



# ANNUAL REPORT 2011

## South Dakota National Guard



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# LETTER FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

2011 was another significant year for the South Dakota National Guard. We started the year with 209 Soldiers & Airmen deployed; Afghanistan (196), Iraq (12) and the Horn of Africa (1).

In February, the 114th FW conducted its first major training deployment in the Block 40 F-16s – deploying 12 aircraft and 170 personnel to Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

In April, I became the 21st Adjutant General in the history of the SDNG when Gov. Dennis Daugaard placed me in charge upon the retirement of Maj. Gen. Steven R. Doohen, who logged over 40 years of service to his state and nation. Brig. Gen. Jeff Marlette took over as the Assistant Adjutant General – Army, and CW5 Darla Crown was named the state's Command Chief Warrant Officer following the retirement of CCWO Jerry Duba.

May was an extremely busy month beginning with a May 3 welcome home ceremony in Sioux Falls for the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade following their year-long deployment to Afghanistan. Another big event followed on May 15 when we celebrated the arrival of the new Lakota Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) in conjunction with the seven South Dakota Lakota Tribes at a ceremony at the Crazy Horse Monument. Gov. Dennis Daugaard, First Lady Linda Daugaard, Lieutenant Gov. Matt Michels and Congresswoman Kristi Noem were all in attendance.

We also conducted two activation ceremonies in May. The 200th Engineer Company of Pierre, Chamberlain and Mobridge was activated for a one-year tour on May 14 to conduct bridge missions in Afghanistan. On May 27, Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation was activated for a one-year tour to provide MEDEVAC support in Iraq.

On May 27, 320 Soldiers were mobilized for state active duty in response to Missouri River flooding that was predicted to strike the Pierre and Fort Pierre area in a matter of days. By May 31, the number increased to 808, with 309 being members of the SD Air National Guard. The joint operation, which involved sandbagging, levee construction & patrol, providing security checkpoints and quick reaction forces, ran for 96 continuous days involving the communities of Pierre, Fort Pierre, Yankton, Vermillion, North Sioux City and Dakota Dunes. The peak day of the deployment came on June 6 when we had 1,347 personnel deployed in support of the disaster. A total of 41,721 man-days were worked involving 1,957 Soldiers and Airmen. It was a historic event and the South Dakota National Guard performed in a truly outstanding manner.

On June 9, 64 personnel from the 139th Brigade Support Battalion based in Brookings were activated for a one-year tour in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq.

The South Dakota National Guard hosted its 27th annual Golden Coyote exercise in June. Approximately 1,900 troops from 14 states, Canada, Germany, Suriname and Great Britain conducted engineering missions, made firewood deliveries to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and provided medical assistance at the Sioux San Indian Health Clinic in Rapid City.

June also marked the start of the M5.1 upgrade to our F16s at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. This hardware/software modification added significant combat capability and was completed in December.

On June 23 we conducted the official ceremony to transfer ownership of the Sisseton Armory to the City of Sisseton pursuant to the bill passed through the state legislature during the 2011 session.

On July 6-10, the SD National Guard sent a delegation to Suriname to meet with officials and take part in Ambassador Nay's Independence Day celebration. The President of Suriname, members of his cabinet as well as numerous embassy officials from around the world were in attendance at the event.

On August 5, Rapid City's Detachment 48 OSA Command deployed to Afghanistan for a one-year tour to fly aerial reconnaissance missions with C-12 aircraft.

On August 16, Spc. Dennis Jensen was tragically killed in a bridge park accident while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan with the 200th Engineer Company.

The 114th Fighter Wing was selected as the 2011 recipient of the Air National Guard's William W. Spruance Safety Award on August 29. The trophy presentation was made by Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, director of the Air National Guard, at the annual conference of the National Guard Association of the United States in Milwaukee, Wis.

On September 10, the 451st Firefighting Detachment of Sturgis deployed on a one-year tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Eleven days later the 842nd Engineer Company of Spearfish, Belle Fourche and Sturgis conducted its activation ceremony. They are also supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Within days of terminating state active duty flood operations, the 114th Fighter Wing conducted an Operational Readiness Exercise (Phase 1) in September followed by a Operational Readiness Exercise (Phase 2) in October.

The prestigious ESGR Freedom Award was awarded to Saint John's Lutheran Church, of Yankton, at a ceremony conducted in Washington, D.C., September 22.

Our Drug Demand Reduction Program received the Fulcrum Shield Award from the Department of Defense for the best youth program across all services both Active and Reserve components. The award was presented at the Pentagon on October 20.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the JFHQ Readiness Center, the South Dakota Army National Guard Medical Center and Building 802 (Troop Building) was held on October 27 at Camp Rapid. Dignitaries in attendance included Gov. Dennis Daugaard, First Lady Linda Daugaard, Lieutenant Gov. Matt Michels and U.S. Senator Tim Johnson.

In December, we made an announcement to the public regarding the restructuring of the U.S. Army and the reduction in force for the South Dakota Army National Guard beginning in 2012. This reduction will cause the South Dakota Army National Guard to trim its current force of nearly 3,400 Soldiers by 258 traditional (part-time) Guard positions and 19 full-time positions by September 30, 2012. These actions will impact some of the communities that the Army Guard is located in throughout the state. Currently, 29 Army Guard facilities are located in 28 communities throughout South Dakota. We have 14 armories that are over 40 years old and ten are more than 50 years old. Funding available for armory maintenance has fallen short of what is needed to adequately maintain the aging facilities.

December 8 was Maj. Gen. Ray Carpenter's last day in uniform after completing over 44 years of remarkable service. His career culminated with a 2 ½ year stint as the acting director of the Army National Guard in Arlington, Va. His exemplary service at the National Guard Bureau reflected great credit upon himself and the South Dakota National Guard.

As we end calendar year 2011, we have 495 Soldiers and Airmen deployed in support of overseas contingency operations and numerous other units preparing for deployment. We have had South Dakota Guardsmen deployed continually since September 11, 2001, and they have served with great distinction. Our Soldiers and Airmen truly are of the highest quality!



**Maj. Gen. Timothy A. Reisch**

Timothy A. Reisch  
Major General, SDNG  
The Adjutant General



A 114th Fighter Wing, South Dakota Air National Guard, F-16 Fighting Falcon approaches for a landing at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

# THE SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD

**W**ith a proud 150-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 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.

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.

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 level. The Guard is now in 28 communities throughout South Dakota and is comprised of 64 separate Army Guard units and detach-

ments, and 18 Air Guard units. These units perform a variety of missions to include command and control, 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 million dollars 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 Guardsman by providing administrative, training and logistical support. This support collectively goes into helping units meet mobilization and readiness requirements.



**Spc. Christopher Punt, a competitor in the South Dakota Army National Guard's state Soldier of the Year competition, clears a wooden beam by swinging on a rope during the competition's obstacle course Oct. 1.**

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

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held 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-Baracks 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, 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.



## OUR HISTORY

The journey of the Dakota militiaman begins during the Civil War with Companies A and B of the Dakota Cavalry. On March 2, 1861, President James Buchanan signed the act establishing the Dakota Territory. By that time, Vermillion, Bon Homme and Elk Point were growing communities. The territory tended to be people who were genuine settlers, mostly immigrants from Germany, Norway and Sweden.

Earlier in the 1850s, the U.S. Army had established garrisons at Fort Pierre and Fort Randall on the Missouri River. Their mission was to protect the 5,000 settlers from the threat of Native American attacks.

However, when the Civil War started, the Army withdrew three companies from Fort Randall leaving it in an exposed position. This led to the Dec. 7, 1861, proclamation, by the Territorial Governor William Jayne, to raise two companies of volunteer militia.

Recruiting centers were then established in Yankton, Vermillion, and Bon Homme. The citizens were very patriotic with a lot of local pride, and in just over one month enough men had enlisted to assemble the first company of citizen-Soldiers. On Jan. 27, 1862, Capt. Nelson Miner, company commander, formed the unit in Yankton, Company A, Dakota Cavalry. This was the first unit of the Dakota Territory Militia. This was the birth of the South Dakota National Guard.

Since that historic date in 1862, the SDNG has since seen combat during the Spanish-American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. The 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 Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. More than 4,600 Soldiers and 1,500 Airmen have deployed in support of these operations and continue to deploy today.

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.

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# SERVICE TO COUNTRY

## **Spanish-American War (1898-1899)**

When the Spanish-American War broke out in 1898, the first South Dakota Infantry Regiment was sworn into federal service in April as the First South Dakota Volunteer Infantry. The regiment left South Dakota for the Philippines in May and served through the early months of the Philippine Insurrection after the Spanish-American War ended.

The regiment returned to South Dakota in October 1899 when they were welcomed home by President McKinley at Aberdeen. They had served 129 days in combat in the Philippines under Gen. Arthur MacArthur, the division commander.

South Dakota also furnished five troops of cavalry in 1898, which were assigned to the Third U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, known as "Grigsby's Cowboys." They went to Camp Chickmauga, Ga., and served out their term there and were discharged in December 1898.

## **Mexican Border Crisis (1916-1917)**

On July 15, 1916, the South Dakota Fourth Infantry Regiment mustered into service for duty along the Mexican Border. They left from Camp Hagman near Redfield on July 31, 1916, for San Benito, Texas. Along with the First Oklahoma Infantry, they served until March 3, 1917.

