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FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

This past year began with our second highest federal deployment tempo since 9/11, with your National Guard units forward deployed to every geographic combatant command across the globe and serving with distinction. Over the past 12 months your Rhode Island National Guard completed deployments to Oman, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Cuba, and the South Pacific. As I write this letter, we still have units serving in Kosovo, Iraq, Syria, and along the Southwest Boarder in Texas, with return dates scheduled well into 2024.

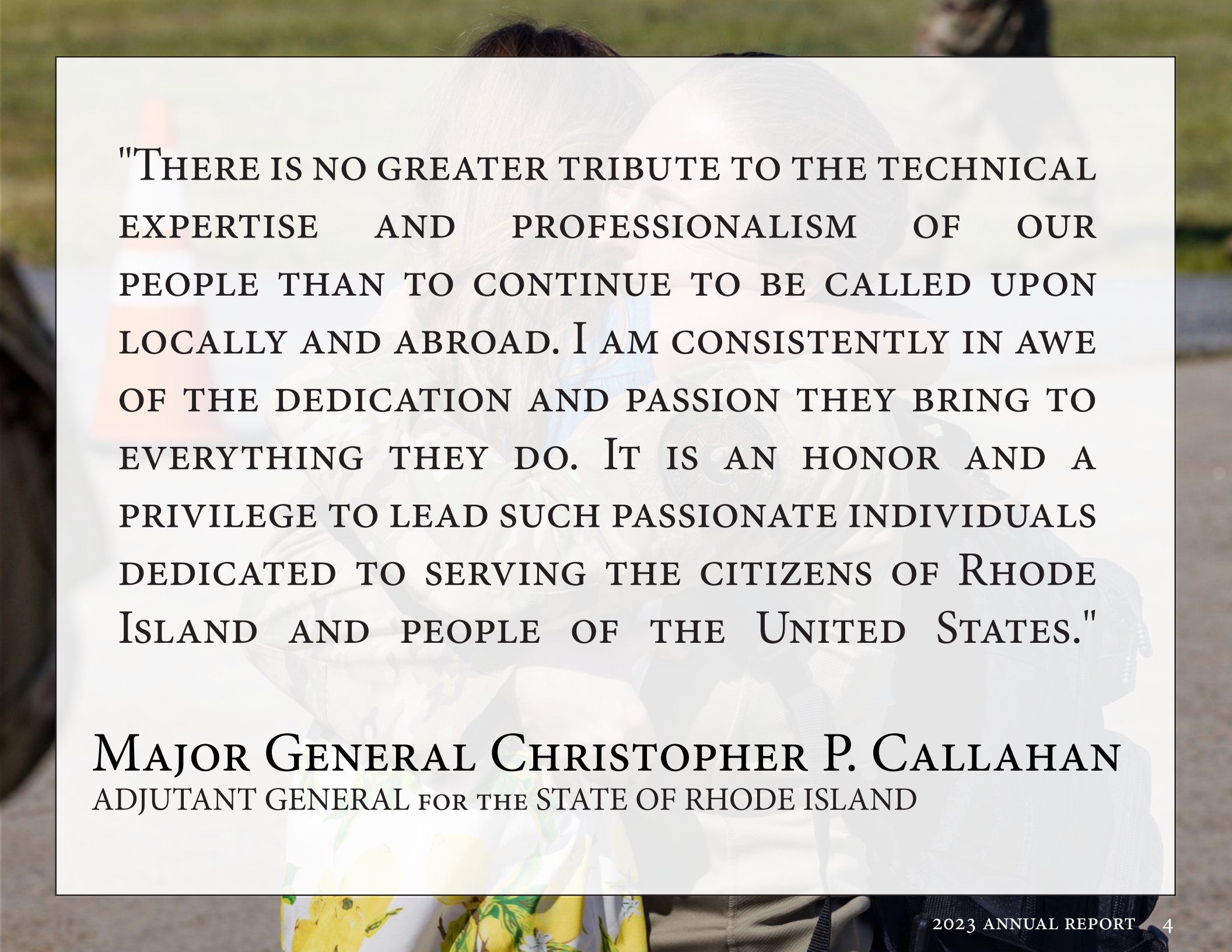
2023 was a transition year for our organization because even as we greeted our returning units, and our Soldiers and Airmen set about reintegrating with their families, friends, and employers, we look forward to 2024 and the hard work of reconstituting and refitting these units for their continued service ahead. The world promises us more challenges, not fewer. Your Rhode Island National Guard will continue to meet those challenges at home and abroad with the selfless determination that lies at the heart of all uniformed service.

