A National Guard member in camouflage uniform, wearing a black face mask and glasses, holds a large white sign with red and blue stars and stripes. The sign reads "GRATEFUL FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS".

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FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

The year 2020 looked tremendously different from previous years, not only for our state, our country and the world but also for each of us. The Rhode Island National Guard saw the largest and most sustained mobilization in support of a domestic crisis in our 382-year history. The motto of the National Guard is “Always Ready, Always There” and 2020 provided new challenges and opportunities for us to support the State to highlight our ability to adapt, serve and to prove we are always ready and always there.

Our Soldiers and Airmen have been involved in an “all hands on deck” response to COVID-19 since March. The Rhode Island National Guard brought years of logistical-planning and operations experience that enabled us to work effectively with our state partners to rapidly build testing sites, construct alternative hospital sites, and bring mobile testing to nursing and congregate living homes. Our team has worked in every facet of the response from the front lines of testing, to contact tracing, to community outreach and education in the pursuit of protecting our fellow Rhode Islanders.

Throughout the pandemic, we have provided support to many state agencies to assist in responding to the widespread impacts that COVID-19 has had at every level of our lives. The collaboration involved in COVID-19 response has broadened the scope of our capabilities as an organization dedicated to serving our community.

While our Soldiers and Airmen have worked diligently, adapting to unprecedented challenges on the home front, we have continued to provide support to our federal mission overseas. In January 2020, we deployed over 160 Soldiers with the 115th Military Police Company in support of Operation Spartan Shield. We are thankful for their work, the support of their families, and we were proud to welcome them home safely in November.

It is humbling to serve alongside our nearly 3000 Soldiers and Airmen. They are consummate professionals who have skillfully balanced their service to Rhode Island, alongside their civilian careers, pursuing education, and supporting their families. It is a great honor to serve as your Adjutant General. Rhode Island’s Home Team stands ready to continue to serve.



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

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FIGHTING AMERICA'S WARS

RING OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS

The Rhode Island National Guard serves a unique dual mission of fulfilling state and federal missions. We provide ready forces to the United States 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 with over 7,700 individual deployments since 2001. This past year was no exception as over 150 men and women of the Rhode Island National Guard deployed in support of our federal mission.

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During 2020 the 43D Military Police Brigade oversaw the mobilization and deployment of the 115th Military Police Company in support of their Title 10 CENTCOM mission. From January to November 2020, in support of Operation Spartan Shield, the 115th Military Police Company conducted Theater Customs Operations in 9 permanent locations across the USCENTCOM area of operations. Collectively, the Soldiers of the 115th

completed inspections of 7,954 vehicles/rolling stock, 57,072 personnel, 17,610 containers, and seized 21,044 items of contraband. The deployment was augmented with soldiers from other units including members of the 1-103d Field Artillery, and the 88th Army Band.

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The Rhode Island Army National Guard's A Company, Second of the 245th fixed-wing detachment completed a six-month rotation supporting interagency in Columbia from April to October 2020. The aviation detachment mobilized under the United States Southern Command and were responsible for the movement of cargo and passengers throughout the theater. They flew 46 priority missions in 152 flight hours moving 296 passengers and 8383 pounds of cargo. They flew into several austere locations under imminent danger conditions, completing all missions without incident.

The Rhode Island Army National Guard additionally deployed over thirty

highly trained military professionals as individuals in support of global Department of Defense operations. These individuals contributed as planners, liaisons, and special staff bringing a wide range of specialties to bear against complex problems including medical, legal, special operations, infantry, military intelligence, and military police qualifications.

"The 143d Airlift Wing's Medical Group had eleven members conclude deployments. These members, including medical technicians, nurses, health service administrators, and health services managers, were deployed to locations throughout central and western Asia."

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FIGHTING AMERICA'S WARS

JOINT TRAINING EXERCISES

To effectively respond to calls for both overseas and domestic support, the Rhode Island National Guard annually engages in an array of joint training exercises to hone our skills and work collaboratively with partners and allies.

The Rhode Island Army National Guard Defensive Cyber Operations Element (DCO-E) participated in the 6th annual Cyber Yankee exercise. This regional exercise tests and validates the capabilities of the DCO-E team and ensures all operational doctrine, plans and technical skills of the team remain fully capable of meeting state and federal mission needs.

