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Honorable Bob Wise
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Dear Governor Wise,

It is my honor and pleasure to submit the 2004 Annual Report of the Adjutant General. In 2004, the West Virginia National Guard completed an outstanding year of service to our state and nation.

During this past year, over 1,300 West Virginia soldiers and airmen were mobilized to provide for the defense of our homeland and fighting in the continuing war on terrorism. Our state continues to provide well-trained National Guard units for federal and state mobilization and deployment.

Key to our success is the support and leadership you provide our National Guard. Teamed with the guidance of our West Virginia Legislature and the help of our federal representatives, an environment has been provided that allows us to succeed in our missions and serve our communities and country.

The West Virginia National Guard will continue to safeguard the welfare and freedom of our great state and nation: "Montani Semper Liberi!"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen E. Tackett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

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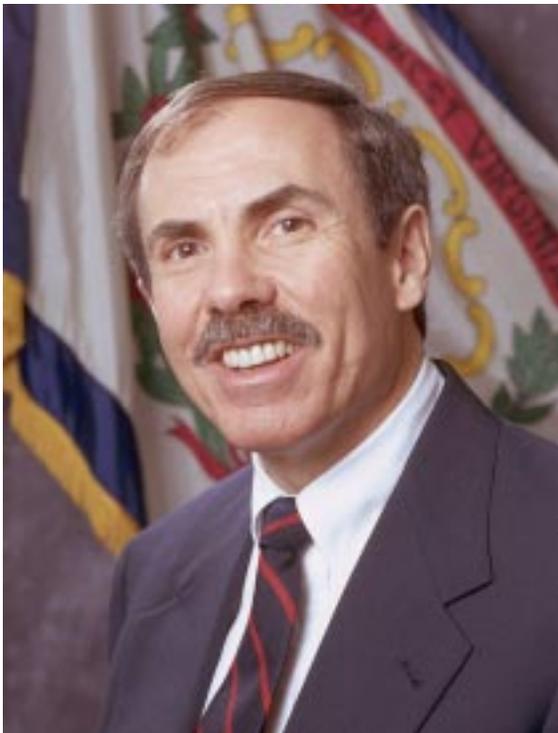
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LEADERSHIP

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.



Bob Wise
Governor
Commander-In-Chief, WVNG



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Secretary, Military Affairs
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ALLEN E. TACKETT
Major General
Adjutant General/Joint Forces Commander



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Land Component Commander



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Brigadier General
Assistant Adjutant General (Air)



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Brigadier General
Assistant Adjutant General (I&A/HLD)



TERRY A. BUTLER
Brigadier General
Chief of Staff (Air)

State Staff and Organizational Commanders West Virginia Army National Guard

Joint Forces Headquarters - West Virginia

Deputy Commander, Land Component	Colonel Johnnie L. Young
Chief of Staff	Colonel William E. Aldridge
J1 (Personnel)	Colonel Terry L. Melton
J2 (Intelligence)	Lieutenant Colonel Cary L. Schmidt
J3 (Operations)	Colonel Edward A. Muth
J4 (Logistics)	Colonel Sharon D. Allen
J5/7 (Plans, Policy, & Interoperability)	Colonel Robert E. Hammel
J6 (Information Management)	Lieutenant Colonel Michael L. Todorovich
J8 (Force Structure, Resources and Assessment)	Colonel Richard L. Dillon
Director Army Aviation	Colonel Roger D. Thomas
Director of Installation Management	Colonel Melvin L. Burch
State Chaplain	Chaplain (Colonel) Randall A. Kochersperger
State Surgeon	Colonel Michael S. McIntosh
Assistant Staff Judge Advocate	Lieutenant Colonel James M. Barber
Chief, Avn Opns, Trng, Standardization Branch	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Bongiovanni
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Bruce A. Coleman

77th Brigade Troop Command

Commander	Colonel Glen R. Diehl
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Terry S. Lee

771st Troop Command

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel James W. Hoyer (Jan -Mar 04)
	Lieutenant Colonel James W. Runyon
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Robert Cecil

1st Battalion, 150th Armor (Second West Virginia)

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Gregory L. Wilcoxon
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Lawrence R. Vance

1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery (First West Virginia)

Commander	Major James M. Hennigan
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Roger C. Beverage

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

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Kurt S. Crytzer
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Rickie R. Brittain

111th Engineer Group

Commander	Colonel Robert J. Kincaid (Jan-Mar 04) Colonel James E. Dodson
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Donald R. Hill, Jr.

1092d Engineer Battalion

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Ashley F. Camper (Jan-May 04) Lieutenant Colonel Charles R. Veit
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Allen

Special Operations Detachment – EUROPE

Commander	Colonel David L. Bowman (Jan-Jul 04) Colonel Calvin G. Kelly
Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Patrick S. StClair

197th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

Commander	Colonel Derek C. Swope
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Thomas M. Powell

772d Troop Command (Aviation)

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Harold L. Campbell, Jr.
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Alan D. Rutter

Training Site Command - Camp Dawson

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Calvin G. Kelly (Jan-Jul 04) Lieutenant Colonel John M. Galusky
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Lawrence A. Pnakovich

35 Civil Support Team (CST)

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Michael R. Kitts
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151st Military Police (MP) Battalion

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. Kornish
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major James L. Allen

West Virginia Air National Guard

Headquarters, West Virginia Air National Guard

Director of Operations	Lieutenant Colonel Michael G. McMillie
Director of Support	Lieutenant Colonel Alma R. Johnson
Director of Command, Control, Communication And Computers	Captain Clarence T. Smith
State Air Surgeon	Colonel Gary M. Townsend
State Judge Advocate General	Lieutenant Colonel Gene W. Bailey II
Executive Support Staff Officer	Colonel David T. Buckalew
Public Affairs Officer	Major Michael O. Cadle
Command Chief Master Sergeant	Chief Master Sergeant Robert D. Chandler

130th Airlift Wing

Commander	Colonel Timothy L. Frye
Vice Commander	Colonel Jerome M. Gouhin
Medical Group Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Harry W. Young II
Command Chief Master Sergeant	Command Chief Master Sergeant Stephen M. McCollam
Operations Group Commander	Colonel Loda R. Moore
Airlift Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Seaborn W. Chavers Jr.
Operations Support Flight Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Kevin D. King
Aerial Port Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Randy C. Huffman
Logistics Group Commander	Colonel William T. Mitchell
Maintenance Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Randy D. Buckner
Maintenance Operations Squadron Commander	Major Jeffery S. Combs
Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander	Major Emmitt M. Thompson, Jr.
Mission Support Group Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Paige P. Hunter

Civil Engineering Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Jerry W. Webb
Mission Support Flight Commander	Major Rosemary M. Smith
Security Forces Squadron Commander	Major James M. Murphy
Communications Flight Commander	Captain Patrick D. Chard
Services Flight Commander	1st Lieutenant Chad C. Board

167th Airlift Wing

Commander	Colonel Eric W. Vollmecke
Vice Commander	Colonel William R. Gain
Medical Group Commander	Lieutenant Colonel David L. Porter
Command Chief Master Sergeant	Command Chief Master Sergeant Robert R. Meadows
Operations Group Commander	Colonel Roger L. Nye
Airlift Squadron Commander	Major Solon J. James
Operations Support Flight Commander	Lieutenant Colonel James W. Marrs
Aerial Port Squadron Commander	Major Kenneth L. Banks
Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Commander	Colonel Jane B. Taylor
Maintenance Group Commander	Colonel Brian L. Truman
Maintenance Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Phillip S. Michael
Maintenance Operations Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Keith B. Snyder
Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander	Major Richard F. Sutherland, Jr.
Mission Support Group Commander	Colonel Patricia A. Burkhart
Civil Engineering Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Bill B. Burkhart
Mission Support Flight Commander	Captain Wesley D. Brown
Security Forces Squadron Commander	Major Roger E. Ausherman
Communications Flight Commander	Lieutenant Colonel William W. Whittington, Jr.
Services Flight Commander	Vacant

VISION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

As they perform missions around the world and throughout the state, our citizen soldiers and airmen personify the state's motto, "Montani Semper Liberi," Mountaineers are Always Free. They are recognized as professionals, fully prepared to meet the challenges of the future while remaining focused on today's requirements and grounded in the rich traditions and heritage of the Mountain State. They are Mountaineers protecting peace for the world we live in, providing service to our state and adding value to our communities.



The West Virginia Army National Guard

The WVARNG is authorized 3,826 soldiers (4,004 assigned) and has a fulltime support staff of 319 technicians and 306 AGR personnel plus a complement of state employees totaling 275. The Adjutant General is Major General Allen E. Tackett. The organizational commander and Assistant Adjutant General - Army is Brigadier General John E. Barnette. The Assistant Adjutant General for Installations, Activities, and Homeland Defense is Brigadier General Willard C. Broadwater. The State Command Sergeant Major is Bruce A. Coleman. These key leaders serve as the nucleus of the command group. The WVARNG is organized into an Army Training Site, an Engineer Group, a Troop Command Brigade, a Regional Training Institute (RTI) and an Aviation Support Element. These units are located in 36 communities throughout the state.

Our Vision:

**Citizen soldiers at their best...
...a vital part of America's force
...well trained and equipped
...committed to excellence in serving our communities,
our state, and our nation
...The West Virginia Army National Guard**

Our Mission:

Successfully mobilize and deploy soldiers and units to meet our federal and state missions and to add value to the communities in which we live, work and serve



The West Virginia Air National Guard

The WVANG is authorized 2,187 personnel, has 2,198 assigned, and a full -time support staff of 393 federal civil service technicians and 161 active guard/reserve (AGR) personnel. The Commander and Assistant Adjutant General for Air is Brigadier General James B. Crawford, III. The Chief of Staff is Brigadier General Terry L. Butler. The State Command Chief Master Sergeant is CMSgt Robert D. Chandler. These individuals form the nucleus of the command Group for the Air National Guard in this state. The WVANG is organized into two wings: the 130th Airlift Wing based in Charleston, and the 167th Airlift Wing based in Martinsburg.

Our Vision:

A professional, mission-ready military force prepared for the future.

Our Mission:

Providing an Air National Guard force ready and fully capable of meeting all present and future missions of the nation, the state, and the community.

130th Airlift Wing

The 973 men and women of the 130th Airlift Wing, located at Yeager Airport in Charleston, support and maintain eight combat ready C-130H-2 aircraft tasked with continuous airlift support world-wide. The organization's four groups – Operations Group, Mission Support Group, Maintenance Group, and Medical Group – provide worldwide deployment capabilities anytime, anywhere, to meet a variety of missions. In addition to military operations within the continental United States, the 130th Airlift Wing continues to participate in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) by supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (Afghanistan) and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (Iraq) with aircraft, equipment, and personnel.



The 130th Airlift Wing is led by the Wing Commander: Colonel Timothy L. Frye, Vice Commander: Colonel Jerome M. Gouhin, Operations Group Commander: Colonel Loda R. Moore, Maintenance Group Commander: Colonel William T. Mitchell, Mission Support Group Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Paige P. Hunter; and Medical Group Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Harry W. Young. In January 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Young was selected as the new Medical Group Commander. He took over for the retiring Colonel Donald Chamberlain.

As with previous years, 2004 was laced with a high operations tempo for the men and women of the 130th Airlift Wing. Operations and Maintenance personnel continued to fly missions out of Ali as Salem Air Base, Kuwait until July 2004. In July, unit members deployed to a new operating location in Uzbekistan. Since March 2003, Operations and Maintenance personnel have operated out of Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, Al Udeid, Qatar, Masirah, Oman, Ali as Salem, Kuwait and the new location in Uzbekistan. Currently, wing assets and personnel continue to haul troops and cargo, throughout Afghanistan and the Middle East, in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.



