



# WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

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# A LETTER FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to review the 2023-2024 Washington Military Department Annual Report, a comprehensive publication that highlights our department’s accomplishments during the past year. We hope this provides you with a better understanding of our agency structure, our leadership team, and the work our men and women do every day to improve the lives of those in Washington state, across the nation, and around the globe.

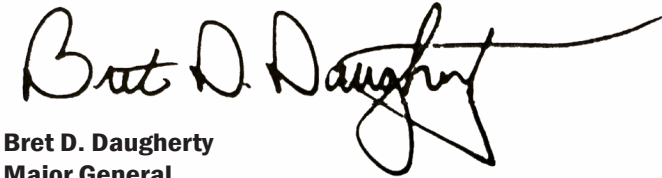
While much of 2023 remained relatively quiet, that gave the dedicated men and women of the Washington Military Department time to enhance their work to prepare our organization and state for current and future threats. And when disasters did strike – like the early winter storms in January, as well as the devastating wildfires in eastern Washington over the summer – the Washington National Guard and Emergency Management Division continued to showcase their value to all Washingtonians.

Meanwhile, our team at the Washington Youth Challenge Academy remained in high demand as more and more young adults seek high school credit-recovery assistance following the COVID-19 pandemic.

To say I'm proud of this team for the work they accomplished is an understatement. They used creative solutions to solve complex problems, remained poised and flexible in an ever-changing environment, and did so with the professionalism that we have grown accustomed to seeing – year in and year out.

Through the last decade, we have faced challenges, enjoyed successes, and more importantly – prepared our organization and state for future missions. 2023 was a time to reflect and rejuvenate, refocus and reorganize, while continuing our planning efforts for a potential Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, preparing and training for the seasonal wildfire fight, and enhancing our work to make our communities more resilient before, during, and after a disaster.

It takes a team that includes those outside of our agency to make this all possible. To our friends, family, employers, colleagues, partners, and students – we extend our heartfelt thanks. I’m proud to have this talented and dedicated team of individuals around me every day, but also pleased knowing we’re surrounded by dedicated partners who want to see us succeed. Our collective work is incredibly hard, but it’s necessary to help make our state and nation a safer place.



Bret D. Daugherty  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
Washington

**MAJ. GEN. BRET DAUGHERTY**  
Washington’s 36th adjutant general

Maj. Gen. Bret Daugherty is the senior leader of the Washington National Guard. The adjutant general is the administrative head of the state’s Washington Military Department, which is made up of more than 8,500 full and part-time employees and includes overseeing the National Guard, Emergency Management, Youth ChalleNGe Program and State Guard. The adjutant general is a state employee appointed by the governor of Washington. He assumed duties as the Adjutant General, Washington on July 28, 2012. Maj. Gen. Daugherty also serves as homeland security advisor to the governor and as state administrative agent for all United States Department of Homeland Security grants awarded to Washington’s state, local, tribal and non-profit agencies and organizations.



## ADJUTANTS GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

| MILITIA ERA (1855 - 1898)  | EARLY NATIONAL GUARD (1898 - 1965)   | MODERN NATIONAL GUARD (1965 - CURRENT)   |
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| 1855-1856 - James Tilton<br>1857 - Isaac Ebey<br>1857-1862 - Franklin Matthias<br>1863-1866 - George Gallagher<br>1867-1869 - Amos Tripp<br>1869-1873 - William Huntington<br>1873-1879 - Frank Guttenberg<br>1879-1880 - Andrew Slorah<br>1881-1882 - M.R. Hathaway<br>1882 - P.B. Johnson<br>1883-1895 - R.G. O' Brien<br>1897-1898 - F.A. Boutelle<br>1897-1898 - J.E. Balbine<br>1898 - William Canton | 1898-1901 - Edward Fox<br>1901-1906 - James Drain<br>1906-1909 - Otis Hamilton<br>1909-1911 - George Lamping<br>1911-1914 - Fred Llewellyn<br>1914-1918 - Maurice Thompson<br>1918-1919 - Harvey Moss<br>1920-1941 - Maurice Thompson<br>1941-1945 - Walter Delong<br>1945-1947 - Maurice Thompson<br>1947-1949 - Enslly Llewellyn<br>1949 - Ellsworth French<br>1949-1957 - Lilburn Stevens<br>1957-1965 - George Haskett | 1965-1978 - Howard McGee<br>1978 - Wayne McDaniels<br>1978-1981 - Robert Collins<br>1981-1985 - George Coates<br>1985-1989 - Keith Eggen<br>1989-1999 - Gregory Barlow<br>1999-2012 - Timothy Lowenberg<br>2012-Current - Bret Daugherty |





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U.S soldiers with the Washington National Guard Color Guard present the colors during the Thanksgiving evening Seattle Seahawks vs. San Francisco 49ers football game at the Lumen Field in Seattle, Wash., Nov. 24, 2023. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Twinny Allipio)



# WHAT IS THE WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT?



## WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD

The Washington National Guard is made up of more than 8,000 citizen soldiers and airmen who are dedicated to our mission of safeguarding lives, property and the economy of Washington State. First organized in 1855, the Washington National Guard has a long history of serving our communities. Our men and women are Washington residents who are invested in their communities and care deeply for the people we serve. We are your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family members. We come from different towns, professions and backgrounds but come together for a common goal to serve those who need our help – across our state, nation and world. At the call of the Governor, the Washington National Guard will mobilize and deploy during times of state emergency to augment local jurisdictions and responders in their efforts to protect lives and property. The Washington National Guard is also subject to the call of the United States President to serve as part of the total U.S. Military.



## WASHINGTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During state emergencies, EMD manages the State Emergency Operations Center located on Camp Murray, near Tacoma, and coordinates the response to ensure help is provided to those who need it quickly and effectively. The SEOC is designated as the central location for information gathering, disaster analysis, and response coordination. Other state agencies with emergency roles may come to the SEOC to help coordinate the state response. Federal government agencies, along with state and local volunteer organizations, also may provide representatives. At the SEOC, information gathered is used by executives to make decisions concerning emergency actions and to identify and prioritize the use of state resources needed to respond to the emergency. The SEOC may issue emergency warnings or disseminate critical information and instructions to government personnel and the public who may need to take emergency protective actions.



## WASHINGTON YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The mission of the Washington Youth Challenge Academy (WYCA) is to provide a highly disciplined, safe and professional learning environment that empowers at-risk youth to improve their educational levels and employment potential and become responsible and productive citizens of the state of Washington. The Academy envisions a world where young adults are equipped and respected as equal partners in building resilience in their families and communities. This is a FREE life intervention-credit retrieval program where any eligible resident of Washington state willing to live in housing provided on campus in Bremerton, Washington for five months can immerse themselves in a focused approach for getting back on track in school and better equipped for life.



## WASHINGTON STATE GUARD

The Washington State Guard is an all-volunteer unit organized under the Military Department of the State of Washington and serves at the direction of the state's Adjutant General. Its members come from all walks of life. They normally serve without remuneration and meet monthly, or more often as needed, within organized units stationed at strategic locations throughout the State. The mission of the Washington State Guard is to provide organized units that are equipped and trained in the protection of life or property and the preservation of peace, order and public safety under competent orders of State authorities. The Washington State Guard It is always ready to provide trained personnel to support civil government authority, provide for the protection and preservation of life or property during natural or manmade disasters or civil emergencies, and rapidly and effectively respond to search, rescue, or recovery operations. Additionally, the members of the Washington State Guard effectively execute State Homeland Defense missions and participate as active members and contributing citizens of our local communities.

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Check us out on social media, listen to our podcast and read the quarterly Evergreen Magazine.

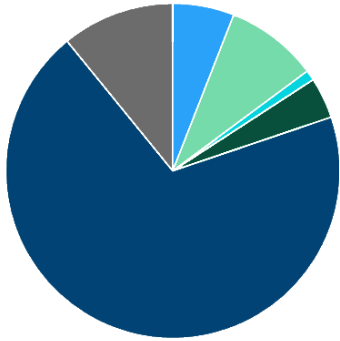
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WHO SERVES IN THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT?

Our employees and members of the Washington National Guard reside across our state, and are a reflection of the communities we serve and live in. Below is a breakdown...



**ETHNICITY**

**MILITARY DEPARTMENT**  
Caucasian - 70%  
Hispanic - 11%  
Asian/Pacific Islander - 11.5%  
African American - 6.4%  
American Indian - 1.1%  
Other / Two or more - 3%

**STATE AVERAGE\***  
Caucasian - 66.6%  
Hispanic - 13.7%  
Asian/Pacific Islander - 10.3%  
African American - 4%  
American Indian - 1.6%  
Other / Two or more - 6.7%

**GENDER**  
Male - 77%  
Female - 23%

Male - 50.4%  
Female - 49.6%



WHERE DO WE SERVE?

With National Guard armories and readiness centers in 33 communities across our state, Guard members can provide a timely response to disasters anywhere in Washington.



ARMORY AND READINESS CENTER LOCATIONS

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| Anacortes Armory<br>2219 M Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221                             | Boeing Field Armory<br>6736 Ellis Ave. S, Seattle, WA 98108      | Buckley Armory<br>455 N River Ave., Buckley, WA 98321                                | Bremerton Armory (Readiness Center)<br>1211 Carver St., Bremerton, WA 98312 |
| Camp Murray<br>Camp Murray, Tacoma, WA 98430                                     | Centralia Armory<br>309 Byrd St., Centralia, WA 98531            | Ephrata Armory<br>426 A St. SE, Ephrata, WA 98823                                    | Fairchild Air Force Base<br>Fairchild Air Force Base, WA 99011              |
| Geiger Field<br>8700 Electric Ave., Spokane, WA 99224                            | Grandview Armory<br>1313 Wine Country Rd., Grandview, WA 98930   | Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM)<br>Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA 98433                | Aviation Readiness Center<br>Bldg. 6224, JBLM, WA 98433                     |
| Information Operations Readiness Center<br>Bldg. 6205, JBLM, WA 98433            | Western Air Defense Sector<br>852 Lincoln Blvd., JBLM, WA 98438  | Kent Readiness Center<br>24410 Military Rd. S, Kent, WA 98032                        | Longview Armory<br>819 Vandercook Way, Longview, WA 98632                   |
| Marysville Armed Force Reserve Center<br>13613 40th Ave NE, Marysville, WA 98271 | Montesano Armory<br>21 Clemons Rd. N, Montesano, WA 98563        | Moses Lake Armory<br>6500 32nd Ave. NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837                         | Pasco Armory<br>127 W Clark St., Pasco, WA 99301                            |
| Redmond Armory<br>17230 NE 95th St., Redmond, WA 98052                           | Seattle Readiness Center<br>1601 W Armory Way, Seattle, WA 98119 | Sedro Woolley Field Maintenance Shop<br>1805 Thompson Drive, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284 | Snohomish Armory<br>1501 Ave. D, Snohomish, WA 98290                        |
| Spokane Readiness Center<br>1629 North Rebecca Street, Spokane, WA 99217         | Tumwater Readiness Center<br>8303 Kimmie St, Olympia, WA 98512   | Vancouver Armed Forces Reserve Center<br>15005 NE 65th St., Vancouver, WA 98682      | Walla Walla Armory<br>113 S Colville St., Walla Walla, WA 99362             |
|  | Wenatchee Armory<br>1230 5th St., Wenatchee, WA 98801            | Yakima Readiness Center<br>2501 Airport Ln., Yakima, WA 98903                        | YTC Armed Forces Reserve Center<br>1221 Firing Center Rd. Yakima, WA 98901  |





# 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



Left: U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Gent Welsh, Washington Air National Guard Commander, poses with a group of children at Nong Phluang Yai primary school, Korat, Royal Kingdom of Thailand, September 13, 2023. This community outreach partnership was a core part of the Enduring Partners 2023 exercise between the Kingdom of Thailand, the Washington and Oregon Air National Guard. The school visit gave a chance to connect U.S. military, Royal Thai military and the community of Korat. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael L. Brown)

Right: Washington National Guard Soldiers with the 506th Military Police Detachment, 420th Chemical Battalion, 96th Troop Command, case the unit colors during a ceremony on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Oct. 29, 2023. The detachment deployed to Jordan in support of Operation Spartan Shield. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Adeline Witherspoon)

2023 was a year for employees to catch their breath after record-setting activations the previous year.

As 2023 kicked off, the Washington Youth ChalleNGe Academy welcomed its newest class and start of its 14th year of helping students get back on track and become productive residents for our state. Guard members also made their return to the state capitol for the first time since 2020, this time not to protect the building and staff inside, but to receive thanks for their work from the state Legislature.

“I salute those of the Washington National Guard and further honor their courage, their commitment, and their valor and their selfless service to those of us in this state,” said Rep. Travis Couture, 35th District.

In August, Brigadier General Dan Dent relinquished command of the Washington Army National Guard as he closed out his military career. Paul Sellars was promoted to Brigadier General and immediately assumed command. Brigadier General Johan Deutscher also retired and Kenneth Borchers was promoted to Brigadier General and assumed responsibility as the new director of joint forces and joint staff.

The Washington Emergency Operations Center also got some necessary upgrades following years of constant activations. The physical changes focused on enhancing technology to improve functionality for remote users – including a shift away from desk phones to computer based soft phones that use desktop software, mobile apps, or an internet browser-based application via Microsoft Teams. Additional upgrades include an updated audio/visual system that allows for remote personnel to be able to speak directly to staff in the building during briefings, updates to the online emergency information sharing and resource tracking application (WebEOC), enhanced GIS capabilities, and new screens and dry erase boards. Along with facility improvements, there has been a shift in staff resources. Six new full-time project positions now provide continuity for the command staff.

Emergency Management staff also increased its tsunami outreach by helping conduct a public meeting in Ocean Shores in May and working continually with its local and tribal partners. Grant funding for a new tsunami vertical evacuation tower was also awarded to the marina district in the city of Westport thanks to a federal grant shepherded by city officials and the mitigation section of the Washington Emergency Management Division.

Maximilian Dixon, hazards and outreach program supervisor for the Washington Emergency Management Division, was also given a national award by the National Earthquake Program Managers for having made significant contributions to the program.

If 2022 was the return of overseas engagements with the Kingdom of Thailand and Malaysia through the State Partnership Program, 2023 set the stage for the future. March marked just the second time in the more than 20-year relationship that Guard members and their Thai counterparts conducted a wildland firefighting exchange. While that exchange was happening, more than 200 Guard members took part in Cobra Gold 2023 throughout the Kingdom of Thailand, which included training exercises and engagements in homeland assistance disaster response, infantry tactics and cyber defense and security. At the same time, Maj. Gen. Bret Daugherty, the adjutant general, returned to southeast Asia to visit both nations for the first time since 2019.

“Our partnership with Thailand and Malaysia are very critical to our national defense strategy,” said Daugherty. “Continuous engagement with them both is value added to our goals and security.”

The engagements continued all year, capping off with a historic air refueling engagement. The exercise, Enduring Partners, allowed the Washington and Oregon Air National Guard to train with the Kingdom of Thailand in September.

“During the exercise, between U.S. and Thai airmen, there was a lot of learning and working through problems together,” said Brig. Gen. Gent Welsh, commander of the Washington Air National Guard. “Strengthening that alliance and becoming better allies and partners. ... It was probably one of the best experiences in my career.”

July was another big month for the Washington National Guard and its relationship with the Royal Thai Armed Forces. More than 500 Guard members participated in Hanuman Guardian 2023, an annual bilateral U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) Theater Security Cooperation Program (TSCP) event conducted with the Royal Thai Army (RTA) since 2010.

2023 also marked the 10th year of training Guard members for potential wildfire season with the Washington Department of Natural Resources. In May and June, more than 250 Washington National Guard members took part in the annual ritual of preparing for the pending summer wildfire season. While trained, equipped, and ready to go when the call came, National Guard ground crews were unnecessary in 2023, despite one of the most damaging wildfires in our state’s history.

In late August, fire ripped through the communities of Medical Lake and Elk in Spokane County. Thousands of homes were evacuated, while flames threatened Eastern State Hospital. Airmen with the Washington Air National Guard deployed to help with possible evacuations, while aviation crews helped drop water on the growing fires.

Meantime, the Washington State Emergency Operations Center assisted local communities with resource requests and worked with local emergency managers to request a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration. Ultimately, 369 homes were destroyed, the most primary homes destroyed by wildfire in Washington state history, as were the livelihoods of thousands of Washingtonians.

As the midterm election approached, cyber teams from the National Guard activated to support the Washington Secretary of State’s office to assist with additional security of the state’s election system. The team was activated in August, as well as in October for the general election.

In October, the Washington National Guard also bid farewell to the 506th Military Police Detachment as the unit deployed to the Middle East for the fourth time since 2008.

“The 506th is comprised of well-trained professionals who will accomplish their mission and proudly represent our state and nation,” Daugherty said. “We will miss them while they’re gone but are comforted knowing they’re effectively performing this important work.”

As the year came to a close, the Washington Military Department took part in another first – this time with tribal partners from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Evergreen Spill table-top exercise on October 8, 2023, incorporated multiple agencies that all fall under their own unique structures, laws, rules and regulations. The exercise helped bring to light how these agencies would work together to mitigate the loss of life following an incident. During the development of the exercise, the Washington Emergency Management Division and Washington State Guard assisted the Colville Tribe with the overall formatting and planning of the TTX.

“Exercises like Evergreen Spill are absolutely critical for the Washington National Guard/WMD and our state, local, tribal and territorial civilian partners,” said Brig. Gen. Kenneth Borchers, director of the joint staff, Washington National Guard. “It’s crucial that we take these opportunities to learn lessons and build partnerships ‘left of boom’ or before an incident actually occurs. That way, when crises do happen, we have the opportunity to leverage those relationships and lessons learned for a better outcome for the citizens we serve.”

The Washington Youth Challenge Academy helped 265 cadets graduate from the program in 2023. Cadets of 23-1 saw an average GPA increase of 43 percent, while those in 23-2 saw an average increase of 26.7 percent. Hundreds of academic awards were given to cadets, who also completed thousands of hours of community service.

Additionally, the Youth Challenge Academy launched a new program that utilizes regional advocates who are willing to use their talents and interests to encourage the skill development of cadets in their area. Case managers employed with the Youth Challenge Academy also help track cadets for two years now, instead of one. Ultimately, as staff build community resource networks, they will be able to help connect youth with resources they may not otherwise know about in their communities. This increased community involvement should provide greater cadet engagement throughout their lives.





THE ADJUTANT GENERAL EXECUTIVE STAFF



Brig. Gen. Gent Welsh  
Asst. Adjutant General  
Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Paul Sellars  
Asst. Adjutant General  
Army National Guard

EMPLOYEE BREAKDOWN

- Federal Employees - 8,151
- State Employees - 357
  - Emergency Management Division - 171
  - Washington Youth Academy - 62



Robert Ezelle  
Emergency Management



Amy Steinhilber  
Youth ChalleNGe  
Program



Col. Joseph Maassen  
Washington State Guard



Brig. Gen. Ken Borchers  
Joint Chief of Staff



Col. Nate Foster  
Garrison Commander



James Baumgart  
Intergovernmental  
Affairs Director



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Communications Director



Adam Iwaszuk  
Construction & Facilities  
Management Director



Regan Hesse  
Finance Director



Rachel Barkley  
Human Resources  
Director



Mark Glenn  
Information Technology  
Director



Dr. Stephanie Carter  
Museum Curator



Dr. James Perrin  
Command Historian

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. BRUCE ECCLESTONE  
Senior Enlisted Leader

Command Sergeant Major Bruce Ecclestone is the Washington State Senior Enlisted Leader for Headquarters, Camp Murray, Washington National Guard. He represents the highest level of enlisted leadership for the Washington National Guard and is responsible for the welfare, readiness, morale, development and care concerning more than 7,000 enlisted personnel of the Washington National Guard. He acts as the primary advisor to the adjutant general on enlisted soldier and airmen matters.



Gov. Jay Inslee - Washington

In 1853, President Millard Fillmore signed the Organic Act creating the Washington Territory and appointed Maj. Isaac Stevens as the first Territorial Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Territorial Militia. Washington was admitted to the Union as the 42nd state on Nov. 11, 1889. In 1855, the Washington Territorial Militia members informally mustered under the direction of the territorial government creating the modern day Washington National Guard. Today the Washington Military Department serves both the nation under the authority of the President and the state under the direction of the Governor.



President Joseph Biden

TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS (1853-1889)

- 1853-1857 - Isaac Stevens
- 1857-1858 - LaFayette McMullen
- 1859-1861 - Richard Gholson
- 1861- William Wallace
- 1862-1867 - William Pickering
- 1867 - George Cole
- 1867-1869 - Marshall Moore
- 1869-1870 - Alvan Flanders
- 1870-1872 - Edward Selig Salomon
- 1872-1880 - Elisha Peyre Ferry
- 1880-1884 -William Augustus Newell
- 1884-1887 - Watson Carvasso Squire
- 1887-1889 - Eugene Semple
- 1889 - Miles Conway Moore

GOVERNORS OF WASHINGTON

STATEHOOD (1889-1957)

- 1889-1893 - Elisha Peyre Ferry
- 1893-1897 - John McGraw
- 1897-1901 - John Rogers
- 1901-1905 - Henry McBride
- 1905-1909 - Albert Mead
- 1909 - Samuel Cosgrove
- 1909-1913 - Marion Hay
- 1913-1919 - Ernest Lister
- 1919-1925 - Louis Folwell Hart
- 1925-1933 - Roland Hartley
- 1933-1941 - Clarence D. Martin
- 1941-1945 - Arthur B. Langlie
- 1945-1949 - Monrad C. Wallgren
- 1949-1957 - Arthur B. Langlie

1957- CURRENT

- 1957-1965- Albert Rosellini
- 1965-1977 - Daniel Evans
- 1977-1981 - Dixy Lee Ray
- 1981-1985 - John Spellman
- 1985-1993 - Booth Gardner
- 1993-1997 - Mike Lowry
- 1997-2005 - Gary Locke
- 2005-2013 - Christine Gregoire
- 2013-Current - Jay Inslee



# WASHINGTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION



**HEADQUARTERS: CAMP MURRAY**  
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Robert Ezelle  
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Sharon Wallace  
Deputy Director



## MISSION OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) leads and coordinates mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts to minimize the impacts of disasters and emergencies on people, property, the environment, and the economy. EMD is comprised of an Operations Unit, which includes Preparedness, Response and Mitigation, and Recovery sections; an Emergency Communications Unit, which includes Cybersecurity, Private Sector, and Infrastructure Sections; and the state's 911 Coordination Office (SECO). EMD's Director's Office includes the division's Financial Operations Section. EMD delivers more than 40 separate homeland security and emergency management programs that support tribal, state, local, and federal stakeholders.

