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FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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"The men and women of the Rhode Island National Guard have made substantial contributions to our state and nation over the past year. The impact of their achievements reach far beyond the borders of the Ocean State. I am humbled to work alongside our 3000 Soldiers and Airmen, and to represent an incredible organization with a legacy of nearly 400 years of responsiveness and valor.

The National Guard is depended upon to provide ready and capable operational forces required to fight America's wars. More than 450 of our service members left their homes and families during the past year, deploying overseas to ensure a more secure world. At home, our team has been persistently engaged lending expertise to emergent problems. We have collaborated with our interagency partners confronting the opioid epidemic, protecting the cyber domain, and ensuring resilience in response to disaster.

Our outstanding military professionals have taken an oath to serve Rhode Island and the United States. Our Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen balance their military careers with their civilian professions. Our people provide unique capabilities to the Department of Defense and to the Rhode Island workforce by enabling the cross-pollination of military and private industry practices, skills, and leadership.

The Soldiers, Airmen, and families of the Rhode Island National Guard are grateful for the support we receive from our colleagues, neighbors, employees, and clients here in our home state. As Rhode Island's military component, our role in the community is important to us. We strive to be good neighbors and wisely manage the resources we are entrusted with to deliver value to Rhode Island while accomplishing missions across the globe.



I am honored to serve as your Adjutant General. Thank you for taking the time to get to know our incredible men and women in uniform. We are proud to be Rhode Island's home team.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher P. Callahan".

MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER P. CALLAHAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD

WHO WE ARE

RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD

The Rhode Island National Guard (RING) consists of 3000 men and women who serve as military professionals within the state while simultaneously pursuing education, managing civilian careers, and supporting families. The Rhode Island National Guard traces its history from the first colonial defensive force established in 1638 and has since served the state and nation in every major American conflict.

Today's RING is focused on our three core missions: fighting and winning America's wars, securing our homeland, and building enduring partnerships. The RING has a unique mandate and our members have sworn a dual oath to serve both our nation and state of Rhode Island. In order to meet the demand of these core missions, our institution prioritizes the taking care of our people, building military readiness, and fostering innovation.

More than 450 Soldiers and Airmen have deployed in support of our federal mission over the past fiscal year. Our members have represented the state of Rhode Island while operating in every geographic combatant command. From

the outset of this past year, Airmen from the 143d Airlift Wing were engaged in humanitarian operations in the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

The RING marked several important anniversaries over the past year. We joined the world in commemorating the centennial anniversary of World War I. Rhode Island's 1st Battalion, 103d Field Artillery was drafted for overseas service in the American Expeditionary Forces in 1917 as part of the New England-based 26th "Yankee" Division. The 103d participated in the battles of Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Ile de France, and Lorraine. We observed the fiftieth anniversary of the 1968 mobilizations for federal service in the Republic of Vietnam of Soldiers from the 115th MP Company and the 107th Signal Company.

The RING leverages its people, capacity, and innovation within the state as we confront emergent problems. The RING, in coordination with our interagency partners, remains an integral part of Rhode Island's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and narcotics trafficking.

Our military cyber defense professionals have partnerships at the federal, state, and local level and lend their expertise to protect critical infrastructure.

The RING offers tremendous economic value to the state. With greater than 96% federal funding, RING investment in projects such as the new Joint Force Headquarters construction in East Greenwich, improvements to the Quonset Point Air National Guard Base, and installation of a next generation flight simulator facility stimulate our communities and provide positive economic impact for Rhode Island.

We are proud to be Rhode Island's military component. We are grateful for the support of our friends, neighbors, and employers. The RING remains engaged and accessible as we continue to meet our challenges and provide value and security in an increasingly complex world. The Rhode Island National Guard is

***“Always Ready,
Always There.”***

FIGHTING AMERICA'S WARS

RING OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS

The Rhode Island National Guard is a specialized team achieving global success. The RING provides ready forces to the US Army and Air Force with the capabilities to fight and win in an array of complex environments. Rhode Island remains among the top states for deployments per-capita as we near 7,000 individual deployments since 2001. This past year was no exception as over 450 men and women of the Rhode Island National Guard deployed in support of our federal mission.

The Quonset based 1st Battalion, 126th General Support Aviation Battalion deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve. The 126th formed "Task Force Liberty" with elements of National Guard units from nine other states. They provided command and control to over 40 utility, cargo, and attack helicopter platforms. Dispersed across four countries, they provided oversight for the execution of over 9600 Combat flight hours. Their crews performed 225 medical evacuation missions and they supported over 580 air mission requests moving more than 34,000 passengers and three millions pounds

of cargo.