In September 2004, the 130th Airlift Wing was able to reduce the number of personnel and aircraft deploying to Southwest Asia in Support of IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Currently these Southwest Asia rotations are approximately 60 day tours. From January to October 2004 the 130th Airlift Wing has flown 794 local hours and 2857 deployed hours for a total of 3650 flying hours. The attached C-26 unit has flown a total of 472 hours for

the same time period. All C-26 hours have been flown within the continental United States.



Security Forces personnel continue to support “Raven” missions which can go anywhere in the world. Raven missions entail the protection of Air Force assets (i. e. C-130, C-17, etc.) and dignitaries (i. e. Secretary of Homeland Defense Tom Ridge). Security Forces have also been a consistent participant in Operation FUNDAMENTAL JUSTICE. This operation involves the transportation of detainees, from Southwest Asia, to Camp X-Ray in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 2004 Aerial Port Squadron personnel deployed to Norfolk Naval Air Station, Virginia; Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina and Rhein Main, Germany. In March 2004, three Security Forces members returned from Diego Garcia and one Security Forces member returned from Ali as Salem, Kuwait. In February 2004, five Transportation Specialists left for an almost ten-month deployment to Kuwait and Iraq. While deployed they augmented the Army with their transportation needs and convoy duty. Two were wounded during their tour, but all returned home safely in September 2004. While this does not encompass all 130th Airlift Wing members who have deployed during 2004 supporting their country's needs, it does show a snapshot as to how vital these personnel are to the defense of the United States of America. As of this writing, excluding Operations and Maintenance personnel operating out of Uzbekistan, the 130th Airlift Wing has personnel deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, Balad Air Base, Iraq, Al Udeid, Qatar and Incirlik, Turkey.



The 130th Airlift Wing had the honor of supporting multiple visits throughout the year. In May, when President George Bush came to Parkersburg, West Virginia the unit provided security, maintenance, and fire department assets for the occasion. Wing personnel were called to duty again for President Bush's Fourth of July visit to Charleston, West Virginia. President Bush gave his Fourth of July speech at the state capitol and wing assets were made available to the White House Staff, Secret Service Agency, Air Force One, Marine One, and local law enforcement agencies to ensure a successful visit.

In addition to supporting President Bush's visit, members of the wing assisted General Fogelsong, United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) Commander, with his Fourth of July visit to Charleston, West Virginia. General Fogelsong attended President Bush's Fourth of July speech and then presided over the Charleston Fourth of July Celebration. General Fogelsong arranged to have a four ship formation of F-16s conduct a flyover of the local area during the celebration. 130th Airlift Wing Communications personnel were able to provide technical knowledge so civilians attending the celebration could hear the radio traffic between the pilots of the F-16s and local ground control personnel. The radio conversations were broadcast over the public address system at the event.

Unit members attended the President's visit and Fourth of July Celebration. The 130th Airlift Wing C-130 provided transportation, to Charleston, so the United States Air Force Ceremonial Brass Band could play at President Bush's speech. In the evening, the ceremonial band played for the attendees of the Fourth of July celebration held at Haddad Riverfront Park in Charleston.

In August 2004, Security Forces members supported a visit by Secretary Tom Ridge, Director of Homeland Security. Secretary Ridge came to West Virginia for a tour of the Memorial Tunnel training site. On 17 September 2004 and 18 October 2004 wing assets were utilized for visits by First Lady Laura Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, respectively.

While overseas deployments, dignitary visits, and local requests continued to task the 130th Airlift Wing, personnel continued extensive preparation for a host of inspections.

The Operations Group successfully completed an Air Mobility Command (AMC) Aircrew Standards and Evaluation Visit (ASEV) from 8 – 15 March 2004. This visit resulted in the Operations Group receiving a “Mission Ready” rating. As the ASEV came to a close, wing personnel began concentrating on the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) for the week of 10 – 16 September 2004. All the hard work paid off when the wing received an overall grade of EXCELLENT. Additionally, the wing received two OUTSTANDINGS, twelve EXCELLENTS, and five SATISFACTORY grades in areas evaluated by the Unit Compliance Team. Multiple team and unit members received special recognition from the Inspector General (IG) Team. The wing also received five SATISFACTORY grades for Special Interest Items (SII). This is the highest grade one can receive on an SII. The wing received an EXCELLENT rating during a Health Services Inspection (HSI), from 8 – 12 December 2004.



In order to continue the successes mentioned above, 130th Airlift Wing members have willingly volunteered for additional schools, conferences, and training to ensure wing personnel are aware of the latest information and procedures the Air Force is implementing. For instance, five members attended Exercise Evaluation Team (EET) Training at Volk Field, Wisconsin in January 2004. Professional development was promoted by members attending Senior Leader’s Conferences, Phoenix Rally Conferences, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Schools, Airman Leadership Schools, Silver Flag Training, Air Force Sniper Training, Weapons System Councils, and Integrated Planning Process Meetings.

Wing members also participated in the “Partnership for Peace” program with Peru. On 14 January 2004 a Peruvian military delegation toured the base as part of this program. The 130th Airlift Wing also sent one of its members to Chad to assist United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) with computer networking in the city of N’Djamena.

While working with foreign dignitaries and in foreign countries is part of the 130th Airlift Wing’s mission, supporting the citizens of West Virginia is just as important. This was demonstrated when approximately eighty personnel deployed to various southern West Virginia counties in June 2004 to assist with flood relief and again in September 2004 by deploying one-hundred fifty personnel to various northern West Virginia counties to assist with flood relief.

Multiple community activities were supported by members of the 130th Airlift Wing over the past year. Unit personnel provided Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) briefings to local organizations, participated in town celebrations and parades, assisted with school fairs and tours, and served as volunteers for Special Olympics.

167th Airlift Wing

The 1187 men and women of the 167th Airlift Wing, located at Martinsburg Regional Airport in Martinsburg, support and maintain 12 combat ready C130H-3 aircraft that are tasked with continuous airlift support worldwide. The organization's four groups, Operations, Mission Support, Maintenance and Medical Group provide deployment capabilities anytime and anywhere to meet a variety of missions.

The past fiscal year proved to be another busy deployment year for the 167th AW. Approximately 246 individuals deployed to the Southwest Asia theatre in support of the global war on terrorism. Included in this deployment were airmen from Civil Engineering, the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, the Medical Squadron and the Logistics Readiness Squadron who drove vehicles as part of Army convoys. The remaining personnel were primarily maintenance and aircrew personnel.



The 167th Airlift Wing flew 4,771 hours, these hours included 2,128 sorties, 4,865 passengers, 5,901 air dropped personnel and 1,075,637 pounds of cargo in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom

Enduring Freedom, Joint Forge and Coronet Oak. Countries visited included Djibouti, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Spain, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovakia, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Haiti, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Pakistan, Iraq, Qatar, Brazil, Columbia, Bolivia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Azerbaijan, Canada, Germany, England, Ireland, Scotland, Poland, Mali, Canary Islands, Morocco, Senegal, and Cape Verde.



Other major deployments included about 200 personnel deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany in support of Operation Joint Forge, and about 168 deployed to Puerto Rico supporting Operation Coronet Oak.

On January 11, 2004, a change of command ceremony was held replacing the retired Col Jesse Thomas, who had been the Wing Commander since April 1999, with Col Eric Vollmecke, a traditional guard officer. Col. William Gain was later selected as the 167th Air Commander, a full-time position.



The 167th AW swept the Airman of the Year categories. SRA Timothy Merrill, TSgt Kerry Anderson, and MSgt Robert Sadler, all from the Logistics Readiness Sq, were the recipients.

Twenty–seven employers/business leaders were flown to Ramstein AB, Germany, to see close-up the mission of the 167th and how our nation’s military is

mobilized for the war on terrorism. While there, they had several occasions to meet General Robert “Doc” Foglesong, Commander of United States forces in Europe. They also visited Lajes AB, Azores, Sembach AB, GE, and Keflavik Naval Air Station, Iceland. All travel was on 167th aircraft.

Two members were injured in Iraq when their vehicle came in contact with an improvised explosive device. SSgt Brad Runkles and SSgt Derek Brown were assisting the Army, along with three other members of the 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Both are expecting a complete recovery.

The 167th is officially converting to C-5 aircraft. The Air Force Chief of Staff Office has officially signed the record of decision pertaining to the Environmental Impact Study, which clears the way for C-5 progress. Contracts have since been awarded for building a new Control Tower and upgrading utilities.

About 550 members of the 167th deployed to Volk Field, Wisconsin for Ability to Survive and Operate training. This training is invaluable to prepare the unit for real world deployments to potential high threat areas and for an upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

In support of our State mission, 50 personnel supported flood operations. Most departed on one day’s notice to New Martinsville, West Virginia.

Four members of the 167th were awarded the Bronze Star. Lt Col Michael McMillie assigned to the Airlift Squadron, and Lt Col Wendy Tomczak, Lt Col Sandra Duiker, (2nd award), and CMS Harry Martz, all assigned to the 167th Aeromedical Evacuation Sq.

Staff Sgt. Derek J. Brown and Staff Sgt. Brad E. Runkles of the 167th Logistics Squadron received the Purple Heart, given to U.S. service members wounded in combat, at a ceremony held in November 2004. The pair also received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal, as did Tech. Sgt. Mark Johnson, Staff Sgt. Jamie Wood and Senior Airman David Grim, all stationed with Sgts. Brown and Runkles in Iraq.

Two female officers received statewide recognition: Col Brooke Taylor, Commander of the Aeromedical Evacuation Sq, was presented the Special Emphasis Women of the Year Award; and Captain Melissa Shade, Director of Personnel, received the Supervisor of the Year Award.

The 167th continues to support community activities. A monetary gift of \$1492 and a truckload of toys were donated to the Salvation Army “Toys for Tots” program. Various support was provided to the unit’s partner in education, Valley View Elementary school. Fire Department personnel gave presentations to local school children and 167th personnel participated in various Veteran’s Day ceremonies. Support was provided to Kids Kamp at Camp Dawson, and to the “Healing Fields Event” at Antietam Battlefield, which was a tribute to the victims of September 11, 2001. The 167th raised \$2,820 in a very short time to help release MG Tackett from jail as part of a Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser.



77th Brigade Troop Command

The 77th Brigade provides command and control for two-thirds of the West Virginia Army National Guard force structure: 1st Battalion, 150th Armor; 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery; 2d Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group; the 771st Battalion Troop Command; and the 151st MP Battalion. During the past year the Brigade headquarters has provided operational oversight, logistical planning and personnel/administrative support for all organizations within the command. During 2004, the 77th Brigade provided command assistance for the mobilization and deployment of the following subordinate units for their respective operations/missions:

<u>UNIT/LOCATION</u>	<u>OPERATION/MISSION</u>
196th Public Affairs Detachment Charleston, WV	IRAQI FREEDOM
1863rd Provisional MP Company Oak Hill, WV	NOBLE EAGLE
1st Battalion, 150th Armor Bluefield, WV	IRAQI FREEDOM
1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery Fairmont, WV	IRAQI FREEDOM
3664th Maintenance Company Point Pleasant, WV	IRAQI FREEDOM

In addition, the 77th Brigade provided logistical and administrative assistance throughout West Virginia during the severe flooding that was declared a federal disaster by President Bush. The 77th Brigade and its soldiers continue to maintain the high standards of the Mountaineer Soldiers who have so proudly answered the call of service to our great state and nation.

771st Troop Command

The 771st Troop Command's (TC) most dynamic year to date was 2004. The 771st TC returned the Engineer Detachments to the redeploying 111th Engineer Group (Construction) and conducted a Battalion Annual Training at Fort Pickett, Virginia. Currently the Battalion stands at 538 soldiers strong. The 771st TC consists of the Headquarters Detachment and its organic units which include the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, 3664th Maintenance Company, 249th Army Band, 1257th Transportation Company, and the 1863rd Transportation Company. Of these units the 3664th and 196th are deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, the battalion assumed the responsibility for the training oversight of the attached rear detachments once the 3664th and 196th deployed.



