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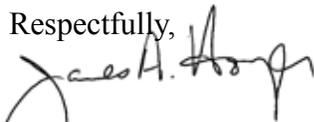
Dear Governor Tomblin:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2013 Annual Report of the Adjutant General.

Your West Virginia National Guard stands ready to help the citizens of West Virginia in times of emergency. West Virginia Soldiers and Airmen continue to provide for the defense of our homeland and serve around the world in support of our national security interests.

The West Virginia National Guard continues to be recognized as one of the nation's best military organizations. Your leadership and support for the more than 6,500 men and women of the West Virginia National Guard has allowed us to perform as an organization of excellence!

The West Virginia National Guard stands ready for service to our great State and Nation. We are proud to be West Virginians serving our communities and thank you and the citizens of our great State for the outstanding support to our Guard members and their families.

Respectfully,


JAMES A. HOYER
Major General, WVARNG
The Adjutant General

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West Virginia National Guard Command Structure



When in a Federal status, the National Guard is commanded by the President through the Department of Defense. National Guard units are commanded by the Governor through the Adjutant General during peacetime and for State and Federal (Title 32) missions. (see chart)

Overviews of each Army and Air Guard unit are found in the following pages. Each unit is supported by a staff at the State and unit levels. The State staff mirrors the

functional staffs of the Army and Air Guard and serves as a liaison and support agency for units. In addition, the Joint Staff is a coordinating agency that operates in an intergovernmental, interagency environment to establish the vision for the West Virginia National Guard and to resource and manage State response and other special mission activities. Staff functions and an overview of their accomplishments are outlined on the following pages.

Joint Forces Headquarters

Maj. Robert J. Kincaid, Jr.

1st Sgt. Jim Gregory

Joint Forces Headquarters is comprised of 220 Soldiers and Airmen, including WVNG leadership. The unit is based in Charleston and has operations in Camp Dawson, Buckhannon, Williamstown, and Eleanor.

JFHQ-WV provides command and control over all Army and Air Guard units in the State.

Its mission is to provide trained, equipped and ready forces to deploy for Federal and State missions.

JFHQ-WV performs unique and complex functions, ranging from Federal deployments to State emergency response to local community support.

JFHQ Staff Sections

- **Personnel** – manages promotions, awards and decorations, civilian education assistance, recruiting and retention incentive benefits, family support programs, and security clearances
- **Intelligence** -- provides intelligence assessments, estimates and other intelligence products and advises the Adjutant General and other senior leaders in support of

the decision-making process by providing situational and threat awareness.

- **Operations and Training** -- monitors readiness levels of units for Federal/State missions, issues guidance and funding for training, manages military support to civilian authorities and State disaster response.
- **Logistics** - manages food service programs, property accountability and supply systems, develops guidance for maintenance activities and transportation planning
- **Strategic Doctrine, Plans, Training & Exercises** – helps the Adjutant General develop and implement policy, plans, and strategy related to Federal, State and homeland security missions
- **Information Operations** – manages network of more than 1,800 computers; National leader in fielding mobile incident site communications systems
- **Resources** - In conjunction with the respective WVARNG and WVANG staffs, the J8 is responsible for coordinating submission of the funding documents, contracts, grants, and other requirements to acquire necessary resources to support the departmental goals and objectives.

LEADERSHIP

State Officials

The West Virginia National Guard is authorized and governed by Article 1, Chapter 15 of the West Virginia Code and is constituted as both a State and Federal force by authority of the National Defense Act approved June 3, 1916. The National Guard is a reserve component of the Army of the United States and the United States Air Force. In time of peace, the National Guard is a State force, controlled by the Adjutant General as the principal military representative of the Commander-in-Chief, the Governor. The Governor has the power to order the West Virginia National Guard into the active service of the State and to cause them to perform duty such as he shall deem proper. The National Guard is equipped and paid by the Federal Government and must meet organizational and training standards to qualify for Federal recognition. When Congress declares a National emergency and authorizes the use of armed force requiring troops in excess of those in the Active Forces, the President of the United States may order the National Guard into the active military service of the United States.¹

¹ West Virginia Blue Book 1996, p. 98, Holmes, D. E. and Lilly, K. C., Chapman Printing, Huntington, WV.



Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor
Commander-In-Chief, WVNG



Joe Thornton
Secretary, Military Affairs
and Public Safety

Senior National Guard Leaders



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Major General
Adjutant General/Joint Forces Commander



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TIMOTHY L. FRYE
Brigadier General
Commander/Assistant Adjutant
General - Air



BRENT J. FEICK
Colonel
Chief of Staff (Air)



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Major General
ANG Assistant to Commander,
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West Virginia National Guard Year in Review

Significant Accomplishments

- Supported the 2013 Boy Scouts of America National Scout Jamboree in Mt. Hope, W.Va.
- 130th Airlift Wing hosted training event “SENTRY STORM”, from July 15-19, as a joint training event for West Virginia National Guard
- Sent multiple personnel to support the 2013 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.
- Support to law enforcement agencies resulted in drug seizures valued at more than \$477 million
- Provided military support for many community activities such as Bridge Day, the Greenbrier Classic, Special Olympics Summer Games and West Virginia University home football games
- Conducted cyber vulnerability assessment of the West Virginia State executive domain and the West Virginia Office of Technology
- Developed a cyber educational partnership with the University of Charleston and the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia
- Processed military and civilian pay functions worth more than \$121 million
- Administered a budget of \$210 million; maintained accountability of more than \$500 million of equipment

Facts

- Economic impact - \$426 million
 - Federal investment in WV since 1997 - \$3.3 billion
- More than 2,500 full-time employees including Active Duty, Technician, Military Authority, State and contract personnel.
- Year-end manning of more than 6,736 (traditional Guard force)
 - At or near top in strength and readiness for the past 18 years
 - 53 Army Units, two Flight Facilities, one Army Fixed Wing Facility and two Airlift Wings
- Since 9/11, deployed more than 12,000 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen
 - Many of our Soldiers and Airmen have deployed multiple times
- Provided more than \$4.1 million in education benefits to Guard members
 - 24.6 percent of ARNG members have college degree
 - 28.7 percent of ANG members have college degree
 - 56.6 percent of ARNG/ANG members either have a degree or are currently enrolled
 - 1,535 Guard members enrolled in program
- Constructed more than \$900 million in new facilities in the past 16 years
- National maintenance capability - repairing equipment for all Department of Defense Services, providing employment and outsourcing of work to W.Va. businesses.
 - 140 jobs to date
 - \$35 million Federal investment

Federal Investment

130th Airlift Wing Charleston, West Virginia

Military Pay and Allowances	\$25,904,020
Civilian Payroll	\$19,428,834
Goods & Services	\$18,935,083
Military Construction Payments	\$554,224
Total for Air Guard (Charleston)	\$64,882,161

167th Airlift Wing Martinsburg, West Virginia

Military Pay and Allowances	\$34,664,000
Civilian Payroll	\$34,362,400
Goods and Services	\$57,825,400
Military Construction	\$1,145,400
Total for Air Guard (Martinsburg)	\$127,997,200

West Virginia Army National Guard

Military Pay and Allowances	\$96,279,300
Civilian Payroll	\$29,345,500
Goods & Services	\$71,269,900
Military Construction	\$22,542,400
Total for Army Guard	\$219,437,100

State Investment

Pay & Benefits	\$5,518,714
Goods & Services	\$4,094,547
Construction	\$820,214
Education	\$3,884,092
Total State Expenditures	\$14,317,567

TOTAL 2013 WVNG ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$426,634,028

\$29 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR EVERY STATE DOLLAR



West Virginia Army National Guard

The West Virginia Army National Guard is comprised of 4,065 Soldiers and a full-time support staff of nearly 800 employees.

The Army Guard has 61 units and detachments operating in communities around the State.

Our Vision:

Joint Base West Virginia, home of Citizen-Soldiers at their best. Creating opportunities for men and women to live and raise their families in West Virginia and serve the National mission.

Montani Semper Liberi -- Mountaineers are Always Free!



111th Engineer Brigade

Col. Joseph P. Stephens

Command Sgt. Maj. Terry W. Moran

The 111th Engineer “Black Diamond” Brigade provides command and control for the approximately 1,635 Soldiers in the 1092nd Engineer Battalion, located in Parkersburg, the 771st Troop Command Battalion located in Charleston, and the 772nd Troop Command Battalion (Aviation) located in Williamstown. The missions of the units vary from horizontal, vertical, survey design, and combat engineering to public affairs, explosive ordnance disposal, transportation, maintenance, signal, band, and aviation flight and maintenance.

The 111th Engineer Brigade recently integrated the 772nd TC Bn. into the Brigade, increasing organizational capabilities and improving opportunities for integrated training with our Aviation units.

