A photograph taken from the perspective of someone inside a helicopter, looking out over a vast landscape. Two soldiers in full combat gear are visible in the foreground, their backs to the camera as they look out over the terrain. The landscape below is a mix of green fields, brown patches, and blue water bodies, with a large bridge visible in the distance. The sky is filled with white clouds. The text "RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD" is written in a white serif font, underlined, and "ANNUAL REPORT 2021" is written in a larger white serif font below it, both within a dark blue rectangular box with a thin gold border.

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FROM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

As we look back on the 2021, the 3,000 Service Members of your Rhode Island National Guard have continued to embody the spirit of service that has defined the organization's 383-year legacy. The missions may have changed but the commitment of our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen remains the same.

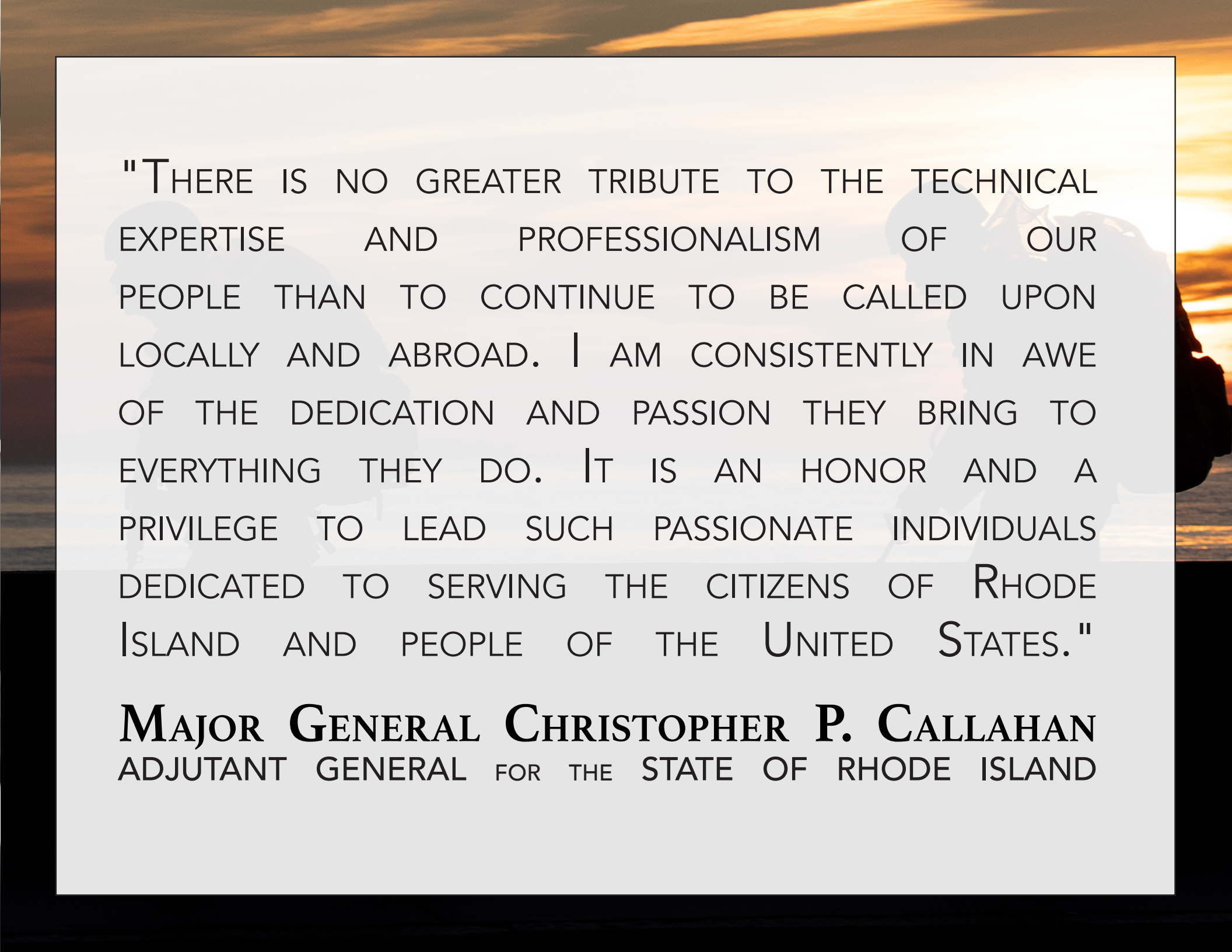
The Rhode Island National Guard continued to serve the people of Rhode Island, the nation, and around the globe. In concert with our local health professionals and state partners, our Service Members safely and efficiently administer more than 356,000 doses of the COVID vaccine to Rhode Islanders. Over 40 members of the 143d Airlift Wing volunteered on short notice in support of Operation Allies Welcome to facilitate the reception of displaced Afghan refugees to the United States. Our Alpha Company, 2/19 th Special Forces Group deployed to Southwest Asia to support Operation Inherent Resolve and returned home to Rhode Island in November upon accomplishing their mission.

