance to Pine Ridge IHS

# FAMILY SUPPORT

The success of the South Dakota National Guard relies on its military members and the families that support them.

The South Dakota National Guard values the support and contributions of our families across the state. Family programs not only benefit service



# MAINTENANCE SHOPS

Much of the success of the SDARNG relies in its ability to keep its vehicles and equipment running. The maintenance shops of the Guard are key to ensuring units are ready when they are called up for a state emergency or to serve in national defense.

### Combined Support Maintenance Shops (CSMS) – Mitchell/Rapid City

The CSMS provides full-time sustainment maintenance for units throughout the state. Some of the activities include: Engine and transmission overhaul and replacement, painting, welding, major repair of SDNG equipment. The CSMS also supports state active duty actions when needed.

### Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) – Sturgis/Chamberlain/Brookings/Webster

The FMS provides full-time unit level maintenance which includes: engine and transmission replacement, oil changes, transmission fluid changes, replacement of belts and hoses, tire changing/repair. The FMS also conducts inspections of all assigned equipment, support state active duty actions when needed.

### Unit Training Equipment Support (UTES) – Sioux Falls

The UTES provides maintenance for equipment that is used for training in the Sioux Falls area. This shop can perform similar maintenance and repairs that are described in the CSMS and the FMS shops.

# COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

The SDNG Counterdrug Program has a vital mission to provide assistance to schools, law enforcement agencies and numerous community event organizers. The Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) team visited 80 different schools working with approximately 11,000 students to educate them on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The team is also very much a part of the success of Red Ribbon Week; with 45 schools participating in depicting drug free messages.

The aviation team assists with law enforcement missions to aid in reducing drug trafficking, use and eradication throughout the year; flying approximately 250 hours a year to accomplish their missions.

The intelligence analyst team works corroboratively with our aviation team to provide assistance to law enforcement agencies during the Sturgis Rally. Intelligence analysts assist the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Division of Criminal Investigations and Drug Enforcement Agency with establishment of counterdrug intelligence systems and databases, along with providing support in the form of inputting, reviewing, and analyzing collected information and providing legal, paralegal, and auditing assistance.

Counterdrug also has a substance abuse team with two major functions: collections and education. The team provides testing and education to the approximate 3,400 members in the SDARNG to reduce the abuse of illegal or harmful substances.



members and their families, but also have a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness.

The South Dakota National Guard's Family Readiness Program provides support by helping bond National Guard families together and promote a sense of camaraderie, aiding families in understanding the mission of the South Dakota National Guard and keeping families informed about activities sponsored by the Family Readiness Program and of the common rewards of military life.

# JFHQ-SD

RAPID CITY

JFHQ COMMANDER – BRIG. GEN. TIMOTHY REISCH  
 CHIEF OF STAFF – COL. RONALD CZMOWSKI  
 JFHQ DET. COMMANDER – MAJ. BRENDAN MURPHY  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DIANE DEYO

Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) of Rapid City is one of four major commands in the South Dakota Army National Guard, and is a critical element for all 64 units across the state; providing command and control of essential services in administration, intelligence, training, logistics, maintenance, communications, Soldier and family services and other support functions.

With more than 200 members assigned, the main focus for JFHQ is to support the nearly 3,400 members of the SDARNG, and to provide trained and equipped, ready forces capable of mobilizing and deploying in support of state and federal missions and conducting missions authorized by the governor and/or the National Command Authority.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, JFHQ has worked to help mobilize units from each of the 28 SDARNG communities, and more than 3,600 Soldiers have been deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The JFHQ was instrumental in providing command and control, personnel and coordination to the 25th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in June 2009. The unit worked diligently to support more than 3,600 participants from 62 units, involving 24 states from the National Guard, Reserve and active-duty component of the Armed Forces.

**RIGHT:** Soldiers from the Recruiting and Retention Command's Recruitment Sustainment Program navigate an obstacle course at West Camp Rapid.

**BELOW:** Master Sgt. Udag explains to Brig. Gen. Timothy Reisch, army assistant adjutant general and Joint Force Headquarters commander, about an Innovative Readiness Training project at the S.D. State Veterans Home in Hot Springs.



# REC & RET CMD

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ. JOSEPH JACOBSON  
 SERGEANT MAJOR – SGT. MAJ. TERRY PAULSEN

Recruiting and Retention Command (RRC) of Rapid City has a mission to recruit and retain quality, professional Soldiers into the South Dakota Army National Guard. This includes new enlisted Soldiers as well as officer and warrant officer accessions. With nearly 50 members, the RRC serves to assist units in meeting recruiting needs. By recruiting quality Soldiers, the RRC helps units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

The RRC is also in charge of the state's Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP). In 2009, the program help to prepare newly enlisted Soldiers for the rigors of basic training. The RSP familiarizes Soldiers with rank identification, drill and ceremony, the M-16 rifle, the Army Values, physical training readiness and other military procedures. The program is located in three locations; Fort Meade, Pierre and Sioux Falls.



# 196TH RTI

FORT MEADE/SIOUX FALLS

196TH COMMANDER – COL. KEVIN GRIESE  
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM JERRY EISENBRAUN  
 1/196TH COMMANDER – LT. COL. JOHN WEBER  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DAN KONECHNE  
 1/196TH, B CO COMMANDER – MAJ. STEPHEN SEWELL III  
 2/196TH COMMANDER – LT. COL. DOUGLAS BOGENHAGEN  
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR – MASTER SGT. MICHAEL JONES

The 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) located at Fort Meade is one of the premier regional training institutes throughout the National Guard. With more than 45 members, the regiment provides a model environment for training future leaders for the National Guard and provides general instruction on a variety of military courses. The 196th Regiment (RTI) has two subordinate battalions: 1st Battalion (Officer Candidate School), 196th Regiment (RTI) at Fort Meade and the 2nd Battalion (Modular Training), 196th Regiment (RTI) located in Sioux Falls.

The Fort Meade campus is home to one of the nation's regional OCS programs where enlisted Soldiers who want to become officers conduct a three phase program designed to stress their mental and physical capabilities, and evaluate their leadership potential for future commissioning as second



lieutenants. Last year, the OCS program trained about 475 officer candidates in three phases - the most in its history. Candidates from 25 different states throughout the nation participated in the consolidated program.

First Battalion (OCS) also trained seven candidates within its Warrant Officer Candidate School Program. The program is designed to develop and evaluate leadership skills for enlisted Soldiers wanting to become highly skilled, single-track specialists, and serve as technical experts, providing valuable skills and guidance to commanders and organizations in their particular field.

Second Battalion (MOD TRN) also had a successful year in training about 1,400 Soldiers in a variety of military courses. The battalion provided instruction in military occupational specialties such as truck driver (88M), multiple launch rocket system crewmember (13M) and operations/fire direction specialist (13P). The battalion also provided functional course training to Soldiers through its Combat Lifesaver Course, Modern Army Combatives Program, Small Group Instructor and Army Basic Instructor Courses, and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course.

**BELOW: Officer Candidate Aguilar sounds off to Maj. Stephen Sewell III, Teach, Assess, Counsel (TAC) instructor, during Phase 1B of the Officer Candidate School at the 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute at Fort Meade.**



# 109TH RSG

RAPID CITY

109TH COMMANDER – COL. THOMAS GRODMANS  
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM ROBERT FOSTER  
 HHD COMMANDER – CAPT. JAMES NEILL  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. ERIC JENNINGS

The 109th Regional Support Group of Rapid City is one of four major commands for the South Dakota Army National Guard, and provides command and control (C2) and supervision for 23 separate units and detachments totaling about 900 Soldiers in nine communities throughout South Dakota.

With more than 55 assigned members, the 109th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment serves as a higher headquarters to assist assigned or attached units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs, and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the RSG also serves as C2 for Task Force 109th, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response. To prepare for this mission, the unit trained selected individuals on the Incident Command System, Wild Land Fire Training and Civil Disturbance Training.

These skills proved crucial for the task force as it worked to help coordinate personnel and equipment for the March and December 2009 blizzards; providing M988s and snow blowers for snow removal along county roads and highways.

The 109th was also key in 2009's Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills; providing logistics and C2 for the entire exercise while also serving as the Mayor's Cell for Forward Operating Base Ellsworth.