The 111th completed a challenging year of operations and training. During the Boy Scout Jamboree, the Brigade Headquarters provided mission command for Task Force Mountaineer, established to provide initial response for any State emergency during the event. Additionally, subordinate units provided aviation, logistics, and maintenance support which significantly impacted the success of the 2013 Jamboree. The 111th also executed Overseas Deployment Training missions in Africa and participated in Engineer leader engagement missions with our State Partnership Program in Peru.

The 111th had a monumental year serving our State and Nation in a dual mission role.

This year, the 111th deployed units in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait and Africa, while realigning units to meet future challenges to our security.

The 111th continues to bring value to our communi-



ties through infrastructure construction missions, training with first responders, participation in homeland security exercises, and partnerships with our communities.

The 111th conducted its annual Warrior Challenge that pits squad against squad in a three day event where Soldiers demonstrate proficiency in troop leading procedures, weapons, first aid, and convoy operations.

Whether preparing for future mobilizations in support of combat operations or responding to emergencies within West Virginia, the 111th Engineer Brigade continues to hone skills to ensure mission readiness. The units stand ready to serve both our State and Nation at a moment's notice with a highly trained and capable force to achieve any mission.

ESSAYONS – LET US TRY

771st Troop Command Battalion

Lt. Col. Stephen S. Nichols

Command Sgt. Maj. Derek R. Ford

The 771st Troop Command Battalion, headquartered in Southridge, provides Command and Control as well as administrative, operational, training, and logistical support to seven different units throughout West Virginia.

These units include the 153rd Public Affairs Detachment, 249th Army Band, 620th Signal Company, 753rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal, 1257th Transportation Company, 1935th Contingency Contracting Team, and the 3664th Support Maintenance Company. The 771st is able to provide a diverse array of functions, skill sets, and services throughout the State.

In addition, the 771st provides Command and Control to the WVNG's Chemical, Biological, Radiological,

Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, who are prepared to assist local, State, and Federal agencies in the event of a CBRNE incident.

During 2013, the CERF-P was put on standby to react to several possible State Active Duty events, National Scout Jamboree, and was mobilized to the National Capital Region in January to support the Presidential Inauguration held in Washington, D.C.

153rd Public Affairs Detachment

Throughout 2013, the 153rd covered such missions as the National Scout Jamboree, two CERF-P evaluations,

Technical Support Operational Analysis, the Gold Star Program, and the 111th Engineer Brigade Warrior Challenge. The 153rd also received recognition on the national level when the office of the Secretary of Defense selected one of their members to participate in another TSOA event at the national level.



249th Army Band

The 249th continued its trend of ending the year in the top ten of operational tempo count, which is measure between ARNG Bands based on number of missions supported. The unit completed 64 missions, finishing 8th in the Nation.

Opening day of the National Scout Jamboree found the band on stage performing for more than 40,000 scouts and Jamboree staff. This was also inauguration year for the 249th. Members provided ceremonial music highlighted by the presentation of honors to the Governor at the conclusion of his oath of office. In June, we celebrated the Sesquicentennial in Charleston. Total live audience count of all missions combined came to more than 161,000.

620th Signal Company

During 2013, the 620th Signal Company took on the mission of Joint Incident Site Communication Capability of Terminal 22 for the State of West Virginia.

It was deployed twice for support of the CERF-P during the Presidential Inauguration in January, and again during a joint training exercise between W.Va. and Pa. CERF-P in July. The 620th deployed to Millwood to provide tactical networks in support of 111th Eng. Bde. and the National Scout Jamboree in July.

During fourth quarter, the 620th completed NET Fielding and training for all WIN-T systems to become Increment 1b compatible which allows the WIN-T systems to communicate with the Army's Increment 2 systems for communications on the move.

753rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal

The 753rd Ordnance Company mobilized Jan. 2, 2013, through Fort Bliss, Texas, joining with a platoon

from the 363rd Ordnance Company, Arizona National Guard. The unit flew into Kuwait in March and took command of the Central Command Theater EOD Contingency Force mission based out of Camp Arifjan.

EOD teams deployed to Qatar, Jordan, and Bahrain. In total, 395 missions were accomplished. These missions included IEDs, UXO disposal, VIP security support, partnering with and training foreign militaries, post-blast analysis and clearing impact areas.

1257th Transportation Company

The 1257th Transportation Company provided support to the Joint Task Force in support of the National Scout Jamboree in July. During this time frame, they successfully completed 203 missions and with 82,224 accident free miles driven.

The 1257th conducted Driver's Training at the Advance Mobility Training Area with 5-ton vehicles to include tractors with trailers in Gallagher, W.Va., allowing the company staff to better understand the training opportunities available to the WVNG.

Additionally, the 1257th also conducted line haul missions in support of the Container Reset Program totaling more than 20,000 miles during their 2 week Annual Training period.

1935th Contingency Contracting Team

The 1935th Contingency Contracting Team was the primary acquisition action coordinators and for the National Scout Jamboree.

The 1935th Contracting Team saved the WVARNG more than \$500,000 by negotiating down proposed prices on Boy Scout contracts. The 1935th also assisted the US-PFO Contracting Office during end of year procurement processing to ensure Leadership goals and projects were accomplished.

Between the National Boy Scout Jamboree and other West Virginia National Guard procurement actions, the 1935th Contracting Team assisted the USPFO Contracting office award 1,038 contracts totaling \$37.2 million.

3664th Maintenance Company

The 3664th Maintenance Company had a highly productive year, finally achieving the much coveted 100 percent strength. Not only did the company provide essential maintenance and recovery assets to all State Active Duty missions, they supported the National Scout Jamboree in July, and provided support to numerous Guard units at various times upon request.

The 3664th is very active in their community, supporting multiple events during 2013. These include the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Race for the Cure, W.Va.'s Sesquicentennial Celebration, and building a wheelchair ramp for a disabled retiree.

772nd Troop Command (Aviation)

Lt. Col. Jay D. Offenberger

Command Sgt. Maj. Charles S. Johnson



Located at in Williamstown, W.Va. with 12 units comprised of flight companies, and detachments for maintenance, logistics and operations support totaling 305 assigned Soldiers. The 772nd is at greater than 100 percent strength, trained and ready.

The 772nd supported the National Scout Jamboree and multiple State missions in addition to meeting all Department of the Army training requirements. Soldiers also executed more than 4,300 flight hours at AASF 1 and 2.

The 772nd trains and operates as a General Support Aviation Battalion HQ and is prepared to become a combat battalion headquarters if the opportunity arises.

Company C, 1/150th Assault Battalion

These units, located in Wheeling, W.Va., have more than 75 Soldiers, and 8 UH-60L Blackhawk Helicopters. In 2013, Soldiers executed more than 1,138 flight hours in support of the State and unit training.

During the National Scout Jamboree, the 150th provided continuous support with two aircraft for VIP movement and law enforcement emergency response. They also supported unit training and ground Commanders with aircraft for VIP movement, and exercises with 2/19 Special Forces Group (Airborne), 35th Civil Support Team and routine support for units airborne operations.

The Detachments D, E, HHC comprise slices of maintenance providing logistics, and operations to C Co from its 1/150th Battalion Headquarters located in New Jersey.

Company C, 2/104th General Support Aviation Battalion

Stationed in Williamstown, W.Va., with more than 75 Soldiers and 6 HH-60L Air MEDEVAC Blackhawk helicopters, this unit executed 1,420 flight hours of State support missions and unit training.

Members supported the National Scout Jamboree providing round-the-clock, all-weather MEDEVAC and Rescue capability to the State. Company C Soldiers also trained for mobilization, later to be “off ramped” due to reductions in U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Additionally, the unit completed swift water rescue training at Camp Dawson.

Detachments D, E, HHC comprise slices of maintenance logistics, and operations supporting C Co. from its 2/104th Battalion Headquarters in Pennsylvania.

Detachment 1, Company B, 1/224th Security & Support Aviation Battalion

This unit is located in Williamstown, W.Va. and has 65 Soldiers assigned. The unit is currently upgrading the 60's era OH-58 Kiowa to the newest helicopter in Aviation, the UH-72 Lakota. In 2014, the company will transition to four UH-72's.

Soldiers supported the national mission on the Southwest border. For the year, pilots executed more than 1,760 flight hours eradicating 157,488 marijuana plants resulting in 145 arrests. These Soldiers also provided timely and accurate aerial reconnaissance to State and local law enforcement during the National Scout Jamboree.

Detachment B3, 834th Aviation Support Battalion

Located in Williamstown, W.Va. with 24 Soldiers, the 834th continued to assist units in the maintenance on the OH-58 Kiowa, and UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopters.

During the National Scout Jamboree they provided critical, round-the-clock Downed Aircraft Recovery Teams and unscheduled maintenance support while conducting Phase maintenance on HH-60L Blackhawks at AASF #1. They conducted more than 6,000 man hours to aircraft maintenance efforts for the year.

