



MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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VALUES

HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE IS TOP PRIORITY
Every great organization becomes great by ensuring the people who serve it are well cared for. Our Soldiers, Airmen, civilians, and family members deserve that type of care. Each one of our people will be treated with dignity and respect at all times and in all situations. We will continue to ensure that our team is in good mental, physical, medical, and spiritual condition.

RETENTION OF OUR FORCE IS KEY
We need to keep our teammates on the team by allowing them to succeed and thrive.

- **Autonomy:** We need to give our teammates a job to do, provide guidance, and let them figure out how to do it.
- **Mastery:** We need to give them opportunities for personal and professional growth.
- **Purpose:** We need to give them important, meaningful missions.

READINESS OF OUR ENTIRE FORCE IS NECESSARY
Our leaders have a sacred obligation to build cohesive teams that are trained, disciplined, and able to accomplish their missions. We must be ready to defeat any threats. From deployments to foreign shores to defeat any adversary, to the defense of the cyber domain, to the immediate response to natural disasters: our Guard is always ready and always there.

RECRUITING IS EVERYONE'S JOB
We must continue to grow the force in order to meet our readiness objectives. Recruiting is a team effort. We are all recruiters and growing the force is our duty.

MISSION

Protect and assist the citizens of Maryland at a moment's notice while we fight and win our nation's wars on the ground, in the air, and in the intelligence, information, and cyber domains.

VISION

Execute our state and federal mission with overwhelming effectiveness by sustaining an organization that values competence, strong leadership, and teamwork while providing its members personal growth and a higher sense of purpose.



GOVERNOR
LARRY HOGAN
Maryland Governor



MAJOR GENERAL
TIMOTHY E. GOWEN
The Adjutant General



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
PERLISA D. WILSON
Senior Enlisted Leader

LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

I am pleased to submit the Maryland Military Department annual report for fiscal year 2022. The Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, and Maryland Defense Force continue to serve our communities, state, and nation whenever and however needed while striving to set the example at home and abroad as guardians of the rights and dignity of all people.

The coronavirus pandemic remains an ongoing focus of our work at home. At your direction, our personnel have continued to support civil authorities battling the disease. Of particular note, our members provided dedicated leadership and support to the Vaccine Equity Task Force as it ensured vaccine was equitably distributed to communities and populations across our state.

Overseas, we have continued to meet our obligations to support military operations in defense of our nation. Our Soldiers and Airmen continue to serve bravely and honorably at locations from Eastern Europe to the Middle East and beyond. Especially important has been our participation in the National Guard State Partnership Program. We continue to strengthen our relationships with Estonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina under the State Partnership Program – relationships that have become more important than ever in light of Russia's military aggression against its neighbors.

Incidental to our mission of defending the state and nation, the Maryland Military Department continues to be a significant driver of economic activity in our state. This year, we had a fiscal impact of nearly \$300 million as a result of expenditures on salaries, operations and maintenance, and construction.

As always, we will continue to be the ready, reliable, and relevant force our state and nation need and expect. Thank you for your unwavering support over the past year. We are proud and honored to be the organization that you and the people of Maryland look to in times of need.

Respectfully,

TIMOTHY E. GOWEN
Major General, MDARNG
The Adjutant General

MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE

The Maryland Military Department's state mission is to provide trained personnel to protect life, property, preserve peace, maintain order and ensure public safety as directed by the Governor. The Military Department maintains facilities throughout the state which enable its pillars to prepare, train, and accomplish assigned missions.

OVERVIEW

The Maryland Military Department is a state government organization comprised of three pillars: the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, and Maryland Defense Force. It was established in 1957 with the adjutant general in a civilian capacity to manage and maintain the Guard and its missions. We are required to submit timely and accurate requests to receive federal reimbursement for state funds expended through cooperative agreements to fund military programs budgeted for more than \$60 million annually. The MMD executes the facilities master construction projects with sustainment maintenance while accounting for state property at facilities geographically separated throughout Maryland.



MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Maryland National Guard receives federal funds in three basic appropriations:

MILITARY PERSONNEL

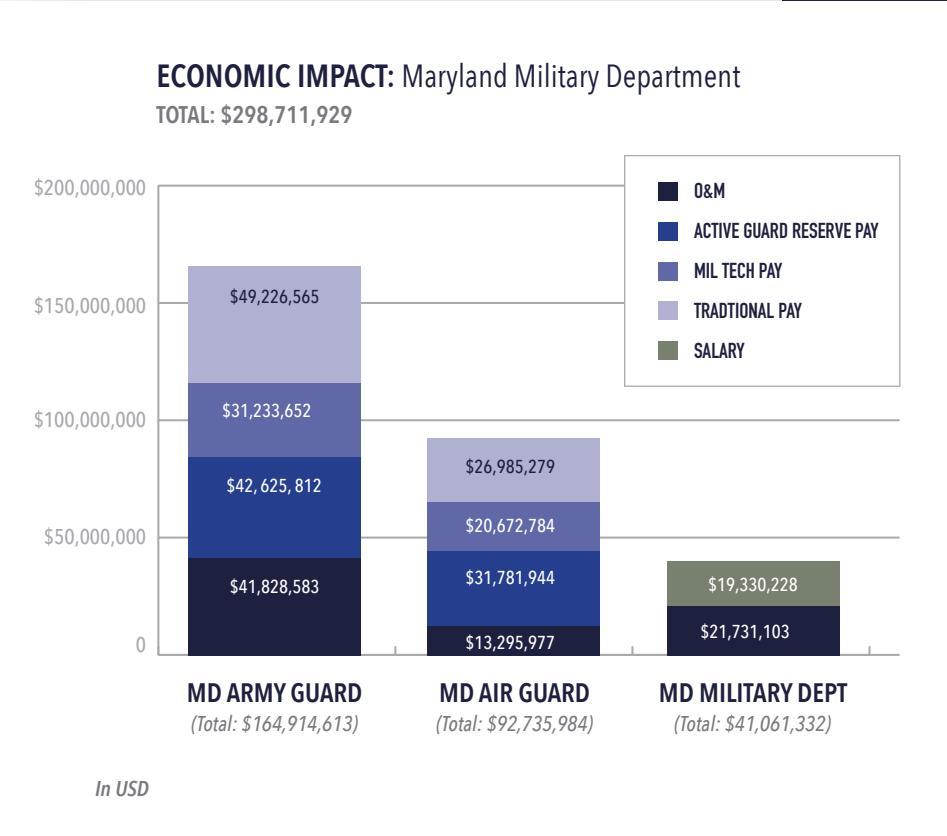
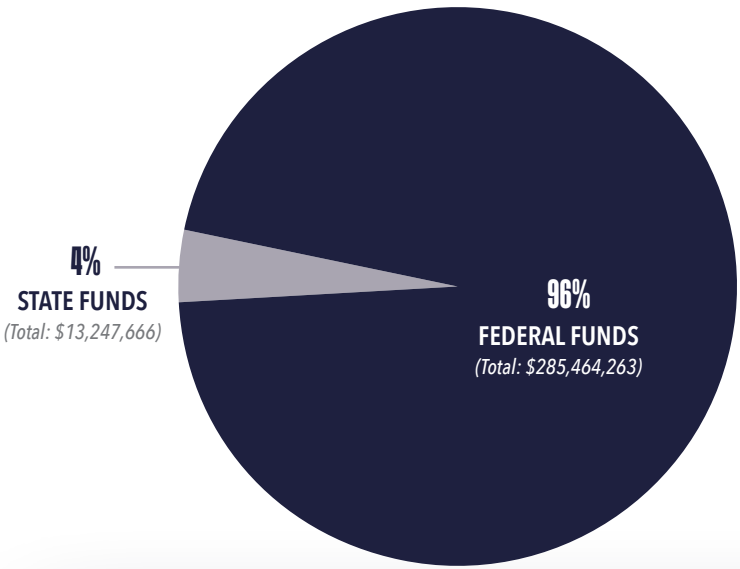
Includes pay, authorized allowances, uniforms and individual equipment, disability benefits, bonuses, and related expenses for personnel in connection with active duty, active duty for training (two-week annual training), and inactive duty training (drill weekends).

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

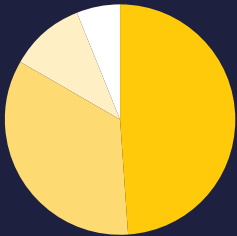
Includes activities involved in the administration of the National Guard, training of units, procurement of organizational equipment, supplies, repair parts, services, equipment maintenance, and activities in connection with military support to civil authorities. This appropriation also includes full-time staff payrolls.

CONSTRUCTION

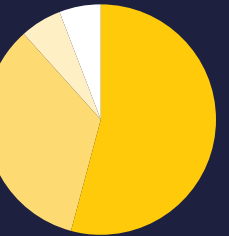
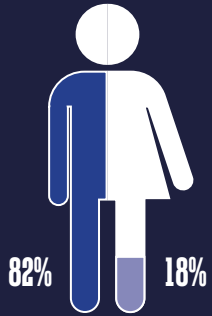
Includes National Guard facility construction, sustainment, restoration, and modernization, facilities procurement, and related items. While providing readiness centers is principally a state responsibility, federal funds are appropriated for construction and upgrade of facilities to support the federal missions of the National Guard.



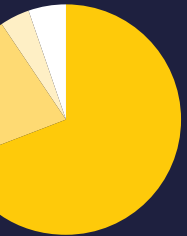
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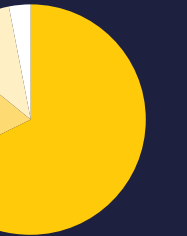
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31% African American
13% Hispanic and Other
7% Asian



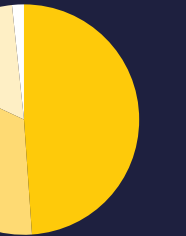
53% Caucasian
34% African American
7% Hispanic and Other
6% Asian



68% Caucasian
21% African American
6% Hispanic and Other
5% Asian



68% Caucasian
18% African American
11% Hispanic and Other
3% Asian



49% Caucasian
33% African American
16.5% Hispanic and Other
1.5% Asian

REAL PROPERTY

Updates to existing projects:

MAJOR GENERAL LINDA L. SINGH READINESS CENTER

Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers took occupancy June 2022.

COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP

This project was recently awarded at a cost of \$32 million, \$22 million federal and \$10 million state funding, with the ground-breaking taking place in November 2022. The projected completion for the Havre de Grace CSMS facility is September 2024.

Planned future facilities projects:

CAMP FRETTERD ACCESS CONTROL POINT

This project will replace the existing access gate at the Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown. The project is currently in the design phase and estimated at \$3 million, \$2.5 million in federal funding and \$500,000 in state funding.

BLUM MILITARY RESERVATION - TRAINING SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements include a new range control tower, ammunition breakdown building, two covered bleacher areas and an 80-foot rappel tower. Project estimates are \$2.5 million in federal funding. These projects were slated to begin in the fall of 2022.