The 771st TC played a key role in providing administrative and logistical support for all WVARNG units that were mobilized and demobilized during Training Year 2004. During November and December, the



771st TC Battalion assisted in the processing of the 3664th Maintenance Company, the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, and the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery for mobilization for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. The soldiers of the 771st TC performed in the utmost professional and unselfish manner in support of our units during 2004. Countless hours of work and travel were performed and many personal sacrifices were made with one mission and goal in mind: to take care of West Virginia Army Guard men and women. The 771st TC has a proud tradition of training and supporting the soldiers and units

of West Virginia and this tradition will continue to insure that all soldiers and units are fully ready and capable of performing their respective individual and collective missions.

1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery “The First West Virginia”

The 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery’s federal mission is to mobilize and deploy to a designated theater of operations to support Commanders that are Echelons above Division Field Artillery level by providing General Support Conventional Artillery Fires. As a High Priority Unit, the United States Army depends greatly on the readiness and responsiveness of the battalion. In addition, on 18 November 2003, the battalion was activated in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II to conduct the mission of Convoy Security Escort within southern Iraq as part of the 197th Field Artillery Brigade (New Hampshire). The battalion reported to its mobilization station, Fort Drum, New York, on 8 January 2004 for mission training and received mobilization validation in 30 days. The 201st then shipped over 400 soldiers and 250 vehicles to Kuwait in mid-February 2004 to begin



preparing for movement into southern Iraq. Within a number of weeks the battalion was prepared to assume its mission and on 25 March 2004 the battalion officially assumed control of its convoy security escort mission from the 504th Military Police Battalion and the 1-12th Field Artillery Battalion. Due to the

extensive distance along Main Supply Route (MSR) Tampa (Iraq Hwy 1), the battalion had to occupy units at three separate Convoy Support Centers (CSCs) to cover the 420 kilometer. Charlie Battery was located at CSC Navistar (at the Iraq/Kuwait border) and escorted commercial supply trucks to CSC Cedar II, approximately 210 kilometers north of CSC Navistar. At CSC Cedar II, Bravo Battery, Service Battery, and Headquarters Battery, along with the Battalion Headquarters, conducted convoy escort operations both north and south of Cedar II while Alpha Battery, located at CSC Scania, also conducted convoy escort operations



approximately 210 kilometers north of CSC Cedar II. As of this writing, the battalion has safely and securely escorted over 150,000 commercial supply and fuel trucks within 7,000 convoys and traveled over 3.5 million miles.

The Battalion also conducted a number of special escort missions. The first mission was escorting a priority radar target acquisition detachment to Najaf, Iraq from CSC Cedar II. The battalion also had the privilege of escorting soldiers and equipment for the Army of the Republic of Korea to ensure safe passage through southern Iraq as it headed north towards Baghdad.

The battalion had to protect and defend convoys from insurgents, criminals and gangs. Over the course of the deployment, the battalion has captured

over 50 weapons and processed detainees to ensure the MSR was safe and secure for travel. In support of its soldiers and mission, the battalion has processed over 15,000 supply requisitions and spent over \$5

million on parts and supplies to aid in mission success. Due to this, as well as the hard work and dedication of the battalion's maintenance sections, the battalion has been able to enjoy a Operational Readiness Rate of 99%. Since September 2001, the Battalion has given full efforts in preparing and meeting the challenges of fighting the Global War on Terror.



The DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Lineage and Honors Records and the United States Army Institute of Heraldry recognizes the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery as the oldest unit in the U.S. Army with continuous active service since the 17th of February 1735. While other units were formed well before that time (1635), they did not join the Continental Army in 1775. Moreover, the Institute of Heraldry also recognizes the Battalion as the only surviving unit that formed the U.S. Army in 1775.

1st Battalion, 150th Armor (Second West Virginia)

The 1st Battalion, 150th Armor deployed to Kuwait and the Iraqi Theater of Operations in February 2004 as part of the 30th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division TASK FORCE DANGER. TASK



FORCE MOUNTAINEER, as the unit is referred to in theater, has been instrumental in countering the anti-iraqi Forces in Iraq. The Task Force is responsible for an area roughly the size of southern West Virginia from the Kanawha Valley south. They are responsible for the security of over 300,000 Iraqi civilians, 192 kilometers of the Iraq – Iran border, and command and control over 1,000 members of the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement and Iraqi National Guard. The battalion must maintain a balance between combat operations and stability/support operations. They have been instrumental in setting the Iraqi local governments and security forces for a

successful transition during the Transition of Sovereignty and are now assisting them with preparations for the upcoming elections. The Task Force has completed over 3,000 combat patrols since arrival in theater. They have captured over 70 Anti-Iraqi Forces, hundreds of weapons and ammo, and destroyed 70 ammunition caches. They have made a tremendous impact on making the volatile city of Balad Ruz a safer place for the Iraqi citizens. In addition to the combat operations the Task Force has spent almost two million dollars on infrastructure improvements, opened 7 new schools, numerous water plants, and is on track to have spent almost 3 million dollars on making Iraq a better place to live. The battalion has taken a Border Enforcement Police force and turned it into a functional law enforcement organization. They conducted weekly training with this organization and have made tremendous strides in the ability to close the borders of Iraq to illegal border crossings and the flow of insurgents. The Task Force has also conducted training programs for the Iraqi National Guard and the local Iraqi Police Services. These two organizations have developed to the point that one of the Iraqi National Guard companies is capable of functioning on its own. The battalion has also been heavily involved in the training of the Iraqi Armed Forces with actual conduct of operations. They have worked with and trained the 6th Battalion IAF, 7th Battalion IAF, and the 18th Battalion IAF. These organizations demonstrated this training when they departed the Task Force and went on to conduct successful operations in Fallujah and Samarra. The Task Force is known throughout the 1st Infantry Division as a unit that lives up to its motto “We Can Take It”. Regardless of the mission TASK FORCE MOUNTAINEER executes the mission. Southeastern Diyala Province is a better place for the Iraqi people because of the efforts of the 1/150th Armor Battalion.



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

During 2004, the West Virginia elements of the 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), i.e. Headquarters, Support Company, Company C, and Detachment 1 concentrated on future operations dealing with Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Unit members continued to be tasked for deployments with the Battalion sending a SOT-A team to support OIF and recently sent nine soldiers on a COTTAD Tour to assist the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force in Baghdad, Ira

Upon reserving the second and third quarters of 2003 for an operational respite, elements of the 2nd Battalion utilized the beginning of 2004 to engage in new battle focused training to prepare them for future operations.

In March of 2004, the Battalion, utilizing C-17 Aircraft, parachuted into

Fort Knox, KY to conduct heavy weapons training. More than one hundred soldiers filled the sky over

Kentucky and quickly filled the skies with fire as they conducted training utilizing Anti-Tank Weapons (AT-4), 50 Caliber Machine Guns, M60s, 240Bs, Squad Automatic Weapons (SAW), and Hand Grenades. They completed their mission with a successful airborne infiltration back into West Virginia.



In June of 2004, the Battalion participated in JRTC rotation 04-08 at Fort Polk, Louisiana. JRTC was a three-week exercise that allowed the Battalion to assert all aspects of the Special Forces. Members of the Battalion spent many sleepless nights commanding sensitive missions, which has molded the Battalion into a battle ready, organized, well disciplined force ready for operations of the future.



In August of 2004, the Battalion executed an Animal Packing Course in Colorado. The group began a new effort to hone cavalry skills for 21st Century warfare, using horses and mules—combined with elite soldiers and advance weapons—as ideal for operations in road-less parts of Afghanistan, the Philippines, Colombia and elsewhere. These soldiers rode in formations across windswept ridges 12,000 feet and higher while communicating across the country. Team members packed and unpacked heavy weapons onto and off of mules to bring the fight closer to the enemy.

In September of 2004, 20 members from the Battalion participated in a Special Forces Basic Combat Course at Camp Dawson, WV. These soldiers received instruction in small arms tactics, close quarters battle, convoy operations, medical procedures, and an overall stress inoculation in a combat environment. This training proved to be invaluable to the support soldier role and the Battalion looks to incorporate the training every year as well as open it to other units in the state.

The Battalion also participated in a SCUBA sustainment conducted at Coastal Systems Station in Panama City, Florida, a Military Free Fall refresher course at Camp Dawson, West Virginia, and a Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat (SFAUC) in Massachusetts with members of the 5th Special Forces Group. The Battalion is pleased to have participated in every emergency operation in the state this year. Together, a seasoned command element, along with an experienced staff and strong company leadership teams, the 2nd Battalion looks forward to future operations and maintaining the long history of proud service to the nation, both in peacetime and war.



“De Oppresso Liber”!!

(To Free the Oppressed)

111th Engineer Group

The 111th Engineer Group provides command and control (C2) for Engineer units within the West Virginia Army National Guard. The 111th EG is located in Saint Albans. Inherent with the mission is the requirement to provide oversight to Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) activities conducted by WVARNG Engineer units and supporting emergency and disaster relief missions when mobilized by the Governor for State Duty. The 111th EG provided the planning cell to assist The Adjutant General of WV during the July and September 2004 flood emergencies. Additionally, the 111th EG prepares for its federal mission of providing C2 for up to five Engineer battalions in an “echelons above corps” environment by participating in computer supported exercises.



The 111th EG was mobilized for active federal service in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM on March 15, 2003 and was released from Active Duty on February 2, 2004. The 111th was assigned to assist all Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) Engineer units and selected non-Engineer units with redeployment. Since their release from active duty in February the 111th Engineer Group soldiers have completed reset operations, supported two State Active Duty flood emergencies and are training for a Corp Battle Simulation.

The 119th Engineer Company (Combat Support Equipment) company headquarters is stationed at the General Nathan Goff Armory in Clarksburg, West Virginia. The Detachment of the 119th Engineer Company (CSE) is located in Buckhannon, West Virginia. The 119th Engineer Company (CSE) typically maintains a personnel strength of 162 soldiers from both Clarksburg and Buckhannon units.

The majority of the soldiers of the unit was released from federal active service on 9 October 2003 and began the process of redeployment and reconstitution at home station. Many of the soldiers performed additional active duty and inactive duty to support the reset of assigned equipment back to home station.



On 31 May 2004, southern West Virginia was ravaged by a devastating flood. The 119th Engineer Company (CSE) was called to State Active Duty to provide equipment and personnel for clean up and restoration efforts to Wyoming County.

During the July through September weekend drills the unit continued with the rest process from federal activation and flood relief efforts as well as continued readiness training. During the month of September 2004 the Ohio Valley was hit by flood waters as a result of Hurricane Ivan. The unit was again called to State Active Duty for flood relief efforts in Wetzel County.



The men and women of the 119th Engineer Company (CSE) continue to proudly serve the State of West Virginia and our great nation. The unit stands ready to provide heavy equipment and personnel for any emergency or for community service projects.

The 229th Engineer Detachment (Utility) is stationed at the Timothy Boyles Armed Forces Reserve Center, Camp Dawson, Kingwood, West Virginia. The 229th Engineer Detachment (U) typically maintains a troop strength of 70 soldiers. The unit mission is to provide horizontal and vertical engineer construction assets to Camp Dawson and to other assigned Base or Post Engineer Facilities.

During January – May 2004, the soldiers conducted normal training routine while preparing for deployment to Grafenwohr, Germany for its Annual Training. Unit deployed to Grafenwohr, Germany during the month of June 2004 to provide construction support at the request of the Commander, 7th Army Training Com-

mand. Soldiers complete a large building renovation project and a road maintenance mission with exceptional results.

During the July through September weekend drills the unit continued with routine training and engineer projects for the Army Training Site Command. At the end of September 2004 the Ohio Valley was hit by flood

waters as a result of Hurricane Ivan. The unit was called to State Active Duty for flood relief efforts in Ohio County and was later sent to Wood County to set up for flood clean up efforts.