Detachment 1, 131st Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Company

Composed of 20 Soldiers in Wheeling, W.Va., the 131st provides maintenance support to the aircraft of Co. C, 1-150th.

This year, Soldiers executed more than 5,800 man hours to aircraft maintenance and were key to the success of Aviation during the National Scout Jamboree by providing maintenance support with aircraft recovery teams, and conducting unscheduled and phase maintenance on the aircraft of Co. C, 1-150th.

Detachment 28, OSAC

Located within the AASF #1 in Williamstown, West Virginia adjacent to the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Airport. It consists of one C-12 airplane and eight personnel that provide operational support airlift to the West Virginia National Guard and the entire Department of Defense.

Detachment 28's higher headquarters is located at Davisson Army Airfield on Fort Belvoir, Va. Det. 28 OSA has conducted three 12-month deployments since 2003 and just returned in November from their latest deployment in the Horn of Africa.



1092nd Engineer Battalion Lt. Col. Murray E. Holt Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Hammack



The 1092nd Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Parkersburg, provides command and control over eight engineer units stationed throughout West Virginia.

These units are the 115th Vertical Engineer Company located in Clarksburg and Kingwood; the 601st Engineer Support Company located in Buckhannon; the 821st Horizontal Engineer Company located in Summersville and Millwood; the 1092nd Engineer Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company and 193rd Equipment Support Platoon located in Parkersburg; the 1092nd Forward Support Company located in Point Pleasant; and the 119th Sapper Company located in Moundsville and Parkersburg and the 229th Survey and Design Detachment, in Weston.

This year, the Battalion deployed Soldiers to Operation Flintlock in Mauritania, Africa, to construct base camps for the annual multinational Special Operation

Force exercise which involved twenty Western and African nation partners. The Subordinate units also trained equipment operators while completing community service projects. These projects include the Stonewall Jackson Lake road expansion project and building an obstacle course at Glenville State University.

The Battalion also constructed a Confined Space Trainer at Camp Dawson to support CERF-P training.

In addition, the Battalion headquarters took command of Task Force Mountaineer during the 2013 Boy Scout Jamboree providing command and control to the State Duty emergency response forces.

The Battalion also responded to a flood in Roane County in June providing food, water distribution and debris removal. These actions helped communities recover from the devastation.

77th Brigade Troop Command

Col. John K. McHugh

Command Sgt. Maj. John C. Belford



The West Virginia Army National Guard's 77th Brigade Troop Command, located in Glen Jean, West Virginia, provides command and control, leadership and support to four diverse battalion elements with 1,918 Army National Guard Soldiers assigned from communities across every area of the Mountain State and beyond.

The Brigade's subordinate units are 1st Squadron, 150th Armored Reconnaissance; 151st Military Police

Battalion; 1st Battalion 201st Field Artillery and 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

The 77th Brigade had a very productive and challenging year in 2013, supporting numerous State and Federal missions. The most significant mission was the support of the Boy Scouts of America 2013 National Scout Jamboree at the newly built Summit Bechtel Reserve in Mt. Hope.

The 77th Brigade served as the Field Operating Headquarters for the Joint Task Force NSJ 2013 which was comprised of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians from across the full spectrum of the Department of Defense (Title 10, Title 32, National Guard and Reserves), combined and organized to support the first ever NSJ in West Virginia. The 77th Brigade's primary focus was providing the command and control, the joint operations center, liaison officers and a wide array of support in the areas of aviation, ceremonial, joint reception/staging/integration, medical, recruiting, logistical and security operations.

The 77th Brigade missions directly supported approximately 37,000 Scouts, Staff and Volunteer participants and an additional 20,000 visitors.

1st Battalion, 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron

Lt. Col. Donald W. Rakes

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Keller

The 1-150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron started the year strong by participating in a Brigade War Fighter Exercise with the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team at Fort Fisher, N.C. in January, 2013. This training provided the Squadron the opportunity to work directly with their wartime headquarters and also provided the Squadron Staff the chance to hone their war fighting skills. The focus of the exercise was to provide the Squadron staff the opportunity to plan and virtually execute their wartime mission of providing reconnaissance and surveillance to the 30th Brigade Combat Team in a conventional wartime environment.

In March, 2013, the 1-150th ARS conducted their inaugural use of the Advanced Mobility Training Area in Gallagher, W.Va. This provided the Squadron the capability to conduct maneuver training and Bradley Scout dry fire gunnery training within the boundaries of the State; saving both valuable training time and money usually wasted traveling to Fort Pickett, Va.

In June, 2013, the Squadron executed their traditional annual training period at Fort Pickett, Virginia. During this training period the Squadron conducted maneuver and live fire training exercises.

In addition to the traditional annual training period the Squadron provided command and control and security support for the Boy Scouts of America National Scout Jamboree from July 15-24 of 2013. In supporting the NSJ the Squadron simultaneously conducted reconnaissance training as well as provided support to the State and local civil authorities.

This training year allowed the Squadron to prove that the 1-150th ARS stands ready to support the citizens of West Virginia and our Federal mission.



1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery Regiment

Lt. Col. Jeffrey S. Setser

Command Sgt. Maj. Charles J. Daniels

The 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery Regiment successfully completed two live fire exercises at Fort Pickett, Va., in the spring and summer. During annual training, the Battalion certified the Paladin Crews on the live fire tables and many crew served weapon systems.

This year, the 1-201st continued to increase proficiency on the fundamentals of self-propelled artillery by employing “shoot and move” into the live fire exercises. The Battalion returned to Fort Pickett, Va. in November, 2013 to certify its Soldiers on individual and crew served weapons in order to prepare for our Brigade Live Fire Exercise in the summer of 2014 at Camp Grayling, Mich.



The 1-201st remained assigned to the decontamination element of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package for 2013.

The Soldiers assigned to CERF-P conducted vigorous decontamination training and certification throughout the year. The Battalion continues to demonstrate its ability to excel when assigned the nontraditional missions. The Bn. HQ recently transitioned to its new armory which will improve command and control and training efforts.

Soldiers of the 1-201st stand ready to support the citizens of W.Va. during emergencies and complete our Federal Mission.

151st Military Police Battalion

Maj. Tanya S. McGonegal

Command Sgt. Maj. Chadwick Money Penny



The West Virginia Army National Guard's 151st Military Police Battalion and its subordinate Companies have had a very dynamic and testing 2013 Fiscal Year.

WVARNG Military Police were engaged in the following events: Operation Sandy, National Guard Response Force training and validation, support of the Inauguration Ceremonies of President Barack Obama, Support to the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree, and the 154th and 863rd MP Companies sourcing for deployment in 2014, to support Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghani-

stan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba respectively. These announcements place the MP Battalion in familiar territory of preparing Unit, Soldier and Family for the hardships of deployment.

Army leaders and Soldiers are required to meet the arduous demands of extended training periods and constant assessment to ensure they are properly prepared for their missions. This past year has been no exception as the MP Battalion has worked diligently to get these units prepared so they may show “Mountaineer Pride World Wide” while still maintaining the highest levels of proficiency and professionalism in our Homeland Defense missions.

As we look toward the future we see WVARNG MP's preparing to serve in their wartime function yet again, while here in the United States we continue to support our communities, the State, Maj. Gen. James Hoyer's vision of “Joint Base West Virginia” and the Nation as Citizen Soldiers at their best.

The 151st MP Bn. includes the 154th MP Co. (Guard), 156th MP Det. (Law and Order), 157th MP Co. (Combat Support) and the 863rd MP Co. (Combat Support)

During 2013, the 157th MP Company and 863rd MP Company were trained and validated as the West Virginia National Guard Reaction Force in response to the National Guard's domestic response mission.

2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Lt. Col. Thomas K. Sarrouf

Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Craigo

The 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) is comprised of Headquarters Company and Support Company from Kenova, W.Va., and Company C from Kingwood, W.Va. Co. A is based in Middletown, R.I. and Co. B is located in Columbus, Ohio.

In 2013, West Virginia Special Forces and supporting personnel supported the Pacific Geographic Combatant Command's regional engagement strategy by participating in seven training events throughout Asia. 2nd Battalion successfully deployed 7 Special Forces Operational Detachment – Alpha teams and 2 Special Forces Operational Detachment – Bravo teams to Bangladesh, Korea, Australia, Thailand and the Maldives. Participation in these Theater Security Cooperation Programs directly contributes to the overall operational capacity of the US Army Special Forces Command, maintains Unit Readiness and continues to illustrate the relevance of the National Guard Special Forces as a critical component of our Nation's Operational Force.

