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LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor Raimondo,

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the 2017 Annual Report for the Rhode Island National Guard. The Soldiers and Airmen of the RING continued our legacy of service and sacrifice to the nation and state in order to provide a more secure homeland. The \$3.1 million investment in state expenditure in the Guard yielded significant return; the Guard's federal expenditures created an overall economic impact of \$261,671,997 during the past year. We continue to shape our force and provide capability to meet the challenges presented at home and abroad.

The Rhode Island National Guard has continued to play a vital role in defending the nation in the war on terror since 9/11. Rhode Island remains among the top five states for deployments per capita. We are approaching 7,000 individual mobilizations which exceeds the combined Rhode Island National Guard total for World War II, Korea and Vietnam. In support of overseas contingency operations, more than 300 additional service members deployed overseas including elements of the 1-126th Aviation Regiment, 43d Military Police Brigade, and A Company, 2nd of the 19th Special Forces Group. The men and women of the Guard deployed in support of Special Operations Command Korea, Operation Spartan Shield, and operations at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Our Airmen have leant their technical expertise in Germany, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

The RING provided humanitarian aid and disaster relief in Texas, Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico following hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Throughout the relief operations, the 143d Airlift Wing executed more than 16 missions, transporting 743 passengers and 327,000 pounds of cargo. The Airmen logged 227 flying hours and completed 89 individual sorties in support of these domestic operations. In support of the presidential inauguration, 140 Cyber Warriors and Military Police Soldiers were active in domestic shaping and deterrence operations.

The 102d Network Warfare Squadron performed daily Air Force Cyberspace Defense missions. Our Defensive Cyber Element deepened partnerships at the local, state, and regional level. During the past year, we have participated in several national level training events designed to mitigate the effects of cyberattacks on critical infrastructure and to strengthen the Rhode Island's position against any future threats.

The 13th Civil Support Team (CST) enhanced our ability to detect and respond to biological, chemical and even nuclear threats. The organization has also been an integral partner in combating the local opioid epidemic and narcotics trafficking. Since January of 2017, our CST has provided presumptive field analysis as well as hazard analysis and mitigation recommendations in support of the Drug Enforcement Administration, RI State Police, and the US Postal Inspection Service.

LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

The RING Counter Drug program invested asset forfeiture funds in the acquisition of a Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (LC MS) to augment the capabilities of the Department of Health's Forensic Toxicology Lab and to reduce lag time in confirming the presence of illicit trace evidence.

The construction of our new Joint Force Headquarters in East Greenwich, RI is currently underway. Design, prequalification, and bidding processes were completed in 2017. This is the first military construction project that utilized the federal design process, but the state purchasing and contracting process. The preponderance of awarded contracts are to RI firms.

These are but a few examples of missions accomplished, value created, and challenges met in pursuit of our unique dual-mission. We could not serve our nation and state without the support of our state's citizens, elected officials and the numerous partners with whom we have had the privilege to collaborate. Our work continues. We are your Rhode Island National Guard, we are "Always Ready, Always There."

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher P. Callahan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

CHRISTOPHER P. CALLAHAN
Major General
The Adjutant General



THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Duties & Responsibilities

The Adjutant General is the strategic leader of the state's military forces, which are comprised of the Rhode Island Army and Air National Guard, and the State Historic Militia. The Adjutant General's primary responsibility is to ensure that Soldiers and Airmen are well-equipped, trained, and led, so they can perform their federal and state military duties and remain relevant well into the future.

Major responsibilities of the Adjutant General, in his capacity as the Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard, include: Mobilization, Force Structure, Equipment Modernization, Training Management, Facility Management, Military Construction, Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Career Management, Personnel Administration, Family Assistance Programs, Special Programs, Military property and Army/Air National Guard Operations.

The Adjutant General maintains close association and communication with the National Guard Bureau, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Air Force, Northern Command, Air Mobility Command, and Cyber Command. Associations and memberships may include all veterans' organizations, as well as

professional military organizations. Most notably he maintains active participation in the Adjutant General Association of the United States and the National Guard Association of the United States.

Additional programs under the responsibility of the Adjutant General include, but are not limited to:

- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
- Education Assistance
- Military Funeral Honors
- Mentoring Program
- Veterans Assistance
- Parades/Ceremonial Events

STATUS

The Adjutant General uniquely serves as both a state employee and a federally recognized Major General. The Adjutant General is a Cabinet member appointed by the Governor and subject to the pay and benefits authorized as an exempt and essential employee. As a federally recognized Major General, he serves predominantly in a US code, Title 32 status in a traditional Guardsman capacity. The Adjutant General periodically serves in a US code Title 10 status which is Active Duty. Each of the three statuses has different and unique authorities, applicable regulations, and benefits. The application of the status is essential to Adjutant General's ability to carry out duties and responsibilities when performing in the multiple capacities of the position.

MISSION

Rhode Island National Guard

MISSION

The Rhode Island National Guard (RING) has both a federal mission and state mission. The RING's federal mission is to maintain manned, equipped and trained operational forces that are prepared to respond to any contingency in support of the President's National Security Plan. The RING is an operational force provider for the full-spectrum of contingencies to include nation-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian, natural disaster, national emergency, limited conflicts, and full-scale war. The state mission of the RING is to provide manned, equipped and trained units and personnel that are prepared to respond to state and local authorities as directed by the Governor to assist in maintaining peace, order and public safety during crisis situations to include natural or man-made disasters, high-profile events and state emergency defense operations.

The Adjutant General, Major General Christopher P. Callahan, in his dual capacity as the Commanding General of the Rhode Island National Guard and the Adjutant General of the State of Rhode Island, has command and control of all assigned forces to include all units of the RI Army National Guard, RI Air National Guard, and the State Militia.

ORGANIZATION

The RING is composed of a Joint Force Headquarters and both a land component, Army National Guard, and an air component, Air National Guard. The combined authorized strength of these two components is 3,326 personnel.

Right: Soldiers from the 1-143d Infantry establish a 360 degree perimeter around a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter at the Big River Management Area in West Greenwich, RI. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Terry Rajsombath)

JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

The Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ-RI), exercises command and control of all assigned, attached or operationally aligned forces within the geographical boundaries of the state. JFHQ-RI is organized and manned to respond to the challenges presented in the post 9/11 environment to include the ability to coordinate an effective and timely response to Homeland Defense, Defense Support to Civil Authorities, and other domestic emergency missions. All units of the RI Air and Army National Guard are available for emergency response. Additionally, National Guard assets from other states or Title 10 (Active) forces may be deployed and fall under the command and control of JFHQ-RI with concurrence of their Governor or the President, respectively. A Joint Staff consisting of a Chief of Staff and eight directors assist the Commander, JFHQ-RI with mission execution.

JOINT PROGRAMS

The JFHQ-RI is also tasked with the execution of several programs designed to service our veterans, retirees, family members, civilian partners, soldiers, and airmen.



FINANCIAL IMPACT

Rhode Island National Guard

STATE FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED
RI NATIONAL GUARD	ARMY	AIR	
\$3,127,314	\$95,808,708	\$58,115,995	\$153,924,703

***\$157,052,017 TOTAL INVESTMENT IN RHODE ISLAND**

FUNDS BREAKDOWN:

**Economic multipliers not applied*

State of Rhode Island Expenditures & Revenues for Fiscal Year 2017

Account	Amount
Salary/Wages and Benefits	\$ 1,219,030
Contracted Professional Services	\$ 99,645
Operating Supplies and Expenses	\$ 1,236,136
Assistance and Grants	\$ 281,376
Capital Purchases and Equipment	\$ 291,127
Total State Expenditures	\$ 3,127,314

Account	Amount
General Revenue	\$ 2,571,436
Restricted Receipts	\$ 56,876
Operating Transfers from Other	\$ 499,002
Total State Revenue	\$ 3,127,314

FEDERAL FUNDS EXPENDITURES, JULY 2015-JUNE 2016**

ACCOUNT	ARMY	AIR	TOTAL
Military Pay	\$36,678,600	\$26,178,018	\$62,856,618
Civilian Pay	\$19,139,100	\$20,846,141	\$39,985,241
Goods & Services	\$20,147,119	\$8,415,365	\$28,562,484
Military Construction Funds Disbursed	\$19,843,890	\$2,676,471	\$22,520,361
TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$95,808,709	\$58,115,995	\$153,924,704

ECONOMIC INPUT DATA	
Total Federal Expenditure	\$153,924,704
Economic Impact Factor	Multiplier (1.7)
Total State Economic Impact	\$261,671,997

STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-2017

Rhode Island National Guard

MISSION

To provide well-equipped, -led and -trained mission-ready units in support of the National Military and, as required, state and local officials.