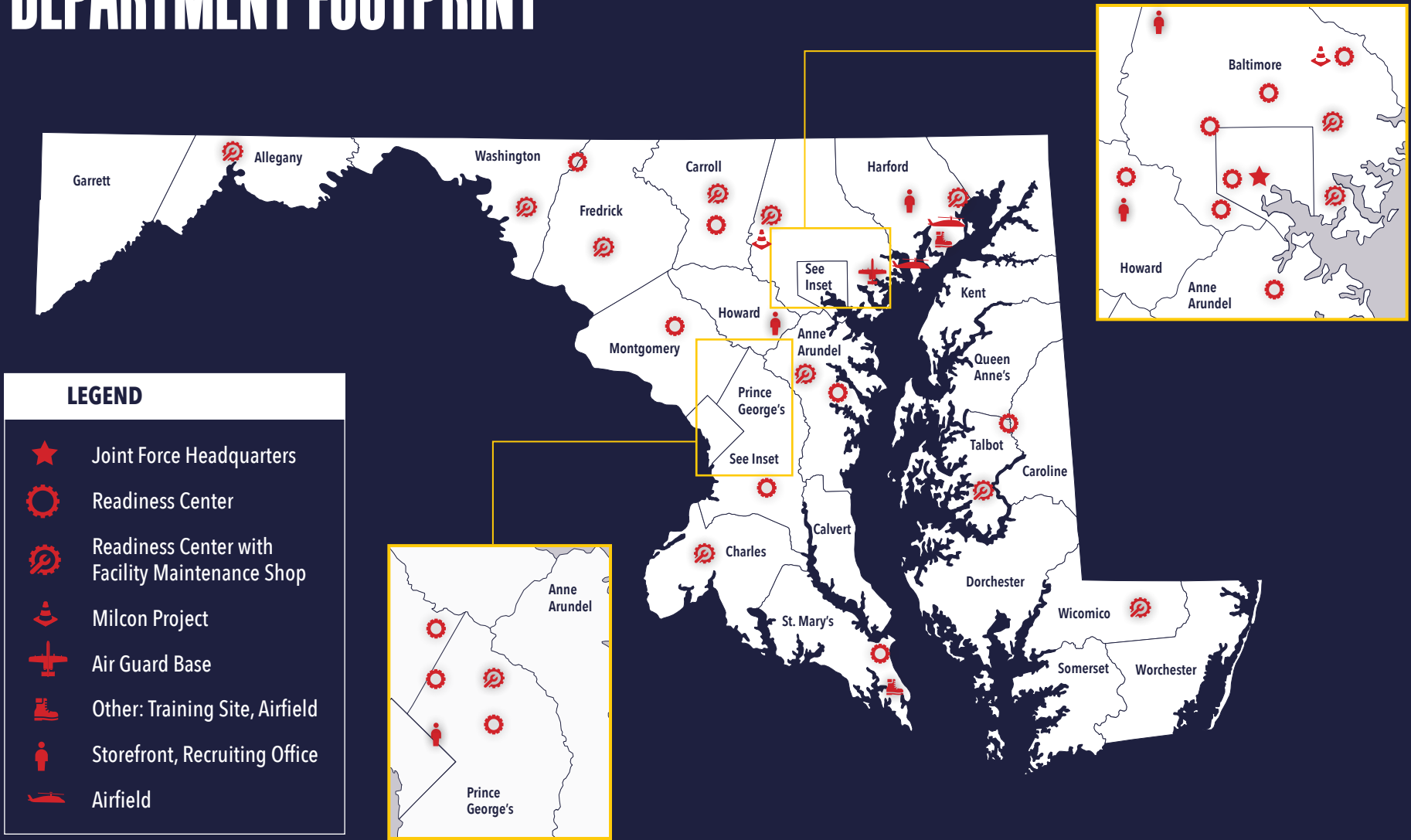


PHOTO 1: The Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh Readiness Center opened in June 2022. (top)

PHOTO 2: A digital rendering of the combined support maintenance shop in Havre De Grace, Maryland. (bottom left)

PHOTO 3: Ground breaking ceremony at Havre de Grace Military Reservation for the Combined Support Maintenance Shop. (bottom right)

DEPARTMENT FOOTPRINT





MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD JOINT STAFF



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
ADAM FLASCH**

Director, Joint Staff

We serve as the Joint Force Headquarters for Maryland and assist The Adjutant General in exercising authority and direction over assigned and attached organizations of the Maryland Military Department in order to accomplish state and federal missions.



The Joint Staff provides direction, maintains oversight, and coordinates all Maryland National Guard Soldiers and Airmen responding to events within the state including the emergency response forces for natural or man-made disasters, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, critical asset protection, civil disturbances and requests for military forces through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

For the third year, the Maryland National Guard continued pandemic operations with the support to Covid-19 testing sites, hospitals, and nursing homes across the state. To support multiple interagency partners, the Joint Staff provided command structure to support the whole-of-government efforts in managing the pandemic as needed by the Governor.

The Joint Staff coordinated nearly 400 Guard members at 19 skilled nursing facilities, 20 hospitals, and five additional testing sites as testing facilitators and in-hospital staff. They distributed test kits, KN-95 masks and personal protective equipment at 229 skilled nursing facilities and testing site throughout the state as a part of Operation Steadfast Guardian.

Gov. Larry Hogan authorized Maryland Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Adam Flasch, director of the Joint Staff, to be dual-status commander for the U.S. Navy medical personnel supporting the hospital staff at the Adventist HealthCare alternate care site in Takoma Park, Maryland. As the strain on the healthcare system due to the Omicron variant eased, Maryland Guard assets deactivated and resumed training for their federal and state missions.