EMD also operates the 24/7 State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) located at Camp Murray. The SEOC is the state's central location for receiving and issuing alerts and warnings of impending emergencies and disasters, information gathering, disaster analysis, and response coordination.

## OPERATIONS SECTION PREPAREDNESS SECTION

The Preparedness Section supports and delivers emergency management preparedness activities across the state, including planning, training, exercises, assessments, continuity, support to Local Emergency Planning Committees, disaster-specific preparedness activities on earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes, as well as an individual disaster preparedness program.

### PLANNING

The team, in conjunction with state and local partners, kicked off the development of EMDs first-ever plan solely focused on the response mission area. The Response Plan follows the core-capability-based planning featured prominently in the Catastrophic Incident Annex.

### STATEWIDE TRAINING PROGRAM

The team coordinated, conducted, or took part in 156 in-person and 32 virtual/hybrid training events supporting all mission areas and core capabilities. These courses trained 4,037 students from across the emergency management enterprise at all levels of the State, Local Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) community. Courses included Incident Command System (ICS)/National Incident Management System (NIMS), National Emergency Management Basic Academy (NEM-BA), All Hazard Position Specific Courses (AHPSC), All Hazard Incident Management Team (AHIMT), and National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) courses.

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

The team conducted and participated in more than 75 outreach events (18 of which were with tribal partners) that engaged more than 2.1 million people. More than 1.4 million people registered for and participated in the 2023 Great Washington ShakeOut. The team, with help from the agency's Communications Division, worked with media partners and helped generate more than 100 media stories that reached more than 18 million people.

### COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUITY PROGRAM

The Continuity program completed 22 technical assistance and education requests, participated in state-level exercises and activations, and expanded the Continuity Community of Practice for local partners. Additionally, six Continuity professionals from the state participated in the FEMA Region 10 continuity workshop. The state-level Interagency Continuity of Operations Professionals (iCOOP) conducted four quarterly meetings, launching five subcommittees. EMD approved its Continuity of Operations Plan for 2023. These activities have contributed to establishing a comprehensive continuity program statewide.

### STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

The State Emergency Response Commission's support staff increased the number of educational opportunities for emergency management agencies, first responders, and the private sector. Events included the annual Local Emergency Planning Committee/Tribal Conference, two hazardous material workshops, hazardous material training for tribal communities, and several virtual events.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP

EMD has partnered with the Washington State Department of Transportation to deliver five Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) workshops designed to improve the operational coordination between local jurisdictions, the Department of Transportation and the SEOC regarding the movement of bulk goods and resources needed to support CSZ impacted jurisdictions and communities.



RESPONSE SECTION

EMD’s Response Section is responsible for the SEOC along with its Alert & Warning Center (AWC), as well as the state’s search and rescue, logistics, credentialing, and emergency workers programs.

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The SEOC was activated for 69 days in 2023 at level two – partial activation and 18 days at level one – full activation. The full activation was in support of the devastating wildfires in Spokane, with recovery efforts still ongoing. The SEOC additionally supported responses to a wide range of incidents, including an active fire season, extreme winter weather, Norovirus and Flu outbreaks, European Green Crab infestation, and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

ALERT AND WARNING CENTER

The 24/7 AWC successfully migrated the state emergency notification system to a new and more modern technology platform, resulting in enhanced capability and a foundation for future iterations to modernize further and streamline alert and warning processes.

CREDENTIALING PROGRAM

The state credentialing program has completed and implemented the inaugural Washington Incident Management Qualification Program (WIMQP) plan, establishing a program and process for statewide certification and credentialing of All-Hazards Incident Management Team personnel throughout the state. The credentialing program continues its work with partners to formulate uniform minimum standards for the qualification of deployable Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel statewide. It is on track to finalizing and implementing the standard in early 2024.

MITIGATION AND RECOVERY SECTION

The Mitigation and Recovery section oversees the division’s risk reduction and disaster recovery efforts. The section comprised the Hazard Mitigation Program, Human Services Program, and Public Assistance Program.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Public Assistance grant program provides grant funding to state, tribal, and local governments, and certain private, non-profit organizations to assist with restoring critical infrastructure sectors following major disasters declared by the President.

FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT (FMAG) PROGRAM

Fire management assistance is available to states, local, and tribal governments for mitigating, managing, and controlling fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands that threaten such destruction that would constitute a major disaster.

FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING - CURRENT / ACTIVE

(Obligated Funds are as of Jan 1, 2024)

| Fire                                     | Date            | Total Funded (Paid & Projected) |
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| Tunnel Five Fire                         | July 2, 2023    | \$7,000,000                     |
| McEwan Fire                              | July 4, 2023    | \$1,850,000                     |
| Baird Springs Fire                       | July 10, 2023   | \$710,000                       |
| Newell Road Fire                         | July 21, 2023   | \$8,895,351                     |
| Eagle Bluff Fire                         | July 29, 2023   | \$8,000,000                     |
| Gray Fire                                | August 18, 2023 | \$10,371,969                    |
| Oregon Fire                              | August 18, 2023 | \$14,232,553                    |
| Estimated HMGP Post Fire funds available |                 | \$13,067,008                    |

HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE

The Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) makes available to Washington include four distinct grant programs: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). These programs are administered by EMD’s mitigation staff and overseen by the State Hazard Mitigation Officer. As of November 2023, the combined value of all pending or ongoing mitigation grants managed by EMD’s mitigation staff is approximately \$507.7 million. That value includes the following:

- \$238.6 million from HMGP and HMGP Post Fire subgrants
- \$12 million from 36 legacy PDM subgrants
- \$14.1 million from 5 L-PDM subgrants (Congressionally Designated Spending funds)
- under \$1 million from 10 FMA subgrants
- \$242.2 million from 26 BRIC subgrants

This year also marked the completion of a multi-year effort to update the State’s Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan (SEHMP), on a five-year update cycle. The newly updated SEHMP is available on EMD’s website and provides important, data-driven information on Washington’s natural hazard profile for use by state, tribal, county, and local offices, and the public at large.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

Washington’s HMGP priorities address earthquake, flood, wildfire, tsunami, and landslide threats to critical infrastructure and essential facilities. Overall, Washington’s HMGP pending or active grants currently fund more than 174 local risk-reduction projects and planning efforts throughout the state, worth about \$238.6 million in combined cost share funding.

To date, two new HMGP grant rounds became available to Washington in 2023. The new 2023 HMGP grant rounds are still in the application development phase and include the following:

- January 12, 2023, Severe Winter Storm. Straight-line winds, flooding, mudslides. HMGP: about \$3.7 million estimated value.
- 2022 HMGP Post Fire, included eight FMAGs valued at about \$15 million.

BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM (BRIC)

In 2023, the state secured approximately \$84.3 million worth of mitigation funding. 2023 BRIC selections from Washington include priority projects addressing tsunamis, flooding, and climate-resilience projects in local communities across the state.

HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

The Human Services team supported several counties with their response and recovery efforts due to severe storms, flooding and freezing conditions that occurred in December, 2022 and early January, 2023. The Emergency Support Function 14 (ESF-14), long-term recovery, was activated to support damage assessments and coordinate recovery assistance for the affected jurisdictions of Island, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties.

The Human Services team supported jurisdictions impacted by wildfires in 2023, including the Tunnel Five Fire in Skamania County, the Newell Road Fire in Klickitat County, and the Gray and Oregon Road Fires in Spokane County.

A Major Disaster Declaration request for FEMA Individual Assistance for the Spokane wildfires was submitted on October 4, 2023, and is pending (as of publication). EMD deployed a team to Spokane County to support damage assessments, the establishment and operation of a disaster assistance center, and to support the county’s emergency response and recovery operations. The governor allocated \$2.5 million from the Emergency Assistance Fund, and the Department of Commerce provided approximately \$2 million from the Emergency Rapid Response program to support recovery efforts for individuals.

The HS Recovery Program worked with counties on damage assessments, which resulted in three Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster declarations:

- Pierce County – City of Sumner Main Street Fire, October 28, 2022, declared February 22, 2023 (Economic).
- Island, Mason, and Whatcom counties – Severe storms, flooding and freezing conditions from Dec. 18 through Dec. 28, 2022 (economic).
- Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties – Sourdough Fire, July 29, 2023 (economic).

STATE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (IA)

Through Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5693, Sect. 143 (15), \$7.5 million of the disaster response account state appropriation was provided solely for EMD to make grants for individual assistance to those impacted by extreme weather events and natural disasters in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023). This program has supported Clallam, Island, King, Pierce, Skagit, Thurston, and Whatcom counties, and the city of Sumas. Under this program, \$2,317,972.60 of the \$6,195,072 grants awarded to local jurisdictions and individuals were used. Assistance provided through this grant included disaster case management, housing assistance, appliance and home repair grants, and other county recovery costs.

Additionally, IA conducted outreach with internal and external partners and completed the contract with Innovative Emergency Management (IEM) to develop a state individual assistance program. The final report was submitted to the Legislature in June, 2023. Staff completed a decision package to request funding and permanently establish a state-funded individual assistance program. The decision package will be reviewed during the 2024 Legislative session.

EXTREME WEATHER GRANT

Senate Bill 5187 Sec. 148 (11) provided \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 solely for the division to administer grants to local governments and federally recognized tribes for costs to respond to community needs during periods of extreme hot or cold weather, or in situations of severe poor air quality from wildfire smoke.



DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAMS CURRENT/ACTIVE

Below is a summary of expenditures through November 2023 for the most recent disasters for the Public Assistance, Fire Management Assistance Grant, Human Services, and Hazard Mitigation Grant programs.

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4682</b>  |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: January 12, 2023  | Public Assistance: \$18,985,817 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides                                | Mitigation Grant: \$ 3,350,063  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: November 3, 2022, to November 8, 2022  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 22,335,880</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Clallam, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, Okanogan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, and Wahkiakum counties |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4650</b>   |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: March 29, 2022   | Public Assistance: \$37,362,625 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides   | Mitigation Grant: \$ 8,359,309  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: December 26, 2021, to January 15, 2022  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 45,721,934</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Chelan, Clallam, Cowlitz, Franklin, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Skagit, Skamania, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4635</b>  |                                  |
| DECLARATION DATE: January 5, 2022   | Public Assistance: \$138,412,766 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides  | Mitigation Grant: \$26,077,901   |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: November 5, 2021, to December 2, 2021  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 164,490,667</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Clallam, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom Counties, the Hoh Indian Tribe, Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation, Nooksack Indian Tribe of Washington, Quileute Tribe, and the Swinomish Indian Community |                                  |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4593</b>  |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: April 8, 2021   | Public Assistance: \$23,036,723 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides  | Mitigation Grant: \$ 3,421,187  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: December 29, 2020 -January 16, 2021  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 26,457,910</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Clallam, Columbia, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Wahkiakum counties, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4584</b>   |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: February 4, 2021   | Public Assistance: \$72,423,449 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Wildfires and Straight-line Winds   | Mitigation Grant : \$12,845,141 |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: September 1 to 19, 2020   | <b>TOTAL: \$ 85,268,590</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Whitman, Yakima counties, and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4539</b>   |                                  |
| DECLARATION DATE: April 23, 2020   | Public Assistance: \$116,550,141 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, Tornado  | Mitigation Grant : \$ 13,627,763 |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: December 10, 2018 to December 24, 2018  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 130,177,904</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Columbia, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Island, King, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla counties |                                  |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4481</b>                           |  |
| DECLARATION DATE: March 22, 2020                 | Public Assistance: \$3,511,781,332         |
| INCIDENT TYPE: COVID-19 Pandemic                 | Individual Crisis Counseling : \$2,194,955 |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: January 20, 2020 and continuing | Individual Funeral Assistance: \$7,078,347 |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Statewide                   | Mitigation Grant: \$101,609,885            |
|  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 3,622,664,519</b>             |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4418</b>   |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: March 4, 2019  | Public Assistance: \$15,506,601 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, Tornado          | Mitigation Grant: \$ 2,529,880  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: December 10, 2018 to December 24, 2018  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 18,036,481</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Mason, Pacific, Snohomish, Whatcom counties |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4309</b>  |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: April 21, 2017  | Public Assistance: \$40,037,381 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Winter Storm, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides   | Mitigation Grant \$ 8,060,000   |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: January 30, 2017 to February 22, 2017  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 48,097,381</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Adams, Benton, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Grant, King, Lewis, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom counties |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4253</b>   |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: February 2, 2016   | Public Assistance: \$14,860,141 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Winter Storm, Straight-Line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, Tornado                              | Mitigation Grant: \$ 2,246,443  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: December 1, 2015 to December 14, 2015   | <b>TOTAL: \$ 17,106,584</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4249</b>   |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: January 15, 2016   | Public Assistance: \$33,384,018 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides   | Mitigation Grant: \$ 5,266,058  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: November 12, 2015 to November 21, 2015  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 38,650,076</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Chelan, Clallam, Garfield, Island, Jefferson, Kittitas, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Wahkiakum, and Whitman counties |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4243</b>  |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: October 20, 2015  | Public Assistance: \$51,022,251 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Wildfires  | Mitigation Grant: \$ 5,852,944  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: August 9, 2015 to September 10, 2015   | <b>TOTAL: \$ 56,875,195</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Chelan, Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Whatcom, Yakima counties, and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4242</b>  |                                |
| DECLARATION DATE: October 15, 2015  | Public Assistance: \$8,336,130 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Windstorm  | Mitigation Grant: \$1,586,000  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: August 29, 2015  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 9,922,130</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Snohomish, Island, Jefferson, Whatcom, Grays Harbor and Clallam counties |                                |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4188</b>   |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: August 11, 2014  | Public Assistance: \$25,788,283 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Wildfires   | Mitigation Grant: \$6,532,000   |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: July 9, 2014 to August 5, 2014  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 32,320,283</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Kittitas and Okanogan counties |                                 |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4168</b>   |                                 |
| DECLARATION DATE: April 2, 2014  | Public Assistance: \$37,792,887 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Flooding and Mudslide   | Mitigation Grant: \$8,331,000   |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: March 22, 2014 to April 29, 2014  | Human Services: \$2,225,803     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Snohomish County, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians and Tulalip Tribes | <b>TOTAL: \$ 48,349,690</b>     |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4083</b>  |                                |
| DECLARATION DATE: September 25, 2012  | Public Assistance: \$3,761,816 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding                                    | Mitigation Grant: \$966,499    |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: July 20, 2012 to July 21, 2012   | <b>TOTAL: \$ 4,728,315</b>     |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Ferry and Okanogan counties |                                |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 4056</b>  |                                  |
| DECLARATION DATE: March 5, 2012   | Public Assistance: \$40,367,850  |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Winter Storm, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides   | Mitigation Grant: \$7,861,000.00 |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: January 14, 2012 to January 23, 2012   | <b>TOTAL: \$ 48,228,850</b>      |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Clallam, Grays Harbor, King, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties |                                  |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 1963</b>   |                                |
| DECLARATION DATE: March 25, 2011   | Public Assistance: \$9,965,501 |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Winter Storm, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides                        | Mitigation Grant: \$1,699,663  |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: January 11, 2011 to January 21, 2011  | <b>TOTAL: \$ 11,665,164</b>    |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Skagit, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties |                                |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 1817</b>   |                                   |
| DECLARATION DATE: January 30, 2009   | Public Assistance: \$69,449,881   |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Winter Storm, Landslides, Mudslides, and Flooding  | Mitigation Grant: \$12,487,773.00 |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: January 6, 2009 to January 16, 2009   | Human Services: \$1,920,233.00    |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Columbia, Cowlitz, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Whatcom and Yakima counties | <b>TOTAL: \$ 83,857,887</b>       |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 1734</b>   |                                   |
| DECLARATION DATE: December 8, 2007   | Public Assistance: \$81,433,104   |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides  | Mitigation Grant: \$11,149,689.00 |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: December 1, 2007 to December 17, 2007   | Human Services: \$4,326,043.00    |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties | <b>TOTAL: \$ 96,908,836</b>       |

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| <b>FEMA WA DR 1671</b>   |                                  |
| DECLARATION DATE: December 12, 2006  | Public Assistance: \$39,008,226  |
| INCIDENT TYPE: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides  | Mitigation Grant: \$5,486,903.00 |
| INCIDENT PERIOD: November 2, 2006 to November 11, 2006   | Human Services: \$1,710,648.00   |
| DESIGNATED COUNTIES: Chelan, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish and Wahkiakum counties | <b>TOTAL: \$ 46,205,777</b>      |

RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH WA EMD: \$4,658,070,053





## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

### STATE 911 COORDINATION OFFICE

The State 911 Coordination Office (SECO) works with counties, other government entities, and 911 service providers to ensure 911 is available and operational statewide. The SECO uses state 911 excise taxes to provide for the statewide 911 system and to assist counties that are unable to fully fund 911 operations with their own local excise tax collections. For the 12 months ending June 30, 2023, the Washington 911 system received, located, and delivered the following call volumes:

|                              |           |       |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Wireline telephone           | 330,191   | 5.9%  |
| Voice over Internet Protocol | 407,465   | 7.3%  |
| Wireless/ Cellular           | 4,796,543 | 86.3% |
| Text-to-911                  | 25,724    | 0.5%  |
| Total 911 calls              | 5,559,923 |       |

#### NEXT GENERATION 911

The Next Generation 911 Core Services (NGCS) system, which is connected to every 911 center statewide, as well as to every 911 service provider by an Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet), is the keystone of the state's 911 system and connects the call-maker with a call-taker. Between July and October 2023, ESInet and network core services were updated to allow carriers to deliver calls for service that included voice and data, which allows for pictures and streaming video to be delivered in addition to voice and text. As of June 2023, all 39 counties have implemented text-to-911 service and policy-level discussions have started to plan for the statewide acceptance of pictures and video.

#### 911 TRAINING

The 911 Training Section delivers high quality training for front line telecommunicators, Communications Training Officers (CTOs), and supervisors working in 911 centers across the state of Washington. The training program works with a group of uniquely qualified 911 professionals that, in addition to their work in local 911 centers, work as instructors for a variety of courses and deliver high quality content that is in alignment with state and national standards. The training program has also been heavily involved with the 911 Telecommunicator Certification Board, helping to facilitate the conversation between that group and the training experts for each county that participate in the State 911 Advisory Committee Training Subcommittee. Through those efforts, the Telecommunicator Certification Board continues to make progress toward the goal of establishing statewide certification standards for all telecommunicators by helping identify critical topics for all 911 telecommunicators to be familiar with. This work will help establish a baseline level of service no matter where one dials 911 in Washington. The training program also helps maintain a learning platform that provides access to dozens of asynchronous virtual courses for all 911 telecommunicators in Washington, deployed a revitalized certification course for Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT), supports the Public Education Committee as it develops more public information regarding 911, and regularly recruits for new experts to teach in the instructor cadre.

#### 911 COUNTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ECAP)

Each fiscal year, ECAP provides counties with funding through County Assistance Grants to help ensure statewide access to 911. For fiscal year 2024, ECAP managed 40 contracts (one for each county plus the Washington State Patrol) and provided more than \$8.8 million in funding. Contingent on revenue, ECAP can offer counties competitive equipment grants to assist with the cost of 911 call handling system upgrades.

### CYBERSECURITY, PRIVATE SECTOR AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECTION

The Cybersecurity, Private Sector and Infrastructure Section supports critical infrastructure and business partners statewide to improve resilience to all hazards. It analyzes the state's network of critical infrastructure to identify vulnerabilities and coordinate response activities; provides statewide cybersecurity policy and program development recommendations for critical infrastructure; supports local and tribal cybersecurity program development; and serves as the emergency management liaison to the state's business community.

#### CYBERSECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RCW 32.52.040(4) established a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee in 2023. A subcommittee of the state's Emergency Management Council (EMC), the group is comprised of representatives from all 16 critical infrastructure sectors. The committee started in October 2023 and contributed recommendations to WAT-ECH's annual "State of Cybersecurity" report to the Legislature. The committee is scheduled to meet six times in 2024 and will provide advice and recommendations to the EMC to improve the cybersecurity posture of critical infrastructure systems throughout the state.

#### CYBERSECURITY PLANNING

In 2023, the team began a comprehensive review of the state's cybersecurity plans. It began to lay the framework for a cybersecurity annex to the state's prevention framework, as well as a significant cyber incident annex to the state's emergency response plan. This planning work will include input from all state agency partners and will produce published documents in 2024.

#### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS

The section received funding for a critical infrastructure analysis position, which was filled in December 2023. In addition to supporting the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee, this position is tasked with creating a comprehensive map of the state's critical infrastructure that accounts for known dependencies and interdependencies between systems and facilities.

#### PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

The section continues to partner with businesses throughout the state and develop platforms to coordinate public and private information sharing in collaboration with other FEMA Region 10 states (Alaska, Idaho, and Oregon).

### FINANCIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

The Budget and Finance team managed and oversaw the division's operational budget, which is a combination of state, federal, and interagency funds. Top activities included incorporating new funding for the state emergency operations, cybersecurity, resilience, and other activities into the overall budget and continuing to align funding to requirements through synchronization of fund sources across the division, project future funding status, and courses of action to address needs and assist with procurement and project tracking while ensuring full expenditure of all fund sources within the varied timeframes. The Preparedness Grants team managed eight federal grant programs across 33 awards equaling \$115,862,369. The funding was administered to 201 subrecipients, comprised of tribes, state agencies (to include the addition of several colleges/universities), counties, cities, special purpose districts, and nonprofit organizations through 670 agreements.

#### Programs included:

- Emergency Management Performance Grant – helping to sustain and enhance state, local, and tribal emergency management programs.
- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program - increased state and local effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials transportation incidents and enhanced implementation of EPCRA.
- Homeland Security Grant Program:
  - State Homeland Security Program - assisting with prevention, preparation for, protection against, and response to acts of terrorism.
  - Urban Area Security Initiative – assisting high-threat, high-density Urban Area efforts to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism.
  - Operation Stonegarden – supporting enhanced cooperation and coordination among U.S. Border Patrol, and state, local, and tribal law enforcement improving overall border security.
  - Nonprofit Security Grant Program – supported target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities for nonprofit organizations at high risk of a terrorist attack.
  - State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program – promulgation of a comprehensive strategic statewide Cybersecurity Plan and allocation of FY22 and 23 funding toward 117 cybersecurity projects.
- Emergency Operations Center - equipping, upgrading, and constructing EOC projects.



# WASHINGTON YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

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## WHAT IS THE WASHINGTON YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY?

The Washington Youth ChalleNGe Academy (WYCA) is a life-coping intervention and credit recovery opportunity for teenagers across Washington who struggle to finish high school.

Unique in its relationship to traditional common schools and their alternatives around the state, the WYCA has been compared to Open Doors reengagement programs (WAC 932-700), alternative learning education programs, and other credit retrieval/recovery programs, as well as the Washington State School for the Blind and the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth. From diverse perspectives, there are “surface” similarities: the WYCA has a residential phase where cadets live at the academy, offers cadets the opportunity to earn high school credits, reengages them with their hometown high schools during the post-residential phase, and provides homeless or disengaged youth the opportunity to reconnect with caring adults and grow toward their full potential. However, no other program can match the WYCA for its ability to immerse youth in a structured, safe and professional environment with more than 70 trained and innovative staff members whose sole purpose is to influence growth in such a holistic capacity.

Based on the outcomes for more than 3,600 cadet graduates to date, the WYCA division of the Washington Military Department is a one-of-a-kind partnership between the WMD and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to empower youth to improve their educational levels and employment potential and become responsible and productive members of their communities.

The eight core components of the program are: leadership and followership, life coping skills, responsible citizenship, academic excellence, job skills, health and hygiene, service to community and physical fitness. Each Cadet must demonstrate growth in all components to graduate from the academy. Experiential training and activities tied to the core components develop the cadets in all areas necessary to pursue a life full of purpose and success. At the heart of the academy is the transformational relationship the WYCA cadre, faculty and staff build with each cadet. Cadets can earn up to eight credits – about 1.3 years of high school – in just 22 weeks. After living on campus in Bremerton for five months, WYCA cadets are equipped to reintegrate into their home schools with the skills to graduate high school with their peers or seek an alternative path to finish their high school education and become equal partners in building resilience in their families and communities.

The WYCA has four phases: the application phase, a two-week acclimation phase followed by a 20-week intensive residential phase and a two-year goal-oriented post-residential phase. During this latter phase, WYCA staff monitor and support graduate progress, helping them develop connections to enhance their social capital and connect their potential as responsible productive adults back to their hometown communities.

**CADETS CAN EARN UP TO EIGHT CREDITS – ABOUT 1.3 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL – IN JUST 22 WEEKS.**

## 2023 CLASS INFORMATION

As a voluntary program, it is not unusual for cadets to struggle with homesickness, their commitment to growth and change, or with a lack of resiliency skills early in the program. Academy cadre, faculty and staff use their training and knowledge in trauma and the adolescent brain to effect hundreds of interventions for cadets with stellar results. WYCA cadets graduated at an impressive rate of 79 percent, exceeding the national average for National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program retention of 76 percent.

In 2023, cadets earned an average 7.2 of the 8 high school credits attempted. Out of 2,120 credits attempted, cadets earned a total of 1,918 credits – a 90.5 percent credit retrieval rate. This doesn't include cadets who took the Avant Assessment and earned up to four additional high school credits for their foreign language requirements.

A civilian activity of the National Guard, WYCA cadets are no strangers to volunteer service and giving back to the community. They collectively volunteered 14,167.75 total hours of service this year, with an average 53.5 hours per cadet, exceeding the 50-hour requirement. According to the nonprofit Independent Sector that estimates the value of volunteer service annually, in 2023 cadets donated \$450,534.45 in service hours to Washington communities.

Cadets who stayed at the Washington Youth ChalleNGe Academy for the entire class session had an average 26.7 percent increase in their cumulative high school grade point averages. The average incoming GPA for youth was a 1.2, which is a D grade-level. Program completers had an average GPA for academy courses of 2.7, which is a B grade-level.

By the end of the class cycles in 2023, cadets finished their mile run an average three minutes and five seconds faster, performed 20 more right-angle pushups (20.6 up to 40.6 average), achieved 80 percent or higher in all life-coping, job skills and other component task assessments, and marched into the sunrise of their next phase ready to lead by example.

The WYCA received a record-breaking 1,097 applications, registered 336 youth and helped 265 cadets transition into the post-residential phase. With only 165 spaces per class cycle (330 annually), even with a 79 percent cadet retention rate, the current capacity and location cannot address the volume of youth and families that need and want the benefits of this vital mission. As of December 1st, the academy had already received 404 applications for the next cycle. Also in 2023, graduates of 2022 achieved a post-residential unprecedented average placement rate of 82.3 percent. “Placement” in ChalleNGe is defined as secondary or post-secondary school enrollment, training for a vocation, service to community, employment or military service.

In terms of regional demographics, youth in areas over the Cascade mountains and beyond a 180-mile radius from the Bremerton campus apply in numbers disproportionately lower than others. Meanwhile, the volume of youth applicants from the central portion of the state just over the mountains and within 180-miles from the campus continues to grow. From June 2016 to June 2023, just two of the 138 school districts WYCA served during this span of time, Yakima and Pasco School Districts, account for 18 percent of Academy graduates. In anticipation of this demand, the Military Department is exploring options to build a new campus in Richland, WA to simultaneously expand and extend the opportunity for the WYCA to underserved applicants in Eastern Washington and the growing demand in Central Washington.

Cadets smile as they prepare to graduate from Class 23-002 on December 15, 2023 in Tacoma, Wash. (photo by Steven Friederich)





HEADQUARTERS:  
CAMP MURRAY



Adam Iwaszuk  
Director



Thomas Blume  
Deputy Director

## MISSION OF THE CFMO

The mission of the Washington Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO) is to provide for the construction, repairs and maintenance for all Washington Army National Guard (WAARNG) facilities and installations. The CFMO is responsible for the planning, design and construction of all major construction projects to support the 25 year strategic plan. In addition, CFMO acquires real property for use by WAARNG elements through the purchase of land and buildings, as well as long-term lease acquisitions. Through the construction and real property programs, CFMO delivers high quality buildings, additions, large scale renovations and structural enhancements. CFMO also manages facility sustainability, physical security and historic preservation of WAARNG facilities. The CFMO director is the principal advisor to the Adjutant General regarding all real property, facilities, construction and environmental management programs.

**DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH:** The Design and Construction Branch's mission is to support the WAARNG's operational readiness through designing, engineering and managing projects for new military construction (MILCON) as well as sustainment, restoration, modernization and maintenance projects of all facilities within the WAARNG inventory.

**PLANNING AND PROGRAMING BRANCH:** The Planning & Programming Branch's mission is to support the WAARNG's operational readiness by developing short and long-term planning for land acquisition, distribution of facilities-related resources, military construction, real property support, units stationing versus space requirements and organizational development necessary to accomplish facilities engineering and management program functions in support of programs essential to WAARNG daily operations, training and readiness missions.

**FEDERAL AND STATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:** Federal: The Federal Resource Management Branch manages a total budget between \$12 and \$20 million annually. It manages and provides oversight for all aspects of the Master Cooperative Agreement for Appendix 1 and conducts detailed budgeting actions and projections based on project planning and programming inputs. It also provides budget oversight for all construction (sustainment, restoration and modernization) and facility maintenance projects. In addition, it manages the budget for MILCON projects that can vary from \$5 to \$40 million and Unspecified Minor Military Construction projects that vary between \$1 to \$6 million. State: This branch provides accurate budget management for two Master Cooperative Agreement Appendices, Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. This includes complex budget development that involves multiple funding sources and multiple budget years, from federal and state systems, ensuring execution is in line with strategic goals of the department. It also provides management of CFMO contracts and purchasing, analyzes spending history and reports on the CFMO budget status while ensuring compliance with policies, audit requirements and regulatory standards.

**FACILITIES AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS BRANCH:** The Facilities and Business Operations Branch supports current and future operations of the WAARNG CFMO, across the state, with reliable and accurate facilities and business operations. Major activities include: real property accountability and acquisition, rental/lease program, recruiting storefront management, comprehensive energy, recycling management and real property asset evaluation to ensure WAARNG facilities meet current and future standards and training needs.

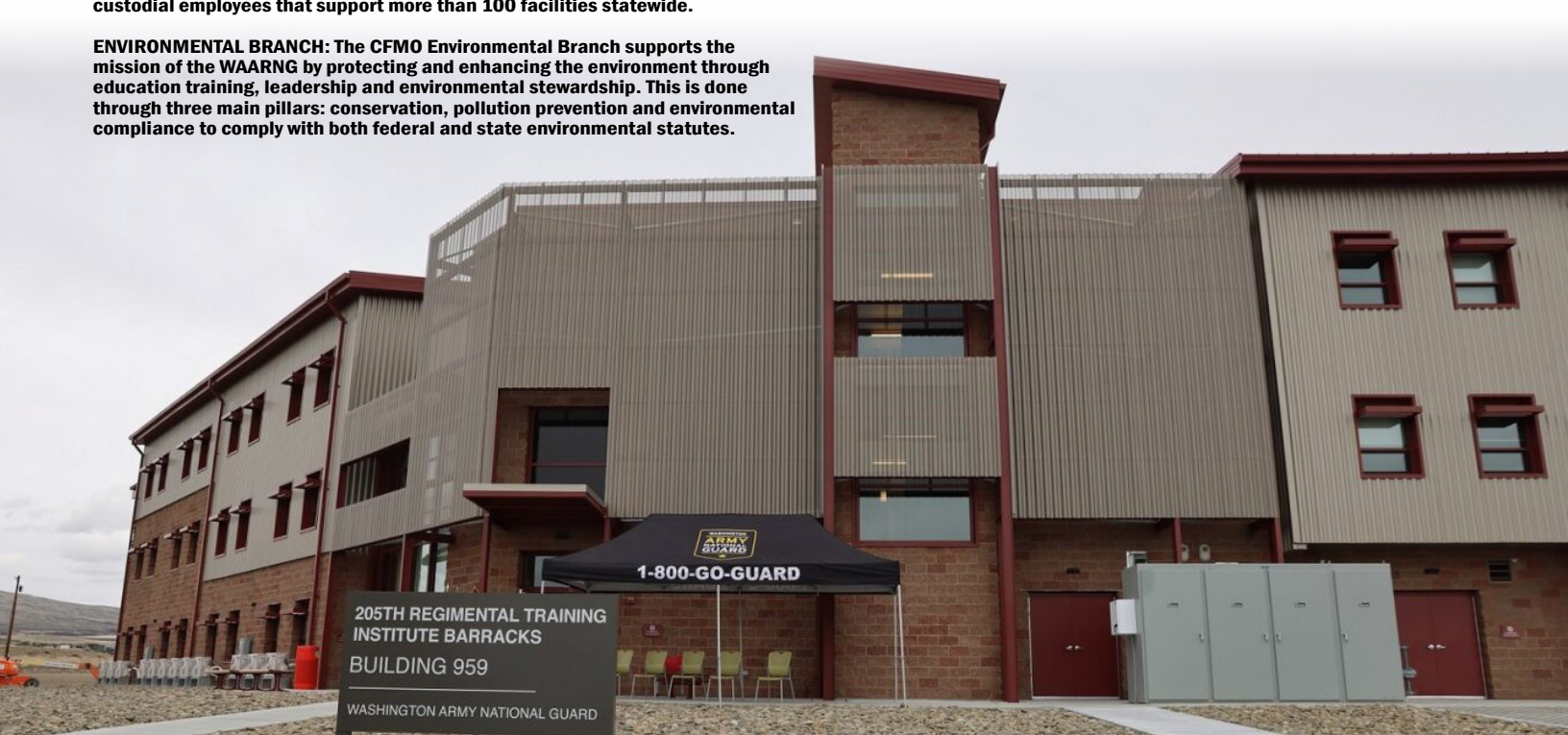
**STATE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES BRANCH:** The State Maintenance and Support Services (SMSS) Branch supports current and future operations of the WAARNG by providing immediate response to critical failures of our facilities and equipment across the entire state. The Branch provides routine work order support for facilities and equipment that need repair, maintenance or replacement. The Branch has a varied staff of skilled trades, grounds crew and custodial employees that support more than 100 facilities statewide.

**ENVIRONMENTAL BRANCH:** The CFMO Environmental Branch supports the mission of the WAARNG by protecting and enhancing the environment through education training, leadership and environmental stewardship. This is done through three main pillars: conservation, pollution prevention and environmental compliance to comply with both federal and state environmental statutes.

## CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- Provided and managed funding for 64 federal and state shared construction projects valued at more than \$65 million.
- Maintained a budget of more than \$20 million supporting base operating functions and sustainment, restoration and modernization projects across the state.
- Hosted the National Guard Bureau's CFMO Resource Management 101 Course, which provided instruction to 56 attendees across the U.S. 54 states & territories.
- Bremerton Vehicle Storage Building project: Scope includes design and construction of a fully sprinklered, 6,144 square foot, 3-bay, unheated metal enclosed vehicle storage building. This project is a supporting facility for the Bremerton Readiness Center.
- Seattle Readiness Center military vehicle road improvements project: Scope includes pavement repair within the military vehicle parking area at the Seattle Readiness Center to include overlay of existing pavement, removal and replacement of damaged pavement, removal and replacement of damaged curb, installation of driveways and rehabilitation of gravel surfacing.
- -BLM 3106 hangar door opener replacement: Scope included the removal of old malfunctioning openers for 14 (2-Ton) hangar doors, re-framed door opener mounts, installation of new digitally controlled door openers with new control wiring and safety sensors, the replacement of overhead electrical feed with programmed door openers for soft open and close which extends the life of the door mechanism.
- CFMO currently has 54 future projects under design which include: upgraded lighting, new roofing, HVAC replacement, facility improvements, parking expansion, additions, paving and gate upgrades and several modernization projects to upgrade various facilities.
- Received federal funding of \$350k for updating our outdated 25-Year Master Plan (MP) and our most current site development plan from NGB-G9. The final product will be used nationwide as the MP model for other states to use as a guide.
- Requested and received MILCON funding for the FY28 Tumwater Field Maintenance Site. Federal funding was increased from \$22 million to \$35 million.
- Completed the submission of competitive projects in all categories to NGB to include the YTC Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (TUAV) as the Major MILCON project at \$22 million and the JBLM Controlled Humidity Preservation (CHP) as the Unspecified Minor MILCON (UMMC) at \$6 million
- Submitted the YTC TUAV project to the Unfunded Priority List for the Chief of Staff of the Army (UPL CSA) at \$22 million. The YTC TUAS project was the top scoring project in the nation and was selected by the Chief of Staff of the Army to move forward for design phase. Additionally, submitted the Camp Murray Civil Support Team (CST) Ready Building as the Unfunded Priority List for the Chief of Staff of the National Guard Bureau (UPL CNGB) at \$34.5 million.
- Awarded two NGB FY 2023 State Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (FSRM) projects for Restoration and Modernization (R&M) for approximately \$7.43 million.
- Secured project authorization and approval for the following projects in FY23:
  - o 37 priority sustainment projects (design and construction) worth \$7.1 million.
  - o 16 priority R&M projects (design and construction) worth \$8.24 million.
  - o 3 demolition projects worth approximately \$500k.
- Returned the Boeing Field site to King County International Airport at the end of a 50-year lease, which included five facilities and 33 supporting real property assets.
- Solicited and received more than \$750k for the installation of EV charging stations at select locations within the state (Kent and Camp Murray).
- Solicited and received \$143k of special program financing (REFoRM) to procure 60 treadmills for distribution among armories and readiness centers across the state.
- Executed \$450k in American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Level II energy audits which will identify energy conservation and savings measures in 15 armories and readiness centers across the state.
- Received and managed a \$1.1 million budget for 35 environmental projects to maintain conservation, pollution prevention and compliance requirements for WAARNG.
- Provided environmental training [hazardous waste management, spill to 55 WAARNG soldier and civilian staff.
- Completed National Environmental Policy Act reviews assessing the environmental effects of proposed actions for 64 construction projects and 31 planning and programming projects.
- Successfully managed the hazardous waste program ensuring hazardous waste was picked-up in a timely manner by coordinating 25 hazardous waste pickups in 2023.
- Focused on baseline compliance with an emphasis on Environmental Performance Assessment System. This is an NGB tool developed for internal assessment and communication of deficiencies to the appropriate parties to ensure corrective actions are taken. This approach requires inspection of at least 25 percent of WMD facilities across the state each year. During 2023, 86 percent of findings were closed.



Left: Yackima Training Center Barracks, Right: Bremerton vehicle storage building.



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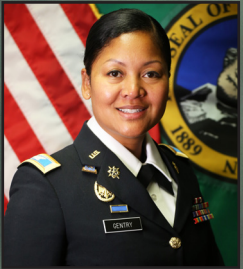
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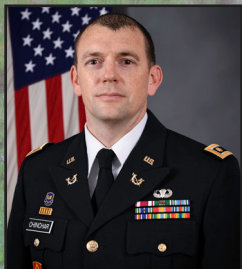
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BRIG. GEN. KENNETH BORCHERS  
Director of the Joint Staff

Brig. Gen. Kenneth Borchers is the Director of the Joint Force Headquarters - Joint Staff. Brig. Gen. Borchers provides command and control of all National Guard forces in the state or territory for the governor during a domestic operation. The Joint Staff also supports the incident Task Force commanders and all of the deployed units within the state. The Joint Staff coordinates any additional support required, such as mobilization of extra forces, or providing other logistical support. The Joint Staff can also act as a joint headquarters for national-level response efforts during contingency operations.



Washington National Guard service members receive training in preparation for the upcoming wildfire season during the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Interagency Wildland Fire Training Academy near Roy, Wash., April 30, 2023. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Adeline Witherspoon)

MAJOR STATE ACTIVATIONS IN WASHINGTON HISTORY

(Pre 1950)

1855 - 1889 - Washington Territory Settler Protection  
1873, 1894 - Railroad Strike  
1885 - 1886 - Anti-Chinese Riots  
1889 - Great Seattle Fire  
1891 - Miners Strike, Seattle Fire  
1898 - Civil Unrest in Ellensburg  
1913 - 1914 - Typhoid Epidemic  
1916 - 1919 - Labor Riots  
1921, 1936, 1939 - Fires  
1925, 1933, 1948 - Floods  
1930 - Puget Sound & Alaska Powder Mill Explosion  
1935 - 1935 - Mill and Lumber Industry Strikes  
1941 - Coastal Defense

(1950 - 1999)

1964, 1979 - Floods  
1969, 1979 - Fires  
1980 - Mount Saint Helens Eruption  
1982 - Floods  
1983 - Civil Disturbance  
1989 - 1992 - Floods  
1990 - Civil Disturbance  
1991 - 1994 - Wildfires (Firestorm '94)  
1995 - 1997 - Winter Storm Floods  
1998 - Makah Whaling Days  
1998 - Civil Unrest in Pullman  
1999 - Civil Unrest (WTO)  
1999 - Centennial Year 2000 Rollover

(2000 - Current)

2000 - Wildfires  
2001- Wildfires, Nisqually Earthquake, Airport Security  
2007 - 2009 - Floods, Snow Removal  
2014 - State Route 530 Landslide, Wildfires  
2015 - Wildfires, Floods  
2016 - 2019 - Wildfires, Election Support  
2020 - COVID-19 Pandemic, Election Support, Civil Unrest, Wildfires  
2021 - Civil Unrest, Wildfires, Flooding  
2022 - Flooding, Snow Removal, Election Support  
2023 - Fires, Election Support





Washington National Guard CBRN specialists with 792nd Chemical Company, 420th Chemical Battalion, 96th Troop Command, conduct vehicle decontamination lanes during annual training at Yakima Training Center, Wash., June 24, 2023. Contaminated vehicles could spread contaminants from the site of an attack or disaster to populated roads and supply routes if not properly neutralized. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Adeline Witherspoon)

# HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE

HEADQUARTERS: AVIATION READINESS CENTER, JBLM

 MIL. WA. GOV/HOMELAND-RESPONSE-FORCE



10TH HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE



Col. Kristen Derda  
Commander



Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Sandland  
Command Sergeant Major

## MISSION OF THE HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE

When directed by proper authority and upon consent of the governor, the 10th Homeland Response Force (HRF) mobilizes, deploys, and conducts domestic operations, with an emphasis toward Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Nuclear (CBRN) response, within the Pacific Northwest to support civil authorities at the local, state, or federal level.

