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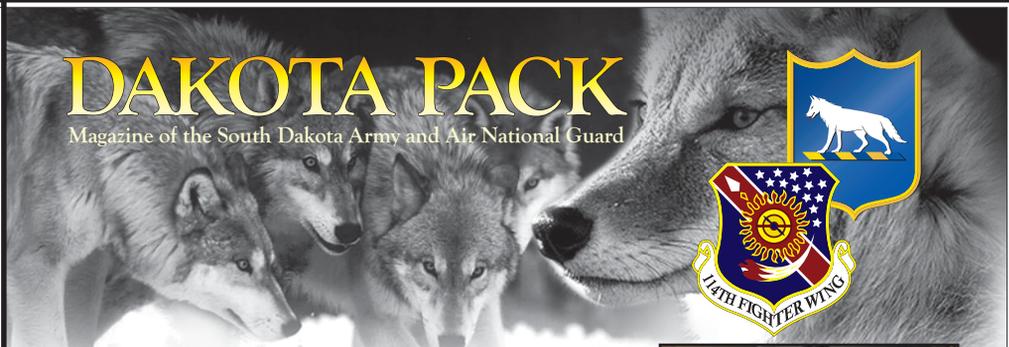
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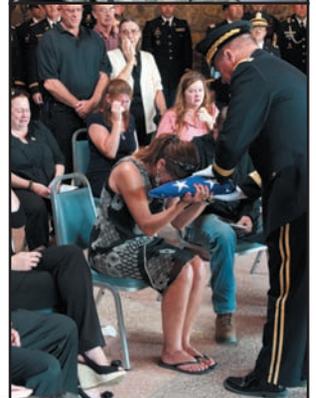


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South Dakota

NATIONAL GUARD

THE PAST



With a proud 149-year heritage of serving as the state's militia, the South Dakota National Guard finds its origins dating back to 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory. Since that time, our National Guard units have served in nearly every major war or conflict since the Civil War. The SDNG has seen combat during the Spanish American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. Our National Guard was also called up during the Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, each of South Dakota's 28 National Guard communities has experienced a unit mobilization in support of

Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle. More than 4,600 Soldiers and 1,500 Airmen have deployed in support of these operations and continue to deploy time and time again.

The National Guard is the only military component that holds a dual-mission consisting of both federal and state roles. The federal mission is to maintain trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war or a national emergency. At the state level, the governor reserves the ability, under the Constitution, to call up members of the National Guard in times of domestic emergencies.

Throughout the years, natural disasters have called

forth the Guard's spirit of teamwork and sacrifice to battle floods, fires, blizzards and tornado destruction. From the Rapid City Flood of 1972 to the 1997 Spencer Tornado to Hurricane Katrina and Rita in 2005, and most recently the 2011 Missouri River Flood, the SDNG has helped its fellow South Dakotans and Americans in times of need.

The proud heirs of the militia tradition can be found in the men and women of today's SDNG. They stand ready to leave the comforts of home and family to help their friends and neighbors, defend the nation's interests and bring peace and hope to people throughout the world.



THE PRESENT

Today's South Dakota National Guard remains strong with nearly 4,400 Soldiers and Airmen available to execute its dual mission on the state and federal levels. The Guard is now in 28 communities throughout South Dakota and is composed of 64 separate Army Guard units and detachments, and 16 Air Guard units. These units perform a variety of missions; everything from command and control, administration, engineering, field artillery, transportation, logistics, communications, maintenance, aviation, public affairs, military police, firefighting and medical.

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

The SDNG had a significant impact on South

Dakota's economy with more than \$181.5 million in expenditures and wages last year. The SDNG is also one of the largest employers in the state with more than 960 full-time employees, along with nearly 3,400 traditional Guard members who train on a part-time basis while pursuing a career or civilian education. These full-time employees, along with state employees and civilian contractors, work to assist the traditional Guardsmen by providing administrative, training and logistical support. This support collectively goes into helping units meet mobilization and readiness requirements.

The Army Guard remains strong with nearly 3,400 Soldiers available for state and federal missions. The nerve center for the Army Guard is at the state headquarters at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, an 84-acre training site first developed in 1924.

The SDNG held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 27, 2011, at Camp Rapid for three new state-of-the-art facilities which will enhance training and readiness for

National Guard forces for years to come.

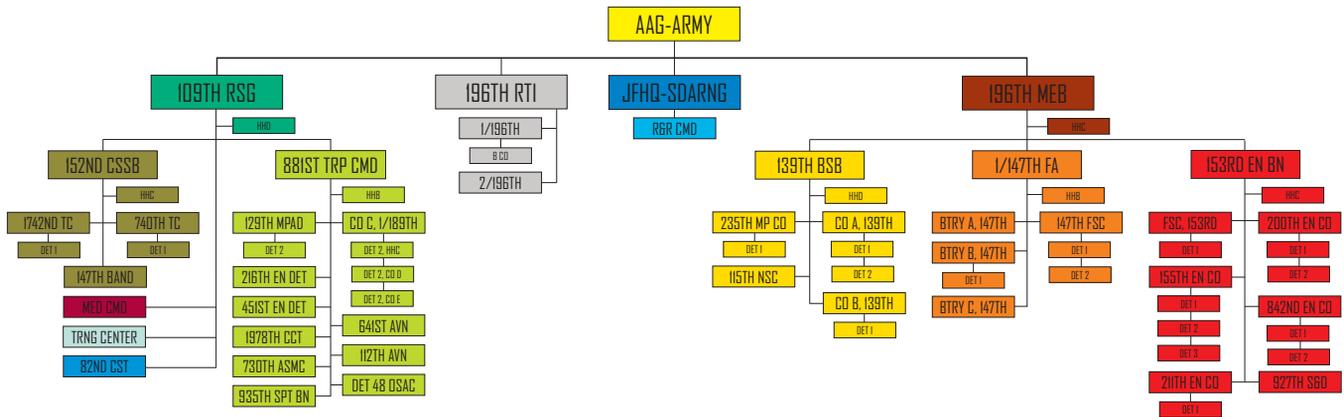
The ceremony showcased the Joint Force Headquarters Readiness Center, Building 802-Barracks and Education Center, and the new Troop Medical Clinic addition/alteration.

The three new buildings combined provide the needed space for 404 workstations, an assembly hall, exercise rooms, classrooms and distance learning centers, kitchen and dining facility, company supply room and arms vault, an auditorium, sleeping quarters for up to 600 service members, a pharmacy, medical examination rooms and labs.

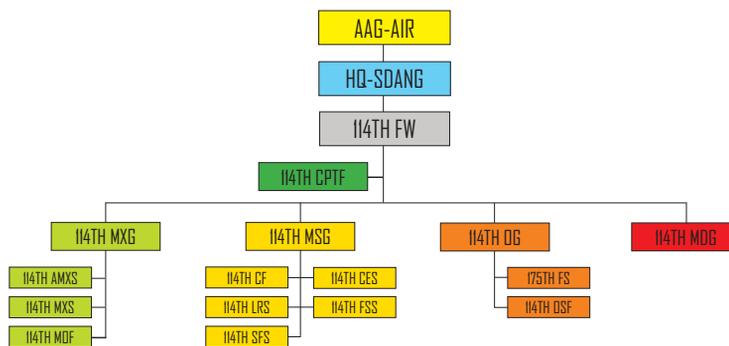
The Air National Guard is located on the southeast corner of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. It has nearly 1,100 Airmen assigned to its headquarters and the 114th Fighter Wing. The mission of the Air National Guard is to provide combat capability to the war fight, security for the homeland and to provide combat-ready units in three roles: federal, state and community.

UNIT COMMAND STRUCTURE

ARMY GUARD



AIR GUARD

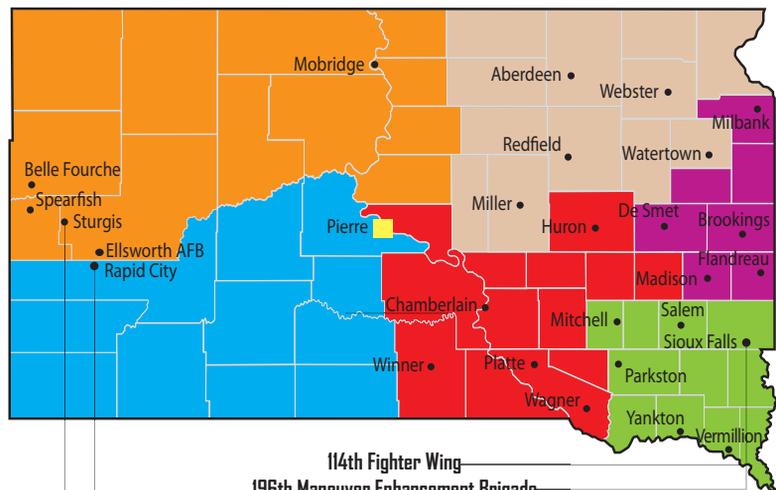


ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$181,517,686.68
Total SDNG Expenditures

SDNG TASK FORCES	STATE & FEDERAL
Task Force 109 & Air	\$94,132,766.04
Task Force 881	\$6,969,249.54
Task Force 152	\$3,930,121.26
Task Force 153	\$7,649,931.22
Task Force 147	\$3,722,850.91
Task Force 139	\$4,100,598.10
Task Force 196 & 114	\$61,012,169.61

FACILITIES CONTRIBUTION FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
 State Facilities \$10,957,841.08
 Federal Facilities \$178,323.72



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

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109th Regional Support Group



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Commander
114th Fighter Wing

DEPLOYMENTS

The South Dakota National Guard activated approximately 494 Soldiers and 38 Airmen in 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn.

Army units deployed in support of Operation New Dawn included: 67 Soldiers with Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment; 64 Soldiers with the 139th Brigade Support Battalion; and two individual augmentees, 1st Lt. Joshua Paull, physician assistant, and Maj. Curtis Liedtke, physician.

Army units deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom included 184 Soldiers with the 200th Engineer Company; 161 Soldiers with the 842nd Engineer Company; nine Soldiers with Det. 48 Operational Support Airlift Company; seven Soldiers with the 451st Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team); and individual augmentee Maj. Amber Heinert.

During the past year, the Fightin' Lobos of the Air Guard mobilized 38 personnel to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, along with other security, humanitarian and alert missions. The Air Guard deployed to 13 different overseas countries. Overseas duty included deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, South Korea, Kuwait, Oman, Kyrgyzstan, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Africa, Germany, United Kingdom and Suriname.



STATE ACTIVE DUTY

South Dakota National Guard units were not only called upon for overseas deployments in 2011, but many were also mobilized for state active duty missions as well. The Guard expended 41,721 workdays in support of the historic Missouri River Flood operations, as well as two firefighting missions across the state.

More than 1,950 service members from about 48 units assisted in one of the largest state active duty

call ups in South Dakota history. Soldiers and Airmen reported at locations in both Pierre/Fort Pierre and the Dakota Dunes areas to battle the rising Missouri River over the spring and summer.

The high water was a result of both record snow melt in Montana and heavy spring rainfall in western Wyoming, Montana and the western Dakotas flowing into streams and rivers running into South Dakota.