This year, 2nd Battalion also participated in Exercise Ridge Runner. Conducted throughout Randolph, Pocahontas, Webster, and Raleigh counties, the exercise provided 2nd Battalion a realistic training venue to practice unconventional warfare tactics and techniques. Special Forces Operational Detachment – Alphas inserted and operated “behind enemy lines” and tackled challenges built into the Ridge Runner scenario. West Virginians from around the state volunteered as role players during the exercise to add to the complexity and realism. Citizens from all backgrounds, including, truck drivers, mayors, land owners, and everyday West Virginians played a vital role in the success of 2nd Battalion's training.



On 25 March 2013, the West Virginia House of Delegates passed HR 11 designating August 16 as “Airborne Day” in West Virginia. This date marks the anniversary of the first official Army parachute jump which took place on August 16, 1940, to test the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind a battle line by means of a parachute.

While remaining operationally engaged, 2nd Battalion Soldiers maintain proficiency in Unconventional Warfare techniques, foreign language skills, Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat, Dive sustainment, Military Free Fall, mountaineering and medical sustainment. At home, 2nd Battalion continues to support their State mission by providing trained and ready Soldiers to assist law enforcement and medical first responders during natural disasters and as directed by the Governor.

State Aviation Office

Col. Larry Graham

The Division of Aviation consists of three sections under the supervision of the Division Chief or State Army Aviation Officer. The three divisions are Aviation Operations, Training, and Standardization Branch; the Aviation Systems Branch; and the Aviation Medical Section.

AASF #1

Located in Williamstown, W.Va., adjacent to the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Airport, the facility supports all units assigned to the Williamstown Readiness Center.

The support provided to these units includes but is not limited to providing aircraft and equipment readiness,

train and utilize unit personnel, conduct flight training and operations, and perform unit and intermediate level maintenance on assigned aircraft.

AASF #2

Located in Wheeling, W.Va., adjacent to the Ohio County Airport, this facility supports all the units assigned to the Ohio County Armory.

The support provided to these units includes but is not limited to providing aircraft and equipment readiness, train and utilize unit personnel, conduct flight training and operations, and perform unit and intermediate level maintenance on assigned aircraft.

Medical Detachment

Col. Stephen Eshenaur

The Medical Detachment serves the West Virginia Army National Guard by assuring the medical readiness of each Soldier through periodic health assessments, dental screening/treatment, and immunizations.

The medical readiness of the WVARNG has consistently met or exceeded the National Guard Bureau standards. Readiness and relevance are key priorities of NGB as crucial budget decisions are made in a resource constrained environment.

Meeting the behavioral health needs of our Soldiers has been a Med. Det. priority which has been addressed through the addition of a psychologist and second director of psychological health.

Medical Soldiers were actively involved in the medical support of the National Scout Jamboree from the earliest stages of planning to a farewell for the final troop of scouts going home. Preparing for the Jamboree proved to be an excellent training opportunity to deliver medicine in an austere environment, transport patients, employ preventative medicine techniques, collaborate with Northern Command, serve with active Army units, and be an example of professional Soldiers to the thousands of participants.

The Detachment continues to lead the country in the recruiting and retention of physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners despite national



shortages of deployable providers to support the Global War on Terrorism. Unit leaders have forged an important partnership with the U.S. Virgin Islands by assisting the territory with annual screenings of all of their Soldiers. Due to an absence of physicians in the VIARNG, the WVARNG State Surgeon also serves as the acting State Surgeon of the Virgin Islands.

Medical Det. is a leader in the country in 68W MOS sustainment. WVARNG hosts an annual 68W Sustainment Course that is rigorous, challenging and results in highly qualified and ready soldier medics.

We will continue to focus on maintaining the medical readiness of all soldiers in the WVARNG and stand prepared to continue support to the Global War on Terrorism and Domestic Support of Civil Authorities.

197th Regiment, Regional Training Institute

Col. William G. Suver

Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Little

In 2013, the 197th Regimental Training Institute achieved its first ever overall Institution of Excellence rating from Training and Doctrine Command. The Military Police training company, the Officer Candidate School training company and the 197th Regiment Headquarters all received Institutions of Excellence ratings. The Engineer Training Company received a fully accredited rating. The combination of ratings allowed the RTI to achieve the overall Institution of Excellence rating.

During the year, the RTI graduated 398 Soldiers including 316 National Guard, 82 Army Reserve, as well as one Soldier from Korea, with a graduation rate of 97.

We also graduated seven Officer Candidates who completed Phase II and went on to become new lieutenants. The courses taught at the RTI include: Heavy Equipment Operator, Carpentry and Masonry, Military Police, Army Basic Instructor Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, Command Level Pre-Command Course and Officer Candidate School.

The unit also received an overall go during the Command Maintenance Team evaluation in February. The

Regiment passed the Organization Inspection Program conducted by Joint Force Headquarters in September by achieving GOs in personnel accountability, training, maintenance functions, physical security and food service.

As a multi-start school for the engineers, we use the 4610R's process to request equipment. We now borrow within the State, from other States and other Reserve Units to accomplish our mission. In 2013, the RTI received 3 new 10-ton dump trucks, 17 new squad automatic weapons and 17 new armor carrier vehicles. The unit also implemented a new Table of Distribution and Allowances with additional authorization for equipment that will help the unit fill shortages.

Fixed Wing Army Aviation Training Site

The Fixed Wing Army Aviation Training Site is located in Bridgeport, W.Va., and is the only Army training site that provides Army aviators with fixed wing training.

The FWAATS also is the only Army Training Site for the C-26 platform.

The C-26 section continues to support contingency operations, including those in Afghanistan, Colombia, Africa and various other locations. C-26 Pilots are trained in initial qualification, instructor pilot, and advanced instrument examiner qualification. The Air Guard C-26 flight training is also conducted at the FWAATS.

The FWAATS C-12 section continues to provide Special Electronic Mission Aircraft pilot and mission training by qualifying pilots in the C-12, KA300, and KA350 aircraft. Pilots undergo initial qualification, advanced instrument examiner training, instructor qualification, standard-

ization training, and special mission equipment training. FWAATS has also begun a special mission rehearsal training program for the Special Electronic Mission Aircraft's, aerial sensor operators prior to their deploying.

The FWAATS has also been involved in a proof of concept operation flying the C-208 caravan aircraft in support of SOF units. The FWAATS currently has two pilots and a crew chief trained on the C-208.

This year, FWAATS graduated more than 170 students and flew more than 3,400 hours in 2013, providing basic and advanced fixed wing doctrine for the Army.

Camp Dawson (Training Site Command)

Lt. Col. Jeffery Price

Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen DeWeese



Along with the completion of our primary construction ventures, Camp Dawson's many innovative practices and ideas were realized in TY 13.

The Robert C. Byrd Conference Center's 67 million dollar construction project expanded our total lodging to over 530 hotel style rooms. This expansion included a new, dine-in, full-service restaurant, and beautiful new hotel lobby. Because of these new accommodations, Camp Dawson is now able to offer conference packages and catering services to our eligible customers and are working to market these extremely affordable opportunities to

Federal and State organizations.

Our new \$8.7 million athletic complex, located just a short walking distance from the Conference Center, is now operational. In addition to aerobics rooms, weight rooms, multi-use training rooms, and a running track, the gymnasium also has a special floor covering that can be put down to transform the room into a huge conference venue.

The new 2.6 million dollar Entry Gate, complete with a covered awning, pop-up barriers, and vehicle inspection lanes, will be completed at the end of January 2014.

Last year, Camp Dawson began using the new live-fire shoothouse, located within the walls of an abandoned warehouse. This year, this same warehouse became the home of even more specialized training with the inclusion of Robotics Training and Confined Space Trainer.

With both encompassing real world education opportunities, the Robotics training includes a robotics obstacle course to help the user with IED detection, bomb disposal, and urban search and rescue. The Confined Space Trainer provides a controlled environment with which to train lower level skilled soldiers and Emergency Rescue Personnel in search and rescue techniques.

Special Operations Detachment-Europe

Col. Harrison B. Gilliam

Command Sgt. Maj. Jerome X. Whelan

Special Operations Detachment - Europe is based at Camp Dawson W.Va., and is tasked with supporting United States Special Operations Command - Europe.

SOD-E's primary mission is to provide command and control of Special Operations Forces under the command of SOCEUR. This is a theatre-level mission in which SOD-E members play an integral support role. SOD-E's ability to deploy on short notice and serve as command and control element of Special Operations Forces has led the unit to be used in support of several missions.

In addition to the unit's Federal mission, SOD-E members are tasked with conducting sustained operations in support of Federal and State-declared emergencies. Unit

members displayed this support during the Boy Scouts of America 2013 National Jamboree this past July.

This year the SOD-E focused their efforts on reintegrating into missions in Europe, after their deployment to Africa. SOD-E, with assistance from other governmental agencies, supported numerous European partners as they build and strengthen their capacity and our Military partnerships.

Members from the SOD-E deployed in support of military operations in 13 different countries during 2013.