Most of our Service Members balance their uniformed service with their civilian careers, pursuits of higher education, and caring for their families. I am consistently in awe of the commitment and passion they bring to everything they do. Today, the 3,100 Service Members of your Rhode Island National Guard embody the spirit of service that permeates our organization's 384-year legacy. It is an honor and a privilege to lead such dedicated individuals serving the citizens of Rhode Island and the people of the United States.

On behalf of the Rhode Island National Guard, thank you for your continued support of Rhode Island's home team. Without the teamwork and assistance of our families, friends, communities, and employers we could not do what it is that we do. With your continued support we will continue to keep our enduring promise to the people of Rhode Island to be Always Ready, Always There.


MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER P. CALLAHAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND





"THERE IS NO GREATER TRIBUTE TO THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND PROFESSIONALISM OF OUR PEOPLE THAN TO CONTINUE TO BE CALLED UPON LOCALLY AND ABROAD. I AM CONSISTENTLY IN AWE OF THE DEDICATION AND PASSION THEY BRING TO EVERYTHING THEY DO. IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO LEAD SUCH PASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS DEDICATED TO SERVING THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES."

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RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD COMMAND ORGANIZATION



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OVERSEAS MISSIONS

2023 began with multiple Rhode Island National Guard units already deployed overseas in support of ongoing US operations around the globe. All told, nearly 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen, representing all of the major commands within the RING, mobilized away from home throughout 2023.

Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 182d Infantry Regiment completed a deployment to CENTCOM in support of Operation Spartan Shield from August 2022 until April 2023. They served as security forces (SECFOR) for a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) Regiment and conducted missions in Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel.

The 43d Military Police Brigade Headquarters Detachment, based in Cranston, Rhode Island, deployed to Guantanamo Bay Cuba from October 2022 until August 2023 in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. They provided operational, administrative, and logistical support to Joint Task Force Guantanamo and the ongoing detention

operations there. This was the unit's third deployment to Guantanamo Bay since 2002 and its fifth OCONUS deployment since 9/11.

The 169th Military Police Company, based in Warwick, Rhode Island, completed a Title 10 mobilization the Southwest Border (SWB) in Texas that ran from October 2022 until November 2023. They played a critical role in supporting border security and facilitating interstate and interagency cooperation throughout the mission.

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The 143d Airlift Wing, based in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, deployed more than 250 Airmen and 7 aircraft around the world throughout the year. Members of the 143d supported counterterrorism missions in the Horn of Africa, completed strategic objectives in Europe, and supported training and movement throughout the Pacific,

including Hawaii and Timor Leste. Additionally, members of the 143d Wing's cybersecurity squadron completed Title 10 missions in New Jersey.

The 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, stationed in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, alongside Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Airborne Infantry Regiment and the 110th Public Affairs Detachment, both stationed in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, deployed to Kosovo in June 2023, as a part of Joint Task Force Texans, in support of Operation Joint Guardian and the NATO led peacekeeping mission there, known as KFOR. The Soldiers of the RING provided medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) capabilities to the international mission and ensured a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement to all of Kosovo. All three units are scheduled to return to Rhode Island in late winter 2024.

The Special Operations Detachment – Global (SOD-G), stationed in Coventry, Rhode Island, deployed to Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, and Turkey in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The SOD-G is scheduled to return to Rhode Island in early Spring 2024.



JOINT TRAINING EXERCISES

Joint Training Exercises are typically cross-disciplinary scenarios involving multiple Department of Defense (DoD) branches alongside partner nation militaries and/or government agencies at the federal, state, and municipal levels. These scenarios seek to simulate realistic operational demands on units and staffs, scaling from the simplest single-task operation performed by a single joint team to regionally spanning digital battlefields with live opposition force (OPFOR) role players. Participation in these exercises is a critical part of honing individual and unit skill sets and maintaining readiness through all levels of the organization.