VISION

A ready, relevant, and reliable force comprised of Citizen Soldiers and Airmen, capable of conducting full spectrum operations in joint and interagency environments.

GOALS

Man the Force
Train the Force
Sustain the Force
Communicate Internally
Communicate Externally

VALUES

Loyalty
Duty
Respect
Service Before Self
Honor
Integrity
Personal Courage
Excellence In All We Do

COMMAND STAFF

Rhode Island National Guard

Major General
Christopher P. Callahan



The Adjutant General

Brigadier General
Matthew Dzialo



Asst. Adjutant General
AIR

Brigadier General
David J. Medeiros



Asst. Adjutant General
ARMY

Brigadier General
Bennett Singer



Land Component
Commander

Brigadier General
Arthur Floru



Director, Joint Staff

CW4
Daniel Curran



Command Chief
Warrant Officer

Command Sergeant Major
Moises Moniz



Senior Enlisted Advisor
ARMY

Chief Master Sergeant Jose
Baltazar



Command Chief
AIR

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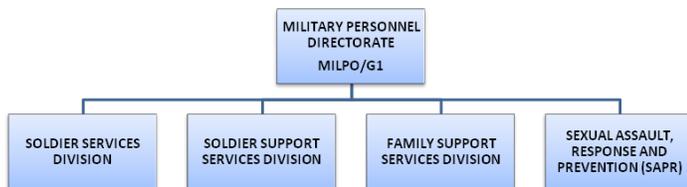
Colonel Andrew J. Chevalier

MISSION

The Directorate of Military Personnel manages RIARNG Soldiers and assists their Families through the full spectrum of Human Resources support operations in the execution of our state and federal missions.

ORGANIZATION

The Military Personnel Directorate, led by the Military Personnel Officer (MILPO/G1), provides human resources support to sustain the RIARNG. With a combined federal budget in excess of \$930,000, the directorate consists of three functional divisions - Soldier Services Division, Soldier Support Services Division, Family Support Services Division and the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention (SAPR) section.



SOLDIER SERVICES DIVISION

The Soldier Services Division has four functional branches within the G1 Directorate:

- Officer Personnel Management
- Enlisted Personnel Management
- Human Resources Systems Branch
- Health Services Section

The essential personnel services provided by the Division include:

- Promotions and Reductions
- Accessions, Transfer and Discharge Actions
- Awards and Decorations
- Evaluation Reports
- Personnel Records Management
- Line of Duty Investigations
- Personnel Readiness Management
- Strength Reporting

The Division is responsible for processing soldiers and supporting families for mobilization and demobilization in support of state and federal missions. During FY17, this Division screened over 400 Soldiers for mobilization and was recognized by NGB G1 for superior data quality. Additionally, the Soldier Services Division prepared for implementation of the new Blended Retirement System (BRS), SGLI Online Enrollment System (SOES), and Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army (IPPS-A).

SOLDIER SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Soldier Support Services Division has two functional programs: Education Services and Incentives and a Resilience and Risk Reduction Program. The division provides support to over 2000 Soldiers in the RIARNG.

EDUCATION SERVICES AND INCENTIVES

The education office manages and processes soldiers' eligibility for the GI Bill, verifies eligibility for state tuition waivers and Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA). In FY17, 565 Soldiers received tuition waivers at three state colleges for up to five classes each semester in accordance with Rhode Island State Law. Soldiers in good standing are also eligible to receive up to \$250 per credit hour for a maximum of 16 credit hours per fiscal year of FTA. Forty-four Soldiers utilized FTA at 17 institutions nationwide. Service members are afforded additional educational benefits such as CLEP, GRE, GMAT test reimbursement, and licensing and certification exams.

The education office completed the Legacy FTA Recoupment project mandated by NGB Education Branch. More than \$59,000 was recouped from Soldiers who failed to fulfill their financial and scholastic requirements after receiving federal tuition assistance. The education office administered 59 Army Personnel Tests to members of the RIARNG, RI Air National Guard (RIANG), Active Duty Army, Active Duty Navy, Army Reserve, and Army ROTC. During FY17 test administrators proctored 32 language tests, 24 Armed Forces Classification Tests, and three Aviation Aptitude Tests. Additionally, the education office manages soldier

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Colonel Andrew J. Chevalier

enlistment or retention incentives such as bonuses and student loan repayments. The Incentives Manager processed payments for 75 soldiers under the Student Loan Repayment Program for a total of \$89,300 and approximately \$1 million in bonus payments were made to 113 Soldiers. The education office also provided educational counseling to approximately 1,275 Soldiers for various education benefits such as tuition assistance, bonus and incentives, transfer of education benefits, and college course planning.

RESILIENCE AND RISK REDUCTION

The Resilience and Risk Reduction Team includes:

- Resilience and Risk Reduction Program Coordinator
- State Resilience Coordinator
- Suicide Prevention Program Manager
- Alcohol and Drug Control Officer
- Substance Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator
- Drug Testing Coordinator

The program is designed to:

- Foster comprehensive efforts to build physical, emotional and psychological resilience
- Directly enhance Soldier readiness

In FY17, resilience training has been incorporated within Peer Assistance Training to educate both service members and civilians. The RIARNG currently has 69 qualified Master Resilience Trainers and 108 qualified Resilience Trainer Assistants. Twenty-six senior staff members were trained in the Executive Resilience and Performance Course by a certified trainer from NGB in FY17 for a total of 51 senior staff trained.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

In FY17, the Suicide Prevention Program coordinator facilitated seven Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Courses training 93 personnel. Currently, the state has a total of 326 ASIST trained members. Additionally, 77 soldiers were trained in Ask Care Escort - Suicide Intervention (ACE-SI) techniques bringing the state total to 270 trained. Two Peer Assistance Team (PAT) trainings were also facilitated increasing the number to 43 PAT Members. As a result

of this training, these soldiers are now qualified to assist commanders in resilience and risk reduction efforts.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (SAP)

The SAP prevents substance abuse by providing Soldiers and commanders with information and services including:

- Identification of high-risk units,
- Prevention education
- Assessments and referrals to community resources
- Deterrence through drug testing in order to prevent
- Deter and address high risk behaviors

In FY17, the SAP Team conducted 1438 Unit Risk Inventory Surveys in 28 units. In all, 1715 Soldiers, received *Strong Choices* prevention training.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Family Support Services Division led by the Military Family Program Director is a comprehensive collection of assets, resources, and programs designed to support both Soldiers and their families to enhance Soldier, Airmen and family readiness.

MILITARY FAMILY PROGRAMS (MFP)

The mission of the RING-MFP is to establish and facilitate ongoing communication, involvement, support, and recognition between military members, their families. The goal is to strengthen a sense of community and to empower families by providing the tools necessary to meet their unique challenges - before, during and after deployments. The RING Military Family Program is located within the Family Assistance Center (FAC) at the Warwick Armory, 541 Airport Road, Warwick, Rhode Island. The FAC is a "One-Stop-Shop" staffed with a team of family assistance professionals. The FAC is mandated to provide six essential services to military families which includes providing information regarding:

- TRICARE/DEERS
- Family/ community outreach
- Crisis intervention
- Legal and financial referrals

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SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)

The majority of services in the RING-MFP are provided by NGB managed contractors. Analysis of FY17 data reveals that the majority of issues reported by RING members and their families are regarding financial matters including unemployment and requests for emotional counselor referrals. The FAC assisted with over 1500 separate cases. The FAC helped plan or participated in 22 events and 41 mass communication messages were included in newsletters, social media, and e-mails.