# MED CMD

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CAPT. JAMES SIDERAS  
 FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. DENNIS RIECKMAN

Medical Command provides health force sustainment and protection for South Dakota Army National Guard units throughout the state. With about 50 assigned members located between Rapid City and Sioux Falls, the Medical Command has physicians, physician assistants, dentists, nurses, and medical technicians to help administer medical evaluations, exams and treatment to Soldiers.

In this capacity, the unit helps units achieve medical readiness and deployment requirements. The unit can also deploy worldwide to provide multi-functional medical care to an attached headquarters and assigned units in a combat theater.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the Medical Command can augment civilian medical agencies in an emergency or disaster response. In 2009, as a part of the unit's year-round annual training, the unit traveled throughout the state to help support SDARNG units with Soldier Readiness Processing and Periodic Health Assessments.

The Medical Command also supported the Navy in the 2009 Golden Coyote training exercise, as it operated the Troop Medical Clinic on Camp Rapid. The unit was also first in the nation for administering the most flu vaccinations per capita for the state's National Guard members for fiscal year 2009; with a completion rate of 85 percent.



**ABOVE: Sgt. Edna Knutson, a medic with the Medical Command, draws blood from Staff Sgt. Bart Sample at the Brookings Armory.**

# 82ND CST

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE

COMMANDER – LT. COL. JAMES SELCHERT  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. TODD GRABOW

The 82nd Civil Support Team stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base supports civil authorities at a domestic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high explosive incident site. This team of 22 full-time members is capable of identifying agents or substances at these sites, accessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures and assisting with appropriate requests for state and federal support.

Uniquely trained and equipped, the 82nd has at its disposal the latest in military and commercial detection equipment and top-notch communications to provide rapid analysis of unidentified substances. The unit can deploy within minutes locally and within hours regionally to expedite response time.

This elite team of Soldiers and Airmen is just one of 57 teams across the U.S. and its territories designed to integrate with the Incident Command System to provide a crucial capability between the initial response and federal assets.



**ABOVE:** Soldiers from the 82nd Civil Support Team train during to support civil authorities during a scenario involving a possible chemical, biological or radiological attack.



Soldiers from the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion trouble shoot a wireless internet connection for Forward Operating Base Custer State Park Airport during the Golden Coyote training exercise held in the southern Black Hills.

# TNG SITE CMD

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – LT. COL. DAN IVERSON  
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM URBAN LABER

Training Site Command of Rapid City commands and operates installations and property and manages and administers the use of those resources. They also provide administrative, training and logistical support to assigned, attached and tenant units and conducts activities to help units achieve training, readiness and deployment objectives.

With about 15 assigned members, Training Site also provides equipment for use by assigned personnel to maintain, service and repair buildings and structures, plants and equipment, roads, ranges, utilities and other installation property to include the service, repair and maintenance of environmental equipment in support of both pre and post-mobilization missions and annual training.

To assist the state, Training Site provided support personnel and equipment during snow removal operations during the spring of 2009; clearing roads and highways in western South Dakota. The unit also provided support services for approximately 3,600 service members participating in Golden Coyote 2009. This support included providing billeting, dining and training areas. Training areas that were used during the exercise were the land navigation course, leadership reaction course, obstacle course, military operations in urban terrain course and weapons ranges.

# 152ND CSSB

PIERRE

152ND COMMANDER – MAJ. AARON JORDAN  
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DONALD WEIAND  
HHC 152ND COMMANDER – CAPT. QUENTEN JOHNSON  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. ROBERT MCDONALD

The 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) of Pierre provides command and control (C2) and supervision for five units and detachments with nearly 430 Soldiers in five communities throughout South Dakota. With about 80 assigned members, the 152nd Headquarters and Headquarters Company serves as a battalion higher headquarters to assist assigned or attached units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs; and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements. The unit can also deploy worldwide to provide multifunctional combat support and combat service support to forces throughout an assigned area of operations in a combat theater.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the CSSB also serves as C2 for Task Force 152nd, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response. The CSSB has a unique, additional mission requirement to provide an Initial Response Team for the Solem Women's Prison in Pierre. In June 2009, the CSSB served as the Mayor's Cell for Custer State Park Airport during the Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills, as well as coordinated and conducted timber haul missions to the Oglala Sioux and Crow Creek tribes on the Pine Ridge and Lower Brule Native American reservations.



# 1742ND

SIoux FALLS/FLANDREAU

COMMANDER – CAPT. LESLIE BACORN  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DEAN NIXON

The 1742nd Transportation Company of Sioux Falls provides transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 130 members in Sioux Falls, and more than 50 members in its Detachment I in Flandreau, the company uses the M915 tractor-trailer to complete assigned missions. In 2009, the unit hauled 630 tons of cargo; accumulating 72,000 miles driven in non-annual training missions across the state and parts of the U.S.

The 1742nd played a major role in one of the largest state activations for the National Guard in its history; responding to flooding in eastern South Dakota and North Dakota during March and April. Three of the unit's five platoons provided personnel and 14 tractor-trailers to help support cargo maneuvers. Several Hesco barriers were shipped from Grand Forks, N.D., and delivered in Fargo, N.D., to be put in areas along the Red River instead of traditional dirt barriers. Another key task for the unit in Fargo was to inspect portions of the many twisting and lengthy dirt berms used to protect homes and businesses.

The 1742nd also played a significant role in the timber haul mission for the Golden Coyote training exercise in June. More than 100 loads of timber were moved from areas of the Black Hills Forest to Pine Ridge and Lower Brule Native American reservations. The residents of the reservations were able to use the timber for their personal and/or ceremonial uses as firewood. The 100 loads of timber equaled 500 tons and an accumulated 83,000 miles driven.



# 740TH

MILBANK/ABERDEEN

COMMANDER – CAPT. ROBIN FLINT  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DOUG BORCHERT

The 740th Transportation Company of Milbank provides transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 110 members in Milbank, and more than 80 members in its Detachment I in Aberdeen, the unit uses M915 tractor-trailers to complete assigned missions.

In 2009, the unit took to the streets of Milbank to help with its annual city-wide clean up; helping to pick up and haul away junk residents no longer wanted and left on their curbs. The unit cleared away everyday house-hold items such as furniture, carpet and old toys. The 740th hauled more than 50 loads of trash to the landfill. The unit also participated in the Golden Coyote training exercise in the southern Black Hills during the summer, where the majority of the units efforts were applied to executing the timber haul mission.

# 147TH

# BAND

MITCHELL

COMMANDER – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TERRY BECKLER  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DAROLD ROUNDS

The 147th Army Band of Mitchell is one of the premier Army bands in the National Guard. Comprised of more than 40 members, the musicians of the 147th provide music through the full spectrum of military operations and instills in our service members the will to fight and win, foster support of our citizens and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

In 2009, as a part of the unit's annual training, the 147th traveled to Colorado to perform at a variety of military and civilian community events during the month of July. The unit played a variety of music from jazz to rock and performed in Manitou Springs, Soda Springs and Pueblo.



ABOVE: Members of the 147th Army Band Jazz Ensemble perform in front of a Manitou Springs, Colo., crowd during their two-week annual training.

LEFT: A Soldier from the 1742nd Transportation Company prepares to move timber to the Pine Ridge Native American reservation during the Golden Coyote training exercise held in the Black Hills.

# 881ST

STURGIS

881ST COMMANDER – LT. COL. BARRY WHITNEY  
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – MAJ. PATRICK COUSER  
 HHD 881ST COMMANDER – 2ND LT. BILLI JO BIERLE  
 DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SGT. 1ST CLASS JAMES KRUSE

The 881st Troop Command of Sturgis provides command and control (C2) and supervision for 13 distinct units and detachments totaling about 300 Soldiers in four communities throughout South Dakota. With nearly 25 assigned members, the 881st Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment serves as a higher headquarters to assist units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs; and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements. This included the re-deployment of Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation from Kosovo and the 2010 deployment of Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment and Detachment I, Company B, 935th Support Battalion in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the 881st also serves as C2 for Task Force 881st, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response. In 2009, the task force worked to help coordinate personnel and equipment for the November 2008 blizzard; assisting in snow removal along Interstate 90 near Sturgis, as well as coordinating aviation assets to combat wild land fires in the Black Hills during the summer.

The 881st was also instrumental in assisting the 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute with the Phase I and 3 of its Officer Candidate School conducted at Fort Meade. The unit served as the lead command element; providing administrative, training and logistical support for the two summer phases.



Former 881st Troop Command Commander Lt. Col. David Max passes the guidon to incoming commander Lt. Col. Barry Whitney during a ceremony at the Sturgis Army.