The 143d Airlift Wing participated in PACIFIC ANGEL (PACANGEL) Exercises Cope North 23 and Mongolia, where they worked with US Pacific Air Force in field training exercises focused on trilateral airborne integration of large force employment, humanitarian aid, and disaster relief with key Pacific partner nations, including Nepal, Thailand, Mongolia, and Australia. Additionally, the 143d played a key role in in-processing 11 of their New Zealand Airforce counterparts for an international training

opportunity here at Quonset, and were instrumental in ensuring that our Kiwi friends and their families had the proper benefits and entitlements so they could focus on their training and international partnerships with the U.S.

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A Co, 2/19th Special Forces Group (SFG), based in Middletown, Rhode Island, participated in Exercise Trident Spectre 2023, hosted by Naval Special Warfare Group 8. This exercise provided a hybrid, multi-domain environment in which to execute joint and combined training, as well as experiment with new technologies. Additionally, the SFG met with their Hungarian Special Operations Forces (SOF) counterparts to begin planning for Ridge Runner 24-02, a multi-national training exercise involving SOF units from Hungary, Georgia, Poland, and Croatia.

The 56th Quartermaster Rigger Support Team (RST) supported Operation Falcon Leap, a joint training event to commemorate Operation Overlord in St. Mere Eglise, France that simultaneously honors the American paratroopers' role in the D-Day invasion, as well as practicing NATO Airborne interoperability.

In November 2021, the 1-126th Aviation Battalion participated in Operation JUDGE QUEST; a 30-day joint exercise with US Special Operations Command (USASOC) in Nevada that supported key assessment and selection of specialized personnel in an extreme desert environment. The battalion supported the exercise with 2 Blackhawk helicopters and a crew that included aircrew members, maintainers, and fuelers. They provided CASEVAC, general support, and air movement operations in support of this mission.



DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

The 1st Battalion, 103d Field Artillery Regiment (FAR), based in Providence, Rhode Island, provided a warming shelter for dozens of homeless Rhode Islanders for nearly six months. During this mission the Soldiers of the 1/103d FAR provided around the clock life and services support, medical care, and when necessary, life-saving care. For their heroism, selfless devotion to the people of Rhode Island, and quick reactions to medical emergencies that saved numerous lives, 10 Rhode Island Star Medals were awarded to Soldiers of the 1/103d FAR. 1st Lt. Ardy Jagne, the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the warming shelter mission, was awarded the first Rhode Island Cross Medal in living memory for his selfless heroism in protecting a Rhode Island citizen from an armed attacker within his Area of Responsibility (AOR).

In April 2023, the 1/126th Aviation Battalion assisted firefighters around the state combatting wildfires in the Big River management area. The unit deployed the “Bambi Bucket”, a water distributing device slung under the body of a helicopter, to distribute more than 40,000 gallons of water on brushfires. Together with the Exeter and West Greenwich fire departments, the Rhode Island National Guard helped pre-

serve 700-850 acres of conservation land.

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The 13th Civil Support Team (CST), based in Coventry, Rhode Island, conducted more than 120 real-world missions and assists in support of Federal, State, and Local authorities. They provided the RI Emergency Management Agency, Department of Environmental Management, and the RI State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, with hazardous materials expertise and life-safety mitigation techniques. The team supported the Air Marshals with radiological and air monitoring support at various transportation hubs within the state. They supported the MA State Police and the MA Bomb Squad by providing radiological screening for various NFL team's equipment, bags, and outgoing vehicles prior to entering Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA for 11 home

games. Additionally, the unit collaborated with RIDEM and RIEMA by providing expertise and equipment in support of several large-scale events in Bristol and Newport, RI.

Overall, the Rhode Island National Guard responded to more than 80 requests for support throughout the year, including flyovers, parade support, color guards, rifle teams, traffic control, and more. Additionally, the RING Joint Operations Center (JOC) supported multiple tabletop exercises in preparation for hurricane and winter storm disasters. These joint exercises were a collaboration of RIEMA, US Army/Navy Reserve Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers and the RING.



INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The 1/126th Aviation Battalion received brand new firefighting equipment as part of a nationwide fielding to National Guard units. The unit got certified with the “Bambi Buckets” just in time to assist Exeter and West Greenwich firefighters combat brushfires in the Big River Management Area. These buckets are slung under the unit helicopters and can carry hundreds of gallons of water for precision release over areas of need. The unit also fielded and trained on the New Fast Rope Insertion and Extraction System, which enable unit aircraft to rapidly deploy forces to areas where the helicopter cannot land.

The 56th RST fielded two new pieces of equipment this year. The Mobile Asset Tracker – Automated Parachute Management (MAT-APM) is designed to reduce application configuration lead-times, be easily transferable to other commodities, scalable, and interoperable with DoD enterprise systems. It provides a field-level data collection solution and information technology environment, with artificial intelligence capabilities for predicting trends while tracking airdrop equipment by serial number (S/N) utilizing passive radio frequency identification [pRFID] and unique

item identification [UID] technology. The Joint Precision Aerial Delivery System (JAPDS 10K), nicknamed the DragonFly, is a fully autonomous cargo delivery system capable of enhancing the Soldier’s mission readiness by accurately delivering 10,000lb cargo supplies to remote locations. The system uses a global positioning system (GPS) and an advanced guidance navigation and control algorithm for precise delivery of cargo.

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A Co, 2/19th SFG (A) attended the Special Forces Robotics and Unmanned Systems Integration course (RUSIC). Training included familiarization with Army and Special Operations Command systems; master trainer duties, foreign unmanned systems; drone exploitation; fabrication and electronics; commercial-off-the-shelf drone jailbreaking and hardening; employment considerations including mapping, procurement, radio frequency survey, tactical

assault kit/android tactical assault kit integration, signature reduction; and Joint effects/target integration including the find, fix, finish, exploit, analyze, and disseminate (F3EAD) cycle, multi-domain operations considerations, and kill web.

Charlie 1/143d Airborne Infantry Company expanded its small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS) capabilities with the addition of the RQ-11B Raven and RQ-20 Puma. In Rhode Island, C Co currently has two RQ-11B Raven systems and newly fielded miniature Soldier Borne Systems (SBS). As the use of sUAS becomes increasingly relevant in the modern battlefield, C Co will emphasize the training and acquisition of additional systems.

Finally, the RING received a completely new set of modernized Joint Incident Site Communication Capability (JIS-CC) equipment in order to provide critical communication and IT connections for Defensive Support of Civilian Authorities (DSCA) missions. The JISCC provides satellite connected voice, data, video and radio accessibility between local, state and federal agencies



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

56th Troop Command, based in East Greenwich Rhode Island, hosted the 2023 Leapfest competition, an annual tradition that brings together paratroopers from around the globe and increases cross-national comradery and capability with a friendly competition and airborne jump opportunities hosted by international jump masters. This competition brings together cross disciplinary skills from around the RING and nearby state partners, including jump masters, aviation units and assets, public affairs, operations, administrative and logistical elements, and more. This year's competition was hosted at a new location in South County and featured more than 200 jumpers from 10 countries.

The Special Operations Detachment – Global (SOD-G) and 56th Quartermaster Team supported and participated in operation FALCON LEAP, a joint training event in the Netherlands that commemorates the WWII operation MARKET GARDEN, in September 2021. The event brought together US European Command (EUCOM) with paratroopers from the UK, France, Germany and the Netherlands to build interoperability between the NATO nations while also strengthening the bonds of friendship within the international

paratrooper community.

The 102d Cyber Operations Squadron (COS), based in North Kingston, Rhode Island, participated with the Emergency Management Agency through quarterly state meetings with Critical Infrastructure Key Resource partners, maintaining information sharing best practices, overview of state emergency events, and response operations. Squadron members visited high schools with local recruiters to educate on cybersecurity best practices, good cyber hygiene, and encouragement of STEM related studies.