The 861st Engineer Company participated in a Combined Training Exercise as the only National Guard Unit in their rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Ft. Polk, Louisiana. During this exercise the 861st integrated with a Brigade Engineer Battalion as an Engineer Support Company, where they provided mobility, countermobility, and defensive operations in support of the 6th BEB. The Company also constructed two Forward Arming and Refueling Positions for AH-64 apache helicopters, enhancing the training capabilities of the training area where they gained recognition from the Ft. Polk

Commanding General for their achievements.

"[Cyber Yankee] tests and validates the capabilities of the Defensive Cyber Operations Element Team to ensure all technical skills of the team remain fully capable of meeting state and federal mission needs."

During fiscal year 2020 A Company of 1/182nd Infantry participated in Exercise Orion, hosted by the Portuguese Army. Other training participants included Romania, Lithuania, Spain. Several other nations participated in observer/controller roles for the exercise. C Company 1/143rd Infantry (Airborne) was supposed to train in Germany, yet was postponed due to COVID. The 1/143rd has already been slotted for another Eastern European training rotation into the country of Georgia in 2021. The 1/143rd will continue to rotate to Eastern Europe annually while in partnership with the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne.)

SOD-G participated in Cobra Gold, Emerald Warrior, Orion and Applied Research Inquiry exercises. Cobra Gold exercise to enhanced collective US-Thai

capacity to ensure regional border stability and security through sharing of innovative techniques in combating terrorism, transnational criminal networks, and violent extremism. Emerald Warrior (FLA) is an Air Force Special Operation Command exercise that incorporates Joint SOF elements. SOD members worked with Naval Special Warfare on maintaining Human Intelligence skills and development of Area Security Operations (ASO). Exercise Orion is a crisis response training event hosted by the Portuguese military, bringing together NATO forces to enhance interoperability. The Applied Research Inquiry on China and its investment in East Africa to determine China's external behavior as it seeks to satisfy and control its domestic political situation. SOD members interacted with State Department, academia experts on China/Africa, Joint Special Operations University to gain insight on China's economics.

Beyond joint military training, the unique mission and capability sets of some units position them to engage in interagency training. The 13th Civil Support Team routinely plans, coordinates, and conducts training exercises with its Federal, State and local counterparts such as the FBI, the USPIS, USCG, and local fire departments and HAZMAT teams as well as various CST's across the nation.



SECURING THE HOMELAND

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

The Rhode Island National Guard remains responsive and accessible to leverage warfighting training and capacity in response to domestic emergencies under the command and control of the governor. Members of the Guard 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.

"The COVID-19 pandemic called for Guardsmen to put their training to use, and adapt to the invisible enemy the Coronavirus presented."

While 2020 brought myriad challenges that altered our normal battle rhythm, the COVID-19 pandemic called for Guardsmen to put their training to use, and adapt to the invisible enemy the Coronavirus presented. This year marked the largest and most sustained mobilization in support of a domestic crisis in the 382 year history of the Rhode Island National Guard. We mobilized over 1000 Soldiers and Airmen in support of COVID

response. Guardsmen are uniquely fit to assist in the large-scale crisis response as we bring both our civilian and military expertise, including, but not limited to; planning, logistics, medical, construction, and public information support. Every unit within the Rhode Island National Guard was able to support the mission in varying capacities.

"As the Rhode Island National Guard prepares to assist the distribution of the vaccine in 2021, the MEDDET is providing licensed physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and medics to administer the vaccine."

The 861st Engineer Company was equipped to establish and operate multiple COVID-19 testing sites across Rhode Island. Additionally, the 861st provided mobile testing teams for high-risk care facilities, and dispersed testing sites for students and school faculty members across multiple counties.

The Medical Detachment of the Rhode Island Army National Guard supported several COVID-19 response missions. MEDDET soldiers managed

aid station operations that allowed servicemembers to continue to complete medical readiness requirements, while also testing our members for COVID. The MEDDET supported staffing at testing sites to swab both servicemembers and civilians for COVID-19. The MEDDET also staffed worked alongside the Department of Education to plan the safe re-opening of schools and testing. As the Rhode Island National Guard prepares to assist the distribution of the vaccine in 2021, the MEDDET is providing licensed physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and medics to administer the vaccine.

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The Rhode Island National Guard will continue their mission on the forefront of COVID response into 2021 as we work to eliminate the incidence of the virus and protect Rhode Islanders.