# 216TH & 451ST

STURGIS

216TH/451ST COMMANDER – 2ND LT. BILLI JO BIERLE  
 216TH FIRE CHIEF – SGT. 1ST CLASS AUSTIN HAGEN  
 451ST STATION CHIEF – SGT. GABRIEL DONEY

The 216th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team) is a headquarters element with a mission to provide command and control (C2) over firefighting teams in a theater of operations; including fire protection of aviation and major facilities. The unit has four positions, of which each are trained specifically to provide C2 and support of up to five firefighting teams ensuring personnel and equipment are fully capable of carrying out their mission.

In 2009, the unit focused on individual training. Two members completed eight National Fire Certifications in Pennsylvania and Alabama – this marks the first time any member in the history of the unit has reached the Fire Officer 5 Level, or Advance Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOOC) equivalent.

The 451st Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team) provides firefighting service and support in a theater of operations including fire protection of aviation and major facilities. The detachment is a seven-person unit with equipment including firefighting gear, a tactical firefighting truck (TFFT) and a M916A2 tractor with a 6,000 gallon water tender.

In 2009, along with individual fire-fighting certification courses, the unit collectively focused on conducting vehicle extrication training and live-fire exercises in Sturgis. This allowed the unit to train with actual equipment under life-like situations. The TFFT is equipped with assorted extrication equipment that requires continuous training in order to remain proficient.



Firefighters from the 216th and 451st Engineer Detachments conduct fire rescue and vehicle extraction training near Sturgis.

Members of the 1978th Contingency Contracting Team took 1st place at the 2009 Black Hills Veteran March in the coed civilian team division.

# 1978TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CAPT. MATT SYMONDS  
 FIRST SERGEANT – SGT. 1ST CLASS LORISSA WETZLER

The 1978th Contingency Contracting Team is one of the newest units to the South Dakota Army National Guard. With only four full-time assigned members, the unit plans for and coordinates all contracting functions at the brigade combat team level. The unit members currently work with the SD-USPFD to gain contracting experience and fulfill certification requirements.

The 1978th is capable of deploying worldwide and can sustain operations, either as an independent contingency contracting office, or as an early entry module for unit contingency contracting in an austere environment, and can provide contingency contracting support for deployed forces; responsible for assisting with the development and administration/revision of contracting support plans and policy, annex, and appendices in support of operational, contingency and deliberate plans associated with area of responsibility operations.

# 129TH

RAPID CITY/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – CAPT. KATHLEEN DIRK  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DONALD MATTHEWS

The 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment of Rapid City and its Detachment 2 in Sioux Falls, provides public affairs support to units across the state, as well as to deployed units in support of a combined, unified or joint operation. With nearly 20 members, the detachment uses print and broadcast journalist to help tell the story of the South Dakota Army National Guard.

In 2009, the unit helped to capture one of the largest state activations for the South Dakota and North Dakota National Guard in its history; responding to flooding in both states during March and April. Several unit personnel wrote stories and helped to document the efforts of the National Guard during these state emergencies.

The 129th also played a significant role in providing public affairs support for the Golden Coyote training exercise in June. Unit leadership help to direct the efforts of several public affairs units supporting the exercise. 129th personnel helped to tell the story of the more than 3,600 participants from 62 units, involving 24 states through print and video mediums. The unit also help to escort local and national media covering the exercise.



Pfc. Mike Beaver (left), broadcast journalist for the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, and Sgt. 1st Class Ken Hudson with the California National Guard, interview Soldiers during the Golden Coyote training exercise.

# 730TH

VERMILLION

COMMANDER – MAJ. DAVID FOSSUM  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. LEE SEVERIN

The 730th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC) of Vermillion is a unit which can provide Echelon 1 and Echelon 2 medical support. The 730th can perform emergency medical treatment (EMT) procedures, evacuate patients via medical ambulance and provide for continued care en route. The ASMC is also capable of operating a field clinic and mobile treatment facilities; providing emergency and routine outpatient/inpatient medical care and treatment for the battlefield and non-causalities in both wartime and peacetime.

With about 85 members, the 730th is comprised of health care specialists, radiologist, lab technicians

**RIGHT: Capt. Axtman of Sioux Falls, member of the 730th Area Medical Support Company, distracts 18-month-old Marley Sunshine of Fort Thompson, with his identification badge to take her vital signs during their annual training, June 15 at the Fort Thompson Indian Health Service Center. (Army photo by Sgt. Theanne Tangen)**

mental health technicians, physician assistants, medical doctors, nurses and other administrative and supply personnel.

As a part of the unit's annual training in June, unit members unit traveled to Fort Thompson and Lower Brule Indian Health Service Centers to help provide medical treatment to community members. The unit also lent a hand in providing animal vaccinations and in repairing temporary staff housing. Unit members returned to Lower Brule in November to help administer the H1N1 shot vaccine to community members.

The first annual Soldier for a Day was also held in Vermillion by the 730th; hosting 57 children, ages 8-12. Many unit members also volunteered to deploy with units needing medical professionals from both South Dakota and North Dakota.



# CO C, 1/189TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CAPT. JON MURPHY  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. PHILLIP MURPHY

Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment is a General Support Aviation Battalion designed to provide aerial-medical evacuation support with its eight UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. Based in Rapid City at the Army Aviation Support facility, the unit has about 50 members of pilots, crew chiefs, medics, mechanics, avionics specialists and flight operations personnel who continuously train to maintain its high state of readiness. This level of preparedness helps to support the state and nation during natural or domestic emergencies and to support units within an assigned area of operation in a theater or war or peace keeping operation.

The unit also has three support detachments of about 25 personnel who provide command and control, maintenance and logistics support: Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/189th, Detachment 2, Company D, 1/189th and Detachment 2, Company E, 1/189th.

In 2009, the unit welcomed home 21 members and three aircraft in March after a year-long deployment in support of peacekeeping operations in Kosovo. In April, the unit sent personnel and three aircraft to support North Dakota flood operations in the Fargo and Grand Forks area.

To continue with its homeland defense and state mission, the 189th sent personnel to the Wild Land Fire Fighting Academy in Lemmon; learning how to support and suppress wild land fires. Company C also continued its extensive training program by participating in EMT training at Fort Meade and conducted initial aircraft qualification and mission training for eight new non-rated crewmembers and for two new pilots. The unit also sent three enlisted Soldiers to flight school.

The unit supported the 25th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills by providing 24 hour aerial-medical evacuation support in the event of a serious or harmful incident to an exercise participant. The unit also provided assistance in moving 11 foot bridges for the National Forest Service into the Slate Creek area of the Black Hills and helped the Badlands National Park service by moving 20 loads of fencing material.

The unit also supported numerous flight requests for flyovers, air shows, statics displays and support to the OCS program at Fort Meade and the ROTC program at SDSU and USD.



Sgt. Dwayne Graves from Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion inspects a night optical device (NVG) as Spc. Levi Lee looks on.

# 935TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOHN WURTZ  
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SGT. 1ST CLASS KURT GROSS

Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion of Rapid City is comprised of approximately 30 members of aviation mechanics. The unit's state mission is to provide aviation intermediate maintenance support and backup aviation support, which includes aircraft armament and avionics equipment repair for the UH-60 Black Hawk and OH-58 Kiowa helicopters.

At the federal level, the 935th's mission is to be prepared for mobilization and deployment to provide aviation maintenance support in situations concerning homeland security, military support for civil authorities and military assistance for civil disturbances.

With the continued maintenance and upkeep of the aircraft for state and federal missions, the unit was behind the scenes helping to keep in the air the helicopters that supported the blizzard that hit South Dakota in November 2008, the airlifting of nine new walking bridges near Slate Creek Dam in the Black Hills in May 2009 and assistance in North Dakota during the flooding in March and April in 2009.

During the unit's annual training, the 935th recovered a downed aircraft that had sustained serious damage. On a daily basis, the unit trained to prepare Soldiers for its ultimate goal of completing 100 percent of driver training for licensing of the unit, establish security measures for entering a hostile environment, the ability to process information during tactical operations, DART training, BDAR at AVIM level, training for DPS under NBC conditions.

Four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment lift off from West Camp Rapid as they prepare to deliver a platoon of officer candidates to a training and evaluation exercise.



