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South Dakota NATIONAL GUARD

THE PAST

With a proud 148-year heritage of serving as the state's militia, the South Dakota National Guard (SDNG) finds its origins dating back to 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory. Since that time, our National Guard units have served in nearly every major war or conflict since the Civil War. The SDNG has seen combat during the Spanish American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. Our National Guard was also called up during the Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, each of South Dakota's 28 National Guard communities has experienced a unit mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle and Operation New Dawn. More than 4,400 Soldiers and Airmen have deployed in support of these operations and continue to deploy time and time again.



THE PRESENT

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

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



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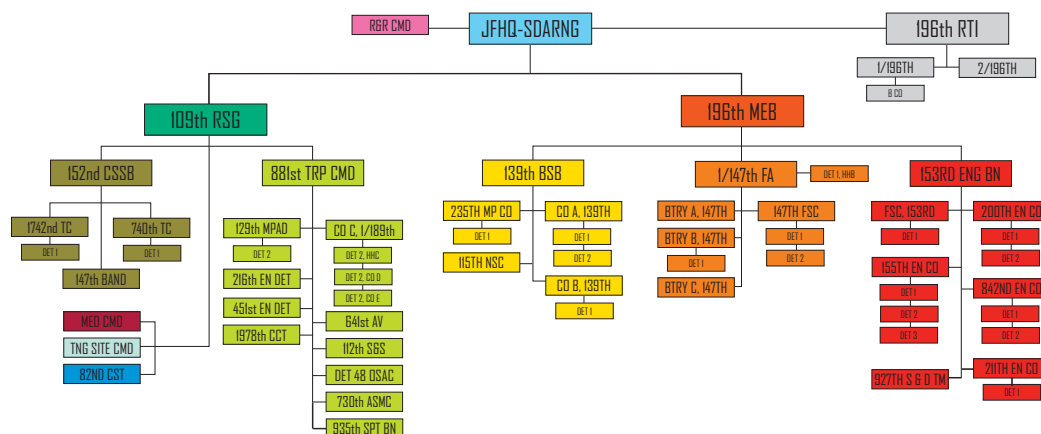
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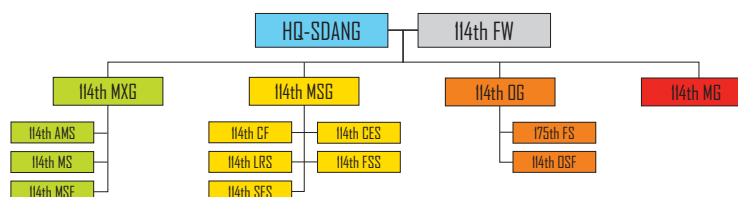
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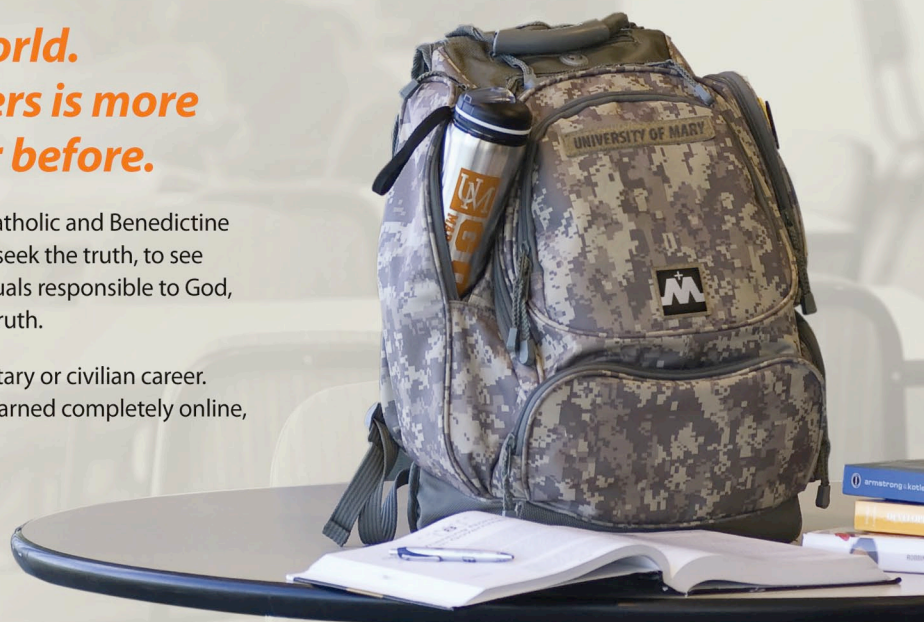


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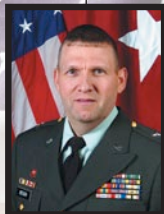
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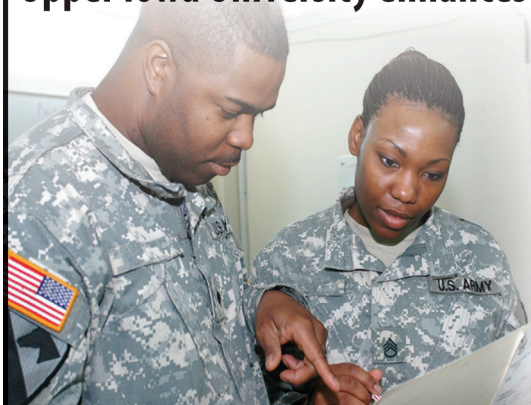
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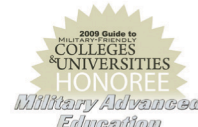
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DEPLOYMENTS

In 2010, the South Dakota National Guard activated about 750 Soldiers and Airmen in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation New Dawn (OND).

For the Army Guard, about 350 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery returned home in March from a deployment to Kuwait in support of OIF.

The 211th Engineer Company (Sapper) also returned 113 Soldiers home in September from a yearlong deployment in support of OEF in Afghanistan.

The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade deployed approximately 200 Soldiers in May in support of OEF in Afghanistan.

Det. 3, Co. A, 641st Aviation Regiment deployed nine C-23 pilots and crew members in October in support of OND.

In 2010, the Fightin' Lobos of the Air Guard completed more than 20 major deployments in support of OIF and OEF, along with other security, humanitarian and alert missions. These deployments involved more than 370 unit members to 15 overseas countries.

Overseas duty included deployment to Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Italy, Afghanistan, Horn of Africa, Haiti, Jordan, Spain, Panama, South Korea, Germany, Turkey and Honduras. The 114th Fighter Wing mobilized 275 Airmen in support of OIF with the United States Air Force's Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) rotation plan. This ongoing Combat Air Force operation included the deployment of the unit's F-16 Fighting Falcons. This deployment of aircraft and personnel was the third large-scale deployment for the 114th Fighter Wing in support of OIF since 2006.



STATE ACTIVE DUTY

South Dakota National Guard units were not only needed for overseas deployments in 2010, but many were also called up for state active duty missions as well. The SDNG's Joint Force Headquarters maintains a Joint Operation Center (JOC) that is trained, equipped and postured to execute emergency operations.

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

The Guard expended more than 1,178 workdays with approximately 300 Soldiers from ten units supporting seven state active duty events that included an ice storm, various flood missions, a search and rescue mission and two fires.



REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT & MAJOR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

TASK FORCE REGION

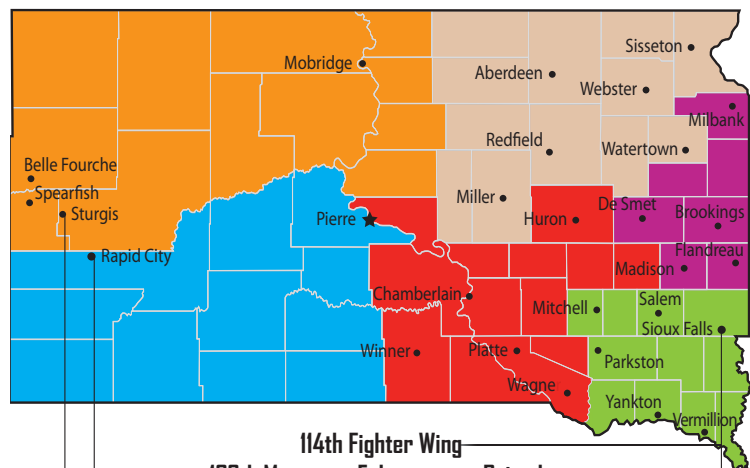
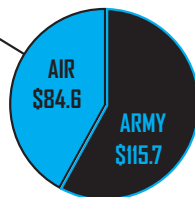
Task Force 881st	\$6,835,973
Task Forces 109th, 152nd & Air	\$75,397,595
Task Force 147th	\$4,280,761
Task Force 153rd	\$4,662,372
Task Force 196th & 114th	\$20,094,965
Task Force 139th	\$4,498,607

TOTAL SDNG EXPENDITURES \$200,364,971

FACILITIES CONTRIBUTION FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

State Facilities \$1,646,703
Federal Facilities
\$6,098,400

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114th Fighter Wing
196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade
Joint Force Headquarters
109th Regional Support Group
196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

FAMILY SUPPORT

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

The SDNG values the support and contributions of our families across the state. Family programs not only benefit servicemembers and their families, but also have a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness. The SDNG Family Program provides support by helping bond National Guard families together and promotes a sense of camaraderie, aiding families in understanding the mission of the SDNG and keeping families informed about activities sponsored by the Family Readiness Program and of the common rewards of military life.