The First Louisiana Infantry and the 26th U.S. Infantry were assigned to the 1st Separate Brigade, commanded by Col. Robert L. Bullard, U.S. Army. The South Dakota troops spent seven months on the border, training and watching. They were mustered out of service at Fort Cook, Neb., on March 3, 1917.

## **World War I (1917-1919)**

On March 25, 1917, the 3rd Battalion of the Fourth South Dakota Infantry was mobilized to guard bridges on the Missouri and the James Rivers. On July 15, 1917, both the South Dakota Fourth Infantry Regiment and the First Cavalry Regiment were mobilized. The units from South Dakota were reorganized into other types of units and returned from France in 1919 and were demobilized on May 23, 1919.

The South Dakota units ended up in the 40th, 41st, 32nd, 34th, and 88th Divisions, being reorganized into artillery, supply trains, machine gun battalions or replacements for other units. The 147th Artillery Regiment participated in the following battles in France: Toul-Boueaq, Center Sector, Champagne-Marne, Aiene-Marne, Oisne-Marne, Avscourt, and Meuse-Argonne, from June 12, 1918, through Nov. 11, 1918. They were demobilized at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on May 23, 1919.

# SERVICE TO COUNTRY



## **World War II (1940-1945)**

### **Pacific Theater of Operations**

On Nov. 25, 1940, units of the South Dakota Army National Guard were called up for a one-year training period. The 147th Field Artillery Regiment was the first to go on active duty at Camp Ord, Calif. After training at Camp Ord, they embarked on Nov. 22, 1941, for duty in the Philippine Islands. They departed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on November 30, 1941, and were west of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when they were diverted to Brisbane, Australia. They were in Australia until 1943, and after some reorganizations, they began the long battle of retaking the various islands of the Pacific and were part of the occupation of Japan. The 147th was inactivated in January 1946.

### **European Theater of Operations**

On Feb. 10, 1941, the 109th Engineer Regiment, 109th Quartermaster Regiment, and the 34th Signal Company, were called into active service, and assembled with the 34th Division at Camp Claiborne, La. The 34th Division, which contained the South Dakota units, set sail for Ireland on Jan. 14, 1942. The 1st Battalion, 109th Quartermaster and Company A, 109th Engineers, were part of this movement, and the first Soldier to disembark in Ireland, was a Soldier from Pierre named Baer Schliussmann. The 34th Division landed in Oran, North Africa, in January 1943. They participated in the North Africa Campaign, the Italian Campaign and the occupation of Northern Italy after May 1945. The other reorganized units went to Corsica, France and Germany. The South Dakota troops were discharged in 1945 and 1946 as individuals, not units.

## **The Korean War (1950-1952)**

In July 1950, South Dakota National Guard units were mobilized with the 196th Regimental Combat Team going to Alaska. The Combat Team was made up of three battalions of infantry; the 147th Field Artillery Battalion, the 200th Engineer Company, and a medical detachment.

The 109th Engineer Battalion, with units in Rapid City, Sturgis, Hot Springs and Lead, was mobilized on Sept. 3, 1950, and trained at their mobilization station, Fort Bragg, N.C., for eight months prior to being sent to West Germany. During their one-year tour in Germany, they controlled bridging

operations over the Rhine River. They also had temporary duty in France for two months building roads for the French military. All South Dakota Soldiers were returned home off active duty in 1952.

## **Berlin Crisis (1961-1962)**

The mounting East-West tensions over the situation in Berlin during August and September 1961 prompted increased military readiness. South Dakota National Guard units were called into active federal service on Oct. 1, 1961.

The 740th and 741st Transportation Company from Milbank and Clear Lake reported to Fort Carson, Colo. The 211th Engineer Company from Lemmon reported to Fort Lewis, Wash. The 1st Battalion 147th Field Artillery (HQ & HQ Battery, Battery A, B, C, and Svc) from Sioux Falls, Madison, Flandreau and Canton reported to Fort Sill, Okla. The 115th Signal Company Wire Platoon from Yankton and Vermillion reported to Fort Riley, Kan. The 214th Engineer Company from Mobridge reported to Fort Polk, La., and the 730th Medical Company to Fort Riley, Kan. All units were released from active duty between Aug. 6-12 1962.

## **Operation Desert Shield/Storm (1990-1991)**

In 1990, the South Dakota National Guard mobilized 6 units for duty in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq. South Dakota units participating were the 109th Engineer Group, 730th Medical Company, 1742nd Transportation Company, 740th Transportation Company, 747th Highway Regulating Team, and 57th Movement Control Team.

Also, a total of 68 South Dakota Air National Guard members were activated and completed various duty assignments stateside and in Saudi Arabia.

## **Operation Joint Endeavor (1995-1996)**

In December 1995, the 57th Movement Control Team was again activated for service overseas. The 57th had received numerous awards and citations for its efforts in the Gulf War and was again called upon for duty. The unit worked with V Corps to transport units from Germany and the United States into the Bosnian Theater of Operations. The 57th was instrumental in moving the largest land deployment in Europe since World War II.



### **Bosnia Peacekeeping Operation (1995-2004)**

The Stabilization Force (SFOR) was a NATO-led multinational peacekeeping force in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The 1085th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) of Rapid City deployed to Bosnia to provide aerial medical evacuation support for NATO forces from February-October 2000.

### **Operation Joint Guard (1996-1997)**

The 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment was activated and deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from January-August 1997 as part of Operation Joint Guard, a NATO peacekeeping mission in the Balkans.

### **Kosovo Peacekeeping Operation (1999-Present)**

The Kosovo Force (KFOR) is a NATO-led international peacekeeping force responsible for establishing a secure environment in Kosovo, and entered on June 12, 1999, as it faced a grave humanitarian crisis.

The 1085th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) of Rapid City deployed to Kosovo to provide aerial medical evacuation support for NATO forces from September 2003-October 2004. The unit made a second trip to the region in April 2008-April 2009, this time deploying as Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment.

### **Operation Just Cause (1989-1990)**

The United States invasion of Panama, code-named Operation Just Cause, occurred December 1989-January 1990. Various South Dakota Air National Guard 114th Tactical Fighter Group personnel participated in the operation.

### **Operation Provide Comfort II (1993-1994)**

Operation Provide Comfort II were military operations by the United States and some of its Gulf War allies to defend Kurds fleeing their homes in northern Iraq in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War and deliver humanitarian aid to them.

The 114th Tactical Fighter Wing was one of the first four Air National Guard units tasked to deploy in support of Operation Provide Comfort II based out of Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Combat air patrol missions were flown over the northern "No Fly" zone of Iraq from December 1993 to January 1994.

### **Operation Noble Eagle (2001-Present)**

President George W. Bush authorized a partial mobilization of the reserves Sept. 15, 2001, for homeland defense and civil support missions in response to the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 at the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The 665th Maintenance Company mobilized in South Dakota to support security operations at Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City, and Joe Foss Field near Sioux Falls, home of the South Dakota Air National Guard. Detachment 3, 665th Maintenance Company conducted similar operations at Fort Sill, Okla., and the National Training Center. The 235th Military Police Company also mobilized to provide security support at Fort Carson, Colo.

### **Operation Enduring Freedom (2001-Present)**

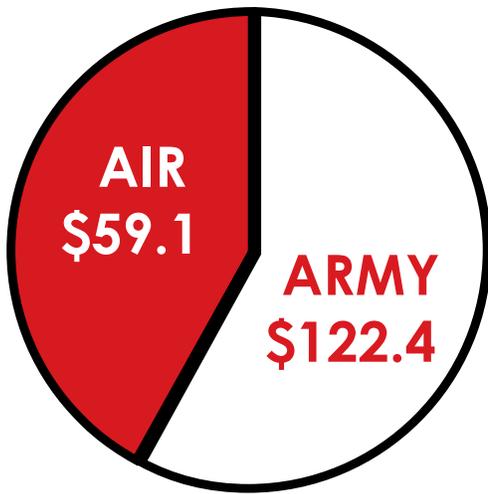
The war in Afghanistan began on Oct. 7, 2001, as the U.S. Armed Forces launched Operation Enduring Freedom in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with the stated goal of defeating Al-Qaida and ending its use of Afghanistan as a base for terrorist operations and defending the homeland.

To date, 13 South Dakota National Guard units from 12 South Dakota communities and more than 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen have mobilized in support of OEF. The units provided this support throughout the various regions of Afghanistan, and provided engineers, security forces, military police, public affairs professionals, firefighters, aviation personnel, training teams, and command and control elements.

### **Operations Iraqi Freedom & New Dawn (2003-2011)**

The Iraq War, or Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, was a conflict that occurred from March 2003 to December 2011. The beginning phases of operation found 13 South Dakota National Guard units mobilized and deployed to various locations. Their time on active duty varied from six months to eighteen months. Some of the units were involved in the initial push from Kuwait into Iraq and Baghdad. Their missions included transporting supplies, ammunition, equipment, building bridges, airport and base camp construction and security. There were a total of 28 units from 30 South Dakota communities and more than 3,360 Soldiers and Airmen who deployed in support of the nearly decade-long war.