There is no greater tribute to the technical expertise and professionalism of our people than to continue to be called upon locally and abroad. Given most of our Service Members balance their service within the Rhode Island National Guard with their civilian careers, pursuits of higher education, and caring for their families, 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.

On behalf of the Rhode Island National Guard, thank you for your continued support of Rhode Island's home team. We could not do that which we are called upon to do without the teamwork and assistance of our families, friends, communities, and employers. You enable us to fulfill our promise of being Always Ready, Always There.



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



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RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD COMMAND ORGANIZATION



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FIGHTING AMERICA'S WARS

RING OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS

The United States began its withdrawal from Afghanistan and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2021. The original deadline for the last U.S. Service Member to leave Afghanistan was originally set for May 31st, 2021, and was pushed back to August 31st. As U.S. forces withdrew from the peripheral provinces through late July and early August, Taliban forces began wresting control from the Afghan National Government.

On August 15, 2021, the city of Kabul fell to the Taliban. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani fled into voluntary exile and the Afghan National Government was dissolved, marking a symbolic end to the Global War on Terror. For two weeks the U.S. Air Force and partner nations conducted the largest non-combatant aerial transport in human history, evacuating 124,334 Afghans between August 18 and August 31, 2021.

11 members of the Rhode Island National Guard serving as individual augmentees with the Vermont National Guard were among the last US Service Members to leave Kabul, and were involved in holding the Harmid Karzai International Airport throughout the evacuation process. Aircrews and support

volunteers from the 143d Airlift Wing were called up to assist in transporting and receiving displaced Afghans within the United States.

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In late Spring 2021, Alpha Company 2nd battalion, 19th Special Forces Group deployed to US Central Command (CENTCOM) in support of operation INHERENT RESOLVE to support ongoing US commitments in Iraq. A Co 2/19 served in Jordan, Tajikistan, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon to support stability in the region in its ongoing conflict with ISIS and the regional instability it caused. The team returned in late fall 2021 after successfully completing its mission.

Several Air Crews and individual augmentees from the 143d Airlift Wing were deployed throughout 2021 in support of US operations overseas, including operations SPARTAN SHIELD, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and INHERENT RESOLVE. Additionally, Air Crews from

the 143d Airlift Squadron supported US African Command (AFRICOM) moving troops and materiel throughout West Africa, in a mission with less than two weeks' notice, from December 2020 through January 2021, demonstrating the Rhode Island Air National Guard's flexibility and global impact.

While it is unclear exactly how the symbolic end to the Global War on Terror will affect the Rhode Island National Guard's overseas commitments and operational tempo, it would be short sighted to assume that the end of large-scale combatant commitments won't have any impact.

Already the Rhode Island National Guard has four units identified for overseas service in 2023. The 43d Military Police Brigade, 1-126th Aviation Battalion, A Co 1/182d Infantry Company, and 110th Public Affairs Detachment will spend 2022 training and preparing for active duty deployments unrelated to the Global War on Terror.