SOS provides support, information, and services closest to where the survivor families reside. SOS ensures that survivors receive all government and non-government benefits and entitlements, grief and financial counseling, and access to survivor events and support groups. In FY17, the SOS coordinator attended and/or conducted over 15 events in direct support to survivors and support groups with over 325 survivors attending. In addition to events, ongoing supportive services include:

CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM (CYP)

The mission of the CYP is to ensure that military youth have the tools and resources they need to be resilient while supporting their social, emotional, educational, and recreational needs. FY17 was a busy year supporting over 1,100 military youth during 17 programs and events. Highlights include 10 educational briefings and trainings, seven Family Readiness Group events, five Teen Council working meetings, three Teen Resiliency Curriculum Trainings, two Military Youth Development Camps, and support to state and regional youth symposiums.

- Outreach to survivor family members,
- Providing resources including grief counseling and support
- Providing event information, financial resources
- Follow-up on any unresolved issues and benefit entitlements
- RI Gold Star Sailing Camp

We maintain a link to the military community and supportive services for as long as the survivor wishes.

MILITARY ONESOURCE (MOS)

Military OneSource is a confidential Department of Defense-funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life for free to active and reserve component members and their families. Information includes deployment, reunion, relationship, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood, and much more. Eligible individuals may also receive the confidential non-medical counseling addressing issues requiring short-term attention, including everyday stressors, deployment and reintegration concerns, parenting, grief and loss, and marital problems as well as assistance with financial management, taxes, career services, health and wellness, and much more. This personalized support is available 24/7 no matter where you live or serve using the call center 800-342-9647 or website www.militaryonesource.mil.

FAMILY READINESS SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (FRSA)

FRSAs empower and assist commanders in delivering the Total Army Family Program (TAFP) designed to insure that soldiers and families are informed, educated, assisted, and readied for the unique demands of military life. In FY17, assistants attended and/or conducted over 300 events/meetings involving more than 1,800 service members, 3,700 family members, and 350 volunteers and visitors in support of each major command. The RI MFP conducted a Volunteer Appreciation Night with approximately 42 attendees to recognize and honor volunteers from the FRG and Family Readiness events. Rhode Island's FRSA's administered 55 orientations to both command teams and FRG volunteers. Additionally, RI shared a Family Readiness Support Specialist (FRSS) Trainer with Massachusetts and Connecticut. The FRSS Trainer is responsible for training FRGs and leadership regarding roles and responsibilities as it relates to Family Readiness. The trainer provided family and well-being training to over 300 FRSA's, 500 service members, 75 FRG volunteers, and 160 family members.

YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM (YRRP)

This program consists of highly trained professionals who are able to provide Soldiers and military families an assortment of tools during the deployment cycle. These services are designed to support health and well-being of soldiers and their families allowing them to cope with separation and hardships associated with deployment. In FY17, the YRRP hosted nine multi-phase events supporting a total 709 soldiers and their families during all three phases of deployment.

EMPLOYER SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR)

ESGR's mission to develop and promote supportive work environments for personnel in the reserve components through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws and resolves employer conflicts between Service members and their employers. The program consists of 44 volunteers who logged over 1,704 hours, assisted with Yellow Ribbon events, employer events, employer and military briefings, job fairs and handled 18 employer issues. Their generosity was recognized at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Training Meeting and our Volunteer of the Year was recognized at the Annual Freedom Award Employer Recognition Dinner. The program served over 3,926 service members from the Army and Air National Guard, Navy Reserves, Marine Reserves, Army Reserves and Coast Guard Reserves. ESGR worked with over 1,013 Rhode Island Employers on Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act education, company recognition and relationship building.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE ADVISOR

The Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA) serves as a state-wide point of contact for access to benefits and services provided by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), the military health system, federal and state departments of labor and other service and benefit programs. The TAA provides support and

assistance to all service members, veterans, military retirees, and their families. This includes assisting with accessing VA and military healthcare facilities and in applying for other VA services and benefits, such as compensation and pension for disability, insurance, loan guarantee, vocational rehabilitation/employment, and education benefits. Additionally, the TAA serves as a liaison between the National Guard and the VA. This office completed over 8,000 transactions in order to serve our state's veteran population.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR)

The RING-SAPR Program is a prevention program instituted to eliminate incidences of sexual assault in the RING. During 2017, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) assisted with planning and executing training in all RING units. Supporting efforts included unit and individual Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program (SHARP) training in both small and large group formats throughout the year as well as conducting the 9th Annual Obstacle Course challenge during Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) in April. This event showcases the importance of being an educated bystander who is physically and mentally strong enough to eliminate sexual assault in the RING.



RING Members compete in the annual Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program obstacle course challenge.

G2 - INTELLIGENCE

Lieutenant Colonel Richard Duffy

MISSION

The Military Intelligence Directorate of the Joint Force Headquarters, RING, supports the Adjutant General with timely intelligence and cyber security information. The directorate provides training opportunities for intelligence Soldiers enabling them to support overseas missions and support civil authorities during emergencies. Additional responsibilities include:

- Building and maintaining national, state and inter-agency partnerships
- Providing intelligence and intelligence oversight, and operation security training and testing
- Planning development for State Fusion Center (SFC) and Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)

- Trains Army and Air soldiers, airmen and the Civil Air Patrol personnel in the employment of the Geospatial Information Interoperability Exploitation – Portable (GIIEP) system providing video and still photography for exercise support and search and rescue operations
- Conducted GIIEP system training with Space and Missile Defense Command, the Rhode Island Air Force Auxiliary, and United States Coast Guard to prepare for mutual support to the state and region in response to natural or manmade emergencies



RI Director of the Department of Transportation, Peter Alviti, addresses the state of the roads in RI during a State joint-agency briefing on the status of winter storm Niko, on Thursday, Feb. 09, 2017. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Capt. Mark Incze)

G3 - TRAINING

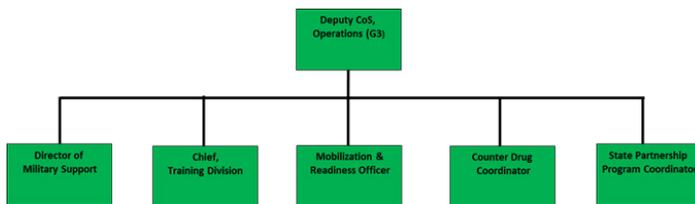
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MISSION

Oversee the planning, resourcing, funding, coordination, and execution of all RIARNG operations and mobilizations events in order to ensure readiness in support of federal and state operations. Plan and coordinate all state's assets in order to ensure a timely and effective response to the citizens of Rhode Island.

TRAINING

Assist in planning, resourcing, funding, coordination, and execution of all RIARNG training events in order to ensure readiness in support of federal and state operations.



RESPONSIBILITIES

The RIARNG responsibility in our training programs are to ensure individual/crew/team proficiency and small unit training, while simultaneously training commanders and their staffs in the successful execution of Mission Command. Leaders must gain efficiencies and increase our training effectiveness. Our organizational focuses on fundamentals, standards, and mission essential training.

IMPACT

In 2017, RIARNG units were provided the opportunity to conduct training missions throughout the world. NGB funding in excess of \$17 million supported soldier training and individual school requirements for the fiscal year. The RIARNG trained collectively with other states providing leadership and subject matter expertise during training activities. Throughout the year the RIARNG participated in numerous overseas training missions and worked with our coalition partners

to ensure the highest level of training success. The RIARNG supported higher education and individual training needs by maintaining a career education track for each soldier. This additional education provides soldiers the opportunity to matriculate into a college degree programs. These exercises and educational opportunities increase organizational readiness to our federal and state missions.