SOD-E is organized into seven sections: command group, operations, logistics, personnel, intelligence, communications and staff judge advocate.



West Virginia Air National Guard



The West Virginia Air National Guard is comprised of 2,186 traditional guard Airmen and a full-time support staff of more than 900 employees.

The WVANG is organized into two wings:
130th Airlift Wing in Charleston and the
167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg.

Our Vision:

A professional, mission-ready military force prepared for the future, ready and fully capable of meeting all present and future missions of Nation, State, and community.

130th AW Flying Operations

C-130 hours flown: 1,926
Passengers transported: 2,507
Tons of cargo airlifted: 300 +
Mishap-free flying hours: 189,390

167th AW Flying Operations

C-5 hours flown: 2,800+
Maintenance man hours: 111,500 +
Passengers transported: 1,270
Tons of cargo airlifted: 852



130th Airlift Wing Col. Jerome “Jerry” Gouhin



The mission of the 130th Airlift Wing, stationed in Charleston, W.Va., is to organize, train, equip, and deploy a force capable of conducting effective and sustained operations in support of National, State and community objectives. As a National Guard unit, the Wing has a dual role of becoming part of the active duty forces under the command of the President during wartime and national emergencies and serving the State of West Virginia under command of the Governor during peacetime and State emergencies.

Airlift is our primary mission. Eight C-130 H3 aircraft are maintained and employed to provide Combat Airlift and Aero Medical Evacuation. One RC-26B model aircraft is maintained and employed to support and sustain Homeland Security and counterdrug initiatives.

With 1,119 personnel assigned to the unit, personnel strength currently stands at 101.4 percent. Members provide manning for a wing headquarters staff and four Groups: Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical. Within these groups you will find squadrons and flights carrying out the wing’s missions by providing administrative and logistical support, including airlift operations, maintenance, supply, transportation, contracting, communications, civil engineering, personnel, base services, security forces and medical functions.

This past year has witnessed the continued warrior ethos, “Delivering freedom with courage!” which is embraced through the actions of the 130th Airlift Wing. Unit members have deployed throughout the United States as well as supporting national interests around the world in such locations as Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Peru and Germany. RC-26 crews along with support personnel continue with missions, both home and abroad, all the while extensively engaging in the State Partnership Program with the Peruvian military.

Calendar year 2013 saw the 130th Operations Group fly 1,926 hours with the C-130 and 252.5 hours with the RC-26. In addition, 2,507 personnel were transported along with 300 tons of cargo. The 130th Airlift Wing is safety focused upholding Air Force milestones of 189,390 mishap free flight hours.

The 130th Airlift Wing completed the first ever fielding of Real Time in Cockpit, into a combat arena, in 2013. Six of our eight C-130s are now outfitted with RTIC which provides Beyond-Line-Of-Sight capabilities, thus paving the way for units to employ greater situational awareness within the battlefield solution set. The wing is also utilized as an Air Port of Embarkation for designated naval assets engaged in the Global War on Terrorism.

The year 2013 witnessed unit assets and personnel actively participating in a myriad of events. Approximately 215 members of the 130th AW deployed to Gulfport, Miss. for an Operational Readiness Exercise January 12-19. They were joined by approximately 435 members from the 153rd AW (Cheyenne, Wy.), 375th AMW (Scott AFB, Ill.) and 89th AW (Andrews AFB, Washington D.C.). Members established a bare base and conducted exercises involving Ability to Survive and Operate during this deployment.

Interaction with the local community continued to be a primary focus of the 130th Airlift Wing. On March 8, unit members provided displays and subject area experts for the West Virginia National Guard Day at the State Capitol. Display tables were provided by Fire Department, Security Forces Squadron, Maintenance Group, Aero Medical Squadron and STARBASE Academy. In May, the 130th AW assisted Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve with an event focusing on Kanawha Valley Leadership. Approximately 40 - 45 Kanawha Valley Leadership members attended and were given a tour of a C-130, the new maintenance complex, STARBASE Academy and the



indoor Fire Arms Training System. In June, the wing provided more than 50 volunteers for operational support of the Special Olympics. Duties included color guard participation, providing meals and access to the dining facility and monitoring events around the Charleston area.

130th Airlift Wing members have been instrumental in developing the permanent home of the National Boy Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. Approximately 95 unit members engaged in aviation, security, liaison, and medical support during the jamboree. During this same time, the 130th Airlift Wing hosted training event "SENTRY STORM," a joint training event for the West Virginia National Guard. The wing was able to demonstrate operational readiness, accomplish annual training requirements and showcase training areas and opportunities available within West Virginia for National, State and local use. "SENTRY STORM" involved Air National Guard units from five other states as well as Army National Guard and Army Reserve assets. C-130, C-5 and A-10 air frames were used to hone domestic response capabilities, sharpen expeditionary mission focus, conduct casualty response, hurricane evacuation, aircraft accident response and C-130 assault strip landings.

The 130th Maintenance Group is leading the way for the T-56 C-130 Engine Regional Repair Center. This cost saving program, within the Air National Guard, encourages innovation, resourcefulness and ingenuity by providing opportunities for eight contract personnel. The contract personnel use their corporate maintenance knowledge to allow for the overhaul of approximately twelve C-130 engines per year.

Local educational institutions are providing the necessary cyber curriculum required to grow future cyber warriors for worldwide missions. More than six 130th Communications Flight members are taking lessons to obtain certifications in specialties covering Certified Ethical Hacker, Certified Security Analysts, Certified Incident Handler, and Systems Security Handler programs.

In 2013 the wing completed construction of the



120,000 square foot aircraft maintenance complex. This joint project entailed the construction of two large aircraft Maintenance Hangars and all of the associated support and administrative requirements. The new \$41 million facility was awarded a U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver-level rating. In addition, the construction of a new \$250,000 cryogenic (LOX/LIN) storage facility was completed. This new facility houses a 1,200 square foot maintenance building and a 500 gallon liquid oxygen tank. This new facility will help ensure aircraft crews have a safe and adequate supply of breathable oxygen.

We are currently working on several construction projects which will increase support to the base. The \$2 million Security Forces Squadron facility will provide increased space for command and administrative functions, with spaces arranged for more effective mission performance and operational efficiency. Once completed the new SFS facility will be approximately 7,900 square feet. The \$1 million design-build Civil Engineering pavement and grounds facility will protect snow removal vehicles and equipment from adverse weather conditions.

By far, the largest project started this past year is the \$5 million Building 107 renovations. The building was one of our first facilities constructed on base in the early 1950s. The facility has functioned as an aircraft maintenance hangar, but plans are to renovate this facility into a center of support for the 130th. The first phase of the project is the construction/renovation of approximately 12,000 square feet to house the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The newly renovated area will consist of administrative, training, and support areas. The next phase will upgrade the 40,000 square foot building's infrastructure to meet new fire, health, and safety requirements. Future plans call for the construction of a new Small Air Terminal and communications function in the hangar.

The past year was challenging yet rewarding for the 130th Airlift Wing, 2014 will provide more opportunities to highlight the wings value to the State of West Virginia and the United States of America, as a ready, reliable and relevant force.



167th Airlift Wing Col. Shaun Perkowski Command Chief Master Sgt. Ron Glazer

The 167th Airlift Wing, based in Martinsburg, W.Va., operates 11 C-5A Galaxy aircraft, the largest airlifter in the Air Force fleet. The mission of the 167th Airlift Wing is to organize, train, equip, and deploy a force capable of conducting effective and sustained operations in support of National, State and community objectives. The 167th has 1114 personnel assigned and the wing's manning stands at 100.36 percent.

The wing flew more than 640 sorties, delivered 7,000 tons of cargo, and transported nearly 4,900 passengers during its various missions in 2013.

Air crew logged more than 2,800 hours of flight time and our aircraft maintainers completed more than 111,500 man hours to keep the missions flying. The Small Air Terminal processed more than 1,270 passengers, 852 tons of cargo and provided fleet service for 364 aircraft.

During the first six months of 2013, wing members flew weekly contingency and channel missions into the South West Asia and/or Pacific area of responsibility and continued flying these missions on a bi-weekly basis for the remainder of the year. The channel missions made up a third of the total missions flown. Contingency, National Guard support, training and Special Assignment Airlift Missions rounded out the wing's flying operations. In 2013, the wing answered the Nation's call and airlifted Patriot missile batteries from the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Airlift was also provided for several exercises in 2013, including Red Flag at Nellis Air Force Base, Vibrant Response in Alaska, Patriot Exercise in Wisconsin, and CRUZEX at Natal AB, Brazil; a multi-national exercise focused on improving interoperability between the participating countries.