Service members filled 1,350,000 small sandbags, 6,500 Helo one-ton sandbags in both the capital and Dakota Dunes areas. The 842nd En. Co. built 1,000 feet of levee in Pierre while other units patrolled a total of 13 miles of levee. Flight crews of the UH-60 and CH-47 helicopters placed more than 2,500,000 pounds of sandbags. The operation efforts cost approximately \$8.4 million by the time the water levels receded.



GOLDEN COYOTE

The South Dakota National Guard hosted its 27th annual Golden Coyote training exercise held in the southern Black Hills, June 10-24. The two-week training exercise has developed into one of the nation's top training opportunities for National Guard, Reserve and active-duty forces, as well as military personnel from foreign countries.

The exercise provides relevant training opportunities in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland defense.

Working in cooperation with the National Forest Service and Custer State Park, the SDNG's Golden Coyote training exercise allows military units to conduct combat support and combat service support missions in a realistic training environment and provides valuable services to the public.

More than 1,900 military personnel from 36 units, covering 14 states, including the countries of Canada, Germany, Suriname and Great Britain, participated in the exercise. This included medical, chemical, transportation, signal, aviation, military police, engineer and quartermaster units. These units came from multiple branches of the military – Army, Navy and Air Force – and working together, created an invaluable training experience. The units trained on their equipment and employed tactics to complete various engineer projects that helped improve the forest and infrastructure of many local communities. Through the Innovative Readiness Training program, medical treatment was provided to more than 400 patients in support of Indian Health Services and 189 truckloads of firewood material was hauled to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation throughout the Golden Coyote exercise.

In addition, individual units and personnel were able to participate in numerous warrior training tasks and battle drills, such as urban combat operations, land navigation, first aid, combat life saver certification, leaders reaction course, Virtual Convoy Operations Trainer, HMMVV Egress Assistance Trainer and convoy operations.



Photo by Maj. Wayne Asscherick

Soldiers cross an obstacle at West Camp Rapid during the annual Golden Coyote training exercise.

IRT PROGRAM

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

IRT/COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2011

The 411th Engineer Company, Missouri Army National Guard, successfully completed road maintenance in and around Custer State Park. The road maintenance crew improved 30 miles of roadway to enhance travel management in Custer State Park and the Black Hills. Their scope of work consisted of spot graveling, gravel placement and correction of drainage issues.

The IRT duration crew also completed various projects in Custer State Park and the Black Hills during the summer:

- Reclamation of all training areas used during Golden Coyote to include leveling areas and reseeding grass in areas that were in use by the Golden Coyote training exercise.
- Various road and trail closures took place throughout the Black Hills in order to help the Forest Service with rehabilitation efforts.
- Re-shingling of the Nemo Work Center bunkhouse.
- Several miles of fire trail improvements were completed resulting in ease of access for firefighting vehicles and equipment.
- Removed and installed new foot bridges that were in need of repair.
- Various small scale construction and repair projects for both the Black Hills National Forest and Custer State Park.



Photo by Sgc. Tiffany Hamilton

The 842nd Engineer Company was one of many units that completed Innovative Readiness Training projects throughout the Black Hills during the spring and summer months.

STATE PARTNERSHIP

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

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

In 2011, participants included key leaders throughout South Dakota and Suriname's government, NCO professional development, public affairs and disaster consequence management.

Suriname and South Dakota conducted 17 significant exchanges last year that included the SDNG adjutant general and senior leadership's visit to Suriname, and the visit to South Dakota of Suriname's ambassador, minister of defense and chief of defense.



Photo by Master Sgt. Chris Stewart

Tech Sgt. Shawn Petermann, 114th Fighter Wing Civil Engineer Squadron, takes a break to give a soccer ball and football to children who live next door to the clinic being constructed by 22 members of the 114th Fighter Wing in the Commewijne district of Suriname in support of Exercise New Horizons.

COUNTERDRUG

The mission is to provide counterdrug and civil operations support as requested by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, schools and community-based organizations. Full-time National Guard Counterdrug Soldiers and Airmen serve in positions as instructors, analysts, staff, mechanics and aviators.

The civil operations team, formerly known as drug demand reduction team, visited 55 different schools working with more than 11,500 students spreading a drug-free message and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The team played a vital role in the success of Red Ribbon Week having 105 schools participate, 76 aerial photo flyovers and approximately 19,100 students pledging to live their lives "drug free."

In 2011, the civil operations team was awarded the Secretary of Defense Fulcrum Shield Award at the Pentagon for having the best drug-free, youth-based program affiliated with the U.S. military in both active and reserve components. The partnership with South Dakota's "Youth to Youth" program met this criteria.

Counterdrug aviation assists local, state and federal law enforcement agencies with missions aiding in the detection and disruption of drug trafficking, use and eradication throughout the year, flying up to 500 hours a year to accomplish their missions.

The criminal analyst team works collaboratively with the aviation team and law enforcement to provide link analysis, document exploitation, commodity-financial analysis and case construction. Currently, criminal analysts are assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Division of Criminal Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency, but are able to assist law enforcement at any level reviewing and analyzing collected information, and provide legal, paralegal and auditing assistance.

Counterdrug's substance abuse team's mission is deterrence. The substance abuse team, in conjunction with unit prevention leaders, provides the testing and education to the approximately 4,500 members of the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard to deter the abuse of illegal drugs in support of the adjutant general's policy on drug use.



London Van Sickle, 10, helps land an OH-58 helicopter during Red Ribbon Week.

Photo by Sgt. Rebecca Linder

SERVICE MEMBER AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

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

That is why the SDNG values the support and contributions of our families, employers and volunteers across the state. Service Member and Family Support Services not only benefit service members and their families, but also have a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness.

The SDNG's SFSS provides support by helping bond National Guard service members and their families and employers together to promote a sense of camaraderie, aiding families in understanding the mission of the SDNG and reward for belonging, and by informing and educating service members and their families about activities and resources available to them.

In 2011, the SDNG's Family Assistance Staff made 8,086 outreach contacts to military families and service members of South Dakota and responded to 11,677 inbound cases. The top three requests for support for the year were: TRICARE, military retirement and ID cards. Family Readiness Support Assistants conducted 72 training events with more than 1,150 volunteers, family members and service members in attendance. The Youth Program impacted more than 2,300 military youth through camps, leadership events, the Youth Council and recognition during the Month of the Military Child in April. The Youth Program also hosted community trainings with the Military Child Education Coalition, Zero to Three and local schools. The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program coordinated Deployment Cycle Support with seven events per deploying unit, helping more than 2,900 service members and their families in 2011. Post Deployment Health Re-Assessments were conducted for 312 Soldiers with follow-up and referral support for 173 Soldiers. Military Funeral Honors supported 743 veterans' funerals. Military OneSource conducted 45 briefings and presentations. Finally, Military and Family Life Consultants provided counseling and referral assistance to a multitude of service members and family members, participated in every Yellow Ribbon event and conducted presentations at



Photo by Johnny Biverra

Family Readiness Group meetings and unit trainings all across South Dakota.

South Dakota Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's 48 volunteers provided 6,747 hours of support to our Reserve component members and their employers impacting 4,163 employers and 8,731 service members. SD ESGR fielded 922 USERRA requests for services, mediated 10 USERRA cases and provided 10 USERRA training sessions for employers; 315 employers signed the Statement of Support. Additionally, service members recognized 1,044 employers with the Patriot Award, and St. John's Lutheran Church of Yankton was selected as the Pro Patria and the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award recipient.

Within the SFSS, 16 resiliency training events were conducted with more than 650 civilian and military attendees. SDNG units conducted suicide prevention training events with more than 3,000 attendees. Survivor Outreach Services provided case management to more than 85 survivors in SD. The Transition Assistance Advisor provided support to service members at their mobilization station during the demobilization process, coordinated support with various veterans agencies, supported several Yellow Ribbon events and provided support to 2,500 Soldiers, Airmen and their families. The TAA also assisted countless numbers of veterans and retirees with getting assistance with the benefits and entitlements that they earned.

SD Airmen and family programs have supported more than 150 military members and their families at Yellow Ribbon events and continued to serve more than 1,100 Airmen and their families of the SDANG.

Some key events for the SFSS this past year included: conducting their first Resiliency Training Assistant course in South Dakota and successfully training 39 RTAs. Veteran and retiree summits were conducted in seven communities across South Dakota that included participation from such agencies as the Veterans Administration, Vets Center, TriWest TRICARE, SDNG, SD Veterans Affairs, Dept. of Labor and the Social Services Administration.

MIDDLE: SDARNG Chaplain Lt. Col. David Gunderson (left) and St. John's Lutheran Church Congregational President Mr. John Marquardt (center), accept the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award from David McGinnis, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve. The DOD presented St. John's Lutheran Church of Yankton, the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition by the U.S. government to employers for their support, Sept. 22, at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C.

HQ-SDANG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL - BG WAYNE SHANKS
 CHIEF OF STAFF - TO BE ANNOUNCED
 COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT - CMSGT JAMES WELCH

The Headquarters for the South Dakota Air National Guard, located on the edge of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, is a critical element for the governor and the adjutant general by ensuring all units of the 114th Fighter Wing are poised to respond to both national and state emergencies.

With 27 assigned members, the main focus of the HQ SDANG is to represent and support more than 1,000 members of the SDANG and to prepare plans, policies and programs for its assigned units.

With both a federal and state mission, the SDANG can provide combat-capable aircraft, aircrew, support personnel and equipment to augment existing active-duty forces during times of national emergency or war.

Additionally, the unit provides medical, engineering, security, transportation, communication and other support resources to protect life and restore essential services during natural disasters, civil disturbances and other significant emergencies.

The Joint Force Headquarters for the state of South Dakota is made up of Airmen from the HQ SDANG and Soldiers from the Headquarters, South Dakota Army National Guard.

During the historic 2011 Missouri River flood, HQ SDANG had nine personnel contribute to the largest joint, state active duty emergency efforts in South Dakota's history. These personnel provided command and control, public affairs support, even levee walking, ensuring the safety and security of the mission.

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

114TH FW

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

COMMANDER - COL RUSS WALZ
 VICE COMMANDER - COL MATTHEW JAMISON
 COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT - CMSGT KEVIN LUTHE
 FIRST SERGEANT - SMSGT RANDY WINGEN

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

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

The men and women of the 114th FW are extremely proud of what they've accomplished this past year. The contributions and sacrifices extend to the far reaches of the globe supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn as well as helping the citizens of South Dakota in a time of great need.

The 114th FW deployed 38 members in support of combat operations in 12 different countries providing highly trained Airmen to meet combatant commanders' objectives. The 114th FW deployed an additional 36 members to our partnership country of Suriname on a humanitarian mission. The average tour length was 126 days. Overall, the unit members represented this unit, state and nation with the utmost professionalism.

The 114th FW also had the opportunity to help their neighbors in the Dakota Dunes, Yankton and Pierre communities this summer. The 114th mobilized 513 unit members for state active duty, many with very little notice, to support historic flood operations throughout the state. The 24/7 operation of levee patrol, security checkpoints, quick reaction forces and sandbagging operations for 99 days certainly led to the protection of property and saved lives.

Within days of finishing state flood operations, the 114th spent the next two unit training assemblies executing major operational readiness exercises. For the first, they generated F-16s, processed cargo and hundreds of personnel; in the next, they were flying wartime air tasking order sortie production in an intense chemical warfare environment. This was accomplished with hard work and great attitudes, which will help with preparation for the operational readiness inspection in two years.