CAMP FOGARTY TRAINING CENTER

This center provides unique military facilities that enhance partnerships with our state and federal agencies. The center serves as a hub during operations in support of federal or state declared emergencies. It is comprised of over 350 acres and includes:

- Administrative, maintenance, and logistical facilities
- Unique training facilities
- Field training areas



1st Sgt. Anthony Abatecola plays Taps after the 21 gun salute as part of the annual Memorial Day service, honoring those service members who were killed in the line of duty, on Monday, May 29, 2017, at the Rhode Island Veteran's Cemetery, in Exeter, R.I. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Capt. Mark Incze)

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Colonel James Vartanian

Training facilities are available to all military services, federal, state, and municipal law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and youth organizations. We routinely support training for the US Navy, USMC, Naval War College, Joint Non-lethal Weapons Directorate, Army and Marine Reserve units, RI State Training facilities are available to all military services, federal, state, and municipal law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and youth organizations. We routinely support training for the US Navy, USMC, Naval War College, Joint Non-lethal Weapons Directorate, Army and Marine Reserve units, RI State Police, RI Municipal Police Academy, RI EMA, and RI Department of Corrections. We also support numerous youth groups such as the Boy Scouts of America, US Naval Sea Cadets, and Gold Star Children. In FY17 over 37,000 personnel were trained on Camp Fogarty helping the RING remain a ready, reliable and relevant, prepared to serve all Rhode Islanders.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY SUPPORT (DOMS)

The mission of the DOMS is to coordinate Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA). DSCA support includes preparation, prevention, protection, response, and recovery from natural and man-made domestic incidents including terrorist attacks. In 2017, the DOMS coordinated support to well over 125 events throughout the state including:

- Color Guards
- 88th Army Band performances
- Static displays
- Parade participation
- Military speaker support
- Other Civic events

Multiple training exercises were conducted utilizing live and virtual environments to maintain a high level of proficiency when responding to requests for assistance to civil authorities for domestic operations.



RI Governor Gina Raimondo sits alongside members of the RI National Guard Command Staff team, Brig. Gen. Arthur Floru (middle) and Lt. Col. Michael Manning (right) during a State joint-agency briefing on the status of winter storm Niko, on Thursday, Feb. 09, 2017.

(U.S. Army National Guard photo by Capt. Mark Incze)

PHYSICAL SECURITY

Responsible for the safeguard of government equipment and personnel, the Physical Security Section conducts inspections of all 19 RING armories and facilities. Additional responsibilities include:

- Production of physical security plans
- Publication of Inventory results
- Threat and Risk analysis
- Sabotage prevention
- Prevention of physical damage due to natural disaster

JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER (JOC)

The JOC receives, analyzes, coordinates, directs, and manages requests for information and resources. During emergencies the JOC supports RI Emergency Management Agency when activated by the Governor through the chain of command. In FY17 the JOC performed simulation exercises during the Open House and Airshow for training sustainment.

EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION

Upgrading and fielding Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence systems to increase our organizational capabilities was an FY17 objective. Units received multiple systems and upgrades to accomplish this, including the Battle Command Common Services platform which provides infrastructure for use in tactical Army command posts. The Command Post of the Future Include Warfighter systems and remote video terminals allowing Soldiers to view live video feeds from various platforms. All these collaborative tools provide increased situational awareness through secure reliable voice, video and data.

This year many units within the state received equipment upgrades to include: Engineer Rapid Airfield Construction Capability (ERACC) Type II Enhanced Earthmoving to the 861st Engineer Support

Company from 56th Troop Command out of East Greenwich, M3 Gustav Anti-Tank Weapon System and Command Launch Unit (CLU) to the Javelin Anti-Tank Missile System upgrades were made to the A/1-182nd Infantry and C/1-143rd (Airborne) Infantry companies. 1/126th Aviation Battalion received upgrades to their capability to recover damaged aircraft with the fielding of the Unit Maintenance Aerial Recovery Kit (UMARK) as well as upgrades to our Aero Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) capabilities in the fielding of new Medical Evaluation Sets (MES). The 103rd Artillery Battalion also received upgrades to their M777 Howitzer weapon system enhancing their capabilities.

COUNTERDRUG SUPPORT PROGRAM (CSP)

The mission of the CSP is to provide unique military skills and resources to support Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and other community based organizations. This program focuses its resources through criminal intelligence analysis, linguist support, and substance abuse prevention. The number of members serving can fluctuate based on congressional funding support.

IMPACT

In FY17 the CSP maintained support with imbedded criminal intelligence analysts in the following LEA:

- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- US Postal Inspector Service
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Rhode Island Office of Criminal Investigations
- US Marshals Service
- Rhode Island State Police Narcotics (HIDTA Initiative) and the Financial Crimes Units

This program contributed to 122 separate drug cases and 14 money laundering cases, two of which included illicit international finance activity. Analytical support yielded 194 arrests and the seizure of over half million dollars, ten vehicles, 31 firearms, and a combined drug seizure value exceeding \$117 million.

SURFACE MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE (SMM)

The SMM directs and administers the surface maintenance program for the RIARNG. The SMM provides technical supervision to all maintenance activities and exercises operational and administrative control over the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS), the Field Maintenance Shops (FMS) and the Surface Maintenance Office (SMO). The SMM and his/her staff provide guidance, administrative support and supervision over technical aspects of unit organizational maintenance for the entire organization.

FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOPS (FMS)

There are three FMSs in Rhode Island located in Warren, Warwick, and East Greenwich. Each FMS is subordinate to the Supervisory Surface Maintenance Specialist. The mission of the FMS is to provide field maintenance that is beyond the capabilities of the owning units and to provide limited direct support maintenance on all equipment assigned to units supported by the FMS. Each shop is provided with the necessary tools and equipment to conduct maintenance and repairs authorized at that level.

COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP (CSMS)

The CSMS is the center of maintenance activity and provides both field and sustainment maintenance support. Sustainment maintenance is the higher level of maintenance after field maintenance and is provided to all units of the RIARNG. Specialized work is performed on electronic equipment, armament, and calibrated instruments. Other functions of the CSMS include engine rebuild, auto body repair, and vehicle painting.

Soldiers from the 1207th Forward Support Company prepare to conduct a convoy movement.

REQUIREMENTS

The Surface Maintenance Program supports the following requirements of the RIARNG (to include the total number of wheeled vehicles, personnel budget and the budget for repair parts required for services and repairs):

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Wheeled Vehicles Supported	1,178
Budget to support equipment repairs	\$2,946,672



SPC Gabriel Morales performs engine repairs at the Combined Support Maintenance Shop CSMS.

LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Logistics Management Officer and staff have the responsibility for overall management of logistics for the RIARNG. The office coordinates logistics functions and management programs based on regulations, manuals, instructions, guidance and direction as issued by the appropriate authority. The office staff reviews logistical plans and policies to prepare units for combat operations and state emergencies. This office also provides logistics automation, military

transportation, supply management and supports food service activities for RIARNG units. The LMO controls a budget to support all the above activities. The current fiscal year budget was:

Below: Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation load military vehicles and trailers onto commercial vehicles for transportation to a mobilization site.



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Lieutenant Colonel Alan White

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (DCSIM)

The directorate serves as the primary advisor and authoritative expert to the Adjutant General, staff elements, and command officials on matters pertaining to Information Management.

VISION

The vision of the RING J6/CIO is to ensure the entire organization is able to leverage Information Technology and Information Management to meet organizational strategic objectives by remaining modern, capable, and ready, to meet the needs for the Department of Defense (Quadrennial Defense Review 2014). These command and control capabilities will require a robust Information Technology and Information Management infrastructure capable of meeting both federal and state mission requirements.

MISSION

The mission of the RING J6/CIO is to provide a high quality, secure, and professional information technology and information management infrastructure and services to our customers necessary for the performance of federal and state missions.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The Distance Learning program has two classrooms and a conferencing area in East Greenwich, RI. A satellite location at the command headquarters in Cranston, RI houses secure/unsecure video teleconferencing capabilities (VTC) for up to 20 personnel. The office provide secure/unsecure video teleconferencing, web-based training, computer-based training, and classroom facilities for the RING and

community. The classrooms are involved in video teleconferencing for mission operations VTCs, recruiting and retention, standardized testing, and numerous other video conferences throughout the year. Operation of secure and unsecure video teleconference equipment allows military commanders to communicate with their deployed units in real time in addition to operational planning and coordination.

AUTOMATION

The automation section purchases and implements all computer equipment for the CIO/J6. It maintains repairs and upgrades on all computer equipment (workstations and servers) attached to the Local Area Network (LAN). Automation support continues to monitor systems and recommends life cycle acquisitions as needed. They manage all computer property assigned to the RING for accountability. The section also maintains the CIO/J6 Help Desk for individual and unit automation issues, as well as maintaining the software library for government owned computer systems and accounts for all licensing. It also produces reports on demand to account for hardware and software usage, and ensures compliance with current anti-virus and information assurance standards. The automation team assists with installation and configuration of routers and network equipment at all RING locations.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administrative services provide document reproduction and graphical aid services. They also provide bulk mail and package shipment services, Freedom of Information Act requests, and document management. The office continues to convert publications to electronic format. There are currently 80 multifunction copiers networked

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throughout the National Guard, reducing the operational costs of separate desktop printers, scanners, and fax machines.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Telecommunications section designs, maintains and upgrades the Telecommunications Network for all installations of the RING. This section also maintains the communications (land based and cellular) for the RING and acts as a liaison between the National Guard and various telecommunication companies. It also maintains a telecommunication switch network throughout the state to include a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telecommunication architecture. It is also responsible for all primary and alternate Wide Area Network (WAN) links throughout the state.

COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS (CE)

The RING continues to participate in the nationwide NGB Joint Force Voice Communications Exercises. These communications exercises include high frequency radio, secure voice terminals, secure fax, non-secure fax, and Iridium Satellite phones and utilization of the Joint Incident Site Communication Capability (JISCC) mobile communication system. These communication exercises also utilize tactical communication assets of the Air National Guard Combat Communications units.

The RING's Joint Force Headquarters continues to participate in the National Guard Bureau Joint Force Voice Communications Exercise to include the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, Governor's Office and Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency. Communication exercises test radio HF high, VHF low (FM), secure and standard telephones, including both secure and standard network connectivity.

NETWORKING & DISASTER RECOVERY

The state wide Local Area Network (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN) throughout the RIARNG is comprised of data circuits connected to a privately contracted network cloud via fiber optic circuits throughout the state. All sites have high capacity data circuit with redundant data circuit backup. LAN connectivity to all units in the RING allows for remote software installation and troubleshooting. The Network Control Center services all units and activities. Expanded secure LAN and VTC systems continue to operate and support war fighter requirements. The RING is able to conduct secure video teleconferences with NGB, Department of Homeland Security and the DoD.

The network is operated within an Active Directory environment as part of the NGB Active Directory Forest. All network clients are required to utilize two factor credential authentication to join the network. E-Mail is processed in a DoD wide Microsoft Exchange environment that supports digital signing and document encryption. Enterprise level Virtual Private Networking (VPN) and kiosk terminals provide additional system access for our drill status guardsmen.

VISUAL INFORMATION (VI)

The VI section provides high quality Official Military Photographs to National Guard soldiers. All official photos are digitally forwarded to Department of the Army Personnel Management System and are viewable from the soldiers' Army Knowledge Online (AKO) accounts. This section also provides photography and video support to numerous functions. Assistance is also provided for presentations using state-of-the-art software and hardware.

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DEFENSIVE CYBER OPERATIONS ELEMENT (DCO-E)

The Army National Guard Computer Network Defense Team (CND-T) was recently renamed and restructured in the Defensive Cyber Operations Element under the RING Joint Force Headquarters. The element conducts defensive cyber operations in support of DoD and NGB operations, GuardNet XXI protection, and support to the RI National Guard Joint Force Headquarters. The RI DCO-E is responsible for keeping National Guard leadership informed of incidents, alerts, and warnings based on intrusion activity, ACERT advisories, and other sources.

The team provides assistance to network users of National Guard systems. This assistance comes in the form of computer network defense, conducted by evaluating the threat picture against known vulnerabilities and attack vectors in order to find ways to protect the network from incidents and intrusions, and responding to attacks that occur on military networks.

The DCO-E has four primary functions:

- Assist the RING CIO/Adjutant General/State Leaders in protecting NG or State information resources
- Respond to systems experiencing attempted computer penetrations, data contamination, disruptions, etc.
- Provide training in cyber security and information operations techniques, as well as related legal topics, in order to process incident assessments and notification effectively and prepare for follow-on mitigation requirements
- Partner and participate in table-top and hands-on cyber security events

JOINT INCIDENT SITE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY (JISCC)

Each JISCC configuration is a mobile set of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) and/or government off-the-shelf (GOTS) communications hardware and associated peripheral equipment designed to provide onsite and reachback communications capabilities for enhanced Command and Control (C2) and shared situational awareness (SA) among first responders, and with state and federal command authorities and centers. This year, Rhode Island was one of the first states to receive a major upgrade to this system providing newer hardware technologies and improved capabilities to integrate with the DoD network and DHS systems.

When deployed at or near a domestic incident site, the JISCC fulfills four primary functions:

- Voice Interoperability - interconnects diverse voice communications networks and devices used by multiple response agencies at the incident site into a single, wireless interoperable environment
- Reach-back - provides reach-back support to relevant state and federal networks and to organizations with incident management responsibilities
- Command Post Integration - provides on-scene command post integration to include Video Conferencing capabilities
- Incident Site Communications - provides unit to unit communications directly via ultra-high frequency (UHF) handheld radios or by relay through a UHF repeater and mast-mounted antenna



13TH CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Moricas

MISSION

The CST supports civil authorities at a potential domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive (CBRNE) site by identifying CBRNE agents/substances, and assessing current and projected consequences. The team then advises on response measures and assists with appropriate requests for additional state support. Their mission also includes incident response to an all HAZARDS response for domestic incidents involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), natural and or man-made disasters, and provides a unique mobile capabilities not available at the local and state level.

OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

The 13th WMD-CST is assigned to the Governor of Rhode Island to support local, state, and federal agencies. The unit is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week for rapid recall/rapid deployment for all hazards response operations within the United States. The unit may be employed in Title 10 or 32 status as a reserve or reinforcing element for other CSTs. The unit may also work in concert with the Joint Task Force for Civil Support in the overall national response of local, state and federal assets. Personnel assigned to the unit are trained and outfitted to operate in environments contaminated with toxic industrial chemicals and materials as well as weaponized chemical, biological, and radiological warfare agents.

WMD-CST CAPABILITIES

The 13th WMD-CST has the ability to detect and characterize suspected WMD agents/ substances. The unit is extremely adept at sampling a multitude of liquids, solids and gases utilizing the FBI 12 Step Process. The unit also operates a mobile analytical laboratory platform to perform analysis and identification of unknown substances. Additional capabilities include:

- Determine contaminated area, and assess hazards to personnel, animals and critical infrastructure of identified agents/substances present
- Link to and augment real time operational communications with civil authorities via a Unified Command Suite
- Advises civil authorities as to casualty medical management and minimization measures
- Provide consequence management recommendations to the Incident Commander (IC)
- Decontaminate assigned personnel and assist the IC in setup of a decontamination site.

QUALIFICATIONS

The 13th WMD-CST is composed of Army and Air Guard Full Time Personnel. Each member of the unit completes over 850 hours of training sponsored by various state and federal agencies including NFPA 472 standards. Their certifications include: Hazardous Materials Technician, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), Medical personnel licensing, etc. The unit is evaluated and assessed regularly to ensure it is aligned with all military, state, and federal regulations.

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TRAINING/DEPLOYMENT

The soldiers and airmen of the 13th WMD-CST increased mission performance in an already high operational tempo in FY17. A highlight of the training year was the participation in Exercise ORCA '17, a multi-CST, multi-agency training exercise focusing on tiered response operations and agency interoperability in Anchorage, Alaska. Exercise ORCA '17 incorporated the US Coast Guard, FBI, DOE, DHS, CDC, Anchorage first responders and four other CST's. The team exercised the unit movement plan by conducting a full unit air load movement via two C-17 aircraft from Westover Airbase to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in order to participate in Exercise ORCA '17.

The 13th WMD-CST planned, coordinated, hosted, and executed an inter-agency collective training exercise at T. F. Green Airport that included the

Warwick Fire Department Special Hazards Team, Warwick EOD, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, and both T.F. Green fire and police. The team secured a Boeing 737 aircraft from Southwest Airlines to simulate passenger exposure to a biological agent during flight. Given the current operating environment, our ability to coordinate with local, state, and federal stakeholders in the pursuit of securing unique and relevant training venues remains a unique feature of the CST. The team also sustained its modular strike team concept by deploying several members with select equipment to support the 94th CST in Guam, during Kontra I Piligru '17, an all hazards CBRN Joint Exercise.

The unit's primary real-world focus in FY17 was supporting and assisting state and federal law enforcement agencies by providing presumptive analysis of unknown substances. With over a dozen responses, the 13th CST was able to

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dennis Haubrich (left) and U.S. Army Sgt. James Graves, 13th Civil Support Team, Rhode Island Army National Guard, walk through an abandoned building May 3, 2017, during a simulated hazardous materials event while participating in Exercise Orca 2017 in Anchorage.