In April of 2017, 60 members of the 43d Military Police Brigade deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as the Joint Task Force Headquarters to plan, coordinate, execute, and assess the conduct of detention facility operations missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 43d's staff ensured operations were conducted in a safe, humane and legal manner while also providing support for legal and administrative proceedings to protect the United States and its interests.

**"Fighting America's wars
will always be our
primary mission."**

The Special Operations Detachment - Global (SOD-G), headquartered in Coventry, were mobilized to active duty in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in January of 2018. The SOD-G provides support to US Special Operations Command in the planning, directing, and executing of Special Operations in the conduct of our

nation's wars. Their members served as staff planners and advisors at myriad levels in theater, ensuring that Special Operations Forces strategic capabilities were fully employed and synchronized with conventional military operations.

The 282d Combat Communications Squadron deployed 26 Airmen in 2018. The mission of the 282d is to install, operate, and maintain combat ready equipment and personnel packages. They rapidly deploy robust communications capabilities to support the Air Force Joint Forces Air Component Commander. Members of the 282d contributed to an Air Forces Africa Air Expeditionary Squadron supporting Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa. The 282d additionally provided a roving team of personnel conducting contingency communications operations throughout US Central Command's area of responsibility.

Fighting America's wars will always be our primary mission and the Soldiers and Airmen of the Rhode Island National Guard have continued their legacy of service and sacrifice to our nation.





FIGHTING AMERICA'S WARS

During the past year, our units have increased their readiness and honed their combat skills by conducting world class collective training events across the globe.

The 103rd Field Artillery conducted air assault training, an artillery live fire exercise in Vermont, and demonstrated their capability in August at 'Northern Strike', a NORTHCOM sponsored multinational, combined arms live-fire exercise involving more than 5,500 service members from 11 states and eight partner nations at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

The RI Army National Guard remained active in the northeast region. The RING's CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) Search and Extraction team conducted an external evaluation exercise at Joint Base Cape Cod in April 2018. The CERFP worked in tandem with other New England Regional CERFP teams ensuring interoperability. Alpha Company, 1-182nd Infantry culminated a yearlong training progression at Fort Drum, NY in August 2018. They conducted weapons training

JOINT TRAINING EXERCISES

qualifications and collective squad and platoon live fire validations. Additionally the 182nd participated in an air assault operation along with Infantry units from the Massachusetts National Guard at Camp Edwards.

“Rhode Island National Guard routinely demonstrated capacity to plan, mobilize for, and execute military operations.”

Several of the past year's training events involved RING units collaborating with our partners in Europe. Charlie Company, 1-143rd Infantry (Airborne) deployed to Romania in 2017 in support of "Operation Saber Guardian." They again deployed to Poland in 2018 in support of the multi-national EUCOM sponsored 'Operation Saber Strike.' Here they conducted realistic combat training and airborne operations and a platoon of Italian Infantry was fully integrated into their company. A contingent from the RING's 115th Military Police Company rotated through the 'Austere

Challenge' NATO exercise in Grafenwöhr, Germany. Elements of the RI Air National Guard's 143d Airlift Wing participated in "Silver Arrow 2018". The Airlift Squadron and Operation Support Squadron contributed to this Latvian-hosted, NATO partner exercise critical to the Strategic European Defense Initiative.

Training and capacity development progressed within the state as the 243rd Regional Training Institute continued its curriculum including the Basic Military Police Course open to students from the total Army force. Alpha Company of the 2/19th Special Forces Group placed additional emphasis during the past fiscal year on the development of potential candidates for the Special Forces Qualification Course by creating training to evaluate them.

The military professionals in the Rhode Island National Guard routinely demonstrate capacity to plan, mobilize for, and execute military operations as well as their ability to synchronize with other DoD elements, allied international forces, and interagency partners.





SECURING THE HOMELAND

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

The Rhode Island National Guard remains responsive and accessible. We are able to leverage warfighting training and capacity in response to domestic emergencies under the command and control of the governor. RING members live in every community in Rhode Island. They fulfill the unique dual federal-state mandate of the National Guard, simultaneously contributing to the nation's warfighting capacity and serving as the nation's primary military domestic crisis response force.

As fiscal year 2018 began, the Rhode Island Air National Guard's 143d Airlift Wing was engaged in continuing humanitarian efforts. When three hurricanes hit the US in succession in 2017, the 143d deployed maintenance capability to the region in a matter of hours staging out of a southern base coordinating aircraft from many states for the effort. The 143d supported 16 missions and moved 1000 passengers and 220,000 pounds of cargo. The Logistics and Readiness Squadron was directly involved, working 131 missions moving over 1800 passengers and 2600 tons of

cargo in response to the hurricanes. The 143d Medical Group sent 15 members to Puerto Rico last August in support of Ola de Esperanza Sandor Innovative Readiness Training. This mission resulted in the completion of 21,706 training hours, serviced 3,620 patients, and delivered over one million dollars in value of medical, dental, and optometry services.