The men and women of the 229th Engineer Detachment (Utility) continue to proudly serve the state of West Virginia and our great nation. The unit stands ready to provide equipment and personnel for any emergency or for community service projects.

1092d Engineer Battalion, Combat Heavy



The 1092d Engineer Battalion began 2004 in northern Iraq. The battalion continued executing the same type missions it did in 2003: vertical construction to repair public schools and orphanages, horizontal construction in maintaining and repairing roads and airfields, base camp construction, security missions for coalition forces, and training the Iraqi Defense Force.

The battalion transferred its assigned equipment to its replacement battalion and redeployed through Kuwait to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The battalion returned to West Virginia on April 7, 2004 and was demobilized.

While in its “cool down” period before returning to drilling status in August, unit members answered the call to State Active Duty (SAD) in response to southern West Virginia’s Memorial day flood. Unit members wore their desert uniforms because their woodland uniforms had not been returned yet. The battalion had not been re-equipped, unit members also had to go to other states and pickup borrowed equipment in order to bring relief to West Virginia citizens.

In August and September, each unit location had a “Welcome Home” ceremony for unit members, their families, employers, and other supporters in their communities. One week after the September drill, the battalion again answered the call to bring relief to battered flood victims in the northern panhandle and south along the Ohio River. Because the battalion had received so little of its authorized equipment and the damage was so massive, equipment was borrowed from other states and WVDOH to aid recovery from Hurricane Ivan flooding.



The battalion is focusing on resetting the unit and converting from a “Corps Wheeled” to a “Combat Heavy” engineer battalion. With the conversion comes accompanying changes to the table of organization and equipment (equipment, personnel, and skill sets). These changes enlarges the battalion and greatly increases its construction capability.

Aviation Support Element

The Aviation Support Element (ASE), commanded by LTC Harold L. Campbell Jr. was activated on 1 October 1997 at the Wood County Armory in Williamstown, WV. This TDA unit serves as the command element responsible for the Reconnaissance Air Interdiction Detachment, the Detachment 28 Operation Support Airlift Fixed Wing, Fixed Wing Army Aviation Training Site and the 772nd Troop Command Battalion.

This command has a two fold mission of producing qualified and current flight crewmembers for State and Federal Emergencies and deployable units to fight the Global War on Terrorism with fixed and rotary wing assets. The ASE commander and staff have the task of providing resources to allow soldiers to train in their duty MOS, fully man three Flight Facilities and to provide flyable aircraft for the Aviation units within the State of West Virginia.



During 2004 training year: the rotary wing community continues evolution into the

UH-60. With the support provided by Senator Robert Byrd and Governor's Office we continue to receive airframes to replace the venerable UH-1 Huey Helicopters. This year we received two UH-60A's and Fiscal Year 2005 we anxiously await the arrival of three more HH-60L MEDEVAC Helicopters. The Aviation units have been training continuously this year in state on the newly assigned aircraft. We have currently trained 22 Pilots and 18 enlisted soldiers in the HH-60L Helicopter to a readiness level that qualifies the soldiers to perform duty during State Emergencies and Federal Missions. Qualification training continues into Training Year 2005 transitioning the C Co 137th fully into the UH-60 as their primary aircraft. The training conducted in the UH-60A Helicopter this year has qualified 12 Pilots and 8 enlisted soldiers UH-60 Helicopter Initial Training Schools, which a soldier must attend before starting readiness level training for their unit is scheduled to produce 6 more qualified pilots. As for the UH-1 Helicopters, we have a select number of aircrews that will maintain proficiency due to the Aviation Transformation. The end result of transformation will leave the State of West Virginia with only 3 UH-1's. Fiscal year 2004 total helicopter hours flown; 1000 UH-60, 1550 UH-1, 1000 OH-58 totaling 3,500 hours of flight time which is a great accomplishment. Deployments, parts shortages and the shortage of airframes make this a challenge for soldiers. It goes without saying nothing could have been accomplished without our dedicated soldiers.

The Reconnaissance Air Interdiction Detachment (RAID) provides helicopter support to all Law enforcement agencies for the State of West Virginia. This Detachment is on call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The RAID unit provided 1,000 hours of helicopter flight support this past year to the Governor's law enforcement agencies which aided in the confiscation of over 37,257 marijuana plants and illegal narcotics with an estimated street value of over \$93,000,000 million dollars. The law enforcement agencies of this state continue to utilize the professional attributes of the unit and its unique capabilities to its fullest to win the War on drug abuse.

The Detachment 28 Operational Support Airlift, located at the Williamstown Army Support Facility, provides Airlift Support with a C-12 Fixed Wing seven passenger Aircraft 365 days a year. The scheduling of their support is accomplished through a central scheduling command called Joint Operational Support Airlift Command (JOSAC). The soldiers in this unit fly approximately 500 flight hours a year all over the United States providing airlift support. The unit was federally activated in November of 2003 and deployed to Afghanistan. Here the unit provided Theater Support to all branches of the Armed Services and Department of Defense leadership. During the deployment the unit flew over 300 hours and successfully returned in April of 2004. Since returning the unit has flown a total of 300 hours combining for the year for over 600 hours. This unit is in demand on a daily basis to transport the leadership of all branches of service.

Fixed Wing Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (FWAATS)

The Fixed Wing Army Aviation Training Site, located in Bridgeport, West Virginia offers Army Aviators instruction in various types of aircraft. This includes the C-12, C-26 and the C-23 Sherpa. The staff is currently working with DOD agencies on the new Future Cargo Aircraft (FCA) training program. The FCA is scheduled to replace the aging C-23s.

The FWAATs facility graduated 137 students in TY-04. The facility also provides aviation quality assurance by performing flight evaluations and developing courses of instruction that standardize flight procedures. Additionally, flight simulators are operated in support of courses of instruction and regional training requirements. Individual enlisted crewmember training is also accomplished at this site. When student load is less demanding the staff participates in various West Virginia Army National Guard support



missions. The C-23 crews frequently provide a platform for airborne training to the 2-19th SFG (A). Upon mobilization, the unit augments the TRADOC Aviation Training mission as an activity under command and control of the US Army Aviation Center.

772nd Troop Command Battalion

The 772nd Troop Command Battalion has four units under its command that account for approximately 325 soldiers. This Battalion headquarters calls the Wood County Armory, located in Williamstown, WV home. Currently a new armory is nearly complete with occupation scheduled for early 2005. The 772nd has the responsibility of providing administration, training and logistical support to the majority of the



Army Aviation units in the West Virginia Army National Guard. Units making up this command include 146th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Company C, 137th Aviation (Air Assault) and the Det 5 245th and Det 6 245th Aviation Intermediate/Unit Maintenance Detachments (AVIM/AVUM).

Currently the 146th MED CO (AA) has 35 personnel and 4 aircraft deployed to Kosovo in support of OPERATION NOBEL EAGLE.

Airfield upgrades at Camp Dawson located around Kingwood WV are complete. The airfield is undergoing Safety Certification which will allow use by Army Fixed Wing aircraft thus supporting continued growth and help draw Aviation units outside this state to Camp Dawson to train.

West Virginia Aviation provided air support to numerous agencies and mission throughout the year. Beginning the year Detachment 28 was mobilized to Afghanistan in November 2003 for 6 months flying which totaled over 350 hours in Theater. The 146th MED CO(AA) began train up for mobilization in January 04 with activation of 35 personnel in June 2004 for 6 month rotation to Kosovo to be completed in March 2005. In August the facility located in Parkersburg was the site for the Presidential Helicopter to be located for President Bush's campaign visit to the Mid Ohio Valley. Throughout the year numerous missions were flow in support of Guard Force 4100 helping West Virginia to lead the way in Recruiting. In September 2004, Aviation was at its best supporting emergency and recovery operations from Hurricane Ivan. During the recovery operations, members from the C Company 137th in Wheeling rescued 26 citizens of Short Creek, WV from rising flood waters. There actions during the flooding were heroic. The recovery phases of operations in the Panhandle area were located at the Army Aviation Support Facility at the Ohio County Airport. The Ohio County Flight Facility was the primary facility for rotary wing assets which flew over 150 hours transporting much needed supplies to aide and expedite recovery. Units under this command flew over 3,500 hours of flight time to training and supporting multiple agencies which included the Governor's Office.

197th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

The mission of the 197th Regiment (Regional Training Institute), located at Camp Dawson in Kingwood, is to conduct Noncommissioned Officer Education System Training, Military Occupation Specialty Training, Officer Candidate School, Combat Lifesaver Course, Company Level Pre Command Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course and Small Group Instructor Course. The 197th Regiment is a part of The Army School System (TASS) and is subject to rigorous education and training accreditation requirements. The 197th Regiment is accredited by the US Army Sergeant's Major Academy (USASMA) for Noncommissioned Officers Educational System (NCOES), by the US Army Armor Center and



School for Combat Arms (19D & 19K) related MOSs, and by the US Infantry School for the Officer Candidate School (OCS). The 197th Regiment Combat Arms Training Company successfully conducted Phase II training for Military Occupational Specialty Qualification (MOSQ) 19D Cavalry Scout at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, as part of its alignment with the 166th Regiment (RTI), Pennsylvania Army National Guard.



The 197th Regiment now conducts its courses in the newly completed Robert C. Byrd Regional Training Institute. This facility houses the 197th RTI and is available for utilization by all Department of Defense and Government Agencies at all levels across the nation. It will be the stepping stone for future development and expansion of the West Virginia National Guard's support of our nation's current and future training needs. This new state-of-the-art facility provides the 197th Regiment's instructors, staff and students with the finest and most up to date auditorium, classrooms (14), distance learning center, computer lab, swimming pool, weight room, offices, and instructor preparation areas in the nation.

Special Operations Detachment — EUROPE



The Special Operations Detachment – Europe (SOD-E) is located at Camp Dawson in Kingwood, West Virginia. The SOD-E’s State Mission is to augment the JFHQ-WV in performing military support to civil authorities and respond to state emergencies in support of local authorities. The Federal Mission is to augment a theater level special operations command by providing trained National Guard personnel to fully inte-

grate into the staff, leveraging military experience and civilian skill sets to meet peacetime, crisis and wartime requirements at the highest level of command.

The SOD-E is a 30 soldier unit consisting of seven sections; the command group, operations section, logistics section, personnel section, intelligence section, communications section and staff judge advocate section.

During 2004, the SOD-E performed duties as tasked for State Active Duty emergencies and conducted several individual and collective training



events to maintain proficiency to work staff taskings at the theater level. The training culminated in a 31 day mission in Stuttgart Germany designed to support Special Operations Command – Europe (SOCEUR) with augmentation during the Summer Olympics. During this mission the SOD-E integrated into the SOCEUR staff to react to missions as tasked to SOCEUR.

Training Site Command (TSC), Camp Dawson

The Training Site Command (TSC), Camp Dawson, located in Preston County, is the only Army training site located in West Virginia. Camp Dawson offers excellent opportunities and training areas for small unit operations. The Training Site's proximity to the eastern United States population centers and its location in the Appalachian Mountains in northeast West Virginia afford units and organizations unique training opportunities. The similarity of terrain in West Virginia and that in other parts of the world, presents many units the opportunity to hone their skills in mountaineering, rappelling, and mountain assault training. This type training is offered year round at Camp Dawson and is available for units to prepare for unique missions they may encounter during world-wide combat operations.

Once again this year, the Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, US Army Reserve, Army/Air National Guard units and several First Responders such as the FBI and National Park Police took advantage of Camp Dawson. Camp Dawson has many unique training areas and facilities that make it an ideal place to train not only soldiers, sailors and marines for warfighting, but other governmental first responders for homeland defense. This year a Marine Corps MEU performed a TRUEX at Camp Dawson, conducting training operations on post and into the cities of Morgantown, Fairmont and Clarksburg. This exercise was a direct train-up for an Iraqi deployment, which came immediately after the exercise.



