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The Honorable Joe Manchin III
Governor, State of West Virginia
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Governor Manchin,

It is my honor and pleasure to submit the 2006 Annual Report of the Adjutant General. The West Virginia National Guard completed an outstanding year of service to our state and nation. The accomplishments described in this report reflect the readiness, dedication and professionalism of our citizen-soldiers.

During the last year, West Virginia soldiers and airmen were called upon to provide for the defense of our homeland and to fight the continuing war on terrorism. Our state continues to provide well-trained National Guard units for federal and state deployment.

Your leadership and support has been vital to the success of the West Virginia National Guard. We continue to be recognized as one of the best military organizations in the world. More than 6,600 West Virginia National Guard members and I say "thank you." The West Virginia National Guard will continue to safeguard the welfare and freedom of our great state and nation. "Montani Semper Liberi!"

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen E. Tackett".

ALLEN E. TACKETT
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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.



Joe Manchin III
Governor
Commander-In-Chief, WVNG



Jim Spears
Secretary, Military Affairs
and Public Safety



ALLEN E. TACKETT
Major General
Adjutant General/Joint Forces Commander



JOHN E. BARNETTE
Major General
Land Component Commander



TERRY A. BUTLER
Brigadier General
Air Component Commander



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



LODA A. MOORE
Brigadier General
Assistant Adjutant General (Air)

State Staff and Organizational Commanders West Virginia National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters

Director, Joint Staff	Colonel (P) James A. Hoyer
Chief of Staff	Colonel William E. Aldridge
Joint Interagency Training Center	Lieutenant Colonel Russell A. Crane
J1 (Personnel)	Colonel David L. Bowman
J2 (Intelligence)	Colonel Ronald L. Scarbro
J3 (Operations)	Colonel Edward A. Muth
Director of Military Support	Colonel Edward J. Kornish
J4 (Logistics)	Colonel James E. Dodson
J5/J7 (Plans, Policy & Interoperability)	Colonel Rebecca A. Davison
J6 (Information Management)	Lieutenant Colonel Michael L. Todorovich
J8 (Force Structure, Resources and Assessmen)	Colonel Robert J. Kincaid
Director of Installation Management	Colonel Melvin L. Burch
State 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	Lieutenant Colonel Harold L. Campbell Jr
State Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Lawrence R. Vance

West Virginia Army National Guard

Deputy Commander, Land Component	Colonel Johnnie L. Young
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Roger C. Beverage

77th Brigade Troop Command

Commander	Colonel James W. Runyon
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major James L. Allen

771st Troop Command

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Craig E. Lambert
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Cindy L. Todorovich

1st Squadron, 150th Armored Reconnaissance (Second West Virginia)

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Larry A. Wheeler
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Charles L. Mitchell

1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Lieutenant Colonel Roy L. Bourne
Command Sergeant Major Terry W. Moran

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

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

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

111th Engineer Brigade

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Colonel Melvin L. Burch
Command Sergeant Major Donald R. Hill Jr

1092nd Engineer Battalion

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Lieutenant Colonel William E. Crane
Command Sergeant Major Terry Lee

Special Operations Detachment – Europe

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Colonel Gary A. Blackhurst
Command Sergeant Major Terry Hall

197th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Colonel Timothy E. Hill
Command Sergeant Major Lawrence A. Pnakovich

772nd Troop Command (Aviation)

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Bongiovanni
Command Sergeant Major Alan D. Rutter

Training Site Command

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Lieutenant Colonel John M. Galusky
Command Sergeant Major Patrick S. StClair

35th Civil Support Team

Commander
Senior Non-commissioned Officer

Major Jeffrey A. Price
First Sergeant Brian S. Combs

151st Military Police Battalion

Commander
Command Sergeant Major

Lieutenant Colonel Donald G. Lockhard
Command Sergeant Major Johnny Jackson

West Virginia Air National Guard

Headquarters, West Virginia Air National Guard

State Command Chief Master Sergeant	Command Chief Master Sergeant Ronald D. Bove
Director of Operations	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	Lieutenant Colonel Michael O. Cadle

130th Airlift Wing

Commander	Colonel Timothy L. Frye
Vice Commander	Colonel Jerome M. Gouhin
Command Chief Master Sergeant	Command Chief Master Sergeant Marshall N. Adkins
Medical Group Commander	Colonel Sidney B. Jackson
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant James A. Maynard
Operations Group Commander	Colonel Seaborn W. Chavers Jr.
Airlift Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Johnny M. Ryan, Jr
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant George E. Saunders, II
Operations Support Flight Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Kevin D. King
Maintenance Group Commander	Colonel William T. Mitchell
Maintenance Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Randy D. Buckner
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Michael J. Fleck
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander	Captain Clarence K. Maynus, Jr.
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant James D. Braley

Maintenance Operations Flight Commander

Major Rosemary M. Smith

Mission Support Group Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Paige P. Hunter

First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Brent A. Clevenger

Civil Engineering Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Jerry W. Webb

First Sergeant

Vacant

Aerial Port Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Randy C. Huffman

First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Bryan M. White

Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Emmitt M. Thompson, Jr.

First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Richard A. Werner, II

Security Forces Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel James M. Murphy

First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Mark A. Huddleston

Mission Support Flight Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey A. Bevins

Communications Flight Commander

Captain Patrick D. Chard

Services Flight Commander

Captain Chad C. Board

167th Airlift Wing

Commander

Colonel Eric W. Vollmecke

Vice Commander

Colonel William R. Gain

Command Chief Master Sergeant

Command Chief Master Sergeant Jeffrey L. Doyle

Medical Group Commander

Colonel David L. Porter

First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Shawn E. Mallory

Operations Group Commander

Colonel Roger L. Nye

Airlift Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Solon J. Lane

First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Gerald T. Kendle

Operations Support Flight Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Stuart W. Brown

Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew I. Wolkstein

First Sergeant

Master Sergeant Larry W. Dunn

Maintenance Group Commander

Colonel Brian L. Truman

Maintenance Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Phillip S. Michael

First Sergeant	Master Sergeant John F. Umphrey
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Keith B. Snyder
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Michael G. Shirk
Maintenance Operations Flight	Lieutenant Colonel Steven R. Truax
Mission Support Group Commander	Colonel Patricia A. Burkhart
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Ruth A. Grubb
Civil Engineering Squadron Commander	Major Rodney E. Neely
First Sergeant	Senior Master Sergeant William B. Robinette
Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander	Captain Rex E. Clark
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Charles A. Palmer, Jr.
Aerial Port Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Banks
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Janise W. Hill
Security Forces Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Roger E. Ausherman
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Richard T. Feltner
Mission Support Flight Commander	Major Wesley D. Brown
Communications Flight Commander	Lieutenant Colonel William W. Whittington, Jr.
Services Flight Commander	Second Lieutenant Shawn E. Hutzler

ORGANIZATION AND VISION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

West Virginia Army National Guard

The West Virginia Army National Guard is authorized 3,708 soldiers has 4,344 assigned and has a full-time support staff of 336 federal civil service employees, 337 active duty military personnel, 355 state employees, and 28 contract workers.



The WVARNG is organized into a Troop Command Brigade, an Engineer Brigade, a Regional Training Institute and an Army Training Site. 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**

West Virginia Air National Guard

The West Virginia Air National Guard is authorized 2,356 personnel, has 2,268 assigned, a full time support staff of 550 federal civil service technicians and 161 active guard/reserve (AGR) personnel. The Commander and Chief of Staff is Brigadier General Terry L. Butler. The Assistant Adjutant General for Air is Brigadier General Loda R. Moore. The State Command Chief Master Sergeant is Chief Master Sergeant Ronald D. Bowe. 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**

130th Airlift Wing

In 2006, the 968 men and women of the 130th Airlift Wing fulfilled their role of providing continuous airlift support worldwide, anytime, anywhere. The 130th AW located at Yeager Airport in Charleston is tasked with federal and state missions and successfully accomplished each tasking this year. The wing overcame a year of transition and saw the final upgrade of the C-130 fleet from the H-2 Model aircraft to the newly assigned C-130H-3 aircraft, the last of which arrived in February. Although many members of the wing were deployed into harm's way during 2006, the year was heavily focused on training to maintain mission readiness with eight C-130 aircraft, in addition to the wing's many diverse ground support roles.

The 130th Airlift Wing is organized into four groups: Operations Group, Mission Support Group, Maintenance Group, and Medical Group, in addition to the Wing Staff. Each group works toward providing worldwide deployment capabilities whenever needed to meet a variety of mission taskings.

Operational Missions: The 130th Airlift Wing began the year providing airlift support for the West Virginia Army Guard. The 130th transported over 100 West Virginia Army Guardsmen to Wyoming for pre-deployment training prior to their departure for the war in Iraq. The Wing also airlifted a number of West Virginia airmen on space available flights to training bases across the country.

In January, Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) completed the final transfer of command on three of the unit's C-130H-2 aircraft. These aircraft were assigned to the unit since their production roll out and served the Wing during two major Gulf War deployments. The Wing relinquished these aircraft to transition to the newer C-130H-3 aircraft that arrived from the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg. The Wing flew both models of the C-130 for nearly a year and maintained dual qualifications on both series of aircraft.

Unit members from across the base continued to deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism, returning home from hostile assignments throughout the year. Of the first to return were 15 Aerial Port personnel who were deployed in 2005 and returned home after their squadron's partial mobilization to South West Asia ended. These members were partially mobilized for a one year tour in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan.



Nine firefighters deployed in January to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM for 120 days. Members of the Aerial Port Squadron also deployed in the first quarter to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. They, too, performed duties in Iraq on a 120-day rotation. Additional members from the Security Forces and Civil Engineering Squadrons were also deployed in the first quarter.



The "New Horizons '06" deployment in February 2006 was a joint mission requested by the Air National Guard Readiness Center for 37 of the Wing's Civil Engineering personnel and 3 Logistics Readiness members. This deployment was under command of the Joint Task Force humanitarian efforts in Barhonna, Dominican Republic. 130th members worked in concert with the 130th Engineering Battalion of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard. Together they accomplished the initial construction of base infrastructure projects for a base camp to

support 500 humanitarian relief personnel. Teams built showers, latrines, tent flooring pads, constructed electrical grids and laid the infrastructure for medical personnel to begin operations with in the base camp.

Flying Operations:

2990.6 hours flown in C-130

337.5 hours flown in C-26

2,136 passengers carried

472 tons of cargo airlifted

October 2006 marked the end of the fiscal year for 2006. Several key indicators marked the progress of the Wing's finish for the year. The wing ended the year at 103.5% of its authorized manpower and completed its flying hour program with 2,990.6 flying hours. A new mission tasking - Operation JUMP START -- also began in the fourth quarter. It is expected to continue through 2007. When National Guard Bureau requested 6,000 volunteers to meet the Southwest Border Patrol mission, the 130th Airlift Wing provided not only manpower, but aircraft to immediately transport 84 West Virginia Army National Guard members to New Mexico. A number of volunteers took assignments with deployments lasting in length anywhere from two weeks to one year. 130th Medical personnel were among the first on the ground at the border and were recognized in the National Guard Publication "On Guard" for their efforts to ready the medical facilities for incoming troops. The Wing accumulated 50.9 flying hours in support of Operation JUMP START and airlifted 217 passengers and 23.1 tons of cargo to the area of operations.



Community Support: Wing members continued to train with local agencies preparing to quickly mobilize in the event of natural disasters or major accidents. In May 2006, the 130th Fire Department responded to a major warehouse fire in the city of Nitro. Upon responding to the scene, Wing members were placed in service at American Tire Company, where they strategically fought the fire for about nine hours. The 130th Fire Department trained intensively on the West Virginia University Airport Response Fire Fighting (ARFF) Trainer at Yeager.



West Virginia Aeronautical Commission provided funding for this training to take place at Yeager Airport. Also, the Kanawha County Mutual Aid Association, the Kanawha County Commission and Yeager Airport sponsored the cost for each individual attending the course. Local fire departments from around the community were invited to train with 130th Airlift Wing members, and the overall training session resulted in 71 firefighters reaching the Federal Aviation Administration, Part 139 - WVU ARFF Certification.

Daily involvement in the community is best demonstrated by base first responders assisting local emergency service organizations. Base members also volunteer time to present honor guard duties and flag details, with numerous presentations of the mini-C-130 throughout the region.