Twenty-one unit members deployed in support of Air Expeditionary Force missions in 2013 to locations including Spain, Afghanistan, Turkey, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Hon-



duras and Qatar. Additionally, nearly 100 Airman from the wing supported West Virginia's inaugural National Scout Jamboree at the Bechtel Summit Reserve and another 55 personnel supported Sentry Storm a joint exercise conducted by the WVNG to demonstrate operational readiness, accomplish training, fulfill annual exercise requirements and showcase training areas and opportunities available in the State.

The Air Force continues to undergo one of the largest transformational efforts since its inception. Strategic guidance released in 2012 called for the 167th Airlift Wing's conversion from the C-5A aircraft to the C-17 Globemaster III. Plans for the conversion got underway in 2013 and a site activation task force (SATAF) convened at the base in October, providing further guidance for the transition. Eight C-17's will be assigned to the wing with the first aircraft scheduled to arrive in October 2014.

In September, the 167th aircrew of C-5A mission "Reach 716" received national recognition as recipients of the 2013 Earl T. Ricks Award for Outstanding Airmanship, one of the Air National Guard's most esteemed awards. The aircraft experienced multiple bird strikes during departure from an overseas location. The aircrew expertise, critical thinking and timely actions allowed a safe return landing, saving passengers, crew and aircraft, despite two severely damaged engines.

The 167th Airlift Wing's aircraft structural maintenance Airmen also earned national attention for accepting the challenge of replacing two 48 x 96 inch panels of crown skin covering the upper fuselage of aircraft C-5A, 68-0212. This accomplishment marked the first time such an extensive repair was conducted at a non-depot level facility and saved both time and taxpayer dollars. The wing continued operations of the C-5 Regional Isochronal Inspection program, completing 13 inspections in 2013. The RISO is slated to



stand down in 2015 based on force shaping efforts as the C-5As are retired.

The Wing continued to exercise and train in 2013, ensuring Airmen are equipped and ready when called to State or Federal duty. A unit training assembly exercise in March afforded members an opportunity to practice mobility procedures. In August, an active shooter exercise tested our security forces personnel and required Airmen to demonstrate the actions to take should such an event occur. A four-day, multi-faceted exercise in November simulated an overseas deployment and gave Airman a chance to practice Ability To Survive and Operate actions. In conjunction with the event, the wing safety office facilitated a tabletop exercise depicting an aircraft crash which allowed key personnel to review their incident response checklists. This exercise also served as the inaugural event for the Wing's new Inspector General Inspections office. The IGI was stood up in 2013 in compliance with the new Air Force Inspection System which internalizes the inspection process improving readiness and saving taxpayer dollars. The IGI collected invaluable data from the exercise, nearly a year ahead of the Air Force IGI implementation guidance.

Because our Airmen are responsible for mission success, taking care of them is top priority. The Wing Care Team was established in October consisting of the Director of Psychological Health, Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager, Chaplain's office, 167th Command Chief and Wing Master Resilience Trainers. The Team offers guidance and resources based on the needs of the



Airmen in the Wing.

In 2013 the Wing continued fostering positive relationships with our community partners. The 167th fire department responded to 66 off-base emergency calls. Eighteen different associations, including youth organizations and law enforcement agencies, used the wing's firing range to hone their skills. The base honor guard supported more than 20 events in the community, including color details, flag folding ceremonies and funeral honors. The wing raised more than \$15,000 for charity during the Combined Federal Campaign in September; nearly doubling the amount pledged in 2011. Unit members continue volunteering their time and work one-on-one with elementary school students, strengthening ties with the 167th. In April, the wing hosted its third annual C-5K Fun Run event which takes runners down the taxi-way alongside the C-5A aircraft; more than 300 runners and spectators attended.

The base tour program brought more than 30 civic groups to the wing in 2013, affording the guests a greater understanding of the unit's role in the defense of the Nation and support of the State.

Two major construction projects were completed in 2013. The Civil Engineering building received a \$2.5 million renovation, which included a space for the wing's fitness room. While the aerospace ground equipment moved their improved facility after a \$1 million upgrade. Equally important, the wing's gravel track was upgraded to a quarter-mile paved running surface at a cost of \$50,000. In preparation for conversion to the C-17 aircraft, design modifications to the C-5 Flight Simulator in support of a C-17 simulator installation in FY15. In addition, base supply began receiving the first items of C-17 support equipment.

In October, Col. Shaun Perkowski assumed command of the 167th Airlift Wing and Col. David Cochran was named the new Vice Commander. Colonel Roger Nye ceremonially transferred the wing colors in November, and retired after serving as commander for the past six years. The Airmen of the 167th look forward to continued successes in 2014, and accept the challenge of promoting "Mountaineer Pride, Worldwide."

West Virginia National Guard Homeland Defense Joint Task Force

- **Joint Interagency Training and Education Center**
- **Civil Support Team**
- **Counterdrug**
- **CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package**
- **Memorial Tunnel**
- **Critical Infrastructure Protection Mission Assurance Analysis**



Joint Interagency Training and Education Center

Col. Randall Isom

Command Sgt. Maj. William T. Edmonds

The Joint Interagency Training and Education Center is the National Guard Bureau lead for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosives and Critical Infrastructure Protection training. The JITEC is an active National Guard unit supporting training and education utilizing a cadre of military and civilian subject matter experts for homeland defense and civil support activities.

The JITEC training and operational capability is based at three locations in West Virginia -- Camp Dawson near Kingwood; the St. Albans Readiness Center; and the Memorial Tunnel Training Complex near Gallagher, W.Va. The JITEC's core CBRNE capabilities lie within the CBRNE Battalion and the Center for National Response, which operates the Memorial Tunnel Training Complex. The CNR is a multiple-purpose and versatile training facility. Originally a 2,800 foot two-lane interstate highway tunnel, it is now a unique training facility that provides several scenarios: post-blast rubble event; subway station and train mishaps, weapons of mass destruction laboratories, highway WMD hazardous material incident, a cave and a bunker complex, a confined space emergency egress



trainer and an over 5,000 acre training range. The CNR staff conducts full scale exercises throughout the United States and its territories for military and civilian first responders utilizing Mobile Training Teams.

The CBRNE Training Battalion is tasked with the mission of training and evaluation of the 17 CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Packages, 10 Homeland Response Force Teams, and provides scenario based training for the 57 National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams.

JITEC personnel support National exercises such as the U.S. Northern Command and National Guard Bureau sponsored Vigilant Guard, Vibrant Response, and Joint Patriot Exercises. These exercises are joint and integrated operations within the first response community. During Fiscal Year 2012 the JITEC along with ARNORTH stood up 10 HRF's.



Equally important, the JITEC provides critical infrastructure security and resilience assessment to Department of the Army, the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, and the Department of Homeland Security through its Critical Infrastructure Protection Battalion. As the lead entity for this National Guard effort, the CIP Battalion is responsible for assessment, quality assurance, methodology development, and team member training. JITEC's CIP Battalion is also responsible for a myriad of prevention and preparedness training in support of the DHS and their Office of Bombing Prevention.

In 2013, JITEC personnel supported five OCONUS missions as a Military Engagement Team in conjunction with the Army Global Civil Military Engagement Program.

Since its inception, the JITEC has provided more than 226,502 man-day training in CBRNE operations; conducted in excess of 2,564 training exercises; performed more than 557 CERF-P training and exercise events; and conducted 13 HRF validations, training 7,448 HRF personnel. Additionally, JITEC has conducted more than 2,500 critical infrastructure security and resilience assessments and trained more than 19,700 personnel.

35th Civil Support Team (WMD)

Lt. Col. Gregory L. Grant

1st Sgt. Brian E. Burns



The 35th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) is located in St. Albans, W.Va. The CST's mission is to support civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or Explosive incident site by identifying unknown agents or substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures and assisting with appropriate request for additional State and Federal support.

The CST consists of 22 full-time Army and Air National Guard members assigned to 14 different specialties. The CST adds value to the community by providing unique military capabilities, expertise and technologies to assist civil authorities in preparing for and responding to a CBRNE event. The 35th CST is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the Governor for rapid deployment for response operations to enhance local and State capabilities by either ground or air movement.

During 2013, the 35th CST completed more than 65 missions. In January, the team provided direct support to the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. by performing radiation monitoring on vehicles entering

the Presidential Inauguration parade route. The team also served a vital role as the primary backup communications along the parade route. The CST continues to maintain strong relations with strategic homeland security partners in the National Capital Region. The CST provided support for events around the State this past year including the State of the State Address, Gubernatorial Inauguration and Boy Scouts of America National Scout Jamboree.

The team also provided operational support for the PGA's annual Greenbrier Classic Golf Tournament, Grand National Cross Country professional motorcycle race in Snowshoe, WV, and all WVU football home games. In April, the team underwent an external evaluation from Army North evaluators and excelled on all national proficiency standards for civil support teams.