# ECONOMIC IMPACT



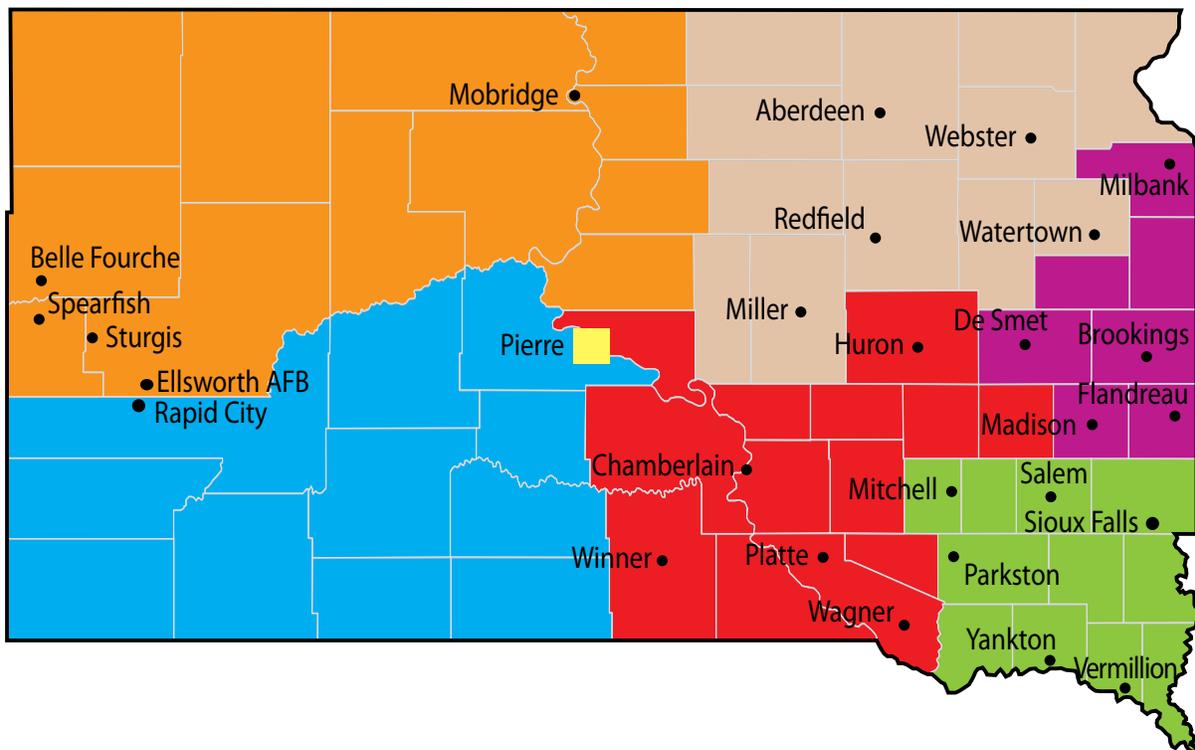
**Total SDNG Expenditures**  
**\$181,517,686.68**

**Economic impact by region (includes both state and federal dollars).**

- **\$94,132,766.04**
- **\$6,969,249.54**
- **\$3,930,121.26**
- **\$7,649,931.22**
- **\$3,722,850.91**
- **\$4,100,598.10**
- **\$61,012,169.61**

**Facilities contribution for operations, maintenance and repair.**

**State Facilities      \$10,957,841.08**  
**Federal Facilities    \$178,323.72**



# FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION



**The Joint Force Headquarters Readiness Center is valued at \$37.8 million, which features a large assembly hall, 404 workstations, ten classrooms, five conference rooms, kitchen and dining facility and an arms vault.**

**T**he South Dakota Army National Guard held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Camp Rapid Oct. 27 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 three new buildings; the Joint Force Headquarters Readiness Center, Building 802 – Barracks and Education, and the 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, auditorium, sleeping quarters for up to 600 troops, pharmacy, medical exam rooms and labs.

The new facilities are a part of South Dakota's plan to replace older, inadequate armories and sites, which will save in operating costs and provide areas for training to meet readiness objectives for state active-duty missions and overseas deployments.

In addition to providing better training and readiness capabilities for service members, the state-of-the-art facilities are also designed to meet Leadership Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver criteria – making the buildings energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

The readiness center and barracks and education building include a geothermal heat exchanger for heating and cooling, automated temperature-control monitor, anti-terrorism/force protection measures, security fencing and site lighting, to name a few.

All three buildings combined cost \$54.1 million, which makes this the largest construction project in Camp Rapid history.



**The new Barracks and Classroom Building 802 is valued at \$14.4 million, which features a large auditorium, classrooms, a distance learning center, battalion and company supply rooms and sleeping quarters.**



**The \$1.9 million addition/alteration to the Troop Medical Clinic features four offices, three exam rooms, two labs, vision test room, hearing test room, dental exam, treatment exam rooms, and a pharmacy.**

# NATIONAL GUARD FACILITIES

## JOINT FACILITIES

### Joint Force Headquarters

Camp Rapid  
2823 West Main Street  
Rapid City, SD 57702-8186  
605-737-6200

- Joint Force Headquarters
- Recruiting and Retention Cmd.
- 1978th Contingency Contracting Team

### Camp Rapid

2823 West Main Street  
Rapid City, SD 57702-8186  
605-737-6200

- Training Center
- 129th Mobile Public Affairs Det.
- Medical Command
- Det. 1, Company B, 139th BSB

## AIR GUARD FACILITIES

### Joe Foss Field

1201 West Algonquin Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-0264  
605-988-5700

- HQ-SD Air National Guard
- 114th Fighter Wing
- 114th Mission Support Group
- 114th Medical Group
- 114th Maintenance Group
- 114th Operations Group
- 175th Fighter Squadron
- 114th Operations Support Flight
- 114th Civil Engineer Squadron
- 114th Security Forces Sqd.
- 114th Communications Flight
- 114th Logistics Readiness Sqd.
- 114th Force Support Sqd.
- 114th Aircraft Maint. Sqd.
- 114th Maintenance Squadron
- 114th Maintenance Ops. Flt.
- 114th Comptroller Flight

## ARMY GUARD FACILITIES

### Army Aviation Support Facility

4750 Guard Road  
Rapid City, SD 57703-8708  
605-737-6105

- Company C., 1st Bn., 189th Aviation Regiment
- Det. 2, HHC, 1-189th AV
- Det. 2, Company D, 1-189th AV
- Det. 2, Company E, 1-189th AV
- Det. 1, Co. B, 935th Spt. Bn.
- Det. 2, Co. A, 1-112th AV
- Det. 3, Co. A, 641st AV
- Det. 48, OSA Cmd.

### Aberdeen Armory

115 South Roosevelt Street  
Aberdeen, SD 57401-5205  
605-626-2270

- Battery A, 1-147th FA
- Det. 1, 740th Transportation Co.

### Belle Fourche Armory

1202 Lawrence Street  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717-0489  
605-892-4346

- Det. 1, 842nd Engineer Co.

### Brookings Armory

300 5th Street South Brookings, SD  
57006-3319  
605-696-5400

- 139th Brigade Support Bn.
- 115th Network Support Co.

### Chamberlain Armory

202 East Kellam Street  
Chamberlain, SD 57325-0496  
605-734-5441

- Det. 1, 200th Engineer Company

### Civil Support Team Facility

1319 Kenny Rd.  
Building 1012  
Ellsworth AFB, SD 57706  
605-737-6996

- 82nd Civil Support Team

### De Smet Armory

403 3rd Street Southwest  
De Smet, SD 57231-0057  
605-854-3762

- Det. 1, 211 Engineer Company

### Flandreau Armory

710 West Community Drive  
Flandreau, SD 57028-1061  
605-997-2661

- Det. 1, 1742nd Transportation Company

### Fort Meade

54 Sheridan Road  
Fort Meade, SD 57741-0317  
605-737-6456

- 196th Regiment (RTI)
- 1st Battalion, 196th Reg. (OCS)

### Huron Armory

1030 3rd Street Southwest  
Huron, SD 57350-0829  
605-352-0200

- 153rd Engineer Battalion
- Det. 1, Forward Support Co., 153rd Engineer Bn.

### Madison Armory

1302 N. Washington Avenue  
Madison, SD 57042-0030  
605-256-5287

- 211th Engineer Company

### Milbank Armory

1001 East Park Avenue  
Milbank, SD 57252-0510  
605-432-4671

- 740th Transportation Co.

### Miller Armory

625 East 4th Street  
Miller, SD 57362-0007  
605-853-2114

- Det. 2, Co. A, 139th BSB

### Mobridge Armory

Airport Road  
Mobridge, SD 57601-0328  
605-845-2301

- Det. 2, 200th Engineer Co.

### Mitchell Armory

5501 Airport Road  
Mitchell, SD 57301-0610  
605-995-1671

- Company B, 139th BSB
- 147th Army Band
- 147th Forward Support Co.

### Parkston Armory

102B South Chapman Drive  
Parkston, SD 57366-2017  
605-928-3420

- FSC, 153rd Engineer Bn.