In 2010, the SDNG Family Program provided in-bound family assistance to more than 12,816 callers. Family Readiness Support Assistants conducted 84 training events with more than 1,500 volunteers, family members and servicemembers in attendance.

Youth Programs directly impacted nearly 300 military youth through camps, leadership events and the youth council. The Yellow Ribbon Program helped more than 4,500 Soldiers and their families in 2010. Post Deployment Health Re-Assessments were conducted for 443 Soldiers, with follow up and referral support for 185 Soldiers.

The SD Airman and Family Program supported more than 150 military members and their families at their Yellow Ribbon events. They served more than 1,100 Airmen and their families with the six essential services, and volunteers touched the lives of the youth and their families with the annual Easter egg hunt and children's Christmas party.

GOLDEN COYOTE

The South Dakota National Guard hosted its 26th annual Golden Coyote training exercise held in the southern Black Hills June 12-26. The two-week training exercise has developed into one of the nation's top training opportunities for National Guard, Reserve and active duty forces, as well as military personnel from foreign countries.

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

More than 2,300 military personnel from 41 units, covering 12 states, including the countries of Germany, Suriname and Great Britain, participated in the exercise. This included medical, chemical, transportation, signal, aviation, military police, engineer and quartermaster units. These units came from multiple branches of the military – Army, Navy and Air Force – and working together, created an invaluable training experience. The units trained on their equipment and employed tactics to complete various projects that help improve the forest and infrastructure of many local communities.

In addition, individual units and personnel were able to participate in numerous warrior training tasks and battle drills, such as urban combat operations, land navigation, first aid, casualty evacuation, leaders reaction course, Virtual Convoy Operations Trainer (VCOT), HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT), and convoy operations.

STATE PARTNERSHIP

The National Guard State Partnership Program was established in 1993 in response to the radically changed political-military situation following the collapse of communism and the disintegration of the Soviet Union. Authorities questioned how the National Guard, having provided the United States with strategic credibility during the Cold War, could continue to be relevant in an era when defense of the Fulda Gap was no longer the driving force behind America's national defense strategy.

The South Dakota-Suriname State Partnership Program was formally established in August 2006 to develop mutually beneficial partnerships between the two entities. The partners were selected based upon similarities in population size, land mass, agricultural-based economies and lack of language barriers.

In 2010, there were 200 individuals who directly participated in the SPP. Participants included key leaders throughout South Dakota and Suriname's government, education system, military, private business, tourist industry and communities. Twelve significant exchanges were conducted last year between Suriname and South Dakota with a conference on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder being the highlight of the year. More than 300 participants gathered in Suriname's capital city, Paramaribo, to discuss the PTSD treatments and how to best reduce the social stigma associated with the disorder.



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IRT PROGRAM

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

IRT/COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2010

The 294th Engineer Company, Missouri Army National Guard, successfully completed road maintenance in and around the Black Hills National Forest.

- The road maintenance enhanced various areas of roadway that improved 30 miles of roadway to enhance travel management in the Black Hills. Various locations in this 30 miles had spot graveling, gravel placement and drainage issues resolved.

The IRT duration crew also completed various projects in the Black Hills during the summer.

- Reclamation of all training areas used during Golden Coyote to include leveling areas and seeding grass in areas that were destroyed.
- Various road and trail closures took place throughout the Black Hills in order to help the Forest Service with rehabilitation efforts.
- Six wildlife dugouts were cleaned out and four new ones were constructed in order to enhance the wildlife watering systems in the Black Hills.
- 16 miles of fire trail improvements were completed that allow for better travel by emergency service vehicles in time of need.

- Removed and installed new decking planks on a vehicle bridge that was in need of repair. This project included keeping the flow of traffic going throughout the operation/mission.

- Numerous pedestrian bridges were also constructed that will allow hikers and bikers the ability to access numerous trails within the Custer State Park. Both bridge projects helped improve mobility within the Park.



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

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

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

COUNTER DRUG

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

The DDR team received the Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness Award at the Pentagon for the best DDR program in the National Guard.

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

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

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



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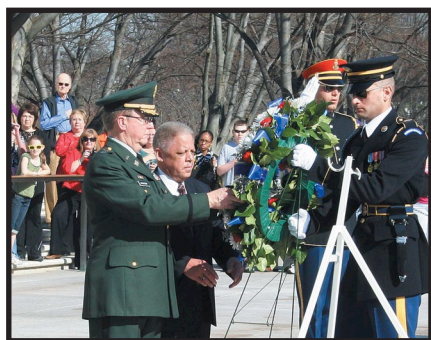
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Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) of Rapid City is one of four major commands in the South Dakota Army National Guard, and is a critical element for all 64 units across the state; providing command and control of essential services in administration,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

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

Since Sept. 11, 2001, JFHQ has worked to help mobilize units from each of the 28 SDARNG communities, and more than 4,500 Soldiers have been deployed in support of the Overseas Contingency Operations.

The JFHQ was instrumental in providing command and control, personnel and coordination to the 26th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in June 2010. The unit worked diligently to support more than 2,300 military personnel from 41 units, involving 12 states from the National Guard, Reserve and active-duty component of the Armed Forces that include the countries of Germany, Suriname and Great Britain.



Lt. Col. Emil Magnuson (left), of JFHQ, was selected to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, March 20. The National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS) selected Magnuson of Rapid City from a pool of more than 35,000 NAPS members.

REC & RET

CMD

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – LT. COL. JOSEPH JACOBSON
SERGEANT MAJOR – COMMAND SGT. MAJ. TERRY PAULSEN

The Recruiting and Retention Battalion (R&R BN), headquartered out of Rapid City, with recruiters in 21 communities throughout South Dakota, is tasked with the mission of recruiting and retaining quality Soldiers in the South Dakota Army National Guard. With more than 50 Soldiers and contractors throughout the state, the R&R BN continues to exceed the South Dakota Army National Guard's mission for recruiting the best and brightest into our ranks; and retaining these Soldiers to keep our units at a high state of readiness.

Due to the hard work and dedication of the Soldiers and contractors in the R&R BN, the SDARNG has enjoyed phenomenal success in keeping our overall strength above 100%.

Additionally, the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP), which falls under the R&R BN, trains and prepares our new Soldiers for the rigors and challenges of Basic Combat Training (BCT) before the Soldier "ships out" to ensure South Dakota Soldiers are prepared for the demanding requirements of BCT.

The RSP familiarizes newly enlisted Soldiers with rank identification, drill and ceremony, the M-16 rifle, the Army Values, physical fitness and other aspects of the military.

2010 was a year of substantial change for the Battalion. The RSP consolidated from three locations to two locations, eliminating the Pierre RSP and enhancing capacity at the Sturgis and Sioux Falls locations. The BN also saw changes in their structure, adding a Company Command element beneath the BN, complete with a Company Commander (Capt. Kerry Engelmann) and First Sergeant (1st Sgt. Johnny Mallinger). Along with a Company Command, the BN also transitioned a Sergeant Major position to a Command Sergeant Major position, with CSM Terry Paulsen being the first BN Command Sergeant Major.

Despite the fact that the R&R BN is a TDA unit, three Soldiers have directly answered the call of their nation by deploying in support of the Overseas Contingency Operations. Master Sgt. Dan Stapleton and Sgt. 1st Class John Albers both volunteered for deployment and both safely returned to South Dakota while Sgt. Chasity Oswald is still deployed with the 196th MEB.

Additionally, the R&R BN will see the deployment of five more Soldiers who currently work full time for the R&R BN in the next six months.

196TH RTI

FORT MEADE/SIOUX FALLS

196TH COMMANDER – COL. KEVIN GRIESE
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM JERRY EISENBRAUN
1/196TH COMMANDER – LT. COL. CHARLES BLASDELL
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MARY MALLOW
1/196TH B CO COMMANDER – MAJ. STEPHEN SEWELL III
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR – MASTER SGT. DAN KONECHNE
2/196TH COMMANDER – LT. COL. CHARLES BLASDELL
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR – MASTER SGT. MATHEW LACROIX

The 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) located at Fort Meade is one of the premier regional training institutes throughout the National Guard. The regiment received "A Learning Institute of Excellence" rating by the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, establishing the unit as one of the nation's best in providing quality training to all who come through its doors.

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

The Fort Meade campus is home to one of the nation's regional OCS programs where enlisted Soldiers who want to become officers conduct a three-phase program designed to stress their mental and physical capabilities, and evaluate their leadership potential for future commissioning as second lieutenants. Last year, the OCS program trained about 350 officer candidates in three phases. Candidates from 27 different states throughout the nation participated in the consolidated program. First Battalion (OCS) also trained five candidates within its Warrant Officer Candidate School Program. The program is designed to develop and evaluate leadership skills for enlisted Soldiers wanting to become highly skilled, single-track specialists, and serve as technical experts, providing valuable skills and guidance to commanders and organizations in their particular field.