In addition to the Covid-19 response, the Joint Staff continued to provide oversight and support to the Honor Guard, the 32nd Civil Support Team, the State Partnership Program, and the Counterdrug team. Over the course of the year, the Honor Guard supported more than 2,000 funerals for qualified veterans, providing the final demonstration of the country's gratitude to those who served. The 32nd Civil Support Team continued to train to counter biological, chemical and radiological threats and provided real-world support to such venues as the BWI Airport, the Baltimore Inner Harbor, and numerous large-scale events throughout the year, including the Ocean City Air Show. The State Partnership Program continued to work with partners in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Estonia through 38 military-to-military engagements. Finally, the Counterdrug team provided analytical support to law enforcement agencies throughout the state and coordinated over 139 aerial missions resulting in the combined seizure of over \$71 million worth of drugs during the past fiscal year.





MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
JANEEN BIRCKHEAD**

Assistant Adjutant General-Army



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
JAMES NUGENT**

*Command Sergeant Major
of the MDARNG*

We are an organization of excellence, embedded in our communities and focused on improving security, safety, and support to all citizens. We man, equip, train, and sustain the force to mobilize when ordered to federal service by the president, and provide support to civil authorities during state emergencies as directed by The Adjutant General.



With the rise of the Omicron variant at the end of the calendar year, the Maryland Army National Guard was once again activated to support Covid-19 testing sites throughout the state while the Vaccine Equity Task Force, led by Brig. Gen. Janeen L. Birkhead, continued to help vaccinate underserved communities across Maryland.

Spcs. Patrick Sheil and Paul Hofe, members of the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, helped administer CPR to a patient who went into cardiac arrest while at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center. Gov. Hogan recognized them for helping to save a life during their support to hospital staff. Staff Sgt. Scott Kriner, from the same unit, was awarded the NGAUS Valley Forge Cross for helping a driver trapped in high waters on Kent Island during a flood.

Maryland National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 29th Infantry Division Headquarters returned to the United States in late March 2022 after completing a nine-month deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. As the headquarters of Task Force Spartan, they exercised command and control of Operation Spartan Shield, which builds partner capacity in the Middle East to promote regional self-reliance and increase security. They also supported Operation Allies Refuge, which helped screen, process, and care for nearly of 5,000 Afghan evacuees at Camp Buehring in Kuwait and took responsibility for the Afghan evacuation operations at Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar.

The 291st Digital Liaison Detachment participated in Exercise Hedgehog in Estonia to support the historic integration of the Estonian artillery system with the U.S. Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System. Maryland Army National Guard personnel assigned to the 110th Information Operations Battalion, 58th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade, deployed to support U.S. intelligence operations for the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, by integrating and synchronizing various information-related capabilities for the command. In March, members of the 29th Military Police Company returned from their deployment at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo .

The 29th Combat Aviation Brigade remained busy with flyovers for live sporting events, static displays in the community, and training during Northern Strike in Michigan and with local first responders through the Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team. More than 80 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, provided Army aviation support for contingency operation missions to the National Capital Region.

The Maryland Army National Guard readied to assist local and state emergency agencies with flooding on the Eastern Shore in October 2021. Approximately 20 Soldiers on state active duty and 10 light/medium tactical vehicles staged at the Easton and Salisbury armories as a precaution for emergency evacuations. In January 2022, approximately 100 Soldiers from the 115th Military Police Battalion on state active duty and 50 vehicles staged at armories in Annapolis, Easton, La Plata and Salisbury as a precaution for potential impacts from heavy snowfall.

Spc. Daniel Reading, an infantryman with D Company of the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, represented Maryland at the 2022 Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition in Smyrna, Tennessee. He competed against seven other top National Guard Soldiers after winning the regional competition at Camp Dawson, West Virginia.





MARYLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
EDWARD S. JONES**

Assistant Adjutant General-Air



**CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
ANTHONY SIMS**

*Maryland Air National Guard
State Command Chief*

We are committed to community while ensuring our aircraft and personnel are ready to support state and federal missions. We are the lead agency for Maryland's Cyber Center of Excellence, developing policy, organization, facility solutions, and leadership for Maryland's operations in the cyber domain.



Starting at the end of 2021 and continuing into 2022, the Maryland Air National Guard had Airmen supporting Afghan evacuees as part of the Operation Allies Welcome mission at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey and Volk Field in Wisconsin. The 175th Wing demonstrated its operational readiness by carrying out an aircraft mission generation exercise including an "elephant walk" of all 16 aircraft on base with no notice to the A-10 pilots and maintainers in November 2021.

Shortly after the New Year, Airmen supported Covid-19 testing sites at hospitals in Glen Burnie and Bel Air during the surge in Omicron variants.

The 175th Cyberspace Operations Group integrated the 135th Intelligence Squadron and its cyber-focused cryptologic mission into its organizational structure this past year. The 175th Cyberspace Operations Group mobilized 82 Airmen in support of both defensive and offensive cyber operations through Cyber National Mission Force. More than 20 cyber Airmen were activated in support of the ongoing crisis in Europe. The COG participated in the Southern Strike, Cyber Flag, Keen Edge, and Cyber Blitz exercises. They also regularly partnered with Estonian cyber counterparts through the State Partnership Program.

The 175th Wing supported two large-scale U.S. Army Europe exercises: Swift Response 22 and Defender Europe 22. During the month-long mission, the 104th Fighter Squadron completed 202 A-10 combat support sorties occurring simultaneously in five countries, while the 175th Maintenance Group helped move 367 tons of equipment and 589 passengers via 29 intra-theater C-17 mission legs. The training strengthened forward-deployed combat operations, built joint partnerships, and demonstrated combat lethality across the globe through the Agile Combat Employment model.

During Swift Response, split and simultaneous operations took place from Norway and North Macedonia. Separated by more than 1,700 miles, 187 Airmen conducted 59 live weapons sorties and facilitated multinational Joint Forcible Entries or JFEs in the snow-covered mountains of the Arctic Circle and the sunny terrain in the Balkans.