### Pierre Armory

3440 East Highway 34  
Pierre, SD 57501-0938  
605-773-3449

- 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion
- 200th Engineer Company

### Platte Armory

401 Iowa Avenue  
Platte, SD 57369-2028  
605-337-3094

- Det. 2, 155th Engineer Co.

### Range Road Armory

3740 Range Road  
Rapid City, SD 57702-8186  
605-737-6322

- 109th Regional Support Grp.
- 235th Military Police Company
- 155th Engineer Company

### Redfield Armory

309 West 3rd Street  
Redfield, SD 57469-0477  
605-472-2828

- Company A, 139th Bde. Spt. Bn.

### Salem Armory

740 North Peck Street  
Salem, SD 57058-0639  
605-425-2783

- Battery B, 1st Battalion, 147th FA

### Spearfish Armory

1200 University Street  
Spearfish, SD 57783-0520  
605-642-6121

- 842nd Engineer Company

### Sioux Falls Armory

801 West National Guard Drive  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-0117  
605-357-2973

- 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade
- 927th Survey and Design Tm.
- 2nd Battalion, 196th Reg. (MT)
- Det. 1, 147th Forward Support Company
- Det. 1, Battery B, 1-147th FA
- 1742nd Transportation Co.
- Det. 1, 129th MPAD
- Det. 1, 235th Military Police Co.

### Sturgis Armory

12930 Highway 34 East  
Sturgis, SD 57785-0549  
605-737-6400

- 881st Troop Command
- Det. 2, 842nd Engineer Co.
- 216th Engineer Detachment
- 451st Engineer Detachment

### Vermillion Armory

603 Princeton Street  
Vermillion, SD 57069-0434  
605-677-6787

- 730th Area Support Medical Company

### Wagner Armory

600 East Highway 46  
Wagner, SD 57380-9417  
605-384-3657

- Detachment 3, 155th Engineer Company

### Watertown Armory

1900 West Kemp Avenue  
Watertown, SD 57201-3048  
605-882-9327

- 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery
- Det. 1, Co. A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion

### Webster Armory

120 West 11th Avenue  
Webster, SD 57274-1013  
605-345-4621

- Det. 2, 147th Forward Support Company

### Winner Armory

East 7th Street Golf Course Road  
Winner, SD 57580-0607  
605-842-1914

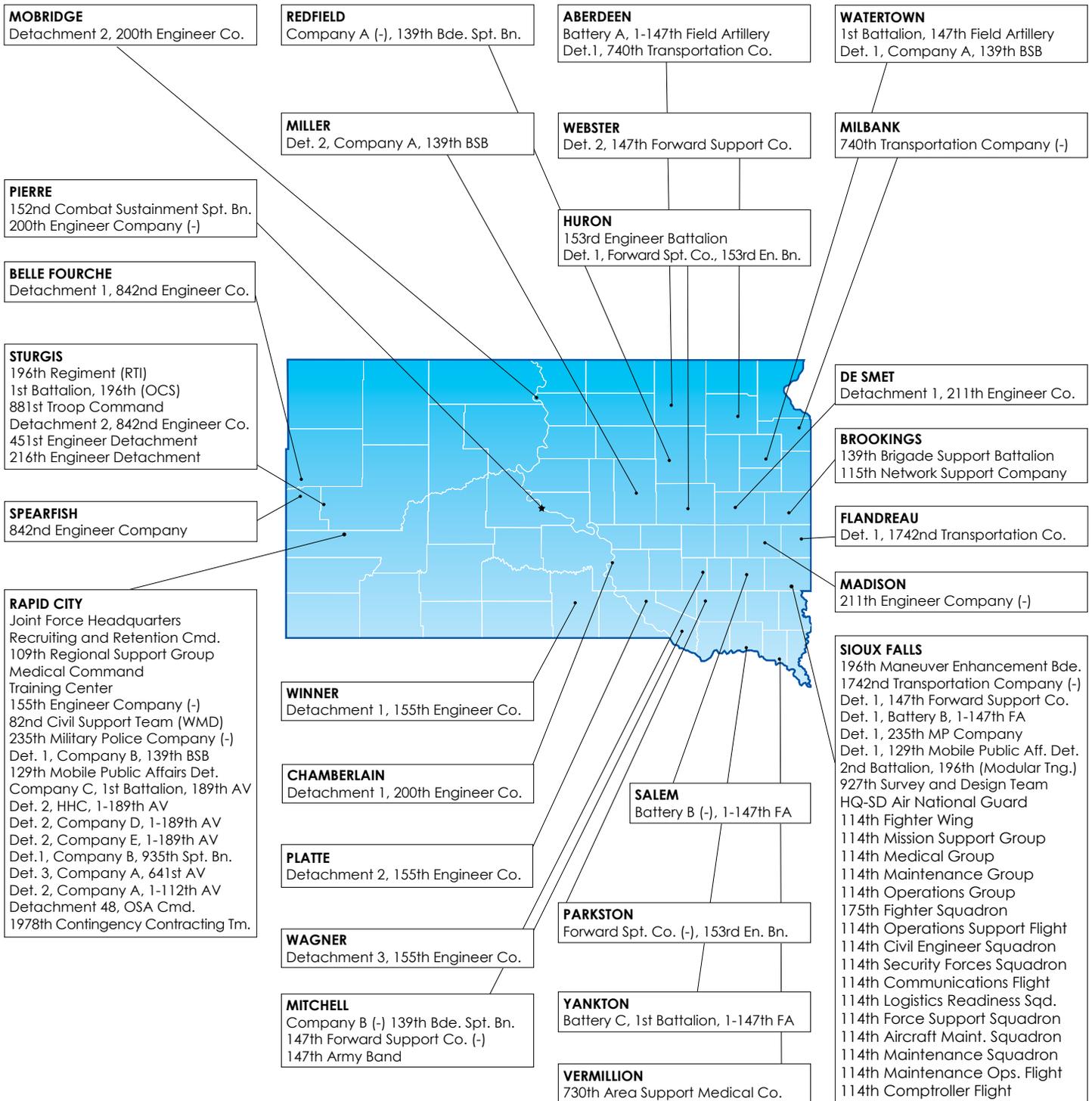
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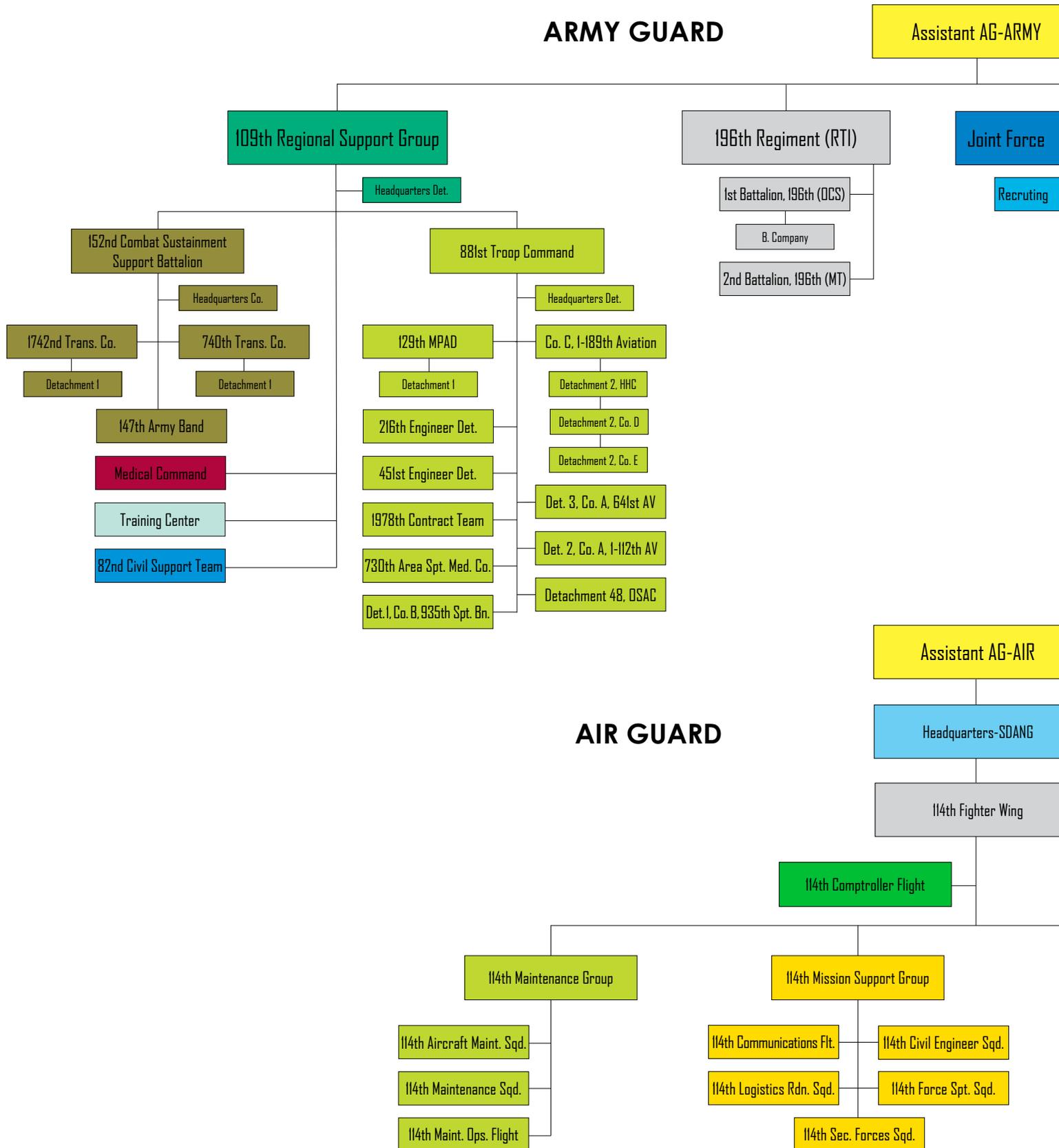
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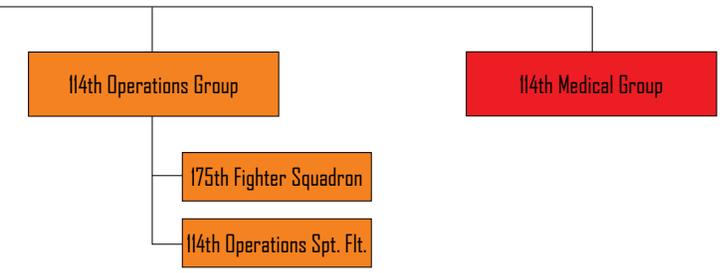
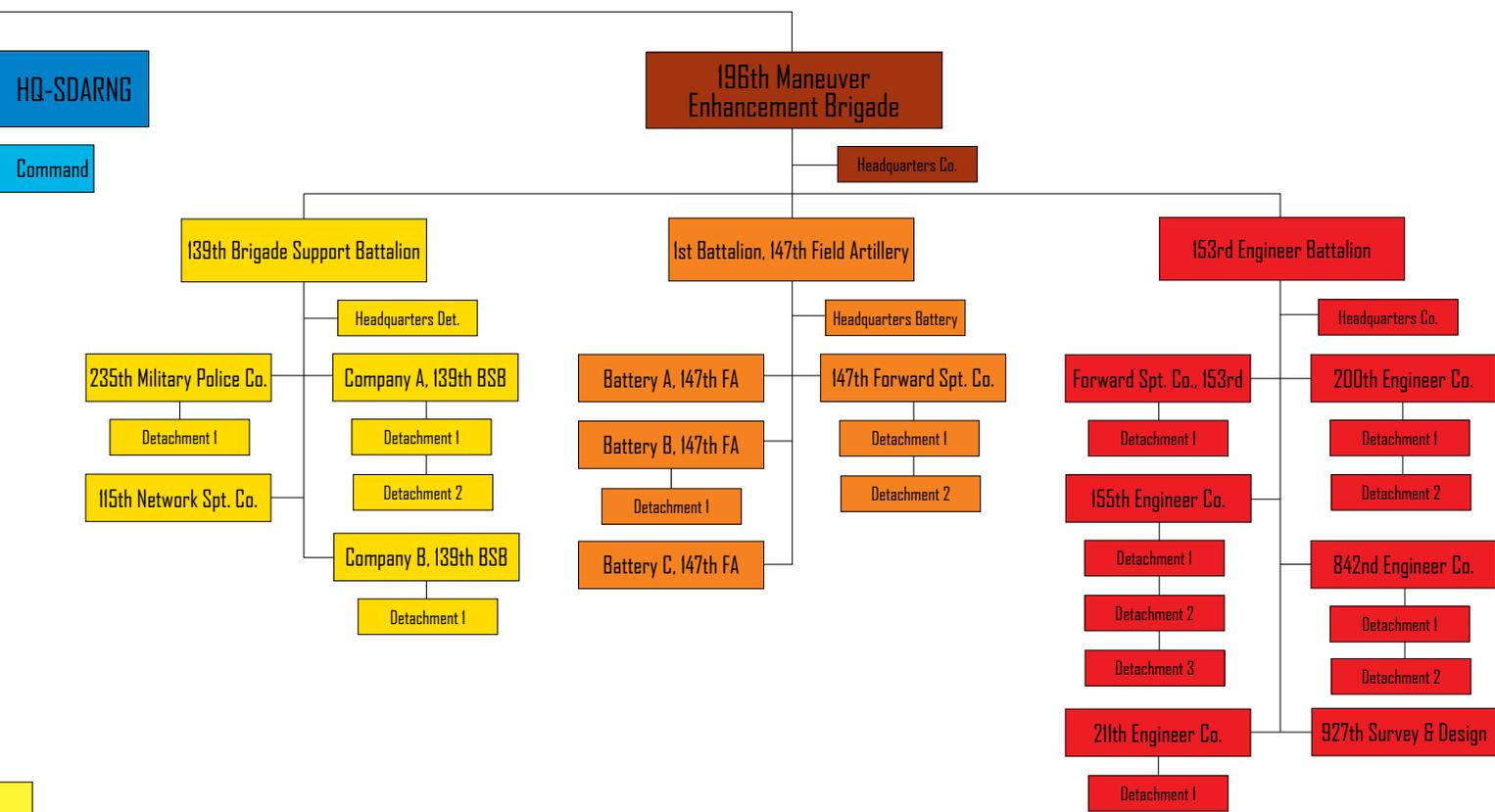
- Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 147th FA