In July, the Wing hosted a Center of Influence Flight with focus on the Charleston City Council, Mayor's Office and the Black Ministerial Alliance. Adjutant General Tackett was the guest speaker for the event held in the Aerospace Dining Facility. The 130th Recruiting Office hosted a flight for the Black Ministerial Alliance and counselors from local colleges and high schools. Participants flew on a unit C-130 from Charleston to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in November 2006. They were able to witness all phases of Basic Military Training and a small portion of technical training held at Lackland. The 130th Recruiting Office hosted Iraqi War POW Shoshanna Johnson at WV State University on 16 Nov 2006.

Distinguished Visitors: The first of the 130th's many distinguished guests for the year appeared in February 2006, when a formal transfer ceremony was held for arrival of the Wing's three C-130H-3 aircraft transferring from the 167th Airlift Wing at Martinsburg. The transfer ceremony was attended by distinguished members of West Virginia's Congressional delegation, which included U.S. Senators Robert C. Byrd and John D. (Jay) Rockefeller, and Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito. The event was also attended by several local area dignitaries to include Kanawha County Commissioner Kent Carper, Charleston Mayor Danny Jones and Yeager Airport Manager Rick Atkinson. Major General Tackett accepted a symbolic key to the aircraft and transferred the keys of the new fleet to 130th Airlift Wing Commander Colonel Tim Frye.

President George W. Bush transited through the 130th Airlift Wing on 26 July, and the base supported Air Force One for the duration of his visit. Air Force One and Secret Service personnel worked closely with unit staff throughout the week prior to the visit to ensure a smooth arrival and departure for the President and his teams.

September Open House: The 130th Airlift Wing opened the entire base to the community so supporters could visit with unit members and tour base facilities. This was the first time the public had been allowed access to the base since before 9-11. This event allowed the public first viewing of several new buildings on the base. The wing enjoyed a huge public turnout, estimated at 5,500 people. A car and motorcycle show was also on exhibit in addition to vintage aircraft displays.



2006 Awards: In February 2006, Colonel Frye presented the unit with a Community Service Award given by the Knights of Columbus, which had been received on behalf of the wing at the Saint Francis of Assisi Church in St. Albans.



The Charleston Area Alliance presented the "Expect the Best" community service award to the 130th Airlift Wing in February at the Clay Center in Charleston.

Staff Sergeant Stephen Gwaltney was selected by the Air National Guard to attend the Phoenix Stripe conference. He was one of only two personnel in the entire Air National Guard to be selected for this prestigious honor.

Chief Master Sergeant Buddy Palla was presented the 2005 Thomas E. Oole Award. This award is presented to one Weight & Balance Technician each year at the World Weight & Balance Conference. The person is selected from among the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and civilian contractors.

This past year saw the completion of a 21,000 square foot, 24-hour emergency fire/crash/rescue station supporting flight operations at Yeager Airport in Charleston. BBL Carlton, a local construction firm, completed the design-build project in less than a year. The station was constructed at an approximate cost of \$ 4.6 million dollars.



The fire station supports a crew of 25 full-time members, 27 traditional guard firefighters and fire/crash/rescue protection equipment. The station has six apparatus bays accommodating the fire/rescue equipment set, the structural set, and various pieces of support equipment items

assigned to the base. The building also accommodates sleeping quarters, control/alarm room, administrative and office areas, training room, kitchen, dining room, day room, physical fitness room, technical services area, equipment maintenance areas, support space, clean room, and storage.

The 130th AW is designing a new Aircraft Maintenance Hangar and Shops for C-130 aircraft. The design is being completed by Benham Companies, LLC from Phoenix, Arizona at a cost of \$1.3 million dollars. The projected cost of the 53,000 square foot building is \$14 million dollars. We expect this project will be ready to build in the late summer of 2007.



The Aircraft Maintenance Hangar provides space for scheduled inspection, weighing of aircraft, airframe repairs, and aircraft modifications. The General Purpose Aircraft Maintenance Shops provide space for specialized maintenance activities such as fabrication/sheet metal work, machine shop, welding shop, wheel and tire shop, environmental shop, electrical system shop, pneumatic/hydraulic shop, battery shop, and composite shop. Non-destructive Inspection Shop provides space for field-level, non-destructive inspection of aircraft components.

The main operations building, Building 141, is undergoing a major upgrade to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. When originally constructed in 1992, the 48,000 square foot building had 15 separate mechanical systems controlling the interior environment. This project replaces the original 15 units with four larger, energy efficient environmental controlled units. Syska Hennessy Group of Baltimore, Maryland is completing the project for \$1.8 million dollars. In addition to installing the new environmental units, the project upgrades the roofing system.

167th Airlift Wing

The Wing has four groups-Maintenance Group, Operations Group, Mission Support Group, and Medical Group-all providing worldwide deployment capabilities anytime, anywhere, to meet a variety of missions.

The year began with 167th Airlift Wing Staff thinking to the future. With the C-5 conversion looming large, the Wing began to execute transition plans that had been in the works for years, and to formulate new plans as needed.

Knowing that full-time hires would be a critical portion of the conversion, the Wing met with the State Human Resources Office (HRO)

to establish procedures for what was going to be a challenging year of vacancy advertisements, job certifications, selections, and accessions. As a result of multiple meetings and smart work on everyone's part, the Wing began hiring the first of more than 60 new employees, and is on its way to filling the remainder of the new positions related to the conversion.

As part of the effort to fill the new vacancies, a job fair was held during January's Unit Training Assembly for traditional guardsmen. The job fair was intended to inform the guardsmen on application procedures and what vacancies were available so they would have an opportunity to apply for upcoming full-time jobs on the base.

Also in January, Colonel Eric W. Vollmecke was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Brigadier General Terry Butler, commander and chief of staff of the West Virginia Air National Guard, presented the award. Cololonel Vollmecke was mobilized in April 2005 and named commander of the 451st Air Expeditionary Group at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. He served in that capacity from May to September 2005, commanding a group of about 300 Airmen during a period of the heaviest fighting in the area since the initial U.S. invasion in 2001.



February was a bittersweet month for the 167th AW as unit members bid farewell to the last three C-130 Hercules aircraft, which were headed to their new home in Charleston. A



ceremony was held at the 167th AW with West Virginia's two senators, Robert C. Byrd and Jay Rockefeller along with Maj. Gen. Allen Tackett boarding a 167th AW aircraft for its final flight to Charleston. When the last three C130s arrived in Charleston, Colonel Vollmecke presented his counterpart, 130th Airlift Wing Commander Tim Frye, with a ceremonial key to the aircraft. The presentation signified a transition essentially made possible by the unified efforts

of the state's congressional delegation and West National Guard Adjutant General Allen Tackett to stave off the Pentagon's recommended removal of C-130s already based in Charleston. For more than 33 years 167 th AW planes have flown humanitarian support for every hurricane relief effort while participating in many military operations all over the world.

In April, the Wing began the full-time hiring process for the C-5 conversion by bringing on 13 maintenance personnel who would be among the first maintainers to be trained on the new aircraft. In May, these new hires, along with those already in place, formed a team of over 50 unit members who went to Dover and Travis Air Force Bases to attend training given by Field Training Detachments (FTD) at those units. Also at this time, the Wing received a planning document and authority to use this document for hiring purposes.



The WV CERF-P team, which is composed of 167th AW members and other Guard members from around the state, represented the West Virginia Guard in Operation Vital Guardian in Washington, D.C. in a demonstration of the nation's best emergency response teams. CERF-P, or Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package was established to assist local first responders in the event of terrorist incidents, weapons of mass destruction attacks, or natural disasters.

In May the 167th AW held a job fair at the base that was open to the public. This fair was intended to generate interest among the public regarding the upcoming full-time hires. Approximately 50 people attended along with several members of the media. On the same day, the Wing also hosted a Center of Influence meeting with key members of the local community. The focus of this meeting was to reach out to minority groups within the local area so that they could see opportunities with WV Air National Guard. Both events received extensive media attention.



Also in May, full-time hiring began in earnest. Job advertisements went out on base for new supervisory positions, and advertisements for the remaining positions were distributed nationwide.

When Lieutenant General Blum requested 6,000 volunteers for Operation Jump Start (OJS) in July, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Walker from the 167th AW responded. He volunteered and was selected to head the Air National Guard Crisis Action Team responsible for directing the ANG's portion of OJS. Col.

Dave Porter also volunteered and headed up the OJS clinic in New Mexico for one month. Additionally, over 30 members of the unit have served in OJS since its inception.

Senator Robert C. Byrd visited the 167th AW in August to dedicate the runway and tour construction under way at the base. Byrd praised members of the Wing for answering the call to duty, whether at home or abroad. He said the Wing "never lets us down." Byrd praised Wing members for their past performance and expressed his confidence that they would be successful with the new C-5 mission.

Throughout the year, several events occurred concerning the 167th AW country partnership with Peru. Col. Vollmecke traveled to Peru in July to meet with the Peruvian military, and he and Col Gain went back to Peru in September to meet again with the Peruvian military and discuss future partnership efforts. In August, two Peruvian Air Force officers assigned to the American Embassy visited the base for a tour of facilities and information exchange.

In October, at the beginning of the new federal Fiscal Year, the Wing received funding for all full-time positions.

Early in the year, leaders in the Air Force Logistics community published plans to regionalize C-5 Isochronal Inspections (ISO) in an effort to reduce cost and increase aircraft availability to the warfighter. Wings selected to perform this task would receive additional manpower, while units not selected would likely lose manpower. An advance team of Active Duty, Guard and Reserve personnel came to the 167th in June to do a preliminary assessment of the Wing's ability to perform regional inspections. In October, a follow up team met with MGTackett and the 167th AW commanders at Martinsburg to discuss the C-5 Regional ISO Proposal.

On December 10, 2006, the 167th Airlift Wing celebrated the arrival of the first (of 10, plus one spare) C-5 aircraft. As important, Sen. Byrd also announced that the 167th Airlift Wing was selected as the regional isochronal inspection site for the Air National Guard. This means potentially another 120 full-time jobs for the base, as an average of 33 C-5 aircraft will get periodic maintenance at the base each year.

All the aircraft will be permanently transferred to Martinsburg from Altus and Westover Air Force Bases on a phased basis in Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008. The current schedule of C-5 deliveries, which has been changed several times in the last few months, is as follows:



- 1 C-5 Aircraft: December 2006
- 1 C-5 Aircraft: January 2007
- 3 C-5 Aircraft: April-July 2007
- 3 C-5 Aircraft: August-September 2007
- 1 C-5 Aircraft: January-March 2008
- 1 C-5 Aircraft: April-June 2008
- 1 C-5 Aircraft: July-September 2008 (the spare plane)

Members of the 167th Airlift Squadron have aggressively embarked in C-5 training this year. Personnel are undergoing seasoning training at Westover, Dover, Stewart, Lackland, and Travis Air Force Bases. There are currently 25 pilots, seven engineers, and 13 loadmasters qualified on the C-5. During seasoning training, 167th Airlift Squadron crews are flying worldwide Air Mobility Command-directed airlift missions to include combat sorties in Iraq. The active duty loadmaster augmentee has arrived at Martinsburg to provide valuable C-5 experience during the conversion.

The 167th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron had members volunteer to deploy to Southwest Asia and Germany in support of OIF/OEF. The AES is also supporting Operation Jump Start. During Team Yankee Exercise 2006, the unit supported an annual mass-casualty exercise in the New England states.



The 167th Intelligence Section has been busy retraining personnel to support the wing's new mission. Some personnel have deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in support of the Scathe View mission, and one member supported the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle mission at Nellis AFB, Nev. The Intelligence Section is very active on base and in the local community in support of counter-terrorism operations.



Many 167th AW members have been recognized throughout the year. Staff Sgt. Nathan Mueller, 167th Communications Flight, was named Airman of the Year for the state of West Virginia. Brig. Gen. Terry Butler, commander and chief of staff of WVANG, presented Staff Sgt. Mueller with the J. Kemp McLaughlin trophy, given annually to the Air Guard's top performer. Maj. Audie Sanders, 167th Military Equal Opportunity Officer, received the MEO of the year. Maj. Sanders was an

easy pick for this award, as he is one of the most highly requested MEO instructors. He was instrumental in the design of the national curriculum for reserve component MEO students. Several members of the 167th AW have been featured in the local newspaper's "Unsung Heroes" series, which shares stories of area veterans who served in wars and conflicts from World War II through the present day. The 167th AW also lost two valuable members from the base. In July, Col Brooke Taylor, 167th AES Commander, retired after 20 years of service in the active duty Air Force and West Virginia Air National Guard. The second member was Lt. Col. Charles Sencindiver, 167th Chief of Staff, who retired after 38 years with the West Virginia Air National Guard.