The conversion to Block 40 F-16s created an enormous workload this last year for maintenance and logistics professionals. Getting this fleet of 22 aircraft to 'Lobo' standards took a thorough, detailed effort. It is a culture of excellence like this throughout the wing that certainly led to the 114th FW winning the William W. Spruance Safety Award, the highest safety award for any Air National Guard flying unit.



Master Sgt. Chris Langloss, 114th Maintenance Group crew chief, makes final checks on an F-16 aircraft prior to launch from Joe Foss Field, Nov. 4.

Photos by Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland



F-16 aircraft are lined up on the flightline at Joe Foss Field as the sun sets on another day at the South Dakota Air National Guard.

114TH MSG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

COMMANDER – COL STEVEN WARREN
FIRST SERGEANT – MSG KENNETH BRUNEWALDT

114TH FORCE SUPPORT SQD

COMMANDER – LTC TAMARA MIELKE

114TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQD

COMMANDER – LTC ALVIN PUNT
FIRST SERGEANT – MSG MICHAEL CLAUDSON

114TH SECURITY FORCES SQD

COMMANDER – MAJ JOSEPH HARDIN
FIRST SERGEANT – SMSGT CHAD OXENDER

114TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQD

COMMANDER – MAJ LONNY REESE
FIRST SERGEANT – MSG SHAWN GREER

114TH COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

COMMANDER – MAJ BRENT POST

THE 114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP'S mission is to direct the activities of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron, 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 114th Security Forces Squadron, 114th Force Support Squadron and the 114th Communications Flight toward the overall missions and objectives of the 114th Fighter Wing. The MSG and its associated flights and squadrons consist of 328 personnel that provide the support structure for the 114th Wing's day-to-day operations as well as training for their individual wartime tasking. In addition, the 114th MSG maintains many of the required skill sets to provide assistance to the state of South Dakota when tasked by the governor in times of disaster or emergency. The 2011 floods in South Dakota activated numerous personnel with these skills to fight the flooding in Pierre, Yankton and Dakota Dunes.

A specific function within the 114th MSG is base contracting, and it supported the 114th FW in 2011 through the flawless execution of a multimillion dollar operations and maintenance budget. Senior Master Sgt. Kurtis Lunstra, base contracting officer, also provided oversight for numerous major construction projects on Joe Foss Field that will provide mission essential facilities for decades to come.

THE 114TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON provides facility, utility, crash-fire-rescue and emergency management support for the 114th FW. The 114th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed more than 60 percent of its members in support of flood relief efforts along the Missouri River dam system. They also deployed more than 40 members to Suriname, our State Partnership Program country, to work in cooperation with the

South Dakota Army National Guard in the construction of a medical clinic. The fire operations flight deployed to Offutt AFB, Neb., to provide needed backfill support in addition to fire protection activities during Offutt's air show. 2011 also saw the construction of four new buildings on base, along with the demolition of two of the oldest facilities, including the World War II-era civil engineering building. With diligent energy management, the Civil Engineer Squadron again helped the wing reach the Air Force energy reduction goals for 2011.

THE 114TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON provides and directs supply, fuels, procurement, motor vehicle, military and commercial transportation support for the wing. The 114th LRS met numerous challenges in 2011, with great success. During the spring and summer of 2011 the 114th LRS activated nearly 60 percent of squadron personnel in support of flood relief efforts. The vehicle management and vehicle operations sections coordinated the use of 34 vehicle assets as well as the movement of nearly 600 personnel. In addition to the state active duty mission, the 114th LRS deployed four members in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The 114th LRS also supported 114th Fighter Wing mission readiness and prepared for Air Force initiatives. The material management and distribution sections continued to provide outstanding support in closing out the Block 40 aircraft conversion. The operations compliance section prepared for the 2012 release of a new Air Force supply chain resource management system. The Expeditionary Combat Support System will provide an integrated IT system, standardized work processes and enterprise data for up to 250,000 personnel when fully implemented. Scheduled for release in the fall of 2012,

the 114th LRS is one of three Air National Guard units, along with Ellsworth AFB, that will be the first to migrate to this new technology.

THE 114TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON continued their tradition of excellence by deploying to and supporting operations in Tucson, Ariz., as well as responding to the flood in Pierre and Dakota Dunes. Members conducted levee patrol, traffic control and overall security of personnel during these deployments, ensuring a safe operational environment. Training was also conducted at Camp Rapid for the base Ready Augmentee Team. Training consisted of weapons qualification on the new M-4 and the M-9. The RAT is extremely vital to the installation as they are considered first responders to any major incident which may occur. The 114th training section ensures these dedicated individuals are trained to security forces requirements such as response to active shooter, aircraft incidents, riot control and confrontation management. Weapons qualification and training were also conducted at Fort McCoy, Wis., for all members of the 114th SFS. Qualification was conducted on all assigned weapons systems, which include the M-240/M-249, M-203, M-4 and M-9. Several individuals attended the combat leaders course at Camp Bullis, Texas. One provided instruction for deploying security forces members, both active and reserve, with the 204th Security Forces Squadron located at Fort Bliss, Texas. The training section implemented a new mentoring process for individuals enrolled in the career development course, which resulted in 30 out of 30 personnel successfully completing their end of course exams.

THE 114TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON provides cradle-to-grave support for Airmen throughout



Photo by Master Sgt. Christopher Stewart

Airman 1st Class Jeremy Nelson, Sioux Falls, 114th Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron, reports in while patrolling the causeway to LaFramboise Island along the Missouri River, June 3.

their entire career to include enlistment, training, development, promotions, deployment, family assistance, retirement, food service, fitness and lodging. The 114th FSS recruiting and retention team consistently exceeds 100 percent manning levels with exceptional recruits and prior service personnel. The recruiting staff was recognized at the national level: Senior Master Sgt. Brian Voges was the RRS of the Year, and Tech. Sgt. Jessica Bak was selected as the Production Recruiter of the Year for Region II. The 114th FSS was instrumental during historic levels of state activation of personnel for flood relief efforts. More than 500 members of the SDANG supported the flood efforts across the state from Pierre, Vermillion, Yankton, Dakota Dunes, Rapid City and Sioux Falls, utilizing nearly 11,000 man-days on state active duty orders. As a joint task force, personnel processing also included reception and deployment of ARNG members at Joe Foss Field. The personnel readiness office prepared and processed more than 80 unit members deploying to 13 different countries around the world. FSS members were extremely busy from a deployment perspective: members supported the Civil Air Patrol at Ellsworth AFB, accomplished a squadron "Deployment for Training" event to the GRTC at Volk Field, Wis., deployed to Mildenhall RAF, England, to backfill forward deployed members, and Dobbins AFB, Ga., for Silver Flag training, in addition to EGS taskings to the UAE. The FSS coordinated with the Air Reserve Personnel Center to host a CADRE team, which provided numerous briefings to officers and enlisted members on career progression, entitlements, benefits and CSS training. Two members were selected by NGB/AI to participate in the "FSS PD Re-Write Integrated Process Team" which re-wrote position descriptions affecting more than 260 positions across the ANG.

THE 114TH COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT provides communications and computers in support of the SDANG. Several of their accomplishments in 2011 were significant. They included personnel and communication support to flood relief missions of the SDNG joint task forces. The network control center completed an upgrade as part of the standardization of all ANG units. A new telephone switch was installed meeting increased requirements and providing voice-over-internet protocol capability. The network hardware was completely upgraded to current gigabit standards. The Air Force Network Integration Center conducted an Information Assurance Assessment and Assistance Program assessment determining the program to be satisfactory. The base's computers were migrated to the Windows 7 operating system. The base SIPTNet received a full authority to operate from AFNIC. Final preparations were completed for the inside plant and outside plant projects that will provide a complete replacement and upgrade of the base network's fiber optic and copper cabling. 2011 was a banner year for the flight.

114TH OG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH OPERATIONS GROUP

COMMANDER - COL MICHAEL MEYERS

175TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

COMMANDER - LTC NATHAN ALHOLINNA

114TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLT

COMMANDER - LTC GREG LAIR

2011 was a challenging year for the 114th Operations Group as the conversion status resulted in a significant reduction in flying. Sorties were maximized and allocated to keep all pilots current while still managing to upgrade six Flight Leads. Four deployments highlighted the year and allowed pilots to ramp up in specific mission areas. The 114th Maintenance Group stepped up to provide sortie surges during these periods all while dealing with considerable hardware and software modifications during the entire 12 months.

SNOWBIRD at Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 5-17, was the first 114th Fighter Wing deployment with Block 40 F-16's. The Maintenance Group performed a small miracle getting 11 jets to Tucson, considering the heavy repairs they were accomplishing on all 22 airplanes. 167 personnel deployed during this two-week period which allowed valuable fair weather training away from the harsh northern plains winter. 189 munitions were delivered and more than 13,700 20 mm rounds expended. Snowbird was a very successful first Block 40 deployment and set the stage for continued success through the year.

NORTHERN LIGHTNING at Volk Field, Wis., June 14-24, was leveraged by launching the morning go from Joe Foss Field, air refueling, participating in a large force exercise in the Volk Field Airspace complex and then landing at Volk Field. The 114th Maintenance Group deployed a small force to turn the jets, which allowed pilot debriefs and participation in the second LFE before returning to Joe Foss Field that same day. Due to the conversion, it had been some time since pilots had participated in large scale events of this nature and was important in preparing the unit for upcoming Sentry Eagle.

SENTRY EAGLE at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Ore., July 20-25, was a quick hitter of intense Large Force Exercise training. More than 11 units participated, making it the largest Air-to-Air exercise in the ANG. Tankers, electronic warfare platforms, airborne command and control and numerous adversaries made this realistic contested, degraded and operational limits training. Maintenance again did a superb job of deploying five jets. The opportunity was unique in providing large scale air battle training that is difficult to replicate in local airspace.

JACKSONVILLE at Jacksonville IAP, Fla., Aug. 15-26, was a small-scale pure Air-to-Air training detachment flying with the Florida ANG F-15's. The dissimilar training exposed new flight leads to an unfamiliar airfield against quality adversaries. Maintenance was spectacular in filling 100 percent of the schedule.

State active duty to support Missouri River flooding control efforts provided unique leadership opportunities for several members of Operations Group and complemented the overall dynamic training year. The 114th Operations Group looks forward to another challenging year of further immersion in the capability of the Block 40 while preparing all Airmen for future deployments and inspections.



A South Dakota Air National Guard pilot refuels his F-16 Fighter jet from the Iowa Air National Guard KC-135 Stratotanker.

Courtesy photo

114TH MDG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH MEDICAL GROUP

COMMANDER – COL MARK MALMBERG
FIRST SERGEANT – MSGT TIMOTHY STARK

The 114th Medical Group has some of the finest military medical professionals assigned to its roster. With 47 members, the 114th MDG has a mission to provide limited health services to the 1,038 members of the SDANG. With physicians, nurses, medics, lab technicians, dental, optometry, bio, public health and other medical professionals, the 114th MDG assures that our Airmen are ready to deploy anytime, anywhere.

During the last year, the 114th MDG accomplished 235 physicals, 60 occupational health, 630 dental and 250 eye examinations, delivery of 335 pairs of glasses and inserts, 180 hearing tests, ANAM testing 34, 1,395 immunizations, 975 WEB HA assessments, 735 lab draws, 33 shop visits done by bio and public health and 1,014 annual personal health assessments.