# UNIT STATIONING



# UNIT COMMAND STRUCTURE







Sgt. Adam D. Max a flight medic with Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment, conducts a daily pre-flight inspection, getting ready for another day on the job at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Oct. 22.

## OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS

**T**he South Dakota National Guard continued to support the Global War on Terror and 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 and 64 Soldiers with the 139th Brigade Support Battalion. Returning from Iraq were nine soldiers from Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment.

### **Operation New Dawn**

#### **Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment**

began serving in Iraq in June using their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to perform medical evacuations for injured service members. The unit is comprised of pilots, crew chiefs, medics, mechanics, avionics specialist and flight operations personnel. The unit relocated to Kuwait after the draw down of U.S. forces from Iraq in mid-December. The unit continues to serve the remainder of their deployment in Kuwait, assisting in retrograde operations and providing aerial medevac support as required.

**139th Brigade Support Battalion** deployed in July and provided supply, maintenance and transportation support to Special Operations Command units operating throughout Iraq. The unit relocated to Kuwait after the draw down of U.S. forces from Iraq in mid-December. The unit continues to serve the remainder of their deployment tour in Kuwait, assisting in retrograde operations and working to transition supplies and equipment back to the United States.

#### **Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment**

and its nine members 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.

### **Operation Enduring Freedom**

Army units deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom are: 184 Soldiers with the 200th Engineer Company, 161 Soldiers with the 842nd Engineer Company, nine Soldiers with Detachment 48 Operational Support Airlift Command, and seven Soldiers with the 451st Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team). Returning from deployment in 2011 were 194 members of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.



The South Dakota Army National Guard's 842nd Engineer Company completes a construction project expanding Combat Outpost (COP) Giro, in remote Afghanistan, Jan. 15.

**The 200th Engineer Company** began their deployment in May and were stationed throughout various bases in Afghanistan. The unit 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 200th is capable of providing both temporary and permanent bridging solutions over rivers and dry land gaps using its improved ribbon bridge and heavy dry span bridge.

**Detachment 48 Operational Support Airlift Command** deployed in August for operations in Afghanistan. Det. 48 is a fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists, which operate the C-12 King Air. The Soldiers took on a new mission of providing aerial surveillance in support of ground commanders in the field.

**The 842nd Engineer Company** deployed in September to Afghanistan. The 842nd's mission is to provide horizontal construction and engineering support such as building and maintaining roads, developing airfields, and providing limited clearing operations.

**The 451st Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team)** was activated for deployment to Afghanistan in September

to provide firefighting service and support to units in theater, which includes fire protection of aviation and major facilities; equipped with firefighting gear, a tactical firefighting truck and a M916A2 tractor with a 6,000-gallon water tender.

**114th Fighter Wing** mobilized 38 personnel to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom, along with other security, humanitarian and alert missions. The Air Guard has participated in 13 different overseas countries. Overseas duty included deployment to Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, South Korea, Kuwait, Oman, Kyrgyzstan, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Africa, Germany, United Kingdom and Suriname.

**The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade** returned home in May 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 since June 2010. 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.



A South Dakota Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter from the Army Aviation Support Facility drops 600 gallons of water on the Mallow Fire in Rapid City March 9.

## STATE ACTIVE DUTY

**G**overnor Dennis Daugaard called on approximately 1,300 South Dakota Army and Air National Guard members as the state experienced record water flows on the Missouri River.

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

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began releasing record amounts of water at all dams on the Missouri River to make room for water gushing into the upper Missouri River reservoir basin.

On May 27, the initial SDNG flood response was directed to the Pierre and Fort Pierre communities when approximately 327 National Guard members arrived and immediately began flood relief efforts.

"Their primary focus was sandbagging; filling sandbags for community members to place them as needed," said Lt. Col. Aaron Jordan, liaison officer between the SDNG and the state Emergency Operations Center.

Soldiers were also assisting with 24-hour sandbagging operations near the armory in Pierre and at the Expo Center in Fort Pierre.

Guard members worked around the clock reinforcing well houses and the wastewater treatment plant in Pierre.