## WHAT IS THE HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE?

The 10th Homeland Response Force is a regionally aligned CBRN asset—made up of both Army and Air National Guard service members—established to support and enhance local, state, and federal emergency managers in response to natural, man-made, or terrorist-initiated CBRN disasters and additional hazards.

## CAPABILITIES

- Communications
- Emergency Management
- Public Health and Medical Services
- Hazardous Material Response
- Public Safety and Security

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the year, members of the Homeland Response Force Outreach Team met with emergency management partners throughout the state to discuss regional concerns, possibilities for synergistic collaboration—such as training, exercise, and grant applications—and regional emergency planning.

In April, Soldiers with the 176th Engineer Company, 96th Troop Command, took part in Hazardous Material Operations certification as part of their training in support of the Homeland Response Force mission.

Later that month, representatives from the Washington National Guard’s 10th Homeland Response Force attended the King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) quarterly meeting to facilitate regional disaster coordination with our community partners. The EMAC advises, assists, reviews, and comments on emergency management and homeland security issues, regional planning, and policies. They measure and prioritize core capabilities, and recommend homeland security allocations and work products to sustain and enhance preparedness.

In May, Col. Jack Mushallo relinquished command of the 10th Homeland Response Force to Col. Kristin Derda.

Also in May, Soldiers and Airmen with the 10th Homeland Response Force, alongside the 92nd Logistic Readiness Squadron, made parallel parking look easy during rapid-deployment air load operations at Fairchild Air Force Base. As the keystone of domestic response, The HRF and CBRN-TF must be able to quickly mobilize and deploy by ground or air and self-sustain for five days.

In June, members of the 10th Homeland Response Force Command and Control (C2) element executed command post operations at the Anchorage Fire Training Center, in Anchorage, Alaska. The 10th HRF C2 supported exercise ORCA 23, a biennial exercise hosted by the Alaska National Guard’s 103rd Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team that included local, state, and federal agencies, as well as Guardsmen from eight states who specialize in CBRN incident response.

In September, members of the 10th Homeland Response Force C2 conducted a limited-notice deployment exercise to the Thurston County Emergency Management Department. HRF C2 staff received an alert to mobilize, deploy, and establish an expeditionary mission command post able to support civil authorities. Later that month, Soldiers and Airmen with the 10th Homeland Response Force conducted a practical exercise using the National Guard CBRN Response Enterprise Information Management System. The exercise is the culmination of a week-long introductory course on NG CIMS, the primarily system of record to provide National Guard Civil Support Teams, CBRN task forces, and Homeland Response Forces with a suite of software applications and devices (similar to smart phones and tablets) to allow personnel to easily share information and help maintain a common operating picture during domestic response operations.

10th Homeland Response Force, 10th Civil Support Team, and Washington National Guard Counter Drug Task Force, visited the FEMA Region 10 Regional Response Coordination Center in Bothell, Wash., in September.

In October, the 10th Homeland Response Force underwent a comprehensive inspection conducted by the National Guard Bureau Standardization Evaluation and Assistance Team (SEAT), receiving an overall score of 91 percent. The purpose of the inspection was to gauge the over-all readiness of the 10th HRF in order to respond and sustain operations when on the scene.

At the end of October, Soldiers and Airmen with the 10th Homeland Response Force, alongside the 92nd Logistic Readiness Squadron, conducted part two of their rapid deployment air-load operations training at Fairchild Air Force Base.

In November, members of the 10th Homeland Response Force worked alongside the Washington National Guard’s 10th Civil Support Team, Joint Staff leadership, and representatives from other federal, state and tribal agencies during the Evergreen Spill table-top exercise at Pend Oreille Pavilion in Airway Heights, Washington. The exercise was designed and led by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Emergency Management Office, with support from the Washington Military Department, to test operations under the command and direction of Tribal Emergency Management, and provide an opportunity for all the non-Tribal agencies participating in this exercise to examine their own processes.



# COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

HEADQUARTERS: CAMP MURRAY

 [MIL.WA.GOV/COUNTER-DRUG-PROGRAM](https://www.mil.wa.gov/couner-drug-program)



Col. Brian Bodenman  
Director



Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Amelia Patterson

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Washington National Guard Counterdrug Program (WA CDP) enabled Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and Community Based Organizations (CBO) to counter opioid and other primary drug threats in support of the governor's State Interdiction and Counterdrug Activities Plan and national counterdrug efforts. The WA CDP employed 115 National Guard personnel in specialized mission areas to fill capability gaps and assist supported agency efforts to disrupt, degrade, and defeat Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO) that threaten the safety and security of the citizens of Washington state. These mission areas include: analysis, communications, ground reconnaissance, aerial reconnaissance, the Western Region Counterdrug Training Center, and federal operations support.

## ANALYSIS - COMMUNICATION - GROUND RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT

National Guard analysts worked throughout the state under the direction of their supported federal, state, and local LEAs. This support accounted for 50 to 100 percent of the total analytic capability of the supported agencies and allowed LEAs to focus their limited resources on the highest priority drug threats within their jurisdictions. WA CDP personnel operated LEA owned optics and ground reconnaissance systems along Washington's northern border with Canada to identify potential drug trafficking routes in areas where LEAs were unable to maintain a physical presence. In related activity, the WA CDP assisted with the installation and maintenance of LEA communications networks in remote regions of the state to ensure officer safety and a coordinated response to drug smuggling activities. These combined efforts enabled the seizure of more than \$29 million worth of narcotics, cash, vehicles, and weapons; and supported investigations that led to the arrest of 158 criminals in 2023.

## AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

The WA CDP operated the only Air National Guard RC-26 aircraft in the Pacific Northwest and integrated Army National Guard UH-72 Lakota helicopters in support of LEA reconnaissance and observation mission requests. The 2023 aerial reconnaissance and observation missions enabled the arrests of 14 criminals, as well as the seizure of more than \$41 million worth of narcotics, cash, vehicles, and weapons utilized by criminal entities throughout the region.

## WESTERN REGIONAL COUNTERDRUG TRAINING CENTER

The WA CDP operates the Western Region Counterdrug Training Center (WRCTC) to provide counterdrug and demand reduction training to LEAs, CBOs, military, and other organizations with a counterdrug nexus. With a course catalog of more than 36 courses, the WRCTC provided training to more than 18,431 personnel representing 1,794 agencies throughout the United States and its territories.

## FEDERAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT

The WA CDP provided thousands of hours of linguistic and analytic support to the Department of Defense, federal LEAs, and combatant commanders. This support resulted in the publication of more than 346 actionable reports, leading to the worldwide disruption or seizures of illicit materials valued at more than \$4.2 billion. Collective efforts of this team enabled the arrests of multiple international criminals and supported policy decisions of senior executive branch officials.



1st Lt. James Hanrahan, a resiliency training instructor with the Washington National Guard's Counterdrug Program Western Region Counterdrug Training Center teaches students at the Washington Youth Academy about resiliency and dealing with stress techniques at the Washington Youth Academy in Bremerton, Wash. on Sept. 19, 2023. (U.S. National Guard photo by Joseph Siemandel)





Mr. Kevin Wickersham, Response Section Manager, Washington Emergency Management Division briefs LTG Nirandom Srikacha, Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Affairs, Royal Thai Army and staff on the current operations in support of wildland fire fighting efforts in the state at the State Emergency Operations Center, Camp Murray, Wash. on August 30, 2023. (U.S. National Guard photo by Peter Chang)

# STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

HEADQUARTERS: CAMP MURRAY

 [MIL.WA.GOV/STATE-PARTNERSHIP-PROGRAM](https://mil.wa.gov/state-partnership-program)



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Director



Master Sgt. Ben McNelley  
Coordintor



Maj. Doug Johnson  
Bilateral Affairs  
Officer - Malaysia



Lt. Col. Joel Johnson  
Bilateral Affairs  
Officer - Thailand

## MISSION OF THE STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Washington National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP) conducts U.S. INDOPACOM aligned security cooperation engagements that facilitate access to, influence with and insight from our partner nations. In addition, it gives our citizen-soldiers and airmen the experience of working with our international partners and seeing military operations through their eyes.

Engagements generally focus on strengthening relationships, enhancing interoperability, sharpening skills and pursuing INDOPACOM objectives. Our Guard members draw on the experience, skills and expertise they bring from their military and civilian careers.

Washington State and its two partner nations, Thailand and Malaysia, are knit closely together through substantial two-way trade, and similar economic, security and infrastructure considerations.

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

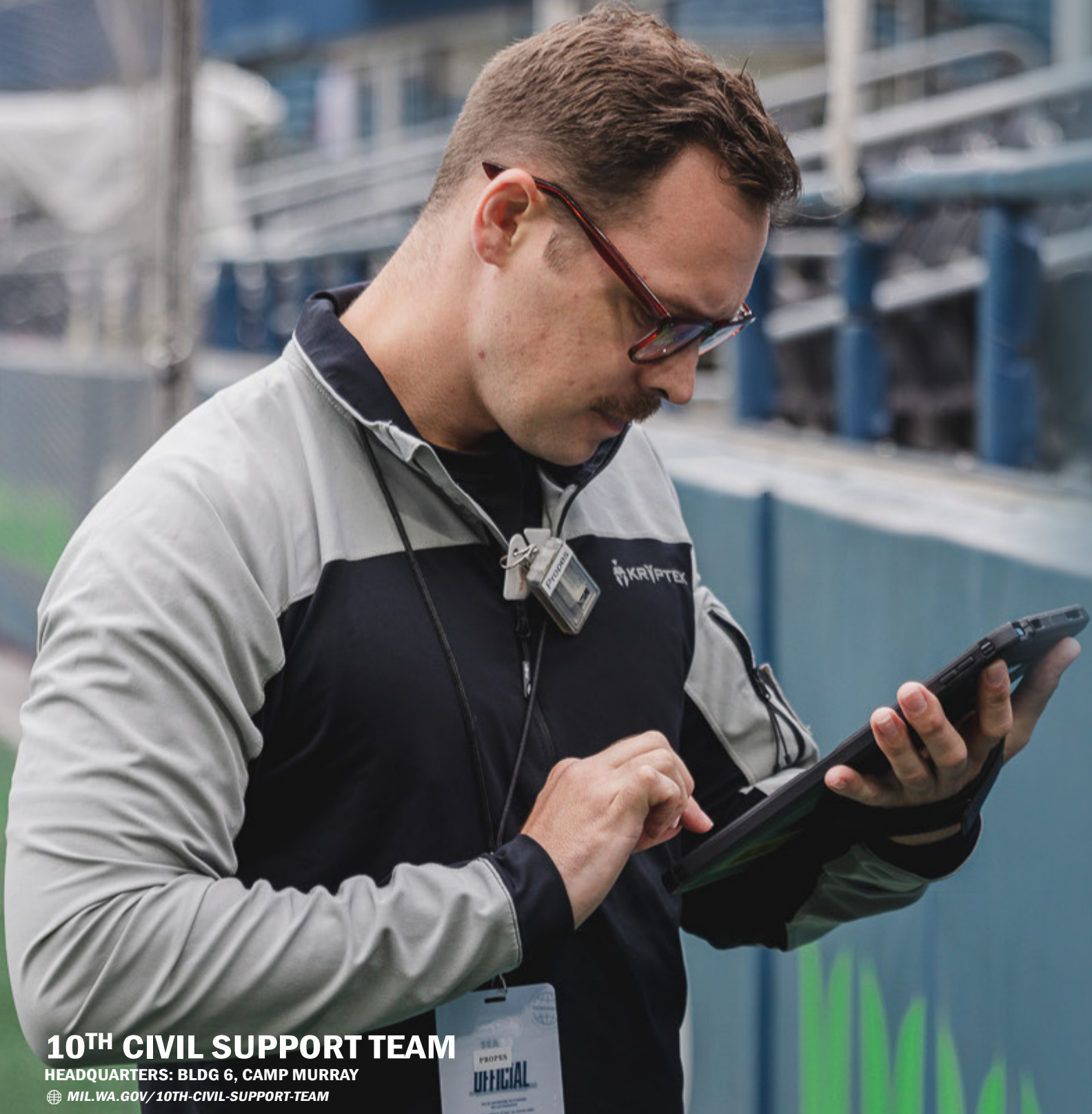
In 2023, the SPP conducted 50 engagements with our partners (35 with Thailand; 15 with Malaysia) – which took place in SE Asia and in Washington State. 2023 was the highest volume year in our program’s history in terms of number of engagements conducted, and number of Guard personnel participating.

2023 exchanges included work on Army aviation, medical, defensive cyber, wildfire response & mitigation, air domain awareness, joint terminal attack, port security, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief, and air refueling, in addition to key leader engagements. Our program made notable progress for INDOPACOM in the significant security cooperation initiatives of Stryker and cyber in the Kingdom of Thailand.

In September 2023, the Washington Air National Guard teamed up with the Oregon Air National Guard to execute a first of its kind engagement with the Royal Thai Air Force called Enduring Partners. Nearly 200 airmen participated with two KC-135R and eight F-15 fighter jets at Korat Air Base, Thailand to work with our Thai partners on air refueling.


The Washington National Guard also furthered INDOPACOM objectives and achieved closer ties with our partners by sending 500 guardsmen to participate in exercise Hanuman Guardian (Thailand), 230 guardsmen to exercise Cobra Gold (Thailand), and 38 guardsmen to exercise Bersama Warrior (Malaysia).





## 10<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

HEADQUARTERS: BLDG 6, CAMP MURRAY

 MIL.WA.GOV/10TH-CIVIL-SUPPORT-TEAM



Lt Col Tyler Royster  
Commander



1st Sgt. Nicholas Van Kirk  
Senior Enlisted Leader

While the 12s head over to Lumen Field on a Sunday afternoon to cheer on their favorite team, there's another team working hard behind the scenes to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance. Members of the Seattle Fire Department Hazmat Team and the 10th Civil Support Team arrive hours before the game to set up hazmat detection equipment. During the game, they continuously monitor the stadium to detect and identify any hazards that may harm the fans. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Peter Chang)

## WHAT IS THE 10TH CST?

The 10th Civil Support Team (CST) is a 22-man, full-time National Guard asset that supports civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosives (CBRNE) incident site with identification and assessment of hazards, advice to civil authorities and facilitating the arrival of follow-on military forces during emergencies and incidents of WMD terrorism, intentional and unintentional release of CBRN materials and natural or man-made disasters in the United States that result in, or could result in, catastrophic loss of life or property. Civil Support Teams complement and enhance, but do not duplicate, state CBRNE response capabilities. Located on Camp Murray, the 10th Civil Support Team is responsible for all of Washington state as the team's primary response area. FEMA Region X is also supported via integration with the CSTs in Idaho, Oregon and Alaska. The 10th CST has an initial deployment time within 90 minutes of alert and can be fully operational in Eastern Washington within six hours of alert.

## CAPABILITIES

- Hazard Site Recon and Survey
- Analytical Laboratory Suite
- Independent Decontamination
- Unified Command Suite for Mobile Incident Command
- Independent Medical Support
- Operations Section
- Communication Connectivity

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, the 10th Civil Support Team responded to more than 25 real world emergency and venue protection requests from partner agencies and law enforcement across Washington. These events included:

### NOTABLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYMENTS

- Deployed in support of Chelan County Drug Task Force and Homeland Security Investigations to Wenatchee to determine hazards surrounding a large-scale illegal pill-pressing operation.
- Requested by Washington State Patrol (WSP) SWAT and Snohomish County Sheriff's Office to determine unknown chemical lab hazard in an apartment complex. A field analysis confirmed a hazard.
- Assisted WA Department of Corrections and WSP SWAT in determining the possible presence of fentanyl in the Thurston County Jail. Assisted WSP with evidence collection, preservation, field analysis and decontamination.
- Requested to respond to a possible homemade explosive in a private Lake Tapps residence by WSP EOD to support safe recovery and avoid loss of life and property.
- Provided primary HAZMAT response to a presumed high-volume illicit drug operation of unknown hazard with WSP SWAT, FBI-WMD, and several other agencies.
- HAZMAT field analysis, decon and evidence preservation requested by HSI for two large pill-presses in an illicit drug manufacturing operation in Maple Valley. Hazards mitigated.
- Performed multiple Advanced Laboratory Suite materials analysis for WA State Dept of Ecology and JBLM Criminal Investigation Division to identify unknown hazards in presumed drug manufacturing processes.
- Responded to a Consolidated Mail Services facility in Olympia to support law enforcement and bomb squads with the characterization and field testing of a suspected chemical hazard.
- Responded as key HAZMAT partner in WA State election security response to suspicious letter/ballot mailings. Ensured a thorough field analysis was conducted and the hazard was contained for safe transport to crime lab.

### NOTABLE JOINT PLANNED MISSIONS

- Supported all home Seahawks games w/partners to include the Dept of Energy's Radiological Assistance Program and Seattle Fire to help monitor air and identify possible radiation.
- Seafair: Provided on-call support for BioWatch air-sampling in coordination with Department of Homeland Security.
- Snowflake Lane: Joint crowd/venue protection w/Bellevue Police Department, as well as air/radiation monitoring.
- Joint venue protection event execution w/ Major League Baseball, City of Seattle, FBI, Seattle Fire, RAP 6 DOE, and many more agencies for the 2023 MLB All-Star Week.
- Began security planning and preparation for the 2026 World Cup.

### NOTABLE JOINT TRAINING/EXERCISES

- Dugway, UT – joint training for Chemical, Biological & Fourth Generation Warfare Agents.
- RoadRAPTER – joint radiation exercise training w/ Dept of Energy Radiation Assistance Program in Richland, WA.
- OPERATION IPA – multi-CST radiation and Chemical Warfare Agent exercise in Bend, OR.
- KONFITMA – multi-CST exercise in Saipan, CNFM with Saipan FD. Multi-hazard response training.
- ORCA – multi-CST exercise in Anchorage, AK with FBI, Anchorage PD.
- Outreach with Vancouver FD for response to Fourth Generation Agents (FGA).
- Pharmaceutical Based Agent (PBA) training w/ Seattle Fire, FBI, Dept of Ecology.
- Joint HAZMAT training with Whatcom County Specialized Emergency Response Program (SERP) team.
- Joint HAZAMT entry training with WA CounterDrug & WSP SWAT. Provided comprehensive illicit drug lab HAZMAT awareness training to 50 SWAT officers.



# JOINT SERVICES SUPPORT



HEADQUARTERS: CAMP MURRAY

MIL.WA.GOV/FAMILY-PROGRAMS

JSSWA



Bruce Eccelstone  
Director

## MISSION OF THE JOINT SERVICES SUPPORT (JSS)

The Washington National Guard Family Program aims at supporting and educating families throughout their National Guard life. JSS is committed to promoting family preparedness and readiness through education and information referral on community resources, conducting family and service member outreach, forming partnerships and alliances, leveraging resources, providing training for the volunteer force and constantly capitalizing on new capabilities, concepts and technological advances.

## SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

**WORK FOR WARRIORS:** Assists service members with developing employment opportunities through career guidance, job skills assessments, resume development and interview skills development.

**FAMILY PROGRAMS:** Provides readiness, resources, referrals and other assistance as needed to service members and families to meet the uniqueness of military life. Helps to enhance unit cohesion, build family self-reliance and increase family readiness. Family Readiness Support Assistants are responsible for outreach, communication and coordination to include family readiness groups and deployment cycle support through all phases of deployments.

**WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH (WANGY) / YOUTH SERVICES:** Youth services concentrate on youth development and resiliency through youth activities and training.

**TRANSITION ASSISTANCE ADVISORS/VA (TAA):** Assist with navigating through the numerous benefits and entitlements in the DoD and VA system to ensure service members understand the benefits they have earned.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE PROGRAM (SAPR/SHARP):** A comprehensive program that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting and accountability. Army and Air policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault/sexual harassment and accountability of offenders.

**INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAM:** Provides guidance, direct-action plans and programing to help reduce harmful behaviors and increase readiness by fostering healthy climates within the Guard and the communities in which they live.

**RESILIENCE, RISK, REDUCTION, SUICIDE PREVENTION (R3SP):** Suicide prevention is the business of every leader, supervisor, soldier, airman and civilian employee in the National Guard. This program centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, and quick response to individuals at risk of suicide. Training is provided using Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training/Ask, Care, Escort (ASIST/ACE).

**YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (YRRP):** Provides information, services, referrals and proactive outreach programs to service members of the National Guard and their families through all phases of the deployment cycle. This program also prepares National Guard members and their families for deployments, sustains their families during deployments and reintegrates the service members with their families, communities and employers upon redeployment or release from active duty.

**EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR):** Provides education, ombudsman services and outreach to help service members maintain civilian employment and promote a culture in which all industries and employers support and value the military service of their National Guard member employees.

**SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS):** Embraces and reassures survivors that they are continually linked to the military family through a unified support program that enables them to remain an important part of the military for as long as they desire.

**MASTER RESILIENCY TRAINING (MRT):** Teaches service members a set of skills and techniques that build resilience. The intent is that NCOs will take the skills and training taught in the MRT course to the junior soldiers they instruct and lead to handle adversity, prevent depression and anxiety, prevent PTSD and enhance overall well-being.