Whatever our future operational tempo is, your Rhode Island National Guard remains steadfast in its commitment to the people of Rhode Island, and to the people of the United States, to remain always ready, always there.



FIGHTING AMERICA'S WARS

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.

In spring 2021, members of A Co 2-19th Special Forces Group and 56th Troop Command participated in operation TROJAN SHARK, a multi-phased training operation that brought together Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and federal and municipal law enforcement teams for a two week training exercise. The exercise involved 5 states and stretched from the Long Island sound to Boston Harbor, involving sea, air, and land operations, all in preparation for A Co 2-19th SFG's

deployment in late spring 2021.

The 143d Airlift Squadron supported joint exercises throughout the United States and around the world by providing one or more C-130J Hercules and crew to operations SWIFT RESPONSE in eastern Europe, SENTRY STORM in West Virginia, and RALLY IN THE ROCKIES in Colorado. Participation by air assets in joint exercises is crucial for creating realistic planning and management situations for participating commanders.

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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.

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.



SECURING THE HOMELAND

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

2021 saw the second half of the Rhode Island National Guard's record 20-month mobilization in support of COVID-19 response efforts in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island National Guard's part of the whole-of-government response continued to revolve around Joint Task Force Guardian, which managed approximately 600 Soldiers and Airmen serving across the state.

In January 2021, Task Force VAX, commanded by Lt. Col. Brent Groeneveld and organized under Joint Task Force Guardian, opened the Sockanosset State Vaccination Site. Sockanosset was the first of what would eventually be five mass vaccination sites in Rhode Island, and served as a proof-of-concept site for processes and technologies. By the end of January, Task Force VAX more than quintupled its predicted throughput capacity, and by March was administering more than 500 doses per hour. The RING staffed the Sockanosset site until July 2021 when it transitioned to a civilian contractor.

Also in January 2021 the Rhode Island National Guard sent more than 100 Soldiers and Airmen from Alpha Company 1-182d Infantry and the 143d Security Forces Squadron respectively, to

Washington D.C. to participate in Operation Capitol Response; a 30,000 Guardsmen strong response to the January 6 riots in Washington D.C. Though the RI National Guard participated for only 3 weeks, Guardsmen from around the country remained in Washington D.C. for months. The unplanned mobilization of so many Soldiers and Airmen would eventually cause budget constraints towards the end of the fiscal year.

"Overall, in 2021 the Rhode Island National Guard administered more than 356,000 total COVID-19 vaccines."

In February 2021 the RING provided and command and control] element to the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence to establish a second mass vaccination site based on the lessons learned at Sockanosset. This second site could administer approximately 5,000 doses per week and operated until June 27, 2021. The RING provided logistical support and site surveys for the three additional mass vaccination sites; Middletown, which operated from March until June, and South

County and Woonsocket which both ran from late March until late May.

In March the high-density community testing team began administering vaccinations in their neighborhood clinics. By rotating the clinics through community sites in urban neighborhoods, the Rhode Island National Guard was able to overcome travel, technology, and language barriers to support our underserved communities. These neighborhood "pop-up" vaccine clinics operated until August when they transitioned to the RI Department of Health. Overall, in 2021 the Rhode Island National Guard administered more than 356,000 total COVID-19 vaccines.

Joint Task Force Guardian officially transferred responsibility in August 21 to RIDOH. Nearly 600 Soldiers and Airmen served in JTF-G in 2021. Approximately 110 Soldiers from the 1/182d and Airmen from the 143d Security Forces, were sent to D.C. for Capitol Response.



SECURING THE HOMELAND

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

In May 2021 the 143d Airlift Wing unveiled the state-of-the-art C-130J simulator, Weapon Systems Trainer – Reconfigurable (WST10R) in a ribbon cutting ceremony on Quonset Air National Guard Base. The C-130J simulator is the culmination of nearly 10 years of planning and \$8.4 million in funding, and is the first flight simulator bought new for the National Guard.