Second Battalion (MOD TRN) also had a successful year in training about 430 Soldiers in a variety of military courses. The battalion provided instruction in military occupational specialties such as truck driver (88M), multiple launch rocket system crewmember (13M) and operations/fire direction specialist (13P). The battalion also provided functional course training to Soldiers through its Combat Lifesaver Course, Modern Army Combatives Program, Small Group Instructor Course, and Army Basic Instructor Course.

109TH RSG

RAPID CITY

109TH COMMANDER – COL. THOMAS CROYMANS
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM ROBERT FOSTER
 HHD COMMANDER – CAPT. JAMES NEILL
 DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC. ERIC JENNINGS

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

With an authorized strength of 63 Soldiers, the 109th Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment serves as a higher headquarters to assist assigned or attached units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs, and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

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

These skills proved crucial for the task force as it worked to help coordinate personnel and equipment for the January 2010 blizzard; providing M988S, M916 tractor trailers, D7 dozers and snow blowers for snow removal along county roads and highways in the Eagle Butte area.

The 109th also assisted rural electric cooperatives to replace hundreds of downed power lines in an effort to restore power to several communities affected by the blizzard. The 109th RSG served as the Task Force Command element in the 2010 Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills; providing C2 for the entire exercise and conducting the first Reception, Staging and Onward Integration (RSOI) operation with 99 percent Soldier participation.

MED CMD

RAPID CITY

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

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

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

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the Medical Command can augment civilian medical agencies in an emergency or disaster response.

In 2010, as a part of the unit's year-round annual training, the unit traveled throughout the state to help support SDARNG units with Soldier Readiness Processing and Periodic Health Assessments.

The Medical Command also supported the Navy in the 2010 Golden Coyote training exercise, as it operated the Troop Medical Clinic on Camp Rapid.



ABOVE: Members of the 109th RSG assist rural electric cooperatives in replacing hundreds of downed power lines in an effort to restore power to several communities affected by the blizzard in January.

RIGHT: Sgt. Emily Wookman shows the correct procedure when administering an I.V. with the help of Sgt. Maj. Martel Prajasemita, Suriname, on a week-long medical readiness exchange in Paramaribo, Suriname Aug. 2-6. The exchange allows medical professionals from Suriname and the U.S. military to exchange ideas and techniques about life saving, emergency medical procedures.



Photo by Stuart G.R. Warner

82ND CST

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE

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

The 82nd CST is South Dakota's All-Hazard response team with emphasis in the areas of Chemical, Biological and Radiological incidents. The team is composed of 22 highly trained and dedicated members, all certified as Hazardous Materials Technicians and capable of responding to almost every disaster, natural or manmade. The team is organic to the state; however, they can be called upon for deployment nationwide. The CST is composed of various sections of personnel: communications, medical, analytical, survey, decontamination, logistics, admin, and command. The team has numerous pieces of specialized and highly sensitive equipment to be utilized in detecting, monitoring and identifying agents and substances of a hazardous nature. Of particular interest is the team's ability to operate in various environments and locations within South Dakota due to the communications capabilities of the Unified Command Suite.

The UCS is a mobile vehicle of internet, radio, computer, and a variety of other telecommunications toys! Another vehicle of note on the CST is the Analytical Laboratory System or ALS. The ALS is a highly sophisticated truck with a variety of equipment and instrumentation that can be utilized to analyze various substances of chemical, biological, toxic, and poisonous nature. It is a mobile laboratory unlike any other.

The UCS and ALS give the CST unique and specialized abilities that will not be found within any other mobile force. The CST is primarily a support unit, called into incidents and events of local, state, and national significance. They render support to civilian agencies, most typically a local Fire Department, Police/Sheriff department, County Emergency Management office, and other agencies of the First-Responder community. The 82nd can operate as a stand-alone unit; however, they are primarily a resource of assistance to the local civilian authority and work under the command and control of the agency.



TRAINING CENTER

RAPID CITY

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

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

In 2010 the Training Center was authorized a new TDA (Table of Distribution and Allowances) which authorizes the unit to grow from 15 assigned members to 26. The new TDA greatly increases the capability of the unit to support SDOARNG unit training needs. Training Center provides equipment for use by assigned personnel to maintain, service and repair buildings and structures, plants and equipment, roads, ranges, utilities and other installation property to include the service, repair and maintenance of environmental equipment in support of both pre and post-mobilization missions and annual training. To assist the state, Training Site provided support personnel and equipment during snow removal operations during the winter and spring of 2010, clearing roads and highways in western South Dakota.

The unit also provided support services to more than 2,300 servicemembers that participated in Golden Coyote 2010. This support included providing command and control for units assigned to FOB Coyote billeting, dining and training areas throughout the exercise area of operations. Training areas that were supported during the exercise include the land navigation course, leadership reaction course, obstacle course, military operations in urban terrain course and weapons ranges and Convoy LANES training.

LEFT: Staff Sgt. Alan Tuschen and Staff Sgt. Wayne Moser of the 82nd Civil Support Team work through a hazardous materials training exercise at Mount Rushmore National Memorial, April 8.

152ND CSSB

PIERRE

152ND COMMANDER – LT. COL. AARON JORDAN
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DONALD WEIAND
HHC 152ND COMMANDER – CAPT. ELIANN CARR
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. ROBERT McDONALD

The 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) of Pierre provides command and control (C2) and supervision for four units and detachments with nearly 500 Soldiers in six communities throughout South Dakota. With about 80 assigned members, the 152nd Headquarters and Headquarters Company serves as a battalion higher headquarters to assist assigned or attached units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs; and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements. The unit can also deploy worldwide to provide multifunctional combat support and combat service support to forces throughout an assigned area of operations in a combat theater.

The CSSB also serves as C2 for Task Force 152nd and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response to meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements.

The CSSB has a unique, additional mission requirement to provide an Initial Response Team for the Solem Women's Prison in Pierre.

In June 2010, the CSSB served as the FOB Mayor at Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky, where the headquarters commanded logistical units in redistributing ammunition between Blue Grass Army Depot and Crane Army Ammunition Activity, Indiana during the Golden Cargo Exercise.

Additionally, the headquarters was responsible for the care and welfare of the 300 Soldiers that lived on Blue Grass Army Depot. The Depot leadership stated that the 152nd's performance resulted in the most productive and smooth operation in the past 10 years.



Spec. Dale Brovold (driver) and Sgt. Abbey Roberts, members of Det. 1, 1742nd Trans. Co., assist the Brookings Street Department with a city-wide spring cleanup April 10, 2010.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

1742ND

SIoux FALLS/FLANDREAU

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

The 1742nd Transportation Company of Sioux Falls provides transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 150 members in Sioux Falls, and more than 50 members in its Detachment I in Flandreau, the company uses the M915 tractor-trailer to complete assigned missions.

In 2010, the unit was called upon to support various state and local missions which resulted in hauling 1094 tons of cargo; accumulating 178,000 miles driven on annual and non-annual training missions across the state and parts of the U.S.

In the spring, the 1742nd played a role in the Brookings and Flandreau city-wide clean-up. The Soldiers hauled more than 33 tons of waste from the Brookings area and more than 21 tons from Flandreau.

Soldiers also supported the non-profit group Kids Against Hunger by hauling prepackaged meals from Sioux Falls to the regional office in Mankato, Minn. The 15 pallets hauled contained 107,000 packaged meals that were eventually hauled to Haiti to support those affected by the earthquake. Thanks to our help in hauling this freight, the money saved by Kids Against Hunger was used to buy more food to feed more of the hungry.

We supported the Honor Flight of SD by hauling wheelchairs for veterans use; the Salute the Troops event held annually in Sioux Falls by hauling heavy equipment to and from Minnesota and Iowa; and the IRT office by hauling goods to various Indian reservations throughout the state.



Photo by Spc. Jacqueline M. Guerrero

740TH

MILBANK/ABERDEEN

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

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

In 2010, the unit took to the streets of Milbank to help with its annual city-wide clean up; helping pick up and haul away junk residents no longer wanted and left on their curbs. The unit cleared away everyday household items such as furniture, carpet and old toys. The 740th hauled more than 45 loads of trash to the landfill.

The unit also played a major part in Operation Spring Flood in the Aberdeen area. The 740th went to Golden Cargo for annual training, hauling loads of ammunition from Blue Grass Army Depot to Crane Army Ammunition Activity, and from Camp McAlester, Okla. to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. totaling more than 210,000 miles.



ABOVE: Members of the 147th Army Band Top Brass Jazz Ensemble perform during the Christmas at the Capitol celebration in Pierre.

LEFT: The 740th Transportation Company conducts a convoy to Blue Grass Army Depot from Crane Army Ammunitions Activity, Ky., June 12. The purpose of the convoy was to transport ammunition from one depot to another while providing National Guard Soldiers required annual training.

147TH

BAND

MITCHELL

COMMANDER – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 TERRY BECKLER
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DAROLD ROUNDS

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

In 2010, as a part of the unit's annual training, the 147th traveled across the state to perform at a variety of military and civilian community events during the month of July. The unit played a variety of music from jazz to rock. A few highlight performances from the past year include, Christmas at the Capitol, Pierre; Hot Harley Nights, Sioux Falls; NSU Conducting Clinic, Aberdeen; Capitol Rededication Ceremony, Pierre; Czech Days, Tabor; and Goss Opera House, Watertown.