**PERSONAL FINANCIAL COUNSELORS (PFC):** Personal Financial Counselors hold national certifications and are qualified to offer confidential one-to-one personal budgeting consultations, financial counseling sessions, financial education, retirement planning, emergency fund development, credit discovery and repair, appropriate credit building, security clearance and financial reviews.

**MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM (MFLC):** Military and Family Life Counselors offer briefings and presentations for service members and their families. MFLCs also augment other services, support command, offers free, confidential, non-medical counseling for issues such as anger management, communication, conflict resolution, deployment, grief and loss, marriage and couples, parenting, stress management and return and reunion.

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

### WORK FOR WARRIORS

- 156 job placements
- 598 walk-ins
- Worked a total of 8,393 cases
- 5,252 attended briefs (service members, family members and veterans)
- 209 resumes and interviews
- 492 business outreach
- 55 unit events

- Embedded relationships with community partners such as Work Source, Washington Military Council, Spokane Veterans Court, Eastern WA Veteran Task Force, Vets on the Farm, King County Veterans Program, Operation Good Jobs, Local Chambers of Commerce, Hometown to Heroes and various other local, state or national committees.

-COVID 19 Support: JTF (Joint Task Force) Steelhead - 173 service members briefed, 56 needed employment assistance

### FAMILY PROGRAMS ASSISTANCE

- 719 cases
- 556 events
- 2,767 quick trackers
- 1,785 mass communications
- 22 Army Guard evictions resolved
- 10 Air Guard evictions resolved
- 8 Veteran evictions resolved
- \$113,999 in grants for 127 Army National Guard families
- \$8,275.48 in grants for 16 veteran families
- \$2,249 in grants for 18 Reserve families
- \$124,523.48 for 161 families supported
- 1,683 backpacks distributed to school kids
- 354 thanksgiving baskets provided to families
- 2,671 kids received toys for Christmas and holiday meals

### CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

- 1,099 military youth served at 95 events
- 50 individuals volunteered 450 hours
- 10 youth trained in Master Resilience Training (MRT) skills
- 13 Youth Council members representing approximately 6,000 WA mil youth
- Mailed activity boxes that provided youth with training activities

### EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD & RESERVE

- Patriot Awards: 159 (includes Guard & Reserve nominators)
- Statement of Support: 63 (includes Guard & Reserve employers)
- Military members briefed: 2,903 (includes Guard & Reserve within WA)
- Volunteer Hours: 3,249
- 15 Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act inquiries

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

- 4,637 soldiers and airmen received SAPR/SHARP annual refresher
- 37 credentialed victim advocates statewide
- 3 VA refresher trainings – 33.5 hours offered
- Multiple deployments supported with response and training
- 18 cases supported with advocacy and resources
- Added Sexual Harassment advocacy and supported 7 complainants
- Hired 5 new additional full-time staff to support the force in response to DOD Independent Review Commission

### MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

- Provided confidential non-medical counseling and referrals for adults, families and youth
- Attended Yellow Ribbon Reentry Program events, provided briefings and counseling support
- Augmented the Washington National Guard Youth (WANGY) programs and provided consultation and briefings for the youth council

### INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAM

- More than 25 trainings attended
- Attended 15 community events
- Credentialed 3 IPP staff; 4 more pending approval
- Attended and supported 3 Solider First events
- Supported 2 Rainier Receptions
- Attended and supported 4 Family Programs
- Attended and supported 2 Yellow Ribbon Events

Joint Service Support staff and volunteers pose for a photo on the drill floor during the Washington National Guard Joint Services Support's Holiday Magic event at the Pierce County Readiness Center, Camp Murray, Wash. on Dec. 13, 2023. (Photo by Courtney Discolo)



# WASHINGTON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



**Brig. Gen. Bryan Grenon**  
Land Component Cmdr.



**Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Honeycutt**  
State Command Sergeant Major



**Col. Jack Mushallo**  
Chief of Staff



**Col. Chris Blanco**  
G-1, Personnel



**Lt. Col. Micahel Camerota**  
G-2, Intelligence



**Col. Tim Ozmer**  
G-3, Operations



**Lt. Col. Matt Chargualaf**  
G-4, Logistics



**Lt. Col. Josh Daily**  
G-5, Strategy and Plans



**Maj. Sameer Puri**  
Director of Information Management



**Col. Mitch Sieglöck**  
State Aviation Officer

Sgt. Daniel Osborn, 81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team member supporting the OCS Phase III throws a smoke grenade during a Platoon Field Training Exercise lane at Leschi Town, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. on July 31, 2023. OCS Phase III is the culminating event for National Guard Officer Candidates testing their leadership and critical thinking abilities prior to commissioning as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. (U.S. National Guard photo by Joseph Siemandel)



## BRIG. GEN. PAUL SELLARS

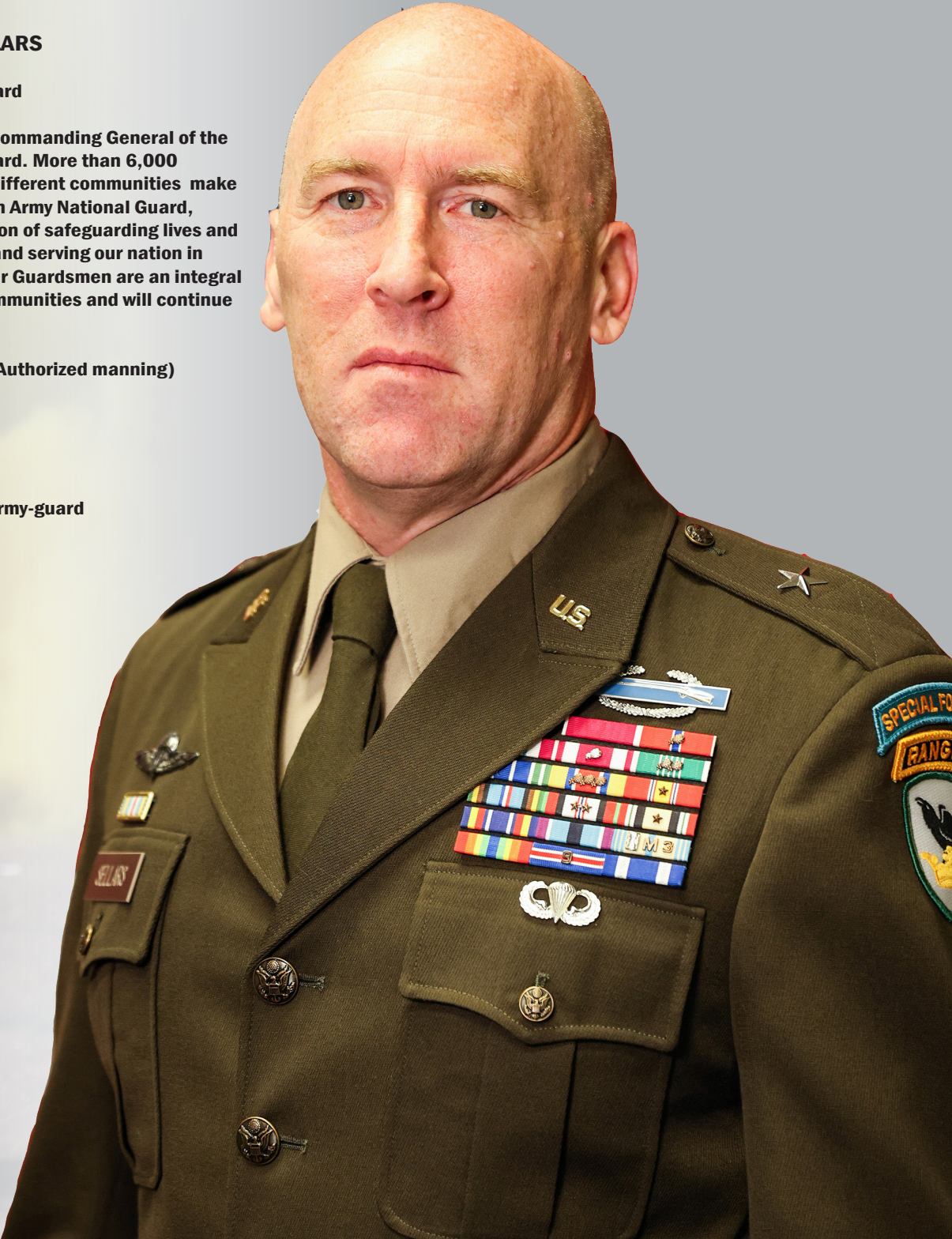
Commanding General  
Washington Army National Guard

Brig. Gen. Paul Sellars is the Commanding General of the Washington Army National Guard. More than 6,000 citizen-soldiers serving in 30 different communities make up the ranks of the Washington Army National Guard, serving faithfully in their mission of safeguarding lives and property in Washington state and serving our nation in locations around the world. Our Guardsmen are an integral part of Washington state's communities and will continue to be for generations to come.

Army National Guard - 6,050 (Authorized manning)  
Part-Time - 5,012  
Full-Time - 1,038

### SOLDIER FIRST!

Find out more at [mil.wa.gov/army-guard](https://mil.wa.gov/army-guard)



## ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS



**56th Theater Information Operations Group**



**81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team**



**96th Aviation Troop Command**



**96th Troop Command**



**205th Regional Training Institute**



56TH THEATER INFORMATION OPERATIONS GROUP  
“MERCURY”



HEADQUARTERS:  
JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD

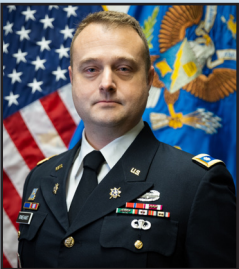
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Col. Nick Parker



Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Amy Patterson



Lt. Col. Nolan Rinehart  
341st Military  
Intelligence Battalion



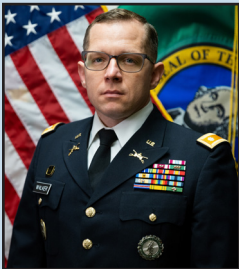
Lt. Col. Dan Wessman  
156th Information  
Operations Battalion



Col. David Coughran  
Special Operations  
Detachment - Pacific



Lt. Col. Denny Frey  
A Co. 1st Battalion  
19th Special Forces Group



Lt. Col. Johnny Walker  
122nd Theater Public  
Affairs Support Element

CAPABILITIES

- Search and Rescue
- Special Operations and Missions
- Foriegn Language and Translation
- Cyber Security and Network Defense
- Public Affairs
- Intelligence Gathering and Analytics

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, the units of the 56th Theater Information Operations Group (TIOG) continued to provide critical force multiplying capabilities both in the United States and abroad.

The 122nd Theater Public Affairs Support Element supported the Washington National Guard’s public affairs efforts by providing trained professionals to cover more than 30 events statewide, highlighting service members, units and training. The unit also led the Thai-U.S. co-sponsored Cobra Gold 2023 Combined Joint Information Bureau in the Kingdom of Thailand. This effort enhanced communications and built upon the long-standing partnership of this robust multinational exercise promoting regional peace and security in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific. At year’s end, 122nd maintains readiness for missions stateside and postures for another lead role at Cobra Gold. The 141st Military History Detachment redeployed from a very successful deployment in the middle east.

The 156th Information Operations Battalion spent 2023 focusing on basic soldiering skills through tough realistic training, readiness oriented tasks, mobilizing field support teams, and overseas deployments for training throughout INDOPACOM. The battalion continues to prepare and deploy field support teams on a continuous rotation in support of Special Operations Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve in Jordan and Iraq, while remaining closely tied to regionally active-duty counterparts in the INDOPACIFIC theater while supporting training events such as Cobra Gold, Cyber Shield and Talisman Sabre.

The 341st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) cemented its commitment to the alignment to the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility and the 500th MIB-T by developing a sustainment augmentation model providing agile and sustainable support past 2030. The soldiers of the 341st successfully supported numerous engagements, events and exercises aligned to USARPAC objectives and requirements. These included Vigilant Pacific, Yama Sakura and Key Insight. Department of the Army G2, LTG Laura Potter, recognized the work accomplished by the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) and its subordinate battalions, including the 341st , as “phenomenal” during the Army National Guard G2 workshop. Additionally, the 341st sent a team of linguists to compete in the Polyglot Games in Utah, three of whom placed in individual competition, attended Panther Strike and executed the first annual Valor Language Games, testing tradecraft and language skills of soldiers. The units continued to support civil authorities by training soldiers in wildland firefighting, posturing for future state activations.

Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group remained engaged throughout CENTCOM and EUCOM during 2023. The company headquarters and four Operational Detachment Alpha’s (ODA) deployed to CENTCOM in March, focused on continuing to ensure the everlasting defeat of ISIS and compete with other adversaries throughout CENTCOM. Two ODAs deployed to Iraq, one ODA to Lebanon and a fourth to United Arab Emirates. This summer, a fifth ODA deployed to Poland in support of ongoing efforts in Ukraine and will remain deployed through early 2024. The company will spend 2024 resetting and preparing for future overseas deployment trainings (ODTs), Joint Combined Exchange Trainings (JCETs) and global operational requirements as directed.

The Special Operations Detachment – Pacific (SOD-P) continued to support special operations within the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility in 2023. As of 2021, SOD-P assumed full responsibility for planning, resourcing and executing the Special Operations contingent of the staff planning exercise (STAFFEX) and the command post exercise (CPX) for COBRA GOLD. 2023 saw SOD-P execute the COBRA GOLD 23 STAFFEX along with a weeklong Joint Special Operations University (JSOU)-led bilateral exercise with our Thai Special Forces partners. In preparation for COBRA GOLD 24, SOD-P also attended two two-week planning conferences in Thailand. Finally, SOD-P members worked on Special Operations Forces – Conventional Force Interdependence, Interoperability and Integration (SOF-CF I3) in another exercise in Malaysia: KERIS STRIKE 23. SOD-P successfully brought SOF integration to a traditionally conventional exercise in Malaysia, Washington’s other State Partnership Program partner. The SOD’s performance at KERIS STRIKE laid the groundwork for more SOF-CF I3 in 2024 in the form of a Rigger Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) through the auspices of SPP. SOD-P achieved all of these effects while also working on some major deliverables for SOCPAC while at home station.



SGT Jason Ferrer, a member of the 341st Military Intelligence Battalion, upholds his proficiency as a Military Intelligence Soldier through hands-on foundry training, ensuring continuous development of his individual technical skills on June 11, 2023, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. (U.S. National Guard photo by Peter Chang)



# 81ST STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

“RAVEN”



**HEADQUARTERS:**  
BLDG 81, CAMP MURRAY

**PERSONNEL: 2,928**  
MIL.WA.GOV/81ST-STRYKER-BRIGADE-COMBAT-TEAM  
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Col. Matthew James



Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Kelly Wickel



Lt. Col. Nick Stuart  
1st Battalion,  
161st Infantry Regiment



Lt. Col. Krystian Derda  
3rd Battalion,  
161st Infantry Regiment



Lt. Col. Steven Beecroft  
2nd Battalion,  
146th Field Artillery Regiment



Lt. Col. Amanda Ranney  
181st Brigade  
Support Battalion



Lt. Col. Jeff McDonald  
898th Brigade  
Engineer Battalion

## CAPABILITIES

- Mounted and Dismounted Infantry
- Stryker Fighting Vehicle Operations
- Engineering
- Field Artillery
- Logistical Support
- Intelligence Gathering
- Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems

- Equipment Maintenance
- Signal / Communications
- Medical Support

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

The 81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team began 2023 fielding new equipment in accordance with the Regionally Aligned Readiness and Modernization Model cycle. The 81st SBCT ended the year transitioning to the Training Year 1 as it began to train up for its National Training Center (NTC) rotation in 2026.

The 81st SBCT conducted annual training in the summer of 2023 at various locations. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) for the 81st SBCT supported a Division Warfighter with their tactical equipment in a training area at JBLM. In November, HHC conducted a week of annual training working on the Military Decision Making Process (MDMP), producing a tactical operations order to fight the scenario-designed enemy, the Donovians, on NTC terrain. Charlie Company supported the 81st SBCT with the Command Post Exercise by providing communication support for brigade staff. Additionally, it conducted air assault missions for RETRANS.

Task Force Highlander from 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment executed Hanuman Guardian, a partnered exercise with our Thai counterparts focused on individual though platoon live fire training in Thailand. 3rd Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment conducted individual and squad live-fire training at the Yakima Training Center and deployed one Infantry Company on Cobra Gold, another touch point with our state partner.

CPL Mitchel Fletcher of Delta Company 898 Brigade Engineering Battalion won the state linguist competition at the Valor Games. Fletcher was hand selected to participate in the Yama Sakura, the Japanese Exercise for translator operations. Delta Company, 898th Brigade Engineer Battalion trained in Idaho over the summer getting a first-hand look at the latest tactical electronic warfare equipment being fielded to the Army. Delta Det demonstrated UAS capabilities with the Canadian and Joint Task Forces.

2-146 Field Artillery conducted live-fire training in Thailand during Hanuman Guardian in July, working in conjunction with the Royal Thai Army. The unit also demobed members from Poland starting in October 2023.

The 181 BSB sustained the force through all the demobilizations and training events throughout the year. Support Battalion leadership hosted several touch-points with forward support companies and maneuver battalions to build tactical sustainment proficiency necessary for higher echelon Mission Essential Task List proficiency in future years. 181 BSB continues building sustainment expertise through situational tactical exercises and convoy training, establishing and operating out of a tactical Brigade Support Area for the first time since eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC).

The Alpha and Bravo Engineering Companies strived for excellence during the Fiscal Year 2023 training calendar by conducting engineer qualification tables 1-6. Additionally, both companies completed squad certifications and live fire exercises. A/898 BEB deployed one combat engineer platoon to support a Hawaii Army NG Joint Readiness Training Center rotation, providing a professional peer opposing force.

Washington National Guard cannon crews with Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery Regiment, 81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, load a charge into an M777 towed 155 mm howitzer during a night live fire exercise at Yakima Training Center, Wash., on April 23, 2023. Cannon crews routinely train on both day and night firing techniques to gain the confidence to perform duties in all conditions. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Adeline Witherspoon)



96TH TROOP COMMAND  
“EXCELSIOR”



HEADQUARTERS:  
AVIATION READINESS CENTER,  
JBLM

PERSONNEL: 1,430

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Col. Kristen Derda



Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Sandland



Lt. Col. Clint Edwards  
1st Battalion,  
303rd Cavalry Regiment



Lt. Col. Rene Mendoza  
420th Chemical  
Battalion



Lt. Col. Aaron Mach  
741st Ordnance  
Battalion



W01 Matthew Wenman  
133rd Army National  
Guard Band



Col. Chris Blanco  
144th Digital Liaison  
Detachment

CAPABILITIES

- Chemical and Hazardous Material Decontamination
- Medium and Large Vehicle Operations and Transportation
- Vertical Construction
- Ordnance Disposal
- Senior Leader Engagements and Liaisoning
- Law and Order Enforcement
- Musical and Performing Arts
- Cavalry Scout Reconnaissance and Operations

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

96th Troop Command Soldiers began the year by participating in the 42nd iteration of Exercise Cobra Gold, held annually in the Kingdom of Thailand. Guardsmen with the 144th Digital Liaison Detachment, 420th Chemical Battalion, and 96th Troop Command headquarters took part in the humanitarian assistance disaster relief table top exercise and multinational joint staff exercise.

In March, engineers with the 176th Engineer Company returned to the Kingdom of Thailand to conduct a subject matter exchange with the Royal Thai Army as part of a wildland firefighting exercise.

In recognition for providing the highest quality food and service to Soldiers in the field, culinary specialists with Delta Company, 141st Brigade Support Battalion were presented with the Phillip A. Connelly Award in the Field Feeding Category.

In May, Col. Jack Mushallo relinquished command of the 96th Troop Command/10th Homeland Response Force to Col. Kristin Derda. After months of intense training and preparation, 1st Squadron, 303rd Cavalry Regiment joined sister battalions from Oregon and New Mexico for the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) annual training in Camp Roberts, California. XCTC is the National Guard’s program of record that simulates a realistic combat environment to test platoon proficiency through a variety of exercises and improve individual Soldier skills.

In June, Lt. Col. Marco Brettmann relinquished command of the 420th Chemical Battalion to Lt. Col. Rene Mendoza. In July, transportation specialists with the 1041st Transportation Company traveled more than 3,000 miles through eight states, in just six days, setting the record for longest state-side convoy movement in the Washington National Guard. The convoy prepared 1041st Trans. Co. to support its federal mission, which requires units to help stand up and run mobilization sites throughout the continental United States.

After 16 years, Chief Warrant Officer Four Scott Pierson relinquished command of the 133rd Army National Guard Band to Warrant Officer One Matthew Wenman. The 319th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company hosted a collaborative training exercise attended by members of the Tri-County Hazardous Material Response Team, a specialty organization comprised of fire departments within the Southeast quarter of Washington State. The training scenario focused on strengthening communication and building relationships between the National Guard and community responders.

In August, Lt. Col. Horace Allen relinquished command of the 741st Ordnance Battalion to Lt. Col. Aaron Mach. Lt. Col. Peter Gustafson relinquished command of 1-303rd Cavalry to Lt. Col. Clint Edwards.

In September, the U.S. Department of Defense announced that service members who assisted with the 2021 evacuation of Kabul Airport, one of the largest humanitarian operations in U.S. military history, will receive the Presidential Unit Citation for their collective courage, including the 319th EOD Company.

Military police with the 506th Military Police Detachment deployed for a nine-month tour in support of Operation Spartan Shield. This marks the fourth time in 15 years the 506th Military Police Detachment has deployed.