# 641ST

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER RONALD BOUTCH  
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER COX

With its two C23 airplanes, Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment of Rapid City is a small team of pilots and crew chiefs who's mission is to move cargo or personnel by air transport. With more than 10 members assigned, the 641st is just one of a few fixed wing units in the Army National Guard inventory.

To help support its state and federal mission, the unit can transport unit personnel, leadership or staff, fly reconnaissance, deliver critical equipment or supply parts and even provide casualty transport if needed.

In 2009, the unit flew across the state and country to fulfill mission requirements for the South Dakota National Guard. Many unit personnel also completed extensive flight training to gain individual certification. The 641st is also preparing for a 2010 deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism - the third deployment for the unit since Sept. 11, 2001.

# DET 48

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MICHAEL HUSS  
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SGT. 1ST CLASS RYAN WILLIAMSON

Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command (OSAC) of Rapid City is a small unit of eight members who fly the C12, dual-prop, fixed wing aircraft capable of transporting up to 10 personnel. The unit is stationed at the Army Aviation Support Facility near Rapid City Regional Airport; home to all the South Dakota Army National Guard aviation units.

The unit has a state and federal mission to provide operational airlift support to National Guard personnel, military departments and federal agencies as scheduled by the OSAC, during peacetime state and national emergencies, natural disasters or wartime missions.

In 2009, the unit flew across the state and country to fulfill mission requirements for the South Dakota National Guard. Many unit personnel also completed extensive flight training to gain individual certification.

# 112TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – 1ST LT. MARTIN SKOVLY  
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SGT. SCOTT HELMANN

Detachment 2, Company A, 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment (Security & Support) of Rapid City operates several OH-58 Kiowa helicopters. With more than 25 members, this unit of pilots, crew chiefs, mechanics and flight operations personnel supports the state and federal emergency management agencies in command, control and communications flights and limited air movement operations. The unit is stationed at the Army Aviation Support Facility near Rapid City Regional Airport; home to all the South Dakota Army National Guard aviation units.

In 2009 the unit assisted state and federal agencies by providing support for the Sturgis Rally and other counterdrug programs. Many unit personnel also completed extensive flight training to gain individual certification.



A C23 Sherpa from Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment prepares to take Soldiers stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. on a training mission.

# 139TH BSB

BROOKINGS

139TH COMMANDER – LT. COL. ANTHONY VERCHIO  
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM JAMES HOEKMAN  
 HHD 139TH COMMANDER – 1ST LT. TODD HOEBING  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. LESLIE KOLDEN

The 139th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) of Brookings has a mission to provide logistical and maintenance support to a maneuver enhancement brigade and attached units. The 139th BSB has a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment with 60 assigned members who help provide command and control (C2), administrative, training and logistical support for eight assigned units and detachments in the South Dakota Army National Guard. These units total about 500 Soldiers in eight communities throughout the state. As a battalion higher headquarters, the unit is focused on assisting assigned units in meeting readiness and deployment requirements.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the BSB also serves as C2 for Task Force 139th and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response. In early spring of 2009, several units under the BSB were tasked to help provide personnel and equipment to combat the flood waters in Fargo, N.D. More than 340 people from the BSB, and other SDARNG units, helped the residents of North Dakota keep the Red River at bay.

During Golden Coyote 2009 in June, the 139th had a mission to provide logistical support to the training exercise. The unit was key in providing food, water and fuel to all units participating in the exercise. Earlier that year, the unit began fielding Army Battle Command System (ABCS) equipment. The unit also fielded the U.S. Army tactical kitchen along with eight humvees. The training to become proficient with this new equipment, along with Warrior Training Tasks had been a number one priority during 2009.

# CO A, 139TH

REDFIELD/WATERTOWN/MILLER

COMMANDER – CAPT. REBECCA TRYGSTAD  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. ARTHUR ALLCOCK

Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion is a distribution company with a mission to provide transportation for the movement of cargo, water and fuel by motor transport. The unit is comprised of about 110 members with the company residing in three communities: Company A in Redfield, Detachment 1 in Watertown and Detachment 2 in Miller.

In Redfield is the headquarters and supply platoons which use trucks outfitted with the Palletized Load System (PLS) and Load Handling System (LHS), as well as 5-ton trucks with trailers and forklifts. With this equipment the unit hauls everything from both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo to general non-containerized cargo. The supply platoon is also

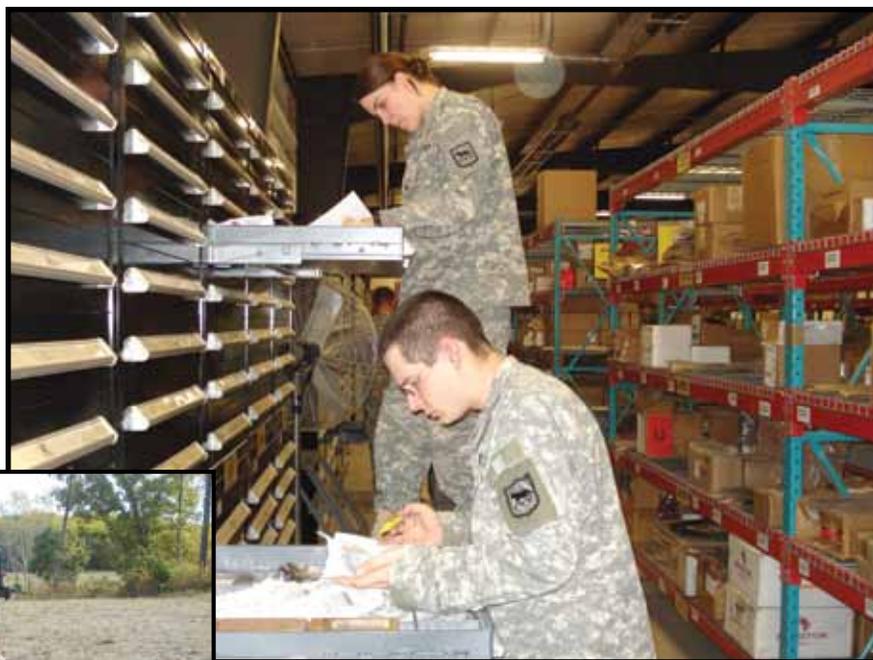
capable of operating a warehouse, which can deal with all classes of supply.

Detachment 1 in Watertown is a fuel and water platoon which also has PLS and LHS trucks used to haul its Tactical Water Purification Systems, as well as their fuel and water containers.

Miller's Detachment 2 is a transportation platoon which uses PLS and LHS trucks to complete its mission. All four of Company A's platoons work together to supply the battalion as well as the brigade with the different classes of supplies necessary to function in a wartime environment.

Since the Army National Guard's transformation in 2007, Company A has worked very hard in getting all Soldiers qualified in their new positions after restructuring from an artillery battery.

In 2009, the unit was activated for a state emergency and put on active-duty orders in late March to help fight flooding in Fargo, N.D. The unit reinforced dikes and patrolled them for possible leaks. The unit also conducted their annual training in June supporting the Golden Coyote training exercise. The unit had a key role in the exercise, responsible for providing fuel, water and subsistence for its more than 3,600 participants.



ABOVE: Two Soldiers from Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion conduct an inventory of supplies.



LEFT: Soldiers from the 139th Brigade Support Battalion conduct a weapons preventative maintenance check and service (PMCS) before firing on a qualification range at Camp Ripley, Minn.

# CO B, 139TH

MITCHELL/RAPID CITY

COMMANDER - CAPT. JASON KLEINSCHMIT  
FIRST SERGEANT - 1ST SGT. RICHARD SCHNEIDER

Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion is a support maintenance company with a mission to provide field maintenance for modular brigade combat teams and supporting brigades. With more than 150 members, the unit provides recovery, automotive/armament, ground support and electronic maintenance and maintenance management to brigade base elements.

The unit is located in two communities, with the headquarters in Mitchell and Detachment I in Rapid City. Company B also provides maintenance advice and support to the brigade and serves as the central entry and exit point into the brigade for low density equipment.

For its annual training, the unit attended Golden Coyote 2009 in the Black Hills. Company B, performed

maintenance for unit's at Forward Operating Base Custer State Park Airport. The unit also went on recovery missions outside of the FOB. The unit completed 93 job orders during their annual training.