As cybersecurity has increased in national priority, the role of Guard members in securing networks and infrastructure has become increasingly critical. Members of the RIANG's 102d Cyber Operations Squadron provide weekly support directly to the RI State Police Fusion Center to assess the cyber health of municipalities and state agencies.

The RING helped design "Cyber Yankee", the flagship New England regional exercise focused on training and exercising Army and Air National Guard cyber defense teams from each of the New England states. The exercise focuses on responding to simulated cyber-attacks at an inter-state, inter-service and interagency level. In addition

to the National Guard elements, the exercise includes multiple government agencies including DHS, FBI, FEMA, and US Secret Service. It also leverages institutions like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratories and MITRE Corporation.

During states emergencies, the RING is the first military responder supporting civil authorities in a state duty status. By training with state and federal emergency managers, the National Guard and its numerous partners ensure a unified, rapid response.

The 143d Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron members conducted a Field Force Operations Course with emergency management professionals, state police, and their army counterparts. This course provided the knowledge and skills to perform crowd control formations, inculcate team tactics, and approach scaling detainment operations during mass civil disorder scenarios.





SECURING THE HOMELAND

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The Rhode Island National Guard delivers innovation, technology, and planning capability to address emergent domestic problems. Innovation is inherent throughout the National Guard as we harness the intellectual capital available from the men and women in uniform who bring unique solutions to problem sets using their dual-life military and civilian experiences.

The RING continues to be a regional leader in the cyber domain. The Air 102d Cyberspace Operations Squadron and Army Computer Network Defense Team (CND) play a critical role in the State's Joint Cyber Task Force-RI. The primary focus for state support is to coordinate with, train, advise, and assist users from government agencies, municipalities, and civilian organizations in cyber protection best practices and network defense. Airmen from the squadron work directly with the RI State Police, RI Emergency Management and government organizations assessing network security policies and procedures and improving cybersecurity information sharing practices.

The RING's 13th Civil Support Team

(CST) supports civil authorities at an incident site by providing presumptive field analysis of CBRNE agents or unknown substances in support of a life-safety nexus. The CST consists of 22 fulltime, active duty military personnel that deploy in support of domestic emergencies. The CST conducted numerous real world missions in support of federal, State, and local authorities during the past year. The preponderance of this support to law enforcement agencies is directly tied to the current opioid crisis in Rhode Island. In particular, the use, manufacture, and distribution of illicit fentanyl and its derivatives. Through outreach initiatives and response efforts, the CST has established relationships with the US Postal Inspection Service, the RI State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, and local law enforcement by providing officers and other first-responders with hazardous materials expertise and an overall awareness of life-safety measures and mitigation techniques. They provide civil authorities with timely assessments of unknown substances which feeds efforts in public safety.

The Rhode Island National Guard's Counter Drug (RING-CD) program is a daily current domestic support mission predominantly providing Investigative Case and Analysis Support to law enforcement agencies that have a drug nexus. Agencies supported over the past year include the RI State Police, RI State Police Financial Crimes Unit, US Drug Enforcement Administration, US Postal Inspectors, US Internal Revenue Service, US Food and Drug Administration, US Marshal Service. RING-CD has recently procured a Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer. This device supports the state of RI's efforts to combat the dramatic effects of opioid abuse. The RI Department of Health Forensic Toxicology Laboratory previously identified a significant lag in confirming the presence of illicit trace evidence to the Law Enforcement community. This device, and RING memorandum of agreement with the Department of Health, targets that capability gap. This system began supporting casework in RI during this past fiscal year.





BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Rhode Island National Guard continues its tradition of international engagement, building enduring relationships, and improving our partners' capabilities and resilience.

The RING continues its relationship with the Commonwealth of the Bahamas through the auspices of the National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program and NORTHCOM. Military professionals from the RING conducted multiple subject matter expert exchanges with their Bahamian counterparts, including events focused on cyber, engineering, medical, and aviation disciplines. The RING training supported a SOUTHCOM managed national exercise, TRADEWINDS 2018, which was a combined arms exercise featuring more than 300 Soldiers from over seven different countries. The RING also collaborated with our colleagues in Portugal to determine the feasibility of future training partnerships.

The 143d Airlift Wing is renowned for their successful C-130J cargo plane international training program. In the past year the 143d maintenance group has

hosted international partners at Quonset and sent training teams to France, Saudi Arabia and Oman. The wing participated in realistic training events overseas including 'Tradewinds' in the Bahamas, "Silver Arrow" in Germany, and support of the National Science Foundation in Thule, Greenland.

“This is the 35th year that RI has hosted this unique event and it featured airborne Soldiers from nine countries competing for the title of ‘world’s best paratrooper.’”