881ST

STURGIS

881ST COMMANDER – LT. COL. BARRY WHITNEY
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM PATRICK COUSER
 HHB COMMANDER – CAPT. DON JOHNSON
 HHB FIRST SERGEANT – SGT. 1ST CLASS JAMES KRUSE

The 881st Troop Command of Sturgis provides command and control (C2) and supervision for 13 distinct units and detachments totaling about 300 Soldiers in four communities throughout South Dakota. With nearly 25 assigned members, the 881st Headquarters and Headquarters Battery serves as a higher headquarters to assist units in training, administrative and logistical needs; and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the 881st also serves as C2 for Task Force 881st, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response.

The 881st's TF units support civil authorities in the protection of life, property and preservation of peace, order and public safety on order of the governor, act as a response force for Homeland Security.

730TH

VERMILLION

COMMANDER – MAJ. DAVID FOSSUM
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DOUG MAHONEY

Vermillion is home to the 730th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC) composed of combat medics, lab technicians, radiologists, dental technicians, mental health technicians, medical doctors, nurses, physicians assistants and maintenance and support staff. Approximately 100 members of the 730th stand ready to provide Echelon I and Echelon II health support to any personnel within its area of operations.

To provide Echelon I, or basic Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the unit is equipped with medical ambulances to quickly get to, evacuate and provide continuing care to patients en-route to the medical treatment facility.

The ASMC is further able to provide Echelon II care, of an emergent or inpatient/outpatient nature, designed to return Soldiers back to duty or evacuate them on to definitive care as quickly as possible.

In addition to that federally mandated mission, the 730th has been assigned by the state to the 196th task force to provide medical support including: cordon/quarantine operations, MANPADS/airport security, emergency support during natural/manmade disasters and during civil disturbances.

For the unit's annual training, in June, approximately one-third of the unit's Soldiers were deployed to Operation "Kout Mein" or New Horizon in Gonaives, Haiti. During the time the Soldiers were on station, more than 5,000 patients were seen; 1,800 of whom were children. They also filled 3,000 prescriptions and performed 40 minor surgeries during the mission.

In 2010, unit members also assisted in providing medical support to OCS training at the RTI in Rapid City. The 730th also conducted unit wide training throughout the year including: CPR recertification, EMTB classes and drivers training.

1978TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ. MATTHEW SYMONDS
 FIRST SERGEANT – SGT. 1ST CLASS JACK HAHNE

The 1978th Contingency Contracting Team plans for and coordinates all contracting functions at the brigade combat team level. The unit members currently work with the SD-USPFD to gain contracting experience and fulfill certification requirements.

The 1978th is capable of deploying worldwide and can sustain operations, either as an independent contingency contracting office, or as an early entry module for unit contingency contracting in an austere environment, and can provide contingency contracting support for deployed forces.

The four-man unit is also responsible for assisting with the development and administration/revision of contracting support plans and policy, annex and appendices in support of operational, contingency and deliberate plans associated with area of responsibility operations.



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Staff Sgt. Adam Myers, a medic with the 730th Area Support Medical Company, administers a de-worming solution to a young Haitian patient during annual training in Gonaives, Haiti, in August.

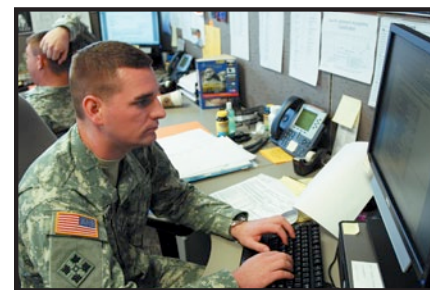


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Sgt. 1st Class Jack Hahne, contracting NCO with the 1978th Contingency Contracting Team, works on a contract for the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office in Rapid City.

216TH & 451ST

STURGIS

216TH/451ST COMMANDER – WO1 WADE LEIN
216TH FIRE CHIEF – SGT. 1ST CLASS AUSTIN HAGEN
451ST STATION CHIEF – STAFF SGT. GABRIEL DONEY

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

personnel and equipment are fully capable of carrying out their mission.

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

During Golden Coyote 2010 the unit trained on live fires with an aircraft simulator as well as trained with structure fires on Ellsworth Air Force Base.

In September the unit received a HEWATT and attended an operators course. The HEWATT is a HEMITT chassis 2,000-gallon water tender with limited fire capabilities. Its main objective is to support the TFFT.

BELOW: Military firefighters from Illinois, Massachusetts and South Dakota participate in a firefighting simulation June 14, 2010, at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

129TH

RAPID CITY/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – MAJ. KATHLEEN DIRK
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. TODD BARTELS

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

In 2010, unit members provided media coverage of several activation and welcome home ceremonies across the state, as well as various unit training events and community service activities. The 129th also played a significant role in providing public affairs support for the Golden Coyote training exercise in June.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shannon Crane

RIGHT: Sgt. Kirby Oaks, broadcast journalist with the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, conducts an on-camera interview of a water purification specialist in Rapid City during the 2010 Golden Coyote training exercise.



Photo by Cadet Kyle Wade

CO C, 1/189TH

RAPID CITY

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

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

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

In 2010, the unit supported the 26th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills by providing 24-hour aerial-medical evacuation support in the event of a serious or harmful incident to an exercise participant.

Select individuals from the 1/189th AVN were called to state active duty to help control a wildland fire in Custer State Park. Aircraft and Soldiers from the 1/189th AVN supported the Badlands National Park with their sling load training in order to transport logs.

The unit completed Annual Training June 5-19, 2010. Three aircraft, crews, and support personnel self-deployed to Glasgow, Mont., for combined MEDEVAC training with Detachment 1, Co C 1/189th and 1/189th Battalion headquarters. Two aircraft and crews also relocated to Helena, Mont., for specialized medical training that proved both demanding and challenging to unit flight medics. Three aircraft, crews and support personnel remained at the AASF in Rapid City and conducted aircraft qualification, mission and continuation training in the local low-level and mountain training areas. The three rear aircraft and crews also supported two missions to Glasgow.

The unit implemented FSMT reorganization and conducted collective training with MEDEVAC scenario training. Several Soldiers and aircraft from within the 1/189th AVN helped support the OCS Program at Fort Meade in Sturgis. Soldiers from the 1/189th AVN went on state active duty to help control a wildland fire in Hermosa.

The unit is on alert for possible deployment August 2011 in support of Operation New Dawn, Iraq.

935TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CAPT. MARTIN SKOVLEY
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFT. 1ST CLASS SCOTT HELMANN

Rapid City is home to Detachment I, Company B, 935th Support Battalion which is located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport. Approximately 30 Soldiers make up the 935th SPT BN whose mission is to provide aviation maintenance and repair support to aircraft armament and avionics equipment.

935th SPT BN provides maintenance support for the South Dakota National Guard's rotary aircraft, the UH-60 Black Hawk and OH-58 Kiowa.

In May 2010, Soldiers from the 935th SPT BN conducted their annual training at the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) in Corpus Christi, Texas. CCAD performs overhaul, repair, modification, retrofit and modernization for Army and numerous Department of Defense rotary wing aircraft and provides training for National Guard Soldiers. The training received at CCAD allowed members of the 935th SPT BN to have hands-on training and enhance their abilities to work on various rotary aircraft.

The mission and maintenance that the Soldiers of the 935th SPT BN provide for the rotary aircraft of the SDARNG keep the state ready to provide safe and capable helicopters, whether for a training mission or for a stateside mission such as assisting in the event of a wildfire.

Det., I Co., B 935th SPT BN: "You Move – We Support."



Staff Sgt. Wayne Garner installs the bleed air port into a UH-60 helicopter, during annual training at the Corpus Christi Army Depot in Corpus Christi, Texas.



Pfc. Jacob P. Fain, Det. I, Co. B, 935th Support Battalion, re-assembles a hot-section for a T700 engine for a UH-60 helicopter, during annual training at the Corpus Christi Army Depot in Corpus Christi, Texas.

112TH

RAPID CITY

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

Rapid City is the home to Detachment 2, Company A, 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment (Security & Support) which is located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport. Approximately 30 Soldiers make up the 1/112th AVN Reg. whose mission is to perform command, control and communication flights and limited air movement flights in support of a maneuver unit or other local, state and national emergency management agencies.

1/112th AVN conducts numerous missions in the Black Hills and local areas with their OH-58 Kiowa Helicopter. The unit's full time mission is Counter Drug which assists various local, state and federal law enforcement units in the interdiction and reduction of drugs in South Dakota. Counter Drug is also proactive in educating the youth of South Dakota of the harmful effects of drug usage through various programs at schools and youth events.

In June 2010, Soldiers from the 1/112th AVN conducted their annual training in Bismarck, N.D., where the detachment conducted training with Soldiers of the 1/112th AVN out of Bismarck. While in North Dakota the Soldiers of the 1/112th AVN conducted hands-on training to enhance their abilities to support the unit mission and work together as a company.