Throughout Defender Europe, 11 NATO Joint Tactical Air Controllers were trained. They executed 505 JTAC controls during live close air support missions that expended 17,211 rounds of 30 mm projectiles, 18 AGR-20 laser-guided rockets, six AGM-65 Maverick air-to-ground missiles, and 12 BDU-50 inert 500-lb bombs. The revolutionized maintenance packaged maintained an unprecedented 97% mission capable rate during the exercises.

On top of annual trainings and other exercises outside of Warfield Air National Guard Base, Airmen deployed to locations in the U.S. Air Forces Central area of responsibility.

The 175th Wing was the first Air National Guard wing to be awarded funding for two programs that started in their U.S. Air Force Spark Cell. Brig. Gen. Jori Robinson was named the first female wing commander of the Maryland Air National Guard.

The deactivation ceremony of the Small Air Terminal, which was part of the Maryland Air National Guard since 1976, took place in February.



MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE



BRIGADIER GENERAL (MDDF)
GREGORY J. JUDAY
Commander, MDDF



COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (MDDF)
GUY JOHNSON
Senior Enlisted Leader, MDDF

We are a volunteer, uniformed component of the Maryland Military Department, authorized by Maryland law. The MDDF provides trained and competent personnel with professional and technical skills that augment the MDNG in its state mission and support its mobilization to and redeployment from, federal missions.



The Maryland Defense Force remained very active in fiscal year 2022. Over 100 Maryland Defense Force volunteers received the prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award at the Annual Muster. In addition, the Presidential Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to the Maryland Defense Force by Maj. Gen. Timothy E. Gowen, the adjutant general of Maryland. The 10th Medical Regiment also received the Maryland National Guard Outstanding Unit Award.

The 10th Medical Regiment managed Covid-19 testing for the in-processing of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy program participants at Aberdeen Proving Ground. In addition, the regiment established an American Hospital Safety Institute and started training and certifying people in basic First Aid, CPR and High-Performance CPR. They also reestablished the Maryland Defense Force Medical Reserve Corps – Mike Company. Four members of the regiment completed the State Guard Association of the United States field casualty course and the regiment throughout the year supported health fairs to promote physical fitness and behavioral health in the community.

The Maryland Defense Force Chaplain Corps, a component of the 231st Troop Command, supported the Maryland National Guard Officer Candidate School with religious support needed for the officer candidates to complete the program. The 27th Training Battalion, also a component of the 231st Troop Command, executed the full slate of professional development courses for both enlisted and officer ranks. Initial Entry Training for Maryland Defense Force recruits was moved to a four-month process to better prepare volunteers for Maryland Defense Force service and Maryland Military Department integration. The battalion also focused on courses that support specific Maryland National Guard domestic operations.

The 121st Engineer Regiment as a part of the annual Maryland National Guard Installation Status Report (ISR) program inspected 70 Maryland Army National Guard buildings. Unit personnel donated 1,650 hours towards this effort. They also taught the seventh installment of the Infrastructure and Society course at the University of Maryland as a part of the College Park Scholars Program.

The 256th Cyber Defense Unit continued its training and coordination with the Virginia Defense Force in incident response, recovery best practices, and penetration testing. At the annual SGAUS conference, they led a workshop on “How to Launch a Cyber Defense Unit,” for other state defense forces. The 256th also provided training to our Maryland community.

The Maryland Defense Force Band provided musical support for the graduations of Maryland National Guard Officer Candidates and Warrant Officer Candidates. The band also provided musical support for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. Musical support was provided for the Maryland State Society of the Daughters of American Revolution annual conference at Turf Valley Resort and for the Reserve Officers Training Corps graduation at Bowie State University. Direct musical support was provided to the Maryland Defense Force during the Annual Muster and during a special holiday concert that was live streamed during the December drill.

YEAR-IN-REVIEW | FY 2022

OCTOBER 2021-SEPTEMBER 2022

OCT 2021

NOV 2021

DEC 2021

JAN 2022

FEB 2022

MARCH 2022

APRIL 2022

MAY 2022

JUNE 2022

JULY 2022

AUG 2022

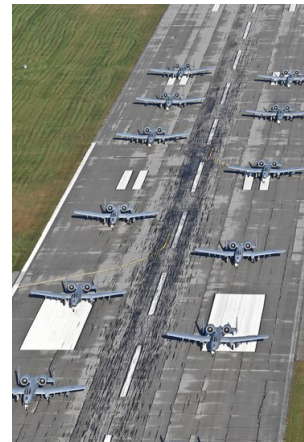
SEP 2022



OCT 16, 2021
Retired MDNG Maj. Gen. Linda L. Singh had her official portrait unveiling ceremony at the brand new readiness center in Sykesville, which Gov. Larry Hogan announced would be named after her.



OCT 22, 2021
Graduates of Warrant Officer Candidate School class 22-001 pose for a photo prior to the graduation ceremony.



NOV 3, 2021
The Maryland Air National Guard demonstrated its operational readiness as it carried out a 16-aircraft mission during a readiness exercise highlighting the agility and rapid mobility of airpower. The ability to launch combat-ready A-10s deployable for no-notice contingency operations along with an 'elephant walk' was a first for the 175th Wing.



DEC 8, 2021
The 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment conducts its annual pass and review ceremony. The event celebrates the history and heritage of the unit, which dates to December 1774.