The following morning, Gov. Daugaard warned citizens along the Missouri River that flooding may be worse than earlier anticipated, and urged those living in affected areas to prepare for the worst.

"We alerted all available National Guard members in South Dakota so we could activate as many as we needed without delay," said Daugaard.

"This alert was essentially a notice to Soldiers and Airmen to pack a bag, pack their equipment and be ready so if we called their unit they could quickly assemble and move out," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Reisch, adjutant general for the SDNG. "It was a historic event in the South Dakota National Guard."

As the Army Corps of Engineers steadily increased its Missouri River releases from 85,000 to 150,000 cubic feet per second, the National Guard would focus on protecting key infrastructures in the Pierre and Fort Pierre communities.

"We completed some important infrastructure protection projects during the influx, specifically raising the level of protection for 11 wells that serve the city of Pierre," said Reisch. "We began assisting with traffic control in the Pierre/Fort Pierre area, brought additional engineer equipment to Pierre and will begin constructing a levee in the vicinity of the Ramkota in Pierre."

Nearly a platoon of Soldiers from the 842nd Engineer Company convoyed to Pierre from their annual training in



**Pfc. Brian Smith (right), of the South Dakota Army National Guard's Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, Mitchell, places sandbags on a levee at the city Water Reclamation Plant to protect the facility from flood waters, June 9.**

Guernsey, Wyo., to construct the levee.

"I was very impressed by the long days and nights that our Soldiers and Airmen worked," Reisch said. "They made a huge difference in the Pierre area. I know they put in long hours and were exhausted by the end of the day, but the work they did was crucial. I was personally thanked by the mayors of Pierre and Fort Pierre for the great job our troops did."

As Missouri River releases would continue to climb and communities downstream began preparing for flooding, the National Guard was planning for possible future missions in southeast South Dakota.

"We focused on the planning stages of determining what may be needed in the Dakota Dunes and Yankton areas," said Reisch. "In light of the projected water levels in those areas, we expected that we may be asked to perform some role down river as well."

With more than 600 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen supporting flooding operations in the Pierre and Fort Pierre communities over Memorial Day weekend, the SDNG was asked to mobilize more units down river, and on May 31, approximately 200 Airmen and Soldiers arrived in the Dakota Dunes community to support efforts in stopping rising floodwaters.

At the height of operations, more than 1,300 National Guard members were on state active duty orders.

During Memorial Day weekend, the governor advised residents to have their possessions moved, homes secured and be out of those homes by June 2, adding they should expect to be away from their homes for as much as two months because elevated releases of water from the mainstream dams would continue for several weeks.

"It was important for every property owner in Dakota Dunes to assume the worst - that protective measures would be impossible or would fail - and act in advance to remove their possessions and secure their homes," said Daugaard.

National Guard missions in the Dakota Dunes community would closely mirror those still being conducted in Pierre/Fort Pierre, sandbagging, levee construction, levee patrol, quick reaction forces and security.

By mid-June levee construction and sandbagging operations in both the Pierre/Fort Pierre and Dakota Dunes communities had come to a close, with an estimated three million sandbags used in the Pierre/Fort Pierre communities and more than 500,000 filled in Dakota Dunes.

With these missions complete, the National Guard was able to begin the draw down process.

By July 15, approximately 200 Guard members were still supporting flooding relief efforts in security and maintenance of levees. With water levels remaining high into late August, troops remained on site until then, and their numbers dwindled with the decreasing water level.

# SDNG PROGRAMS



Ten-year old London Van Sickle, a student at Journey Elementary in the Harrisburg school district, helps land an OH-58 helicopter from the SDNG Counterdrug program, during the Red Ribbon Week billboard unveil event on Sept. 26.

## COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

The mission of the Counterdrug program 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 with the success of Red Ribbon Week, having 105 schools participate, 76 aerial photo flyovers and approximately 19,100 students pledging to live their life "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, both active and reserve component. 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 corroboratively 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 providing 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.



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.

## **INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING 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 U.S. 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.



Army Sgt. Colin Simpson, a military policeman with the SDARNG's 235th Military Police Company, from Rapid City, S.D., observes Surinamese soldiers who are practicing search and detainment techniques June 27.

## STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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

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

During the past several years, there have been more than 800 individuals who have directly interacted in the SPP. Participants included key leaders representing South Dakota and Suriname: government, education system, military, private businesses and communities. Listed below are just a few of the significant exchanges conducted in 2011.

**Suriname National Awareness Conference on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD):** This was a collaborative effort between the SDNG, social services organizations, Black Hills VA Healthcare System, SOUTHCOM, and our counterparts in Suriname to raise awareness of PTSD and

discuss cutting edge treatments.

**Combat Life Saver Exchange:** Medics from the Surinamese Defense Forces shared their expertise and experiences with South Dakota National Guard Soldiers taking the Combat Life Saver course.

**SDNG Regional Training Institute (RTI) Orientation:** Members of the Surinamese Ministry of Defense program and training department visited the RTI at Fort Meade to review the training programs offered in South Dakota and if these programs would be applicable to Suriname. Future goals include having Surinamese NCOs and officers receive professional development courses alongside SDNG Soldiers.

**Incident Response Exchange:** Firefighters and Suriname Defense Force personnel observed a large-scale incident response training exercise in S.D. Participants observed how the SDNG's 82nd Civil Support Team interacts with civil authorities during disaster management situations.

**Public Affairs Exchange:** Members of the SDNG Public Affairs Office and S.D. media representatives/journalists participated in an exchange to educate S.D. media experts on Suriname, including its culture, value systems, economics, military support to civil authorities processes, demographics, and media relations systems.

**National Day Participation:** Distinguished visitors from the S.D. Army and Air National Guard attended Suriname's



Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the SDNG adjutant general, presents Suriname's President Desi Bouterse a Minuteman statue, which memorializes the heritage of the National Guard, its mission and its role in American history on a visit to Suriname in July.

## SURINAME

National Day (similar to the U.S. 4th of July) and conducted exchanges with the Ministry of Defense to discuss and plan for future exercises and exchanges to maximize efficiencies and processes.

**Counterdrug Exchange:** Conducted bi-lateral presentations and discussions on drug demand reduction efforts, education initiatives, school programs, supply reduction methods, coordination with interagency organizations, government support, aviation support, and substance abuse issues and challenges with the Surinamese Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Justice and Police.

**MOD Orientation Visit:** The Surinamese Minister of Defense and Chief of the Armed Forces visited South Dakota along with the U.S. Ambassador to Suriname for an orientation visit to meet with key S.D. government, community and private sector leaders in order to orient them to the state and discuss potential partner opportunities for the Suriname government.

**MSCA Exchange:** The South Dakota National Guard Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA) conducted an exchange with National Coordination and Disaster Response Center (NCDRC) centering on how first responders in South Dakota would be called out to deploy to an incident involving multiple agencies from various levels of local, state, and federal government.



## SERVICEMEMBER & 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 and employers across the state. The Servicemember and Family Support Services branch not only benefits 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 members and their families and employers together to promote a sense of camaraderie, aiding families in understanding the mission of the SDNG and keeping families informed about activities sponsored by the Family Readiness Program and of the common rewards of military life.

In 2011, the SDNG's Family Assistance Staff made 8,086 outreach contacts to military families and servicemembers 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 servicemembers 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 servicemembers 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 Family Readiness Group meetings and unit trainings all across South

**Maj. Amber Heinert greets her children Austin, 2, and Riyahn, 3, at the Rapid City Regional Airport Dec. 23, after returning home from a five-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.**





**Chief Warrant Officer 3 JD Rodriguez embraces his wife, Martha, at the Rapid City Regional Airport Dec. 22, after returning home from a four-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.**

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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, servicemembers 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 over 85 survivors in SD.

The Transition Assistance Advisor provided support to

servicemembers 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 veterans and retirees by getting assistance to help redeem their benefits and entitlements they earned.

The SD Airmen and Family Program has 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 trained 39 RTAs. Veteran and retiree summits were conducted in seven communities across the state that included participation from such agencies as the Veterans Administration, Vets Center, TriWest TRICARE, SDNG, SD Veterans Affairs, SD Dept. of Labor and the SD Dept. of Social Services.

# GOLDEN COYOTE EXERCISE



Members of the Navy Occupational Health Support Unit, Texas, move toward an enemy village during military operations on urban terrain using paintball guns June 16.

**T**he 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 provide 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 help improve the forest and infrastructure of many local communities. Through the Innovative Readiness Training program, provided medical treatment to more than 400 patients in support of Indian Health Services and hauled 189 truckloads of firewood material 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, HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer and convoy operations.



Soldiers pull security along a ridge during the 27th annual Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills of South Dakota on June 13.

Sgt. Thomas Folsbee, 94th Military Police company, NHNG, and a Germany soldier discuss convoy training during the Golden Coyote training exercise on June 18.



Members of the 451st Engineer Detachment practice putting out a simulated aircraft fire at Ellsworth Air Force Base during the Golden Coyote training exercise in June.

# ARMY GUARD OVERVIEW



An officer candidate falls into the pool during water survival familiarization training at the Sturgis Community Center, June 20.