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provide presumptive analysis to the Rhode Island State Police, the RI High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Team (HIDTA), DEA, and United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS). The significant findings included the identification of Fentanyl and its analogues, heroin, and cocaine.

The 13th WMD-CST developed, coordinated, and conducted training on the wear of Personal Protective Equipment in response to CBRN agents and, more importantly, the current opioid crisis. Members of the 13th CST also provided educational support to a Master's Level Education Program at Salve Regina University. The unit continuously provided stand-by support to many large scale public events such as the National Governors Association 2017 Summer Meeting,

Boston Marathon, RING Open House/Air Show and the Bristol Fourth of July parade.

The unit's Family Readiness Support Group (FRG) was again a showcase for support of our service members throughout the state. The 13th WMD-CST along with its FRG, organized, managed and executed the 9th Annual Fun Shoot at Addieville East Farm in Harrisville, RI. The event was a huge success including over 100 participants along with the support of many public and private partners.

Below: U.S. Army Capt. Gene Hebert assists U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dennis Haubrich, 13th Civil Support Team, Rhode Island Army National Guard, with getting out of a hazardous materials suit May 3, 2017, during a HAZMAT training scenario as part of Exercise Orca 2017 in Anchorage.



PERSONAL STAFF

United States Property & Fiscal Officer
Colonel Paul R. Leveillee

The United States Property & Fiscal Office manages all federal funds and assets assigned to the RING. In FY17, this office received approximately \$150 million dollars in federal funds to support training, materiel and equipment. The USPFO-RI ensures Federal property issued to the RING is maintained and utilized in accordance with applicable federal laws. It accomplishes this mission through its five divisions; Comptroller, Contracting, Internal Review, Logistics, and Data Processing.

SPECIAL STAFF

Chaplain
Major Timothy Bourquin

The Chaplain Corps exists to ensure the free exercise of religion of all service members. Chaplains also execute the Commander's Master Religious Program which includes, providing support for official ceremonies, officiating weddings and funerals, providing counseling to service members, conducting marriage retreats, and monitoring the morale of the organization.

The Rhode Island Chaplain Corps consists of four Army Chaplains, one Chaplain Candidate, four Religious Support Specialists and two Air Guard Chaplains and four Air Guard Chaplain Assistants. The budget managed by the chaplains is utilized for the Strong Bonds Program (SBP). Funds are entrusted to the state by National Guard Bureau.

The funds are intended for goods and services to conduct relationship resiliency training. In FY 2017 the Strong Bonds program added \$71,000 to the local economy.

SPECIAL STAFF

Staff Judge Advocate
Major Robert M. Williamson

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA) provides legal support to the Adjutant General, staff, and commanders on all matters related to military law, administrative law, ethics, employment law, and domestic operations support to civil authorities.

The OSJA offers legal assistance services to current members of the RING and retirees, and their families, including but not limited to estate planning services, landlord-tenant disputes, consumer law issues and credit disputes. Legal assistance services provided through the OSJA in Fiscal Year 2017 totaled over 600 hours, and have saved soldiers and airmen nearly \$140,000.00 in legal fees from 01 October 2016 – 30 September 2017.



SPECIAL STAFF

Inspector General
Lieutenant Colonel William R. Dailey III

The Office of the Inspector General (IG) for the RING serves The Adjutant General (TAG) and all members of the Rhode Island National Guard, to include soldiers, airmen, civilian employees, retirees, contractors and family members.

This support is provided through multiple IG functions to include inspections, assistance, investigations, teaching, and training. The primary purpose of these functions are to enhance the RING's readiness by inquiring and periodically reporting on, the discipline, efficiency, economy, morale, training, and readiness.

Inspectors General are considered the eyes, ears, voice and conscious of the Adjutant General with the tenets of being a fair and impartial fact finder in pursuit of the truth.



MISSION

To provide the three cornerstones of military public affairs: Community Relations, Public Information, and Command Information, in a manner which ensures maximum disclosure with minimum delay for unclassified information.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The RING is proud to participate in the community for that it serves. In 2017, our soldiers and airmen continued to participate in every major Rhode Island event, including Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day. During the course of the year, the Public Affairs team launched the new rationalguard.com website platform to ensure our service members, families, and all potential recruits have access to the best organizational information. The full-time Public Affairs team as well as the 110th Public Affairs Detachment provided exceptional coverage of this year's Open House and Air Show as well as the International Jump Competition known as Leapfest. The team continuously and aggressively covered multiple state and training events that showcased our capabilities, collaborating with many external stakeholders.

COMMAND INFORMATION

RING Public Affairs continued an aggressive command information campaign internally and externally. The public affairs team supported both organizational and state information requests on a weekly basis. Social media gains measured in number of followers and responses grew significantly throughout the year and maximized our efforts to communicate command messages and highlights of our organization's training and events. The Ocean State Guardian is the official

magazine of the RING and is produced quarterly with timely and pertinent input provided by this office. The magazine is distributed to soldiers, airmen, and government agencies as well as community hot spots. The magazine content can be found the RING's Facebook and Twitter pages.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The PA Office produced in excess of 50 press releases and media advisories for the fiscal year and responded to more than 150 requests for information from the public and media. The Public Affairs office also responded to numerous requests throughout our state concerning operations and facilities. During the late summer months, the team extensively covered the RING's response to disaster relief efforts in Texas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The Public Affairs department's communications platform, the RING Communicator, continued to surge and processed well over 100 requests for information and military support from our major stakeholders throughout the state.





43d MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

Colonel Javier A. Reina

43d MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE

Subordinate units:

- 118th MP Battalion
- 115th MP Company
- 169th MP Company
- 1st Battalion, 103d Field Artillery
- 1207th Forward Support Company

FY 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & DEPLOYMENTS

43d Military Police Brigade deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a Joint Task Force Headquarters to oversee the conduct of detainee operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Several other soldiers assigned to the 43d MP Brigade were deployed around the globe in support of other contingency operations. We continue to support them all and their families.

The 118th Military Police Battalion and its subordinate units conducted their annual training by participating in the 2017 Austere Challenge in Grafenwoehr Germany during the months of January, February and March of 2017. This was a large scale defense exercise that consisted of a computer-based command post and a simulation-driven war game exercise that involved over 5,000 U.S. troops all across Europe and the United States. The military police performed high profile safety and security missions throughout the duration of the exercise.

The 115th MP Company assisted the Rhode Island State Police and other local law enforcement agencies with providing security during a four-day National Governor's Conference. The unit was tasked to provide security for a multitude of venues throughout the state. These events are relevant as the state's designated National Guard Response Force (NGRF) for the upcoming year. In the event of a large scale disaster, the unit is prepared to perform critical site security and maintain the peace by responding to civil disturbances.

The 169th MP Company assisted the Town of Bristol with the 4th of July Independence Day Parade and annual events that take place during the 3rd and 4th of July.

The 1st Battalion, 103d Field Artillery and its subordinate units concentrated training efforts on individual Army Warrior Tasks, M777 howitzer employment and live fire training. By working closely with aviation assets from both Rhode Island and Connecticut National



The 115th Military Police Company conducted re-certification for handling a taser at the Warwick Armory on July 13, 2017. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by 2nd. Lt. Kaidian Smith)

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Guard aviation units, the 1/103d FA BN successfully conducted sling load operations with a M777 howitzer using a CH47 aircraft. After several months of training, the 1-103d conducted an air assault demonstration at the 2017 Rhode Island National Guard Open House Air Show in FY17. During the demonstration, Soldiers of Bravo Battery conducted an air assault from UH60s and a sling load demonstration of a M777 howitzer being transported by a CH47 and two HMMWVs transported by UH60 Blackhawks. The 1/103d FA Annual Training was executed in a tactical training environment at Fort Drum, NY. The intent was to operate in an austere environment and mirror a combat scenario complete with OPFOR and additional support assets. The battalion fired over 1,200 rounds while successfully completed the training scenario.