The 35th CST remains trained, equipped, and always committed to excellence to be a leader among the 57 Civil Support Teams across the country. The unit continues to support the homeland defense mission, living by its motto – **“PRET TOUJOURS PRET” – READY, ALWAYS READY!**

West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug

Lt. Col. John R. Dotson



With a baseline budget of \$500 thousand and an additional \$736 thousand in appropriation funding, the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug program supported Federal and State law enforcement agencies in the field by providing criminal information analysis and aerial observation and reconnaissance conducted by Army and Air Force Aviation units. During 2013, the WVNG CD program completed 28 missions and was able to remove more than \$138 million of illegal drugs and assets. However, due to budget cuts and personnel reductions, WVNG CD was unable to maintain previously supported Ground Reconnaissance and Civil Operations missions.

The WVNG CD program provides Soldiers and Airmen to combat the supply of narcotics throughout West Virginia. Support to LEAs includes: Army National Guard

Counterdrug Aviation Unit, Air National Guard RC-26 fixed wing aerial reconnaissance aircraft, and criminal information analysis/case support personnel. Supported agencies include: the West Virginia State Police, the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, the IRS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and other multi-agency counter-drug task forces. WVNG CD program Criminal Analysts contributed over 1,060 man-hours of investigative and case analysis support to four separate agencies in five locations.

The WVARNG CD AVN unit logged in excess of 790 flight hours supporting LEAs. With 97 percent of those hours supporting local marijuana eradication, the WVARNG CD AVN unit facilitated the seizure of 136,947 marijuana plants with an estimated street value of more than \$136 million. Due to aircraft modifications and deployments, the RC-26 unit flew 111 hours of its 250 planned hours. Flown over a three-month period, those 111 flight hours provided LEAs with observation and reconnaissance resulting in over \$1.1 million in seizures.

WVNG CD program continued its support to Youth Leaders' Camp and Kids Kamp, now in its 46th year. Youth Leaders' Camp promotes leadership, civic duty and the power of positive choices for young adults aged 15-18 and had 49 campers participate this year. Kids Kamp is for children of National Guard members aged nine to 15. Like Youth Leaders' Camp, Kids Kamp promotes self-esteem, leadership skills and drug awareness, and had 129 campers participate this year.

Special Programs and Activities

Facilities Management Office

The mission of the CFMO is to manage the WVARNG's real property consisting of 3,017,502 square feet of facilities located on 5,848 acres in 32 communities. These facilities not only serve to support military training and operations, but provide a focal point for community based activities and shelters for people displaced during natural or man-made disasters.

By partnering with the National Guard early in the facility planning process, a Readiness Center can be enhanced at little additional cost to provide the space and other amenities needed to support local objectives. While all WVARNG facilities serve to support the community, formal joint use agreements are in place or underway at Summersville, Ripley, Gassaway, Fairmont, Bluefield, Moorefield, Logan and Parkersburg. Most armories vacated due to new construction still serve the community.

Once WVARNG facilities have been consolidated

the excess facilities are disposed of with first refusal being provided to the local community or government. Some old armories that have been transferred are located in the cities of Beckley, Ronceverte, Oak Hill, Spencer, and Richwood with facilities in Elkins, Fairmont, Buckhannon, and Williamson are soon to follow.

The WVARNG's Master Plan for facilities development, Facilities XXI, recommends the location of future facilities based on force structure, demographics, distribution of units, accessibility and the condition of existing facilities. Since 1995, Facilities XXI has resulted in the construction or acquisition of 1,444,944 square feet of facilities with an additional 211,401 square feet under construction for a total value of almost \$ 484 million. A major milestone was achieved last year with Facilities XXI resulting in over one million (1,093,799) square feet of new construction.

2013 construction projects (\$69.4 mil)

- \$2.0 million for a new Entry Control Point at Camp Dawson.
- \$17.7 million for the 57,000 square foot Moorefield Readiness/911 Center.
- \$20.5 million for the 58,000 square foot Morgantown Readiness Center.
- \$13.2 million for Phase I of the 37,000 square foot



Buckhannon Readiness/Civic Center.

- \$16.0 million for the 59,401 square foot Logan/Mingo Readiness Center

Short-range planning (2014-2020)

- Phase II of the Buckhannon Readiness/Convention Center
- Parkersburg Readiness/Education Center
- United States Property and Fiscal Office at Buckhannon
- Field Maintenance Shops for Parkersburg and Buckhannon
- Martinsburg Armed Forces Reserve Center
- Parachute Rigging Facility at Morgantown
- Emergency power, infrastructure and access control upgrades statewide

The facilities of the WVARNG add value to the communities that we serve and provide a catalyst for economic development and opportunities for all West Virginians. The CFMO will continue to complete the objectives of Facilities XXI by providing a sound foundation for the TAG's vision revolving around the Joint Base West Virginia concept.

Surface Maintenance Office and Special Repair Activities

The Surface Maintenance Office directs and administers surface maintenance programs and operations for the West Virginia Army National Guard through a full-time staff of military and contract service personnel working in 10 maintenance facilities. Maintenance shops supporting Army Guard units are located in Eleanor, Kingwood, Moundsville, Parkersburg, Buckhannon, Glen Jean, Summersville and Kenova.

The Surface Maintenance Office ensures that maximum combat power is available to support the Commander's intent. This is accomplished by monitoring each unit's maintenance posture using the SAMS-2-E Information Management System. This allows the Surface Maintenance Manager to forecast and monitor the workload for all equipment, by type, to coordinate maintenance priorities with the brigades and staff and provide recommendations to the G-4 on how to redistribute maintenance assets within the State in support of State and Federal missions.

In September the West Virginia Army National Guard received a GO in the Installation Maintenance Areas of NGB's Combined Logistics Readiness Team evaluation. In 2013, the West Virginia National Guard continued its partnership with Naval Special Warfare Command to build, store, maintain, repair and ship operational stocks and Civil Engineering Support Equipment. The NSW operational stock kits are air transportable, modular systems that afford commanders with a rapidly deployable package of equipment designed to provide limited comfort and life support to personnel in a bare base environment. Each kit can be tailored to NSW specifications and implemented to

support mission requirements.

In addition to providing operational stocks to NSW units, the WVNG continued conducting pre-deployment training for Navy Logistical Support personnel. This training includes the set up, operation and maintenance of base camp kits and equipment, as well as the operation and maintenance of power generation equipment and distribution systems. WVARNG conducts cyclic preventive Maintenance and services on all NSW CESE, as well as reset and modification to vehicles and equipment retrograded from OCONUS areas of operation. In September 2013, the NSW-OPSTOCKS program was added to the WVARNG-SMM ISO 9001:2008 registration.

Special Repair Activities

The West Virginia National Guard National Maintenance Programs and Special Repair Activities are key



programs that have aided the WVNG to win two Army Community of Excellence competitions.

Current customers include Army Material Command, Communications and Electronics Command and Navy.

We are in our fifth year of the Tire Reset National Maintenance Program. Tires for Military Tactical Vehicles are sent to W.Va. to be reset to new standards to be issued back to Soldiers out in the field. WVNG is the largest dis-

tributor of tires within the United States for NMP.

WVNG continues to provide support to Communications and Electronics Command by rebuilding army generators and providing tool kits for the generators.

Since the inception of the SRAs, we have grown from a budget of \$6 million to an expected \$30 million in 2013. With this growth, we increased our workforce to nearly 150 employees.

Recruiting & Retention Command

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The Recruiting and Retention Command aggressively pursued to improve the three tenants of Recruiting and increase personnel readiness for the West Virginia Army National Guard by focusing on filling unit vacancies, reducing turnover and maintaining more qualified Soldiers. As a result, the WVARNG was among fifteen states that successfully achieved their Fiscal Year 13 End Strength mission of 4,120. Personnel readiness enables the WVARNG to perform its State, Federal and Community missions by providing relevant and capable assets for the broad spectrum of operations in support of Homeland Defense/Security, overseas national security objectives and partnering with communities for State emergency response.

In an effort to maintain personnel strength and readiness for the WVARNG, the RRC implemented a re-enlistment initiative called the Final Formation Program which focuses on Soldiers that are within 150 days of their Expiration of Time and Service date. During FY 13, FFP had over 50% success rate on retaining qualified Soldier in the WVARNG and finished fourth in the nation for re-enlistment mission percentage. Retaining qualified Soldiers with years of institutional knowledge and expertise in the WVARNG allows the organization to maintain a high level of proficiency.

It is extremely important to be an integral part of the community in order to build rapport, trust and confidence between parents, educators, business leaders and the WVARNG. As such, WVARNG has partnered with the Common Ground Partnership to provide career



resources and tutoring but also military mentors, who can inspire, advise and enlighten students. This program allows military members to share their wisdom and professionalism with students through the Common Ground Speaker Series as well.