The 114th Medical Group was directly involved with worldwide deployments of 92 Airmen to multiple and very diverse areas. This required 140 pre- and post-deployment assessments, compliance with multiple reporting instructions and unique immunization regimens.

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

The Medical Group immunized 98 percent of the SDANG personnel, far exceeding the goal of 95 percent. Dental went above and beyond their goal of 90 percent of dental readiness by reaching 94 percent of the force.

Airmen of the 114th MDG are exceptionally hard working, have a great work ethic and take tremendous pride in their work. Individually and collectively, they put forth an outstanding effort during 2011.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Quinton Young

114TH MXG

SIoux FALLS/JOE FOSS FIELD

114TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

COMMANDER – COL JOEL DE GROOT
DEPUTY COMMANDER – LTC EDWIN VANDER WOLDE

114TH MAINTENANCE SQD

COMMANDER – LTC KRISTIN BAUR
FIRST SERGEANT – SMSGT JEFFERY VANDER WOUDE

114TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQD

COMMANDER – MAJ KELLY PETTERSON
FIRST SERGEANT – SMSGT SCOTT LEEBENS

114TH MAINTENANCE OPERATION FLT

COMMANDER – MAJ SCOTT RUST

The mission of the 114th Maintenance Group is to ensure that aircraft and equipment are safe, serviceable and properly configured to achieve mission requirements. The 114th MXG comprises approximately 494 members and is organized into three assigned units: 114th Maintenance Squadron, 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 114th Maintenance Operations Flight.

The professionals in the 114th MXG are tasked to inspect, repair, overhaul, modify, test and analyze the assigned aircraft and equipment and to ensure air worthiness and serviceability.

The beginning of 2011 found the 114th MXG with 22 newly assigned Block 40 aircraft manufactured in

1988, with an average fleet time of more than 6,300 hours. Maintenance's main focus was to get the new fleet accepted, upgraded and airworthy as soon as possible. Fifteen of the aircraft were sent back to depot for work on the 341 bulkheads, eight each were repaired and extended 6,000 hours and the other seven had complete replacements. With these transactions underway, the 114th MXG also performed the Beyond Line of Sight modification, new advanced IFF (AN/APX-124), modular mission computer upgrades and the embedded GPS/INS (EGI) modification to all aircraft.

2011 was also a productive year for the 114th FW flying program. Along with the maintenance previously mentioned, 1,700 local sorties were flown for a total of 2,497 flying hours. The 114th supported deployments to Tucson, Ariz., for Snowbird, Jacksonville, Fla., and Northern Lightning and Sentry Eagle.

The 114th MXG experienced personnel changes throughout the course of the year. They said goodbye to Lt. Col. Greg Anderson, who was reassigned to Headquarters, SDANG. He was replaced by Maj. Kelly Petterson as the new Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander. Lt. Col. Kevin Curley also left Maintenance and was replaced by Lt. Col. Kristin Baur as Maintenance Squadron commander. Baur has the distinction of being the first female officer to serve as a commander in the maintenance arena of the 114th FW. Lt. Col. Joel DeGroot was promoted to colonel as the Maintenance Group commander. The knowledge of the maintenance personnel continued to be recognized and valued Air Force-wide as many of our Airmen were tasked to augment inspection teams, evaluate operational readiness exercises and perform staff assistance visits.



Photo by Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland

ABOVE: The 114th Fighter Wing's Block 40 F-16 aircraft sit on the flightline at Joe Foss Field, Aug. 25. The unit is in the final phase of conversion from their old Block 30 F-16's to the newer Block 40's. All new aircraft have been received with final maintenance issues being addressed to finalize the conversion.

LEFT: Sgt. Stephanie Johnson (left) from Jasper, Minn., a member of Medical Command based out of Rapid City, and Master Sgt. Angela Pesicka from Parker, a member of the 114th FW, Medical Group, pull up in their all-terrain vehicle to offer water to levee patrol members, June 28.

JFHQ-SD

RAPID CITY

JFHQ COMMANDER – BG JEFF MARLETTE
 DIRECTOR OF JOINT STAFF – BG TED JOHNSON
 JFHQ DET. COMMANDER – MAJ ANTHONY DEISS
 FIRST SERGEANT – ISG JODY SMITH

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

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

In May of 2011, JFHQ stood up the Joint Operation Center in support of Pierre and Dakota Dunes flooding with more than 1,600 Soldiers who supported emergency domestic operations.

The JFHQ was instrumental in providing command and control, personnel and coordination to the 27th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in June 2011. The unit worked diligently to support more than 1,800 military personnel from 36 units, involving 14 states from the National Guard, Reserve and active-duty component of the armed forces that included the countries of Canada, Germany, Suriname and Great Britain.

REC & RET CMD

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – LTC JOSEPH JACOBSON
 SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM TERRY PAULSEN

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

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

Additionally, the Recruit Sustainment Program, which falls under the R&R Bn., trains and prepares our new Soldiers for the rigors and challenges of basic combat training before the Soldier "ships out" to ensure they are prepared for the demanding requirements of BCT.

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

196TH REGIMENT

FORT MEADE/SIOUX FALLS

REGIMENT COMMANDER – COL JOHN HOLTER
 REGIMENT COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM PATRICK COUSER
 HEADQUARTERS COMPANY COMMANDER – ILT EDWARD CROMWELL
 FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MARY MALLOW
 1-196TH COMMANDER – LTC CHARLES BLASDELL
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR – MSG SUSAN SHOE
 BRAVO COMPANY, 1-196TH COMMANDER – MAJ COREY NORRIS
 2-196TH COMMANDER – LTC ORSON WARD
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR – MSG DAN KONECHNE

The 196th Regiment located at Fort Meade is one of the premier regional training institutes throughout the Army National Guard. The regiment maintains its status of "A Learning Institute of Excellence" by the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command as it continues to be one of the nation's top training institutes by providing quality training to all who come through its doors.

With 58 members, the regiment provides a model environment for training future leaders for the ARNG and provides general instruction on a variety of military courses. The 196th Regiment (RTI) has two subordinate battalions: 1st Battalion (Officer Candidate School) at Fort Meade and the 2nd Battalion (Modular Training) in Sioux Falls.

The Fort Meade campus is home to one of the nation's four consolidated OCS programs where enlisted Soldiers who want to become officers conduct a three-phase program designed to stress their mental and physical capabilities, and evaluate their leadership potential for future commissioning as second lieutenants. Last year, the OCS program trained



Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

ABOVE: Government officials, South Dakota National Guard leadership and business leaders celebrate the completion of the South Dakota National Guard's new Joint Force Headquarters Readiness Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Camp Rapid, Oct. 27. RIGHT: An officer candidate falls into the pool during water survival familiarization training at the Sturgis Community Center, June 20.

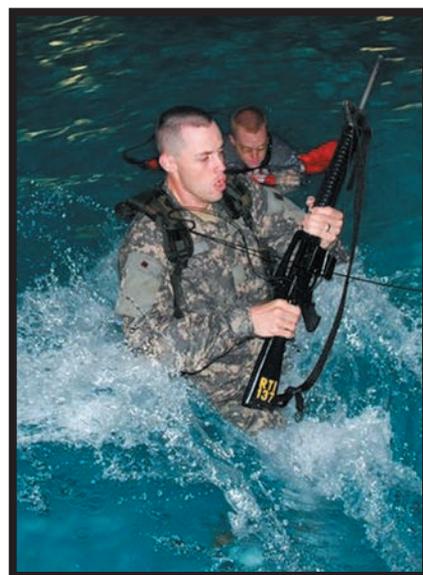
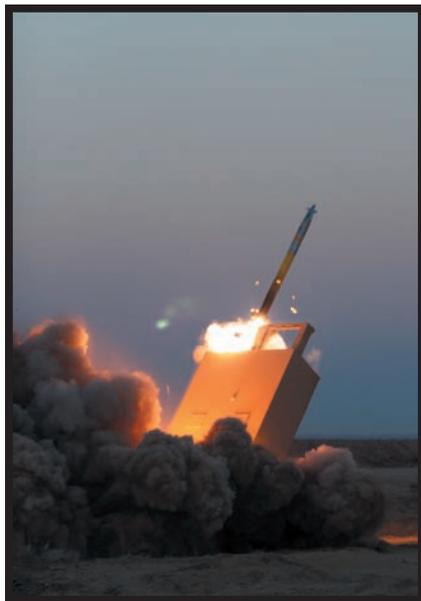


Photo by 1st Lt. Paul Chapman

more than 440 officer candidates in three phases of leadership development and assessment. Candidates, cadre and staff from 36 different states throughout the nation participated in the consolidated program. First Battalion (DCS) also manages a Warrant Officer Candidate School program, which remained in a ready status as low enrollment provided an opportunity for South Dakota warrant officer candidates to participate in other programs within the region. The WDCS program is designed to develop and evaluate leadership skills for enlisted Soldiers wanting to become highly skilled, single-track specialists, and serve as technical experts, providing valuable skills and guidance to commanders and organizations in their particular field. The battalion also offers the tactics certification course and platoon trainer qualification course: two specialty courses for platoon trainers and instructors in the DCS environment.

Second Battalion (MOD TRN) also had an excellent year in training more than 350 Soldiers in a variety of military courses. The battalion provided instruction in military occupational specialties such as truck driver (88M), multiple launch rocket system crewmember (13M), and operations/fire direction specialist (13P) as well as conducted Noncommissioned Officer Education System courses within the 13M and 13P specialties. The battalion also provided functional course training to Soldiers through its Combat Lifesaver course, Modern Army Combatives program, Small Group Instructor course and Army Basic Instructor course. The modular training battalion also manages the Company Level Pre-Command course where new and future commanders and first sergeants gather the tools necessary to be successful leaders of companies within the SDARNG. The battalion prides itself on being focused on the customer - the South Dakota Guardsman - with the functional courses it offers. The battalion assists unit commanders in scheduling and conducting the necessary training to increase individual and unit readiness.



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109TH RSG

RAPID CITY

109TH COMMANDER – COL BILL FREIDEL
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM JAMES HOEKMAN
 HHD COMMANDER – CPT BRIAN DREYER
 FIRST SERGEANT – SFC MICHAEL HUITEMA

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

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

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the 109th RSG also serves as C2 for Task Force 109, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response. To prepare for this mission, the unit trained selected individuals on the Incident Command System, wildland fire training and civil disturbance training.

The 109th assisted in flood operations in Dakota Dunes and Pierre during the summer sending several Soldiers out for sandbagging and motor pool operations.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

LEFT: Second Battalion, 196th RTI provides instruction in military occupational specialties such as a Multiple Launch Rocket System crewmember. ABOVE: Brig. Gen. Jeff Marlette, SDARNG assistant adjutant general, passes the guidon to the new 109th Regional Support Group commander, Col. Bill Freidel during a change of command ceremony at Range Road army, June 25.

152ND

CSSB

PIERRE

152ND COMMANDER – LTC MICHAEL OSTER
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DONALD WEIAND
 HHC 152ND COMMANDER – CPT ELIANN CARR
 FIRST SERGEANT – ISG ROBERT MCDONALD

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

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

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

The 152nd CSSB supported flood operations in Pierre from May 27 to Aug. 30. TF 152nd was command and control of its subordinate units from May 28 to Aug. 30 and was the TF commander for Pierre/Fort Pierre operations from June 4-21. Units under the 152nd CSSB hauled more than 600 tons of equipment and supplies more than 24,000 miles in support of flood operations in the Pierre/Fort Pierre and Dakota Dunes areas.