DET 48

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER KENNETH EAST
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SGT. 1ST CLASS RANDALL MCCANN

Rapid City is home to Detachment 48 OSA Command which is located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport. Approximately nine Soldiers make up Det. 48 whose mission is to provide fixed-wing operational airlift support for the National Guard, military departments and federal agencies as scheduled by the Operational Support Airlift (OSA) Command. The nine personnel (seven pilots and two operations NCOs) are available 24 hours a day to support South Dakota and National Homeland Security missions as required.

Det. 48 supports numerous flight requests stateside, Central America and throughout North America with their C-12 King Air fixed wing aircraft. Det. 48 offers transportation to numerous individuals, including civilian, military and federal DOD employees.

Last year, the C-12 flew more than 400 flight hours on more than 100 missions, averaging four hours per mission. Det. 48 also transported more than 350 personnel ranging in rank from a four-star general to a private, DOD employees and civilians.

641ST

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FRED LOOFBOUROW
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SGT. MATTHEW DAY

Rapid City is home to Detachment 3, Company A, 641st AVN Regiment which is located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport. Approximately nine Soldiers make up the 641st AVN Reg. whose mission is to provide command, control and communications, staff transport and liaison, casualty transport, and air movement of critical equipment, supplies and personnel.

The 641st supports numerous flight requests both stateside and abroad with their C-23 Sherpa fixed-wing aircraft. The 641st consists of warrant officer pilots and enlisted flight engineer/load masters. The unit's various mission requests include: High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) training drops for Special Forces Soldiers, airborne training jumps, passenger transports and paradrop missions.

In February, four members of the 641st traveled to Guatemala in support of Beyond the Horizons Humanitarian Exercise. The 641st is currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. The unit is scheduled to return in October 2011.



In February 2010, four members of the 641st AVN Reg. traveled to Guatemala in support of Beyond the Horizons Humanitarian Exercise.

139TH BSB

BROOKINGS

139TH COMMANDER - LT. COL. PATRICK STAPLETON
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR - CSM JAMES HOEKMAN
HHD 139TH COMMANDER - 1ST LT. TODD HOEBING
FIRST SERGEANT - 1ST SGT. LESLIE KOLDEN

The 139th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) of Brookings has a mission to provide logistical and maintenance support to a maneuver enhancement brigade and attached units. 139th BSB is battle focused on training centered around priority METL tasks to achieve readiness. They plan, resource, execute and assess pre-mobilization individual and collective training.

For 2010 annual training, 139th BSB participated in Golden Coyote. The unit's mission was to provide sustainment and support operations for the whole Golden Coyote operation by providing fuel, water and rations for the exercise. HHD 139th coordinated and monitored the status of all logistical support missions. The unit took dynamic and uncertain situations and effectively managed them by formal tracking mechanisms and reports which varied depending on the tactical and logistical situation.

139th BSB held a change of command ceremony on Oct. 2, 2010, where Lt. Col. Anthony Verchio handed command over to Lt. Col. Patrick Stapleton.

The 139th BSB will deploy 64 members in June, 2011, as part of a Forward Logistical Support Element in support of Operation New Dawn. Ten members are from HHD 139th BSB. Six of the 10 members are part of the full-time personnel; the rest of the personnel are from Co. A and Co. B, 139th BSB.

CO A, 139TH

REDFIELD/WATERTOWN/MILLER

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

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

Redfield holds the headquarters and supply platoons, which use trucks outfitted with the Palletized Load System (PLS) and Load Handling System (LHS), as well as five-ton trucks with trailers and forklifts. With this equipment the unit hauls everything from both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo to general non-containerized cargo. The supply platoon is also capable of operating a warehouse, which can deal with all classes of supply.

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

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

In 2010, the unit was activated for two state emergencies; the blizzard in January and in late March to help fight flooding in Aberdeen. The unit also conducted their annual training in June supporting the Golden Coyote training exercise. The unit had a key role in the exercise, responsible for providing fuel, water and subsistence for its more than 2,300 participants.

CO B, 139TH

MITCHELL/RAPID CITY

COMMANDER - CAPT. TRACY HEISER
FIRST SERGEANT - 1ST SGT. RICHARD SCHNEIDER

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

The unit is located in two communities, with the headquarters in Mitchell and Detachment 1 in Rapid City. Company B also provides maintenance advice and support to the brigade and serves as the central entry and exit point into the brigade for low density equipment.

In 2010, the unit performed annual training at Golden Coyote where they completed 48 work orders, crew served weapons training at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., and sent maintenance support teams out on missions throughout the Golden Coyote training exercise.

Soldiers also performed state active duty missions in north central South Dakota due to blizzards.



Soldiers of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, Detachment 2, Company A, and the 740th Transportation Company throw sandbags onto a raft for transport to areas near Aberdeen, March 25.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

115TH

BROOKINGS

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

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

The unit provides 24-hour operational Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) signal systems network to support the Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB), Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), and/or Sustainment Brigade (SB), which includes deploying, installing, operating and maintaining these systems.

In the past several years, the 115th NSC has 53 Soldiers assigned. During Golden Coyote 2010 the 115th NSC's mission was to provide communications support to the entire exercise. Soldiers of the 115th deployed six different forms of COMMO for the exercise to include, V-SAT, COMM-SAT, cellular phones,

telephones, state radios and SINCGARS. Soldiers of the 115th also participated in three different convoy lanes, MOUT training, IED Defeat Lane, HEAT training, VCDT training and the Leader Reaction Course. The unit also had several Soldiers support the 153rd En. Bn. with communication needs and training support at their annual training in Camp Guernsey, Wyo. The 115th also did training exercises with the CST Team and the JISCC Team during the last training year. Over the last several years, the 115th NSC has been preparing to field the WIN-T (War Fighter Information Network-Tactical) by becoming MOSQ in 25 series MOS's and attending additional IT courses. Fielding for the 115th NSC is scheduled for the fall of 2011 which will require more than 90 percent of the unit to attend courses at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. This will be an exciting and demanding time for the unit as the courses range in length from two weeks to 12 weeks.



Members of the 115th Network Support Company participate in MOUT training during Golden Coyote.

235TH

RAPID CITY/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – CAPT. THADJUS C.T. SCHMIT
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MICHAEL L. ROHDE

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

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

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

In 2010, the unit conducted their AT in Germany providing security at the Joint Multinational Simulation Center in Grafenwoehr.

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196TH MEB

SIoux FALLS

196TH COMMANDER – BRIG. GEN. THEODORE JOHNSON
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DARWIN RAHDER
HHC 196TH COMMANDER – CAPT. MIKE WEBB
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. JAY GOLDBORN

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

With about 190 assigned members, the 196th, with its Headquarters and Headquarters Company, serves to assist assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs in an effort to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

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

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

In May 2010, the 196th MEB deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. As Task Force Rushmore, the brigade serves as an installation management command for the Kabul Base Cluster (KBC). In this role, they provide policy, guidance and sustainment support for daily operations on 11 military bases throughout the capital of Kabul. The MEB is also responsible for ensuring the security and force protection of more than 9,000 U.S. and coalition forces stationed across the KBC.

The 196th directs essential life-support services for the KBC focused in the areas of force protection and security, emergency services, resource management, human resources, public works, information management, plans, training and mobilization and logistics.



1/147TH

WATERTOWN/SISSETON

COMMANDER – LT. COL. DAVID CHASE
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM GEORGE ARENDS
HHB 147TH COMMANDER – CAPT. CHAD HARDY
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. KENT THOELKE

The 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery provides command and control (C2) and supervision for three Multiple Launch Rocket System batteries and one forward support company totaling approximately 480 Soldiers in six communities throughout eastern South Dakota. With about 70 assigned members, the 147th's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) in Watertown, along with its detachment in Sisseton, assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical needs.

The HHB also has a mission to provide military support to civil authorities for state emergencies such as natural disasters, civil disturbance and homeland defense.

1st Platoon, HHB 1/147th FA was tasked as the Area Reaction Force (ARF) for ASG-KU South. The ARF was ready 24/7 with the ability to respond to an incident anywhere in the southern half of Kuwait. They provided support to the SECDEF units at KNB and SPDD, personnel security details at multiple ASG-KU events, weapons range support, conducted convoy escort missions and route reconnaissance throughout southern Kuwait. The ARF conducted more than 300 missions and travelled more than 54,000 miles.

3rd Platoon, HHB 1/147 FA was assigned the Command and Control (C2) or Mayor Cell duties for Camp Patriot, Kuwait Naval Base to provide uninterrupted Base Support Operations in order to facilitate logistical support for U.S. and coalition forces conducting deployment and redeployment operations at Camp Patriot. Responsibilities of the C2 cell were to provide contract and project monitoring, services badging access, food service, mail, laundry, water, electric, housing, offices, security, wash racks, MWR, safety, environmental and infrastructure maintenance to improve the quality of life for all camp tenants. While supporting an average population of 1,500 servicemembers, the C2 cell completed 2,700 work orders and processed more than 79 contracts and projects totaling more than \$4.8 million annually.