The 143d Airlift Wing hosted its second annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) event on Quonset. This event brings together High Schools from around the state with industry representatives and regional university programs to highlight STEM career fields and opportunities in the Southern New England area. Participating students were encouraged to pursue making positive changes in the world through education and pushing scientific boundaries. This year's event grew to more than 400 students from more than 10 schools and looks to build on its success to continue growing school and industry participation in 2024.

The 88th Army Band, “The Governor’s Own”, based in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, participated in 40 musical events, including community concerts, parades, and educational engagements. They supported six memorials with an Army bugler. In total, the band played for more than 45,000 Rhode Island citizens over the course of the year.

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The RING State Partnership Program (SPP) continued strengthening its 16-year relationship with the Bahamas and 4-year relationship with Timor Leste, conducting more than 45 Key Leader Engagements, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, and regional conferences. The SPP celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2023, and leaders from the Bahamas and Timor Leste were invited to Washington D.C. for a Trilateral Key Leader Engagement in celebration.



JOINT FORCE HEADQUAR- TERS



LOCATION
EAST GREENWICH, RI

COMMANDER
MAJ. GEN. CHRISTOPHER CALLAHAN

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM MICHAEL WONG

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. This year The G1 provided essential services to 600 Service Members in support of the State's COVID-19 response. Additionally, the G1 provided wrap-around administrative services to the demobilization and reintegration efforts for the 115th Military Police Company and Company A 2-19th .

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.

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. Support included vehicle and equipment maintenance, management of meal preparation and distribution, and coordination of lodging and coordination with State and Federal entities for all classes of supply.

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, is the civilian equivalent of the office of the Chief Information Officer and serves as the primary advisor and authoritative expert to The Adjutant General, staff directorate elements, and command officials on matters pertaining to Information Management, Cyber Security, and Telecommunications.

The Training Directorate, G7, 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, Common Faculty Development-Instructor Course, and Pre-Command Course. In 2021, the 243rd conducted civil disturbance and OC Spray certification with more than 200 service members.

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.

56TH TROOP COMMAND



LOCATION
CAMP FOGARTY

COMMANDER
COL. JOHN MACDONALD

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM RICHARD WINKELMAN

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. Leapfest was cancelled in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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, material, and aeromedical evacuation to battlefield commanders. The 1-126th utilizes the UH-60 Blackhawk, as well as a fixed wing detachment transporting VIP passengers nationally and internationally, operating the C-12 platform. The Battalion provides 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 served 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.

Charlie Company, 1/143rd Infantry (Airborne) company is 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.



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.



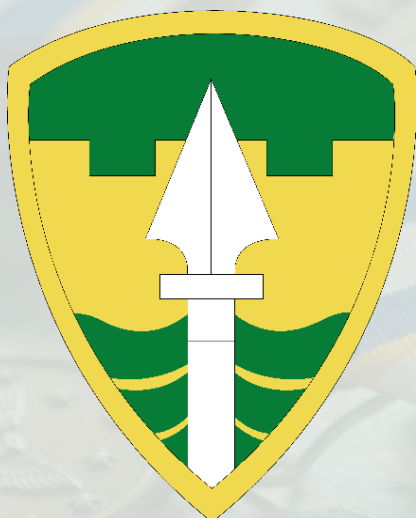
The 88th Army Band serves as a combat multiplier by supporting morale and esprit de corps to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Rhode Island National Guard. The band is comprised of 30 professionally trained musicians joining to form a brass quintet, rock band, large popular music ensemble, woodwind quintet, marching band, and full concert ensemble. These seasoned musicians perform a variety of musical styles including military marches, rock, jazz, hip hop, R'n'B, country, and show tunes. 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 88th Army Band conducted 27 total musical engagements in 2021.



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.

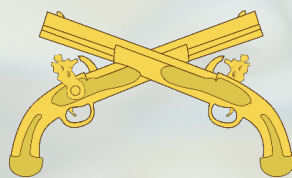
43D MILITARY POLICE BRI-



LOCATION
CRANSTON, RI

COMMANDER
COL. CRAIG MACERI

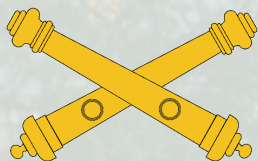
ENLISTED LEADER
CSM DEBORAH STORM



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.