In November, the 319th EOD Company participated in a joint, interagency counter-improvised explosive device training at Yakima Training Center, hosted by the U.S. Army’s 53rd Ordnance Company (EOD). Participants included explosive ordnance techs with the Oregon National Guard’s 142nd Civil Engineer Squadron, U.S. Air Force’s 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron, and the U.S. Navy EOD Mobile Unit 11 Detachment Northwest. FBI Special Agent Bomb Technicians and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also participated in the training.





# 96TH AVIATION TROOP COMMAND

“FALCONS”



HEADQUARTERS:  
JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD

PERSONNEL: 697  
MIL.WA.GOV/96TH-AVIATION-TROOP-COMMAND  
168RAPTORS  
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Col. Mitch Sieglock



Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Mike Twadell



Lt. Col. Emily Gerding  
1st Battalion,  
168th General Support  
Aviation

## CAPABILITIES

- Medium Lift Helicopter
- Heavy Lift Helicopter
- Support Helicopter
- Fixed Wing
- Medical Evacuations (MedEvac)
- Aviation Maintenance
- Forward Support

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

2023 was a busy operational year for the 96th Aviation Troop Command (ATC), a year which included overseas operational deployment training, mobilization in support of securing our borders, and aviation support to devastating wildfires which consumed portions of eastern Washington. Additionally, the 96th ATC demonstrated readiness and proficiency throughout several real-world rescue missions, helping to protect and safeguard the citizens of Washington State and our nation. Highlights from 2023 include the deployment of Charlie Company, 1-112th Security and Support Battalion to the southwest border, where aviators, crew chiefs, fuelers, and mechanics provided Border and Customs Patrol agents with the speed, maneuverability, and overwatch of the LUH-72 Lakota helicopter.

In early spring, CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter aircrews received informational briefings and training from Washington’s Department of Natural Resources to ensure a high level of readiness prior to fire season. The unit sat poised and prepared to work with both DNR and the United States Forest Service to provide timely and accurate water bucket drops for their ground crews when called upon.

In the summer of 2023, the Headquarters and Headquarters company of the 96th ATC and select personnel from the 1-168 General Support Aviation Battalion supported Pacific Pathways by providing aviation subject matter experts and operational support to both US forces and the Royal Thai Army in Hanuman Guardian 2023. This opportunity allowed the 96th ATC to challenge both junior and seasoned members of the aviation community through logistical planning, aviation operations management, and liaison work with the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade as well as the 2-146 Field Artillery and 1-161 Infantry maneuver battalions of the WAARNG. This engagement strengthened the relationship with both the WAARNG and the Royal Thai Army and laid the foundations for upcoming work with these same WAARNG elements in future combined training exercises.

Throughout the entirety of 2023, aircrews from the 96th Aviation Troop Command supported numerous air mission requests from the Washington National Guard, Active Duty, Reserve, and joint units from other branches and components. UH-60, CH-47, and C-12 crews provided customers with several iterations of paratroops, bundle drops, helocast, air movement, air assault, battlefield circulation, aerial site recon, refueling, reenlistment and morale flights, as well as static displays for local high schools, recruiting and retention events, community events, and the Joint Airshow and Warrior Expo held at McChord Field. UH-60 aircrews from the 96th ATC kicked off the Race For a Soldier, organized by the Permission to Start Dreaming Foundation in Gig Harbor, with a National Anthem fly-over just prior to the beginning of the race. Overall, in 2023 aviators executed more than 2,500 total flight hours.

Washington Army National Guard Aviation is proud of its ability to stand ready to deliver airlift, resupply, maintenance, and sustainment capabilities to communities in Washington State. In June, the command team from Delta Company, 1-168th General Support Aviation Battalion, coordinated and executed a multi-component Downed Aircraft Recovery Team (DART) exercise, fully conceptualizing, planning, rehearsing, staffing, and executing a slingload recovery and movement of a UH-60 – the first exercise of this scale and complexity fully integrating WAARNG Aviation.

Aircrews from the 96th Aviation Troop Command kicked off their wildland firefighting support early in the season by responding on short notice to a fire that started on the range complex at the edge of the impact area on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. For two days, UH-60 and CH-47 platforms dropped water from 660-gallon and 2,000-gallon buckets (respectively), working effectively to control the spread of the flames. The governor’s emergency proclamation in mid-August spooled up a State Active-Duty mobilization of aviation assets to support DNR and USFS assets fighting fires on both the eastern and western sides of the state. All told, more than 70 personnel, including ground support, maintainers, administrative support, command elements, and liaisons across all WAARNG Aviation units provided the assistance to drop water on six independent fires across five counties, flying more than 40 hours in total and delivering more than 130,000 gallons of water with pinpoint accuracy.

Washington National Guard Staff Sgt. Kevin Lamp, left, and Sgt. Marc Echolas, crew chiefs with Bravo Company “Boxcars”, 1-168th General Support Aviation Battalion, 96th Aviation Troop Command, sit on the ramp of a CH-47 Chinook while Guardsmen with the 81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team train on the ground below at Yakima Training Center, Wash., June 6, 2023. As part of their Annual Training, the flight crew completed a night aerial gunnery qualification range using M240H machine guns. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Adeline Witherspoon)



# 205TH TRAINING REGIMENT

“VICTORY THROUGH LEADERSHIP”



HEADQUARTERS: CAMP MURRAY  
PERSONNEL: 135

[MIL.WA.GOV/205TH-REGIMENT](https://mil.wa.gov/205th-regiment)



Col. Tim Ozmer



Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Ausen



Lt. Col. Jay De La Vega  
1st Battalion, 205th  
Regiment



Lt. Col. Josh Daily  
2nd Battalion, 205th  
Regiment

## COURSES OFFERED

**OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL:** Officer Candidate School (OCS) develops and evaluates the leadership qualities of soldiers that are striving to become commissioned officers in the Army National Guard. These candidates are expected to lead soldiers under stressful conditions through the use of problem solving and team building skills. Those that succeed graduate and become second lieutenants.

**WARRANT OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL:** Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) trains, assesses, evaluates and develops seasoned soldiers with a specific technical skill level and transforms them into Warrant Officers in the Army National Guard. Warrant Officers are the technical experts that advise and assist both soldiers and commanders on how to manage and operate Army systems and equipment.

**UNIT MOVEMENT OFFICER DEPLOYMENT OFFICERS COURSE:** Unit Movement Officers Deployment Planners Course (UMODP) provides unit deployment officers and NCOs at company, troop or battery level with the ability to plan, organize and conduct company-size unit movements, training and operations.

**MANEUVER SENIOR LEADERS COURSE:** Part of Non-Commissioned Officer Education System. Targets the mid-grade NCO and is a requirement for promotion to Sergeant First Class. With the goal to educate Infantry and Armor NCOs to be adaptive leaders, critical and creative thinkers, armed with the technical, tactical, administrative and logistical skills necessary to serve successfully at the platoon and company level.

**MASTER FITNESS TRAINER COURSE:** To train selected noncommissioned officers and commissioned officers in all aspects of the Army’s Physical Readiness Training System. This will enable them to perform as unit advisors to their commanders on physical readiness as well as establish and monitor both unit and individual Physical Readiness Training Programs.

**MODERN ARMY COMBATIVES LEVEL I AND II:** Basic Combatives Course (Level I) designed to produce platoon level trainers who can teach basic tasks and drills that every soldier in the Army must know. Tactical Combatives Course (Level II) instruction addresses not just the how but also the why of the technique trained in Basic Combatives Course.

**MANEUVER TACTICS FOUNDATION COURSE:** The course includes training on Army Doctrine and foundations for tactical planning and execution to include Army operations, troop leading procedures, operations order, operational terms/symbols, the defense and the offense. This training will ensure standardization of tactical doctrine for infantry instructors, leaders and other combat arms trainers.

**COMMON FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR COURSE (CFD-IC):** CFD-IC is designed to train and certify military instructors on small group instruction methodology. The course presents exercises and conferences designed to have students experience firsthand how groups react to a variety of situations and SGI methodologies.

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

The 205th Regional Training Institute (RTI) is one of the nation’s top RTIs and has been awarded the coveted title of “Institution of Excellence,” an achievement normally reserved for the top 5 percent of RTIs in the country. The 205th continued to execute the strategic plan centered on three essential focus areas: Multi-component unit initiative, facilities and technology improvements and instructor development.

Instructors from first battalion trained nearly 1,000 US service members in the following courses:

- The Maneuver Senior Leader course produced 240 qualified maneuver platoon sergeants, amounting to roughly one-third of all personnel produced across all components of the US Army.
- The Unit Movement Officer course qualified more than 600 unit movement officers, holding the distinction as the highest producing schoolhouse accredited to teach UMO, and producing nearly one-third of all unit movement officers in the US Army across all components.
- The Master Fitness Trainer course produced more than 90 MFT instructors.
- The Common Faculty Development-Instructor course produced more than 40 instructors.
- The Maneuver Tactics Foundation course enabled 20 company-level leaders to enhance their maneuver knowledge.

Meanwhile, the Stryker Leaders course conducted five offerings, including an overseas training rotation to help the Royal Thai Army build a knowledge base on the maintenance and operation of the Stryker platform. By offering this program, the first battalion helped build the strategic partnership between Washington State and Thailand through the framework of the State Partnership Program.

Overall, first battalion supported every MSC in the state, soldiers from all components of the US Army and soldiers from the Royal Thai Army.

Second battalion produced five commissioned second lieutenants and 17 warrant officers into the Washington Army National Guard. The Phase III Officer Candidate School program graduated 98 officer candidates from Compo-2 & 3 across 12 different states and was supported by every major subordinate command in the state.

Initiatives from the 205th RTI continued to enhance the reputation of the Washington Army National Guard. The regiment’s focus on remaining committed and capable of conducting training of the highest caliber persists in generating opportunities for the unit and the Washington Army National Guard.

Graduates of the 205th Regiment Officer Candidate School Class 66-23, Washington National Guard, line up for their first salute after receiving their commissions on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Sept. 9, 2023. This ceremony represents the start of the graduates’ careers as U.S. Army officers. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Elaina Nieves)



# WASHINGTON AIR NATIONAL GUARD



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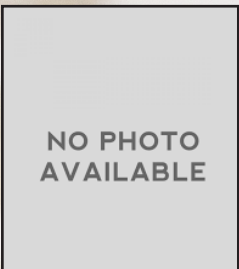
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## **BRIG. GEN. GENT WELSH** Commander Washington Air National Guard

Brig. Gen. Gent Welsh is the Commander of the Washington Air National Guard. The Washington Air National Guard is comprised of two wings and an Air Defense Sector: The 141st Air Refueling Wing (headquartered at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane), the 194th Wing (headquartered at Camp Murray) and the Western Air Defense Sector (headquartered at Joint Base Lewis-McChord). The citizen-airmen serve the state and nation in diverse military occupations performed at home and overseas.

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## AIR NATIONAL GUARD WINGS



**141st Air  
Refueling Wing**



**194th  
Wing**



**Western Air  
Defense Sector**

MSgt. Tracy Thurston, Education and Training Manager, 225th Air Defense Group, Western Air Defense Sector, Washington Air National Guard singing the National Anthem in the Washington State House Of Representatives Chamber at the State Capitol in Olympia, Wash. on Feb. 1, 2023. (Photo by Steven Friederich)



# 141ST AIR REFUELING WING

“ACE OF SPADES”



HEADQUARTERS:  
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE

PERSONNEL: 828

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141ST AIR REFUELING WING



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141st Medical Group



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## CAPABILITIES

- Air Refueling Operations
- Civil Engineering
- Search and Rescue
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Security Forces
- Heavy Equipment Operations
- Medical Services
- Logistics
- Aircraft Sustainment
- Communications
- Total Force Support

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

The 141st Air Refueling Wing successfully accomplished all federal and state taskings throughout 2023. In addition, it continued to strengthen relationships with local communities, offering multiple base tours, orientation flights and a robust Honorary Commanders program. Moreover, the Wing participated in the Eastern Washington University military recognition and flyover events which furthered community outreach objectives. The unit's Total Force Classic Association relationships remain strong with the 92nd Air Refueling Wing mission partners culminating in a successful Titan Fury exercise that showcased Team Fairchild's dedication to the nuclear enterprise. Of significant note, the 141 ARW has taken on an increased role in responsibility for specific portions of the nuclear mission.

In 2023, 141st Operations Group personnel flew 236 local sorties spanning more than 1,167 hours and delivering more than 3.8 million pounds of fuel to 675 different receivers around the globe. These missions moved more than 675 passengers and more than 107k pounds of cargo. The Operations Group spent the summer deployed to INDOPACOM where it completed an additional 143 sorties and offloaded 2.8 million pounds of fuel to 139 different receivers. While the Operations Group was deployed, the Island of Guam was struck by Typhoon Mawar, causing massive damage to the northern part of the island and shutting down Anderson AFB. Prior to the typhoon, the 141st crews and maintainers were forward deployed with little notice to preserve aircraft. Members of the 141st that remained on the island led the cleanup of the runway and re-established airfield operations while still coordinating mission operations.

Not to be outdone, the Operations Group remained busy supporting Operation Checker Flag, refueling 99 receivers while conducting only 11 sorties and offloading 625k pounds of fuel. Additionally, the group executed yet another pace-setting year supporting the State Partnership Program, NATO Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) training missions out of Geilenkirchen, the Canadian Airshow, Sentry Savannah, Sentry Eagle, Agile Combat Employment Mission training by completing “Hot Pit” refueling out of Moses Lake and providing refueling support to the C-17 Maximum Endurance flight. They accomplished all this while still maintaining the 24/7 Operation Noble Eagle Alert Mission. Further, they supported multiple incentive flights, Leadership Spokane, Malaysian delegates, Lilac Princess', Eastern Washington University, ESGR, and the Cheney School Board. Finally, the Operations Group closed out the RC-26 flying mission after 29 years of continuous operations for the Washington Air National Guard in 2023, flying its last flight on the 6th of January 2023.

The 141st Maintenance Group was busy in 2023 while preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our wing's flying mission. The group demonstrated expert maintenance of our fleet of six KC-135 aircraft as it projected aerial refueling capability around the globe. For the 141 ARW's largest lead-unit KC-135 mobilization in 15 years, the group deployed 86 personnel for more than 5,980 man-days and generated 143 sorties that offloaded 2.8 million pounds of fuel to 139 coalition receivers supporting continuous bomber presence in INDOPACOM. Additionally, deployed members provided critical assistance to Andersen Air Force Base's recovery efforts following the devastating effects of Typhoon Mawar on 24 May. Airmen cleared 5,000 pounds of debris from the airfield to return two runways to operational status in under 24 hours, which enabled rescue aircraft to land and deliver vital supplies for 170,000 people. Further, members repaired a large hotel's main generator, restoring power for 400 people. Moreover, rapid recovery efforts in Guam culminated in Air Mobility Command's successful execution of MOBILITY GUARDIAN 23, the largest coalition exercise ever conducted in INDOPACOM, providing strategic messaging of an unwavering allied resolve.

The 141st Maintenance Group team was also heavily involved with strengthening alliances in the Pacific through Washington's State Partnership Program. The team provided vital maintenance support for the first-ever National Guard-sponsored Enduring Partners engagement between the Washington Air National Guard, Oregon Air National Guard, and the Royal Thai Air Force. The group deployed two KC-135s and 14 maintainers, who generated six tanker sorties that enabled unprecedented air-to-air refueling and combat training with the Royal Thai Air Force. In addition to supporting missions in the Pacific, members also deployed to support our NATO mission in Europe. They deployed 15 maintainers to Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, to provide aerial refueling training for NATO's Airborne Early Warning and Control Force. Notably, the team supported just-in-time aerial refueling training to enable two E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft to forward deploy to Romania to monitor and deter Russian military activity in the region and reinforce NATO's security presence on its eastern front. At home, our team protected the U.S. homeland by rapidly scrambling four Operation NOBLE EAGLE alert missions to support aerospace control alert fighters intercepting, monitoring, and ultimately shooting down a high-altitude Chinese surveillance balloon violating NORTHCOM airspace over Canada. Additionally, our team successfully supported three consecutive POTUS combat air patrols protecting President Biden during his meeting with Xi Jinping at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. Finally, we trained a team of 25 pilots and nine boom operators to be Multi-Capable Airmen in aircraft servicing while executing 16 of 16 flights in two days at an off-station civil airfield. The team faced highly constrained, as well as stringent timing and training requirements in an emergent combat capability while boasting an impressive mission capability rate and the number of consecutive training flights.

The 141 Mission Support Group continued to support world-wide deployments, improve readiness of the Washington Homeland Response Force (HRF) and lead crucial Wing facility movements back into Fairchild's Air National Guard campus. 141 MSG directly enabled the deployment of 178 personnel in support of Title 10 taskings across four areas of responsibility. This was in addition to its daily, no fail mission to support the world's largest tanker fleet in partnership with the 92d MSG. Through its partnership with Team Fairchild and the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, the Security Forces Squadron is now utilizing the Spokane County Small Arms Training Facility to provide exceptional training and readiness capability to Guard Airmen. MSG continues to serve admirably in a time of increasingly constrained resources and mission change.

The 141st Medical Group personnel continue to improve upon stellar capabilities while fostering a culture of diversity, personnel growth, and opportunity. Through continuous networking, transparency, flexibility, and process improvement, the Medical Group continues to maintain a strong work force and sustained another year of partnership with Washington State University Spokane Health Sciences campus. Furthermore, the 141 MDG continues to develop strong bonds with the active-duty Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape school to ensure medics get realistic training to bring to the next fight. In addition, the 141 MDG joined Washington state partners at the 194 MDG at Kadena Air Base, Japan, for the Military Facility Annual Training program. The 141 MDG, Detachment 1 demonstrated its disaster response capabilities with an outstanding display of mass casualty triage and patient stabilization during the National Guard Bureau-directed 2023 Standardization and Evaluation Assessment Team inspection.

Tech. Sgt. Mariah McLeod, 141st Medical Group looks at mosquitos with a microscope at the bioenvironmental lab on Kadena Air Base, Japan, August 24, 2023. (U.S. National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Micahel Brown)



194TH WING
“PHOENIX”



HEADQUARTERS:
CAMP MURRAY

PERSONNEL: 886
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Col. Thomas Pries
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Operations Group
Col. Lisa Weaver
194th Medical
Group

CAPABILITIES

- Cyber Mission Planning
- Industrial Control System Assessments
- Theater Communications
- Joint Incident Site Communications Capability
- Joint Targeting Support
- Incident Awareness and Assessment
- Medical
- Force Security
- Air Operations Support
- Total Force Support

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

During 2023, the 252nd Cyberspace Operations Group deployed 19 specially trained Combat Communications Airmen supporting 1.8k missions within Operations INHERENT RESOLVE, ENDURING SENTINEL and OCTAVE SHIELD while extending battlefield communications and data links. Their efforts resulted in the emergency save of a \$32 million MQ-9 Reaper, when the aircraft lost its communication link with its operators. The 262nd Cyber Space Operations Squadron was able to trouble shoot the situation and reestablish a secure communication link before the aircraft ran out of fuel.

The 252nd COG also engaged with cyber-security experts from Thailand and Malaysia to improve partner nation relationships and cyber security through the national State Partnership Program. Most notably, the Airmen of the 252nd represented the Washington Air National Guard at the first ever Malaysia/US Cyber Maturity Assessment as cyber operations subject matter experts.

Additionally, the 252nd COG deployed a cyber defense team of six operators during an assessment of Washington’s Secretary of State’s cloud infrastructure. These efforts resulted in the identification of 38 observations, seven critical vulnerabilities, and the implementation of 25 recommendations.

The 262nd Cyberspace Operations Squadron pioneered the first-ever READY REDHAWK exercise, which evaluated the readiness of Oregon’s 142nd Fighter Wing to conduct operations within a cyber contested environment. The Airmen of the 262nd defended the 142nd alert mission against the real-time actions of the 177th Information Aggressor red team. These joint efforts were lauded as the best Air National Guard exercise of 2023 by the National Guard Bureau at the prestigious Air Force IT conference.

The 143rd Cyberspace Operations Squadron mobilized 39 specialized Airmen to USINDOPACOM and CONUS areas of responsibility, completing three Air Force Cyber Command and U.S. Strategic Command missions in a six-month time frame safeguarding four critical mission systems directly related to countering adversary force projection and aggression against the United States and its strategic allies.

The 256th Intelligence Squadron mobilized 16 intelligence analysts on federal missions at five geographic locations, spanning 6,700 activation days, supporting 16th Air Force, United States Special Operations Command, and the National Security Agency, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. requirements. The squadron also supported four analytical lines of effort with 40 analysts. These efforts resulted in 450 intelligence products disseminated to the intelligence community with more than 100 reports receiving positive feedback from national level customers as well as inclusion in the Presidential Daily Brief.

The 194th Intelligence Squadron activated more than a dozen Airmen from home station to develop more than 1,000 intelligence products for Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Forces Central Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Command and 7th Air Force. In reaction to the Israel/Hamas conflict, the squadron provided immediate crisis planning support to USCENTCOM, enabling de-escalation and response actions to defend US national interests in the region.

194th Mission Support Group

The 194th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobilized the Wing during its largest-ever readiness exercise, PHOENIX DAWN, issuing 724 mobility bags and gas masks, and expediting 151 short tons of cargo and 220 passengers through deployment processing lines. This garnered an overall “Qualified Ready” rating from Air Combat Command Inspector General.

The unit also maintained the Wing’s \$18 million tactical and civilian vehicle fleet, as well as analyzed, resolved and repaired 197 work orders, ultimately totaling 1,265 maintenance actions.