The Rhode Island National Guard remains a leader in the international Airborne community. The RING's own "Leapfest" international static line parachute competition was conducted in August of 2018. This is the 35th year that RI has hosted this unique event which featured airborne soldiers from nine countries competing for the title of "world's best paratrooper." 56th Troop Command, lead planners for Leapfest, later took part in an international airborne exchange in the

Netherlands commemorating Operation Market Garden. Charlie Company, 1-143d Infantry partnered with Italian Paratroopers while training in Poland as part of Operation Saber Strike. Additionally, RING paratroopers from the 143d conducted airborne training operations in Poland alongside soldiers from the Israeli Defense Force showcasing their ability to work together as a cohesive, unified force. After the exercise, members of the 143d were awarded Israeli paratrooper wings.

In June 2018, the 1-126th Aviation Battalion integrated the Spanish Army Aviation Task Force (Task Force Toro) into rotary wing operations in southern Iraq. RING aircrews assisted with providing local area orientations for the new Spanish aircrews prior to Task Force Toro missions.

Alpha Company, 2-19 Special Forces Group maintains the capacity to organize, train, and assist foreign militaries to protect their citizens as a core mission of Special Forces. In the past year, Operational Detachments from Alpha 2-19 took part in rotations in Korea and conducted a Joint Combined Exchange Training in Bangladesh.





BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

faithfully defended our Nation.

“The RING Coordinated support to well over 125 civic events.”

The Rhode Island National Guard remains a fixture in the community. As the state’s military component, the RING has always considered community involvement and connecting with our citizens as one of its primary responsibilities.

The RING is well known throughout the Ocean State for our annual summer Open House Airshow. This past June we opened our doors at the Quonset Point Air National Guard Base to 85,000 of our friends and neighbors and offering them a chance to get to know their National Guard while showcasing military professionalism and Department of Defense capabilities.

Additionally, the RING coordinated support to well over 125 local civic events. These included Color Guards, 88th Army Band performances, static displays of military equipment, participation in parades, and military speakers.

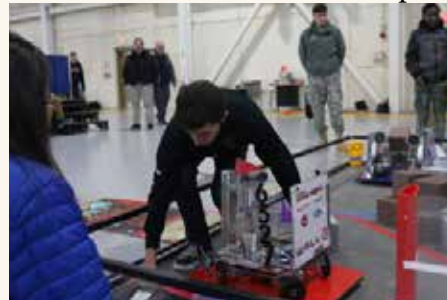
Our Military Funeral Honors Program takes pride in delivering the ceremonial paying of respect and the final demonstration of the country’s gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have

Over the past three years, the RING has introduced innovative events featuring collaboration with industry and education to inspire students toward achievement in science and technology. The RING hosted a fall robotics event for the second year at the Army Aviation Support Facility. The RING has additionally hosted “RIse with STEAM” events the past two summers where over 500 local high school students participated in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematic (STEAM) exhibits and presentations showcasing Rhode Island’s capabilities, opportunities, and points of contact for STEAM involvement within the state the RING cyber infrastructure maintains active involvement with Cyber Patriot, the National Youth Cyber Education Program initially developed by the Air Force Association to inspire K-12 students to pursue

cybersecurity.

The RING is dedicated to remaining a learning organization and has continued to invest time and resources to improve our planning, thinking, and metacognitive methodologies. The RIARNG and Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) jointly hosted an iteration of RISD’s “Institute for Design and Public Policy” involving collaborators from Special Operations Command North, Joint Special Operations University, and other state and law enforcement agencies last January. The represented agencies built their design capacity through an iterative, experience-based workshop addressing complex public policy issues associated with “narcotrafficking.” By developing imaginative solutions and inspiring our culture to be more willing to evolve and change through events such as this, we become a stronger, more efficient, and effective National Guard.

The RING is a unique military entity due to our surface area with the state of Rhode Island and our connection to the community. We are proud to be “Rhode Island’s Home Team.”





OUR SOLDIERS, AIRMEN, AND FAMILIES

There is nothing more important to the readiness of the National Guard than our people. The RING mission requires a capable, diverse, and healthy force of men and women committed to a common purpose. Each of our 3,000 service members and 770 fulltime employees is a valued member of the RING family integral to the accomplishment of our core missions.

"We are dependent on ethical and caring leaders who motivate, inspire, and retain the Soldiers and Airmen who are placed in their trust."

To preserve our honorable profession and sustain our combat readiness, we are dependent on ethical and caring leaders who motivate, inspire, and retain the Soldiers and Airmen who are placed in their trust. We support member development through a focus

on mentorship and we provide critical feedback to all of our members through formalized programs. At any one time, about one fifth of our organization is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate level civilian education programs.