This year's construction tempo has increased dramatically from last year's impressive start. More than \$134 million of construction for the C-5 conversion was in progress during 2006. Due to escalation of material costs, the new estimate to complete the build-out of the necessary conversion projects is now over \$250 million.

With the C-5 conversion well underway, meeting construction schedules is critical to meeting mission needs. Facilities and infrastructure must be in place to ensure the Wing is ready to house its rapidly robusting personnel and equipment. To date, completion is keeping pace with demand.

Nowhere is this effort more evident than with the extremely tight and critical schedule for completion of the new ramp, taxiway and runway. With delivery of the first C-5 in December, these projects had to be completed within an extremely aggressive construction schedule.

This year also saw the Wing establish its long range building use plan. Wing leadership worked with programmers from the ANG Readiness Center to determine buildings to be demolished and those that would require renovation.

The following paragraphs give a more in depth description of each of the projects underway this calendar year.

General Purpose Maintenance Hangar

Structural steel frame is 99 percent complete and exterior metal panels are installed with trim and flashing detailing remaining. Structural detailing is nearly complete and shoring towers have been removed. Metal interior and exterior studs are being installed along with electrical mechanical and fire suppression equipment. Drywall is being installed in the electrical room. Windows and exterior doors/roll-up doors are also being installed. Metal roof decking is still in progress, and the standing seam metal roof is being installed on the Maintenance Hangar. The Maintenance Mall is complete except for flashing and detailing. Rigid insulation is continuing to be installed over the roof deck of the hangar. The goal was to get the hangar enclosed before cold weather so interior finishes could continue. This hangar will be a 174,000 square foot structure to completely enclose the C-5 airframe for scheduled maintenance. Shops are located to ensure effective and efficient use of manpower necessary to support the maintenance mission.



Parking Apron and Hydrant Loop

Concrete paving on the apron is 80 percent complete. The taxiway portion is in progress with sub-base and drainage layer being installed. Sixteen of 26 lanes have been completed. Twenty-four hour construction, five to six days a week is being conducted on the apron project until the concrete is complete.

Flight Simulator

Pre-final inspection stage. Punch list items are being completed. This is a 12,000 square foot structure that will house a C-5 aircraft computer simulator.

Corrosion Control Hangar

Caissons are completed and grade beam installation is in progress. Structural steel work is scheduled to begin in late 2006. Base engineers have reviewed the 100 percent design for the building enclosure and forwarded comments to the Contracting Officer for incorporation into the design documents. This hangar will be an 80,700 square foot facility capable of fully enclosing C-5 aircraft to allow for washing, spot painting and airframe repairs. The project will include functional shop space and administrative areas that are directly related to corrosion prevention and metal repair, and shall consist of a reinforced concrete foundation, floor slab, steel framed masonry walls, sloped metal standing seam roof, interior walls, high expansion foam fire protection system, exterior and interior utilities, access pavements, site improvements communications, heating and air conditioning. The facility will meet Department of Defense antiterrorism standards.



Jet Fuel Storage

Project has been awarded and the notice to proceed on the project was scheduled for issue in late December. This project consists of above ground jet fuel storage tanks along with a high volume fuel pumping station, administrative building, and covered truck refueler parking. Construction will meet all applicable Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Runway/Taxiway Upgrade

Milestone one (4000 feet of usable runway) is completed with the exception of shoulders and the tie to the taxiways on the civilian side of the airport. That portion of the runway has been re-opened for use. The cut down of the runway hump and fill of the extended portion of the runway is ongoing, which is the largest issue left to resolve to complete milestone two (6000 feet of usable runway). Sub-base has been installed up to milestone two and the drainage layer and asphalt will follow. Several issues are still being worked with the Federal Aviation Administration and Army Corps of Engineers in regards to wetland preservation and noise gradients that must be resolved before west-end construction can begin and east-end construction finalized. This project is phased into 2007 and will consist of a 1,000 foot overrun extension to the east and an 800 foot extension to the west with corresponding extensions to parallel taxiway Alpha. When completed in FY 07 the available surface for takeoff will increase from 7,000 to 8,800 feet.

Fiscal Year 2007 will be the peak construction year for the Wing with nine projects underway and \$151 million obligated for ongoing projects. Projects planned for 2007 include a 29,000 square foot Fire Department; 36,500 square foot Logistics Complex; Avionics wing attached to the General Purpose Maintenance Hangar and continuation of the Runway/Taxiway upgrade project.

All 2007 projects are in the process of design and plans development. Three projects are slated for completion in 2008, including an 80,000 square foot Fuel Cell Hangar, upgrades to other shops, and second phase infrastructure for portions of the base not affected by new construction.



WEST VIRGINIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Joint Forces Headquarters

Joint Staff

J1 - Personnel

The West Virginia Army National Guard Office of Manpower and Personnel (J1) is charged with providing high quality, value added services to all members of the Army National Guard extended family. This includes soldiers, family members, and retirees of the Army National Guard, as well as members, families and retirees of our sister services. It is our goal to provide customer focused solutions that provide for timely personnel transactions. Taking care of soldiers, families, and retirees is our way of showing our commitment, which we hope causes soldiers to remain in the National Guard. Soldier care equals retention, and the J-1



shop is charged with a number of tasks that directly impact soldier care, including promotions/reductions, awards/decorations, military occupation specialty qualification, civilian education assistance, civilian testing services, Montgomery GI Bill services, family support programs, youth programs, orders, discharges, transfers, non-validation pay, officer and enlisted boards, weight control, incapacitation pay, medical and dental bill processing, security clearances, officer/enlisted evaluation reports, officer/enlisted records management, data base tracking, identification card production, military member thrift

savings program, bonus payment, student loan repayment, and mobilization and deployment assistance. The J1 office helps to ensure maximum personnel readiness.

In Fiscal Year 2006, the Education Services Office processed \$576,102.08 in federal tuition assistance applications. ESO staff also worked with the National Guard webmaster to develop a website to make educational information more accessible to soldiers and airmen. Many different types of educational exams were administered in greater numbers than ever before at this location, saving large amounts in tuition assistance dollars and providing greater opportunities to service members of all branches. Education services also organized two college and career fairs and an education administrator's workshop to improve community relations, improve educational opportunities, and aid in the recruiting effort. Kicker bonuses, GI Bill, loan repayments, and bonuses were also expertly processed. During Fiscal Year 2006, 1,451 bonuses were processed. From that total, 602 were for non-prior service enlistment; 214 were for prior service enlistments; and 570 were for reenlistment. ESO staff processed 33 military occupational specialty bonuses and 28 officer accession bonuses. Total bonus payments were \$8,202,172.79.

In 2006, the Health Systems Office workload increased dramatically with the number of missions at home and abroad. HSO staff must identify and help resolve medical and dental issues of all Army National Guard soldiers. If issues cannot be resolved, the Health Systems Office assists the soldier through the evaluation process so he/she will receive all compensation due him/her.

With the addition of the TRICARE Reserve Select Program, HSO staff must also brief soldiers of the benefits to which they are entitled. Also, HSO staff is in the process of starting retiree seminars in order to ensure a smooth transition from active to retired status.

The Standard Installation Division Personnel System (SIDPERS) branch moved its system to a web-based application. This move is another step in personnel transformation and helps unit personnel representatives obtain timely and accurate data on their soldiers. This transformation will forever change the way personnel actions are conducted in the Army National Guard. West Virginia's Army Guard is on the leading edge with processing new enlistment packets electronically, a process that reduces the time for processing enlistment packets from more than 30 days to about five days on average.



The Personnel Services Branch once again focused most of its energies toward preparing units for mobilization and assisting with demobilization. The J1 Staff was also involved in transforming the methods of personnel service delivery, and continued to help load all West Virginia Army National Guard records in the Personnel Electronic Records Management System (PERMS). PERMS stores the personnel records of Army Guard soldiers electronically and allow soldiers and units to access records worldwide. This is a great leap forward in ensuring records accuracy as soldiers can now review and update records anytime and anyplace.

J1 staff is as busy as ever taking care of soldiers but continues moving forward with personnel transformation. An effort is being made to improve efficiency by placing information/ records closer to the user. This allows for maximum productivity and accuracy.

Human Resources Office

The Human Resources Office is responsible for providing personnel services to all federal full-time resources of the West Virginia National Guard. There are two separate categories of personnel: Federal Military Technicians (excepted and competitive) and Military Duty Personnel (Active Guard & Reserve (AGR) individuals serving on active duty status under state control).

	Technician	AGR	Total
Army Guard	336	337	673
Air Guard	550	161	711
Totals	886	498	1384

The West Virginia National Guard federal technician workforce is represented by three chapters of the Association of Civilian Technicians (ACT) . These chapters are: Shenandoah Chapter- Martinsburg; Mountaineer Chapter-Charleston; Mountain State Chapter for all Army Guard technicians under the provisions of Title VII, Civil Service Reform Act.

Equal Employment Opportunity Office is responsible for devising and implementing National Guard Bureau equal opportunity and civil rights programs at state level.

J2 - Intelligence

The Intelligence Section (J2) is the principal staff section for all matters concerning military intelligence, security operations, and military intelligence training. The mission of the section is to disseminate intelligence to commanders and others in a timely manner; collect, process,



produce, and disseminate intelligence; describe effects of the environment on friendly and enemy capabilities; coordinate ground and aerial reconnaissance; and record, evaluate, and analyze collected information to produce intelligence that answers the commander's priority intelligence requirements. The J2 is also the primary section responsible for evaluating physical security vulnerabilities to support operations.

The Intelligence Section continues to provide necessary support to current operations, both domestic and the Global War on Terrorism. Continued monitoring and assessment of the operational environment relating to the Southwest Border Mission assist soldiers serving in support of the mission. The J2 section prepares situational briefings for members of the West Virginia Army National Guard who are traveling to foreign countries regarding the current situation in the locations traveled.

J2 staff plays a critical role in the Physical Security Program for the West Virginia National Guard. Their efforts provide a safe operational environment for soldiers serving the citizens of the state.



J3 - Operations & Training

The J3 section of the West Virginia National Guard is responsible for the coordination, management, guidance and oversight of training resources and operational activities. J3 staff develops and executes operations plans and is responsible for executing the Joint Chiefs of Staff Unit Status Report program. Upon federal or state mobilizations, J3 soldiers provide coordination with National Guard Bureau, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force or the State of West Virginia. The J3 section is also responsible for coordination of mobilization orders and oversight of organizational aviation assets. The J3 section is organized into four branches: Training, Operations, Mobilization and Readiness, and Military Support to Civil Authority. With the increased operations tempo in Training and Mobilization, the biggest challenge for J3 in 2006 was providing support to the various units to ensure soldiers were prepared to mobilize and deploy wherever the Army or Air Force required, and to continue providing troops for disaster support, humanitarian relief, and southwest border (Operation Jump Start) missions. J3 Section administered a budget of more than

\$40 million dollars for fiscal year 2006, supporting unit training, educational, operational and mobilization requirements.

Training Branch

The Training Branch manages all schools for officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers. The focus is qualifying soldiers in their military occupational skill (MOS). The branch is also charged with serving as the "subject matter expert" in providing training guidance to state units, as well as providing resources such as ammunition, transportation, and funding to ensure units conduct realistic, performance-oriented training, which will increase their survivability on the battlefield. The Training Branch had two goals for Guard members training this past year. The first goal was to ensure the training conducted was oriented toward the wartime mission of the unit. This is accomplished through the use of the Army Force Generation Model (ARFORGEN) and Army doctrine. The second goal was to ensure units and members met all requirements of any homeland defense mission assigned to the Army National Guard.

Operations Branch

The primary focus in the Operations Branch is preparedness to conduct operations for state duty; operational support to the nation by manning the Joint Operations Center (JOC); and monitoring world and state events. Operations Branch staff develop contingency plans for homeland security incidents, response to state emergencies, and physical security, mobilization and demobilization events. The purposes of these plans are to ensure the West Virginia National Guard and its members are ready and able to provide the necessary support when called upon.



Mobilization and Readiness Branch

This branch closely monitors the readiness levels of all units within the West Virginia Army National Guard. The readiness of units is a critical factor in the success of the West Virginia National Guard and the United States Army. A high degree of readiness ensures units and soldiers are able to perform the wartime and peacetime missions. The West Virginia Army National Guard had another year of mobilizing a large number of its members for support of the nation both at home and abroad during 2006. Citizen soldiers from West Virginia have supported all five warfighting commands in the past year.