Recent modernization and expansion are enhancing Camp Dawson to be a premier training location. The addition of the Regional Training Center facility in 2002 more than doubled the post's capacity for facilitating schools and hosting conferences, making Camp Dawson the premier training location in the Eastern United States. This year, Senator Byrd and the National Guard Bureau announced that Camp Dawson will be the host site for the Joint Interagency Training Center East (JITC-E). The JITC-E will train military and non-military first responders in wide variety of homeland security operations. Other ongoing modernization projects include upgrades to barracks #241, mess hall #202 and runway lengthening with lighting upgrades. The runway upgrades will once again allow Army fixed wing aviation to touch down on the Camp Dawson airfield.

Training areas and facilities at Camp Dawson are becoming the preferred training location of our military's forces whether they be wheeled, light or airmobile and our civilian response organizations. At Camp Dawson we are turning training concepts into realities, combining a positive attitude and support with "world class" facilities. This facility is a "Soldier and First Responder's Dream."

Providing Service to Our State - State Active Duty

From February 2004 through October 2004, the West Virginia National Guard responded to three incidents to provide manpower and equipment in support of floods, winter storms and hurricanes related flooding. The three incidents were consolidated into two FEMA declared disasters. During the February Winter Storm, the Governor declared seven counties to receive Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA). The National Guard provided seven Liaison Officers (LNOs) to these counties to assist local EOC directors.



With the mobilization of all WVARNG Engineer units for Operations NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM, the National Guard support of State emergencies centered on providing LNOs to assist County Directors in assessment of damages. The leadership initiated a plan to train stay behind personnel to operate rented bobcats in case of future flooding requiring engineer assets.

On Memorial Day weekend, the National Guard was again alerted and mobilized to support flooding in ten counties. The National Guard responded with 792 personnel being put on State Active Duty in the southern part of the state to conduct damage assessments, debris removal, evacuations, and medical assistance teams to assist local first responders. After two weeks, the situation became stable and the Guard was released from duty. Again on Labor Day weekend, the Guard was called to duty to support efforts throughout many counties in the state that were experience flooding due to Hurricane Ivan that devastated most of the south east section of the United States. The National Guard responded with 1480 personnel being put on duty and an EMAC request to provide additional personnel and equipment from Kentucky. The response was excellent and the State and residents greatly benefited from the consolidated efforts from the Guard, DOH, and volunteer agencies throughout West Virginia.



J3 Directorate of Operation and Training

The J3 Directorate for the West Virginia National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters is organized into four branches Training, Operations, Mobilization & Readiness and Military Support to Civil Authorities.

Training Branch:

The training branch manages all schools for Officers, Warrant Officers and Non Commissioned Officers as well as specialized schools such as aviation training and Special Forces training. The focus is on Military Occupational Skills Qualification (MOSQ), Officer and Non Commissioned Officer professional development and recertification courses. This branch is also charged with serving as the focal point in providing training guidance to WVARNG units as well as providing resources such as transportation, ammunition and funds to ensure units have the required resources to conduct realistic training.

This past year the training branch had two goals for training involving members of the West Virginia Army National Guard. The first goal was to ensure the training conducted was oriented towards the wartime mission of the unit and enhances the ability of the unit and members to survive in combat. The second goal was to ensure units and members could meet requirements to support the citizens of the state in a time of need, whether this is a manmade disaster, natural disaster or times of civil emergency.



In addition to training for the preparation for war, the training branch also was involved in reset training for de-mobilized units. The reset process is designed to allow the unit to concentrate on training that is normally not available while deployed. The primary focus is on Professional Military Education which prepares the soldier for promotion to the next higher grade. Reset also encompasses military occupation skill training when the unit undergoes a reorganization or mission change.

Operations Branch:

There are many facets in the operations arena. Primary focus is on being prepared to conduct operations for State Duty and manning and monitoring world as well as state events through the Joint Operation Center (JOC) located in Charleston WV and prepare briefings to keep the field as well as the Leadership informed of current operations and intelligence. The Operation Branch of the J3 Directorate is responsible for development of contingency plans for the WVNG based on guidance from the Command Element. These plans include homeland security, response to emergencies within the state, physical security, mobilization and de-mobilization. The review and improvement of these numerous plans is an ongoing process. The purpose is to ensure the WVARNG and its soldiers are ready and able to provide the necessary support when called.

Mobilization and Readiness Branch:

The J3 closely monitors the readiness level of all units within the WVARNG. The readiness levels of our units are a critical factor in the success of the WVARNG, National Guard Bureau (NGB) and the United States Army. With the increased number of mobilizations of units and individuals, maintaining high levels of readiness enhances our ability to perform both our wartime mission and meet our mission to support the citizens of the State of West Virginia. The WVARNG has mobilized and de-mobilized numerous units and individuals during calendar year 2004. Citizen Soldiers from the WVARNG have supported the Global War on Terrorism both at home and abroad. In addition to the Global War on Terrorism, members of the WVARNG are serving in Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian.

Members of the 1-150th Armor, 1-201st Field Artillery, 3664th Maintenance Company and Detachment 1, 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment are scheduled to return from Iraq early in 2005. The 146th Aviation is scheduled to return from Kosovo in 2005. Preparations are underway to mobilize, convert and deploy the 1863d Transportation Company into a Military Police Company for a homeland security mission early in 2005.

Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA):

The WVARNG provides vital support to numerous civilian agencies throughout the year. This support includes soldiers and equipment to support community events, soldiers to provide color guards,



helicopters and vehicles for static displays and soldiers and equipment to support ROTC events at the various colleges and universities in West Virginia. This branch had the lead in the creation, training and certification of the newly created Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP). The West Virginia National Guard is one of only ten States to be selected to field a unit of this type. This unit is manned to provide assistance to Civil Authorities as well as Military authorities if the need arises in a home-

land security mission. The CERFP is a self contained unit that can provide Command & Control, extraction from destroyed structures, decontamination of personnel (at the rate of a 100 personnel an hour), medical support with emphasis on chemical and biological victims as well as provide security to the incident site.

Significant events during 2004:

During 2004, the J3 Directorate administered a budget of approximately 28 million dollars to support operations and training. The approximate expenditures are as follows:

- 14.8 million dollars for Annual Training and Inactive Duty Training events.
- 3.9 million dollars for schools.
- 9.3 million dollars for Active Duty Special Work.

Supported two major flood events, Memorial Day Flood and Hurricane Ivan Flood.

De-Mobilized:

- 152d Military Police Detachment, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 156th Military Police Detachment, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 1092d Engineer Battalion, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 1863d Transportation Company, Operation Nobel Eagle
- 111th Engineer Group, Operation Iraqi Freedom

Mobilized:

- Detachment 1, 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 146th Aviation, Operation Joint Guardian, Kosovo
- 1/201st Field Artillery, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 1/150th Armor, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- JFHQ-WV Detachment (-), Operation Iraqi Freedom

Organization, training and certification of the CERFP element (130 personnel) for Homeland Defense missions.



J4 Directorate of Logistics (DOL)

The mission of the Director of Logistics is to assist organizational commanders to enhance readiness and war fighting capability through a systematic process of property accountability, enforcement of the command supply discipline program, development of sound maintenance management policies and practices, movement planning and maintaining a quality food service program.

DOL Accomplishments in 2004:

Developed and monitored command policy on the procedures to be used by all units and activities when equipment is issued, transfers are directed, equipment loans are approved, or excess material disposition actions are directed. This includes loans of equipment to Army Training Site, (ATS) for use by units in support of installation projects.

The updated CSDP checklist was expanded to include review of the IMPAC credit card, Standard Property Book System Redesign (SPBS-R), Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced, (PBUS-E), Defense Property Accounting System (DPAS), Physical Security Requirements and ULLS-S4 procedures.

Developed and updated the policies and procedures required of each commander within the West Virginia Army National Guard in the management of personal clothing, organizational clothing and individual equipment (OCIE). The objective of this policy is to reduce losses of personal clothing and OCIE.

Provided command policy and assistance on the procedures to be used by commanders when equipment, other than OCIE or personal clothing, is damaged/lost or destroyed.

Implemented a policy for the issue of Class VII – major equipment items to all WVARNG units and activities through the OUSPFO-WV Stock Record account.

Established and enforced the policy for all required property inventories as defined in AR 710-2 as appropriate within the individual units' operational needs.

Established the policy to issue and use DA Form 3749 as the primary method of short term control and accountability of chemical protective masks for periods less than 72 hours of training.

The J4 provides clear guidance for the inventory and control of sensitive items, weapons and ammunition, below the wholesome level, to include reporting and retention requirements.

STATE EMERGENCY DUTY DURING 2004:

During the past year, the J4 section was called to State Emergency Duty on three occasions to support Flood relief efforts. In May, June and September Logistics personnel worked to provide support to WVNG soldiers assisting the citizens of the state in recovery operations. The DOL acted quickly, moving Food, water, equipment and cleaning supplies to the affected areas. The concept of a Forward Supply Area was utilized to ensure citizens and soldiers received the equipment and supplies needed.

J5 Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate

The J-5/7 section is responsible for developing and implementing policy, plans, concepts, doctrinal guidance, and strategy related to war-fighting, peacetime activities, and the federal/state homeland security planning for the Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ-WV), West Virginia National Guard (WVNG).

During 2004, the J-5/7 initiated the preparation of the Chief, Joint National Guard

Bureau's (JNGB) Joint Combined State Strategic Plan (JCSSP). This plan is designed to assist the Governor and the Adjutant General (TAG) in determining available military and non-military agency assets during times of natural disaster, civic unrest, and/or terrorist incident within West Virginia.

The section became the staff proponent for exercise planning using the Automated Exercise Assessment System (AEAS) which is designed to assess event exercises in which the National Guard, emergency response agencies, and other DoD agencies within West Virginia participate.



program for the JFHQ-WV and will be supporting the Command Group in acquiring course quotas for training selected mid-level Officers in the Army and Air Guard.

Under international activities, West Virginia is partnered with Peru as part of the State Partnership Program (SPP). During 2004, the WVNG participated in three exchange events to include a senior leadership visit from the Peruvian Army, a familiarization visit by the Peruvian Army War College visit, and a Law Enforcement familiarization visit by the Peruvian National Police Sub-Unit of Actions and Tactics (PNP-SUAT) with the West Virginia State Police, the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department, and the Charleston Police Department. The SPP Coordinator, in the J5/7 section, represented the WVNG in Miami, Florida during the Fifth Annual Western Hemisphere Senior Reserve Leader's Conference and in Quito, Ecuador during the Third Annual Andean Ridge Regional Disaster Preparedness Conference.



The section was also tasked as the staff proponent for the preparation and submission of the 3 ACOE performance application, the TAG Annual Financial Assurance Statement, the Adjutant General's Annual Report to the Governor, and the weekly National Guard Report to the Secretary, MAPS and the Governor. As an effort to enhance and expand the JFHQ-WV Command Information Program, . . . the J5/7 section originated and continues to publish the weekly Command Information Update during 2004.

The J5/7 is responsible for implementing the Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (A-JPME)

J1 Personnel

The West Virginia Army National Guard Office of Manpower and Personnel (J1) provides a variety of quality services to its soldiers and families. The J1 section's responsibilities include promotions/reductions, awards/decorations, awarding Military Occupation Specialities (MOS) education assistance, testing services, Family Support Center, youth programs, orders, discharges, transfers, non-validation pay, officer & enlisted boards, weight control, flagging actions, incapacitation pay, medical & dental bills, security clearances, officer/enlisted evaluation reports, officer/enlisted records management, data bases, ID cards, Thrift Savings Plan management, retirement services, GI Bill, Student Loan repayment Plan, and mobilization and deployment assistance teams.