SECURING THE HOMELAND

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The Rhode Island National Guard is always prepared to address domestic problems through innovation and cutting edge technology. As operations in the cyber domain have posed imminent threats, the RING has been at the forefront of support on the homefront.

"The Defensive Cyber Operations Element deployed on State Active Duty providing Cyber Security technical support leading up to and throughout the 2020 general elections."

The Rhode Island Army National Guard's Defensive Cyber Operations Element (DCO-E) deployed on State Active Duty providing Cyber Security technical support leading up to and throughout the 2020 general elections. The G6 directorate proactively assessed RI elections systems and processes in conjunction with the RI Department of Information Technology. Additionally, the G6 developed and ran a cyber security tabletop exercise for the RI Secretary of State, Board of Elections and the Governors Office to help identify areas of improvement or reinforcement.

During this year, the Rhode Island Air

National Guard's Cyberspace Operations Squadron continued the expansion of infrastructure, bandwidth, and equipment to achieve autonomous dual operations, geographically separate, from the primary instance of the weapon system. The squadron worked hand-in-hand with the ACD Program Management Office to plan and install a Data Wall to allow for greater information sharing.

"The [RWST] saves millions of dollars in trainer development and allocation while providing operational training to a variety of squadrons "

In 2020, the 143d Operations Group completed construction of a C-130 Reconfigurable Weapon System Trainer (full-motion aircraft simulator), the first reconfigurable training system built and provided by Lockheed Martin. In a few hours the trainer can be reconfigured to replicate multiple variants of the C-130J ranging from rescue missions to special operations versions. This capability saves millions of dollars in trainer development and allocation while providing operational training to a variety of

squadrons.

The RING G1 successfully transitioned to the Army's revolutionary Integrated Personnel and Pay System (IPPS-A). IPPS-A is an online Human Resource (HR) system that provides integrated personnel, pay and talent management capabilities in a single system to all Army Components for the first time ever. IPPS-A improves the lives of Soldiers, their Families, and how we interact with them by transforming the less dynamic personnel systems to a cutting edge talent management system.

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The 13th Civil Support Team's new Analytical Laboratory Suite, the ALS1A1, is a lifecycle upgrade with new generation technologies. The ALS1A1 is a qualitative Laboratory designed to test for the full spectrum of WMDs from environmental samples. Testing is done in a class III glovebox so that PPE is not required when working on WMDs.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Rhode Island National Guard has built upon a rich history of partnerships that cross borders as we mutually enhance our capabilities and resilience with our allies. One of our most notable international engagements takes place annually through the National Guard's State Partnership Program.

"This year marked a historic year for the State Partnership Program as the Rhode Island National Guard established a new partnership with Timor-Leste."

Soldiers and Airmen from the Rhode Island National Guard conduct subject matter expert exchanges with their counterparts in the Royal Bahamas Defence Force, focusing on engineering, medical, aviation, and cyber domains.

In March 2020, a team of vertical engineers from the 861st deployed with personnel and equipment to the Bahamas as part of the State Partnership Program to train alongside the Royal Bahamian Defense Force. The team of engineers provided expertise in carpentry, electrical work, and plumbing to aid in the improvement of the training facilities of the

Royal Bahamas Defence Force over a 7 day period. This project assisted the development of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Noncommissioned Officer and Officer academy buildings.

Through the State Partnership Program, the Defensive Cyber Operations Element provided cyber security training support for our international partners. This has been an ongoing and recurring program for well over a decade.

"The team of engineers provided expertise in carpentry, electrical work, and plumbing to aid in the improvement of the training facilities of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force"

This year marked a historic year for the State Partnership Program as the Rhode Island National Guard established a new partnership with Timor-Leste. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rhode Island National Guard shipped donated medical equipment to the Bahamas and Timor-Leste. The University of Rhode Island biomedical engineering department converted BiPAP/CPAP machines into non-invasive/low cost ventilators. Each

country received 20 machines. The MEDDET provided support to Timor Leste military medical liaisons for best practices and intubation procedures for ventilator use.

Furthermore, we conducted three Key Leader Engagement virtual teleconferences with Timor-Leste medical directors, medical planners, frontline medical personnel, and World Health Organization medical staff to address prevention control measures, intubation techniques and contact tracing procedures.