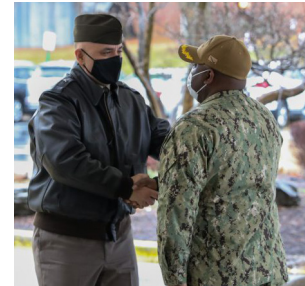
DEC 15, 2021
The 175th Wing held its annual Airman Recognition ceremony recognizing the Outstanding Airmen of the Year, Community College of the Air Force graduates, and highlighted missions the wing has successfully completed throughout the year.



JAN 6, 2022
More than 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen were ready to be activated to assist local health officials for the state's ongoing Covid-19 response.



JAN 7, 2022
MDNG Brig. Gen. Jori Robinson became the first female commander of the 175th Wing. The Maryland Air National Guard is a dual-mission organization supporting combatant commanders with the A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft and through cyberspace missions with the 175th Cyberspace Operations Group.



FEB 8, 2022
MDNG Brig. Gen. Adam Flasch, director of the Maryland National Guard Joint Staff, served as dual-status commander for MDNG and active-duty federal military forces.



FEB 18, 2022
MDNG Soldiers Spc. Patrick Sheil and Spc. Paul Hofe, members of 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment, administered CPR that helped save a life. They received a governor's citation for their commitment to serving the state of Maryland.



MARCH 5, 2022
The De-Hatting Ceremony is a symbolic tradition where drill sergeants retire their campaign hats after completing their tour.



MARCH 28, 2022
Soldiers from the 58th Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade return home from a nearly yearlong tour of duty as part of Operation Spartan Shield deployment in the Middle East.



APRIL 8, 2022
MDNG Maj. Gen. April D. Vogel was the first female two-star general in the history of the Maryland Air National Guard.



APRIL 6, 2022
Approximately 80 Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment departed Weide Army Airfield on 10 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters head to Ft. Belvoir for a domestic deployment.



MAY 4-31, 2022
Airmen from the 175th Wing supported simultaneous operations in Norway and North Macedonia during exercise Swift Response. 10 Maryland A-10s, assigned to the 104th Fighter Squadron, flew more than 240 sorties and operated in 10 countries during Defender Europe 22.



MAY 30, 2022
Spc. Daniel Reading of the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment wins the Region II Best Warrior Competition at Camp Dawson, West Virginia.



JUNE 2, 2022
Virginia and Maryland National Guard Soldiers were recognized for their nine-month deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Allies Welcome.



JUNE 6, 2022
29th Infantry Division Soldiers participate in the D-Day ceremony at Omaha Beach, Normandy, France.



JULY 18, 2022
169th Cyber Protection Team participated in Cyber Flag 22, an international cyber event at the Laurel Readiness Center.



JULY 13, 2022
Maryland Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team, which consists of local first responders and Soldiers of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, trained for swift water rescue missions in preparation for hurricane season.



AUG 6-20, 2022
Approximately 100 Maryland National Guard Soldiers of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade provided an all-domain command and control capability during the Northern Strike exercise in Michigan.



AUG 17-20, 2022
The Maryland Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion participated in their final "summer surge" recruiting event in Ocean City, Maryland.



SEP 18, 2022
Soldiers and Airmen of the Maryland National Guard unfurl the American flag during the singing of the National Anthem during the Baltimore Raven's first home game.



SEP 16, 2021
The 104th Fighter Squadron A-10s utilized the full potential of Hardwood Range in Wisconsin during their threat awareness training exercise.



STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The State Partnership Program grew both in importance and visibility during 2022. The Russian invasion of Ukraine showed how the partnerships the 54 National Guards have can provide access to our allies and partners. Both of Maryland's State partners, Estonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, hold strategic significance. Estonia, on NATO's eastern flank, hosted a portion of Defender 22 under their own national exercise, Hedgehog 22. The Maryland Air National Guard provided A-10 support to multiple Defender 22 series exercises across Europe, while the Maryland Joint Staff and Maryland Army National Guard provided domestic operations experts, special forces elements, and the 291st Digital Liaison Detachment to Hedgehog 22 in Estonia. The efforts provided deployable and credible combat power and started discussions on how to support mass civilian dislocation operations with our Estonian allies.

The 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry Regiment participated in the Admiral Pitka Reconnaissance Challenge, a renowned international military competition. The battalion provided umpires, support personnel, and competitors for two teams, one just Marylanders and the other a trilateral team of Marylanders and one soldier each from Estonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. This is the first time Maryland has been able to send a trilateral team in two years due to Covid-19.

Estonians competed in Maryland's Best Warrior Competition, demonstrating their interoperability and capabilities. Once again, the Estonian's entered the winners' circle. Next year's competition will be transitioning to the Best Squad Competition and MDNG looks forward to the team from Bosnia-Herzegovina once again being able to participate in this trilateral event.



The Maryland National Guard hosted a reception with their international partners at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation that was attended by Gov. Larry Hogan, Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford, multiple state cabinet members, Chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina Lt. Gen. Senad Mašović, Chief of the Estonian Defense League Brig. Gen. Riho Ühtegi, and Ambassador H. E. Bojan Vujić of BiH and Ambassador Kristjan Prikk of Estonia.

Due to the increased focus on the U.S. European Command region, the Maryland National Guard also supported visits to our two partners from senior Defense Department personnel such as director of the National Guard in June and deputy assistant secretary of defense for the bilateral defense consultations in July. These bilateral discussions, consultations, and Maryland's State Partnership Programs support the National Defense Strategy as well as U.S. European Comand's strategy and priorities for the region.

56 TOTAL EVENTS

26 ESTONIA

25 BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

5 SPP SUPPORT
IN EUCOM



MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

The Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Program consists of 43 personnel: 37 Soldiers and six Airmen. The program continues to focus on aerial reconnaissance and observation, investigative analyst support to law enforcement agencies and drug demand reduction outreach.