Company B also performs maintenance missions on a quarterly basis for Company A and HHD 139th BSB. Currently, the unit is supporting the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade with vehicle maintenance issues before they deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

# 115TH

BROOKINGS

COMMANDER - CAPT. JAYME TRYGSTAD  
FIRST SERGEANT - 1ST SGT. LARRY PERRY

The 115th Network Support Company of Brookings has a mission to deploy, install, operate and maintain a brigade's command and control, communication, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance networks. With its 50 assigned members, the unit can also establish networks that support brigade operations, as well as integrate with joint task force, division or theater networks.

# 235TH

RAPID CITY/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER - CAPT. WALTER DANSBY  
FIRST SERGEANT - 1ST SGT. MICHAEL ROHDE

The 235th Military Police Company's has a mission to provide security for U.S. military personnel, installation and facilities and to guard prisoners of war and civilian internees. The unit is comprised of mainly security force personnel with about 170 members. The unit's company headquarters is located in Rapid City and its Detachment I in Sioux Falls.

The major duties for military police are to supervise or provide support to the battlefield by conducting battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations, law and order operations on the battlefield.

The unit also has a state and homeland defense mission to help augment civil law enforcement agencies in an emergency. If stationed stateside, the unit can also provide support to the peacetime Army community through security of critical Army resources, crime prevention programs and preservation of law and order.

**Sgt. Richard Campell ground guides the wrecker operator Sgt. Dave Schounfelder, as Sgt. 1st Class Slade Burdine supervises the attempt to recover a humvee needing maintenance during a field training exercise with Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion in Mitchell.**



# 196TH MEB

SIoux FALLS

196TH COMMANDER – BRIG. GEN. THEODORE JOHNSON  
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DAHR RADER  
 HHC 196TH COMMANDER – CAPT. KYLE OLDRE  
 FIRST SERGEANT – IST SGT. JAY GOLDBORN

The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB), is one of four major commands for the South Dakota Army National Guard, and provides command and control (C2) and supervision for three battalions, comprised of 33 separate units and detachments totaling more than 2,100 Soldiers in 27 communities throughout South Dakota.

With about 200 assigned members, the 196th, with its Headquarters and Headquarters Company, serves to assist assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs; and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

As a part of its wartime mission, the MEB enables, enhances and protects operational and tactical freedom of action of a supported maneuver force. It commands and controls forces necessary to conduct security and functional operations in a designated area of responsibility. This includes force protection, battle space awareness and focused logistics

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the MEB also serves as C2 for Task Force 196th, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response.

In 2009, the MEB was alerted for mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The unit is currently undergoing pre-mobilization training at home station to prepare for its May 2010 deployment. The unit also conducted individual and crew-serve weapons training in January 2010 at home station to help expedite their pre-mobilization time at Fort Hood, Texas in May.

# 1/147TH

WATERTOWN/SISSETON

COMMANDER – LT. COL. DAVID CHASE  
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM GEORGE ARENDS  
 HHB 147TH COMMANDER – CAPT. PATRICK SPRECHER  
 FIRST SERGEANT – IST SGT. KENT THOELKE

The 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery provides command and control (C2) and supervision for three Multiple Launch Rocket System batteries and one forward support company totaling about 330 Soldiers in six communities throughout eastern South Dakota. With about 70 assigned members, the 147th's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) in Watertown, along with its detachment in Sisseton, assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs.

The HHB also has a mission is to provide military support to civil authorities for state emergencies such as natural disasters, civil disturbance and homeland defense. Serving as C2 for Task Force 147th, the HHB was assigned to flood over watch in the Aberdeen area in the spring of 2009. While the unit was helping to support the state, it was also preparing for a security force (SECFOR) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 1st Battalion was alerted for mobilization and by January 2009, the battalion began a heightened level of training at Fort Chaffee Ark., conducting common task training and honing their warrior skills. Training consisted live-fire exercises, close-quarter combat training, entry control point training and improvised explosive device defeat lanes. By April, the battalion was activated and reported to Fort Hood, Texas to validate these essential and specific tasks deemed necessary for deployment to Southwest Asia.

By late July, the 147th arrived at Camp Patriot, Kuwait and started their mission of land side port security, C2 of Camp Patriot, and an area reaction force (ARF) for all of southern Kuwait. The ARF oversees more than 6,000

square kilometers of battle space known as SECFOR South.

# 147TH FSC

MITCHELL/SIoux FALLS/WEBSTER

COMMANDER – CAPT. SCOTT GREEN  
 FIRST SERGEANT – IST SGT. BRYAN POHLEN

The 147th Forward Support Company (FSC) is designed to provide logistics and maintenance support to a maneuver battalion: the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery. The FSC is headquartered out of Mitchell and has two detachments; Detachment 1 is located in Sioux Falls and Detachment 2 in Webster.

With approximately 115 members, the mission of the forward support company is new to the field artillery. After the 2007 transformation, all support assets were combined into one unit in the direct support role of a maneuver battalion – a mission previously completed by a battalion headquarters.

Now being in the support role of a field artillery battalion, the 147th FSC has a wide variety of functions and equipment. The FSC is consolidated to include a field feeding section, a distribution platoon which pushes out supplies, fuel and rockets to the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) batteries, and a water treatment section.

The second major function of the 147th FSC is maintenance. The maintenance platoon provides all necessary wheeled vehicle, tracked vehicle and MLRS maintenance necessary to shoot, move and communicate. Other functions performed by the maintenance platoon are generator power repairs, chemical equipment repairs, radio repairs, welding and recovery operations.

In April, the 147th FSC was activated to support the 1st Battalion, 147th FA for their security force (SECFOR) mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Kuwait. Soldiers have integrated into the SECFOR battery's nonstandard mission and into a variety of roles and responsibilities.

**Members of the 147th Forward Support Company maintenance section use a Rough Terrain Container Handler to try to dislodge an up-armored D7 Caterpillar.**



Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 147th Field Artillery work to give out clothing, blankets and shoes donated by Soldiers to local nationals that work to maintain Camp Patriot with U.S. Forces in Kuwait.



# BTRY A, 1/147TH

ABERDEEN

COMMANDER – CAPT. COLLIN ENSTAD  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. TERENCE CHING

The mission of Battery A, 1st Battalion 147th Field Artillery is to provide medium-range rocket and long-range missile fires in support of a brigade, division, corps, theater army, joint or coalition task force. Alpha Battery consists of about 80 members and is equipped with the M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), capable of firing a variety of munitions for indirect fire support. The unit can also provide a trained and disciplined force capable of providing security force operations, a quick reaction force, and can conduct base defense operations.

To fulfill its state and homeland defense mission requirements, the unit can provide the governor with a force capable of assisting in the response and recovery from natural disasters, civil unrest and other state contingency operations.

In 2009, the battery was mobilized as a part of the 1st Battalion, 147th FA in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with a mission to conduct security force operations on Camp Patriot in Kuwait. In early July, the unit deployed to Camp Patriot located on a Kuwait Naval Base – a joint service host nation base. Battery A Soldiers are responsible for operating gates, towers, and entry control point and serve alongside Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard members as well as Kuwaiti military members. It is the only joint nation base in the Iraqi theater.



Pfc. Hatton, part of the Quick Reaction Force, is guarding an area around the medical facility during the mass casualty drill at Camp Patriot, Kuwait.

# BTRY B, 1/147TH

SALEM/SIOUX FALLS

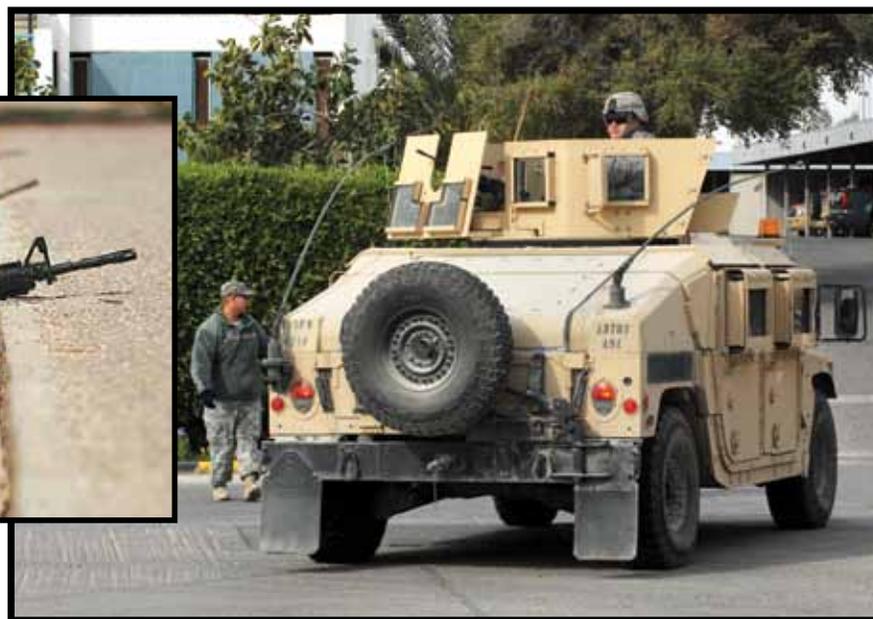
COMMANDER – CAPT. BRIAN HASS  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. TY HOLT

Bravo Battery is one of three Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) batteries from the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery designed to provide medium-range rocket and long-range missile fires under the command and control of a field artillery fires brigade.