CAMP PHOENIX, Afghanistan
- Task Force Rushmore commander Brig. Gen. Theodore Johnson, left, and Task Force Cyclone commander, Brig. Gen. Lonnie Culver, meet with a Kabul area village elder, Hajab Gull, during a conference at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan, June 17.

1st Battalion provided host nation support and training while serving in Kuwait. Members of the ARF and maintenance section provided urban warfare, weapons, combat lifesaver and maintenance training to members of the Kuwaiti National Guard. On Kuwait Naval Base, battalion Soldiers provided assistance to the Kuwaiti Navy with enhancements of their force protection, vehicle maintenance and the removal of a sunken vessel which posed a hazard to boat launch operations.

147TH FSC

MITCHELL/SIOUX FALLS/WEBSTER

COMMANDER – CAPT. JOHANN STOKES
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. BRYAN POHLEN

The 147th Forward Support Company (FSC) is designed to provide logistics and maintenance support to a maneuver battalion: the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery. The FSC, with approximately 150 Soldiers, is headquartered out of Mitchell and has two detachments: Detachment 1 is located in Sioux Falls and Detachment 2 in Webster.

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

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



BTRY A, 1/147TH

ABERDEEN

COMMANDER – CAPT. DAVID LARSON
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. TERENCE CHING

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

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

The SECFOR mission at the Kuwait Naval Base and Camp Patriot was conducted by A Battery, 1/147 FA. Kuwait Naval Base is a strategic facility which is the gateway for ammunition to Iraq, Afghanistan and the rest of the Middle East theater. A Battery worked jointly with the U.S. Navy and Kuwaiti personnel to integrate the landside and seaside security of the base. From July 2009 to March 2010, A Battery Soldiers searched more than 190,000 personnel and 70,000 vehicles.



BTRY B, 1/147TH

SALEM/SIOUX FALLS

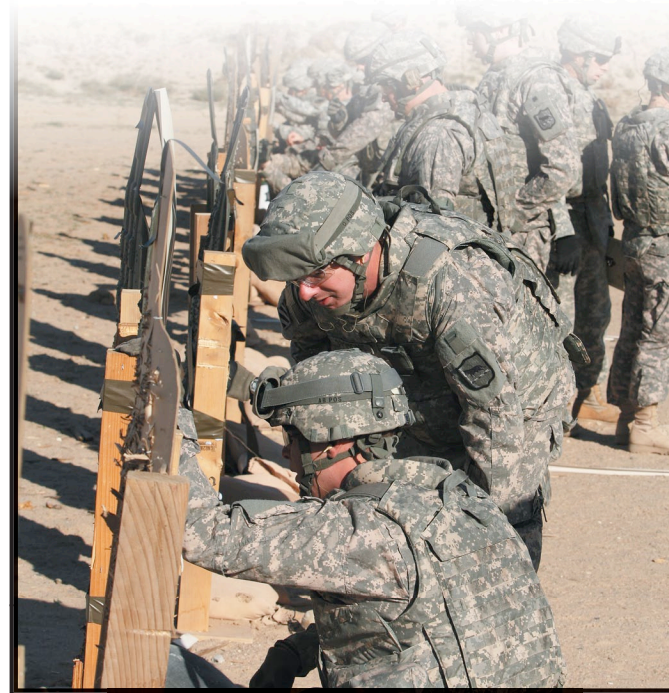
COMMANDER – CAPT. DAMIEN FISHER
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. DAVID BEINTEMA

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

The battery consists of about 80 Soldiers and has its headquarters in Salem with a detachment in Sioux Falls. The unit is equipped with the M270A1 launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, mess, maintenance, reconnaissance and fire direction.

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

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



BTRY C, 1/147TH

YANKTON

COMMANDER – CAPT. JOSHUA SMITH
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. CHAD DURFEE

With approximately 80 Soldiers assigned to its ranks, Yankton's Battery C, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery is equipped with the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS). This weapons system can deliver rockets or missiles on preplanned targets or targets of opportunity. To accomplish this mission, Charlie Battery is composed of two firing platoons and a headquarters platoon.

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

C Battery 1/147 FA was handed the SECFOR mission at the port of Ash Shuaybah (SPDD/E). SPDD is a civilian port which is utilized by the U.S. military for the shipment of vehicles and equipment both in and out of Iraq, Afghanistan and the rest of the Middle East theater. C Battery worked jointly with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and Kuwaiti personnel to integrate the landside and seaside security of the facility. From July 2009 to March 2010, C Battery Soldiers searched more than 185,000 personnel and 115,000 vehicles.

Soldiers from HHB 1-147 Field Artillery check targets at a Kuwaiti rifle range while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom at Camp Patriot, Kuwaiti Naval Base.

153RD EN

HURON

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

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

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

During the unit's annual training at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., the 153rd supported all their organic units as they conducted multiple projects and trained on numerous weapons ranges. This past year served as one of the most challenging annual trainings to test not only the staff to function under full spectrum engineer operations but it also gave the units and Soldiers an opportunity to train as if they were mobilized.

The HHC also has a mission to provide military support to civil authorities for state emergencies. Its primary role in this mission is to serve as C2 for Task Force 153rd. This task force helped to coordinate the state active duty of multiple blizzards in the winter and the heavy flooding in the spring of 2010. In the last few days of Annual Training 2010, HHC along with Soldiers from FSC, and the 200th Engineer Company helped Woonsocket and Bonilla, S.D., fight the flood which swamped the community. Soldiers were asked to help fill and place sand bags around homes and businesses which were in dire need of support.

FSC, 153RD

PARKSTON/HURON

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

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

These sections and platoons were able to execute their direct support roles during their Annual Training to Guernsey, Wyo., in June. Operating out of the field providing mess, distribution and maintenance support, the FSC was extremely busy. The class III section was busy keeping the 153rd Engineer Battalion's vehicles and equipment supplied with fuel to complete multiple road and construction projects. The field feeding section had a similar tasking, keeping the stomachs of the entire 153rd Battalion full, while preparing and sending food to the other units tasked out on missions. The maintenance section was also instrumental in keeping vehicles and equipment operational.

The FSC was also a part of a task force of Soldiers who were activated for duty to support the citizens of Woonsocket and Bonilla, SD, to help combat the rising flood waters of the James River outlets. The FSC has also been used multiple times to support state active duty missions throughout the year helping with blizzard and flooding support.

211TH

MADISON/DE SMET

COMMANDER – CAPT. HEATH ABRAHAM
 FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. WADE HOFER

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

The unit has more than 100 members and is located in two communities, with the headquarters unit in Madison and a detachment in De Smet. The company is made up of three sapper platoons that use a variety of equipment and munitions for its highly dangerous missions such as route clearance vehicles and C4 explosives.

In 2010, the unit was conducting route clearance patrols of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along movement and supply routes in Afghanistan. With 428 combat missions, clearing 18,600 miles of road from IEDs, the unit had the highest IED find rate on record in Afghanistan, at 82 percent. During the ten-month deployment one Bronze Star Medal with valor, nine Bronze Star Medals, 18 Purple Hearts, four Meritorious Service Medals, 17 Army Achievement Medals, 44 Army Commendation Medals and 15 South Dakota Distinguished Service Awards were awarded.

The 211th Engineer Company detonates an Improvised Explosive Device during a yearlong deployment in Afghanistan where they conducted route-clearance missions.

842ND

SPEARFISH/BELLE FOURCHE/STURGIS

COMMANDER – CAPT. ALLEN GOOSELL
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MARCUS STACEY

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

With nearly 160 members, the 842nd is split into three communities with the headquarters and support platoon located in Spearfish, Detachment 1 (two equipment platoons) in Belle Fourche and Detachment 2 (maintenance) in Sturgis.

Throughout the spring of 2010, the 842nd responded to numerous South Dakota blizzard emergencies throughout eastern South Dakota with Soldiers and equipment. The 842nd also maintains equipment and personnel in a ready state during the summers for firefighting.

The 842nd conducted its Annual Training in June 2010 by conducting a convoy to Guernsey, Wyo., with most of the unit's earthmoving equipment, and constructing and improving roads within the Camp Guernsey training area. The movement provided training for planning and conducting convoys, as well as allowing the company to be employed to its full extent. The unit completed Innovative Readiness Training projects throughout the southern Black Hills.

The unit is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in support of OEF in September 2011, where they will conduct earthmoving operations.

200TH

PIERRE/CHAMBERLAIN/MOBRIDGE

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

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

With more than 180 members, the 200th is located in three communities along the Missouri River: the headquarters element located in Pierre, Detachment 1 in Chamberlain and Detachment 2 in Mobridge.

Several members from the 200th responded to help combat flooding in eastern South Dakota during March and April 2010. The unit provided boats, trucks and personnel to conduct flood operations in the Aberdeen and Woonsocket areas.

In June 2010, the 200th participated in a training exercise conducting a 1,060-mile convoy to Guernsey, Wyo., and back where they constructed two HDSB along with various ranges.

In August 2010, the 200th participated in a training exercise in Camp Grafton, N.D., where they focused on two types of bridges they have not constructed in over four years - the MGB and Bailey bridges.

The unit also did extensive training on job site recon and security.