Our Aerial Observation and Reconnaissance Support utilized three UH-72 Lakota helicopters with two pilots and one mechanic. The pilots conducted 139 aerial missions in support of law enforcement agency requests and mission training totaling to 331 hours. While these missions are separate from the analyst missions, our pilots support many of the same agencies.

The Drug Demand Reduction Outreach Program helps local community-based organizations plan and execute events that help to engage communities in a positive manner. This team also helps to develop the local community-based organization leaders and enhance their operation efficiency. They are currently teamed with eight coalitions and growing.

During 2022, our Counterdrug Program maintained its vast reach across the state and worked to increase the successes against the opioid epidemic in Maryland.

The estimated value of seizures is over \$71,716,915 for fiscal year 2022 while supporting Federal and State law enforcement agencies. While the primary focus of the Counterdrug Program is to reduce the spread of drugs throughout the state and country, the assistance led to seizures of over 6,901,945 grams (15,216 pounds) of various drugs, 192 weapons, 20 vehicles, 45 drug-related pieces of equipment and \$3,705,782 in currency. The three main drugs seized during this year were fentanyl (26,370 grams), cocaine (289,619 grams) and marijuana (520,392 grams).



MORE THAN \$71,716,915
MILLION IN ESTIMATED VALUE OF
SEIZURES IN FISCAL YEAR 22



THE HONOR GUARD

The mission of the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard is to represent the Maryland National Guard in ceremonial functions with the pride for our community, states, and the United States military. The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard has a group of dedicated men and women diligent and steadfast in providing highly performed "Going Home" services to the families of our veterans. Members of the Honor Guard have worked on a six-day work week with the reduction in personnel throughout the pandemic. The Honor Guard team members are trained and re-trained to perfection by the training noncommissioned officer in charge.

SPECIAL EVENTS COVERED

- Veterans Day Ceremonies and Memorial Day Ceremonies at Veteran State Cemeteries
- Maryland Funeral Directors Annual Convention Conference
- Wreaths Across America (Buglers playing Taps at different locations)
- The last Fallen Warriors Ceremony honoring fallen Guardsmen

2,132 FUNERAL MISSIONS PERFORMED
DURING STATE FY 2022





32ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

The 32nd Civil Support Team is composed of highly skilled members of the Maryland National Guard. It supports civil authorities at domestic incident sites by identifying chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive agents and substances, assessing current and projected consequence, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for state and federal support. The 32nd Civil Support Team served as consequence management co-chair in planning for Fleet Week, located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and featuring historic ships, U.S. Navy vessels and a U.S. Coast Guard cutter. The unit assisted the multi-agency fire and police during the Ocean City Air Show showcasing the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds and A-10s from the Maryland Air National Guard with personnel to conduct chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives detection and response operations.

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69 MISSIONS
OR EXERCISES

33 STANDBY
MISSIONS

15 ASSISTANCE
CALLS

The unit is comprised of 22 full-time Army and Air Guard members from 14 different specialized career fields



FREESTATE CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Freestate Challenge Academy is an alternative program run by the Maryland Military Department and managed through both federal and state governments that offers at-risk youth another change to successfully transition to adulthood through becoming immersed in a residential quasi-military environment for about five months.

At Freestate, cadets participate in GED preparatory education and have the opportunity to take their GED exam to earn a Maryland high school diploma. The cadets received training in eight core components: leadership and followership, service to community, job skills, academic excellence, responsible citizenship, life-coping skills, health and hygiene, and physical fitness. By the end of the program, most graduates have a job, are enrolling in college or are enlisting in the military. After the 22-week residential program, graduates are actively monitored and mentored for an additional year by case managers.

Historically, the Academy only offered the high school diploma track. In July 2022, the Academy began offering Credit Recovery. In addition to the 16-18 year olds, Credit Recovery provides the opportunity for 15 1/2 year olds to enroll, earn credits that were not earned in high school, and live, learn and grow in the structured environment before returning to their home school, back on track to graduate.



MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY

The Maryland Military Department Center for Military History includes the Maryland Museum of Military History and Maryland Military Historical Research Center. It preserves information relating to the service of all components and branches of service of the U.S. military and the military heritage of the state and conveys an awareness of the military service of Marylanders and how that service has helped preserve American freedoms. It also preserves the history of Maryland's organized militia through the collection, maintenance, documentation, and presentation of significant events, people, and places that represent the military heritage of the State of Maryland. The staff provides research, staff rides, museum tours, and educational outreach.

2,040 ARTIFACTS
CATALOGUED

200 HOURS RESEARCH
SUPPORT

7 GROUP
TOURS

150 ORAL INTERVIEWS
CONDUCTED



MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BAND

The 229th Army Band performs for military and civilian functions throughout the year which includes military reviews and ceremonies, troop support functions, recruiting events, and public concerts and events.

Army Bands provide music throughout the spectrum of military operations to instill in our soldiers the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

The 229th Army Band has been privileged to perform for many military and civilian events, to include the 45th and 50th anniversaries for D-Day in France and for the World-Renowned Tattoo Ceremony in Estonia.



EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

The mission of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR promotes cooperation between reserve component service members and their civilian employers by providing education regarding the Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act (commonly referred to as USERRA), assisting military members in resolving conflicts arising from their military service and by recognizing employers that have demonstrated their support to military employees.

ESGR activities include orientation events to educate employers on the activities and essential functions their employees perform while on military duty, an award program to provide tangible recognition to employers nominated by their military employees and trained representatives to advise members of the reserve components who believe they have been illegally discriminated against and help resolve disputes.

ESGR is made up of volunteers, business executives, civic leaders, educators, retired and active military personnel, and concerned citizens dedicated to resolving employer-employee conflicts that impact military retention.