In 2004 the biggest challenge to the J1 section was the increased OPTEMPO for mobilizations and deployments. Over 2,200 soldiers were provided assistance in preparing for mobilization and

deployment. This included issuing ID Cards, Family Readiness Briefings, assistance with college actions, dental assistance, Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI), Tri-Care, hardship issues, and Family Care Plans.



The Family Assistance Coordinator designated field assistance centers in Bluefield, Beckley, Point Pleasant, Martinsburg, Parkersburg, Fairmont, and Charleston. The centers provide guidance and timely information to the spouses of deployed soldiers. A toll free number is available and the centers are manned 24/7.

The Recruiting and Retention section had an excellent year in meeting and exceeding the WVARNG's force allowance goal established by National Guard Bureau. The goal was 4100 soldiers and the West Virginia Army National Guard achieved 4100. In conjunction with strength growth the Non-Validated Pay was 1.3% which was well below the NGB goal of 2.5%.

The Personnel Services Branch (PSB) processed for PERMS, nearly 35% of all individual military records of the West Virginia Army National Guard. This allows for units with PERMS to retrieve essential information on their soldiers. The PSB processed over 600 discharge records and 600 enlistment records in 2004.

J6 Information Management

Information Technology

The area of information technology (IT) includes disciplines of automation, telecommunications, visual information, printing and copying, mail, records management and publications. Sub-disciplines within the scope of IT are automation security (including COMSEC); information security; tactical communications; retired records management and simulation. Parallel with the general business community, the areas of automation and communications continue to demonstrate opportunity for growth, change and challenge. The J6 section serves all armories and entities for the West Virginia National Guard.

During 2004, the section initiated plans to include Air National Guard initiatives in the overall operations of the section. For instance, we are currently placing video conferencing units at the Air Bases



enabling better joint force operations. Another example was the Air Guard funding the Interim Satellite Incident Site Communications System (ISISCS)VVV that is to be used primarily for emergency efforts of the overall West Virginia National Guard. In a joint effort, the J6 will be poised to better serve the state and the nation.

As in previous years, the biggest threats in 2004 to J6 overall missions were attacks to our networks and systems. Hackers and viruses continued to be a threat to over 1,000 computer networked systems at nearly 40

locations within West Virginia. National Guard Bureau, the State of West Virginia and the J6 section installed firewalls that protected our systems at a level to preclude significant negative impact by these “hacks” and “viruses.”

The Automation Branch successfully implemented a major change in network operating systems. Their efforts enabled the WVARNG to efficiently migrate to Active Directory with most individual computers utilizing Microsoft XP. This change ensured we are at a current operating system that offers better security protection. This was a monumental effort and West Virginia was among the first states in the nation for the migration.

The terrorist threat continued to plague our soldiers, our state and our nation. To assist in the overall communications flow, the J6 shop installed four secure video conferencing units as follows: State of West Virginia Capitol – Governor’s Office; State of West Virginia – EOC; Joint Forces Headquarters, Charleston and Regional Training Institute, Camp Dawson.

Coupled with the secure video conferencing units we now have a non-secure video conference capability at all units and entities within the West Virginia National Guard. Not only do these units save valuable training money, but they greatly enhance our overall capability for internal and external video conferencing. Corporate with the new hardware is the “in-house” ability to schedule and operate video conferences.

During 2004, the West Virginia National Guard provided direct emergency services to the citizens of West Virginia in Operation Ivan and Memorial Day flooding. Specifically the J6 provided direct support to the National Guard Operations center, provided satellite radios and telephones, coordinated and issued cellular phones, and distributed visual information assets. An integral part of J6 operations during these operations was contact teams dispatched to the affected areas to establish on site communications. We also provided certificates for activated soldiers.



As in 2003, the J6 shop provided considerable support to mobilized units. Included in this support was video conferencing from West Virginia to mobilized units locations; hardware and software set-up and training; communications support and visual information support. The J6 full-time staff in concert with J4 and J8 community established and exercised procedures that facilitated mobilization of automation assets. The standard Army automation system, Army Knowledge Online provides on-line, real-time information to deployed soldiers and their families.

In 2004, through cooperative efforts with National Guard Bureau and the Air Guard, satellite communications systems were ordered with some in place such as ISISCS-VVV. Four J6 individuals participated in two weeks train up on the system. This system poises the WVARNG to be better prepared (in the communications area) for rapid response to any type emergency, including terrorist activity, state duty such as floods or snow and mobilizations. The USPFO for West Virginia obtained funding and ordered two additional communications trailers. Both the ISISCS and the communications offer opportunities such as video conferencing, High Frequency radio, satellite communications, computer networking and other communications features. The ISISCS and one communications van will be readily available in the Charleston area and the other van will be ready-to-go at Camp Dawson.

At The Office of The Adjutant General the mail receiving area was refurbished to afford additional security. A bomb room and X-Ray machine have been installed to assist in minimizing possibility of bombs and other mail/package delivery threats having adverse affects on the overall National Guard operation. New digital postal meters were placed at The Office of The Adjutant General, United States Property and Fiscal Office and nine other locations to meet new U.S. Postal bar coding requirements.

The West Virginia Army National Guard continued to operate fourteen Distributed Technology Training Project (DTTP) sites throughout West Virginia. The modern computers and teleconferencing facilities at each DTTP site provides training opportunities for both military and private citizens. Priority for the DTTP sites for the National Guard is readiness and emergency operations. Even with major mobilizations and monumental flooding, the DTTP missions were met.

The National Guard Bureau STARBASE program continues to utilize the DTTP site throughout the state. On two occasions this year, live video from NASA was broadcast through the DTTP sites in Charleston and Martinsburg to students in the STARBASE program.

The J6 shop operates a Department of the Army Photo center at the Joint Force Headquarters in Charleston. At this location, soldiers from the National Guard and other branches of the services have their photos taken for "official" purposes. This includes photos for promotion packets (officer and enlisted); award nominations, command photos and Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) applications.



During this year, instead of printing a "hardcopy" of the official DA Photo and mailing to their respective review boards, the photo center now transmits the official DA Photo electronically. The photos are sent to the Department of the Army Photo Information Management System (DAPIMS) where they are entered into a data base for the soldier to go on line and accept the photo and the review board to access for viewing during their review process.

The DA Photo center in Charleston is the only one in West Virginia and draws soldiers from all bordering states. During the past year, the center processed nearly 200 official DA photos.

As in previous years, the future promises additional technology changes and opportunities. For instance hand held communications devices are currently being fielded to senior staff that enables receipt of both cell calls and electronic mail, making their availability virtual. At each WVARNG location, secure telephones will be upgraded to enhance the ability for secure information throughout the state. Computer training, including security applications, will be required for all full time personnel and many traditional Guardspersons. The IT portion of the Joint Emergency Operations Center will continue to move to both Army and Air operations, thereby, taking advantage of unique skill sets contained within each organization. Automation requirements at Camp Dawson will continue to expand and the J6 must be able to respond to each situation. Secret Internet Protocol Network (SIPRNet) will become prevalent at most WVARNG entities facilitating the ability for world-wide secure communications.

J8 (Force Structure, Resources, & Assessment)

UNITED STATES PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICE



The United States Property and Fiscal Officer is an Active Duty officer who is recommended by the Governor and appointed by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The Office of the United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) is located in Buckhannon, West Virginia where it assists in the management of all West Virginia National Guard (WVNG) assets such as U.S. Army and Air Force equipment, all Federal facilities belonging to the WVNG and maintains accountability for all Federal funds sent to support the WVNG.

During the year 2004 the total Federal Real Estate and Equipment assigned to the WVNG were as follows:

	<u>Army National Guard</u>	<u>Air National Guard</u>
Federal Real Estate	Armories are State Owned	\$ 61,761.000
Federal Equipment	\$ 284,774,833	\$ 597,241,000

The USPFO operations contain an Administration section, Supplies and Services division, Resource Management (Comptroller) division, Data Processing division, Contracting division and Internal Review division. To perform these functions we have 79 Federal employees and two state employees.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2004 Economic Impact

130th Airlift Wing

Charleston, West Virginia

Military Pay and Allowances	\$ 42,511,081
Civilian Payroll	9,634,104
Goods and Services	18,522,537
Military Construction	632,000

Total for Air Guard (Charleston) \$71,299,722

Fiscal Year 2004 Economic Impact

167th Airlift Wing

Martinsburg, West Virginia

Military Pay and Allowances	\$ 43,943,441
Civilian Payroll	11,884,860
Goods and Services	16,405,400
Military Construction	22,561,783

Total for Air Guard (Martinsburg) \$94,795,484

Fiscal Year 2004 Economic Impact

West Virginia Army National Guard

Military Pay and Allowances	\$115,931,424
Deploy Entitlements	24,211,500
Travel	51,016,800
AGR Pay	13,722,481
All Other Appropriations	66,567,132

Total for Army Guard \$271,449,337

TOTAL 2004 ECONOMIC IMPACT \$437,544,543

West Virginia National Guard Education Encouragement Program

COUNTY	\$ AMOUNT	# STUDENTS	\$ AMOUNT	# STUDENTS
	SPRING 2004	SPRING 2004	FALL 2004	FALL 2004
BARBOUR	2,590.00	7	7,424.00	4
BERKELEY	113,920.00	100	142,175.50	94
BOONE	4,520.90	8	7,029.92	6
BRAXTON	7,959.88	6	5,873.50	4
BROOKE	2,506.00	2	6,659.00	4
CABELL	92,088.75	72	102,434.00	58
CALHOUN	7,658.76	5	3,607.00	2
CLAY	6,511.00	6	8,856.62	6
DODDRIDGE	1,365.00	1	3,674.80	2
FAYETTE	19,090.04	21	20,688.76	14
GILMER	0	0	5,184.88	3
GRANT	1,574.00	2	1,953.00	1
GREENBRIER	8,408.50	10	6,814.00	4
HAMPSHIRE	5,742.00	7	7,118.00	5
HANCOCK	1,774.00	2	7,816.00	4
HARDY	6,914.00	8	904.00	1
HARRISON	29,228.90	23	61,243.50	33
JACKSON	9,016.12	13	7757.00	7
JEFFERSON	32,806.00	21	44,099.00	28
KANAWHA	151,199.97	140	159,146.30	106
LEWIS	8,025.94	6	13,312.00	9
LINCOLN	5,816.00	8	7,902.00	4
LOGAN	4,103.62	7	1,361.00	2
MARION	29,311.90	39	39,406.60	28
MARSHALL	16,553.50	13	35,560.30	23
MASON	9,213.00	12	1,208.00	1
MCDOWELL	3,259.00	3	3,281.00	2

West Virginia National Guard Education Encouragement Program

COUNTY	\$ AMOUNT	# STUDENTS	\$ AMOUNT	# STUDENTS
	SPRING 2004	SPRING 2004	FALL 2004	FALL 2004
MERCER	11,560.00	16	11,576.00	11
MINERAL	1,655.00	6	3,665.00	3
MINGO	1,366.00	1	4,360.00	4
MONONGALIA	36,032.00	43	50,071.25	30
MONROE	0	2	0	0
MORGAN	8,327.00	8	7,247.00	5
NICHOLAS	15,075.88	12	34,067.25	18
OHIO	18,229.00	14	19,003.00	11
PENDLETON	1,249.00	1	1,208.00	1
PLEASANTS	750.00	1	397.50	1
POCAHONTAS	1,314.00	1	2,936.00	2
PRESTON	5,187.00	6	11,709.00	8
PUTNAM	46,440.25	37	54,863.00	35
RALEIGH	25,752.00	20	32,585.60	19
RANDOLPH	13,752.00	21	19,975.00	13
RITCHIE	6,581.00	9	11,546.00	8
ROANE	5,851.00	4	9,153.00	7
SUMMERS	750.00	3	2,312.00	2
TAYLOR	2,103.00	2	1,909.00	1
TUCKER	1,368.00	1	0	0
TYLER	1,774.00	2	876.00	1
UPSHUR	18,360.00	23	25,880.60	15
WAYNE	16,403.16	15	14,490.50	12
WETZEL	6,803.00	6	14,958.50	9
WIRT	6,055.00	5	0	0
WOOD	46,512.00	34	50,658.75	33
WYOMING	0	0	1,797.00	1
TOTAL:	\$882,180.07		TOTAL: \$1,101,702.03	

Director of Installation Management

The Division of Facilities, Engineering and Environment (DFEE) provides the foundation for the WVARNG's readiness by constructing and maintaining all of the facilities and training areas owned by the West Virginia Army National Guard. Facilities XXI is the blueprint for facilities planning and development that will support the WVARNG into the 21st century. The plan recommends consolidating armories and partnering with other entities, which has resulted in a savings of over \$15 million dollars to the State of West Virginia. The WVARNG has achieved considerable success in accomplishing the construction objectives outlined in Facilities XXI. Currently under contract are 467,233 square feet of new facilities representing \$80.7 million dollars of added value to our State.