The recruiting force is proud to represent the WVARNG in our communities around the State and to educate our citizens on the benefits and opportunities of the WVARNG. In an effort to increase visibility and Guard branding, the WVARNG opened a new recruiting storefront in the Grand Central Mall in Vienna, WV. The new recruiting storefront will facilitate community relations and serve as an entry point for the WVARNG. The RRC will continue to strive for excellence and ensure that the WVARNG is postured for success in all its future endeavors whether at home or abroad.

STARBASE

The 2012-13 school year has been one of the most successful to date for the STARBASE academies.

Since these programs began, more than 30,000 students have passed through the doors. Located at the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg and the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston, this premier science, technology, engineering, and math enrichment program seeks to spark students' interest through a fusion of hands-on, minds-on experimentation. Over a five-day period, students become immersed in subjects including fluid mechanics, aerodynamics,

engineering and computer-aided design with 3D printing.

In an effort to extend the program's reach into local middle schools, both locations now offer an after school mentoring program called STARBASE 2.0. STARBASE 2.0 students work alongside volunteer mentors -- primarily educators and STEM professionals -- to explore STEM concepts through project-based learning experiences with an emphasis on teamwork, leadership, and goal-setting.

STARBASE Martinsburg students built and programmed Lego® Mindstorm robots, and expanded their

expertise with computer-aided design and 3D printing. The STARBASE Academy in Charleston hosts STARBASE 2.0 at three area middle schools: Horace Mann, John Adams, and South Charleston. Students from the John Adams club studied the fundamentals of model rocketry and earned the honor of competing in the Team America Rocketry Challenge National Fly-off in The Plains, Va. The John Adams team was one of the only middle school teams in the country to earn an invitation to the finals.

As demand for high quality STEM education continues to grow, our STARBASE programs will actively work to seek out new ways to meet the demand through program growth and expansion, innovative instructional methods, and by leveraging resources.

This year, STARBASE Martinsburg received Federal funding for two additional certified teachers, enabling the program to expand from housing two classes daily to

three. This expansion allowed STARBASE Martinsburg to extend its reach to include students from not only Berkeley County, but also to those from Jefferson County.



STARBASE Statistics

Schools Served: 25 Schools
 Total Academies in the 2012/13 School Year: 103
 Total Students in the 2012/13 School Year: 2,700
 Total Academies since the 2003 program inception: 1,009
 Total Students since the 2003 program inception: 30,500

Family Programs

The West Virginia National Guard Family Programs Office supports the mission readiness of Service members and Families through 25 various programs.

Our Family Readiness Support Assistants attended 93 commander meetings and 73 unit and youth events; provided 324 trainings and hands-on assistance to commanders and military points of contact; provided 553 individual support and assistance and 62 Trainings to Family Readiness Groups.

Our Child & Youth Program served 1,645 military kids and 1,800 adults. Day, residential, and partnered camps ensure military kids have summer educational events. Teen Council, volunteers and military parents Leadership Training provide a ready to serve force.

Our WVNG Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention program reaches every armory in the State with 62 qualified Master Resilience Trainers, 180 Resilience Training Assistants, and conducted 24 presentations and two RTA training courses.

Our Transition Assistance Advisors served over 6,687 Veterans and provided 430 briefs to nearly 2,000 individuals and agencies with information on benefits and available services.

Our Family Assistance Centers handled 90,134 contacts for support from Service Members and their Families via the 24/7 telephone assistance lines, emails and personal contacts.

Our Tricare representative worked 3,296 family Tricare issues and briefed 346 physician office managers



and briefed for numerous organizations with 1,313 in attendance.

Our Survivor Outreach Services supports 394 families in West Virginia, hosted our Gold Star weekend with 100 family members attending and assisted 12 survivors attending Survivor Day at the Races, Churchill Downs.

Our Commissary Sales totaled \$104,032 in sales to more than 2,200 patrons, saving military Families \$31,000. The West Virginia National Guard Foundation provided 131 Family grants totaling \$75,601.

Our Yellow Ribbon mission provided five weekend deployment and reintegration training events for more than 230 Service Members and families.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve



Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers.

ESGR is the lead Department of Defense organization for this mission. The West Virginia State Committee is comprised of nearly 40 volunteers from all parts of the State who strive to support employers and service members. ESGR has continued to focus on promoting employment opportunities to W.Va. military through its partnership with the W.Va. Military Connection Network. This collaborative effort resulted in conducting veteran job fairs in Charleston, Beckley, Clarksburg, Morgantown, and Parkersburg. This effort also launched the first Department of Labor VETS sponsored Off Base Transition Training Employment Workshop for WV in Parkersburg, Logan and Bridgeport.

This year ESGR was also able to expand the W.Va. Military CDL Program to Boone County in collaboration with Boone County Career and Technical Center and Southern W.Va. Community and Technical College.

Although sequestration put a hiatus on aircraft availability to ESGR for bosslifts, "Briefings with the Boss" that educate employers about the guard and reserve continued to be conducted with the Kanawha Valley Leadership program, Charleston Area Alliance, Martinsburg Chamber of Commerce, and the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce.

ESGR also continues to recognize employers who go above and beyond in their support of service members. This year Pfizer of Willow Island, Action Facilities Management in Morgantown, and City of Charleston Police Department, were awarded the Pro-Patria award for the most exceptional service to their military employees.

Safety and Occupational Health

The WVARNG Safety and Occupational Health had another banner year in 2013. The WVNG continues its recognition throughout the National Guard as the leader in innovative training for all Soldiers in all areas and it still rates as the top State for promoting Motorcycle Safety. This is measured in the numbers of Soldiers that have completed the Army Riding Courses along with increased numbers of qualified instructors. In addition, the WVNG was once again blessed with having zero loss of life of Soldiers or Airmen in Motorcycle accidents. This statistic alone solidifies the importance and relevance this program has on the overall safety of our Soldiers and Airman.

The WVNG Motorcycle Safety program began in



2005. Since its inception, trainers have trained more than 1,100 Soldiers, Airmen, family members, DOD civilians and retirees. In 2013, the Motorcycle Safety Program conducted 25 Rider Safety Courses which resulted in 96 members trained in the Basic Riders Course, 47 in the Advance Riders Course, and 17 in the Rider Coach Preparation course; additionally, eight Soldiers attended the Jason Pridemore Star School Advanced Riders course in Black Hawk Farm, Ill. and Millville, N.J. Soldiers from the Virgin Islands, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, and West Virginia traveled to take the premier training offered by our instructors. In addition to this training, the WVNG was selected to conduct two pilot field testing classes of the new Basic Riders Course which is being fielded by the

Motorcycle Safety Foundation. This training consisted of eight days of intense instruction, with instructors receiving and conducting the new program.

The Safety and Occupational Health Program conducted more than 100 Standard Army Safety and Occupational Health Inspections at facilities around the State. There were two 30-hour First Line Occupational Safety and Health Association Supervisors Courses to enhance the workforce safety. There were three Reserve Component Automated System- Occupational Health courses where 47 Soldiers were trained in the new 7.0 version of RCAS-SOH continuing to better enhance the data tracking analysis of accidents and hazards throughout our working and training environments.

Mountaineer Challenge Academy

The Mountaineer Challenge Academy and the W.Va. Department of Education have developed a pathway for Cadets to obtain a traditional high school diploma.

Building on the “Special Alternative School Program” status held by the Academy, enrolled Cadets now have a Career and Technical Education pathway necessary for Option I credentials. The new CTE Pathway is the National Guard Youth Challenge Program curriculum. Cadets must pass three components to be eligible for the traditional high school diploma, which is awarded by the home high school. These components include passing the high school equivalency test, WorkKeys, and the NGYCP curriculum. In the first class that diplomas were available, more than 75 percent obtained that credential.

Challenge helps reclaim teens who have given up on the traditional education system. With graduates from all 55 counties, the Mountaineer Challenge Academy offers a safe, secure, structured training environment for volunteer youth who strive to improve their life, enhance their future, and who are ultimately better for having the Challenge experience. While obtaining the high school diploma is the goal for many Cadets, it is not a requirement for successful completion of the program.

The mission of the Challenge Academy is to train and mentor selected at-risk youth using the National Guard Youth Challenge Program’s 8 core components in a quasi-military environment during a 22-week residential and one-year follow-up program. The Challenge Academy’s “whole person” concept has helped graduate 2,734 West Virginia teens since opening in 1993.

As the Mountaineer Challenge Academy celebrates its 20th Anniversary, the program continues to look for networking opportunities with county and community organizations across the State to increase public awareness, attract potential Cadets and train future Mentors.

Applications are accepted year round for classes which begin in January and July. Download an application and see the latest Academy information on the web www.wvchallenge.org or Facebook/[wvchallenge](https://www.facebook.com/wvchallenge).

Challenge Statistics

- 38 percent enter the workforce
- 11 percent join the Armed Forces
- 26 percent attend vocational training
- 18 percent return to high school
- 7 percent attend college





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