Military Support to Civil Authorities:

The West Virginia National Guard provides vital support to civilian agencies throughout the year. This support includes providing soldiers and equipment for honor/color guards and helicopters or other vehicles for static displays. This branch continues to take the lead in creating, training and certifying members of the Chemical Biological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), one of West Virginia's premier first responder teams that would provide assistance to civilian

authorities in a natural disaster or weapons of mass destruction event. West Virginia is one of first 10 states to be selected to field such a unit and now has been assigned the mission from National Guard Bureau, through instruction at the Joint Interagency Training Center at Camp Dawson, to train all new CERFP units. The J3 Section completed its support to hurricane relief operations in Louisiana in February, but found itself supporting the South West Border operation in the State of New Mexico in early July. West Virginia continues to supply troops and equipment to New Mexico and will continue to do so until July 2007. The section also continues to provide subject matter experts from time to time to provide advice to the Louisiana National Guard in maintaining joint operations and interoperability.



J4 - Logistics

The mission of the Directorate of Logistics is to assist organizational commanders in enhancing readiness and warfighting capability through a systematic process of property accountability, enhancement of the command supply discipline program, development of sound maintenance management policies and practices, movement planning, and maintenance of a quality food service program. The section provides logistical education, technical assistance and regulatory oversight to units to help them meet their federal and state missions.



2006 Accomplishments

Major accomplishments achieved by the Logistics branch this year were successful deployment of the 150th Aviation; support to the Southwest Border mission; re-set operations with the 1257th Transportation Company and the 2/19th Special Forces Group; and executing aggressive education for supply sergeants and supply teams preparation for federal, state or regional response emergencies.

Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP)

The updated CSDP checklist was expanded to include reviews of the government purchase credit card, property book unit supply enhancements, and unit level logistics system-supply procedures. Logistics personnel continued to develop and update the policies and procedures required of each commander within the West Virginia Army National Guard in the management of personal clothing, organizational clothing and unit property equipment. The objective of this policy is to reduce losses of equipment.

Training

Training objectives throughout the year concentrated around the growth and sustainment of the logistics community. Logistical training was emphasized through battalion sized elements. Several supply training workshops were conducted to facilitate leader development and intuitive decision-making and development of organizations and teams. Goals were met through enhancement of operational and institutional knowledge of Army supply systems.

Logistical Communications

Units prepared for the transition of communication equipment, which included Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT), Battle Command Support Systems (BCS3), Radio Frequency Identifier Tags (RFI) and TC-AIMSII (Transportation Coordinators Automated Information for Movement Systems). Enhanced communications allowed piping extended capabilities on a wide scale system through the right tools and right mix of logistical communication resources required to train and execute missions.

State Active Duty

During the past year, the J4 section prepared and rehearsed for possible state duty emergencies throughout our state. West Virginia J4 staff utilized opportunities to conceptualize the idea of Forward Supply Areas to ensure citizens receive the equipment and supplies needed.

Surface Maintenance Office

The Surface Maintenance Office directs and administers surface maintenance programs for the West Virginia Army National Guard and executes maintenance operations through a full-time staff of 117 soldiers in eight maintenance facilities. Offices for the Surface Maintenance Manager and staff are located at the Eleanor Maintenance Complex. Other maintenance shops supporting Army Guard units are located in Kingwood, Moundsville, Parkersburg, Buckhannon, Glen Jean, and Kenova. The Special Forces Equipment Pool, commonly referred to as the Parachute Rigger Shop, supports airborne operations by Special Forces units in West Virginia, as well as those from Ohio, Maryland, Rhode Island, and other units in the northeastern region of the U.S.

In 2006, surface maintenance operations consolidated some activities to three new shops, including two at state-of-the-art complexes at Eleanor and a new Field Maintenance Shop at the Glen Jean facility. A significant portion of the efforts of the full-time maintenance support operations has been to complete repairs necessary to return equipment coming back from overseas deployments to units for training and operations.

The Army Guard continued its relationship with Tank Automotive Command (TACOM), which again leased space at the Controlled Humidity Preservations (CHP) Facility in Eleanor for storage of M1A2 Main Battle Tanks. This program brought over \$450,000 to the state.

Army National Guard leaders are in negotiations with Communications and Electronics Command (CECOM) to bring a long-term generator "reset" program to the Eleanor Complex, with plans for an initial employment of 25 people through the State Cooperative Agreement. This program will provide a service for military units in the eastern U.S. that have returned from service in Iraq or Afghanistan and need power generation equipment repaired. The program could expand to include the rehabilitation of trailers for CECOM.



J5 - Strategic Plans & Policy J7 - Doctrine Training & Force Development

J-5

The purpose of the J-5 section is to provide strategic analysis to the Adjutant General; articulate the Adjutant General's guidance to integrate, coordinate, and communicate the organization's strategic vision and direction; assist the Adjutant General with developing and implementing policy, plans, and strategy related to warfighting, peacetime activities, and federal and state homeland security/military support to civil authorities missions; and advise and assist the Adjutant General with joint doctrine, interoperability and deliberate planning.



During 2006, the J-5 section continued development of the Joint Combined State Strategic Plan (JCSSP), which consisted of the Joint Capabilities Database (JCD) and the Strategic Awareness Enhancement Initiative (SAEI). The JCSSP identifies necessary joint capabilities required by the Governor in the event of an emergency. The plan considers the continued deployment and employment of National Guard forces needed for the Global War on Terrorism, as well as all other missions in support of state and federal agencies and the Department of Defense. The plan incorporates and takes into

consideration the assets of the Army and Air National Guard capabilities contained within existing mutual aid agreements, non-Guard state assets, other Department of Defense components, and other federal agency capabilities within the state.

J-5 additionally serves as the office of primary responsibility for the State Partnership Program (SPP). Launched in 1996 as an initial outreach to new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe, the State Partnership Program brings U.S. states and territories and partner nations together through a range of military, civil, and civil-military activities under National Guard auspices. West Virginia's partner is the Republic of Peru. This year West Virginia participated in 13 exchange events that included two C-130 aircraft maintenance subject matter expert exchanges; a chaplain's workshop; visits from the Peruvian Army and Air Force attachés; visits from the Peruvian Liaison Officer assigned to United States Southern Command; and reciprocal Cadet Exchanges between the Peruvian Army Military Academy and West Virginia University Reserve Officer Training Command.



J-7

The function of the J-7 section is to act as the staff proponent for Joint Forces Headquarters force development, operational planning, joint doctrine, education and professional development, training exercises, readiness and assessment. The J-7 section coordinated and executed multiple joint training exercises for the West Virginia National Guard's 35th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team and Chemical-Biological-Radiological-Nuclear-High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) task force, to include participation in a joint exercise with Joint Forces Headquarters National Capital Region (JFHQ-NCR). The J-7 continued participation in the Army Communities of Excellence program, which is based on the Army Performance Improvement Criteria modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The West Virginia National Guard has been recognized several times in this competition as an organization of excellence. Results from the past several years are included below.

WVARNG Performance Awards

2006 ACOE-Bronze First Place
2005 ACOE-Honorable Mention
2004 ACOE-Bronze First Place
2003 ACOE-Gold Third Place
2002 ACOE-Silver Second Place
2001 ACOE-Silver Second Place
2000 ACOE-Bronze Second Place
1999 ACOE-Silver Second Place

J6 - Information Operations

The West Virginia National Guard continues to be a leader in the realm of information technology, including planning, execution and day-to-day operations. Through a staff of well trained and motivated soldiers, civilians and state employees, the section exceeded most expectations during fiscal year 2006.

The West Virginia National Guard continues to lead the way with the National Guard Communications Environment Initiative, providing mobile communications services in support of incident commanders, emergency responders, and DoD agencies. In early 2006, this same mobile communications kit provided incident site communications services to West Virginia emergency management officials during the Logan County mine disaster. In early summer 2006, the West Virginia National Guard received two additional mobile communications packages that further increased the organization's capabilities. All three mobile communications packages remained on alert for rapid deployment during the 2006 hurricane season. Mid-summer 2006 saw one of the mobile communications packages participating in a Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration held in Charleston, S.C. In early fall 2006, one of the mobile communications kits deployed to Playas, N.M., to provide communications services in support of Operation Jump Start.



Throughout the year, West Virginia's National Guard assisted the National Guard Bureau in testing new services for the mobile communications packages, such as video teleconferencing between a mobile communications kit and the Army National Guard video teleconferencing network. Also, new innovative services have been pioneered by the West Virginia



National Guard for the mobile communications packages, such as a remote controlled Internet Protocol camera as well as secure telephone and fax services. To continue honing its skills, the West Virginia National Guard will participate in a Northern Command sponsored Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration in 2007. This exercise will validate the ability of the mobile communications packages to provide incident site communications services (an important homeland defense mission) during a simulated major evacuation of the National Capital Region due to terrorist attack.

As with the private sector, National Guard technology faces multiple challenges. Threats to over 1,700 networked computers cause the security staff to be ever vigilant. As noted on national news broadcasts, information security is of paramount importance and the need for absolute privacy abounds. Technological advances continue to be rampant in the information technology business. New technology often makes legacy systems obsolete within a matter of a few months. To protect data, information and personnel, the National Guard installed computer access card readers to computers within the National Guard communications infrastructure. These card readers ensure only authorized personnel access U. S. Government systems. As the world-wide information threat continues, J6 staff receives Information Assurance Vulnerability Alerts (IAVAs) that aid in information technology. On site security managers successfully applied these "patches" and "fixes", thus ensuring full security of National Guard systems.



In order to gain a more efficient use and upkeep of technology, Camp Dawson information technology staff reorganized into a robust organization consisting of J6, Homeland Security and National Guard Bureau personnel. This "tailored" team supports armories and facilities in Northern West Virginia and Camp Dawson. The group's efforts earned highest accolades from National Guard Bureau and the team's many customers.

Technological advances continue to be the norm for J6 staff. During the year a new telephone switch was installed. A mass call-out emergency notification system was brought on-line in order to have full function call accounting. Contracts are in place that will bury infrastructure cable (telephone, electricity and cable television) at Camp Dawson. Placement of PolyComm video conferencing devices at all Army National Guard facilities is a work in progress. Visual information upgrades, including plasma and LCD monitors, audio capabilities, LCD projectors and other upgrades are in process or near completion. Information Technology personnel planned a general information technology upgrade for the National Guard Emergency Operations Center that is now installed, functional and efficient.

Hi-speed Secure Internet Protocol Network (SIPRNET) has been installed at several locations around the state to meet the ever increasing demand for secure information required for military and homeland defense operations. J6 staff also continues to upgrade Voice over Internet Protocol capabilities throughout the state with change out of over 600 VOIP phones.

J8 - United States Property & Fiscal Office

The United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) is located in Buckhannon and is staffed by 69 Federal and two state employees.

The USPFO-WV supports 6,288 soldiers and airmen in 57 Army units/activities around the state and two air bases in Charleston and Martinsburg. USPFO-WV is responsible, under federal law, for management and accountability of all federal monies, equipment and property belonging to the West Virginia National Guard.



USPFO-WV operations consist of an Administrative section, Logistics Division, Resource Management Division and Purchasing and Contracting Division.

The various divisions of the USPFO-WV provide the following support:

- a) The Logistics Division supports Army National Guard units by providing all classes of supplies and services, commercial transportation support, property management and accountability, and funds management. During 2006, the Logistics Division processed 11,126 requests for supplies, administered a budget of \$5,117,511, assisted with the deployment of three units and the redeployment of six units from the Global War on Terrorism.

b) The Resource Management Division supported Army National Guard units by processing and managing military and civilian pay functions, to include 606 deployed soldiers, 3,992 traditional soldiers and 336 civilian employees. Staff also managed budget and funding execution and made \$29,877,868.20 in vendor payments in a timely manner, which resulted in \$48,533.73 in rebates and \$23.23 per million saved in interest penalties.

c) The Data Processing Division administered and supported automated computer systems for the USPFO-WV. In 2006, data processors loaded three major system upgrades for Pay and Logistics, loaded all USPFO computers with Common Access Card software and/or hardware, loaded three major ORACLE security patches to two different ORACLE databases, created a webpage for units to download orders, and setup and replaced 40 laptop computers.



d) The Internal Review Division supports Air and Army National Guard units. The results of a property accountability internal review resulted in monetary benefits of over \$500,000. The Internal Review Division assisted the Director of Logistics and the USPFO in supporting mobilizations and resets of West Virginia Army National Guard units.

e) The Purchasing and Contracting Division supports West Virginia National Guard Army and Air units. During 2006, West Virginia awarded over \$77.5 million worth of contracts, while the average dollar award for other states is only \$9.5 million. This equates to more than eight times what other states awarded. The division has been heavily involved in the 167th AW conversion to C-5 Galaxy aircraft. Even with the extra workload of the C-5 conversion, the Contracting Division received no findings during the First Army Inspector General review.