Substantial completion of the new Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) at Eleanor occurred in November of 2004. B.B.L. Carlton, LLC, constructed this \$18.9 million dollar facility on Corps of Engineer's property at the Winfield Lock and Dam. The 132,288 square foot facility will house the WVARNG's CSMS, a Field Maintenance Shop (FMS), a Repair Parts Storage Warehouse, and Surface Maintenance activities to support a fleet of over 1,300 vehicles. The facility will include 28 maintenance bays with overhead cranes, an engine rebuild shop, a body shop with blast and paint booths, a carpentry shop, a machine shop, a canvas shop, a small arms repair shop, an electrical/communications repair shop, and specialized engine and transmissions dynamometers. The facility is in close proximity to a new Armed Forces Reserve Center; a DOD supported 24,000 gallon fuel point; the WVARNG's 173,000 square foot Controlled Humidity Preservation Facility; and a railroad spur.

The 81,000 square foot Eleanor Armed Forces Reserve Center is scheduled to be complete in March 2005. B.B.L. Carlton, LLC is constructing the \$12.5 million dollar facility that will house 450 Army National Guardsmen and 300 Naval Reservists. The facility is located across the street from the new CSMS. The AFRC and CSMS will be home to over 75 full time employees and will have an economic impact estimated at over \$13 million per year. The complex takes advantage of surplus federal property in a rapidly growing area of the state.

Construction continues at the 95,400 square foot Glen Jean Armed Forces Reserve Center. The DFEE has completed the initial punch list and anticipates awarding substantial completion in December 2004 and occupancy by early spring of 2005. Swope Construction Services is the general contractor for the \$17.4 million dollar facility. The Fayette County Development Authority donated a 35-acre site at Glen Jean to the WVARNG. The DFEE staff successfully attracted the Beckley Military Entrance Processing



Station (MEPS) as a partner for construction. A Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) will be co-located with the AFRC to serve the maintenance needs of units located in the southern part of the state. The construction also included upgrading the utilities infrastructure that will in turn be available to serve the nearby Fayette County Industrial Park and other adjacent properties.

The DFEE is also constructing a 48,486 square foot Readiness Center at the Wood County Airport that will also be

substantially complete in December of 2004. G&G Builders, Inc. was awarded the \$9.5 million dollar contract to construct the Williamson Readiness Center. The facility is being constructed on property already under lease and will serve a growing Army Aviation force structure in the WVARNG. The Readiness Center will be home to over 200 Army National Guardsmen.

Agsten Construction completed a 13,732 square foot addition to the St Albans Armory at a construction cost \$1,312,700. The addition was designed to house the 35th CST, who are the first responders in the event of a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) incident.

Corte Construction is continuing construction of the Lewisburg Readiness Center at the Lewisburg Airport Industrial Park. The \$8.9 million dollar contract will provide a 36,789 square foot facility and consolidate C Battery of the 1/201st Field Artillery Battalion from the outdated armories in Hinton and Ronceverte. The estimated completion date is July 1, 2005.

Hayslett Construction, Inc. continues construction of the 73,270 square foot Summersville Readiness and Convention Center at a cost of \$14.75 million dollars. This facility stands as an example of all levels of the government working with the private sector towards a common goal. Blue Chip Management, LLC donated the 35-acre site and the City of Summersville contributed \$2.4 million dollars in addition to the State's 25% share, to enhance the Readiness Center space by 27,250 square feet of convention/civic center space. The Readiness Center will be house A Company of the 1092nd Engineer Battalion. The estimated completion date is October 1, 2005.

FY04 WVARNG Environmental Program Activities Summary

Air Program

- Air permit was applied for and received from WVDEP for the Eleanor Complex.

Water Programs

- Stormwater pollution prevention plans were prepared for FMS 5, Eleanor Complex fuel point, and the 62 Series Training Area at Camp Dawson.
- Water systems cross connection plans were prepared for Salem, Weston, and ATS.
- An oil water separator was installed at the ground support equipment building at AASF #1.
- A/E services for closure of the on-site sewage treatment system at AASF #1 were completed. Closure will be contracted for once the site is connected to the new public sewer system being built.
- A/E services for design of 3 stormwater canopies at the ATS fuel point were completed. The construction project to implement the design had to be cancelled due to bids coming in too high.
- Seven new NPDES (water pollution) permits received from WVDEP for various facilities.
- The new wash pad and oil water separator installation project at Williamson Armory was completed.
- A contract was awarded to prepare a spill prevention plan for the Eleanor complex.

Hazardous Waste Programs

- Hazardous Waste Management Plan was reviewed and updated by E2M in advance of preparation for publishing.

Compliance and Performance Assessment Program

- Initial efforts to implement DOD's EMS program began in February at JFHQ. Initial efforts were environmental policy and aspects/impacts development, senior level leadership and staff informational briefings, and implementation team training.
- An external Environmental Performance Assessment (EPAS – formerly ECAS) by NGB occurred in May. This is a triennial required event by NGB.
- Five sites were visited by WVARNG EPO staff as part of the Internal Compliance Performance Assessment Plan.
- Contracts were awarded to prepare computer based training modules for Spill Prevention (SPCC) plans, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans, Groundwater Protection Plans, and Spill First Responders. These modules will be WVARNG intranet server based and available to all WVARNG personnel required to receive the training.

In FY04, the DFEE expended \$4,991,903 for Real Property Operations and Maintenance (RPOM), which includes utilities, employees, service contracts, and minor projects. Additionally, \$249,247 was expended for Range and Training Land Program (RTLTP) improvements.

Looking ahead, FY05 will prove to be another successful year for DFEE. Construction will begin on a Simulation Facility and new senior officer quarters at Camp Dawson. In short-range planning is a small arms range complex on Camp Dawson's Briery Mountain Training Area and additional infrastructure and construction initiatives to support the Post's designation as the Joint Interagency



Training Center-East. Also in short-range planning are new Readiness Centers for Moorefield, Morgantown, Martinsburg, Buckhannon and Logan. Design funds continue to be programmed in the out years in accordance with Facilities XXI and additional joint and interagency opportunities continue to be sought. There is over \$120 million in long range planning to assure West Virginia has the modern facilities to support the demands and growth that the 21st century will offer our soldiers and to improve the infrastructure in our local communities.



West Virginia Army National Guard Benedum Airport Project

During TY 04, this Civil-Military Innovative Readiness Training opportunity was conducted in the following engineering operations: construction management, equipment maintenance, draining improvements, erosion control, seeding and mulching, quality control, liaison with local, state and federal agencies, and adherence to design specifications. Cut and compacted fill operations continued and approximately 370,000 cubic yards of earth were excavated and placed.

The deployment of Delaware Guardsmen proved to be beneficial to Task Force Benedum. The DARNG troops received invaluable hands-on, real-world training missions that enabled them to sustain their training readiness. Task Force Benedum was able to support this training by providing the training base, logistics and administration.



An information brochure was developed during TY04. This marketing tool presents the overall project concept and the benefits of training in West Virginia to our Nation's military assets.

Project plans for Training Year 2005 have been developed. The Benedum Airport Authority, the City of

Bridgeport, and the Harrison County Economic Development Commission continue to support this infrastructure improvement to their community. Site work, soil stabilization, and maintenance of equipment and base camp are continuing on the project through the 1st quarter TY05 by Task Force personnel. Clearing and grubbing operations will continue. Approximately 400,000 cubic yards of material is scheduled for excavation and placement during the next training year within the construction boundaries. Rock lined drainage ditches and sediment ponds shall be constructed to meet environmental standards and



protect the completed construction from water damage.

Task Force Benedum continues to provide quality, meaningful Mission Essential training to the military. The Task Force also received praise for the quality and quantity of the construction effort. The project has resulted in a very positive image of the military in North Central West Virginia. For information on the project, please correspond by email at TFBenedum@wv.ngb.army.mil.

Controlled Humidity Storage

The purpose of the Controlled Humidity Preservation (CHP) program is to help extend the life cycle of equipment. Placing equipment into a dehumidified storage environment results in tremendous cost avoidance savings ensuring a constant high state of readiness for the WVARNG. The CHP program enhances combat readiness and mobilization capabilities by eliminating the repair and maintenance associated with moisture-induced corrosion in sophisticated combat vehicles, electronics, optics, and fire control systems. The Eleanor CHP facility offers 150,000 square feet of long term preservation storage.

For the past 5 years the WVARNG has been leasing one half of the CHP facility to TACOM for storage of the M1 family of vehicle. This equates to 86,400 square feet of Controlled Humidity Preservation space for two zones. The annual storage fee is charged per square foot and any work that is required on the vehicles is captured by using the WVARNG fully burdened rate for a track mechanic, currently \$41.43 an hour (see below annual itemization breakdown).



2001

Rental of storage facility: \$181,440.00
 Receive, unload, and place into facility: \$5634.48
 Perform service IAW agreement: \$17,732.04
 Documentation and inspection for leaks, spills, and other maintenance: \$18,726.36
 Total: \$223,532.88

2002

Rental of storage facility: \$136,080.00
 Receive, unload, and place into facility: \$15,411.96
 Perform service IAW agreement: \$33,558.30
 Documentation and inspection for leaks, spills, and other maintenance: \$5,594.05
 Total: \$190,643.31

2003

Rental of storage facility: \$334,800.00
 Receive, unload, and place into facility: \$5,965.92
 Perform service IAW agreement: \$24,195.12
 Documentation and inspection for leaks, spills, and other maintenance: \$21,916.47
 Total: \$386,877.51

2004

\$305,375.58

West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program

A baseline budget of \$1.39 million plus a \$3.0 million line item appropriation allows the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program to add value and contribute to the quality of life in our communities through its Drug Supply and Demand Reduction Programs.

For FY04, as of 30 September 2004, the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug program completed over 259 missions. This resulted in removing millions of dollars worth of illegal drugs from our communities and educating West Virginia's youth on the negative effects of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

The Supply Reduction Program, which includes interdiction teams, the Reconnaissance Aerial Interdiction Detachment (RAID), C-26 fixed wing aerial reconnaissance aircraft, and intelligence / case support personnel support various Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). These agencies include the West Virginia State Police (WVSP), Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AHIDTA), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Sheriff's Departments, and local law enforcement agencies and several multi-agency drug Task Forces. For FY04, as of 30 September 2004, this support resulted in 249 drug related arrests and \$123,774,150.77 in seizures. These seizures include cultivated marijuana plants with a value of over \$119,980,072.50, 857,540.89 of processed marijuana, In addition, we assisted in the seizure of \$712,597.38 in other drugs, (i.e. Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Ecstasy, Heroin, Methamphetamine, and Oxycontin), and \$2,223,940.00 in none drugs (i.e. Buildings/Houses, Currency, Weapons, Vehicles).



The RAID and interdiction teams provided support to Community Based Organizations and Educational Institutions by providing presentations on the negative effects of illegal drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. At these events, there were anti-drug presentations and static displays of military equipment to include an OH-58 RAID helicopter to capture the audience's attention and to promote a drug free and healthy lifestyle.