"Through the State Partnership Program, the Defensive Cyber Operations Element provided cyber security training support for our international partners."

In August 2020 the Rhode Island National Guard had 4 members complete Gender Advising training through INDOPACOM. This program is under the Department of Defense's Women in Peace and Security initiative, and is aimed at training advisors to apply a critical gender lens to planning, particularly as it pertains to engagements through the State Partnership Program.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

The Rhode Island National Guard has been a trusted community organization in Rhode Island and beyond. As 2020 brought unprecedented changes to our way of day-to-day life, the involvement of the National Guard in our community was much different this year. While typically, the Open House Airshow would be our primary means of connectivity with our community, this year, Rhode Islanders engaged with the National Guard in new capacities.

"We have worked hand in hand with the professionals at EOHHS, DEM, RIDOT, RISP, DOA, and DLT to assist and support in responding to the widespread impact COVID-19 has had at every level."

Through the COVID-19 pandemic we further strengthened community relationships and interagency partnerships as we responded to the crisis. We have worked hand in hand with the professionals at EOHHS, DEM, RIDOT, RISP, DOA, and DLT to assist and support in responding to the widespread impact COVID-19 has had at every level.

The Civil Support Team continues to provide the US Postal Inspection Service, the RI State Police High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force, RI State Police, and local law enforcement with hazardous materials expertise and an overall awareness of life-safety measures and mitigation techniques. With the newest Analytical Laboratory Suite vehicle, the 13th CST provided civil authorities with timely assessments and presumptive analysis of unknown substances which feeds efforts in the realm of public safety.

"The 13th CST also supported multiple agencies by screening visiting NFL team's equipment, bags, and outgoing vehicles prior to entering Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA for eleven home games."

In addition to local response missions, the 13th CST also supported multiple agencies such as the Massachusetts State Police and the MA Bomb Squad by screening visiting NFL team's equipment, bags, and outgoing vehicles prior to entering Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA

for eleven home games.

The Rhode Island Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion continued to deploy the H.E.A.R program H.E.A.R. "Helping Everyone Archive Respect.". H.E.A.R is a highly effective, research-based solution to highschool bullying at no cost to local schools. The battalion created a virtual version of the program for use in the COVID environment. The Battalion also supported local high school robotics programs by providing access to National Guard resources and trainers, again at no cost to the local schools.

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The Rhode Island National Guard continues to remain a prominent focal point of our community as we move into the new year and support Rhode Islanders in myriad capacities.



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS



LOCATION
CRANSTON, RI

COMMANDER
MAJ. GEN. CHRISTOPHER CALLAHAN

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM GLEN DeCECCO

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 directly assisted in the activation of over 1,000 Service Members in support of the State's COVID-19 response. Shifting from the initial State Active Duty Status to Federal Status involved hundreds of additional administrative transactions to ensure all Rhode Island Service Members received timely pay, benefits, and medical coverage. Many of our traditional processes proved insufficient under the demands of this historic event, so our team of experts

created new processes on demand.

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. Throughout the RIARNG activation for the State of Rhode Island's COVID-19 response, the G4 coordinated logistics

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

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) 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, 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.

56TH TROOP COMMAND



LOCATION
CAMP FOGARTY

COMMANDER
COL. RONALD TAMMARO

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM RAYMOND VEINS

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 2020 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. 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.

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 engaged in recent deployments 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.



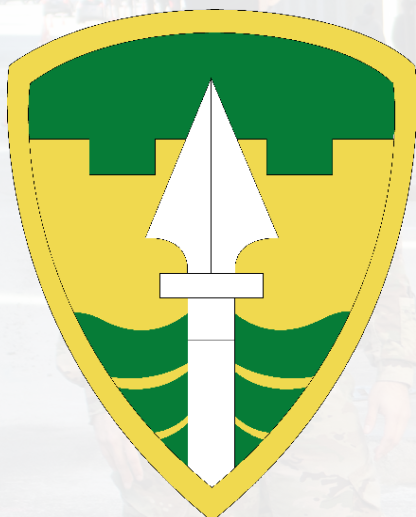
The 88th Army Band serves as a combat multiplier by supporting morale and esprit de corps to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Rhode Island National Guard. The band is comprised of 30 professionally trained musicians joining to form a brass quintet, rock band, large popular music ensemble, woodwind

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 26 total musical engagements in 2020.



