

# The Military Department of South Carolina

## MISSIONS

- Provide combat-ready units to the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.
- Provide planning, coordination and military capabilities in response to State emergencies.
- Add value to the State of South Carolina and nation with community-based organizations, partnerships, Soldiers, Airmen, and employees ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

## VISION

Be ready to execute missions with a ready and relevant force structure composed of resilient Service members, employees, and families, who are responsible to the nation, communities, families, Soldiers, and Airmen

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## VALUES

S.C. Army National Guard: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, Personal Courage

S.C. Air Guard: Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do

## GOALS

Sustain an extraordinary organization, consisting of Army, Air, State Operations and the S.C. Emergency Management Division, supporting the communities not only in times of emergency, but also in the daily activities of communities and their citizens.



# Military Department Highlights

- Response during Hurricane Matthew included over 2,700 agency personnel with activities ranging from life saving, security and evacuation to emergency infrastructure repair. SCEMD provided overall state coordination with State and county agencies and the National Guard. The State Guard provided over 150 State Guard members for professional and general support at zero cost to the State.
- While most states have struggled to manage readiness, loss of units, and infrastructure, the South Carolina National Guard has remained a top five performing state despite budgetary constraints (based on key National Guard Bureau (NGB) performance metrics).

# Military Department Highlights

- The SC National Guard's total personnel strength is currently at 103.7% as a result of recruiting and retention efforts, family support programs, and emphasis on overall well-being of the force.
- From FY 11 through today, a massive effort was made in employment services, resiliency programs, family support initiatives, and events to support the goal of sustaining a high level of personnel readiness. These programs supported resiliency, which is a key component of readiness.
- On-going State Partnership Program with the Republic of Colombia
- Deployment of fully prepared units in support of worldwide contingency operations

# Mobilized Army Guard Units

UNIT	PERSONNEL	THEATRE
251st Medical Company MED CO	78	Command & Control CRBNE Response Element Bravo
710th Explosive Hazards Command Cell	10	Command & Control CRBNE Response Element Bravo
264th & 268th Engineer Fire Fighting Team	23	C2 CRBNE Response Element Bravo/European Command
263rd Army Air & Missile Defense Command	30	National Capitol Region
B/2-238th Aviation Battalion	20	Operation Freedom Sentinel (Afghanistan)
351st Aviation Combat Support Battalion	49	Kuwait
1-151st Aviation Battalion	29	Southwest Border
1-151st Aviation Battalion	155	Operation Freedom Sentinel (Afghanistan)
59th Chaplain Detachment	2	Kuwait
218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade	146	Command & Control CRBNE Response Element Bravo
751st Combat Service Support Battalion	69	Command & Control CRBNE Response Element Bravo
B-642rd Aviation Support Battalion	25	Kuwait
1-111th General Support Aviation Battalion	63	Kuwait
228th Tactical Theater Signal Brigade	31	Kuwait
678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade	36	National Capitol Region
151st Signal Battalion	47	Horn of Africa
151st Signal Battalion	111	Operation Freedom Sentinel (Afghanistan) / Kuwait
742nd Ordnance Company	142	European Command
131st Military Police Company	123	Guantanamo
<b>TOTAL MOBILIZED</b>	<b>1,189</b>	

# Mobilized Air Guard Units

UNIT	PERSONNEL	THEATRE
169 <sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing	92	Europe, Colombia, Antarctica
169th Fighter Wing	15	UAE, Qatar, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia
169th Fighter Wing	420	CONUS
169th Fighter Wing	340	Air Force Pacific, Australia, Korea
TOTAL MOBILIZED	867	

# Service Member and Family Care

- The SCNG continues to be a national model in our employment program and is now also a national model in three additional efforts: Wellness, Behavioral Health, and Veterans Advocacy
- The SCNG's seven SM&FC Centers are located throughout South Carolina to assist Service Members and their families with services to include employment, health and wellness, family programs, survivor services and behavioral health services. Facilities are located in Columbia, Clemson, Orangeburg, Florence, Spartanburg, Rock Hill and Charleston. Each facility is resourced by temporary grants or by borrowing from existing funds from other programs. These facilities support all Military Members Active/Guard/ Reserve as well as all retired personnel.

# Service Member and Family Care

- Because of SCNG Employment Services, the unemployment rate for SC National Guard Service Members has dropped from 18% at its inception in July 2011, to consistently below 2.4% the last two years.
- Since its inception, this program has helped more than 4,300 find employment with the tax impact for the State in excess of \$16 Million.
- In FY16, the SCNG placed over 1046 Service Members and their Family members in meaningful employment. The economic impact of this program this past year (1 Oct 15 - 30 Sep 16) is:
  - Average SC Income -  $\$33,000 \times 1,046 \text{ jobs} = \$34,518,000$
  - Average SC Income -  $\$34,518,000 \times 7\% \text{ state tax} = \$2,416,260$

# Service Member and Family Care

- Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention Program (R3SP)
  - There were 13 suicidal behavior interventions with 9 ASIST workshops conducted statewide.
  - The drug positive rate continues to remain low in the SCNG at 2.57% for FY16.
  - 72 Soldiers have completed rehabilitation, increasing overall Strength & Retention with a potential savings of over \$6,000,000.
  - The SCNG is leading the nation in the percentage of units trained, being top 5% in all categories. The R3SP has trained 350 personnel to support the resilience of the SCNG Force.

# Initiatives

- South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy
  - Program is funded with a 3 to 1 Federal-to-State match (the FY16 budget was \$2.8 million Federal and \$933,000 State)
  - Received \$3 million U.S. Department of Labor Grant for the sub-program “SC Job ChalleNGe” to begin a follow-on vocational phase in partnership with Clemson University Youth Learning Institute and Aiken Technical College. The selected Cadets receive technical skill training following graduation from Youth ChalleNGe. We are requesting \$500,000 to fund the budgetary needs of the pilot program.
- STARBASE
  - Program for 5th grade students continues to operate at full capacity, annually reaching more than 1,100 SC elementary school students.
  - This program enhances state standards in mathematics and science.

# Agency Achievements/Cost Savings

- Partnership with Greenville Technical College to provide approximately \$5.5M in State match funds for \$18.5M facility. Construction will be completed and the facility fully operational during FY-17.
- Regional Field Maintenance Shop, located in Greenville, was constructed for approximately \$13M with 100% Federal Funds. Construction will be completed and the facility fully operational during FY-17.

# Future Issues

- Be prepared to respond to all national contingencies and state emergencies
- Maintain SCNG in the Top Five of the National Guard
- Sequestration and budget reductions
- Results of National Commission on the Future of the Army
- Conversion of Title 32 Technicians to Title 5
- Future Force Structure (BCT, ARI, F-35, and other emerging missions)
- South Carolina Veterans Issues Study Committee