There are abundant opportunities for personal and professional growth for those who volunteer to serve within our ranks. Today's Citizen Soldiers and Airmen attain a higher degree of specialized training and education than ever before. All members of our ranks receive the same individual military and technical training as their active duty counterparts. Each member within our formations are trained, educated, and resourced to accomplish both global and local missions.

Fostering meaningful relationships with our families so that they are well cared for when a service member deploys is critical for the RING. Our Military Family Programs office and Family Assistance Center, headquartered in Cranston, RI, are instrumental in leveraging and integrating

national Department of Defense programs including the "Yellow Ribbon" post deployment reintegration program and Family Assistance programs and employer outreach.

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The RING is a trusted Rhode Island institution charged with the care of our society's most precious resources, the sons and daughters of our citizens. As such, the RING is committed to providing a workplace that is healthy, safe, and diverse, as well as free from internal and external physical threats and harassment. We value the lives and wellbeing of all of those who serve within our ranks and seek to uphold all aspects of resiliency; including assisting with service member health and suicide prevention.





JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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LOCATION
CRANSTON, RI

COMMANDER
MAJ. GEN. CHRISTOPHER CALLAHAN

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM MOISES MONIZ

The Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) synchronizes, supports, and directs the land and air components within the Rhode Island National Guard. The JFHQ is organized and staffed to simultaneously address organizational needs across our multiple missions by providing member services, coordinating domestic response, maintaining military readiness, collaborating with our partners, and providing trained and capable forces for our nation's wars.

The Directorate of Military Personnel (G1) provides expertise and resources through the full spectrum of human resources. The Directorate provides service and support to our members and their families. The Soldier Support Division supports two functional programs; education services and the resilience and risk reduction program.

The RING G2 provides manages the organizations intelligence, security, and information operations and provides training and support to intelligence and security professionals.

The G3 Operations Directorate is the lead operations integrator shaping the Rhode Island National Guard into a premier ready force postured for domestic and global responses. The G3 directs the planning, resourcing, coordination, and execution of all operations in support of federal and state missions. Additionally to G3 Directorate coordinated military support to civilian authorities. This includes planning for, preparation for, prevention of, deterrence of and response to threats and aggression towards US infrastructure, and the support to civil entities in crisis management, consequence management and domestic support.

Sustainment and maintenance operations are managed by the Directorate of Logistics (G4). The G4 coordinates logistics functions and management programs based on regulations, guidance, and direction in order to prepare units for combat operations and state emergencies. This office also provides logistics automation, military



transportation, supply management, and supports food service activities to support all subordinate unit requirements and missions.

The Strategy, Policy, and Plans Directorate (G5) develops concepts and ideas into staff and component actionable items in support of the command's objectives and leads the RING's overarching strategic planning process, integrating efforts toward the attainment of the command's vision, goals, and objectives.

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Information (G6) supports RING missions and requirements by providing the architecture, governance, portfolio management, information technology investment strategy, and operational capabilities to enable our forces and partners within information, communication, and cyber domains.

The G7 Training Directorate organizes and coordinates training activity conducted by a RING and ensures resources are allocated to proficiency development that directly supports our key requirements.

The United States Property & Fiscal Officer (G8) manages all federal funds and assets assigned to the RING to support

training, materiel and equipment in accordance with applicable federal laws. It accomplishes this mission through its five divisions: Comptroller, Contracting, Internal Review, Logistics, and Data Processing.

The RING Joint Force Headquarters is additionally supported by specialized staff professionals including the Judge Advocate General, Inspector General, Chaplain, and Public Affairs sections. Multiple Direct Reporting Units provide unique capabilities to the state and report directly to the JFHQ including:

The RING Medical Detachment located in Providence, RI, plans, coordinates, and executes all health force efforts, maintains and manages electronic healthcare records of Soldiers, oversees the transfer and transition of Soldier healthcare information between units, civilian medical organizations, and federal agencies.

The 243rd Regional Training Institute in Narragansett, RI, provides military occupational specialty qualification training, leadership and professional development training, and instructor qualification training. They currently host and teach Officer Candidate School, Basic Military Police

Course, and Pre-Command Course.

The RIARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion conducts strength maintenance operations supporting recruiting, retention, and attrition management. They provide promote opportunities for service and foster increased public awareness of the Rhode Island Army National Guard.

The Special Operations Detachment - Global support the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) in planning and execution of special operations by providing Command and Control capabilities with a detachment of Special Forces personnel. This detachment provides depth and ensures that SOCOM is postured to meet global mission requirements.

The 13th Civil Support Team located in Coventry, RI, provides chemical, biological, and nuclear detection and analysis capabilities to support federal and state law enforcement agencies during state emergencies or other critical events. The 13th CST collaborates with federal, state, and municipal emergency response organizations to increase local and national readiness for a variety of potential incidents, including industrial accident or domestic or foreign terrorism.