During the year 2006 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	<i>Armories are State Owned</i>	\$61,761,000
Federal Equipment	\$637,521,012	\$597,241,000

Fiscal Year 2006 Economic Impact

130th Airlift Wing **Charleston, West Virginia**

Military Pay and Allowances	\$35,567,800
Civilian Payroll	\$13,155,300
Goods and Services	\$21,215,500
Military Construction	\$5,602,100

Total for Air Guard (Charleston) \$ 75,540,700

Fiscal Year 2006 Economic Impact **167th Airlift Wing** **Martinsburg, West Virginia**

Military Pay and Allowances	\$41,842,800
Civilian Payroll	\$15,288,000
Goods and Services	\$8,385,900
Military Construction	\$63,971,900

Total for Air Guard (Martinsburg) \$ 129,488,600

Fiscal Year 2006 Economic Impact **West Virginia Army National Guard**

Military Pay and Allowances	\$76,159,811
Civilian Payroll	\$20,145,294
Goods and Services	\$36,501,864
Military Construction	\$3,973,064

Total for Army Guard \$ 136,780,033

TOTAL 2006 ECONOMIC IMPACT
\$341,809,333

Recruiting & Retention Command

Teamwork was the key to the Recruiting and Retention Battalion's successful 2006 mission year. Through outstanding coordination between the battalion staff and units across the state, West Virginia finished the year as the number one state in the nation in strength. A total of 4,310 Soldiers were members of the West Virginia Army National Guard at the end of the 2006 mission year, topping the 4,250 goal by 60 members. In addition, this marks the ninth consecutive year that West Virginia has finished the year at over 100 percent strength.



The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program completed its first full year and has proved to be a successful initiative. At the end of September, 1,297 Soldiers were enrolled and 381 accessions had been made as a direct result of the program. About \$762,000 in G-RAP bonuses were paid to West Virginia Soldiers! A new G-RAP incentive was also introduced: health care benefits. Instead of the \$2,000 bonus for accessing a Soldier, G-RAP members could opt to receive health insurance.

Several national challenges were issued this year to give recruiters extra incentive. West Virginia's Recruiting and Retention noncommissioned officers responded and were rewarded for their efforts. Soldiers received Gore-Tex jackets, Apple iPods, Army National Guard backpacks and NASCAR race trips. In December, West Virginia was formally recognized by the National Guard's Strength Maintenance Division with the Strength Maintenance Focus Award for Highest Retention Rate, and the Officer Strength Management Team was awarded the National Mission Maker Award.

With assistance and support from Guard members across the state, Recruiting and Retention Battalion had another successful year and is already pushing toward another record-setting mission in 2007



772nd Troop Command Battalion - Aviation

The 772d Troop Command Battalion has 11 units under its command that account for approximately 350 soldiers. The Battalion is responsible for providing administration, training, and logistical support to all rotary wing aviation units in West Virginia. The Battalion is composed of the following units and detachments:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company 772d Battalion Troop Command
Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault
C Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault
Detachment 2, D Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault
Detachment 2, E Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault
C Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th GSAB (Medical Company)
Detachment 3, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th GSAB
Detachment 3, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th GSAB
Detachment 3, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th GSAB
Army Aviation Support Facility #1
Army Aviation Support Facility #2
Detachment B, 1st Battalion, 134th Aviation S&S (formerly RAID)
Detachment 3, B Company, 834th Aviation Support Battalion

The 772nd battalion has a two-fold mission. The first mission is to produce qualified and current flight crew members for state and federal emergencies. The second mission is to prepare rotary wing assets for deployment anywhere in the world in an effort to support the U.S. national military strategy. The 772nd has deployed units to Iraq, Kosovo, Bosnia and Peru.



Company C, 1/150th Assault Battalion located in Wheeling is currently deployed outside the continental U.S. The unit is a 10 ship UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Assault Company that is supported by three detachments. The unit's higher headquarters is based out of Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. This unit has a long history of being aligned with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. The unit's mission is to provide air support to combat units.

Company C, 2/104th GSAB (formerly the 146th Medical Company Air Ambulance) is also supported by three detachments. The unit's brigade and battalion headquarters are stationed at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. The unit has supported three rotations in Bosnia/Kosovo and recently conducted a joint training exercise in Peru for humanitarian support. Unit members also provided support to 1st Armored Division in Operation Desert Storm. The unit's mission is to provide aeromedical evacuation support within a theater of operations.



Det B, 1/134th S&S Aviation Battalion is supported by one detachment and was known formerly as the RAID Detachment. This unit is designed to support homeland defense initiatives and is 100 per cent operational at all times. Unit members support the state's emergency needs and federal law enforcement agencies in counterdrug operations, along with search and rescue operations.

Army Aviation Flight Support Facilities (AASF#1 and #2) support these units. Support includes maintenance on the unit's aircraft, training of aviation crew members, monitoring of the commander's flying hour program, and assisting the commanders in the management of other critical flying operations programs and certifications.

The 772d is a unique headquarters that other states have tried to emulate. This organization trains and operates as a GSAB HQ and is prepared to become a battalion headquarters if the opportunity arises. The Battalion's structure allows maximum utilization of aviation assets to support the state of West Virginia in emergencies, as well as deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The Battalion is currently at 146 percent of its authorized force structure.

Fixed Wing Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (FWAATS)

The Fixed Wing Army Aviation Training Site located in Bridgeport offers army aviators instruction in three types of airplanes. FWAATS is the only Army schoolhouse providing fixed wing training. This includes the C-12, C-23 and C-26. FWAATS trains active duty, reserve and National Guard aviators. Over the past 14 years, FWAATS has trained over 1,500 aviators from all states and territories. FWAATS graduated 125 students in training year 2006.

FWAATS provides the basics in fixed wing doctrine in the Army. FWAATS continuously provides paradrop and tactical training. FWAATS developed the first fixed wing night vision goggles (NVG) training program.

The role of the C-23 in Operation Iraqi Freedom has increased over the past three years. National Guard Bureau has tasked FWAATS to double the number of C-23 student seats annually. Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) has validated the need for an Army medium lift fixed wing aircraft in support of the warfight. FWAATS will play a fundamental role in training the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) crews. The Air Force will also purchase the JCA. FWAATS, along with the Air Guard C-26 flight training unit, are the only joint aviation training programs in the WVARNG.



77th Brigade Troop Command

The 77th Brigade provides command and control for nearly half of the West Virginia Army National Guard force structure. Units under 77th Brigade Command include:

1st Squadron, 150th Armored Reconnaissance **1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery**
2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group **151st Military Police Battalion**

In March 2006 Colonel James W. Runyon took command of the 77th Brigade. Brigade Headquarters has operational oversight, logistical planning and personnel/administrative support for all organizations within the command. Several units within the Brigade underwent reorganization of force structure and a change in operational mission.

1/150th ARS reorganized from a heavy armor battalion. The new unit is the eyes and ears of the North Carolina-based 30th Enhanced Separate Brigade. The 1863rd POL Company reorganized as the 863rd Combat Support Military Police Company.

Brigade Headquarters continued to provide command assistance for the mobilization, deployment and redeployment of the following subordinate units for their respective operations/missions:

UNIT	OPERATION/MISSION
2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group	Iraqi Freedom
1863rd Military Police Company	Noble Eagle



The Brigade also provided logistical and administrative assistance for the call up of West Virginia soldiers to defend the U.S.-Mexican border. About 50 soldiers from the Brigade supported this Southwest border mission. The 77th Brigade will continue to maintain the highest standards, showing all that the citizen-soldier stands ready to defend the state and nation. "Mountaineers are always free."

1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery

For the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery, 2006 was a "getting back to basics" year following a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Due to the one-year deployment, Battalion soldiers had not fired the M109A6 Paladin weapon for nearly two years. Soldiers had to reacquaint themselves with the howitzers; qualify howitzer crews; qualify Fire Direction Centers on the AFATDS (Advance Field Artillery Tactical Data System) that processes fire missions to the guns; and train howitzer crews on the new M231 and M232 max propellant charges. Battalion staff created an aggressive training plan to get soldiers trained, which allowed them to complete Field Artillery Table 8 platoon live fire exercise during the unit's annual training period.



In addition to conducting field artillery tasks, the Battalion's lineage also continued to change. Detachment 1, Charlie Battery was deactivated and the unit's colors cased; Ronceverte and Hinton armories were closed; and soldiers and equipment were relocated to new facilities in Lewisburg. Service Battery began the transformation to become a Forward Support Company and was redesignated the 1201st Forward Support Company.

In keeping with the tradition of supporting the State during times of emergency services, the Battalion deployed 51 soldiers to Louisiana to support Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief.



The Battalion was also assigned the state's NGRF (National Guard Reaction Force). That mission calls for soldiers to prepare and maintain the capability to respond to or assist in the protection of state or regional critical infrastructure. In December, the Battalion participated in Exercise Capitol Shield, a regional training exercise in Washington, D.C., that simulated a regional disaster in the National Capital Region.

1st Squadron, 150th Armored Reconnaissance (Second West Virginia)

The 1st Squadron, 150th Armored Reconnaissance moved through force restructure (modularity) during 2006 and continued training with the North Carolina-based 30th Heavy Separate Brigade Combat Team. This transition and training placed the 1/150th ARS on the cutting edge of the Army's modernization plans.



The Squadron transitioned over 125 soldiers into new military occupational specialties ranging from Cavalry Scout to Communication Systems LAN Manager to Bradley Fighting Vehicle Mechanic to Fire Support Specialist. These reclassifications and subsequent training took place in eight different states. New and displaced equipment training was a major part of the Squadron's training for the year. The unit received the Light Medium Tactical Vehicles (LMTV), PRC-150 (Hurricane) Radios, Javelin Missile Gunnery

Training, Mobile Conduct of Fire Training (MCOFT), and is poised to receive new Cavalry Fighting vehicles (CFV), Bradley Fire Support Vehicles (BFIST), and many other maintenance assets in the upcoming year.

1/150th ARS soldiers conducted field training exercises twice during 2006 at Fort Pickett, VA. Training consisted of weapons qualification, forward operating base operations, and maneuver training. In addition, every three months units conducted field training in their local areas, which allowed soldiers to hone warfighting skills and assist in community action projects around the state.

The 1/150th ARS is positioned to be the saber's edge of the Army National Guard's transformation to the modularity concept.



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

During 2006, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Battalion's Headquarters, Support and Charlie Companies are elements of the West Virginia National Guard. The 2/19th Battalion's Alpha Company is an element of the Rhode Island National Guard, while Bravo Company is assigned to the Ohio National Guard.

Soldiers of 2/19th started the deployment with Pre-Mission Training at Camp Guernsey, WY. Soldiers conducted live fire exercises with a variety of small arms weapons (handguns and rifles), crew served weapons (machine guns), anti-tank weapons, mortar weapons, and demolitions.



Support Company members also conducted a Special Forces Basic Combat Course. Soldiers were instructed in small arms tactics, close quarters battle, and convoy operations. Other courses in Arabic language training and combat lifesaving techniques were taught to make soldiers more proficient for the Iraqi Freedom mission.

During Pre-Mission Training Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Companies, assisted by Support Company and members of 10th Special Forces Group, completed a Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course at Red Devil training area at Ft. Carson, CO. Here they conducted real world urban live fire training.



When 2/19th SFG mobilized to Iraq in January 2006, the Battalion was attached to 10th Special Forces Group. Headquarters and Support companies were assigned at Radwanayah Palace Complex in Baghdad. Here the convoy cell completed over 100 convoy operations. The Battalion lost only one vehicle to a roadside bomb during the entire rotation, in spite of engaging enemy terrorists multiple times.