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. Throughout 2020 the 110th PAD provided public affairs support through a multitude of significant events including the coastal messaging missions, COVID testing location training, PPE distribution, and field hospital mayor cells.

43D MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE



LOCATION
CRANSTON, RI

COMMANDER
COL. CRAIG MACERI

ENLISTED LEADER
CSM ROBERT 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. The Brigade's most recent deployment was to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2017 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Since March 2020, the 43d MP BDE has provided Command and Control (C2) for Joint Task Force Guardian (JTF-G), comprising a vast majority of RING Soldiers involved in the State's COVID response. Planning, oversight, and execution of these missions has played an integral role in supporting the Adjutant General and Governor's efforts to combat and mitigate

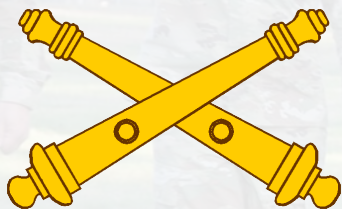
the spread of COVID-19 and its effects. As of the end of September, nearly 90% of personnel assigned to the 43d MP BDE supported the State's COVID response in 23 separate mission sets and over 700 separate daily missions. 43d Soldiers conducted missions as diverse as test kit assembly and delivery, training, advisement and assistance of partner agencies and civilian organizations dealing with COVID outbreaks, planning for the anticipated healthcare surge in support of local hospitals, planning and operating alternate hospital sites, public information dissemination, security operations.

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 support functions for operations. The 115th Military Police Company deployed in January 2020 for Operation Spartan Shield and returned in November 2020.

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



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 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. In October 2019 Charlie Battery cased its guidon in Rhode Island and was transferred to the New Hampshire National Guard. RING soldiers in Charlie Battery were consolidated with Bravo which now operates out of Bristol.

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. These included assignments under Task Force (TF) Protector, where they conducted COVID screening efforts. Under TF Support, 1-103d FA service members provided logistical support to various JTF missions. 1-103d FA service members were also assigned to TF CBRN, which provided the main COVID Testing effort and response in the State of Rhode Island. Most importantly the 1-103d FA stood up its own Task Force, TF Care. Through TF Care, the Battalion staffed and provided command &

control for Mayors Cell operations during the creation and stand up of Rhode Island's three Alternate Hospital Sites: AHS Rhode Island Convention Center, AHS Cranston, and AHS Quonset.



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 peacetime they are trained and equipped to handle mass decontamination in the case of a nuclear, biological, or chemical emergency.

I43D AIRLIFT WING



LOCATION
QUONSET ANGB

COMMANDER
COL. ADAM WIGGINS

ENLISTED LEADER
CMSGT. THOMAS CALOURO

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. This year the 143d Airlift Wing was named ANG Legal Office of the Year (#1 of 60) and ANG Comptroller of the Year (#1 of 67).

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 readi-

ness 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.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

STATE & FEDERAL IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

STATE REVENUE
\$5,739,325

FEDERAL REVENUE
\$117,337,638

TOTAL STATE AND
FEDERAL REVENUE
\$123,076,963

RING PERSONNEL ACTIVATED FOR COVID-19

1000+

RING EMPLOYMENT AROUND THE STATE

TRADITIONAL GUARDSMEN
3000

FULL-TIME JOBS IN THE DEFENSE
SECTOR
770

STATE OF RI EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR 2020

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Salary/Wages and Benefits	\$1,140,289
Contracted Professional Services	\$50,054
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$1,096,812
Assistance and Grants	\$298,270
Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$3,153,900
Total State Expenditures:	\$5,739,325

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
General Revenue	\$2,267,780
Restricted Recipients	\$52,320
Operating Transfers from Other	\$3,419,225
Total State Revenue:	\$5,739,325

The RING provides a significant economic impact to the state of Rhode Island. In 2020, federal funds accounted for over \$117 million in military and civilian pay for Rhode Islanders, a significant increase due to the mobilization in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES IN RHODE ISLAND FOR 2020

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Military Pay	\$76,851,795
Civilian Pay	\$37,902,506
Goods & Services	\$37,555,728
FEMA Funding	\$23,205,520
CARES Act	\$1,436,653
Total Federal Revenue:	\$177,337,638

The new Joint Force Headquarters is an example of the RING's economic impact on our state. Construction of new JFHQ at Camp Fogarty. It opened March 2020.





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