UNITS OF 56TH TROOP COMMAND

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LOCATION
CAMP FOGARTY

COMMANDER
COL. ELLIS HOPKINS III

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM RUSSELL S. PION

The 56th Troop Command provides mission command, administrative, and logistical support to A 2/19, A 1/182, C 1/143, 110th PAD, 1-126th GSAB, 88th Army Band, and the 861st Engineer Company during peacetime training and state emergencies. Additionally they host Leapfest annually, the largest static line parachute competition in the world.



A Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group is headquartered in Middletown, RI. The Soldiers of Alpha 2/19 are unique professionals with an innovative approach to waging war. Falling under the umbrella of Special Operations Forces (SOF), Special Forces is the United States military's premier Unconventional Warfare force. The missions undertaken by National Guard Special Forces encompass a broad spectrum of capabilities, including Unconventional Warfare, Counter-Terrorism, Direct Action, Foreign Internal Defense, and Special

Reconnaissance. Operating in self-sufficient teams comprised 12 individuals, National Guard Special Forces soldiers are well-suited for both sensitive and demanding missions that require mental agility as well as physical stamina. Alpha 2/19 features combat diver and military freefall (HALO) specialists and additionally supports training and selection of Soldiers for SF career entry and development.



The 1-126th General Support Aviation Battalion provides command and control, air movement of troops and material, and aeromedical evacuation to battlefield commanders. Additionally they provide search and rescue, evacuation, and air movement capabilities to Rhode Island during state emergencies. The 1-126th is a self-supporting unit capable of full spectrum flight operations. Its members serve a broad spectrum of capacities including pilots, crew chiefs,



flight medics, air and ground mechanics, and flight operations personnel.



Alpha Company, 1/182nd Infantry, is a light infantry company headquartered in East Greenwich, RI, whose mission is to close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver to destroy or capture, repel their assault by fire, and counterattack. Alpha Company maintains a multi-state training relationship with the 182nd Infantry Battalion located in Massachusetts and participated in collective air assault training operations in the past year at Camp Edwards, MA.

Charlie Company, 1/143rd Infantry (Airborne) company headquartered in East Greenwich, RI. The 143rd Infantry Battalion is headquartered in Texas. The battalion, including Rhode Island's Charlie Company, continues to serve as the 3rd maneuver Battalion for the 173rd IBCT (Airborne) out of Vicenza Italy highlighting a unique training relationship between active duty and National Guard maneuver units.

Charlie Company's paratroopers deployed to Romania in 2017 in support of "Operation Saber Guardian" and Poland in 2018 in support of "Operation Saber Strike".



The 861st Engineer Company provides horizontal construction, limited vertical construction, and survey capability while conducting engineer operations that include initial base camp construction, non-explosive obstacle breaching, area clearing, and construction of aircraft operations platforms in support of Brigade Combat Teams. Additionally, the 861st provides support to civil authorities in order to open and maintain key ground and protect critical infrastructure. The 861st also provides search and extraction capabilities to New England CERFP and civil authorities in order to rescue and recover personnel and equipment from collapsed structures.



The 88th Army Band serves as a combat multiplier by supporting morale and esprit de corps to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Rhode Island National Guard. These soldiers also serve an important role in public outreach, engaging with more than 100,000 audience members annually on behalf of the Rhode Island National Guard.



The 110th Public Affairs Detachment provides media relations and logistical and operational control of media members on the battlefield. Domestically the 110th PAD supports the Rhode Island Army National Guard's media relations, community engagement, and command information efforts through written and graphical media. During state emergencies they assist in keeping the public informed by engaging with media and publishing command-released information.



UNITS OF THE 43D MP BDE

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LOCATION
WARWICK ARMORY

COMMANDER
COL. JAVIER A. REINA

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM ROBERT S. WALL



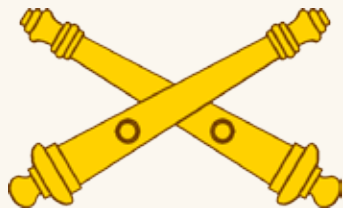
The 43d Military Police Brigade serves as the command element for the 118th Military Police Battalion and the 1/103d Field Artillery Battalion. They have the capability to conduct and oversee all three military police disciplines; police operations, detention operations, and security and mobility support. Additionally, the Brigade functions as the regional Military Police command headquarters and the State's National Guard Task Force Headquarters. They are capable of supporting domestic response, and providing protection measures to critical infrastructure to promote stability and security in the state. In 2017, the HHC, 43d Military Police Brigade deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 118th Military Police Battalion is based at the Warwick Armory where they provide command and control, administrative, and logistical support to the 169th Military Police Company and 115th Military Police Company during peacetime training and state emergencies. They provide administrative and logistical support to prison operations in contingency operations while deployed.