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Lt. Col. Michael Oster (center) takes command of the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion from Lt. Col. Aaron Jordan (right).

740TH

MILBANK/ABERDEEN

COMMANDER – CPT JEREMY SCHAFFER
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG DOUGLAS BORCHERT

The 740th Transportation Company of Milbank and Aberdeen provides transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 110 members in Milbank, and more than 80 members in its Detachment I in Aberdeen, the unit uses M-915 tractor-trailers to complete assigned missions.

In 2011, the unit took to the streets of Milbank and surrounding communities with M-915 tractor-trailers to help with the annual citywide clean up, helping pick up and haul away unwanted items residents left on the curb. The Soldiers picked up everyday household items along with furniture, carpet and tree branches. The 740th hauled more than 50 loads of trash to the landfill.

Milbank and Aberdeen also participated in the 27th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in the southern Black Hills during the summer. The Soldiers took part in the convoy lanes, virtual convoy operations training simulator, convoy training, as well as hauling wood for the timber haul. A new record of 188 timber loads were transported to Oglala Sioux Reservations; 50 of the loads were done by the 740th. The residents will use the timber for heating and ceremonial purposes.

The 740th also participated in truck missions that provided food and supplies to the various FOB's along with hauling miscellaneous equipment to Lexington and Frankfort, Ky., Tucson, Ariz., and Fort Carson, Col.

The 740th played a major role in one of the largest state activations in the SONG's history: responding to the Missouri River flooding. More than 70 members were called to Dakota Dunes, and more the 40 members were called to Pierre to assist with the flood operations. Unit members worked around the clock as the quick reaction force, filling sandbags and conducting levee patrols to help protect communities in South Dakota.



Photo by Sgt. Kathleen Halscher

The 740th Transportation Company hauls away branches during Milbank's annual citywide clean up.

1742ND

SIoux FALLS/FLANDREAU

COMMANDER – CPT JERI FOSHEIM
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG DEAN NIXON

The 1742nd Transportation Company of Sioux Falls provides transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 150 members in Sioux Falls, and more than 50 members in its Detachment I in Flandreau, the company uses the M-915 tractor-trailer to complete assigned missions.

In 2011, the unit was called upon to support various state and local missions that resulted in hauling 2,797 tons of cargo, accumulating 213,129 miles driven on annual and non-annual training missions across the state and parts of the U.S.

In the spring, the 1742nd played a role in the Flandreau citywide clean up. The Soldiers hauled more than 90 tons of waste from Flandreau. The unit also assisted the city of Flandreau with some emergency storm damage cleanup, resulting in another 114 tons of debris removed from the city.

Soldiers also supported state active duty missions due to the Missouri River flood. Unit members performed various duties including cargo haul missions throughout the state, sandbagging operations, levee patrols and quick reaction forces along the levees.

The unit's annual training consisted of various state active duty haul missions and an equipment relocation mission to and from Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort McCoy, Wis.

The 1742nd supported the Honor Flight of S.D. by hauling wheelchairs for veterans' use, the Salute the Troops event held annually in Sioux Falls by hauling heavy equipment to and from Minnesota and Iowa, and the Innovative Readiness Training office by hauling goods to various Indian reservations throughout the state.



Courtesy photo

The 1742nd Transportation Company hauls equipment to and from Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort McCoy, Wis., as a part of their annual training.

147TH

BAND

MITCHELL

COMMANDER – CW3 TERRY BECKLER
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG DAVE BARKUS

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

The 147th Army Band traveled to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for annual training in 2011, where they fulfilled the duties of the active duty band on post. The unit performed in many different musical genres for citizens, veterans and ceremonies while in Arizona.

A few highlight performances from the past year include Christmas at the Capitol, Pierre; Gov. Daugaard's inaugural ball, Pierre; Maj. Gen. Reisch and Brig. Gen. Marlette's change-of-command ceremonies, Rapid City; the South Dakota Enlisted Association National Guard Conference, Mitchell; Terry Redlin Art Center Summer Festival, Watertown; Veterans' Parade, Delmont and Sioux Falls 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.



Courtesy photo

Spc. Eric Brooks, a member of the 147th Army Band, plays the saxophone at the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony in Sioux Falls.

82ND CST

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE

COMMANDER – LTC JAMES SELCHERT
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MIKE WEYRICH

The 82nd Civil Support Team is South Dakota's all-hazard response team with emphasis in the areas of chemical, biological and radiological incidents. The team is composed of 22 members certified as hazardous materials technicians capable of responding to almost every disaster, natural or man-made. The team is organic to the state; however, they can be called upon for deployment nationwide.

The CST is primarily a support unit, called to incidents and events of local, state and national significance. They render support to civilian agencies, most typically a local fire department, police/sheriff department, county emergency management office, and other agencies of the first-responder community. The 82nd can operate as a stand-alone unit; however, they are primarily a resource of assistance to the local civilian authority and work under the command and control of the agency.

The CST is composed of various sections of personnel: communications, medical, analytical, survey, decontamination, logistics, administrative and command. The team has numerous pieces of specialized and highly sensitive equipment to be utilized in detecting, monitoring and identifying agents and substances of a hazardous nature.

In September, the CST participated in a complex multiagency training scenario at the 3M manufacturing facility in Brookings. This FTX involved not only the CST but also the Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Watertown and Brookings fire departments, as well as the 3M emergency response team, the Brookings Police Dept., Brookings EMS and the Red Cross. The agencies participated in one training scenario at separate locations at the 3M plant.

The CST had the opportunity to serve on three missions within the last year. The first mission was in Sturgis during the motorcycle rally and was followed by duty during VIP visits to Mount Rushmore from U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and a judicial conference attended by U.S. Supreme Court justices. The Sturgis Rally mission included real time air quality monitoring ensuring early warning capabilities of potential hazards during these high visibility events in our area.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

MED CMD

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – COL MARDI HULM
HHC COMMANDER – MAJ DANIEL JANSSEN
FIRST SERGEANT – MSG DENNIS RIECKMAN

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

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

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

In 2011, as a part of the unit's year-round annual training, the Medical Command traveled throughout the state to help support SDARNG units with Soldier readiness processing and periodic health assessments.

The Medical Command also supported the Navy in the 2011 Golden Coyote training exercise, as it operated the Troop Medical Clinic on Camp Rapid.



Photo by Sgt. Edna Knutson

LEFT: Members of the 82nd Civil Support Team practice decontaminating an injured Soldier from a toxic area during a hazardous materials training exercise, in Rapid City, Feb. 23. **ABOVE:** Lt. Col. Konard Hauffe, a dentist in Medical Command, educates a Soldier prior to an examination at a periodic health assessment in February.

TRAINING CENTER

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – LTC JOE CARLIN
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM DAROLD ROUNDS

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

Training Center provides equipment for use by assigned personnel to maintain, service and repair buildings and structures, plants and equipment, roads, ranges, utilities and other installation property to include the service, repair and maintenance of environmental equipment in support of both pre- and post-mobilization missions and annual training. To assist the state, Training Center provided support personnel and equipment for snow removal operations during the winter and spring of 2011, clearing roads and highways in western South Dakota.

The unit also provided support services to more than 2,300 service members that participated in the 2011 Golden Coyote training exercise. This support included providing command and control for units assigned to FOB Coyote billeting, dining and training areas throughout the exercise area of operations. Training areas that were supported during the exercise include the land navigation course, leadership reaction course, obstacle course, military operations in urban terrain course, and weapons ranges and convoy lanes training.



Photo by Sgt. Charlie Jacobson

Staff Sgt. Jim Carlson, the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer during the South Dakota National Guard's Golden Coyote training exercise, handles the controls of the simulator.

881ST

STURGIS

881ST COMMANDER – LTC MARK HARDER
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM RUSSEL YOUNG
 HHB 881ST COMMANDER – CPT SARAH JENSEN
 HHB FIRST SERGEANT – SFC JAMES KRUSE

The 881st Troop Command of Sturgis provides command and control (C2) and supervision for 13 distinct units and detachments totaling about 300 Soldiers in four communities throughout South Dakota.

With nearly 25 assigned members, the 881st Headquarters and Headquarters Battery serves as a higher headquarters to assist units in training, administrative and logistical needs, and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

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

Its TF units support civil authorities in the protection of life, property and preservation of peace, order and public safety on order of the governor, and act as a response force for Homeland Security. With the unique skill sets of its subordinate units, the 881st was able to provide aviation and public affairs support to the 2011 flood fight in Pierre and Dakota Dunes.



Photo by Sgt. Louie Clement

ABOVE: Capt. Sarah Jensen (right), Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 881st Troop Command commander, receives the company guidon from Lt. Col. Mike Harder, 881st battalion commander, during the change of command ceremony for the HHB, 881st Troop Command, Dec. 3.
RIGHT: Members of the 216th and 451st Engineer Detachment conduct firefighter training at Ellsworth Air Force Base during Golden Coyote 2011.

216TH & 451ST

STURGIS

216TH/451ST COMMANDER – WO1 WADE LEIN
 216TH FIRE CHIEF – SFC AUSTIN HAGEN
 451ST STATION CHIEF – SFC AUSTIN HAGEN

The 216th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team) is a headquarters element with a mission to provide command and control (C2) over firefighting teams in a theater of operations; including fire protection of aviation and major facilities.

The unit has four positions, each trained specifically to provide C2 and support of up to five firefighting teams, ensuring that personnel and equipment are fully capable of carrying out their mission.

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

During the Golden Coyote training exercise, the unit trained for future deployment on live fires with an aircraft simulator and trained with structure fires at Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid Valley Volunteer Fire Department and Western Dakota Tech.

In September 2011, the 451st deployed to Afghanistan and are currently conducting firefighting operations for a multinational base there.



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1978TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ MATTHEW SYMONDS
 FIRST SERGEANT – SFC JACK HAHNE

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

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

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

RIGHT: Sgt. Laura Fuerst, 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, shoots a low-angle photograph while on a news assignment in Rapid City, July 16.



129TH

RAPID CITY/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – MAJ ROBERT ASSCHERICK
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG TODD BARTELS

The 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment of Rapid City, and its Detachment I in Sioux Falls, provide public affairs support to units across the state, as well as to deployed units in support of a combined, unified or joint operation.

With nearly 20 members, the detachment uses print and broadcast journalists to help tell the story of the South Dakota Army National Guard.

In 2011, unit members provided media coverage of several activation and welcome home ceremonies across the state, as well as various unit training events and community service activities. The 129th also played a significant role in providing public affairs support for the Golden Coyote training exercise in June and during the flood support operations.

The 129th MPAD is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in February 2013.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lance Schroeder

641ST

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CW3 FRED LOOFBOUROW
DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SSG MATTHEW DAY

Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment, located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport, is composed of approximately nine Soldiers. The 641st's mission is to provide command, control and communications, staff transport and liaison, casualty transport, and air movement of critical equipment, supplies and personnel.

The 641st supports numerous flight requests both stateside and abroad with their C-23 Sherpa fixed-wing aircraft.