**T**oday's South Dakota Army National Guard is no longer a strategic reserve to the active component, but an operational force directly integrated into active deployments and missions. The SDARNG is designed to meet the needs of the future force here at home in times of emergencies and natural disasters, as well as overseas supporting combat and support operations.

## JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Joint Force Headquarters, of Rapid City, is one of four major commands in the SDARNG, and is a critical element for all 64 units across the state; providing command and control of essential services in administration, intelligence, training, logistics, maintenance, communications, Soldier and family services and other support functions. With more than 200 members assigned, the main focus for JFHQ is to support the nearly 3,400 members of the SDARNG, and to provide trained and equipped, ready forces capable of mobilizing and deploying in support of state and federal missions and conducting missions authorized by the governor and/or the National Command Authority.

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 also 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 and four foreign countries.

## 109TH REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The 109th Regional Support Group, of Rapid City, is another major command for the SDARNG. 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.

In 2011, the 109th assisted in flood operations in Dakota Dunes and Pierre during the summer, sending several Soldiers out for sandbagging and motor-pool operations.

## 196TH MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE

The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, of Sioux Falls, is also a SDARNG major command, and provides command and control (C2) and supervision for three battalions, comprising of 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



**Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Cunningham, 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, types a message into the blue force tracker system, during a mission on Feb. 23 in Kabul, Afghanistan.**

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 home 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.

### **196TH REGIMENT (RTI)**

The 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute), located at Fort Meade, is the final major command of the SDARNG and 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 Army National Guard and provides general instruction on a variety of military courses. The 196th Regiment (RTI) has two subordinate battalions: 1st Battalion (Officer Candidate School) at Fort Meade and the 2nd Battalion (Modular Training) in Sioux Falls.

Last year the OCS program trained 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.

### **RECRUITING AND RETENTION COMMAND**

The Recruiting and Retention Command, headquartered in Rapid City with recruiters in 21 communities throughout South Dakota, is tasked with the mission of recruiting and retaining quality Soldiers in the SDARNG. 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 its ranks; and retaining these Soldiers to keep its units at a high state of readiness.

Due to the hard work and dedication of the Soldiers and contractors in the Recruiting and Retention Battalion, the SDARNG has enjoyed phenomenal success in keeping its overall strength above 100 percent.



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.

## 82ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

The 82nd Civil Support Team, based out of Ellsworth Air Force Base, 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 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.

## MEDICAL COMMAND

Medical Command provides health force sustainment and protection for SDARNG 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, exams and treatment to Soldiers. In this capacity, the unit helps units achieve medical readiness and deployment requirements. The unit can also deploy worldwide to provide multi-functional medical care to an attached headquarters and assigned units in a combat theater.

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

## TRAINING CENTER

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.

### **152ND COMBAT SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT BATTALION**

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 supported flood operations in Pierre from May 28 to Aug. 30 and was the TF commander for Pierre/Fort Pierre operations from June 4-21. Units under the 152nd 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.

### **740TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

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 1 in Aberdeen, the unit uses M915 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 unit also participated in the 27th annual Golden Coyote training exercise and took part in the convoy lanes, virtual convoy operations training simulator, convoy training, as well as hauling wood for the timber haul. The 740th played a major role in responding to the Missouri River flooding. More than 110 members assisted with 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.

### **1742ND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

The 1742nd Transportation Company, of Sioux Falls and Flandreau, provides transportation of both dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo and bulk water and fuel products. With more than 150 mem-

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



bers in Sioux Falls, and more than 50 members in its Detachment 1 in Flandreau, the company uses the M915 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 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.

### **147TH ARMY BAND**

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.

### **881ST TROOP COMMAND**

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 Detachment serves as a higher headquarters to assist units in training, administrative and logistical needs, and to help units achieve readiness and deployment requirements.

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

With the unique skill sets of its subordinate units, the 881st Troop Command was able to provide Army aviation and public affairs support to the 2011 Missouri River flood fight in Pierre/Fort Pierre and Dakota Dunes areas.

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





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

### **216TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT**

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

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.

### **451ST ENGINEER DETACHMENT**

The 451st Engineer Detachment (Firefighting Team), of Sturgis, 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.

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

### **1978TH CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING TEAM**

The 1978th Contingency Contracting Team, of Rapid City, plans for and coordinates all contracting functions at

the brigade combat team level. The unit members work with the SD-USPFO to gain contracting experience and obtain fulfill certification requirements.

The 1978th's four-man unit 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.

### **129TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT**

The 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, of Rapid City, and its Detachment 1 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 SDARNG.

In 2011, unit members provided media coverage of the New Horizons exercise in Suriname and also played a significant role in providing public affairs support during the Missouri River flood.

### **DET. 3, CO. A, 641ST AVIATION REGIMENT**

Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment, which is 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 nu-



The South Dakota National Guard's new LUH-72A Light Utility Helicopter named "Lakota," flies near Crazy Horse Memorial in May.

merous flight requests both stateside and abroad with their C-23 Sherpa fixed-wing aircraft.

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 Iraq.

### **730TH AREA SUPPORT MEDICAL COMPANY**

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, physicians 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/out-patient nature, designed to return Soldiers back to duty or evacuate them on to definitive care as quickly as possible.

In 2011, the 730th conducted convoy operations while traveling to Fort McCoy, Wis., for annual training. While there, the unit rehearsed some of its mandated missions including site setups, loading/unloading procedures and equipment familiarizations. 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.

### **DET. 2, CO. A, 112TH AVIATION REGIMENT**

The 112th Aviation Regiment is stationed at the Army Aviation Support Facility near the Rapid City Regional Airport. Detachment 2, Company A, which is comprised of 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.

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.

### **DET. 1, CO. B, 935TH SUPPORT BATTALION**

Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion, of Rapid City, and its 33 assigned members have a mission to provide aviation maintenance and repair support to aircraft armament and avionics equipment. The unit specializes in maintenance and repair of rotary-wing aircraft to include the UH-60 Black Hawk, OH-58 Kiowa, and other U.S. Army rotary aircraft.

In 2001, the unit spent the year preparing for a 2012 deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Family members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment wave good buy to their Soldiers in UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters as they depart for their mobilization station in preparation for deployment to Iraq in June.

## CO. C, 1-189TH AVIATION REGIMENT

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.

In May 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. Individuals from the 1/189th Rear Detachment were called to duty to provide aviation support for flood relief efforts in eastern South Dakota.

## DET. 48 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT CMD.

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

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

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.

## 1ST BATTALION, 147TH FIELD ARTILLERY

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 2011, Headquarters Battery, 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, 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.

## 147TH FORWARD SUPPORT COMPANY

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 class I support. The distribution platoon is capable of delivering general supplies, class V ammunition for small arms and rocket pods, and class III support. The maintenance platoon is a multi-roll platoon, which includes a maintenance section, service and recovery section and three maintenance support sections: providing maintenance support for equipment, the ability to recover both track and wheeled vehicles, and specialized maintenance personnel who are able 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.

## BATTERY A, 1-147TH FIELD ARTILLERY

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,



Pfc. Brandon Swenson, Charlie Battery, 1/147th Field Artillery, fills sandbags for flood relief by residents of Pierre.

joint or coalition task force.

The battery consists of about 70 Soldiers based out of Aberdeen. The unit is equipped with the M270A1 launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, reconnaissance and fire direction.

On May 27, 2011, 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 effort, Alpha 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.

### **BATTERY B, 1-147TH FIELD ARTILLERY**

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 M270A1 launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, reconnaissance and fire direction. 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. Bravo Battery started emplacing berms along the Missouri River and was also responsible for many areas in and around Pierre, ensuring flood waters were kept at the lowest level possible.

### **BATTERY C, 1-147TH FIELD ARTILLERY**

Charlie Battery is a Multiple Launch Rocket System field artillery unit consisting of approximately 80 members. Charlie Battery is one of three MLRS 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 unit is equipped with the M270A1 launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, reconnaissance and fire direction.

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 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. The unit will become Bravo Battery when its flag is lowered for the last time in September.

## **139TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION**

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 SDARNG.

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 139th and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response.

The 139th BSB Logistical Task Force "Task Force Shadow" mobilized 64 members to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. The unit provided logistical support to the Special Operations Command. As part of the directed withdrawal from Iraq, the 139th LTF relocated from bases in Iraq to Kuwait. The unit went through various training events in preparation for their mobilization to support OND. The unit deployed in June 2011.

### **CO. A, 139TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION**

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 non-containerized cargo.

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 BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION**

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.

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

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



Members of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion stand for roll call at their activation ceremony at the Performing Arts Center, Brookings, June 9.

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.

### **235TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY**

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 1 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.

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, 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.

### **115TH NETWORK SUPPORT COMPANY**

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.

In the spring of 2011, the 115th NSC 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.

### **153RD ENGINEER BATTALION**

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.

### **FORWARD SUPPORT COMPANY, 153RD EN. BN.**

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 support roles during the Missouri River flooding 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.

### **842ND ENGINEER COMPANY**

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. The 842nd also 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 unit mobilized to Fort Bliss, Texas, in September 2011, and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for one year.

**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.**





The 211th Engineer Company conducted its 2011 Sapper Stakes near Lake Madison in October. The Sapper stakes allow the unit to work on team building exercises, casualty evaluation and evacuation, field assault operations and driver training.