The 194th Security Forces Squadron achieved The Adjutant General’s goal of joint security operations for the fourth busiest installation in the Air National Guard by teaming 17 Security Forces members alongside 21 members of the State Guard to successfully vet a record 304,000 visitors to Camp Murray. Their access control measures safeguarded Washington Military Department employees and the agency mission by preventing 3,700 unauthorized access attempts including 26 sex offenders, 17 barred personnel, 16 arrest warrants, and eight violent criminals.

The 194th Force Support Squadron strategically executed 337 formal trainings encompassing allocation of 13,092 workdays and \$933,810 toward force development, training, and critical mission skills in direct alignment with the National Defense Strategy.

194th Civil Engineers revitalized the Air Support Operations Group’s 56k square foot military construction project valued at \$29.7 million. The initiative significantly increases mission effectiveness for four units and successfully resolves the Wing’s facility space deficiency.

In 2023, the 194th Medical Group received four Air National Guard Readiness Center level awards: Lt. Col. Brandi Faudree was named ANG Biomedical Clinical Officer of the Year, SSgt Andrew Apple was named the ANG Medical Equipment Technician NCO of the Year, Capt. Geneva Hoskins-Dorsey received the ANG Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award, TSgt Jabari Guary was named ANG Public Health NCO of the Year.

The 194th MDG also sent eight personnel to participate in a U.S. Transportation Command exercise, ULTIMATE CADUCEUS, partnering with active duty and reserve Air Force medical units to run an En-route Patient Staging System (ERPSS) for one week.

The unit also partnered with 141st MDG to participate in a Medical Facilities Annual Training (MFAT) event in Okinawa, Japan. Washington State sent a total of 31 medical professionals to work in the Okinawa Naval Hospital. Personnel split time between the Naval Hospital performing training and patient care hours with the 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron training on patient movement and air evacuation processes.

The 194th MDG was also able to support Kadena Air Base with a combination of 120 hours of support in the Bioenvironmental, Public Health and ERPSS mission. Additionally, the group sent two participants to take part in COBRA GOLD to teach other medical professionals from Malaysia, Thailand, and China specific medical topics.

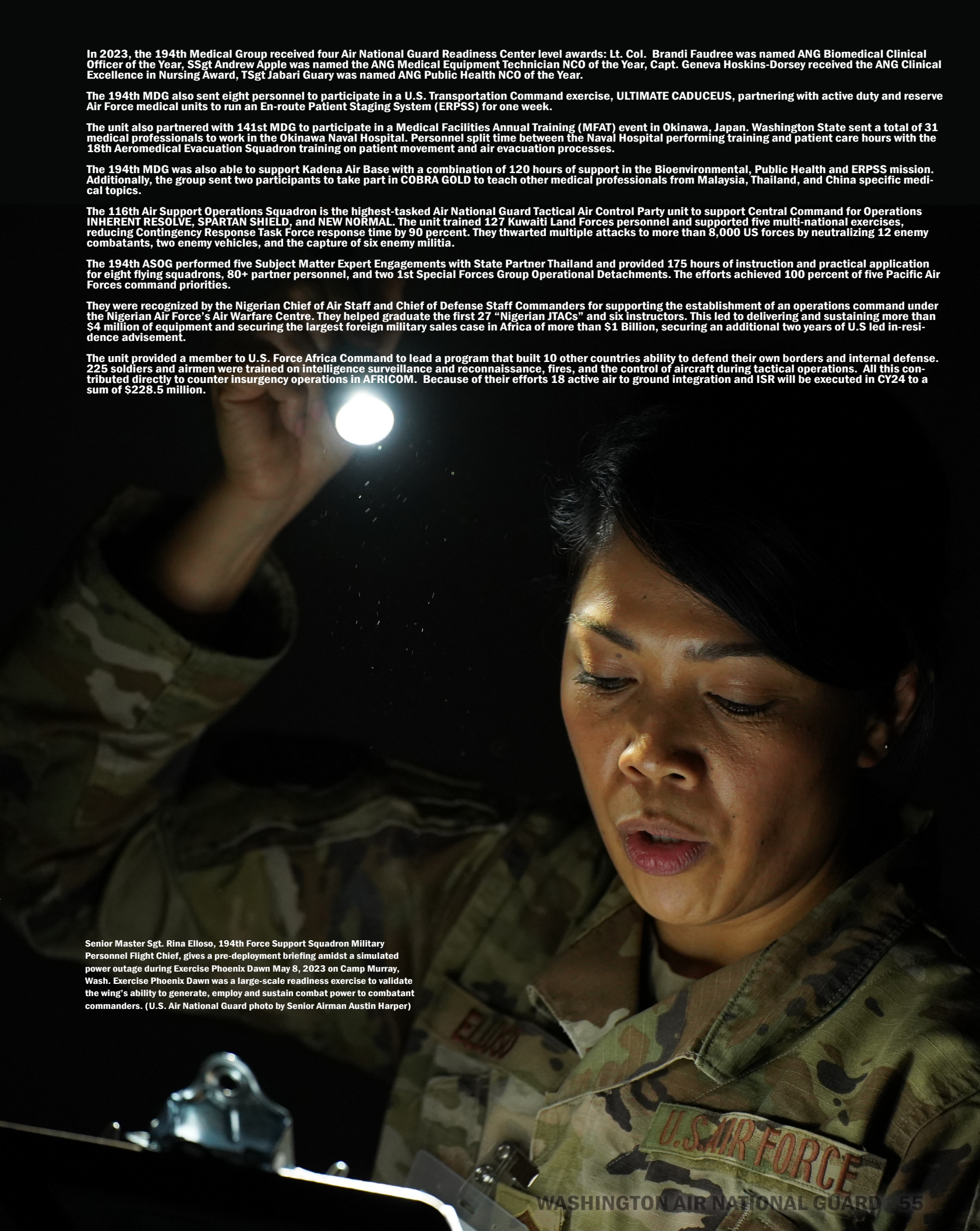
The 116th Air Support Operations Squadron is the highest-tasked Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party unit to support Central Command for Operations INHERENT RESOLVE, SPARTAN SHIELD, and NEW NORMAL. The unit trained 127 Kuwaiti Land Forces personnel and supported five multi-national exercises, reducing Contingency Response Task Force response time by 90 percent. They thwarted multiple attacks to more than 8,000 US forces by neutralizing 12 enemy combatants, two enemy vehicles, and the capture of six enemy militia.

The 194th ASOG performed five Subject Matter Expert Engagements with State Partner Thailand and provided 175 hours of instruction and practical application for eight flying squadrons, 80+ partner personnel, and two 1st Special Forces Group Operational Detachments. The efforts achieved 100 percent of five Pacific Air Forces command priorities.

They were recognized by the Nigerian Chief of Air Staff and Chief of Defense Staff Commanders for supporting the establishment of an operations command under the Nigerian Air Force’s Air Warfare Centre. They helped graduate the first 27 “Nigerian JTACs” and six instructors. This led to delivering and sustaining more than \$4 million of equipment and securing the largest foreign military sales case in Africa of more than \$1 Billion, securing an additional two years of U.S led in-residence advisement.

The unit provided a member to U.S. Force Africa Command to lead a program that built 10 other countries ability to defend their own borders and internal defense. 225 soldiers and airmen were trained on intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance, fires, and the control of aircraft during tactical operations. All this contributed directly to counter insurgency operations in AFRICOM. Because of their efforts 18 active air to ground integration and ISR will be executed in CY24 to a sum of \$228.5 million.

Senior Master Sgt. Rina Ellosa, 194th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight Chief, gives a pre-deployment briefing amidst a simulated power outage during Exercise Phoenix Dawn May 8, 2023 on Camp Murray, Wash. Exercise Phoenix Dawn was a large-scale readiness exercise to validate the wing’s ability to generate, employ and sustain combat power to combatant commanders. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Austin Harper)





# WESTERN AIR DEFENSE SECTOR

“BIGFOOT”



**HEADQUARTERS:**  
**JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD**

**PERSONNEL: 316**

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225th Air Defense Group



**Col. Rebecca Bissette**  
225th Support Squadron



**Lt. Col. Peter Hickman**  
225th Air Defense Squadron

## WADS MISSION

**FEDERAL MISSION:** The 225th Air Defense Group is the force behind the Western Air Defense Sector, providing operations personnel and support to maintain a network of 32 systems and more than 1,000 circuits that integrate more than 200 radars, 600 radios, and 20 data link nodes across the Continental United States to perform air defense in support of Operation Noble Eagle 24/7. WADS reports to Air Combat Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in its federal role.

**STATE MISSION:** WADS reports to the governor through the Washington National Guard headquarters at Camp Murray. The Sector works with state agencies to provide rapid response in the event of natural or manmade disasters, and participates in disaster preparedness exercises. WADS is able to provide an air picture to help in rescue operations in the event of disasters.

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, the Western Air Defense Sector faced historic opportunities and challenges that define the new strategic global landscape. As peer nations continue to create challenging environments, the men and women of the Western Air Defense Sector continue to be a shining beacon of resilience, dedication, and innovation in the face of unprecedented challenges. This year was a testament to the unwavering commitment of our service members who stand guard over the skies and ensure the safety and security of our nation. Perhaps no other unit in the Air Force had a more front-and-center seat on the stage of executing the National Defense Strategy than the Western Air Defense Sector in 2023. Through rigorous monitoring and proactive defense measures, the Western Air Defense Sector monitored the safety and security of a National Airspace System that enabled oversight of more than 29 million aircraft flying in America’s skies and commerce to flow freely.

The Western Air Defense Sector demonstrated unparalleled operational excellence throughout the year with a relentless focus on maintaining the integrity of North American airspace. The combined team of Washington Air National Guard service members and Royal Canadian Air Force teammates were put to the test in a variety of operational events. The Western Air Defense Sector scrambled alert fighters on 44 suspect aircraft, performed 46 tactical actions and managed more than 280 live-fly Air Tasking Order sorties. Its area of responsibility was expanded to include the eastern United States and the National Capital Region for more than 700 hours and they enforced 71 temporary flight restriction airspaces. Additionally this year, the Sector reported more than 8,400 potential threats and conducted more than 1,200 hours of radar interpretation to detect, track, and identify; responding to more than 1,100 reports of non-communicating aircraft, all while executing more than 6,000 shifts to maintain 24/7 coverage.

In the most high-profile event of the year, the Western Air Defense Sector responded to the incursion of a Chinese high-altitude balloon into sovereign United States airspace. Integrating with 31 intelligence agencies, disseminating critical intelligence and mission-planning information, and coordinating with the highest Department of Defense officials on the appropriate response, the Western Air Defense Sector exemplified excellence in the face of Great Power Competition. The Sector’s dynamic battle management efforts led to a swift and decisive response, generating time and options for the combatant commander and enabled accurate and effective decision-making for the Secretary of Defense to achieve the intent of the President of the United States. The unit’s national-level coordination with NORAD-USNORTHCOM enabled numerous intelligence-gathering missions that provided critical engagement planning information which led to the detection, tracking, identification, and eventual shoot down of the illicit aircraft off the Carolina coast between 28 January and 4 February 2023. Amidst the challenges posed by emerging threats, the Western Air Defense Sector embraced cutting-edge technologies, leveraging state-of-the-art radar systems and advanced communication networks. The Sector’s ability to employ and integrate these efforts directly contributed to the national resolve to respond to the pacing challenges posed by global adversaries.

Western Air Defense Sector air battle managers also provided vigilant air defense planning and overwatch for more than 22 national special security events and presidential security support missions. These events include Super Bowl LVII in Arizona, the annual United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in San Francisco, during which the unit’s timely tactical actions guaranteed the safety and security of 20,000 international attendees, 21 Indo-Pacific nation leaders, and a historic meeting between the Chinese and the US President.

This year also culminated the largest reconfiguration project in the history of the Western Air Defense Sector since the post-9/11 evolution from the legacy AN/EQ-93 to the all-electronic Battle Control System-Fixed. The entire core system at the Western Air Defense Sector was reconfigured on a virtual backbone in 2023, enabling seamless maintenance and workstation availability. This \$12 million upgrade of the operations floor and its core system was completed with zero loss of capability or delay to the 6,500 hours of annual training required to enable operations. This project modernized the operations floor and gave operators more flexibility and customization on how they interact with the Battle Control Center equipment. Furthermore, the configuration included construction of a new Mission Training Center (MTC) that went operational in September. The MTC is a \$2 million system-by-system replica of the Sector operations floor and provides a facility separated from live operations to train its operators. The MTC enables linkages with virtual entities across the Air Force, Navy, and Army that enable joint training and integration. These joint training opportunities and a dedicated space to execute them are essential for ensuring readiness for the future fight. Joint training capability is a critical component for the Western Air Defense Sector and the force as a whole.

The Western Air Defense Sector spearheaded the first-ever series of homeland defense Agile Combat Employment (ACE) exercises. ACE is a proactive and reactive operational scheme of maneuver executed within threat timelines to increase survivability while generating combat power. It is a crucial element of the fight that the Air Force sees itself in the future, and the Western Air Defense Sector was a poster-child for experimenting how ACE might play out in future conflict. Western Air Defense Sector air battle managers integrated with Washington Air National Guard joint terminal air controllers and developed the planning blueprint for deploying a Battle Management Team to an austere location and providing resilient tactical command and control to fighter aircraft in support of homeland defense. Being more mobile allowed homeland air defense to disperse its capabilities and continue fighting against any adversary seamlessly across the spectrum of operational environments. The demonstrated mobility, agility, and flexibility is the core feature of air superiority and a testament to the ability of the Air Force to deliver it anytime, anywhere.

Western Air Defense Sector air battle managers also deployed as part of the Total Force’s efforts supporting the ongoing security situation in U.S. European Command. Members integrated their air defense and command and control expertise into the European theater to build theater-level situational awareness, speed decision making across echelons, and orient forces in the midst of the largest European conflict since World War II. The exceptionally high degree of experience and expertise as related to Air Defense was essential for synchronizing battle plans and managing escalation.

The Western Air Defense Sector continued growing its relationships with the Royal Thai Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force via the State Partnership Program (SPP). Sector personnel coordinated closely with USINDOPACOM to support subject matter expert exchanges, exercises, and Airman to Airman Talks. In 2023, the

Sector conducted five State Partnership Program engagements, yielding a sister squadron agreement with a unit of the Royal Malaysian Air Force and the first-ever ENDURING PARTNERS exercise with the Royal Thai Air Force, its first ever large force exercise with the Air National Guard. Battle managers integrated with partner nation units to provide tactical control to five fighters squadrons for seven missions rehearsing both offensive and defensive counter-air tactics. The primary mission of SPP is to conduct military-to-military engagements in support of defense security goals but also leverages whole-of-society relationships and capabilities to facilitate broader interagency and corollary engagements spanning military, government, economic, and social spheres. The efforts within SPP bring together the perfect mix of highly experienced battle management professionals with enduring partnerships that last well beyond the duration of a normal Air Force duty cycle. Washington Air National Guard service members develop life-long relationships with their counterparts in Malaysia and Thailand with the express goal of “growing old together.” Forging these bonds is essential for the security relationships in the National Defense Strategy’s priority theater.

Maintaining the computers and network infrastructure for the Western Air Defense Sector is a monumental task. Communications and cyber professionals were busy this year maintaining more than 480 radars and processing more than 5,000 maintenance events. The Sector performed eight Joint Technical Inspections, evaluated FAA maintenance practices, and validated 1,390 key radar and radio parameters which reinforced Continental U.S. NORAD Region homeland defense mission requirements. As more and more of the decision cycles of the Defense Department become highly dependent on network infrastructure, it is the star performers from the Western Air Defense Sector that ensure connectivity remains active and resilient.

Finally, unit members volunteered in numerous efforts throughout the year. From participating in local events to engaging in educational outreach programs, the sector sought to bridge the gap between the military and civilian communities. This approach not only enhanced public awareness, but also instilled a sense of pride and understanding regarding the critical role that the Western Air Defense Sector plays in ensuring the safety of our skies. This year, Western Air Defense Sector service members volunteered more than 1,500 hours to the Civil Air Patrol by providing expert analysis to support search and rescue which attributed to recovering 42 aircraft and saving 13 lives. Additionally, service members donated time to the Trevor Project, a national suicide hotline for troubled youth, volunteering more than 60 hours to a program that helped more than 200,000 youth nation-wide and personally mentored 11 members experiencing suicidal ideations. Furthermore, the Sector hosted more than a dozen distinguished visitors, including General Officers from North American Aerospace Defense Command, Canadian dignitaries, and representatives from U.S. Congress. Finally, efforts such as Legislative Lift enabled seamless collaboration with State Headquarters, civilian state leadership, legislators, and the Air National Guard Public Affairs office.

As we turn the page on 2023, the Western Air Defense Sector remains ever vigilant in its mission to safeguard the skies. The sector is poised to embrace future advancements in technology, deepen its essential partnerships, and adapt to the ever-changing nature of modern threats. The men and women of the Western Air Defense Sector stand ready to face whatever challenges lie ahead, confident in their ability to uphold the values of duty, honor, and service. This team of professionals stand united in their dedication to a safer and more secure future.

The Western Air Defense Sector’s new Mission Training Center facility on Oct. 5, 2023, on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The \$2 million dollar, state-of-the-art facility provides high-end simulation capabilities for Airmen who manage and operate Command and Control Battle Management Systems in defense of the U.S. homeland under Operation NOBLE EAGLE. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Kimberly D. Burke)



# WASHINGTON STATE GUARD

*“Pro Civitas et Patria”*



**HEADQUARTERS:**  
**CAMP MURRAY**

**PERSONNEL: 80**

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 WASHINGTONSTATEGUARD



Col. Joseph Maassen



Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Stickney

## MISSION

The Washington State Guard (WSG) is a legally authorized State Defense Force and an all-volunteer, uniformed element of the Washington Military Department. Membership in the WSG is open to U.S. Armed Forces veterans and qualified nonveterans between the ages of 18-59. WSG members train without compensation and serve within the state. The WSG serves at the direction of the state's Adjutant General, and the governor is their commander-in-chief.

The Washington State Guard serves two major functions: it's the permanent cadre structure of the legally authorized state militia, which can be activated by the governor in response to major disasters or other events; and it deploys highly trained teams for specific missions within the state in close coordination with the Air and Army National Guard. It has teams that specialize in cyber security, emergency communication, domestic and tribal liaison officers, search and rescue trackers, and more.

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, under the command of COL Joseph P. Maassen, the men and women of the State Guard continued to prepare to respond to the call of the governor, if needed, to assist during times of an emergency or natural disaster.

A total of 13,536 hours of service were completed through a combination of state active duty (SAD) (4,128), inactive duty training (IDT) (3,824) and traditional weekend drill training (5,584) activities. The hours spent on IDT and weekend training not only enhanced mission readiness but represent nearly \$300,000 in monetary value. These statistics are significant and represent the incredible commitment to public service that the members of the State Guard make each day.

With the start of the new year, the Washington State Guard was actively engaged in a variety of activities. This list includes, but is not limited to, continuing support of the Tribal LNO initiative and special projects, to include the Evergreen Spill tabletop exercise (TTX) and the annual tribal forum. In addition, the WSG conducted numerous Honor Guard services on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony, Wreath's Across America, and Honor Guard services for former members of the WSG in Tonasket and Pierce County. Other highlights include attending the Honor Flight Reception, conducting HAM radio training and testing for civilians and members of the WSG and National Guard, weekly VHF radio network checks, participating in Amateur Radio Club meetings in various communities, and preparing to augment the wildfire response capabilities of the National Guard during fire season.

The 2024 operational tempo does not appear to be slowing down. The WSG will continue to provide subject matter experts for the Tribal LNO initiative and cyber-security support for state and local government agencies. The State Guard will be developing a Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) program and be available for support when needed to provide emergency responders with situational awareness and analysis. In addition, a Mobile Operations Command Center will be commissioned that will provide self-contained and 24-hour operational capacity for onsite UHF, VHF, digital communication capabilities at a disaster location or any other significant event when needed. Our emergency communication support will continue across the state and the schools section of the WSG will conduct an Officer Candidate and Warrant Officer program. Finally, leaders of the WSG will continue to develop relationships with other State Defense Force units through active participation in the State Guard Association of the United States.



Washington State Guard members take a pause at the Minuteman Statue for a quick photo up during a ruck march on Camp Murray, Wash. (Courtesy Photo)



# ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

## WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD

For more than 150 years, the brave citizen-soldiers and airmen of the Washington National Guard have safeguarded lives and property in the Evergreen State and have served the entire nation in times of need and distress.

On March 2, 1853, President Millard Fillmore signed the Washington Organic Act, which created the Washington Territory. The act would name Isaac I. Stevens the first governor of the Washington Territory as well as the commander-in-chief of the Washington Territorial Militia. On Jan. 26, 1855, Stevens signed a law creating the Militia of the Territory, requiring that every able-bodied male between the ages of 16 and 60, who expected to be a citizen, enroll in the Militia. These volunteers would be called to guard settlements, protect the Territorial Government and pursue hostile Native Americans.

On Nov. 11, 1889, Washington would become the 42nd state in the Union and the National Guard was given an expanded role in the defense of the nation. President William McKinley issued a call for volunteers on April 23, 1898 for service in the Spanish-American War, and Washington's quota was one infantry regiment. Every single member of the Guard volunteered for service. The 1st Washington Volunteer Infantry reached the Philippines later that year and participated in its first engagement at Pasig River on Feb. 5, 1899. After many more battles and distinguished service, the 1st Washington Volunteers were mustered out of service in San Francisco on Oct. 31, 1899.

The U.S. Congress passed the Militia Act of 1903, providing the National Guard the same equipment and organization as the U.S. Army. This helped transform the Washington Militia into today's modern Washington National Guard.