The 641st consists of warrant officer pilots and enlisted flight engineer/loadmasters. The unit's various mission requests include high altitude low opening training drops for Special Forces Soldiers, airborne training jumps, passenger transports and paratroop missions.

The unit recently returned from its deployment in Iraq from October 2010 to September 2011. The unit provided air support for both equipment and personnel in the Iraq theater.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Chad Carlson

MIDDLE: Staff Sgt. Matthew Day holds his 3-year-old son, Jack, during the closing benediction at the activation ceremony for Det. 3, Co. A, 641st Aviation Regiment, Rapid City, at the Army Aviation Support Facility, Oct. 20.

RIGHT: First Lt. Joshua Paull, physician assistant, 730th Area Support Medical Company, receives a coin of excellence from State Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Zimmerman during his activation ceremony, March 9, for his six-month deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn.

730TH

VERMILLION

COMMANDER – CPT ZACHARY HAGUE
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG DOUGLAS MAHONEY

Vermillion is home to the 730th Area Support Medical Company. Composed of combat medics, lab technicians, radiologists, dental technicians, mental health technicians, medical doctors, nurses, physician assistants and maintenance and support staff; the roughly 90 members of the 730th stand ready to provide Echelon I and Echelon II health support to any personnel within its area of operations.

To provide Echelon I, or basic emergency medical services, the unit is equipped with medical ambulances to quickly get to, evacuate and provide continuing care to patients en route to the medical treatment facility.

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

In addition to that federally mandated mission, the 730th has been assigned by the state to Task Force 196 to provide medical support including; cordon/quarantine operations, MANPADS/airport security, emergency support during natural/man-made disasters and during civil disturbances.

For annual training this year, the 730th conducted convoy operations while traveling to Fort McCoy, Wis. While at Fort McCoy, the unit rehearsed some of its mandated missions including site setups, loading/unloading procedures and equipment familiarizations. The medics of the 730th completed their annual medical re-certifications at the Fort McCoy Medical Training Facility, while the other members of the unit conducted Combat Life Saver training.

Throughout the course of the year, unit members also assisted in providing medical support to OCS training at the RTI and flood support operations throughout the state. The 730th also conducted unit wide training throughout the year including CPR recertification, rifle qualification and drivers training.



Photo by Sgt. Louie Clement

112TH AVN

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CPT MICHAEL MCDANIEL
 DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC SCOTT HELMANN

The 112th Aviation Regiment is stationed at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport.

Detachment 2, Company A, comprising 23 service members, conducts numerous missions throughout South Dakota with the OH-58 Kiowa helicopters. The detachment's full-time mission is security and support by providing aerial reconnaissance and search and rescue mission capabilities for lost and/or stranded personnel.

Counterdrug operations are additional missions. Two of the detachment's pilots assist local, state and federal law enforcement in the interdiction and reduction of drugs in South Dakota. Counterdrug is also proactive in educating the youth of South Dakota about the harmful effects of drug usage through various programs at schools and youth events.

Along with Det. 2, Co. A, is a brand new unit, Company D, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 112th, equipped with four new LUH-72 Lakota helicopters that were delivered in March 2011. These helicopters will be used for local medical evacuation support in the state of South Dakota and within the United States and will also be used in non-combat areas overseas.

Since the introduction of the LUH on May 15, 2011, it has been invited to several Lakota reservations for various ceremonies. One of the helicopters has visited the Sinte Gleska College on the Rosebud Sioux Tribe reservation for its graduation in May. One went to Eagle Butte for a veterans' stand down and groundbreaking ceremony for a veterans' memorial park and then to the city of Rosebud for the groundbreaking of the first veterans' cemetery on a Lakota reservation in November.

CO C, 1/189TH

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – MAJ JON MURPHY
 FIRST SERGEANT – ISG PHILLIP MURPHY

Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment is a general support aviation battalion designed to provide aeromedical evacuation support with its six UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. Based in Rapid City at the Army Aviation Support Facility, the unit has 67 pilots, crew chiefs, medics, aviation operations specialists and support personnel who continuously train to maintain a high state of readiness. This level of preparedness helps to support the state and nation during natural or domestic emergencies and to support units within an assigned area of operation in a theater of war or peacekeeping operation.

The unit also has three support detachments of 22 personnel who augment aviation operations, provide aviation maintenance and refueling, and ground maintenance support: Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/189th, Detachment 2, Company D, 1/189th and Detachment 2, Company E, 1/189th.

On May 29, 2011, Soldiers of 1/189th were deployed to provide medical evacuation support for Operation New Dawn with personnel located at COS Taji, Al Asad Air Base and COS Kalsu in Iraq. As part of the directed withdrawal from Iraq, all 1/189th units relocated from bases in Iraq to Camp Buehring, Kuwait as part of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade. The 1/189th Rear Detachment in Rapid City continues to conduct aircrew training and provide aviation support throughout the state as required.

Select individuals from the 1/189th Rear Detachment were called to state active duty during 2011 to provide aviation support for flood relief efforts in eastern South Dakota.

DET 48

RAPID CITY

COMMANDER – CWS KENNETH EAST
 DETACHMENT SERGEANT – SFC RANDALL MCCANN

Rapid City is home to Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, located at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport.

Approximately nine Soldiers make up Det. 48 whose mission is to provide fixed-wing operational airlift support for the National Guard, military departments and federal agencies as scheduled by the OSA Command. The nine personnel (seven pilots and two operations NCOs) are available 24 hours a day to support South Dakota and National Homeland Security missions as required.

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

In 2011, the C-12 flew more than 400 flight hours on more than 100 missions, averaging four hours per mission. Det. 48 also transported more than 350 personnel ranging in rank from a four-star general to a private, DOD employees and civilians.

Members of Det. 48 are currently deployed to Afghanistan providing aerial surveillance for ground Soldiers. The detachment is scheduled to return to South Dakota in August 2012.



Photo by Sgt. A.M. LaVey

ABOVE: Sgt. Adam Max, a flight medic with Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment, conducts a daily pre-flight inspection. LEFT: The SDNG's new LUH-72A Light Utility Helicopter named "Lakota," flies near Crazy Horse Memorial in May.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

196TH MEB

SIoux FALLS

196TH COMMANDER – COL KEVIN GRIESE
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM GEORGE ARENDS
 HHC 196TH COMMANDER – CPT SHANNON MACHMILLER
 FIRST SERGEANT – ISG JAY GOLDBORN

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

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

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

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

In May 2011, the 196th MEB returned from their deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. As Task Force Rushmore, the brigade served as an installation management command for the Kabul Base Cluster. In this role, they provided policy, guidance and sustainment support for daily operations on 11 military bases throughout the capital of Kabul. The MEB was also responsible for ensuring the security and force protection of more than 9,000 U.S. and coalition forces stationed across the KBC. The 196th directed essential life-support services for the KBC focused in the areas of force protection and security, emergency services, resource management, human resources, public works, information management, plans, training and mobilization and logistics.

While deployed, the unit earned the Meritorious Unit Citation for exceptionally meritorious service in support of OEF. The performance of the unit's mission and its commitment to excellence helped the 196th to set new standards within their area of operation in Afghanistan.

1/147TH

WATERTOWN/SISSETON

COMMANDER – LTC BRUCE CARTER
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM TODD ROSE
 HHB 147TH COMMANDER – CPT CHAD WIKA
 FIRST SERGEANT – ISG STEVE ANDERSON

The 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery provides command and control (C2) and supervision for three Multiple Launch Rocket System batteries and one forward support company totaling approximately 480 Soldiers in six communities throughout eastern South Dakota.

The mission of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, is to provide planning, execution and support to the three firing batteries within the battalion. The HHB also has a mission to provide military support to civil authorities for state emergencies such as natural disasters, civil disturbance and homeland defense.

HHB consists of about 93 members. These members are split up into the 1-147 FA Headquarters of about 87 members and the Headquarters Battery consisting of about six members. The unit is equipped with the M1068A3 Carrier Command Post capable of coordinating and controlling the movement of each one of the firing batteries in order to meet the needs of a continuously changing battlefield.

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

In spring of 2011, HHB 1-147th FA responded as Task Force 147 for the state active duty mission for flood operations in Pierre. The 1-147th responded and established an operational Task Force within 20 hours of notification about the mission. Less than 28 hours later, more than 300 Soldiers from the 147th Field Artillery Battalion were on the ground working in Pierre. After nine days of operation, more than 1.1 million sandbags had been filled and more than 5,000 feet of levees were constructed by the SDNG alone. Over the next three days, TF 147 commanded more than 650 Soldiers at the peak of its operations. TF 147 worked from May 27 to June 23 totaling more than 116,000 man hours working to protect the city of Pierre and Fort Pierre 24 hours a day, nonstop from the moment they arrived.

While most of the battalion was in Pierre working on the flood operations, a select few Soldiers were back in Watertown and Sisseton, coordinating and executing a plan for the Sisseton army closure. The plan was executed June 3-7 with the Sisseton army being completely emptied of all the Det. 1, HHB, 1-147th FA equipment, cleaned and ready for the turnover to the city of Sisseton.

147TH FSC

MITCHELL/SIoux FALLS/WEBSTER

COMMANDER – CPT JOHANN STOKES
 FIRST SERGEANT – ISG BRYAN POHLEN

The 147th Forward Support Company is a multifunctional organization with approximately 150 Soldiers consisting of a field feeding section, distribution platoon and a maintenance platoon.

The field feeding section is capable of providing all the Class I support for 1st Bn., 147th Field Artillery.

The distribution platoon is capable of delivering general supplies, class V ammunition for small arms and rocket pods, and class III support to the 1st Bn., 147th FA.

The maintenance platoon is a multirole platoon, which includes a maintenance section, service and recovery section and three maintenance support sections. The maintenance section provides maintenance support for the unit's organic equipment, as well as the headquarters element of the supported battalion. The service and recovery section has the ability to recover both track and wheeled vehicles, as well as specific skill sets to perform field maintenance and limited fabrication and welding repairs. The three maintenance support sections provide specific, dedicated maintenance personnel with the skill sets to maintain and repair military vehicles specific to the three line units under the support battalion.

In 2011, the 147th FSC was ordered into state active duty in support of flood control in the Pierre/Fort Pierre areas. With the many skill sets of these dedicated Soldiers, the FSC was able to feed the forces on state active duty, fill and deliver sandbags and other supplies to Soldiers working in the area, and keep the equipment mission capable during the operation.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, addresses the audience at the future site of the South Dakota Army National Guard Watertown Readiness Center, in Watertown, Aug. 23.

BTRY A, 1/147TH

ABERDEEN

COMMANDER – CPT CHAD HARDY
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MICHAEL WILKENING

The mission of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery is to provide medium-range rocket and long-range missile fires in support of a brigade, division, corps, theater army, joint or coalition task force.

Part of A Battery's responsibility is to provide the governor with a force capable of assisting in the response to and recovery from natural disasters, civil unrest and other state contingency operations.

On May 27, 2011, the governor did just that. Alpha Battery was called to state active duty and reported to Pierre. Once there, unit members immediately started sandbagging operations, which consisted of filling and transporting hundreds of thousands of sandbags for local citizens to shore up their homes and businesses. After the initial response and support from other National Guard units to the flood relief arrived, A Battery started emplacing berms along the Missouri River and other major infrastructures in the soon-to-be-affected areas. The unit was also responsible for many areas in and around Pierre, ensuring flood waters were kept at the lowest level possible. The unit spent more than 20 days on SAD with several members volunteering for extended tours of duty including quick reaction force along the river banks. Overall the flood relief mission was a success and thousands of homes and businesses were saved due to their effort.