The Quonset WST10R is the first C-130J simulator connected to the Air Force's Distributed Mission Operations System (DMO) and with a Remote Instructor Operating Station (RIOS), which allows pilots in different simulators from across the globe to fly simulated missions together. DMO operators are able to update and customize simulated missions and scenarios to provide realistic training to flight crews.

The Quonset WST10R creates realistic enough training simulation that flight crews are able to use simulator hours to qualify for some percentage of their required flight and training hours per year. The simulator is expected to save more than 500 person-hours of continuation training, 120 hours of Engine Run Time, and 200 hours of Government Use Time per year,

and reduces the risk of safety incidents during Engine Run Tasks.

Finally, the presence of a world-class WST10R makes Quonset Air National Guard Station a premiere training destination for C-130 flight crews from across the United States and international partners. In addition to saving \$100,000 in training costs associated with traveling to other bases with simulators per year, the simulator enables the 143d Airlift Wing to host units and crews for training in North Kingston and East Greenwich; positively impacting the local economy.

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In 2021 the 103d Field Artillery Battalion integrated the Joint Battle Command Platform (JBC-P) into their fleet. The JBC-P is the Army's next-generation, friendly force tracking system, equipping Soldiers with a faster satellite network, secure data encryption

and advanced logistics. It incorporates the common hardware solution known as the Mounted Family of Computer Systems (MFoCS), standardized tactical computers that are scalable and tailorable to the mission and vehicle. It ranges in form factor options from a detachable tablet to a fully loaded, vehicle-mounted workstation. JBC-P builds on the situational awareness capability known as Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below/Blue Force Tracking, which is integrated on more than 120,000 platforms and is fielded or authorized to every Brigade Combat Team in the Army. The system also includes an intuitive interface with features like touch-to-zoom maps and drag-and-drop icons. JBC-P will be interoperable with the Nett Warrior handheld device, managed by Program Executive Office Soldier, delivering situational awareness capabilities to dismounted Soldiers. All together these systems help increase battle tracking and awareness for the artillery commander, increasing their lethality and decreasing the chance of friendly fire incidents.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

A Co 2-245th in coordination with the RI National Guard State Partnership Program, NORTHCOM, U.S. Embassy, the Bahamas Ministry of Health, the Bahamas National COVID-19 Vaccination Consultative Committee, and local Bahamas partners came together to develop and execute a joint mission helping Bahamians in remote areas throughout the Bahamian archipelago get vaccinated by delivering vaccines and medical personnel to 9 Family Islands. Members of the unit supported three rounds of support to the Bahamian government in their efforts to vaccinate their population through the spring and summer of 2021. The unit self-deployed in April, July, and September 2021 to move medical personnel and vaccines throughout the islands.

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In September the 143d Airlift Wing was tasked with supporting Operation Allies Welcome; an Air Mobility Command operation to receive, process, house, and begin integrating the tens of thousands of displaced Afghans evacuated by the coalition forces after the fall of Kabul on August 15, 2021. 30 volunteers from the 143d Airlift Wing were mobilized to Fort Dix, New Jersey, to provide administrative, logistical, and manpower support to that site. After seeing the desperate conditions of the Afghan people, several members of the task force volunteered for extensions to stay on site, and two RING Airmen organized a charity donation of shoes, clothes, and winter jackets for the guests of the processing site.

The RIARNG Defensive Cyber Operations Element (DCO-E) and RING State Partnership Program (SPP) continued their support for our International partner The Commonwealth of the Bahamas. This year, along with USNORTHCOM and Mexico's SEMAR (Navy/Marines) and SEDENA (Army) we

planned, coordinated and executed Cyber Libertad 2021. RIARNG DCO-E members provided both remote instruction on Cyber analysis, protection tools and best practices; as well as in-person training featuring real-time cyber-attacks for international partner cyber protection teams.

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The event lead-up training was conducted via Zoom in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, the Bahamas, and Mexico to cover discovery, assessment and mitigation of cyber events. The exercise proper was hosted at Coral Harbour in the Bahamas, with SEMAR and SEDENA utilizing Zoom from Mexico City.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

The High-Density Community Testing and Vaccination Team (HDC) was a RING-established team with the goal of providing outreach to communities that may have had hesitancy or barriers to testing and vaccination or may not have had the means to go to and from mass sites. The team focused on generating demand and on sending mobile testing and vaccination teams to local community hubs including churches, food banks, and summer concerts. The goal was to increase testing to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to build herd immunity faster.