The 115th Military Police Company is located at Camp Fogarty in East Greenwich, and provides maneuver and mobility support, area security, law and order operations, and internment and resettlement operations to battlefield commanders. Domestically the 115th can be counted on to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, and other support functions for state emergencies. The more than 160 person company contains all the communications, maintenance, supply, and mess-section personnel necessary to self-sustain during operations.



The 169th Military Police Company is located at the Warren Armory provides maneuver and mobility support, area security, law and order operations, and internment and resettlement operations to battlefield commanders. During peacetime they can be activated to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, and other support functions for state emergencies. The more than 130 person company contains all the communications, maintenance, supply, and mess-section personnel necessary to self-sustain during operations.



The 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery, provides conventional and precision cannon artillery fires capabilities to battlefield commanders in order to neutralize or suppress the enemy. The Battalion is equipped with twelve M777A2 155mm howitzers that are towed by truck or transported by helicopter.

In peace time the Battalion is trained and equipped to handle mass decontamination in the case of a nuclear, biological, or chemical emergency.

The Headquarters and Alpha Batteries are located in the historic Armory of Mounted Commands in Providence. Bravo Battery and Charlie Battery are stationed in North Smithfield and Bristol, respectively. The 103rd traces its lineage to the Providence Marine Corps of Artillery, which was activated in the American Civil War and the Spanish-American War. The 103rd served the state and nation in World War I, World War II, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

During the past year, 103rd participated in "Northern Strike", a joint multinational combined arms live-fire exercise involving more than 5,500 service members from 11 states and eight coalition countries at Camp Grayling, MI. The 103rd also marked the centennial anniversary of the unit's service in World War I as a part of the New England-based 26th "Yankee" Division of the American Expeditionary Forces.



The 1207th Forward Support Company is headquartered in East Greenwich, RI. The 1207th is a multifunctional logistical support unit that provides transportation, supply, maintenance, and food service support to their assigned maneuver battalions in order to sustain unified land combat operations. In peace time they are trained and equipped to handle mass decontamination in the case of a nuclear, biological, or chemical emergency.



UNITS OF THE 143D AIRLIFT WING

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LOCATION
QUONSET ANGB

COMMANDER
COL. MICHAEL COMSTOCK

ENLISTED LEADER
CMSGT. GREGORY HOUGHTON

The 143d Airlift Wing's mission is to serve as the premier C-130J Combat Airpower, Cyber, and Combat Communications center of excellence, meeting all federal and state support requirements while providing maximum assistance to their national and international partners.

The **143d Airlift Wing** is comprised of approximately 1000 Airmen in four major groups, the Mission Support Group, Operations Group, Maintenance Group and Medical Group. Each group consists of squadrons of specialized Airmen.

The **143d Mission Support Group** includes Airmen from the 143d Logistics Readiness Squadron, 143d Civil Engineering Squadron, 143d Security Forces Squadron, 143d Force Support Squadron, 143d Communications Flight, and the 282d Combat Communications Squadron.

The mission of the **143d Logistics Readiness Squadron** is to provide overall direction for base logistics processes related to vehicle management, cargo movement,

passenger movement, aerial delivery, supplies, equipment, fuels and deployment planning and execution. This is accomplished by establishing and maintaining a ready, relevant, customer-focused Logistics Readiness Squadron while fostering a positive employee work environment.

The **143d Civil Engineer Squadron** is responsible for Quonset State Airport, RI. The squadron performs the operation, maintenance, repair and construction of real property to effectively sustain Quonset's land and facilities. They are responsible for base fire protection services for the entire airfield, base readiness, environmental programs, natural resource programs, and real property management.

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and equip mission ready personnel to provide a safe and secure environment for personnel, resources, and information in support of their Nation, State, and Community. These Airmen are able to accomplish this task by having the best trained, best equipped, fully staffed, combat ready Security Forces Squadron ready and capable to meet every State and Federal mission tasked.

The 143d Force Support Squadron is responsible for providing military and civilian personnel, manpower and organization, education, professional military education, career enhancement, Airman and family support services, sustainment and quality of life programs for military and civilian members and families of 143d Airlift Wing.

The mission of the **143d Communications Flight** is to provide robust, reliable and compliant communications tools to serve the Rhode Island National Guard's domestic and federal mission requirements. They plan, install, operate and maintain the full spectrum of communication system and services to ensure the successful mission execution of the 143d Airlift Wing, 102d Network Warfare Squadron and 282d Combat Communications Squadron.



The Dual Mission of the **282nd Combat Communications Squadron** is to rapidly deploy an integrated force capable of establishing initial and build-up Command and Control; Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance communications; and Information Operations capabilities to support the war fighter during times of war and federal/state agencies during homeland emergencies.