The battery consists of about 45 members and has its headquarters in Salem with a detachment in Sioux Falls. The unit is equipped with the M270A1 launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, mess, maintenance, reconnaissance and fire direction.

The unit is also combat proven as a security force – deploying in 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom – and capable of conducting base operations, perimeter security and operating entry control points. Many unit members volunteered to deploy with other 1st Battalion units to support its OIF mission in Kuwait.

To fulfill its state and homeland defense mission requirements, the unit can provide the governor with a force capable of assisting in the response and recovery from natural disasters, civil unrest and other state contingency operations.



Quick Reaction Force members from the Battery A, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery secure the entry to the pier to ensure only required personnel are near the oil spill to ensure safety of everyone during an oil spill response exercise at Camp Patriot, Kuwait.

# BTRY C, 1/147TH

YANKTON

COMMANDER – CAPT. SCOTT GREEN  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MATTHEW LACROIX

With about 90 members assigned to its ranks, Yankton's Battery C, 1st Battalion 147th Field Artillery is equipped with the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS). This weapons system can deliver rockets or missiles on preplanned targets or targets of opportunity. To accomplish this mission, Charlie Battery is comprised of two firing platoons and a headquarters platoon.

The unit is also versed in security operations capable of providing a security force, a quick reaction team and conducting base defense operations. This mission plays into the unit's state and homeland defense mission of being able to respond to a state emergency and provide security personnel for a civil disturbance.

In 2009, the battery was mobilized as a part of the 1st Battalion, 147th FA in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with a mission to conduct security force operations on Camp Patriot in Kuwait. In early July, the unit deployed to Camp Patriot located on the Kuwait Naval Base – a joint service host nation base. Battery C Soldiers are responsible for operating gates, towers, and entry control point and serve alongside Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard members as well as Kuwaiti military members. It is the only joint nation base in the Iraqi theater.

# 153RD ENG

HURON

153RD COMMANDER – LT. COL. JOSEPH EINING  
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM MICHAEL BURGESSON  
 HSC 153RD COMMANDER – CAPT. JASON THOMPSON  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. KORY URBAN

The 153rd Engineer Battalion provides command and control (C2) and supervision for 14 separate units totaling about 800 Soldiers in 14 communities throughout South Dakota. With about 80 assigned members to the Headquarters Support Company (HSC), the 153rd assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs; and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

Along with supporting state units, the 153rd can also provide C2 for attached or assigned engineer units as a part of its federal mission. The battalion headquarters can coordinate and execute tactical operations involving mobility, countermobility and survivability tasks on the battlefield.

During the unit's annual training at Golden Coyote, the 153rd helped to support a request from the U.S. Forest Service to blast a hill side at the Copper Mountain quarry in the Black Hills. Using 1,250 pounds of C4 explosive, the engineers were tasked with taking a sheer-face cliff and turning it into a softer angle. These efforts helped to keep quarry workers safe from falling rock. The rock taken from the cliff was used on area roads.

The HSC also has a mission is to provide military support to civil authorities for state emergencies. Its primary role in this mission is to serve as C2 for Task Force 153rd. This task force helped to coordinate the state active duty of about 340 Soldiers and equipment to support the flood response in the Fargo, N.D., area in the spring of 2009. For nearly a week, Soldiers helped to fill and emplace sandbags along the Red River, as well as to patrol areas along the levee and dike system holding back the water. These efforts helped to protect the homes and business of hundreds of fellow North Dakota citizens.



Soldiers from the 153rd Engineer Battalion patrol a levee to check for leaks and weak spots in Fargo, N.D., as a part of flood operations in spring 2009.

# FSC, 153RD

PARKSTON/HURON

COMMANDER – CAPT. JOSEPH BACORN  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. JOHN SCHMIDT

The Forward Support Company (FSC), 153rd Engineer Battalion is designed to provide direct combat sustainment support for a maneuver battalion in the form of logistics and maintenance. The FSC has approximately 135 members and is headquartered in Parkston with a detachment located in Huron.

The FSC has a wide variety of functions; to include a field feeding section, a distribution platoon and a maintenance platoon.

These sections and platoons were able to execute their direct support roles during the Golden Coyote training exercise in June. Based at Fisherman's Flats in Custer State Park, the FSC was extremely busy. The class III section was busy keeping the 153rd Engineer Battalion's vehicles and equipment supplied with fuel, as well as other units spread throughout the Black Hills. The field feeding section had a similar tasking, keeping the stomachs of the entire 153rd Battalion full; while preparing and sending food to the other units tasked out on missions. The maintenance section was also instrumental in keeping vehicles and equipment operational. They also contributing to the entire battalion passing the COMET inspection that was held during AT.

The FSC was also a part of a task force of Soldiers from the state who were activated for duty to support the citizens of Fargo, N.D., to help combat the rising flood waters of the Red River. All the Soldiers there earned the North Dakota Emergency Operations Ribbon for their dedication, service and effort to protecting the city and people of Fargo.

# 211TH

SALEM/DE SMET

COMMANDER – CAPT. HEATH ABRAHAM  
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MARK FERBER

The 211th Engineer Company (Sapper) has a mission to execute mobility, counter-mobility and survivability tasks and to provide general engineering support to a maneuver unit or a support brigade. These tasks include combat engineering missions such as placing or clearing minefields, demolition operations, field defenses as well as the ability to operate as infantry when needed.

The unit has more than 100 members and is located in two communities; with the headquarters unit in Salem and a detachment in De Smet. The company is made up of three sapper platoons which uses a variety of equipment and munitions for its highly dangerous missions; such as M14 Armored Personnel Carriers and C4 explosives.

In 2009, the unit was busy preparing for a mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan. From January to August the unit prepared for deployment by conducting a variety of Warrior Training Tasks at home station and at Camp Ripley, Minn.; this included weapons training, entry control point and military operations in urban terrain training and base defense operations.

The unit reported to Fort McCoy, Wis., in September and continued to prepare for deployment. Here they received additional training for what would be their main mission in Afghanistan: route clearance. By November, the 211th arrived in theater and began route clearance patrol of improvised explosive devices along movement and supply routes.



A 211th Engineer Company Soldier directs a vehicle over rocky terrain in Afghanistan.

# 842ND

SPEARFISH/BELLE FOURCHE/STURGIS

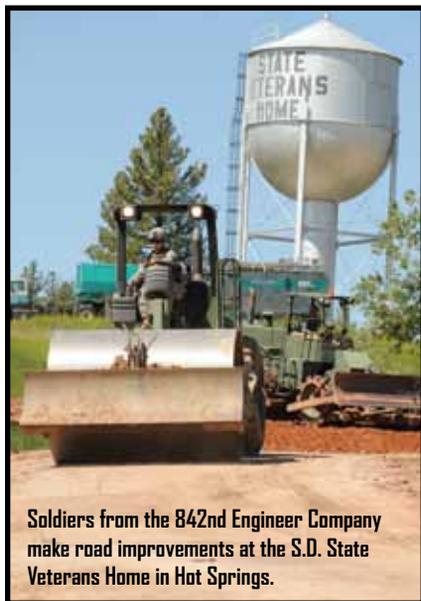
COMMANDER – CAPT. ALLEN GOOSELL  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MICHAEL HUDSON

The 842nd Engineer Company is a horizontal construction company capable of providing engineer support such as constructing and maintaining roads, developing airfields, constructing force protection measures and providing limited clearing operations. The unit can bring heavy equipment support to the battlefield with their bulldozers, scrapers, cranes, loaders, dump trucks and other earth excavating machines.