Alpha Battery currently has five Soldiers deployed with the 200th Engineer Company; Spc. Kevin Stone, Spc. Jesse Salo, Spc. Ben Cook and Spc. John Akins, all on their second deployment, and Spc. Travis Heuer, who is on his first.



Photo by Maj. Wayne Asscherick

BTRY B, 1/147TH

SALEM/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – CPT DAMIEN FISHER
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG DAVID BEINTEMA

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

The battery consists of about 80 Soldiers with its headquarters in Salem and a detachment in Sioux Falls. The unit is equipped with the M-270A1 launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, reconnaissance and fire direction.

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

Bravo Battery was called to state active duty and reported to Pierre on May 27, 2011. Once there, unit members immediately started sandbagging operations, which consisted of filling and transporting hundreds of thousands of sandbags for local citizens to shore up their homes and businesses. After the initial response and support from other National Guard units to the flood relief arrived, Bravo Battery started emplacing berms along the Missouri River. The unit was also responsible for many areas in and around Pierre, ensuring flood waters were kept at the lowest level possible. The unit spent 21 days on SAD with several members volunteering for extended tours of duty including quick reaction force along the river banks. Overall, the flood relief mission was a success and thousands of homes and businesses were saved due to their effort.



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BTRY C, 1/147TH

YANKTON

COMMANDER – CPT JOSHUA SMITH
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG CHAD DURFEE

Charlie Battery is a Multiple Launch Rocket System field artillery unit consisting of approximately 80 members. The battery has been based out of Yankton for 43 years, longer than any other unit since the inception of the militia in the Dakota Territory in January of 1861. The past year has kept Charlie Battery very busy. The unit spent the last year preparing for a summer live fire, that was cancelled due to flooding along the Missouri River.

On May 28, 60 members of Charlie Battery were activated by the state for flood duty operations in the Pierre/Fort Pierre areas. The Soldiers from the unit filled more than 110,000 sandbags and placed nearly 50,000 sandbags on levees during the week. Charlie Battery was transferred to its home in Yankton for six days to fill sandbags for the local flood effort. After filling nearly 300,000 sandbags, the unit was moved to the University of South Dakota in support of flood duty operations in Vermillion, Dakota Dunes and Wynstone. While there, the battery filled 150,000 sandbags in Vermillion and Dakota Dunes and armored a 1.25-mile levee in Wynstone. During the 18 days of state active duty, Charlie Battery was the only unit in the state to start SAD in the Pierre/Fort Pierre area of operations and follow the flood down river to every city that was supported by the South Dakota National Guard.

After a successful summer of SAD, Charlie Battery resumed training for its primary mission of field artillery. Soldiers of the unit participated in leadership training and team building in August. After 44 years of service, Charlie Battery was notified in September that due to an Army wide reorganization of the field artillery, the unit would be re-flagged in September 2012. The unit, which is strongly supported by the community of Yankton, will become Bravo Battery when its flag is lowered for the last time in September. Charlie Battery has been activated in support of deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom three times since 2003 and has deployed twice: once in 2005 to Baghdad, Iraq, for 16 months and again in 2009 to Kuwait for 12 months.

LEFT: Pfc. Brandon Swenson, with Charlie Battery, 1/147th Field Artillery, fills sandbags at the city recycling facility to be used for flood relief by residents of Pierre. **MIDDLE:** Gov. Dennis Daugaard helps throw sandbags with the 147th Field Artillery in Pierre and Fort Pierre area.

139TH BSB

BROOKINGS

139TH COMMANDER - LTC PATRICK STAPLETON
 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR - ISG ARTHUR ALLCOCK
 HHD 139TH COMMANDER - 1LT GUY GREGORY
 FIRST SERGEANT - ISG JEFFREY BAUER

The 139th Brigade Support Battalion of Brookings has a mission to provide logistical and maintenance support to a maneuver enhancement brigade and attached units. The 139th BSB has a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment with 60 assigned members who help provide command and control (C2), administrative, training and logistical support for eight assigned units and detachments in the South Dakota Army National Guard. These units total about 500 Soldiers in eight communities throughout the state. As a battalion higher headquarters, the unit is focused on assisting assigned units in meeting readiness and deployment requirements.

To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the BSB also serves as C2 for Task Force 139 and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response.

HHC, 139th BSB, traveled to Fort Chaffee, Ark., for their annual training in March 2011. HHC, 139th supported the Task Force Operation Shadow for qualification on the M-9 and M-16AI. The Task Force and HHC, 139th got the chance to participate in the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer, a device that simulates a rolled over Humvee and allows the Soldiers to experience how it feels when their vehicle is about to roll over and to safely exit an M-1114 up-armored Humvee.

The 139th BSB Logistical Task Force "Task Force Shadow" mobilized 64 members to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. The unit is providing logistical support to the Special Operations Command. The unit went through various training events in preparation for their mobilization to OND. The unit deployed in June 2011.

CO A, 139TH

REDFIELD/WATERTOWN/MILLER

COMMANDER - CPT REBECCA TRYGSTAD
 FIRST SERGEANT - ISG DAVE NICHOLS (ACTING)

Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion is a distribution company with a mission to provide transportation for the movement of cargo, water and fuel by motor transport. The unit comprises about 110 members, with the company residing in three communities: Company A in Redfield, Detachment 1 in Watertown and Detachment 2 in Miller. Redfield holds the headquarters and supply platoons, which use trucks outfitted with the Palletized Load System and Load Handling System, as well as five-ton trucks with trailers and forklifts. With this equipment the unit hauls everything from both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo to general noncontainerized cargo. The supply platoon is also capable of operating a warehouse, which can deal with all classes of supply. Det. 1 is a fuel and water platoon, which also has PLS and LHS trucks used to haul its Tactical Water Purification Systems, as well as their fuel and water containers. Det. 2 is a transportation platoon, which uses PLS and LHS trucks to complete its mission.

All four of Company A's platoons work together to supply the battalion, as well as the brigade, with the different classes of supplies necessary to function in a wartime environment.

In May, the unit had about half of its members deploy to Iraq and Kuwait. Most of the Soldiers that deployed consisted of the unit's leadership. The unit was also put on state active duty in Pierre and the Dakota Dunes, and the supply platoon attended AT at Tobyhanna, Pa., and conducted warehouse operations at the Tobyhanna Army Depot.

CO B, 139TH

MITCHELL/RAPID CITY

COMMANDER - CPT TRACY HEISER
 FIRST SERGEANT - ISG RICHARD SCHNEIDER

Company B, 139th BSB, performs field maintenance for modular brigade combat teams and supporting brigades. The FMC provides recovery, automotive/armament, ground support and electronic maintenance and maintenance management to brigade base elements (HQ, BDE, BSB and brigade special troops battalion). It also provides maintenance advice and support to the brigade and serves as the central entry and exit point into the brigade for low density equipment. The FMC's maintenance for low density communications equipment is reliant upon CL VIII floats. The FMC has limited redundant or backup capabilities.

Company B, 139th BSB, has a headquarters platoon, armament/automotive platoon and electronics platoon.

The unit performs maintenance missions on a quarterly basis in Brookings and Sioux Falls. The missions provide support for quarterly vehicle and equipment services. The mission gave Co. B Soldiers a chance to work on MOS specific missions and to help another unit maintain their readiness for missions. At least eight Soldiers, on a quarterly basis, provide the support, and the unit rotates their mechanics to support the mission.

Company B's Detachment 1 from Rapid City assisted in the KOTA food share drive. It was the 27th year of the drive. All Soldiers in the unit were an integral part of making this event a success.

From May through September, the unit had 89 Soldiers perform flood duty in Pierre and Dakota Dunes. The unit filled sandbags, provided security and were in leadership positions to ensure the mission met the success that was needed during the crisis.

Company B was awarded the General Pershing Award in September. The award is given to one unit in the National Guard based upon weapons qualification scores.

LEFT: Sgt. Jared Digmann (left), of Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, of Mitchell, throws Pfc. Thomas Carpenter, of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, of Brookings, a sandbag Friday evening, in Pierre, May 27.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Chad Carlson

235TH MP

RAPID CITY/SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – CPT THADUIS SCHMIT
FIRST SERGEANT – SFC RANDY DECKER

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

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

The 235th also has a state and homeland defense mission to help augment civil law enforcement agencies in an emergency. If stationed stateside, the unit can also provide support to the peacetime Army community through security of critical Army resources, crime prevention programs and preservation of law and order.

In 2011, the unit was mobilized for state active duty at Dakota Dunes providing traffic control and security. It also sent Soldiers to multiple Overseas Deployment Training exercises including two rotations of seven Soldiers to Suriname, 10 to Korea, three to the United Kingdom, 25 to Romania, eight to Bulgaria and seven to the Ukraine. In addition, the 235th performed two home station annual trainings with one in June, as security for Camp Rapid during the Golden Coyote training exercise, and played host to three U.K. exchange soldiers. The unit also developed the training lanes used for Golden Coyote. Another AT was conducted in August. The 235th supported the OCS program with Soldiers and equipment and the ROTC program with weapons. The unit provided personnel to augment the security for the Yellow Ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In 2011, the 235th competed for the Phillip Connelly Award for excellence in Army food service, participated in the Sioux Falls feed-the-hungry program banquet, competed in the annual adjutant general's rifle and pistol match (placing first in the combat warrior team event and first in the rifle individual high novice category), provided personnel to support the funeral honors detail of more than 500 funerals and provided cadre support to the Recruit Sustainment Program at Fort Meade.

The unit also received an alert for mobilization to Afghanistan where it will perform an internment and resettlement mission.

Sgt. Colin Simpson, a military policeman with the 235th Military Police Company, observes Surinamese soldiers practicing search and detention techniques during New Horizons in Suriname, June 27.

115TH NSC

BROOKINGS

COMMANDER – CPT SAMUEL BJORNSTAD
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG LARRY (LARS) PERRY

The 115th Network Support Company, with its 51 Soldiers, has a mission to provide 24-hour operational command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance signal systems network to the supported maneuver enhancement brigade, combat aviation brigade and/or sustainment brigade, which includes deploying, installing, operating and maintaining these systems.

During the last year, the unit has been preparing to field the Warfighter Information Network – Tactical. In early July, a team of four support personnel arrived at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to begin the fielding of approximately \$13 million of communication equipment. From July - November, 33 members of the 115th attended new equipment training. The training consisted of 1,360 hours on equipment such as the high-capacity line-of-sight shelters, battlefield video teleconference, satellite transportable terminal, joint network node, battalion command post node and the auxiliary power unit/auxiliary cooling unit. Other classes during the fielding included basic information technology, network management, detailed planning and engineering module, information assurance and multiple troubleshooting classes.

In the spring of 2011, the 115th NSC also assisted with state active duty flood operations in Pierre and Dakota Dunes. Soldiers did a variety of work to include manning the JISCC, sandbagging, levee patrol and site security.

In April 2012, the unit will have an equipment validation with the fielding team in South Dakota to ensure all equipment is operational and that all operators have been properly trained.