The 143d Operations Group works to provide premier tactical airlift support and exceptional Department of Defense Information Network and Air Force Information Network protection for combatant commanders, federal and state authorities during times of international conflict and domestic emergencies.

The 143d Airlift Squadron provides 16 combat ready crews operating eight Lockheed-Martin C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. The C-130 tactical airlift mission includes airland, night vision goggle, austere airfield, aeromedical and airdrop capabilities in global joint and combined exercises, combat, contingencies and humanitarian relief operations.

The 102d Cyberspace Operations

works directly with the RI State Police, RI Emergency Management and government organizations assessing network security policies and procedures and improving cybersecurity information sharing practices. The primary focus for state support is to coordinate with, train, advise, and assist users in cyber protection best practices and network defense.

The 143d Maintenance Group provides eight safe, reliable and effective C130J aircraft and maintenance capability to the 143d Operations Group and Airlift Wing for their continental US and worldwide combat missions. The 143d Maintenance Group has provided in-depth International training both here in Rhode Island and in host countries, most recently France, Saudi Arabia and Oman.

The 143d Medical Group provides medical support to the Rhode Island Air National Guard by ensuring that members are medically capable of performing their duties, both at home and deployed, and by monitoring and recommending mitigation for occupational health hazards. In addition to our mission at home, the unit has a 25 person expeditionary medicine team that can deploy to augment existing field hospitals.

FINANCE

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The RING provides a significant economic impact to the state of Rhode Island. In 2018, federal funds accounted for over \$110 million in military and civilian pay for Rhode Islanders. Over \$47.7 million in federal funds supported goods and services, in particular, military construction in Rhode Island.

BY THE NUMBERS:

STATE EXPENDITURES

\$6,093,327

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

\$158,275,347

TOTAL STATE AND
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

\$164,368,674

STATE ECONOMIC IMPACT
\$279,426,746

RING Employment in Rhode Island:

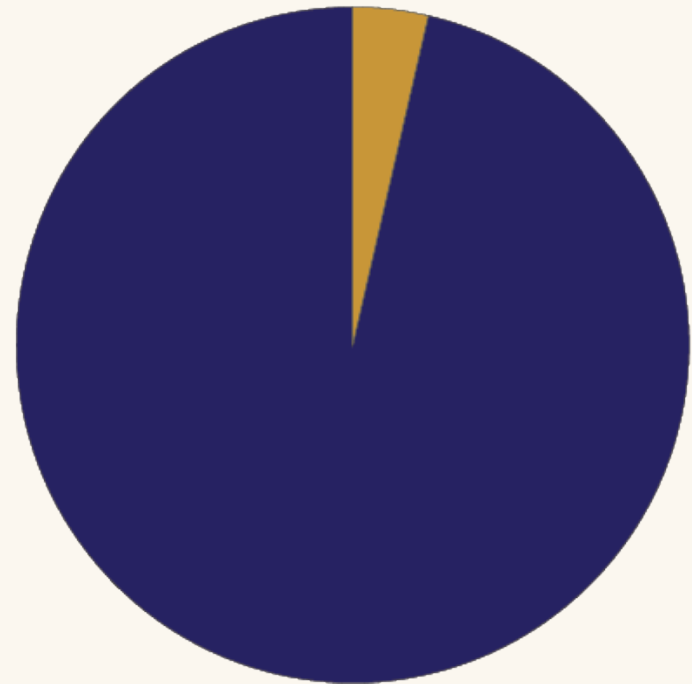
TRADITIONAL GUARDSMEN

3000

FULL-TIME JOBS IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR

770

STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE RING



STATE OF RI EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR 2018

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Salary/Wages and Benefits	1,503,313
Contracted Professional Services	72,646
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,510,970
Assistance and Grants	268,856
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,737,542
Total State Expenditures:	\$6,093,327

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
General Revenue	2,976,112
Restricted Recipients	38,728
Operating Transfers from Other	3,078,487
Total State Revenue:	\$6,093,327

The new Joint Force Headquarters is an example of the RING's economic impact on our state. In a 2015 study, the RING's activities added a total of \$307.7 million to the state's economy. Our organization also created \$163.1 million in labor income for households in Rhode Island in 2015, while supporting 4,708 full and part-time jobs which included 3,198 Soldiers and Airmen.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES IN RHODE ISLAND

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Military Pay	72,681,046
Civilian Pay	37,884,911
Goods & Services	35,520,627
Military Construction Funds Disbursed	12,188,763
Total Federal Expenditures:	\$158,275,347

In the past year, each single state dollar invested in the Rhode Island National Guard has leveraged \$37 dollars in federal expenditure within our state.



Construction of new JFHQ at Camp Fogarty



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