155TH

RAPID CITY/WINNER/PLATTE/
WAGNER

COMMANDER – CAPT. SARAH HOLT
FIRST SERGEANT – 1ST SGT. MICHAEL SHAY

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

With more than 150 personnel assigned, the unit is split into four separate detachments with the Headquarters Company located in Rapid City, Detachment 1 in Winner, Detachment 2 in Platte and Detachment 3 in Wagner. The unit as a whole contains a variety of military occupational specialties to include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services.

This year's Headquarters Company key projects included the McKeague Ballfield Complex, as well as their annual build of The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Playhouse. Det. 1 key projects included Colome Veterans Hall and Tripp County Historical Society Museum projects. Det. 2 key projects included the Corsica Lake and the Yankton 4-H projects. Det. 3 key projects included the Wagner Boy Scouts and the Wagner Annual Citywide clean up projects.

The unit also participated in New Horizons Haiti, working on a variety of projects to help the people of Haiti after the devastating earthquake hit in early 2010.

927TH

SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – CW4 KEN SCHOENFELDER
FIRST SERGEANT – STAFF SGT. RON HARRIS

The Mission of the 927th Survey and Design Team is to plan, conduct, prepare and provide planning studies and tests for identified engineer work projects, provide guidance and produce platting, legal descriptions, certification and surveys (boundary, construction) and prepare critical paths for engineer projects.

The 927th officially stood up Oct. 1, 2009. The Sioux Falls based unit is made up of 14 Soldiers. During the first year of the stand-up process the 927th has grown to 100 percent strength with many recruits trying to get into the unit. The 927th gains equipment on a weekly basis as it continues to fulfill its requirements.

The 927th completed its first Annual Training in 2010 at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., where they assisted the 842nd Engineer Company design and develop a real world road construction project of more than 900 feet. The 927th is assisting Camp Guernsey by surveying four additional real world roads to improve their stability and structure. They developed a road design plan for other units across the nation to utilize during construction. The 927th was requested to continue to finish the road construction survey projects at Camp Guernsey for Annual Training 2011.



Members of the 842nd Engineer Company finish construction on a gravel road June 19, 2010, at Camp Guernsey, Wyo.

Photo by Spc. Julianne Morse

HQ-SDANG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL – BRIG. GEN. WAYNE SHANKS
CHIEF OF STAFF – COL. BRIAN VOGNILD
COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT – CMSGT JAMES WELCH

The Headquarters for the South Dakota Air National Guard (HQ SDANG) is located on the edge of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls and is a critical element for the governor and the adjutant general for ensuring all units of the 114th Fighter Wing are poised to respond to both national and state emergencies. With nearly 30 assigned members, the main focus of the HQ SDANG is to represent and support approximately 1,100 members of the SDANG and to prepare plans, policies and programs for its assigned units.

With both a federal and state mission, the SDANG can provide combat-capable aircraft, aircrew, support personnel and equipment to augment existing active duty forces during times of national emergency or war. Additionally, the unit provides medical, engineering, security, transportation, communication and other support resources to protect life and restore essential services during natural disasters, civil disturbances and other significant emergencies.

The Joint Forces HQ (JFHQ) for the state of South Dakota is made up of Airmen from the HQ SDANG and Soldiers from the Headquarters, South Dakota Army National Guard (HQ SDARNG). In 2010, the JFHQ worked together to improve their ability to provide joint command and control of state National Guard resources in response to state emergencies. This included conducting a training visit to Headquarters United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) for homeland defense operations. Additionally, a joint SDANG and SDARNG communications exercise was conducted. This exercise successfully tested the capabilities of the SDANG and SDARNG video, voice and data communications equipment and platforms ensuring geographically separated command elements could exchange vital information regardless of conditions. JFHQ personnel also worked with their counterparts in North Dakota to participate in flood response planning so both states may be able to provide rapid response to potential flood disasters that have recently plagued the region.

To further develop the joint operations of the state's Army and Air resources, a new Joint Forces Readiness Center will open in July 2011 at Camp Rapid. The facility offers the JFHQ a significantly improved working environment ensuring the SDNG provides the necessary military forces in response to both federal and state emergencies.

114TH FW

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

COMMANDER – COL. RUSS WALZ
VICE COMMANDER – COL. MATTHEW JAMISON
COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT – CMSGT KEVIN UTHE
FIRST SERGEANT – SENIOR MASTER SGT. RANDY WINGEN

The 114th Fighter Wing is one of the premier Air National Guard units in the country validated by its selection as the 2010 recipient of the National Guard Bureau's Winston P. Wilson Trophy. Named for Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, former Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the award annually recognizes the most outstanding Air National Guard unit equipped with fighter or reconnaissance aircraft. 2010 was the fourth time that the 114 FW has been awarded this prestigious recognition.

Located on Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, the 114 FW is made up of four groups: 114th Operations Group (OG), 114th Maintenance Group (MXZG), 114th Mission Support Group (MSG) and the 114th Medical Group (MDG). Together the units include more than 1,000 Airmen. Each of the groups provides vital contributions to ensure that the Wing achieves its mission to deploy worldwide and execute directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communication systems and installations with conventional weapons.

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

The 114 FW accomplished Air Sovereignty Alert (ASA) and Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) mission-focused training through both day and night training. In 2010 the Wing deployed 371 Airmen to 16 countries including: Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Jordan, Horn of Africa, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Germany, South Korea, Panama, Honduras, Suriname and Haiti.

The unit also accomplished ongoing briefings for the Air Combat Command's integrated staff, National Guard Bureau AB, and the Deputy Director of the Air National Guard on potential associations and future missions that will continue to ensure the relevancy of the SDANG at the local, state and national levels. A goal for the 114 FW is to position the unit for a community-based active associate unit with assignment of advanced fighter aircraft to follow.

114TH MSG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

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

114TH FORCE SUPPORT SQD

COMMANDER – LT. COL. TAMARA MIELKE

114TH CIVIL ENGINEERING SQD

COMMANDER – LT. COL. ALVIN PUNT
FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. MICHAEL CLAUSON

114TH SECURITY FORCES SQD

COMMANDER – CAPT. JOSEPH HARDIN
FIRST SERGEANT – SENIOR MASTER SGT. CHAD OXENDER

114TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQD

COMMANDER – MAJ. LONNY REESE
FIRST SERGEANT – MASTER SGT. SHAWN GREER

114TH COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

COMMANDER – MAJ. BRENT POST

The mission of the 114th Mission Support Group (MSG) is to direct the activities of the 114th Civil Engineering Squadron, 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 114th Security Forces Squadron, 114th Force Support Squadron and the 114th Communications Flight toward the overall missions and objectives of the 114th Fighter Wing.

The MSG and its associated flights and squadrons consist of 328 personnel that provide the support structure for the Wing's day-to-day operations as well as training for their individual war time tasks. In addition the 114 MSG maintains many of the required skill sets to provide assistance to the state of South Dakota when tasked by the governor in times of disaster or emergency.

A specific function within the 114 MSG is Base Contracting and it supported the 114 FW in 2010 through the flawless execution of a multi-million dollar Operations and Maintenance (O&M) budget. Senior Master Sgt. Ramon Brende, of this office, was also mobilized for deployment to Afghanistan for 179 days in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 114th Civil Engineer Squadron provides facility, utility, crash-fire-rescue and emergency management support for the 114th Fighter Wing. The 114th Civil Engineers deployed to Tyndall AFB, Fla., for Silver Flag training to hone their war readiness skills. The Emergency Management Section deployed to the Nevada Test Site to attend a Nuclear Emergency Radiation Training course and joined the SDARNG Golden Coyote exercise to foster joint training and operations capabilities.

The 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) provides and directs supply, fuels, procurement, motor vehicle, military and commercial transportation support for the Wing. The 114 LRS met numerous challenges in 2010 with great success. The Block 40 aircraft conversion resulted in a \$10 million increase of warehouse assets, with more than 4,000 new line items added to the existing inventory. The 114 LRS and 114 FSS continued the nearly flawless support of the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) and Expeditionary Contingency Support (ECS) Operations, ensuring 371 personnel and assets were deployed and/or redeployed to 16 countries around the world.

The 114th Security Forces Squadron continued their tradition of excellence by deploying to and supporting operations in Panama, Iraq, Jordan and Tucson, Ariz. as well as training at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC), Miss., Ft. Bliss, Texas and the Volk Field CRTC, Wis. The most recent operation in Jordan was in support of the Falcon Air Meet, an F-16 operational exercise that included aircraft from Shaw AFB, Va., the U.S. Navy and several allied countries. The 114 SFS provided security to all personnel and aircraft participating in the exercise working alongside the host nation Army and Air Force. A unique experience for all who served in Jordan, the Airmen of the 114 SFS were great ambassadors for the Air National Guard. Security Forces personnel provided weapons and tactical training to the Ready Augmentee Team (RAT) at Camp Rapid, ensuring their readiness on short notice to support Security Forces and the 114 FW. 114 SFS Airmen at Joe Foss Field continue to provide outstanding security in their day-to-day mission and remain ready to deploy anytime, anywhere. Staff Sgt. Tim Smith and Tech. Sgt. Greg Peterson were recognized as Distinguished Graduates from the Combat Arms Apprentice Course and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

The 114th Force Support Squadron continues to refine the 2010 merger of the former Mission Support Flight and Services Flight. The newly formed Squadron provides cradle-to-grave support for Airmen throughout their entire career to include enlistment, training, development, promotions, deployment, family assistance, retirement, food service, fitness, and lodging. The 114 FSS recruiting team continues to exceed a 100 percent manning level with exceptional recruits and prior service personnel.