## 211TH ENGINEER COMPANY

The 211th Engineer Company (SAPPER) has a mission to execute mobility, counter-mobility and survivability tasks, and to provide general engineering support to a maneuver unit or a support brigade. These tasks include combat engineering missions, such as placing or clearing 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 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.

## 155TH ENGINEER COMPANY

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.

## 927TH SURVEY AND DESIGN TEAM

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 differ-

ent 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 NVGs and communications.

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 unit also trained at the training site's facilities on basic Soldiering skills that included rifle and machine gun ranges and EST 2000.

## **200TH ENGINEER COMPANY**

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.

**Members of the 200th Engineer Company conduct bridge building operations while on deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.**







# AIR GUARD OVERVIEW



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

**T**he South Dakota 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 provide combat ready units in three roles: federal, state and community.

The Air Guard offers a broad range of job skills including pilots, aircraft maintenance, logistics, fueling, firefighting, security forces, civil engineering, medical services, communications and vehicle maintenance.

## HEADQUARTERS - SDANG

The Headquarters for the SD Air National Guard 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 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.

## 114TH FIGHTER WING

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 of the groups provide vital contributions to ensure that the 114th Fighter Wing achieves its mission to deploy worldwide and execute directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communication systems and installations with conventional weapons.

Equipped with the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the members of the 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



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

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 13 different countries providing highly trained Airmen to meet combatant commanders' objectives. The 114th FW deployed about 40 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.

### **THE 114TH COMPTROLLER FLIGHT**

The mission of the 114th Comptroller Flight is the successful formulation, execution and proper follow-up auditing of all pay, travel entitlements, commercial services obligations and payments, serving as the Agency Program Coordinator responsible for training, managing, and administering the approximately 996 GTCs (Government Travel Cards) assigned to the Wing. The 114th CPTF is also responsible for the overall base budget and financial plans to manage the financial resources and assets of the South Dakota Air National Guard in order to successfully carry out its wartime

and peacetime missions, state and federal, home station and deployed overseas.

The 114th CPTF had several major accomplishments in 2011, both individually and as a unit. Individually, the flight was honored with both the Senior NCO of the Year for 2011 for the entire SD Air Guard, and also with the 2011 Base Employee of the Year. In addition, the 114th CPTF won the Air National Guard Financial Services Office of the Year Award for 2011, based upon a FM unit's outstanding achievements, mission impact, and management of resources, as compiled by National Guard Bureau-Financial Management Division in Washington, D.C. All of this was accomplished at the same time as the 114th CPTF coordinated, trained, and successfully managed the transition for all 1,100 Airmen to the DTS (Defense Travel System) as mandated by DOD and NGB as of Oct. 1, 2011.

In addition, as a result of the flooding along the Missouri river in the summer of 2011, 114th CPTF personnel were state active duty deployed in Joint Operation Center (JOC) positions for levy patrol operations in Pierre, sand bag operations in Dakota Dunes, and FM Military Pay and Travel support for both Air and Army Guard personnel in Rapid City. The successful coordination of state military pay entitlements, travel entitlements, electronic funds transfers, and generation of state leave and earnings statements with the SD Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Department led to unprecedented cohesion, camaraderie, and financial security among the state's Army and Air Guard components in the statewide mission. In both federal and state missions, individual and unit achievements, 2011 was a banner year for the 114th CPTF of the SDANG.



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 Medical Group, pull up in their all-terrain vehicle to offer water to levee patrol members June 28.

## 114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

The mission of the 114th Mission Support Group is to direct the activities of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron, 114th Security Forces Squadron, 114th Communications Flight, 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and the 114th Force Support Squadron toward the overall missions and objectives of the 114th FW. The MSG and its associated flights and squadrons consist of 328 personnel that provide the support structure for the 114th Fighter Wing's day-to-day operations as well as training for their individual wartime tasking.

In addition, the MSG maintains many of the required skill sets to provide assistance to the state of SD when tasked by the governor in times of disaster or emergency. The 2011 floods in SD 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.

## 114TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

The mission of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron is to provide Prime BEEF personnel capable of deploying anywhere in the world, including bare bases and support aircraft opera-

tions with bed-down, rapid runway repair, operations, maintenance support, and crash/fire suppression activities.

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 about 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.

## 114TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

The mission of the 114th Security Forces Squadron is to augment the host base weapon system security functions to enable them to support additional workloads generated by the assignment of additional tactical aircraft.

The 114th SFS 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.

## **114TH COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT**

The mission of the 114th Communications Flight is to provide trained communications/computer operators, and maintenance personnel to perform communications/computer staff, communications/computer operations and maintenance functions for Air Combat Command flying unit. The Flight will organize, equip, and train to provide services for which they are tasked by Air Combat Command.

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 LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON**

The mission of the 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron is to provide and direct the supply, fuels, procurement, financial, motor vehicle, and commercial transportation activities, toward the overall objectives and missions of the assigned and attached units of the group.

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

**Senior Airman Brandon Muhs (right), a 114th Fighter Wing crew chief and Senior Airman Dusty Abrahamson, a 114th Civil Engineer heavy equipment operator, walk the final stretch of their levee patrol at the end of their shift June 4.**





An Airman receives assistance from 114th Medical Group personnel while at a training assembly at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls.

LRS also supported 114th FW 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.

### **114TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON**

The 114th Force Support Squadron provides cradle-to-grave support for Airmen throughout their entire career to include enlistment, training, development, promotions, deployment, family assistance, retirement, food service, fitness and lodging. The 114th FSS recruiting and retention team consistently exceeds 100 percent manning levels with exceptional recruits and prior service personnel.

The 114th FSS recruiting and retention team consistently exceeds 100 percent manning levels with exceptional recruits and prior service personnel. 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.

### **114TH OPERATIONS GROUP**

The mission of the 114th Operations Group is to deploy worldwide and execute directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communications systems and installations with conventional weapons.

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.

State active duty to support Missouri River flooding provided unique leadership opportunities for several members of the Operations Group and complimented the overall dynamic training year.

### **175TH FIGHTER SQUADRON**

The mission of the 175th Fighter Squadron is to establish a training program to achieve the capability of worldwide deployment and to be prepared, upon implementation, to deploy, destroy enemy forces and facilities through the delivery of all types of tactical weapons compatible with the weapon system possessed in support of the roles of counter

air, interdiction, and close air support.

2011 was also a productive year for the 175th flying program, helping to support the 114th FW's 1,700 local sorties flown for a total of 2,497 flying hours. The 175th also supported deployments to Tucson, Ariz., for Snowbird, Jacksonville, Fla., and Northern Lighting and Sentry Eagle.

### **114TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT**

The mission of the 114th Operations Support Flight is to deploy worldwide and execute directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communications systems and installations with conventional weapons.

2011 was also a productive year for the operations flight, where personnel helped to support local sorties and deployments to Tucson, Ariz., for Snowbird, Jacksonville, Fla., and Northern Lighting and Sentry Eagle.

### **114TH MEDICAL GROUP**

The mission of the 114th Medical Group is, upon mobilization, to provide manpower replacement tasking by the gaining major command, Air Combat Command. The 114th Medical Group provides limited health services for approximately 1,000 personnel assigned to the 114th Fighter Wing.

During the last year, the 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.

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 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 in 2011.

### **114TH MAINTENANCE GROUP**

The mission of the 114th Maintenance Group is to ensure that assigned aircraft and equipment are safe, serviceable, and properly configured to meet mission requirements.

The 114th MXG is comprised of 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 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

Airmen from the South Dakota Air National Guard gather outside the Pierre Indian Learning Center as they prepare for their next shift filling sandbags and providing traffic control operations throughout the Pierre area, May 31.





Lt. Col. Gregory S. Young, 175th Fighter Squadron Assistant B Flight Commander, performs a pre-flight inspection for his final flight as a pilot of the South Dakota Air National Guard on Dec. 3.

newly assigned Block 40 aircraft manufactured in 1988, and 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 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 Lighting and Sentry Eagle. 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.

### **114TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON**

The 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron services, inspects, maintains, launches, recovers assigned and transient aircraft and ensures mobility requirements are met. The squadron includes activities that generate sorties and train personnel to generate sorties, and is predominantly accom-

plished in an on-equipment environment.

In 2011, the aircraft maintenance squadron supported the 114th FW's conversion to 22 newly assigned Block 40 aircraft manufactured. Their main focus was to get the new fleet accepted, upgraded and airworthy as soon as possible.

### **114TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON**

The mission of the 114th Maintenance Squadron provides support to the 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sortie production and the depth to sustain maintenance effectiveness. The 114th Maintenance Squadron is divided into two flights, the Component Repair Flight and the Equipment Maintenance Flight. The Flights perform both on and off equipment maintenance on assigned aircraft.

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### **114TH MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS FLIGHT**

The 114th Maintenance Operations Flight is responsible to the 114th Maintenance Group commander for aircraft maintenance staff functions required for the efficient operation of the 114th Maintenance Group. The Flight includes the Maintenance Operations Center; Plans, Scheduling, and Documentation; Engine Management, Training Management; Maintenance Analysis; and Maintenance Plans and Programs.

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IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARDSMEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND FREEDOM IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.



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