Bravo Company B-team served as Task Force Exploitation at Radwanayah Palace Complex, successfully developing many cases against terrorists and gathering information for

future successful operations. Bravo Company was successful in keeping many terrorists behind bars and developing cases against other terrorists that successfully led to criminal prosecution by the court system in Iraq.

Charlie Company B-Team was located near historical Babylon where 2/19th soldiers conducted anti-terrorist operations in Southern Iraq. Unit members spread operational teams throughout the region. Teams were responsible for advising and training local special weapons and tactics (SWAT) units, Iraqi Special Forces Units, and Iraqi Army Units.



The 2/19th was involved in over 400 combat operations during its rotation in Iraq. Highlights include the only assault involving multiple rooftop helicopter landings; takedown of

multiple high value targets including top leaders of the Al-Qaeda terrorist network; rescues of multiple hostages; and intelligence gathering missions uncovering hidden terrorist organizations in seemingly peaceful areas of Iraq.



The Battalion suffered the tragic loss of Sergeant 1st Class Daniel Crabtree of Bravo Company during military operations in Iraq.

Soldiers of the 2/19th SFG began returning to the U.S. in August, 2006.

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151st Military Police Battalion (HHD)

The Battalion Headquarters relocated to Dunbar from the former location at the Armed Forces Reserve Center at the South Ridge Complex. The 1863rd Provisional Military Police Company deactivated, and the 863rd Military Police Company was formed at the Glen Jean Complex near Oak Hill with Detachment 1, 863rd Military Police Company locating in Gassaway.



The Battalion provides command and control for the 154th Military Police Company in Moundsville; Detachment 1, 154th Military Police Company in Salem; 156th Military Police Detachment (Law and Order) in Monaville; 157th Military Police Company (Combat Support) in Martinsburg; and Detachment 1, 157th Military Police Company in Moorefield.

Battalion soldiers continue to support the Global War on Terrorism. Service members from the 1863d Provisional Military Police Company returned mid-year from deployments at Fort Bragg, NC and Fort Polk, LA. These soldiers served with distinction, side by side with their active duty counterparts, providing law & order operations at both locations.

In the Fall, 2006, Battalion soldiers deployed again for law and order operations at Fort Bragg, NC. These soldiers will return in late 2007 or early 2008 from this mission. The leadership of the unit West Virginia soldiers are supporting at Fort Bragg, the 65th Military Police Company (Airborne), spoke highly of 1863rd soldiers and was happy to learn that West Virginia soldiers would be returning for this rotational mission.

Battalion soldiers are also supporting Operation Jump Start in New Mexico, which began in July 2006. Soldiers will assist with security along the U.S.-Mexico border until mid-2007.

In addition to involvement at the national level, 151st MP soldiers continue to be actively involved in communities here in West Virginia. 151st MP units participated in numerous community events across the state providing support to the citizens of West Virginia.

151st MP soldiers also executed an aggressive recruiting program to improve strength and support planned force structure increases. In 2006, Battalion manning reached 115% of authorized levels. The Battalion goal is 125% of authorized manpower levels, making recruiting the top priority.

The highlight of the year was training conducted at Camp Dawson in June 2006. The Battalion executed an aggressive training plan that focused on improving warfighting skills. The training period also provided valuable collective training for units and the battalion staff.



“Of the Troops, For the Troops”

111th Engineer Brigade

During 2006 the 111th Engineer Group transformed to the modular 111th Engineer Brigade. Colonel Melvin L. Burch assumed command of the newly formed brigade from Colonel Richard L. Starcher on 21 October 2006.

The emergence of the new brigade required creation of a new brigade patch. Drenched in WV Engineer heritage, the new patch is the first patch specifically assigned to the 111th Engineers. Patch symbolisms: red and white are the colors traditionally used by Engineer units; the tower symbolizes the Brigade's construction mission; the black diamond signifies military constancy to the nation in times of war and peace and the rich coal resources of the state; the powder horn signifies the 111th Engineer's heritage as "Minuteman for Freedom," which is also the unit's motto.



The new Brigade mission is to plan, integrate, and direct the execution of Engineer missions conducted by 3-5 Engineer battalions. The Brigade will also provide technical and tactical guidance and command and control to engineer teams, companies and battalions. The change from a group to brigade has expanded our capabilities by adding additional military occupational skills in medical, budget and procurement and surveying and design, as well as the return of the 21B (Combat Engineer) MOS to the brigade level.

The Engineer Brigade commands all units under the 771st Troop Command Battalion and the 1092nd Engineer Battalion, thus increasing the Brigade's warfighting capabilities.



The Engineer Brigade will continue to prepare for State disaster relief missions, which include lending support to flood ravaged victims, clearing snow, removing obstructions from lines of transportation, and repairing critical infrastructure.

During 2006 the Brigade assumed the additional duty of manning, equipping and training one of 12 national CERF-P (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package)

Teams. With future plans to increase the CERF-P mission to all states, West Virginia remains on the leading edge of training and readiness. The CERF-P mission is to respond to weapons of mass destruction incidents, terrorist attacks or natural disasters in order to lend assistance to civilian first responders. The Engineer Brigade currently has command over the CERF-P command element, decontamination element, and the extraction team. Additional training in hazardous materials, combat lifesaving and advanced extraction techniques is mandatory for CERF-P members.

The Engineer Brigade conducts Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) projects throughout the state. IRT projects benefit West Virginia communities by providing services and products when communities have exhausted all other means of acquiring those services or products.



Projects also provide much-needed and beneficial operator training that can only be obtained through such project initiatives. Projects range from vertical efforts in wood frame construction, plumbing and electrical work, surveying, and designing and constructing athletic fields for communities and non-profit organizations. The Brigade provided command and control support over the Mylan Park ballfield construction project in Morgantown. Many other vertical and horizontal projects were conducted at Camp Dawson, Preston County; Williamstown Army Aviation Support Facility; and Joint Forces Headquarters

Complex in Charleston. Currently, nine projects are being planned for execution in training year 2007 with 24 additional projects being tracked for future completion.

The 111th Engineer Brigade continued to provide command and control support in Louisiana as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Members in the Brigade voluntarily deployed to the affected areas to perform staff and support functions during rebuilding. The knowledge and experience of this command significantly contributed to the humanitarian assistance mission in Louisiana.



In June 2006 Brigade soldiers helped support the ongoing Southwest border initiative by deploying soldiers along the U.S.-Mexican border in New Mexico. This initiative designed to strengthen homeland defense and act as a deterrent to terrorism has grown to a task force of up to 6,000 soldiers from all states and territories. Brigade soldiers work in joint command centers providing real time intelligence to Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Customs & Border Patrol arresting agents on the ground. Other Brigade members are manning watch towers and utilizing modern technology in thermal and night site imagery to identify possible threats to the Southwest border of the United States.

1092nd Engineer Battalion

During 2006, the Battalion completed its conversion from a combat heavy battalion to a modular engineer battalion, which required retraining of soldiers and acquisition of new equipment. The 1092nd is now a battalion headquarters that contains a Headquarters Support Company and a Forward Support Company. The Forward Support Company contains the maintenance, mess, and distribution sections. In addition, the letter companies (A Company, B Company, and C Company) have been replaced with separate commands: the 115th Vertical Construction Company, the 821st Horizontal Construction Company, the 601st Equipment Support Company, and the 193rd Engineer Haul Platoon. All of these changes required activation and deactivation ceremonies.



The Battalion has continued to show growth throughout 2006. During the 2006 training year, the 1092nd Engineer Battalion Headquarters augmented the Command and Control cell for the CERF-P (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package). Along with this mission, the 821st Horizontal Construction Company was certified to be the Decontamination Unit for the CERF-P. The 601st Equipment Support Company was certified to be the Search and Extraction unit for the CERF-P. With the Search and Extraction mission, soldiers of the 601st Equipment Support Company received

additional training in Oklahoma. The 1092nd Engineer Battalion has a number of soldiers who are attached to the Recruit Sustainment Program. This program helps prepare new recruits to face the rigors of basic training. The Battalion also has a number of soldiers who are assisting the Border Patrol in New Mexico. Battalion soldiers provide a first line of defense to deter illegal immigrants from crossing the border.

The Battalion conducted a number of Innovative Readiness Training projects during training year 2006. These projects provided realistic training for Battalion soldiers. Projects supported during the year: Mylan Park Project, which consisted of constructing a baseball field; Camp Dawson road repair project; Army Aviation Support Facility #1 in Williamstown, which included hilltop removal and parking lot construction; renovation of a building at the Wood County Veterans Park; and culvert installation, tree removal, and parking lot site preparation at the Adjutant General's Coonskin Complex. Throughout 2006, the Battalion headquarters worked with units to improve readiness (training, military occupational skill qualification, and strength management). The battalion headquarters staff also planned and coordinated with the companies and higher headquarters for the transformation to modularity that occurred in 2006 to meet the requirements of the Army Forces Generation Model (ARFORGEN).



771st Troop Command

Training year 2006 was another dynamic year for the 771st Troop Command Battalion, marked by transition, transformation and growth. The 771st TC consists of Headquarters



Detachment and its organic units, the 3664th Support Maintenance Company, 1257th Transportation Company, 249th Army Band, 753rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment and 153rd Public Affairs Detachment.

In April 2006 the 3664th Maintenance Company completed unit reset operations from its 2004 deployment to Iraq. At the same time it transformed from a Non-Divisional Direct Support Maintenance Company to a Support Maintenance Company. This change was significant to the West Virginia Army National Guard in that it began the

transition from the four-tiered maintenance system established after World War II to the Army's Two Levels of Maintenance (2LM) doctrine.

In July 2006 the 249th Army Band conducted a state wide series of band performances that centered around Independence Day celebrations in local communities. The Band gave outstanding performances in Morgantown, Moorefield, Martinsburg, Moundsville, Parkersburg, Barboursville, Eleanor, Logan and Clarksburg in a nine day period.



August was the most dynamic month of the year for the 771st TC. The month began with the transfer of the 1863rd Transportation Company (POL) to the 77th Brigade. The 1863rd was then deactivated and the 863rd Military Police Company was activated in the 151st Military Police Battalion.

The 753rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment (EOD) mobilized six soldiers who deployed to Kosovo to support the 29th Infantry Division's Kosovo Forces rotation. The highly trained EOD technicians of the 753rd were immediately called into service while still at the mobilization station to render safe a piece of unexploded ordnance (UXO) found on the installation. They successfully completed the mission in the tradition of all West Virginia Minutemen. 753rd soldiers continue to be successful in the European theater of operations.

The 771st also conducted a very successful multi-echelon training event at Camp Dawson. The Headquarters Detachment, 153rd PA Detachment, 249th Army Band and the 1257th Rear Detachment conducted a Field Training Exercise (FTX) that focused on battle staff functions, individual weapons qualification and warrior tasks.

In October the Public Affairs Detachment transformed from a detachment of the Ohio National Guard's 196th PAD to the 153rd PAD. This is significant in that the 153rd PAD is now an organic detachment command in the West Virginia National Guard.

In November the 1257th Transportation Company returned from a 12- month deployment to Iraq. While deployed the 1257th was charged with the security of Life Support Area (LSA) Anaconda. This diverse mission included controlling all traffic onto the LSA through a designated Entry Control Point, as well as providing perimeter security for an adjacent Special Forces Operating Base. The unit performed their mission flawlessly.

The 771st also enjoyed great success in conducting rear detachment operations for the 1257th. The 1257th Rear continued to recruit and train Soldiers in support of the deployed company. Their efforts resulted in accession of an additional 70 Soldiers to reconstitute the company upon the unit's return.

Throughout this year of significant challenges the 771st has experienced exceptional growth in unit strength and Soldier retention. The Battalion currently stands at 540 Soldiers assigned for 124 percent of authorized strength.



Facilities, Engineering and Environment

The Construction and Facilities Management office (C&FMO) supports the West Virginia Army National Guard's readiness and mission accomplishment by constructing and maintaining all facilities and training areas owned by the State of West Virginia. The WVARNG continues to use "Facilities XXI" as the blueprint for facilities planning and program-



ing in order to support soldiers and civilian employees well into the 21st century. The "Facilities XXI" Plan has resulted in a savings of over \$15 million dollars to the State of West Virginia by consolidating armories and partnering with other components. The West Virginia National Guard now has 391,572 square feet of new facilities under contract or in short range planning, which represents more than \$103 million dollars in added value to our state.

In 2006, construction was completed on the 38,789 square foot Lewisburg Readiness Center. Corte Construction was awarded the \$8.9 million dollar contract for this new state of the art facility located at the Lewisburg Airport Industrial Park. The new facility consolidated C Battery of the 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery from antiquated armories in Hinton and Ronceverte.