153RD EN

HURON

153RD COMMANDER – LTC PATRICK PARDY
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR – CSM MICHAEL BURGESSON
HHC 153RD COMMANDER – CPT THOMAS WILCOX
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG KORY URBAN

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

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

The unit experienced an unparalleled year as annual training was set aside for real world state active duty operations in the Vermillion and Pierre areas. The Missouri River challenged the unit's C2 operations by standing up TF 153 and providing the unit a unique opportunity to work directly with units throughout the state as well as the 114th Fighter Wing based out of Sioux Falls. The battalion headquarters was ultimately stood up for 30 days in June and had C2 of more than 700 Soldiers at one time during the mission.

HHC also experienced a trifecta of inspections. The unit received high marks on the state CSDP, DIP and COMET in consecutive months. This past year challenged the unit, staff and commanders as a three-month military decision-making process training exercise allowed all members of the unit to gain new knowledge, perspectives and experiences.



Photo by Sgt. Charlie Jacobson

FSC, 153RD

PARKSTON/HURON

COMMANDER – CPT MITCHELL NACHTIGALL
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG JOHN SCHMIDT

The Forward Support Company, 153rd Engineer Battalion is designed to provide direct combat sustainment support for a maneuver battalion in the form of logistics and maintenance.

The FSC has approximately 100 members and is headquartered in Parkston with a detachment located in Huron. The FSC has a wide variety of functions to include a field feeding section, a distribution platoon and a maintenance platoon.

These sections and platoons were able to execute their direct support roles during the flooding of the Missouri River at Dakota Dunes, where the FSC spent approximately one month. Unit members filled thousands of sandbags by hand and with a sandbag truck. The fuel section made sure that all equipment had fuel, while Load Handling System operators hauled sandbags to various locations. Once the sandbagging mission came to an end, the FSC took over for quick reaction forces in the Dunes. There, the Soldiers were on call to respond to leaks in the levee. The fuel section made sure pumps were always full of fuel, while the maintenance platoon ensured that all task force equipment stayed operational. In addition to helping fill sandbags, they spent their evenings repairing equipment that had gone down during the day.

In October, the FSC went to Ripley, Minn., where they conducted familiarization on crew-served weapons, conducted Military Operations on Urban Terrain training and land navigation training.



Photo by Spc. Tiffany Hamilton

842ND

SPEARFISH/BELLE FOURCHE/STURGIS

COMMANDER – CPT ALLEN GOOSELL
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MARCUS STACEY

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

With 161 members, the 842nd is split into three communities with the headquarters and support platoon located in Spearfish, Detachment 1 (two equipment platoons) in Belle Fourche and Detachment 2 (maintenance) in Sturgis.

In the spring of 2011, the 842nd responded to the Pierre flood fight, constructing earthen berms to hold back the flooding Missouri River, while continuing to conduct required pre-mob training.

The 842nd conducted its annual training May - June at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., focusing on pre-mob training requirements. The training focused on individual skills and small unit actions. The unit also completed Innovative Readiness Training projects throughout the Black Hills during the spring and summer months.

The 842nd also maintained equipment and personnel in a ready state during the summer months for possible wild land firefighting missions.

The unit mobilized to Fort Bliss, Texas, in September 2011, to prepare to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, for one year.

211TH

MADISON/DE SMET

COMMANDER – CPT DERRIS BUIJS
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG WADE HOFER

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

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

In 2011, the unit was highly involved in the mobilization processes for the 200th and 842nd. The 211th provided support during these two units' annual training as mobilization trainers. The 211th mainly conducted the weapons qualification ranges (individual and crew service) and provided convoy and route clearance advice to the units preparing to mobilize.

The 211th was also heavily involved in state active duty in June in the Dakota Dunes area. The 211th sent 77 Soldiers for sandbagging and levee security duties.



Photo by Spc. Bruce Jones

ABOVE: The 211th Engineer Company (Sapper) conducted its 2011 Sapper Stakes in and around the Madison area and near Lake Madison. Held during the unit's October drill weekend, the Sapper Stakes allow the unit to carry out training evolutions, including team building exercises, casualty evaluation and evacuation, field assault operations and driver training. **LEFT:** Soldiers of the 842nd construct a levee near the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre after being mobilized from annual training at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., to Pierre to assist with flood relief operations.

155TH EN

RAPID CITY/WINNER/PLATTE/WAGNER

COMMANDER – CPT MICHAEL BIERLE
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG MICHAEL SHAY

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

With more than 160 personnel assigned, the unit is split into four separate detachments with the Headquarters Company located in Rapid City, Detachment 1 in Winner, Detachment 2 in Platte and Detachment 3 in Wagner.

The unit as a whole contains a variety of military occupational specialties to include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services.

This year's Headquarters Company key projects included the McKeague Ballfield Complex, as well as their annual build of The Court Appointed Special Advocates Playhouse.

Detachment 1 key projects included the Colome Veterans Hall and the Tripp County Historical Society Museum projects. Detachment 2 key projects included the Corsica Lake and Yankton 4-H projects. Detachment 3 key projects included the Wagner Boy Scouts and the Wagner annual citywide cleanup projects.

New Horizons 2011 in Suriname was a large multi force exercise that the 155th took part in throughout the summer starting in June and ending in August. The unit sent more than 80 Soldiers on four rotations to Paramaribo, Suriname, in an effort to provide new medical clinics in the region as well as to remodel schools in severely underdeveloped areas.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen

927TH

SIOUX FALLS

COMMANDER – CW4 KEN SCHOENFELDER
SENIOR TECH. ENGINEER – SSG RON HARRIS

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

The 927th focused on technical MOS specific training for most of 2011. This involved many hours spent on different types of surveys, as well as drafting in Terramodel and Autocad. They trained on differential leveling, setting building corners, collimation, traversing, topographic survey and road stakeout. They used laser and auto levels and the Trimble 5600 total station survey instruments. Other technical training conducted was road and building design in Terramodel, designing of survey equipment boxes for Humvees with Autocad and field expedient soil analysis.

The 927th conducted training at the Sweetmans Training Site where they did a topographic survey and a level loop. Other training at this site included a field soils test, collecting soil samples, night driving with night vision goggles and communications with Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems.

Annual training for the 927th was at the Guernsey training site in Wyoming. There the unit also completed topographic surveys for road improvement at the training site. The purpose of these surveys was to fix problems with roads such as blind corners and intersections, to improve water drainage and design new training features such as circle intersections. The critical raw data that was collected will be used by other engineer units across the United States when they build and improve these roads. The unit also trained at the training site's facilities on basic Soldiering skills that included rifle and machine gun ranges and EST 2000.



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200TH EN

PIERRE/CHAMBERLAIN/MOBRIDGE

COMMANDER – CPT JAMES FORBES
FIRST SERGEANT – ISG ROBERT SLABA

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

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

On May 13, 2011, the 200th was activated for deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit pre-mobbed at Fort McCoy, Wis., where they trained on the CROW's System, weapon qualification, night convoys, gunnery training and improvised explosive device convoy exercises.

On July 7, 2011, the 200th left the United States for Afghanistan where they are currently conducting recons, inspections and repairs on various bridges.



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LEFT: Spc. Waylon Blasius (left) and Spc. Weston Blasius, brothers from Kimball, build a wooden frame around a school water source at the Pater van der Pluym School in Brokopondo, Suriname, Aug. 1. MIDDLE: The 927th Design and Survey Team during their annual training in Guernsey, Wyo., where the unit did topographic surveys for road improvement at the training site. ABOVE: Members of the 200th Engineer Company conduct bridge building operations in Afghanistan.



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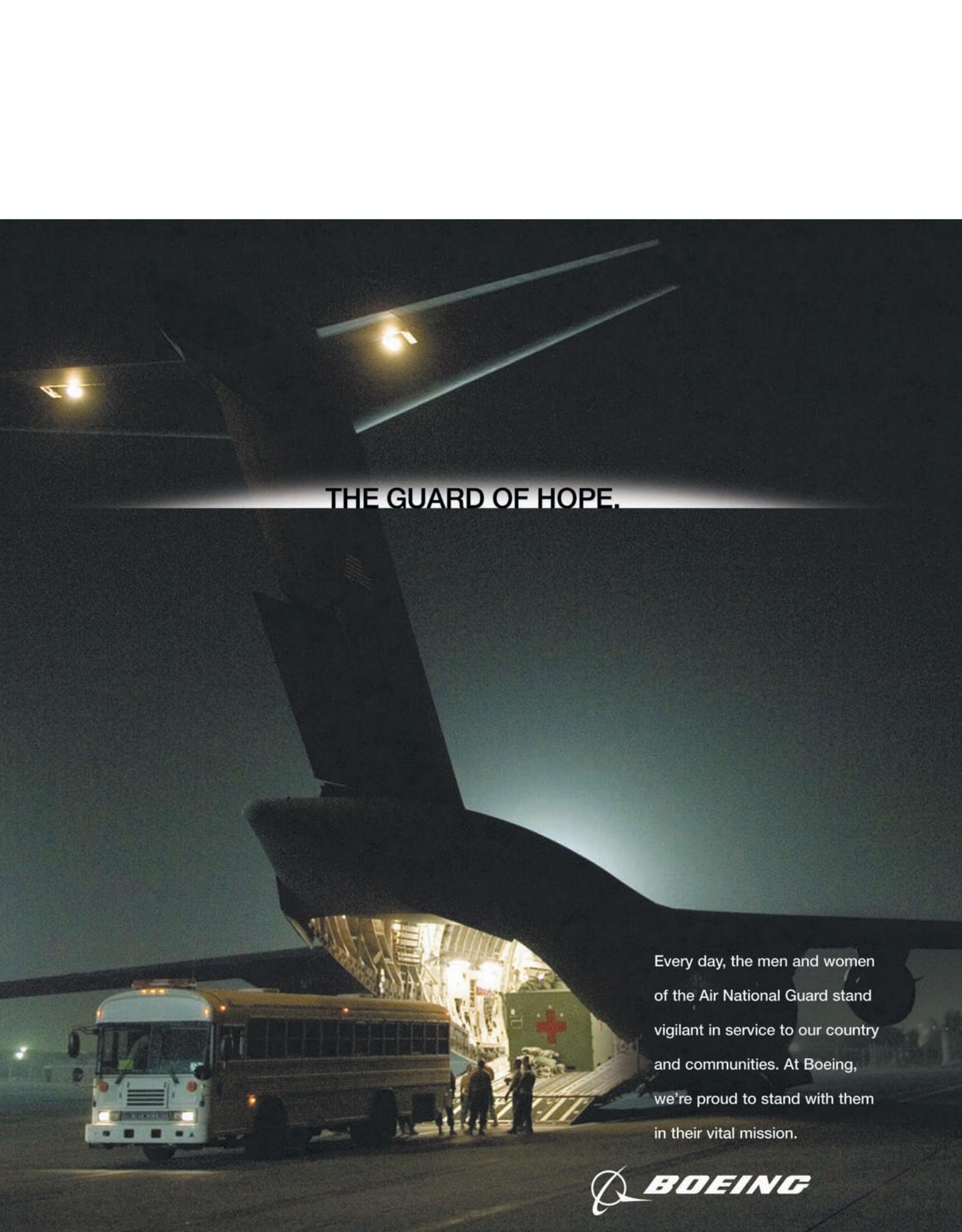
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