The 114th Communications Flight provided communications and computer support for the SDANG. Significant accomplishments for the 114 CF in 2010 included completion of the allied support for the planned Combat Information Transport System network fiber optic upgrade, deployment of multi function printers in accordance with the Digital Print Initiative, upgrade to the Windows Vista® operating system for networked computers, submission of the Certification and Accreditation package to AFNIC for the Authority to Operate for the SIPR Net and completion of the certification for the Video Teleconferencing System.

114TH OG

SIOUX FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH OPERATIONS GROUP

COMMANDER - COL. MICHAEL MEYERS

175TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

COMMANDER - LT. COL. NATHAN ALHOLINNA

114TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLT

COMMANDER - LT. COL. RUSS LIMKE

The 114th Operations Group (OG) ended a great year executing the mission while also professionally developing outstanding Airmen for future leadership positions. The year started with a high operations tempo as most of the Group was deployed in conjunction with our Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) rotation to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, while the remaining participated in closing out our Air Sovereignty Alert (ASA) mission at Langley AFB, Va. Both missions were executed flawlessly with the following highlights:

AEF - Joint Base Balad, Iraq

- Provided 52 days of continuous Air Tasking Order (ATO) coverage with no sorties lost for either maintenance or operations factors
- Flew 460 combat sorties totaling 1,500 flying hours
- Supported 94 convoys, 439 Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) missions and 30 raids

ASA - Langley AFB, Va.

- Provided 75 percent of the 24-hour-alert pilot tasking for the entire 26 month period
- Successfully completed two Alert Force Evaluations, ensuring this "no fail" mission was properly manned and prepared

Original 2010 goals were significantly adjusted when news arrived that the 114 FW would convert from the venerable Block 30 F-16 to the newer and more capable Block 40 model. Flying was curtailed as maintenance personnel performed a Herculean effort in swapping out the entire fleet over a very short time period. To cope with reduced flying, more than 50 percent of the pilots went on weeklong high fidelity simulator training detachments. This provided significant training with difficult to replicate scenarios while also maintaining proficiency as sortie levels fell flat.

The budget year was also a success with execution at 100 percent and emphasis on personnel investment, ready status. The 114 OG also successfully staffed a 120-day Theater Airborne Reconnaissance System (TARS) detachment with eight pilots, in addition to our original AEF commitment. This effort provided a unique and highly sought after reconnaissance capability in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Other noteworthy accomplishments included Aircrew Flight Equipment (AFE) providing its third one week Aircrew Flight Equipment Compliance class. This class, which trained fourteen people from across the Air National Guard, was the brainchild of Chief Master Sgt. Jim Bradshaw four years ago. It is one-of-a-kind as it prepares AFE supervisors and future NCOIC's in performing their duties and maintaining inspection ready status.

The 114th Operations Group looks forward to another challenging year as they further immerse themselves in the capability of the Block 40 while preparing all Airmen for future Theater Security Package (TSP) deployments. They look forward to furthering their vision of "Tactically sound preparation and execution at the individual and organizational levels to positively position strategic success."



114TH MXG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

COMMANDER - LT. COL. JOEL DE GROOT

DEPUTY COMMANDER - LT. COL. EDWIN VANDER WOLDE

114TH MAINTENANCE SQD

COMMANDER - LT. COL. KEVIN CURLEY

FIRST SERGEANT - SENIOR MASTER SGT. JEFFERY VANDERWOUDE

114TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQD

COMMANDER - LT. COL. GREG ANDERSON

FIRST SERGEANT - MASTER SGT. SCOTT LEEBENS

114TH MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FLT

COMMANDER - MAJ. SCOTT RUST

The mission of the 114th Maintenance Group (MXG) is to ensure that aircraft and equipment are safe, serviceable, and properly configured to achieve mission requirements. The 114 MXG comprises approximately 481 members and is organized into three assigned units: 114th Maintenance Squadron, 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and the 114th Maintenance Operations Flight. The professionals in the 114 MXG are tasked to inspect, repair, overhaul, modify, test, and analyze the assigned aircraft and equipment and to ensure air worthiness and serviceability.

The beginning of 2010 found the 114 MXG with 151 personnel deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom during December 2009 to February 2010. The past year also brought an aircraft conversion from Block 30 F-16's to Block 40 F-16's. The departure of our

Senior Master Sgt. Scott Kruse prepares the last Block 30 F-16 assigned to the South Dakota Air National Guard for its final launch from Joe Foss Field.



Photo by Lt. Col. Reid A. Christopherson

Block 30 aircraft consisted of reassigning all 20 fighter jets. Three were transferred to other Air National Guard units and the remaining 17 aircraft were prepared for reassignment to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Ariz. AMARG is more commonly known as "The Bone Yard." There was an extensive number of work hours invested in preparing each jet for its departure while retaining their serviceability. Some of the decommissioned aircraft will be made available for foreign sales, some will be used for drones, and others will simply be parted out. Our first aircraft left Joe Foss Field in April, with the last tail number leaving in October. At the same time, the 114 MXG focused upon accepting 22 Block 40 F-16's from Hill AFB, Utah. The acceptance of these aircraft began in April as well and the 114 MXG accepted the aircraft in groups of six, six, and ten aircraft. The final acceptance of aircraft occurred in September. The jets were thoroughly inspected upon their arrival at Joe Foss Field providing unit pilots with the safest aircraft available.

Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) was a very productive year for the 114 FW flying program. In addition to the AEF statistics previously mentioned, 1,786 local sorties were flown for a total of 2,481 flying hours. The 114 MXG achieved a Mission Capable (MC) Rate of 74.47 percent for FY10, exceeding the 114 FW goal of 72 percent, and surpassing the ANG goal of 69 percent. In addition, the unit incurred a 3.35 percent Abort Rate, exceeding the 114 FW goal of 4 percent.

The 114 MXG experienced personnel changes as well throughout the course of the year. In April, they said goodbye to Col. Wayne Shanks, who was reassigned as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air and promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. Lt. Col. Joel DeGroot vacated the Deputy Maintenance Group Commander office to replace him. The Deputy Commander office was, in turn, filled by Lt. Col. Ed Vander Wolde who came from the 114 LRS. The conversion from Block 30 to Block 40 aircraft also brought a new manning document for the 114 MXG. This conversion resulted in 51 fewer military positions, with the 114 MXG ending 2010 with 481 military personnel. The knowledge of the maintenance personnel continued to be recognized and valued Air Force wide as many of Airmen were tasked to augment inspection teams, evaluate Operational Readiness Exercises, and perform Staff Assistance Visits.



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114TH MDG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

COMMANDER - COL. MARK MALMBERG

FIRST SERGEANT - MASTER SGT. TIMOTHY STARK

The 114th Medical Group has some of the finest military medical professionals assigned to its roster. With 47 members, the 114 MDG has a mission to provide limited health services to the 1,050 members of the SDANG. With physicians, nurses, medics, lab technicians, dental, optometry, bio, public health, and other medical professionals, the 114 MDG assures that our Airmen are ready to deploy anytime, anywhere.

During the last year the 114 MDG accomplished 242 physicals, 59 occupational health exams, 630 dental exams, 250 eye exams, delivery of 335 pairs of glasses and inserts, 170 hearing tests, 1,816 immunizations, 862 lab draws, 33 shop visits done by bio and public health, and 1,014 annual personal health assessments.

The 114th Medical Group was directly involved with worldwide deployments of 92 Airmen to multiple and very diverse areas. This required 184 pre- and post-deployment assessments, compliance with multiple reporting instructions and unique immunization regimens.

Bio accounted for 22 routine industrial surveys, 103 quantitative fit tests on industrial respirators, 120 quantitative fit tests on military gas masks, 50 ventilation surveys accomplished on each quarterly, and 21 special surveys for noise dosimetry, air sampling, and x-ray surveys.

The 114 MDG also underwent an Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment with exceptionally strong results. A Toxic Industrial Chemical/Toxic Industrial Material (TIC/TIM) Survey for the base was also recognized as a "positive" for the Wing during an Air Force Vulnerability Assessment in June.

The Medical Group immunized 98.7 percent of the SDANG personnel, far exceeding the goal of 95 percent. Dental went above and beyond their goal of 90 percent of dental readiness by reaching 98.6 percent of the force.

In October the 114 MDG received a Satisfactory on their Health Services Inspection (HSI). Six members also attended Medical Readiness training at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Mich.

Airmen of the 114th MDG are exceptionally hard working, have a great work ethic and take tremendous pride in their work. Individually and collectively, they put forth outstanding efforts during 2010.

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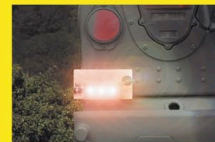
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