FY 17 STATE SUPPORT

The 43d Military Police Brigade and all subordinate units conducted concurrent training to prepare for various missions in support of local authorities. Some units participated in large-scale disaster response

exercises while others performed missions in support of state and local authorities. Below are some of the highlights:

- 1st Battalion 103d Field Artillery supported the Boy Scouts of America annual food drive by providing transportation of the donated food to food banks across the state
- 115th and 169th Military Police Companies, along with a Battalion Headquarters element, provided support for the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. as part of a multi-agency response to assist with providing security for various ceremonies and events over a three day period
- 169th MP Company provide traffic control support to the Rhode Island National Guard Open House Air Show at Quonset Air National Guard Base
- All elements of the brigade also supported a number of parades, military ceremonies, and various events throughout the year



Soldiers of the 1/103d Field Artillery Bravo Battery prepare an M777 Howitzer for sling load. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by 2nd. Lt Kaidian Smith)



56TH TROOP COMMAND

Colonel Ellis F. Hopkins III

MISSION

56th Troop Command Headquarters provides administrative mission command for all assigned units, providing personnel, logistical and training support of unit preparation for mobilization, deployment, and re-deployment. The 56th Troop Command staff constitutes the command element of a Joint or Army Task Force in support of homeland defense, defense support to Civil Authorities, and/or other domestic emergency operations within the designated Joint Area of Operations. 56th Troop Command also plans and executes Leapfest, the largest military static-line parachuting competition in the world. This year's event comprised 70 teams from nine countries and 14 states. A total of 343 airborne personnel from the International, Active, Reserve and National Guard components conducted 1,027 jumps during the event.

1-126th AVIATION (GSAB)



Soldiers from the 1-126th Aviation conduct pre-flight checks before take off at Quonset Air National Guard Base, North Kingstown, RI.

In the first quarter, the 1/126th went through a Combined Logistic Review Team (CLRT) inspection with the final results being among the highest in the state. In January, the battalion went through a directorate of evaluation and standardization inspection that greatly assisted in standardizing aviation operations. In March, the battalion conducted the Aviation Resource Management Survey (ARMS) and scored in the 90th percentile. In preparation for combat operations, the Battalion Headquarters and company commanders participated in the 449th TAB Warfighter Exercise at Ft Hood TX. In June, the unit supported the Rhode Island National Guard Open House Airshow. Alpha and Charlie Companies performed a UH-60 multi-ship, HMMWV sling load and live hoist demonstration as part of the combined arms demonstration for the show. In August, Alpha and Carlie Company participated in aerial gunnery exercises at Ft Dix, NJ. Throughout the entire FY, the 1/126th was in the pre-mobilization phase completing all the mandatory and Army Warrior Tasks required for deployment. The unit is currently mobilized in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

A COMPANY, 2d BATTALION, 19TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)

A-2/19th SFG (A) Priorities during the FY were executing pre-mission training, mobilizing and deploying/redeploying three separate Operational Detachment Alphas (ODA) into Afghanistan as part of the Resolute Support Mission. In early FY17 AOB 9210 went on a Pre-Deployment Site Survey (PDSS) to South Korea for the upcoming

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mobilization to the Korean peninsula for a six month deployment. The AOB's efforts while in theatre consisted of training and advising their Korean counterparts in special operations and counter terrorism operations. Additional emphasis has been placed on recruiting potential candidates for the Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC) and Special Forces Assessment and Selection (SFAS). Members of the unit participated in multiple foreign language refresher training classes in French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. The medics within the unit continued to concentrate their efforts on maintaining medical credentials in preparation for overseas operations. Various members of the unit attended individual professional military education (PME) and advanced skills training conducted throughout the US and OCONUS. One SM attended a month long Counter-terrorism seminar taught in Israel. ODA 9215 conducted their annual dive requalification in Hawaii along with divers from throughout 19th SFG. The unit conducted multiple static line and Military Free Fall parachute operations and supported the International Leapfest Competition with jumpmasters and medics. The majority of the unit members spent, on average, 71 days, not including IDT periods and Title 10, on duty throughout FY17.



C COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 143d INFANTRY REGIMENT (AIRBORNE)

C/1-143rd IN focused on squad and platoon level training. Throughout fiscal year 2017, C Co conducted various airborne operations throughout New England and team/squad live fire exercises at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. The unit also focused on movement, tactics and troop leading procedures at the platoon level. In July, the company conducted its annual training as part of AUP (Army's Associated Unit Program) with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team in Europe. C Co was part of a mass tactical infiltration night jump into Romania supporting the battalion in conducting an airfield seizure exercise. In addition to airborne operations, while in Romania, the company also conducted weapons qualification and platoon level day and night live fire exercises. The company also took part in Leapfest 2017 and various International Airborne exchanges in Germany.

A COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 182ND INFANTRY REGIMENT

FY17 focused on the basic soldier skills for the men of A/1-182 IN, emphasizing the capability to shoot, move, and communicate effectively. The unit trained on movement techniques from the individual to company level, land navigation, radio training in conjunction with calling for indirect fire, and weapons training multiple times throughout the year. The opportunity to conduct weapons training on three different occasions allowed soldiers to enhance their proficiency level on their individual weapon system, the staple of an infantry fighting force. The unit trained on mountaineering skills, continuing the tradition of being the *Old Mountain Company*. A Co. supported various events throughout the year to include, Operation

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Frozen Ram, the 4th of July Bristol parade, and Leapfest 2017.

THE 861st ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY

The 861st Engineers achieved a 98% on their Combined Organizational Maintenance Evaluation Team (COMET) inspection, which exemplifies the excellence within the maintenance section. The 861st also performed annual training at Camp Dawson, West Virginia, focusing on collective engineer tasks to increase overall unit readiness. 1st Platoon completed a parking lot for Camp Dawson's Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS). 2nd Platoon improved numerous culverts along their perimeter road. The 3rd Platoon was tasked with many small construction/beautification projects around Camp Dawson which were all done to the highest standard. The unit also ran drivers training concurrent with all operations, which successfully licensed 22 bus drivers and nine tractor trailer drivers. The unit also supported Leapfest with pole emplacement teams

and parachute recovery teams. The unit helped support the 1/126th during their pre-mobilization with personnel and equipment, and continue to support within the 1/126th rear detachment. The 861st currently has seven deployed Soldiers with the SF, Aviation and the MPs. Throughout the year, the unit has also remained focused on preparing for an upcoming Modified Table of Organizational Equipment (MTOE) change comprised of two horizontal and one vertical platoons. The unit provided search and extraction capabilities for the New England Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high yield Explosive (CBRNE) enhanced response force package (CERFP). The CERFP Search & Extraction element supported the 58th Presidential Inauguration in January with 45 personnel. The CERFP scored an overall 99% during their SEAT inspection. The CERFP also supported numerous external evaluations of other CERFP teams throughout the country. The CERFP leadership acted as liaisons for the 13th Civil Support Team during Operation Orca held in Anchorage, Alaska.

88th ARMY BAND

During FY17, the 88th Army Band supported six parades. They provided a bugler for ceremonies on nine different occasions. The Brass Quintet or other small Music Performance Teams (MPTs) provided musical support on many occasions. The unit also provided sound reinforcement support and music via public address systems at several ceremonies throughout the year to include deployment and re-deployment ceremonies and the International Parachute Competition, Leapfest, hosted by the 56th Troop Command. The Concert Band, Pop Band, Rock Band and Brass Band all performed in FY17. The 88th Army Band's missions included, the Annual Woonsocket Autumn Fest

Paratroopers perform an Airborne jump from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter during Leapfest 2016.



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Parade and Providence Columbus Day Parades; the Veteran's Water Fire event; performances on three occasions to honor veterans at Local Elks lodges; and a concert at the Statehouse for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. They supported events for the RI State Police and Municipal Police Departments and numerous memorial ceremonies; the Memorial Day ceremony at the state Veteran's cemetery in Exeter; the Gaspee Days parade in Warwick; an Independence Day concert in Bristol; the Bristol 4th of July Parade; the Pawtucket Red Sox Annual Armed Forces night; several changes of command; the Officer Candidate School graduation; and a Community Concert in Wickford Village, North Kingstown, RI. Other events supported included an Aviation Hall of Fame ceremony, Boots on the Ground at Roger William's Park, Armed Forces Recognition Day, Wreaths across America, performances at local elementary schools, a Patriotic Concert titled "Honoring Our Heroes," as well as the National Governor's Association Conference. The unit also conducted a recruiting tour to promote opportunities in the State's Military Band and the RIARNG in May and had civilian musicians join them for public performances to create positive relationships with local communities.