17 EMPLOYER
EVENTS HOSTED

75 PATRIOT AWARDS
PRESENTED

245 USERRA
INQUIRES



PEOPLE FIRST

MISSION ALWAYS

Inspector General

yellow ribbon

Child & Youth Program

worship services

CHAPLAIN CORPS

Family Readiness

RUCK MARCH

JAG

Personal Finance

ACFT

morale run

Psychological health

resilience

R3SP

Equal Opportunity

wellness week

Affinity Groups

SOCIAL

PHYSICAL

MENTAL

SPIRITUAL

SERVE THE HOMELAND

Proven and prepared to meet every mission within the state and overseas.



SUPPORT THE WARFIGHT

Primary combat reserve focused on lethality to protect United States' vital interests.



ENDURING PARTNERSHIPS

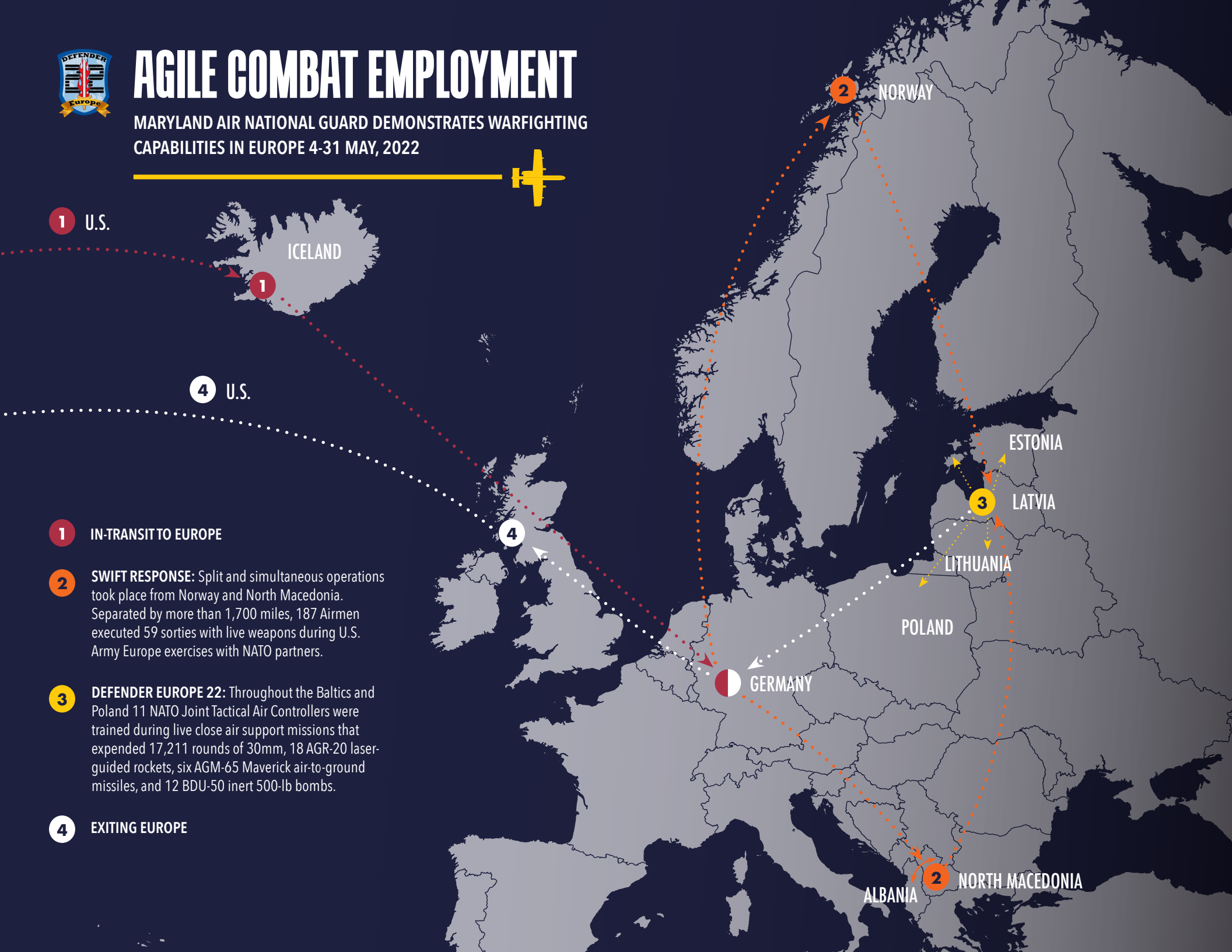
Enduring relationships contributes to readiness in local communities and enhances global security.





AGILE COMBAT EMPLOYMENT

MARYLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD DEMONSTRATES WARFIGHTING CAPABILITIES IN EUROPE 4-31 MAY, 2022



1 U.S.

ICELAND

1

4 U.S.

4

1 IN-TRANSIT TO EUROPE

2 **SWIFT RESPONSE:** Split and simultaneous operations took place from Norway and North Macedonia. Separated by more than 1,700 miles, 187 Airmen executed 59 sorties with live weapons during U.S. Army Europe exercises with NATO partners.

3 **DEFENDER EUROPE 22:** Throughout the Baltics and Poland 11 NATO Joint Tactical Air Controllers were trained during live close air support missions that expended 17,211 rounds of 30mm, 18 AGR-20 laser-guided rockets, six AGM-65 Maverick air-to-ground missiles, and 12 BDU-50 inert 500-lb bombs.

4 EXITING EUROPE

NORWAY

2

ESTONIA

LATVIA

LITHUANIA

POLAND

GERMANY

ALBANIA

NORTH MACEDONIA

2