In 1916, elements of the Washington National Guard would mobilize to the Southwest United States, where they would take part in the protection of the United States/Mexican border. At the same time, tensions were building in Europe and on April 6, 1917, Germany would declare war against the allied forces. The Naval Militia of the Washington National Guard was immediately called into federal service. The rest of the Washington National Guard forces were drafted into federal service in August 1917 and assigned to the 41st Infantry Division. The 2nd Washington Infantry was changed to the 161st Infantry. Its soldiers were used to replace individual soldiers at the front. The Field Artillery Battalion became part of the 146th FA Regiment and saw consistent action throughout the war.

The time between the World Wars was a time of transition. Aviation came to the Washington National Guard in 1924 at Felts Field in Spokane. Horses eventually gave way to tanks and motorized vehicles. In preparation for looming hostilities, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8350 on Aug. 31, 1940 directing almost the entire Washington National Guard to mobilize at their armories on Sept. 16, 1940 for immediate induction into federal service. By Feb. 10, 1941, every federally recognized Washington National Guard unit had been mustered into federal service.

As World War II ended, the Washington National Guard began its post-war reorganization, which saw the official creation of the Washington Air National Guard in 1946. By the time hostilities erupted in Korea in June, 1950, the organization consisted of 31 Army units and 11 Air units. The Korean War would be the last major conflict the Washington National Guard would be a part of until Operation Desert Storm/Shield in 1990.

A day no Washingtonian will forget, on May 18, 1980, Mt. St. Helens erupted with a force 500 times greater than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Washington National Guardsmen, taking part in their annual training at the Yakima Training Center, would immediately fly west over the Cascades to begin immediate rescue operations in the vicinity of Mt. St. Helens. The Guard would mobilize more than 2,000 members for rescue, logistics and clean-up operations, and was credited with saving more than 200 lives.

After sending multiple units to the Middle East in 1990, the Washington National Guard would see several units deploy to Bosnia, Hungary and Kosovo as part of the Operation Joint Endeavor in 1997 and 1998. Guardsmen would

also be part of a handful of major state missions including Firestorm '94, Makah Whaling Days in 1998 and the World Trade Organization Riots in the winter of 1999.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the world would change forever when terrorists hijacked commercial jet planes and crashed them into the World Trade Towers in New York City, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. Since then, there have been more than 20,000 deployments completed by Washington National Guardsmen to support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom – including multiple deployments for the 3,000 members of the Washington Army National Guard's 81st Brigade Combat Team. In 2021, more than 1,500 Washington National Guard members deployed to eastern Europe as part of on-going training missions with our allies in the Baltic Sea region and Ukraine.

Even with multiple federal deployments, our Guardsmen have answered every call to serve during Washington state disasters, including multiple floods, historic wildfires seasons, snow storms (2009, 2019), earthquakes (2001), and the devastating State Route 530 Landslide in Snohomish County during the spring of 2014. Additionally, our Guardsmen helped other states in the response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita (2005) and Maria (2017). In March 2020 more than 2,200 Guardsmen took part in the largest and longest state response in our organization's history, supporting multiple state agencies during the COVID-19 pandemic. For nearly two years, Guardsmen performed essential missions to test for and vaccinate against COVID-19, while assisting with massive unemployment claims and helping food banks provide much needed food to those experiencing food insecurities. In June 2020 more than 1,500 Guardsmen were deployed to Seattle, Spokane and Bellevue to assist local law enforcement following destructive riots and looting in the wake of the George Floyd killing in Minneapolis, Minn.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

In 1941, the Legislature created the Washington State Defense Council to help coordinate statewide and local activities related to national and state defense. The powers and duties included, in part, to coordinate with national defense and other state organizations, advise the governor, and adopt and amend rules. The law also provided that the governor could create local (political subdivisions) councils of defense.

In 1951, the Legislature passed the Washington Civil Defense Act, rescinded the Law of 1941 and created the Civil Defense Agency in the Governor's Office. The law also created the Civil Defense Council. The council consisted of seven to 15 members, was chaired by the governor and had rule making authority and responsibility for preparing comprehensive plans.

In 1974, the name of the Civil Defense Agency was changed to Emergency Services Department and the Civil Defense Council changed to the Emergency Services Council. Both remained under the Executive Branch.

In 1984, the name of the Emergency Services Department was renamed as the Department of Emergency Management. Two years later, the Department of Emergency Management was abolished, and the emergency management function was transferred from the Governor's Office to the Department of Community Development. Authority was transferred from the governor to the director of the Department of Community Development. In 1995, the emergency management function was transferred again to become a division of the Military Department, which is where it presently remains.

Part of the move to the Washington Military Department was the brand new Emergency Operations Center, a multi-million dollar facility that would modernize EMD. In March of 1997, EMD held a ground breaking ceremony on Camp Murray for the new 28,000-square-foot facility. The new building replaced an outdated 1,300-square-foot facility in Olympia, providing Emergency Management with the ability to expand during major catastrophic events like the State Route 530 Landslide, when the everyday staff doubled from 100 personnel to 200 personnel for more than a month.

## WASHINGTON YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY

In 1993, Congress authorized a three-year test program called the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program to give troubled youth the opportunity to turn their lives around. A voluntary, preventive program, the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program (NGYCP) helps young people improve their life skills, education levels and employment potential. The program was authorized by the Washington Legislature as an alternative education service provider in 2008 with the passage of House Bill 1646.

Since 2009, the Academy has graduated more than 3,300 cadets and has become a leader in the nation, consistently graduating more students than the National Guard Bureau's target number. The school has also gained national recognition as one of the best Youth ChalleNGe Programs in the country.

## WASHINGTON STATE GUARD

The Washington State Guard traces its history back to 1855 when the Washington Territorial Legislature enacted the first law creating the organized militia. After Washington became a state, it created its state militia in 1890. The Washington State Militia served in the Philippines during the Spanish American War of 1898 – 1899, and was exclusively under state control until 1903 when the Washington National Guard was formed and placed under both federal and state control.

During World War I, the state-controlled Washington State Guard (WSG) was reborn. The Third Infantry Regiment consisting of 16 companies, a medical detachment and a machine gun company, was formed in principal cities throughout Washington. After World War I, the WSG was disbanded.

In 1940, more than a year before the U.S. entered World War II, the Washington State Guard was reestablished with an Infantry Brigade and two Regiments. During World War II the WSG was used to guard vital installations and to patrol the coast lines. As an invasion of the U.S. mainland became less apparent, the role shifted to disaster assistance and civil defense. In 1947, the WSG was again disbanded.

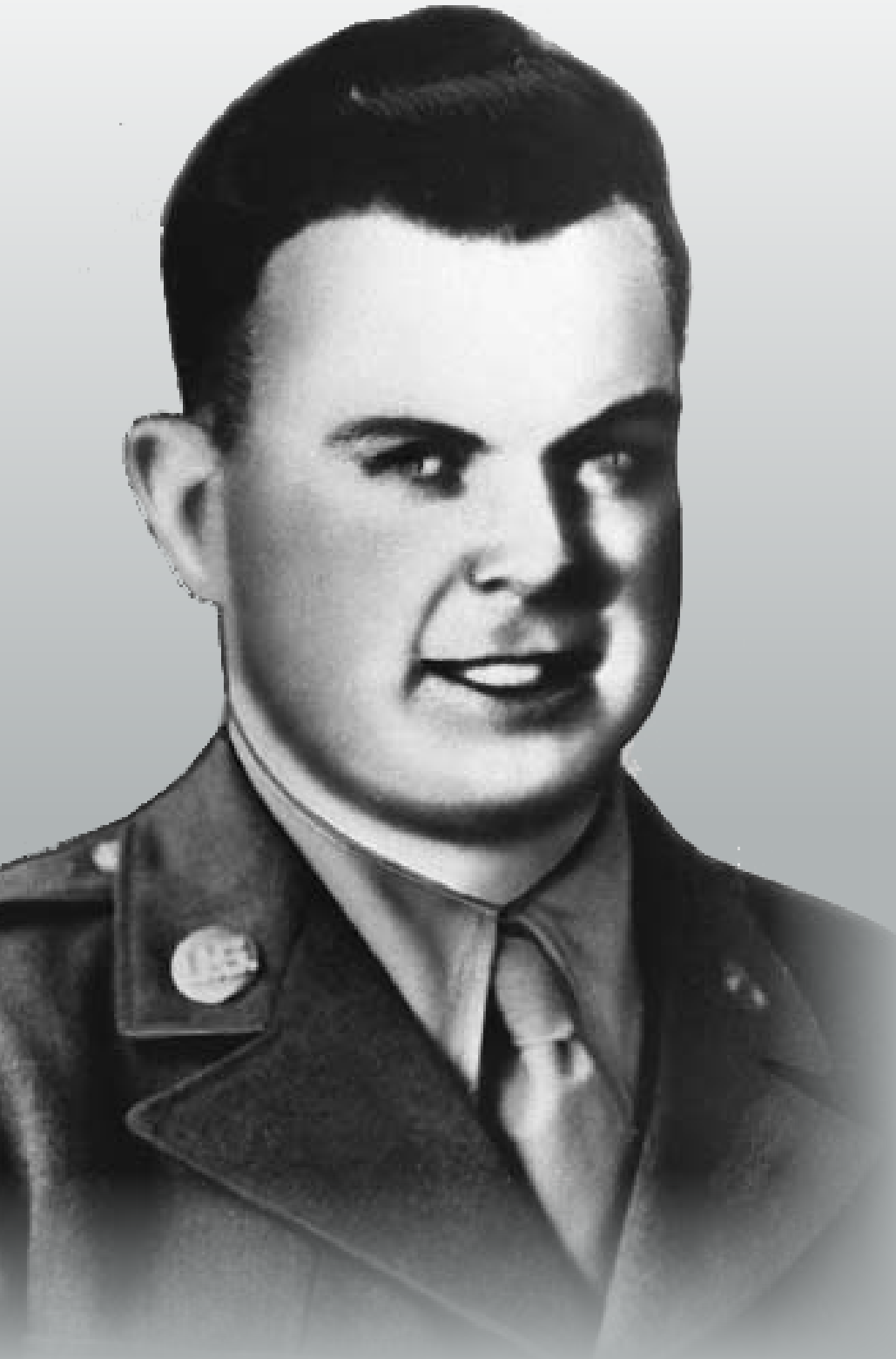
In May of 1960, Washington Gov. Albert Rosellini restored the Washington State Guard to augment the Washington National Guard as an additional internal security force for the state and to replace Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen when they're called into active federal service. The WSG has been serving continuously since then, supporting the Washington Military Department in a variety of missions and assignments.





FALLEN HEROES

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL



T/4 Laverne Parrish, Medical Detachment of the 161st Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Binalonan on the island of Luzon in the Philippines on the 24th of January 1945. Parrish crossed open fields multiple times to bring injured soldiers to safety. He was able to treat nearly all of the 37 casualties suffered by his company, while being mortally wounded by mortar fire, and shortly after was killed. The indomitable spirit, intrepidity and gallantry of Technician Parrish saved many lives at the cost of his own.

WORLD WAR I

Ura L. Adams  
Chris Anderson  
Willard C. Anderson  
Royal L. Argall  
Clark W. Ash  
John E. Ashby  
Wilson N. Austin  
George G. Baldridge  
Henry A. Barnum  
Russell Barrett  
Dominick Bartolero  
Leon A. Beebe  
Ignatius Bigas  
Hugo W. Boettcher  
Henry I. Bonham  
Edward C. Braden  
Louis Braghame  
Allan G. Brattstrom  
Ira W. Brigham  
Ivan Broikovich  
Clinton S. Brown  
Cleo E. Brundage  
Ressie R. Buchanan  
Charles Burch  
Harrison I. Busey  
Clemie Byrd  
Robert L. Byrne  
George W. Caldwell  
James A. Carlos  
Arthur John Carlson  
Elmer H. Carlson  
Ira L. Cater  
Guy M. Clausen  
Leon Clausner  
Allen H. Clements  
Raymond P. Codd  
George L. Collins  
Grant Coltenbaugh  
Edward Como  
Irving R. Connelly  
Guy L. Cooper  
Malcolm K. Crabtree  
Edward C. Cunningham  
Earl Curnow  
Frank Dalba  
Milford G. DeWolf  
Ferdinand E. Deeringhoff  
Walter W. Dilley  
Dave Dukorsky  
Walter C. Dunbar  
Clay R. Eakin  
George H. F. Erickson  
Lester Z. Fairbanks  
Joseph W. Fairlamb  
John D. Fitzmaurice  
Paul W. Folmsbee  
John M. Fouste  
Harland Gill  
Emile C. Gourdeau  
Max Grinstein  
Walter R. Gudopp  
Peter F. Guill  
Don Francis Gunder  
Fred E. Hackett  
Dewitt C. Hagerman  
Welker E. Hamilton  
Henry W. Hanson  
Dan N. Hart  
Lloyd A. Harvey  
Paul F. Haubris, Jr.  
Henry J. Hendricks  
Paul R. Heskett  
Clement W. Hildebrand  
John E. Hill  
William Hilliker  
William G. Hodge  
Conrad Hoff  
Ross G. Hoisington  
Everett Hoke  
Frank W. Holmes  
Earl M. Horton  
John Hreczuch  
Frank H. Hubbard  
David H. Humphrey  
Elmer T. Jensen  
John A. Jerson  
Arvid Charlie Johnson

Fred W. Kees  
Earl A. Kencke  
Lee L. Kressler  
Alfred Kristoferson  
Paul E. Lamb  
Jules Lemaitre  
Arthur W. Lewis  
Grant Long  
Fritz W. Marten  
Fred Martin  
Orion F. Martin  
Charles McAllister  
Clair P. McMorran  
Ernest H. Melton  
John Metcalfe  
Preston O. Meyers  
Emile F. Meystre  
George J. Miley  
Delmar A. Miller  
Panel F. Miller  
Ray H. Miller  
Daniel C. Mills  
Kenneth L. Mills  
George C. Mitchell  
Allan J. Moore  
John Moore  
Orell M. Moore  
Ivan L. Mustain  
John B. Neutens  
Rex O. Norris  
Ben Nudd  
Herbert Oleman  
Oscar Olson  
Merle W. O'Rear  
Walter H. Owens  
Calvin L. Page  
Ernest W. Perras  
Thomas Portogalo  
William E. Prather  
George W. Reichert  
Ward A. Reynolds  
Peter Richardson  
Henry L. Robb  
Abraham L. Roberts  
Walter R. Rodgers  
William R. Rosier  
Ernest J. Ruoff  
George J. Rutter  
John Ryan  
Logan L. Ryan  
Clarence E. Sandstedt  
James H. Schooley  
Braden W. Shallenberger  
Harold S. Sharp  
Russell H. Sheriff  
Thomas B. Shonsey  
Walter L. Smith  
Anton B. Sorenson  
James C. Souter  
Orla H. Spink  
Fred H. Starkey  
Frank J. Starr  
Vlases Stavopolos  
Arthur Stough  
Richard Sugars  
Claude J. Swift  
John W. Tarter  
Frank H. Taylor  
Robert J. Thompson  
Thomas H. Thompson  
Frank A. Thornton  
Harold J. Tibbetts  
California True  
Herman Uddenberg  
Rudolph Ulrich  
Armer J. Van Derzee  
Werner R. Wagner  
Harold Watson  
Homer E. Webster  
William H. Wharton  
Charles H. Wilkinson  
James R. Wilkinson  
Richard C. Willard  
Ernest A. Wilson

WORLD WAR II

Pvt Joe J. Turner  
1st Sgt Wayne R. Reeder  
PFC Edward C. Mescher

Pvt James C. Ellis  
Pvt Alred K. Fields  
Cpl William E. Gulliford  
PFC Alvin W. Dieh1  
Pvt Walter R. Hahn  
Pvt Eba F. Nagle  
Pvt Walter I. Cook  
Pvt Buell F. Payne  
PFC Owen D. Gaskell  
Pvt Cliff M. Jungers  
Pvt Lindsay J. Kralmon  
Pvt Frank C. Pickell  
Pvt Howard A. Reightley  
Pvt Melvin W. Roth  
Pvt Eugene J. Schmidt  
PFC Claire A. Pickel  
Pvt John Ferraro  
Pvt Edward H. Hahn  
Pvt Naurice L. Patterson  
Pvt Bob F. Payne  
Cpl Edgar L. Miller  
Pvt John J. Disotell  
Sgt Kenneth P. French  
Sgt Robert W. McCalder  
PFC Robert C. Barton  
Pvt Darwin J. Carroll  
Pvt Forrest E. Meyer  
Pvt Wilbur K. Smawley  
Pvt Lloyd J. Akins  
Pvt Armond W. Connery  
Pvt Johnny W. Gordon  
Pvt Harry G. Heft  
Pvt Charles M. Weaver  
Pvt Glenn L. Williams  
Pvt Homer L. Butler  
Pvt Frank Church  
Pvt Kermit U. Cole  
Pvt Norman E. Collins  
Pvt Joseph O. Deatherage  
PFC William H. Cooper  
PFC Richard D. Plette  
PFC Charles R. Purdon  
PFC Howard D. Rinehart  
Pvt Dolph Barnett, Jr.  
Pvt Martin E. Bartley  
Pvt Herbert E. Lane  
Pvt Floyd B. Tallman  
Cpl Ernest G. Schenck  
PFC John N. Van Horn  
Pvt Arthur S. Toothman  
PFC George R. Barnett  
PFC Kenneth M. Smithey  
Pvt Palmer H. Carlson  
Pvt David W. Carpenter  
Pvt Clarence E. Roedell  
Cpl John F. Lee  
Cpl Duane L. Pepple  
Cpl David B. Ritchie  
Pvt Earl E. Aney  
Pvt Mervin E. Bailey  
Pvt Robert L. Mathias  
Sgt John L. White  
Cpl John R. Hewitt  
PFC Patrick E. Pilon  
Pvt George Heichel  
Pvt Mickey L. McGuire  
Pvt Edward A. Taylor  
PFC Cecil F. Kilse  
T/4 Laverne Parrish  
Pvt Victor P. Pedersen  
Pvt Robert W. Freund  
Cpl Duke R.  
Pvt Morris B. Cook  
Pvt Eddie M. King  
Pvt Garald P. Shapley  
Sgt David F. Buchholz  
Pvt Wayne A. Guinn  
Cpl Harold E. Springer  
Pvt Thomas M. Caffee  
Pvt Glen E. Tollenaar  
Pvt George J. Hill  
Pvt Jerome D. Whalen  
PFC Paul West  
Cpl Ronald R. McFarland  
Sgt Philip H. Elsberry  
Pvt David D. Fisher  
Pvt Roger A. McGuire  
Sgt Walter M. Joselyn  
Pvt. Donald F. Hensey  
Pvt Robert C. Jackson

Sgt Robert F. Pike  
Cpl Howard J. Perry  
PFC Kenneth L. Yates  
Pvt Alden H. Lightfoot  
Pvt Loyst M. Townner  
Sgt Beauford C. Johnson  
Sgt Robert W. Waterston Jr.  
PFC Theodore D. Nielsen  
Pvt John D. Chemeres  
Pvt Robert E. Kesterson  
Sgt Bernard F. Baugh  
Sgt Richard J. Cummings  
PFC Orin V. Burgman  
Pvt Joseph M. Harley, Jr  
Pvt Harvey E. Winoski  
Pvt Ernest Hontos  
Pvt John F. Shields  
PFC Charles D. Darragh  
Pvt Raymond R. Calver  
Pvt Robert W. Owens  
PFC William S. Galbraith  
PFC Leslie D. Martin  
Pvt Eff C. Walker  
Cpl Brooks U. Atchison  
Pvt Richard A. Kessler  
Pvt James K. Robinson  
Sgt Jack C. Burdick  
Pvt Theodore J. Soderback  
PFC Samuel A. Sather  
Pvt Neil A. Golberg  
Pvt Thomas L. Eddy  
Pvt Herbert Larson  
Pvt Paul A. MacWilliams  
Pvt John C. McKinney  
PFC Stanley L. Seehorn  
Pvt Wesley Calkins  
Pvt Gordon W. Chapman  
Pvt Tom K. Foster  
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Pvt Amos H. McKee  
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Pvt George T. Loop  
Pvt Odian A. Peterson  
Pvt William V. Porter  
Pvt John W. Vye  
PFC William C. Hawson  
PFC Reay D. Richmond  
Pvt Theodore W. Hensen  
Pvt George Kohut  
Pvt Paul Kohut  
Pvt Elmer W. Rossback  
Pvt Vernon L. Smith  
Cpl Arthur M. Gowin  
PFC Milton G. McAtee  
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SGT Patrick R. McCaffrey  
SPC Jeremiah W. Schmunk  
SPC Donald R. McCune II  
SGT Quoc Tran  
SFC Michael Ottolini  
CW4 Patrick Leach  
SGT Damien T. Ficek  
CPL Glenn J. Watkins  
CW2 David Shephard  
SSG Christopher Vanderhorn  
1LT Jamie Campbell  
SGT Velton Locklear  
MAJ Guy “Bear” Barattieri  
MAJ Alan Johnson  
CPL Jason Bogar  
SPC Samuel Stone  
CW4 Mike Montgomery  
SGT William Spencer  
SSG Tim McGill  
CW3 Andrew McAdams  
SSG Matthew McClintock  
1LT David Bauders  
Lt. Col. Flando Jackson



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew McClintock, Engineer Sergeant, Special Forces Operational Det. – Alpha 9115, was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry for his actions on the 5th of January 2016 in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. Without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, Sgt. 1st Class McClintock repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire, provided life-saving treatment and secured medical evacuation for his wounded teammates. He was mortally wounded while courageously maneuvering through heavy enemy fire to secure a helicopter landing zone and evacuation for his wounded comrades.





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