With nearly 160 assigned members, the 842nd is split into three communities with the headquarters and equipment platoon located in Spearfish, Detachment 1 (equipment) in Belle Fourche and Detachment 2 (maintenance) in Sturgis. In 2009, the unit's Detachment 3 located in Lemmon closed its doors and was consolidated with the rest of the company. This restructuring helped to maximize resources, training capabilities and cohesiveness of the unit. The move will also help the unit better respond when a state emergency or disaster strikes.

In late March 2009, disaster struck North Dakota and the unit supported the state by providing personnel and equipment to respond to flood operations in the Fargo area. Members from the 842nd spent nearly a week helping to fill sandbags and patrol dikes for structural integrity. The unit also dispatched 5-ton dump trucks to help haul and distribute dirt for flood operations.

The unit also supported the Golden Coyote training exercise in June. The unit completed a number of Innovative Readiness Training projects throughout the southern Black Hills.



Soldiers from the 842nd Engineer Company make road improvements at the S.D. State Veterans Home in Hot Springs.

# 200TH

PIERRE/CHAMBERLAIN/MOBRIDGE

COMMANDER – CAPT. JAMES FORBES  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. ROBERT SLABA

The 200th Engineer Company is a multi-role bridging company with a mission to provide personnel and equipment to transport, assemble, disassemble, retrieve and maintain all standard U.S. Army bridging systems. The unit is capable of providing both temporary or permanent bridging solutions over rivers and dry land gaps using its unique equipment: the improved ribbon bridge and the heavy dry span bridge.

With more than 180 members, the 842nd is located in three communities along the Missouri River; the headquarters element located in Pierre, Detachment 1 in Chamberlain and Detachment 2 in Mobridge.

Several members from 200th responded to help combat flooding in eastern South Dakota during March and April 2009. The unit provided boats, trucks and personnel to conduct flood operations in the Aberdeen area.

In June, the 200th helped units participating in the Golden Coyote training exercise cross the Missouri River on their way to the Black Hills. As a part of their annual training, the 200th conducted rafting operations using their jet-propelled, combat support boats and float bays. The unit's bridge crew members safely ferried 290 vehicles across the river at Chamberlain in only two days.

The 200th also conducted a timed build of one of their heavy dry span bridges during AT. The bridges can extend up to 40 meters and support vehicles weighing 110 tons.



Soldiers from the 200th Engineer Company assemble a heavy dry span bridge during their annual training in the Black Hills.

# 155TH

RAPID CITY/WINNER/PLATTE/WAGNER

COMMANDER – CAPT. KEVIN HUXFORD  
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MICHAEL SHAY

The 155th Engineer Company is a vertical engineer company capable of providing engineering support in the construction of base camps and internment facilities, as well as to construct, repair and maintain other vertical infrastructures in support of units within a brigade combat team, division or corps.

With more than 100 personnel assigned, the unit is split into four separate detachments. The headquarters unit is located in Rapid City, Detachment 1 in Winner, Detachment 2 in Platte and Detachment 3 in Wagner. The detachments contain a variety of military occupational specialties to include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services.

Every year, the unit helps to support a variety of construction projects for the state. Many of these projects are a part of the Innovative Readiness Training program for the South Dakota Army National Guard. In conjunction with their annual training, these projects include renovation of parts of the S.D. State Veterans Home in Hot Springs, facilities repair and maintenance for Custer State Park and the Black Hills National Forest, as well their annual build of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) playhouse.

The unit also conducted renovations and improvements on the Tripp County Historical Society Museum, SDNG Museum in Pierre, the Rushmore Little League ball field structures, and an American Legion 315 Post structure.

# HQ-SDANG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

HQ-SDANG COMMANDER – BRIG. GEN. DAVID HOLMAN  
 CHIEF OF STAFF – COL. BRIAN VOGNILD  
 COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT – CMSGT LANE MUNGER

The Headquarters for the South Dakota Air National Guard (HQ-SDANG) is located on the edge of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, and is a critical element for all 17 units that make up the 114th Fighter Wing. The unit provides command and control of essential services such as administration, training, logistics and support functions.

With nearly 30 assigned members, the main focus for HQ-SDANG is to support the nearly 1,100 members of the SDANG, and to prepare plans, policies and programs for its assigned units.

With both a state and federal mission, the SDANG can provide combat capable aircraft, aircrew, support personnel and equipment to augment existing active-duty forces during times of crisis, national emergency or war. At the same time, the unit must provide resources and a disciplined force to protect life and property during natural disasters, civil disturbances and other emergencies.

# 114TH FW

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

COMMANDER – COL. RUSS WALZ  
 COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT – CMSGT JAMES WELCH  
 FIRST SERGEANT – SENIOR MASTER SGT. RANDY WINGEN

The 114th Fighter Wing is one of the premier Air National Guard units in the country. Located on Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, the 114th FW is made up of four groups: 114th Mission Support Group, 114th Operations Group, 114th Maintenance Group and 114th Medical Group. These four groups combine to represent nearly 1,100 Airmen, and help the wing to achieve its mission to deploy worldwide and execute directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communication systems and installations with conventional weapons.

Equipped with the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the members of the 114th can mobilize within days to deploy this battlefield asset to a theater of war. The 114th brings a variety of military occupational and technical specialties to support the warfighter; these include essential services in administration, intelligence, training, logistics, aircraft and vehicle maintenance, communications, security, engineering, medical and many other support functions. Many of these skills and services also provide a valuable capability to the state in times of domestic emergencies or natural disasters.

In 2009, the 114th executed an \$81 million dollar budget, flying 6,105 hours with no Class A/B or weapons accidents. A goal for the 114th is to position the unit

for a community based active associate unit with an advanced fighter to follow. The 175th Fighter Wing flew 3,700 hours in fiscal year 2009, bringing the total of accident-free flying hours to 12,923.

The 114th Fighter Wing accomplished ASA and AEF mission-focused training through both day and night intercept training with Civil Air Patrol, two mobile training team exercises with Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, a large force exercise to Maple Flag, Canada, and a Tucson live munitions deployment.

During the past year, the Fightin' Lobos of the Air Guard completed more than 25 major deployments in support of OIF and OEF, along with other security, humanitarian and alert missions. These deployments involved more than 550 unit members to 13 different overseas countries and Canada. Overseas duty included deployment to Iraq, Qatar, Germany, Afghanistan, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Korea, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, Suriname and Honduras.

The 114th also conducted a Unit Compliance Inspection in 2009, and achieved a 99 percent complies or complies with comments in critical areas.

The unit also accomplished briefings with Air Combat Command's integrated staff, National Guard Bureau/AB, and the Deputy Director of Air National Guard on associations and potential future mission and increased positive visibility of the unit at the local, state and national levels.

In July, the 114th hosted their 2009 Power on the Prairie Air Show and open house at Joe Foss Field; the largest and most successful airshow in the 114th's history. With more than 150,000 spectators, those in attendance witnessed the Blue Angels, the F-22 Demo Team and numerous other flying and static displays.

**LEFT:** Senior Airman Jeffery Satrang, 114th Maintenance Group crew chief, marshals an F-16 aircraft on the flight line at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls.

**BELOW:** An F-16 Fighting Falcon fires its afterburner for spectators at the 2009 Power on the Prairie Air Show in Sioux Falls.



# 114TH MSG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

## 114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

COMMANDER – COL. STEVEN WARREN  
FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. KENNETH GRUNEWALDT

## 114TH FORCE SUPPORT SQD

COMMANDER – LT. COL. TAMARA MIELKE

## 114TH CIVIL ENGINEERING SQD

COMMANDER – LT. COL. ALVIN PUNT  
FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. JEFFREY SMITH

## 114TH SECURITY FORCES SQD

COMMANDER – CAPT. JOSEPH HARDIN  
FIRST SERGEANT – SENIOR MASTER SGT. JOHN WAGNER

## 114TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQD

COMMANDER – LT. COL. EDWIN VANDERWOLDE  
FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. JASON STEVENS

## 114TH COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

COMMANDER – MAJ. BRENT POST

The 114th Mission Support Group (MSG) with it almost 550 members, is the largest of the four groups of the 114th FW. There are five units assigned to the 114th MSG: 114th Force Support Squadron (FSS), 114th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), 114th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) and 114th Communications Flight (CF). The MSG directs the activities of it five squadrons, each with a variety of support functions. During the 114th FW's Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) in 2009, the MSG was rated as one of the best units inspected in multiple areas. The MSG also performed CBRNE training for 95 percent of the personnel, with 97 percent receiving initial training, 98 percent refresher training and 90 percent TQT. The Group deployed 337 personnel to nine different countries around the world throughout the year.