The Drug Demand Reduction Program supports the McDowell County Tobacco Prevention Coalition, ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs) Prevention Coalition, F.A.C.E.S. (Families, Agencies, Children, Enhancing, Services), STOP (Strong Through Our Plan) Coalition, Community Based Organizations, and Educational Institutions throughout the state, in their effort to reduce the demand for illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use among the youth of West Virginia.

For FY04, as of 30 September 2004, the total audience reached was over 2,414,773 individuals. This included over 960,000 individuals reached through our participation with Kanawha County Schools Television (KCS-TV). We co-sponsor the “Your West Virginia National Guard Today” television program. This program is broadcasted once monthly and each program includes anti-drug messages.

The Drug Demand Reduction Program provided support to over 92 community-based organizations throughout West Virginia. Camp BEAR PAWS, a drug awareness camp, was conducted at Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV, for at-risk children to provide an alternative to drug use. KID’S KAMP, also held at Camp Dawson, is for dependents of West Virginia National Guardsmen. The purpose of this camp is to promote self-esteem, leadership skills, and drug awareness for children ages 9-15. West Virginia National Guardsmen, as well as members of the community volunteer their time to support these camps.

At the national level, the Adjutant General has been working on the integration of the National Guard Counterdrug Program as a part of the Nation’s Homeland Security efforts. As an additional duty assignment, West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug personnel have been doing vulnerability assessments on key public and private infrastructure for the prevention and deterrence of potential terrorist threats. Also, the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug personnel have provided terrorist threat indicator training and security, and training support to critical infrastructures, facilities, and events.



The West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program is a major weapon in West Virginia’s War on Drugs and the Nation’s Global War on Terrorism.

35th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destructions)

The 35th Civil Support Team (WMD) is located in St Albans, WV. The Civil Support Team's mission is to support civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) incident site by identifying CBRNE agents / substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for additional State and Federal support.



The Civil Support Team consists of 22 Full Time Army and Air National Guard members assigned to 14 different specialties. The unit is organized into six sections, consisting of a Command Section, Operations Section, Administrative/Logistics Section, Medical Section, Communications Section, and Survey Section. All unit members are trained to Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) Technician Level with senior personnel trained to Incident Command Level.

The Civil Support Team provides unique military capabilities, expertise and technologies to assist the civil authorities in preparing for and responding to a CBRNE situation. This unit is available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week to the Governor for rapid deployment for response operations, and complements and enhances local and state capabilities.



During 2004, the Civil Support Team performed various missions, ranging from presidential visits to supporting state agencies to bridge day. The 35th CST (WMD) spent several months in a heightened "Ready Response" or "Gold" status for nationwide response during 2004. The unit had 2370 deployable man-days in 2004 averaging over 100 days deployed from home station per unit member. The unit continues to support the home-

land defense mission, living by its motto -

“PRET TOUJOURS PRET “ - Ready, Always Ready!

Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy

Celebrated as one of The 55 Best Things About West Virginia in 2004 by The State Journal, The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy (MCA) is proud of eleven years of successful service to the state. The Academy has graduated 1309 students who volunteered to make better choices in their lives. During the one-year post-residential program, trained volunteer mentors in their home communities assist the graduates. The majority of graduates enter the world of work; forty-four percent (44%) and twenty percent (20%) join the armed forces. Many Cadets continue to pursue their educational goals: eleven percent (11%) return to high school: twelve percent (12%) obtain vocational training: and seven percent (7%) went on to college.



The Academy continues to operate on a \$2.8M budget, 60% Federal and 40% State. There has been zero growth in the federal funding since the programs inception in 1993. However, the Senate passed legislation to change the funding match to 75-25 but it failed for lack of support in the House.

New things are happening at the Academy including the Mountaineer Partnership Assisting Academically Challenged Teens – West Virginia (MPAACT-WV), a joint partnership between West Virginia University (WVU) and the MCA. Selected Cadets work on college material on-site while attending the Academy. During the first cycle, twenty-nine Cadets completed the one credit hour of college work along



with financial aid, academic counseling, and ACT/SAT preparation. Fourteen of those Cadets are now enrolled in WV colleges and universities. Thirty have enrolled in the second cycle, which offers four credit hours. For students who elect to attend WVU, special retention programs, tutoring and academic advising are available. The same personnel are working with the students both at MCA and WVU to enhance continuity and success.

The Academy is now Explorer Post #82 of the Boy Scouts of America. This branch of scouting is open to both boys and girls with a focus on career development and an appreciation of the outdoors. This organization complements the 8 core components of ChalleNGe and will be a positive networking opportunity Cadets can use after graduation.

The Pillar of Strength Awards were introduced as part of the graduation ceremonies to acknowledge the contributions of individuals and groups from both the public and private sectors who have helped establish a network of success for the Academy. This is a way the Academy can say “Thank you” to our supporters. Receiving the first Pillar of Strength Awards were Mr. Martin F. Hayden, The Terra Alta Bank, The Senate of the 76th WV Legislature, and the House of Delegate of the 76th WV Legislature.

WEST VIRGINIA STARBASE

West Virginia STARBASE is an educational program with the purpose of increasing the knowledge, skills, and interest of Kanawha and Berkeley County youth in science, mathematics, and technology for greater academic and lifelong success. WV STARBASE's hands-on approach of exploration, experimentation and discovery, combined with "real-world" applications in aerospace, inspires students to learn through unique and authentic experiences not typically found in schools or other programs.

STARBASE strives to achieve a short and long-term impact as follows:

- Impact on Youth: Increased academic knowledge, skills and interest of local youth in science, mathematics, and technology for improved academic and future success.
- Impact on Schools: Improved capacity of Berkeley and Kanawha County schools to meet the academic and future needs of youth by providing expertise, resources and intensive, quality programming in science, mathematics and technology. STARBASE curriculum is aligned with national and state standards.
- Impact on the Community: Strengthened socio-economic health and vitality of our communities by helping to prepare the next generation of productive citizens with the skills they need in order to gain the high-skilled, high-tech jobs of this new century.



WV STARBASE enjoys an outstanding reputation for providing quality, educational programs that have benefited thousands of West Virginia children. STARBASE utilizes resources from the West Virginia Air National Guard and Army National Guard to provide an exciting and rigorous curriculum to students. This year STARBASE will provide these unique and exciting educational services to approximately 2,600 5th grade students, 1,200 from Berkeley County, 1,200 from Kanawha County, and about 200 at the National Guard Kids Kamp at Camp Dawson. Berkeley County students follow a four-day curriculum on-site at the STARBASE Martinsburg facility. Kanawha County students participate in a five-day curriculum at the Coonskin Armory in Charleston.

Each STARBASE offers a minimum of 700 hours of classroom contact and conducts from 28 to at least 35 academies each year. Since our inception in 2001, West Virginia STARBASE has graduated over 5,100 students.

STARBASE is authorized and funded under Section 2193b of Title 10, United States Code (USC). The West Virginia STARBASE Academies currently receive \$490,000 each year. The funding flows from DoD through the National Guard Bureau to the 130th and 167th Airlift Wing Comptrollers, West Virginia Air National Guard. Air Guard funds are then transferred to The Adjutant General's account in the State operating budget. All operating expenses are executed within guidelines established by the State of West Virginia and the Department of Defense.



Charleston STARBASE students participated in the NASA "Teaching From Space Program" in September and videoconferenced with the science officer and flight engineer on International Space Station (ISS) Expedition Nine. The same students also participated in a distance learning activity with the NASA Distance Learning Network. The interactive class was broadcast via the Army National Guard

Distributive Training Technology Project (DTTP) network. The activity included other elementary students from Alaska, Texas, and Virginia. West Virginia Public Broadcasting (PBS) provided statewide coverage so any student in the State could watch. More than 138 students participated in this distance learning activity.

STARBASE Martinsburg participated in the "Do The Write Thing Challenge" essay contest this past year. The "Challenge" gave all interested Berkeley County 5th grade students an opportunity to examine the impact of violence on their lives and to communicate, in written form, what they think should be done to change our culture of violence. Personal responsibility is emphasized. By encouraging students to make personal commitments to do something about the problem, the program ultimately seeks to give them the opportunity to break the cycles of violence in their homes, schools and neighborhoods. Essay contest winners travel to Washington DC to participate in a national recognition ceremony with other essay winners from across the country.



STARBASE is a program based on the beliefs all students can learn, students learn best when interested and motivated, and motivation can be generated through experiences that are interactive, hands-on, and result in personal success. The interaction with military instructors as positive role models enhances the hands-on learning experience.

STARBASE believes the learners of today can be prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow, and this vision is best achieved through innovative educational outreach programs for youth and teachers. Both STARBASE sites engage in numerous outreach activities to include the county and state science and social studies fairs.



The West Virginia STARBASE program reaches nearly 100% of the fifth grade students in Berkeley County and more than 50% of fifth grade students in Kanawha County. With our outreach programs, WV STARBASE impacts more than 4,500 West Virginia youth each year.

Great Expectations

The War on Terrorism...

The number of soldiers and airmen mobilized and deployed in the continuing war on terrorism is approaching three thousand. Our continued emphasis on readiness to perform our missions within the state, across the nation and around the world contributes to the high demand of our personnel and their selection to accomplish demanding missions. With this our prestigious standing as a part of America's fighting force is ensured. As a Joint Force, the Air and Army National Guard will continue to excel at the traditional roles of providing for the welfare of our state and protecting our nation's interests. We will give our utmost in leading the country in the ongoing roles of Homeland Security and the war against terrorism.

Army National Guard...

We will continue to expand and upgrade the West Virginia Army National Guard to remain on the cutting edge of technology, systems and modern units. The Army National Guard goal for our state is to increase our force structure to 4,700 soldiers by the year 2005 through aggressive recruiting, retention and obtaining additional units that will meet our Army's need for force projection overseas as well for the defense of our nation at home. Such units would include additional medical, engineer, military police, chemical defense and transportation units to be dispersed among our state's major population areas that can meet both federal and state missions. Additional, it is our goal to attain/maintain priority status for our units which will ensure the acquisition of modern equipment, expand career opportunities for our soldiers, while increasing the amount of federal dollars required supporting such units, directly impacting the economy and welfare of our state.

Air National Guard...

We are continuing to pursue the change in mission and aircraft to the C5A for the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, ensuring their viability as an integral part of the Department of the Air Force. As this goal is being attained, expansion of current facilities at Martinsburg and a significantly increased full-time force is taking place. This will further enhance the economic development of the Eastern Panhandle as well as the overall economy of our state. Modernization and expansion of facilities for the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston will continue as well, with plans to increase the number of authorized aircraft, personnel and full time support force.

Building...

We will continue with the implementation of our Force XXI Facilities plan that, when completed, will result in newly constructed Readiness Centers adjacent to major population areas within the state. These upgraded facilities will be more accessible to our service men and women, as well as our public, increasing our ability to meet the readiness needs of our National Guard, and the needs of the communities in which they are based. This plan will continue to bring federal dollars and provide for economic development while reducing the overall cost to our state and its citizens.

Adding Value...

We will continue to add value to our state, our communities and our fellow citizens through the continuation of such programs as the Mountaineer Challenge Academy, our Drug Demand Reduction program, STARBASE, the Benedum Airport Project, Distributed Technology Training Programs and Community Service Projects. We will continue to give back to our state what it has given to us by continuing the emphasis on education for our soldiers through the state funded Tuition Assistance Program. This program is vital to the success of our National Guard and our state, increasing the education level of our citizen soldiers while providing a well-trained and technical workforce for the expansion of future businesses within the state.

Results...

We will remain steadfast in serving our state and nation, providing for the welfare of our fellow West Virginians, and preserving the freedom of the United States of America. "MONTANI SEMPER LIBERI!"



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