Construction was also completed on the 81,000 square foot Eleanor Armed Forces Reserve Center. B.B.L. Carlton, LLC constructed the \$12.5 million dollar facility that is home to over 450 Army National Guardsmen and 300 Navy Reservists. The Armed Forces Reserve Center is located adjacent to the new Combined Support Maintenance Shop and is home to the WVARNG's 111th Engineer Brigade, Troop B of the 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, and the 3664th Maintenance Company. The complex is home to more than 90 full time employees and has an economic impact of over \$13 million per year.



Hayslett Construction, Inc. completed construction of the 73,270 square foot Summersville Readiness and Convention Center. The \$14.75 million dollar facility includes a \$2.4 million contribution from the City of Summersville to add 27,250 square feet of convention and civic center space. The Readiness Center consolidates the 821st Engineer Company from Gassaway and Richwood into one location.

Design contracts have been awarded for the Moorefield Readiness Center, Logan/Mingo Readiness Center, and for an expansion to the Robert C. Byrd Regional Training Institute to accommodate the Joint Interagency Training Center (JITC) located at Camp Dawson. A new Modified Record Fire Range to be located at Camp Dawson's Briery Mountain Training Area is also under design and scheduled for construction contract award late in 2007.



In 2007, C&FMO plans to award construction contracts to rehabilitate Camp Dawson's lower range complex and for expansion of the Gassaway Armory to increase administrative space for the State's new 151st Military Police Battalion. Design contracts will be awarded for armed forces reserve centers at Morgantown and Ripley and property will be acquired in Elkins, Fairmont, and Logan/Mingo Counties.

Projects in short-range planning include a new readiness center in Martinsburg; a United States Property and Fiscal Office, Field Maintenance Shop and Readiness Center Complex in



Buckhannon; and the Base Realignment and Closure Commission's (BRAC) directed armed forces reserve centers in Fairmont, Elkins, and Ripley. Design funds and construction projects continue to be programmed in future years according to "Facilities XXI" with interagency opportunities for partnering and state savings a cornerstone for the future. C&FMO has more than \$400 million in long range projects to ensure

that the soldiers of the West Virginia Army National Guard have state of the art facilities to support growth into the 21st century, improve infrastructure in our local communities, and serve as the foundation for future readiness.

WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

HOMELAND DEFENSE JOINT TASK FORCE

The West Virginia Homeland Defense Joint Task Force encompasses

- **National Guard Joint Interagency Training Center**
- **Homeland Defense**
- **Critical Infrastructure Protection**
Mission Assurance Analysis
- **Counterdrug**
- **Civil Support Team**
- **CBRNE Enhanced Response Force**
- **Camp Dawson**
- **Memorial Tunnel**



The Joint Interagency Training Center (JITC) is a National Guard Bureau capability, providing training and operational support CBRNE in emergency response, critical infrastructure protection and mission assurance, continuity of operations and continuity of government. JITC was established as a result of increased involvement by the National Guard in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Carrying out the vision of jointness held by the Chief, National

Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, and Major General Allen E. Tackett. JITC is staffed by members of the Army and Air National Guard.



The JITC is a one-of-a-kind training capability for the nation. It has three locations: Camp Dawson as the main campus, a command element located in St. Albans in western Kanawha County, the Center for National Response Training Center (Memorial Tunnel) in southeastern Kanawha County. JITC provides homeland defense and

GWOT training for the active component, National Guard and reserve forces as well as federal, state and local agencies throughout the United States. It also provides operational support to the U.S. State Department's Anti-Terrorism Assistance program, the Department of Energy's Assurance Office, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Defense Contract Management Agency's mission assurance program.

JITC/WVNG Homeland Defense Joint Task Force personnel regularly conduct mission assurance assessments of critical energy and defense assets throughout the nation. They are also called on to support special security events in the national capitol region and throughout the nation. These events include the state of the union address, presidential inauguration and the national political conventions.

Education, training, and exercises are conducted for Department of Defense and intergovernmental, interagency, and multi-national partners/organizations in conjunction with ongoing Homeland Defense operations in accordance with guidance from National Guard Bureau and stated interagency requirements.

Our location at Camp Dawson and other locations in West Virginia provide an ideal environment for class activities and conducting hands-on training. JITC offers courses devoted to homeland security, homeland defense, awareness training, countermeasures, intelligence fusion, operational support/security and consequence management.



The Center for National Response (CNR) is an operational component of JITC that is a National Guard training activity operated by the West Virginia National Guard. It is a flexible WMD training complex that provides multiscenario exercises for the military or joint operations with military and first responders.

The CNR is a unique training facility that provides realistic and challenging exercises for military first responders. There



is no other place in the country that offers this kind of environment for first responders. This setting allows response teams to practice their techniques and experiment with new procedures and equipment without alarming the public or disrupting commercial or public activities.

The Center for National Response is a cost-effective, state-of-the-art WMD Consequence Management / Counterterrorism exercise based training and operational equipment testing site.



West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program

A baseline budget of \$2.059 million plus a \$1.87 million line item appropriation allows the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program to add value and contribute to quality of life in our communities through its Drug Supply and Demand Reduction Programs.

For fiscal year 2006 the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug program completed more than 106 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 includes interdiction teams, the Reconnaissance Aerial Interdiction Detachment (RAID), C-26 fixed wing aerial reconnaissance aircraft and intelligence/case support personnel, support law enforcement agencies (LEAs). These agencies include the West Virginia State Police, Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement agencies, and several multi-agency drug task forces.



In 2006, this support resulted in 1,435 drug related arrests and \$106,874,626 in seizures. These seizures included cultivated marijuana plants with a value of over \$104,662,500 and processed marijuana valued at \$253,216. In addition, Counterdrug staff assisted in the seizure of \$472,788 worth of other drugs (cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, heroin, methamphetamine, and oxycontin), and \$1,466,121.00 in other assets (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, anti-drug presentations and static displays of military equipment were offered, 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 in their efforts to reduce the demand for illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use among the youth of West Virginia. For 2006 the total audience reached was over 1,203,611 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 broadcast once a month, and each program includes anti-drug messages.



The Drug Demand Reduction Program provided support to more than 92 community-based organizations throughout West Virginia. Camp BEAR PAWS, a drug awareness camp, was conducted at Camp Dawson near Kingwood for at-risk children to provide an alternative to drug use. KIDS KAMP, also held at Camp Dawson, is for dependents of West Virginia National Guard members. The purpose of this camp is to promote self-esteem, leadership skills, and drug awareness for children ages 9-15.



At the national level, Adjutant General Tackett has been working on the integration of the National Guard Counterdrug Program as a part of the nation's homeland security efforts. 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, 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 (WMD)

The 35th Civil Support Team (WMD) is located in St Albans. 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 and 15 traditional soldiers assigned to 14 different specialties. The unit is organized into six sections consisting of Command, Operations, Administrative/Logistics, Medical, Communications, and Survey. 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 civil authorities in preparing for and responding to a CBRNE situation. CST is available 24 hours to the Governor 24 hours a day, seven days a week for deployment to incidents requiring a rapid response that complements and enhances local and state capabilities.

During 2006, the 35th Civil Support Team performed 38 missions, including support for the State of the Union Address and Major League Baseball's All-Star game in Pittsburgh. The 35th CST conducted exercises with the 130th Airlift Wing and the National Capital Region throughout the year. The St. Albans unit had 2,196 deployable workdays in 2006. The 35th CST is currently number one in readiness out of the 55 Civil Support teams.

The unit continues to support the homeland defense mission, living by its motto -

"PRET TOUJOURS PRET "
- Ready, Always Ready!



Training Site Command (TSC), Camp Dawson

Camp Dawson continued to experience increased utilization during the past year, even while undergoing additional upgrades to post facilities. The State Department carried on with development and implementation of course offerings in support on the Global War on Terrorism. This past year agency officials taught courses for several delegations in the Advanced Explosives Countermeasures course. The Federal Bureau of Prisons conducted an exercise in emergency management for about 500 correctional officers and established a partnership for prolonged utilization of Camp Dawson for non-lethal weapon instruction. The Federal



Bureau of Investigation continued their long term utilization for the agency's National Academy. This year's Academy topic was Crimes against Children, with particular emphasis on Internet predators.

In addition to other Federal agencies, utilization by Department of Defense activities continued to increase as word of the post's excellent facilities and capabilities became increasingly well-known.

Several state agencies conducted training events at Camp Dawson or participated in events scheduled in conjunction with the FBI National Academy and courses sponsored by the Joint Interagency Training Center.

Supporting the West Virginia National Guard commitment to the future of the State, Camp Dawson hosted several youth organizations, such as Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), Camp Bear Paws, Kids Kamp and Youth Leaders Camp. Each activity was in direct support of established programs already found in the National Guard that support Recruiting & Retention and Drug Demand Reduction missions.

During 2006, Camp Dawson staff completed a Master Plan that will guide future construction initiatives and improvements for the post.

A design contract was awarded for a multi-million dollar Range Complex on the Briery Training area. It is estimated that this range complex will be completed in the summer of 2008. Design has also been completed for a total renovation of main post ranges, which will proceed when funding is received. Upon receipt of funding, Camp Dawson staff also plans to initiate a design contract for a multipurpose recreational facility on post.



Camp Dawson's billeting options were improved in 2006 by offering more up-to-date quarters. Buildings 106, 301, chalets, and the Stone Cottage were the first billets to be remodeled. While some are complete, others are continuing to improve for the betterment of Camp Dawson and its users. Upgrades include improved lighting, hair dryers, and other amenities to meet requests by users of the facilities. In addition, a new Billeting and Reservation System has been initiated to facilitate a speedy, accurate, and proper check-in/check-out process for guests.

197th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

The 197th Regiment, Regional Training Institute (RTI) located at Camp Dawson, Kingwood is a state-of-the-art training institution that continues to be a combat multiplier for the West Virginia Army National Guard and the United States Army. The 197th Regiment is committed to providing challenging, realistic and quality training for today's Soldiers. The 197th Regiment's curriculum includes the following: Non-commissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) Training, Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) Training, Officer Candidate School (OCS), Combat Lifesaver Course, Company Level Pre Command Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course (TAITC) and Small Group Instructor (SGI) Training. The 197th Regiment is part of The Army School System, subject to rigorous education and training accreditation requirements. The Regiment's NCOES programs are accredited by the U.S. Army Sergeant's Major Academy (USASMA). The 19D and 19K MOS training program is accredited by the U.S. Army Armor Center and the School for Combat Arms. The OCS program is accredited by the U.S. Army Infantry School.



In training year 2006, the 197th Regiment conducted 16 different training classes and trained 351 Soldiers. Ninety-five percent (95%) or 334 of those students met graduation requirements.

The 197th Regiment graduated three officer candidates from the traditional OCS program and one officer candidate from the accelerated OCS program. Officer Candidate Carl E. Chidester II was the Class XLVII Distinguished Honor Graduate, recipient of the Erickson Trophy for distinguished leadership and academic ability, and recipient of the Physical Fitness Award for having the highest score on the Army physical fitness test. OC Brian L. Grose received the Leadership Award. OC Adam M. Penfold received recognition as the Honor Graduate and also received the Academic Excellence Award. OC Penfold and OC Craig A. Lytton were branched Armor and received their first duty assignment as Cavalry Platoon Leaders for the 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron. OC Chidester and OC Grose were branched Field Artillery and will serve the 201st Field Artillery Battalion.



With growth on the horizon for the 197th Regiment, the RTI is preparing for the addition of two Engineer companies and a Military Police company to the organization. Beginning in training year 2007 the RTI will add MOS Training for Construction Equipment Operators (MOS 21E), Carpentry and Masonry Specialists (MOS 21W) and Military Police (MOS 31B).

In addition to typical duties, members of the 197th Regiment answered the call to duty during one of the worst American disasters of all times. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina 10 of the 50 Soldiers assigned to the unit volunteered to deploy to the disaster-stricken areas of Louisiana.

Special Operations Detachment – Europe (SOD-E)

Special Operations Detachment - Europe (SOD-E) is a 30-soldier unit based at Camp Dawson near Kingwood. It is a theater level headquarters augmentation detachment aligned to Special Operations Command - Europe (SOCEUR), Stuttgart, Germany.