The 114th Force Support Flight emerged out of the previous 114th Mission Support Flight and 114th Services Flight this year, combining all the personnel and service flights into one squadron. The squadron provides cradle-to-grave support for Airmen through their entire career to include enlistment, training, development, promotions, deployment, family assistance and retirement. The FSS recruiting team pulled off the lofty goal of getting unit manning back to 100 percent.

The 114th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed as a part of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing in December 2008 and returned in July 2009. While supporting the Global War on Terror in Southwest Asia, the unit worked on numerous projects to support critical base facilities in the area of operation (AOR). This unit of plumbers,

electricians, carpenters, heavy equipment operators and heating and cooling professionals maintained airbase infrastructure, and received high praise from their active-duty leadership while on deployment.

The 114th Logistics Readiness Flight provides and directs supplies, fuel, procurement, motor vehicle and commercial transportation for the wing. The LRS displayed unmatched expertise during the UIC with numerous individual and team superior performers and programs. This was a follow-up to the Logistics Standardization Evaluation Program where they received one of the highest scores ever given for the inspection. LRS and the new 114th FSS continued its nearly flawless deployments of wing assets and personnel to the AOR through the AEF and ECS process.

The 114th Communications Flight provides communications and computer support for the 114th FW. They provide audio-visual communication support as well as maintenance of equipment. The CF also showed their metal during the UCI with zero areas of non-compliance. This was followed up with an outstanding rating during the Wing CO MSEC Inspection. The continuous wave of upgrades was evidenced by the deployment of Exchange 2007 and the Vista platform.

The 114th Security Forces Squadron continued their 24/7 security vigilance in this age of ever increasing security requirements and world-wide episodes of terrorism and violence. The SFS truly shined during the 2009 Power on the Prairie Air Show, and helped to direct the flow of more than 150,000 visitors with a smooth entry and exit process.



# 114TH OG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

## 114TH OPERATIONS GROUP

COMMANDER – COL. MICHAEL MEYERS

## 175TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

COMMANDER – LT. COL. NATHAN ALHOLINNA

## 114TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLT

COMMANDER – LT. COL. RUSS LIMKE

The 114th Operations Group (OG) has a mission to deploy worldwide and execute directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communications systems and installations with conventional weapons. With approximately 80 members, the OG has two assigned units: the 175th Fighter Squadron and 114th Operations Support Flight.

In May, the OG responded to a short notice Air Combat Command tasking to provide critical support for the Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis Air Force Base. The group deployed jets and personnel and gained valuable training for their aircrews and support teams.

The OG also deployed eight jets and 100 Airmen to Cold Lake, Canada for a Maple Flag exercise where they

were able to train with NATO forces in a massive flying exercise.

In July, many OG personnel were responsible for planning the Power on the Prairie Airshow at Joe Foss Field; the largest and most successful airshow in the 114th FW's history. Record setting attendance with numerous flying demo teams and static displays provided a positive perception for the South Dakota Air National Guard.

In August, the OG deployed yet again to Davis Manthan Air Force Base, Ariz., with a primary objective of employing live munitions. The unit expended a total of 87 weapons and fired more than 3,000 rounds of 20mm bullets with a hit rate of 100 percent. The unit continues to man a 24/7 Homeland Defense Air Sovereignty Alert Detachment at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

In September, the OG formally began spin-up for its third Air Expeditionary Force deployment since 2006. It also hosted the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron from Hurlburt Air Force Base, Fla., for two weeks to assist with Close Air Support training. The team operated from Norfolk, Neb., underneath military special use airspace while providing on-demand air support. Demanding scenarios and challenging weather conditions made for extremely valuable and realistic training.

Finally in December, the majority of the OG made final preparations as many of its members deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Southwest Asia.

# 114TH MXG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

## 114TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

COMMANDER – COL. WAYNE SHANKS

## 114TH MAINTENANCE SQD

COMMANDER – LT. COL. KEVIN CURLEY  
FIRST SERGEANT – SENIOR MASTER SGT. JEFFERY VANDERWOUDE

## 114TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQD

COMMANDER – LT. COL. GREG ANDERSON  
FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. SCOTT LEEBENS

## 114TH MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FLT

COMMANDER – MAJ. SCOTT RUST

The 114th Maintenance Group has a mission to ensure the aircraft and equipment of the 114th FW are safe, serviceable and properly configured to meet mission requirements. These maintenance professionals inspect, repair, overhaul, modify, preserve, test and analyze performance of these items. With nearly 350 members, the MXG is the second largest group assigned to the FW and it's comprised of three assigned units: 114th Maintenance Squadron, 114th Aircraft Maintenance



Maj. Saul "Stain" Hage, 175th Fighter Squadron F-16 pilot, conducts an aircraft inspection before a flight in Southwest Asia on Dec. 29, 2009. Hage was a part of the 332nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron made up of many Air National Guard members from Sioux Falls. (Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Bateman)



Master Sgt. Kevin Winter, 114th Maintenance Group crew chief, makes pre-flight checks on an F-16 aircraft while deployed to Southwest Asia in December 2009.

Squadron and 114th Maintenance Support Flight.

2009 began with experts in the Metals Technology shop developing and performing a first time field level repair procedure on several F-16 canopy frames. By successfully carrying out the repair procedure on two aircraft canopies for the 114th Fighter Wing, mission essential aircraft were saved from indefinite grounding since canopy frames are no longer in the supply system. This repair is now used across the ANG fighter community as a common field level repair.

The efforts of the 114th MXG allowed the wing to fly 2,616 sorties while maintaining an impressive 74 percent mission capable rate – 10 percent over the Air National Guard (ANG) average.

The MXG was also busy with preparing for the ANG Logistics Standardization Evaluation Program (LSEP) inspection and the Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection. One of the proudest accomplishments for the MXG was the results of the LSEP inspection.

The pass rate for Critical Compliance Objectives was 99 percent, surpassing the F-16 ANG average of 96 percent. The Non-critical Compliance Objectives scored two percent above the F-16 ANG average of 96 percent. And the pass rate on Performance Evaluations was 93 percent, well above the F-16 average of 75 percent.

The Maintenance Group scored an impressive 83.5 percent compliance on more than 273 objectives. The unit's ratings are at the top of the national list of all fighter wings compared during the last three years.



# 114TH MG

SIOUX FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

COMMANDER – COL. MARK MALMBERG

FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. TIMOTHY STARK

The 114th Medical Group has some of the finest military medical professions assigned to its roster. With about 50 members, the MG has a mission to provide limited health services to the more than 1,100 members of the 114th FW. With physicians, nurses, medics, lab technicians and other medical and dental professionals, the MG can also deploy worldwide to provide manpower replacement by a Air Combat Command.

In 2009, the MG processed 325 members for deployment, administered 2,061 immunizations, carried out 732 lab draws, 235 physicals, 758 annual preventative health assessments, 162 hearing tests and 774 dental exams. The MG also performed eye exams which resulted in delivery of 520 pairs of glasses, ballistic eyewear, gas mask inserts and 35 pairs of safety glasses.

The 114th Medical Group immunized 96.5 percent of the personnel, exceeding the goal of 95 percent.

Dental went above and beyond their goal of 90 percent of dental readiness by reaching 96.5 percent of the force.

The Bioenvironmental Engineering area worked hard this year to keep Airmen safe in their work environments. Some of their activities included water samplings, 180 ventilation surveys, 81 industrial respirator fit tests, 75 military gas mask testings, and surveys including air sampling, noise source surveys, and noise dosimeter readings.

As part of the MG's Phase II Operation Readiness exercise, they conducted a Mass Casualty exercise; where they tended to several waves of simulated wounded – giving doctors, medics and other staff an opportunity to triage a large number of personnel.

Last year, 33 members of the Medical Group did annual training at Alpena, Mich., for Medical Readiness training.



**ABOVE:** Medical personnel with the 114th Medical Group attend to a casualty during the Mass Casualty exercise held at Joe Foss Field Sept. 20, 2009. (Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Quinton Young)



**LEFT:** Senior Master Sgt. Michael Hakinson, aircrew flight equipment technician with the 175th Fighter Squadron, shares details of his career field with high school students. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland)

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