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Through the winter of 2020-2021 the team built out its list of partner sites and organizations, focusing on under-served communities that had additional barriers to testing; including transportation and language barriers. In March 2021 the HDC team administered its first vaccines,

and from that point forward offered both testing and vaccines in all of their clinics.

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The HDC team established a rotation at all of their sites, providing predictable and convenient access to local communities. The HDC team handed operations over to contracted services in August 2021, and by that time operated in more than 70 sites in 13 under-served communities around the state.

As a ceremonial asset, the 88th Army Band supports numerous commemorative events. Some notable historical remembrances from fiscal year 2021 include: the North Kingstown Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, the Rhode Island Statehouse D-Day Remembrance Ceremony, the Bristol 4th of July Parade, and the inaugurations of Governor

Daniel McKee and Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos.



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS



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

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, 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 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 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.



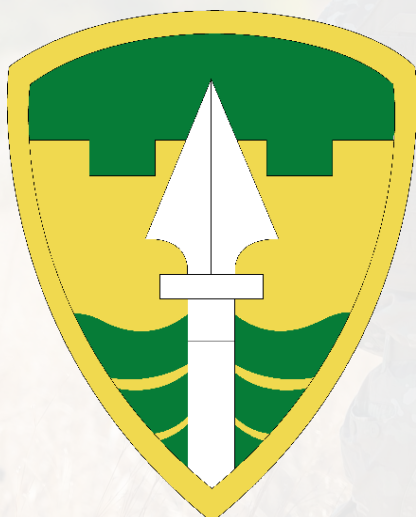
The 88th Army Band serves as a combat multiplier by supporting morale and esprit de corps to the Soldiers and Airmen of the Rhode Island National Guard. The band is comprised of 30 professionally trained musicians joining to form a brass quintet, rock band, large popular music ensemble, woodwind quintet,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

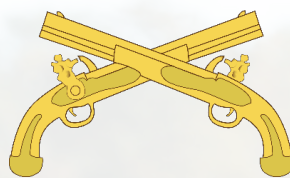
43D MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE



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.

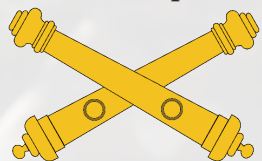
Since March 2020, the 43d MP BDE has provided Command and Control (C2) for Joint Task Force Guardian (JTF-G), comprising a vast majority of RING Soldiers involved in the State's COVID response. Planning, oversight, and execution of these missions has played an integral role in supporting the Adjutant 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 Solders 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 115 th 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.

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.

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 REVENUE

\$5,815,250

FEDERAL REVENUE

\$144,532,071

TOTAL STATE AND
FEDERAL REVENUE

\$150,347,321

RING PERSONNEL ACTIVATED FOR COVID-19

1100+

RING EMPLOYMENT AROUND THE STATE

TRADITIONAL GUARDSMEN
3000

FULL-TIME JOBS IN THE
DEFENSE SECTOR

770

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES IN RHODE ISLAND FOR FY 2021

2021 Expenditures	Army	Air	Total
Military Pay	\$ 47,836,638.00	\$ 28,804,372	\$ 76,641,010.00
Civilian Pay	\$ 17,430,300.00	\$ 16,368,915	\$ 33,799,215.00
Goods and Services	\$ 20,132,000.00	\$ 10,925,625	\$ 31,057,625.00
Military Construction	\$ -	\$ 3,034,221	\$ 3,034,221.00
FEMA Funds	\$ 18,625,459.00	\$ 9,397,419	\$ 28,022,878.00
Total	\$ 85,398,938.00	\$ 68,530,552	\$ 144,532,071.00

The RING provides a significant economic impact annually to the state of Rhode Island.



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