SOD-E's primary mission is to conduct Command and Control (C2) of Special Operations forces under Commander, SOCEUR, to support contingency operations both inside and outside NATO's area of responsibility. The unit's focus is on European Command in Europe and Africa. Unit members are also tasked to conduct sustained operations in support of federal or state declared emergencies.

SOD-E is organized into seven sections - command group, operations, logistics, personnel, intelligence, communications and staff judge advocate. Special Forces personnel staff the command group and operations section while non-SF personnel fill out the remaining sections of the unit. The unit is commanded by a Colonel, and a Sergeant Major serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor.



Early in the year the unit mobilized 26 members for deployment to Germany to support the Global War on Terror. The remaining members participated in a NATO Response Force exercise in Norway and the Republic of Cape Verde, Africa.

West Virginia National Guard Education Encouragement Program

<u>Spring 2006</u>			<u>Summer 2006</u>		<u>Fall 2006</u>	
Barbour	28	\$40,204.00	4	\$3,198.00	32	\$55,028.00
Berkeley	107	\$158,898.00	26	\$29,498.00	106	\$161,628.00
Boone	4	\$3,678.00	0		1	\$1,898.00
Braxton	6	\$5,048.00	5	\$8,436.00	3	\$4,202.00
Brooke	4	\$6,399.00	0		1	\$2,243.00
Cabell	53	\$84,648.00	27	\$19,852.00	51	\$81,169.00
Calhoun	3	\$5,811.00	0		4	\$8,739.00
Clay	6	\$9,698.00	2	\$2,109.00	8	\$16,236.00
Doddridge	3	\$5,948.00	0		8	\$15,188.00
Fayette	20	\$29,794.00	6	\$6,411.00	27	\$52,384.00
Gilmer	3	\$5,803.00	1	\$870.00	4	\$7,186.00
Grant	1	\$1,687.00	1		2	\$4,046.00
Greenbrier	12	\$15,979.00	0		9	\$16,048.00
Hampshire	11	\$12,061.00	2	\$4,218.00	8	\$14,359.00
Hancock	5	\$9,403.00	0		6	\$9,706.00
Hardy	3	\$2,665.00	5	\$2,790.00	44	\$77,464.00
Harrison	34	\$57,478.00	14	\$17,053.00	0	
Jackson	3	\$5,252.00	1	\$2,109.00	7	\$9,770.00
Jefferson	25	\$49,230.00	5	\$1,872.00	23	\$35,744.00
Kanawha	153	\$223,497.00	45	\$40,815.00	134	\$214,427.00
Lewis	10	\$19,614.00	3	\$930.00	18	\$30,909.00
Lincoln	6	\$8,078.00	2	\$1,044.00	3	\$5,871.00
Logan	3	\$4,440.00	0		3	\$6,225.00
Marion	47	\$75,494.00	16	\$11,887.00	47	\$80,503.00
Marshall	15	\$27,776.00	3	\$6,327.00	10	\$20,050.00
Mason	15	\$28,967.00	5	\$7,920.00	15	\$29,848.00
McDowell	10	\$7,414.00	0		9	\$14,442.00
Mercer	35	\$42,649.00	2	\$1,566.00	23	\$42,640.00
Mineral	8	\$8,591.00	0		5	\$10,253.00
Mingo	4	\$3,978.00	0		7	\$6,521.00
Monongalia	61	\$107,581.00	35	\$32,616.00	68	\$134,328.00
Monroe	3	\$4,147.00	3	\$2,072.00	2	\$3,318.00
Morgan	9	\$16,341.00	0		8	\$15,899.00
Nicholas	20	\$29,829.00	3	\$5,530.00	17	\$27,355.00
Ohio	13	\$21,924.00	3	\$4,221.00	14	\$23,821.00
Out of State	164	\$260,344.00	41	\$35,021.00	146	\$258,173.00
Pendleton	0		0		0	
Pleasants	2	\$3,009.00	0		3	\$4,089.00
Pocahontas	2	\$4,415.00	0		2	\$4,806.00
Preston	7	\$5,535.00	0		17	\$19,213.00
Putnam	27	\$37,202.00	4	\$5,277.00	38	\$60,588.00
Raleigh	16	\$25,990.00	4	\$4,531.00	15	\$18,946.00
Randolph	17	\$31,800.00	5	\$4,404.00	18	\$38,984.00
Ritchie	6	\$10,044.00	2	\$3,027.00	5	\$10,098.00
Roane	5	\$8,406.00	1	\$876.00	4	\$9,174.00
Summers	8	\$8,167.00	3	\$3,210.00	2	\$3,555.00
Taylor	8	\$9,633.00	2	\$1,284.00	7	\$10,919.00
Tyler	4	\$5,038.00	1	\$886.00	5	\$6,333.00
Upshur	25	\$37,125.00	6	\$6,729.00	24	\$44,573.00
Wayne	6	\$9,749.00	2	\$2,569.00	7	\$10,702.00
Webster	1	\$2,258.00	2	\$3,255.00	1	\$2,250.00
Wetzel	11	\$10,786.00	0		4	\$5,878.00
Wirt	4	\$4,751.00	0		2	\$306.00
Wood	26	\$36,694.00	8	\$6,160.00	34	\$42,773.00
Wyoming	1	\$2,211.00	0		1	\$1,824.00
1084		\$1,655,184.00	300	\$290,573.00	1065	\$1,796,968.00

Mountaineer Challenge Academy

Mountaineer Challenge Academy has graduated 1,637 students in 13 successful years. The Academy continues to operate on a \$2.8 million budget - 60 percent federal and 40 percent state funds. Recognition as a Special Alternative Education Program within the West Virginia State School Law is helping build a bridge for at-risk teens. This cooperative designation makes it easier for public schools to refer students and then "reclaim" them after students complete the Challenge Program.

The Challenge Program is unique. There is no other program or school in the state that offers an educational opportunity with military structure or mentoring component. During the one-year post-residential phase of the program, trained volunteer mentors in the Cadet's home communities assist MCA graduates.



MCA Graduates:

- 43% enter the workforce
- 19% join the armed forces
- 16% attend vocational training
- 10% return to high school
- 9% go on to college
- 4% are in transition

Over 10,300 hours of community service have been donated by Cadets to local community groups under Service To Community, one of the program's Eight Core Components. Those benefiting from Cadet support include Heartland of Preston County, Arthurdale Heritage Incorporated, The McGrew Society, Preston County Animal Shelter, and the WV Botanical Gardens. Kasson Elementary School named the Academy a "Partner in Education" for continuing work with the school physical education program and facilities upgrades.



Pillars of Strength Awards were presented by the Academy to acknowledge contributions of groups and individuals who helped Challenge meet the program's mission. Receiving recognition were Trout For Cheat, Inc. for Service to Community opportunities and Mrs. Roberta Knotts, manager of Kingwood Pizza Hut, for Cadet Support.

West Virginia Army National Guard Benedum Airport Project

During 2006, this Civil-Military Innovative Readiness Training opportunity included 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 300,000 cubic yards of earth were excavated and placed.

West Virginia Guard members proved to be beneficial to Task Force Benedum. 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. Task Force Benedum also provided a unique training location for the WV CERF-P certification exercise. This allowed local emergency responders an opportunity to see the assets and capabilities the WV National Guard possesses.



An information brochure was developed during 2006. 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 2007 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 first



quarter 2007 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

WEST VIRGINIA STARBASE

West Virginia STARBASE is an educational program for increasing the knowledge, skills, and interest of Kanawha and Berkeley County youth in science, mathematics, and technology. The 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 enjoys an outstanding reputation for providing quality educational programs benefiting thousands of West Virginia children by utilizing West Virginia National Guard resources to provide an exciting and rigorous curriculum. This year STARBASE will reach over 2,850 5th grade students — 1,240 from Berkeley County, 930 from Kanawha County, and around 200 more at National Guard Kids Kamp at Camp Dawson. Nearly 100 percent of all 5th grade

students in Berkeley County attended the 167th Airlift Wing’s four-day program at STARBASE Martinsburg. In Kanawha County over 50 percent of 5th grade students participated in a five-day curriculum at the 130th Airlift Wing base in Charleston. Including outreach programs, WV STARBASE impacts more than 4,500 West Virginia youth each year. Each STARBASE offers a minimum of 700 hours of classroom contact and conducts more than 28 academies each year. Since its inception in 2001, WV STARBASE has graduated over 5,500 students.

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

- **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.



West Virginia National Guard 2006 “Kids Kamp”

The West Virginia National Guard “Kids Kamp” provides a unique opportunity for children of Guard members to attend a quality summer camp; to foster a sense of well-being while forming friendships with fellow National Guard youths of different ages, communities, and backgrounds; to understand the role of the Guard in state and federal missions; and to better understand why their parents serve in the National Guard. The motto for this year’s camp was “This is a Drug Free Kamp.”



More than 173 campers and 64 adult volunteers attended this year’s camp. The activities offered at Kids Kamp included the usual “Kamp Fare,” such as swimming, boating, dancing, rock wall climbing, rifle range, STARBASE rocket launch, Avian birds of prey, Ole Circus, drug awareness training, helicopter displays, mini C-130, and craft making. Different colored beads were used to reward campers for all activities that they participated in throughout the camp. Campers were involved in the flag raising and lowering each day.

The overriding objective of Kids Kamp is to provide a positive experience for Guard youth in a safe and caring environment and to encourage good feelings about themselves and the National Guard. Kids Kamp is but one way to show Guard members that state leaders care about Guard families. This endeavor reflects the Guard mantra that “Guard Pride is Family Wide.”



Youth Leaders Camp 2006



The West Virginia National Guard's 40th Annual Youth Leaders Camp was held at Camp Dawson in Kingwood from June 24-30. During the one-week camp, high school students between the ages of 15 and 17 experienced military life with a 5:30 a.m. wake up call, physical training, and a day full of activities. The camp started on Saturday when campers arrived at Building 215 for inprocessing and platoon assignment. Campers were issued two t-shirts, a hat, a water bottle, identification card and tags before they were turned over to their platoon TAC (train, advise, counsel) NCOs.

Eighty-four students from across the state attended the camp in 2006. During the week campers experienced barracks life at Camp Dawson and learned what it meant to work together as a team. Youth Leader training consisted of a weapons range with .22 caliber rifles, confidence course, drill and ceremony competitions, water survival training, first aid training, as well as team building and leadership training. Campers were evaluated on their leadership ability and received final evaluations along with their graduation certificate at the conclusion of camp.

Staff, support personnel and TAC NCOs consisted of Army and Air National Guard members from the 130th Airlift Wing, the 167th Airlift Wing, the Army Guard Recruiting and Retention Force, as well as Joint Forces Headquarters, Counterdrug Office, 111th Engineer Group, 77th Brigade, 772nd Troop Command Battalion - Aviation, 1092nd Engineer Battalion and the 771th Troop Command Battalion.



Great Expectations

The War on Terrorism...

West Virginia National Guard has deployed every state unit for the Global War on Terrorism. 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 is to increase end strength to 4,500 soldiers by end of year 2007 through aggressive recruiting, retention and obtaining additional units that will meet the Army's need for force projection overseas and for the defense of our nation at home. Such units would include additional medical, engineer, military police, chemical response, signal and transportation units to be dispersed among our state's major population areas that can meet both federal and state missions. Additionally, 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, and increase the amount of federal dollars required to support such units, directly impacting the economy and welfare of our state.

Air National Guard...

We are continuing to pursue the change in mission to the C-5A aircraft for the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, ensuring the Wing's viability as an integral part of the Department of the Air Force. To attain this goal, construction continues on several construction projects needed to house the gigantic C-5 aircraft, and base officials have hired the first of more than 150 new positions that came about as a result of the conversion. In addition, Sen. Byrd recently announced that the Air Force had selected Martinsburg as the site of the Air Guard's C-5 Isochronal Inspection Shop. An average of 33 C-5 aircraft will arrive at Martinsburg each year for periodic maintenance. This means up to 120 additional jobs, above those designated for the C-5 conversion, will be hired at the base. This will further enhance the economic development of the Eastern Panhandle and overall economy of our state. Modernization and expansion of facilities at the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston continue as well, with plans to increase the number of authorized aircraft, personnel and full time support force.

Building...

We will continue with implementation of our Force XXI Facilities plan that, when completed, will result in newly constructed armed forces readiness centers adjacent to major population areas within the state. These upgraded facilities will be more accessible to service men and women, as well as the 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, Drug Demand Reduction initiatives, STARBASE, 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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