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 and 169th Military Police Companies are located at Camp Fogarty in East Greenwich and Airport Road in Warwick respectively. They provide maneuver and mobility support, area security, law and order operations, and internment and resettlement operations to battlefield commanders. Domestically the two Military Police Companies can be counted on to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, and other support functions for state emergencies. Each 160-person company contains all the communications, maintenance, supply, and mess-section personnel necessary to self-sustain during support functions for 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 12 M777A2 155mm howitzers that are towed by truck or transported by helicopter. In peacetime, 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. 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. The entirety of the 1-103d FA was activated in support of the state and federal response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. During its role in the response, the Battalion provided hundreds of service members as attachments to JTF Guardian missions.



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

143d AIR- LIFT



LOCATION
QUONSET ANGB

COMMANDER
COL. ADAM WIGGINS

ENLISTED LEADER
CMSGT. CHISTOPHER NINTEAU

The 143d Airlift Wing provides warfighting commands with all-weather, global combat airlift of personnel and supplies to the forward edge of the battle area with eight C-130J aircraft. In addition to combat airlift, the wing maintains combat competencies in cyberspace defense and combat communications. The wing also offers a wide range of quality support services including aircraft maintenance, medical services, civil engineering, force/asset protection, supply, fuels, logistics, and administration. The wing is comprised of nearly 1000 Airmen in of four major groups: The Operations Group; The Maintenance Group; The Mission Support Group; and The Medical Group. The wing staff provides the following functions to wing members: Command Post; Inspector General; Public Affairs; Legal; Equal Opportunity; Wing Plans; Wing Safety; Chaplain; and Comptroller.

The 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 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 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.

The mission of the Airmen of the Security Forces Squadron is to organize, train, 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 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 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 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 Airlift Squadron provides 16 combat ready crews operating eight Lockheed-Martin C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. The C-130 tactical airlift mission includes air-land, 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 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 Medical Group provides services in order to maintain medical readiness and provide preventative medicine for Rhode Island Air National Guard members. The unit operates a clinic that screens members to confirm they are medically capable of performing their duties.

Additionally, the 143d Medical Group is able to identify, assess, monitor, and mitigate occupational health risks in order to protect

members wellbeing. The unit also contains a 25 person Expeditionary Medical Team that can increase medical capabilities of existing field hospitals or augment existing facilities. Additionally, the unit has gained a Patient Retrieval Team and Critical Care Air Transportation team to assist global aeromedical transportation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

STATE & FEDERAL IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

STATE EXPENDITURE

\$27,150,550*

FEDERAL EXPENDITURE

\$188,263,301

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$232,877,072

PERSONNEL
MOBILIZED

740+

PERMANENT EMPLOYEES

3000

TRADITIONAL GUARDSMEN

765

FULL-TIME GUARDSMEN

83

STATE EMPLOYEES

* \$2.9m of State funding comes from RI General Revenue. \$24m of this funding comes from Federal Aid and other sources

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES IN RHODE ISLAND FOR FY 2021

| 2021 Expenditures | Army | Air | Total |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Military Pay | \$ 51,324,077 | \$ 38,750,169 | \$ 90,074,246 |
| Civilian Pay | \$ 21,525,400 | \$ 16,268,217 | \$ 37,793,617 |
| Goods and Services | \$ 19,434,831 | \$ 40,960,000 | \$ 60,395,437 |
| Military Construction | \$ 14,429,000 | \$ 3,034,221 | \$ 17,463,221 |

STATE EXPENDITURES IN RHODE ISLAND FOR FY 2022

| Account | Amount |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Salary and Benefits | \$ 9,259,357 |
| Contract and Professional Services | \$ 2,451,818 |
| Operating Supplies and Expenses | \$ 8,743,286 |
| Assistance and Grants | \$ 241,572 |
| Capital Purchases and Equipment | \$ 6,193,477 |
| Operating Transfers | \$ 261,040 |

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