110th PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT (PAD)

The 110th Public Affairs Detachment began the year in Kontra/Peligru Guam supporting a multi-agency training exercise with the 13th CST-WMD. Coverage was also provided for the 13th CST for additional training in Anchorage, Alaska. During the spring months, the PAD prepared for the annual Rhode Island National Guard Open House Airshow, arranging for media engagements, preparing for the community activities, and publishing marketing material.



The 88th Army Band performed at the lighting of Heroes Tree at the Rhode Island State House.

During the event itself, the PAD escorted media and organized interviews with subject matter experts for the media, as well as documenting the days' proceedings. In July, the 110th PAD sent a photojournalist to Camp Dawson, West Virginia with the 861st Engineers, to document multiple construction projects being completed by the RIARNG. Also, during the summer, the PAD sent a videographer and photojournalist to Fort Harrison, Montana with A Company, 1st Battalion 182nd Infantry Regiment. The PAD provided higher command with video and still imagery of the mountain training, land navigation mortar and claymore training. The PAD also participated in Leapfest 2017 in August. The Public Affairs Detachment built marketing materials and video commercials, as well as arranged for media members to fly in a UH-60 Blackhawk for aerial photography. The PAD also assisted in documenting the events of Leapfest, and built post-event video and photographic products to memorialize the event. Throughout the year, the 110th PAD is dedicated to telling the RING's story by contributing video, photo and written products for social media and the Ocean State Guardian.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Colonel Michael Campbell

MISSION

The state Medical Detachment plans, coordinates, and executes health force protection efforts, and medical/dental support to ensure medical readiness, during operations, training, mobilization, and demobilization of ARNG units. This is done closely with the State Surgeon's office. The Medical Detachment maintains and manages electronic healthcare records of soldiers and units in accordance with the Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rule. It also oversees the transfer and transition of soldier healthcare information between units, civilian medical organizations, and federal agencies.

SOLDIER MEDICAL READINESS

The Medical Command ensures soldiers are medically fit to deploy for war and homeland defense. This is done in accordance with the guidance given by the State Surgeon's office on the current requirements mandated by the mobilization sites and DoD requirements. The command's doctors, nurses, and medics along with their civilian counterparts ensure the health and wellness of all the RIARNG members. The Medical Command is an integral part of the soldier's readjustment during the phases of demobilization.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

The Medical Detachment provided medical support for various missions throughout the year: unit annual training, field training exercises (FTX), Influenza Clinics, Leapfest, to URI ROTC, and a medical mission to the Bahamas.

COMBAT LIFESAVER COURSE (CLS)

CLS is a 40-hour class taught to non-medical Soldiers to ensure immediate medical treatment to the wounded until medics arrive. The course consists of basic and advanced first aid skills. The success of CLS has significantly reduced the number of fatalities on the battlefield due to immediate intervention. This course is offered to all units prior to deployment, quarterly, and upon request.

TRAINING

The Medical Command conducts training activities at the Providence Armory, where they operate a large medical facility. Training includes annual CPR, ACLS, HIPPA and workshops. Additionally, the unit conducted a field training exercise at FT Devens in May 2017 including a leadership obstacle course and weapons qualification.





RECRUITING (ARMY)

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen T. Guertin

MISSION

The Rhode Island Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion conducts strength maintenance operations based on the three tenants of Strength Maintenance; recruiting, retention, and attrition management, in order to provide quality, deployable Soldiers and leaders; promote opportunities for service; and foster increased public awareness of the Rhode Island Army National Guard Recruiting.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION

During FY17 the command achieved 204 new enlisted gains and 27 new officer gains. As a result of this success, the Recruiting and Retention Battalion achieved 100 percent of its mission and the command met goals for “quality” enlistments.

Even as the military attempts to grow nationally and globally, there are still tremendous opportunities and significant benefits available to members of the Rhode Island Army National Guard. Principle among these benefits is the tuition waver at state colleges and universities in accordance with Title 30 State Law, Section 30-3-40.3. This is a program that is unique to the Rhode Island Army National Guard Re-cruiting. Soldiers can also receive up to federal tuition assistance at any institution; student loan repayment program; ROTC scholarships; a GI Bill with benefits that are transferable to family members; low cost health coverage and dental coverage for both the individual Soldier and their Families; paid career training; cash enlistment bonuses; adventure, and opportunities for service to community, state, and country.

Three Minuteman Scholarships were awarded to RING members. These are full tuition scholarships to attend public and private four year institutions. Officer commissions into the RIARNG are guaranteed upon their successful graduation and completion of Reserve Officer Training Command (ROTC) training.

RECRUITING SUSTAINMENT PROGRAM

The mission of the Recruit Sustainment Program is to ensure that new recruits are physically fit, mentally prepared, and meet all administrative requirements when they arrive at Basic Combat Training. The success of the program resulted in initial active duty training success rate of over 94 percent at initial entry training installations. In FY17 the R.I. Recruit Sustainment Program was consistently ranked in the Top 10 programs in the nation, and finished out the year ranked 10th of 54 states and territories. In this past year, the Recruit Sustainment Program produced seven Honor Graduates, a title bestowed on those individuals who finished first in their class at Basic Combat Training unit.

RETENTION

Recruiting and Retention Battalion has continued to revitalize the state retention standard operating procedures. This is a tool that commander’s may utilize or modify that provides a streamlined process to retain quality Soldiers. The key to success is leader interaction, as early as possible, in order to identify and resolve issues, take care of Soldiers, and continue to maintain ready and relevant units. Recruiters will work with unit leadership and provide the necessary guidance when needed. Recruiters will advise the unit leadership on their roles and responsibilities and ensure that at risk Soldiers are identified and counseled on their reenlistment options.



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Colonel Daniel A. Walter

MISSION

Superior combat airpower and cyber defense, NOW!

The 143d Airlift Wing's (AW) mission is to serve as the USAF's premier C-130J Tactical Airlift and Cyber Defense centers of excellence, meeting all federal and state support requirements while providing maximum assistance to our national and international partners. Our priorities are focused in four areas. We will be good stewards of our people, equipment, facilities, and funds. We will lead and mentor with discipline and pride. We will strive for constant improvement and honest self-assessment. Most important, we will be ready to execute all elements of our federal and state mission at all times and in the most challenging possible environments.

VISION

Our vision is to leverage military expertise and civilian experience to meet the needs of our nation with the most prepared, and professional force possible.

DEPLOYMENTS, EXERCISES, AND TRAINING

The 143 AW answered our nation's call by deploying 124 dedicated Airmen around the globe in 2017. These deployments were in direct support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, SPARTAN SHIELD, INHERENT RESOLVE, BOKO HARAM and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

The 143d Operations Group (OG) proved its global relevance once again by decisively impacting the

United States Airforce (USAF) role in delivering airpower worldwide while contributing daily to the 624th Operations Center Cyber Tasking Order (CTO) and assigned Defensive Cyber Operations (DCO) missions.

The 143d Airlift Squadron (AS) and the 143d Operations Support Squadron (OSS) completed their combat tactical airlift deployment for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, Horn of Africa operations and Sinai Peninsula Peacekeeping operations. The units returned home following an overwhelmingly successful deployment as the largest component of the 737th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, 386th Expeditionary Operations Group, Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. The 143d OG's total combat contribution culminated through operations in 17 different countries, over 2,000 flying hours, 7,000 tons of cargo, and 10,000 combat troops and passengers. 143 OG aircrew and personnel finished leading the 737th through all phases of combat tactical airland and airdrop operations supporting US and allied combat forces in direct conflict with the occupying terrorist organizations of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, throughout Iraq, neighboring nations and surrounding territories. In 2017 the Wing supported over 200 joint Army and Air National Guard home station missions which transported 1,086 passengers and 440 tons of cargo and rolling stock.

Following redeployment and reconstitution, members of the 143 AS and 143 OSS embarked on an historic 25 day journey around the world focusing on seven days of direct professional engagement with their Indian C-130J military partners at 77 Special Operations Squadron, Hindon AB, India. The RIANG further enhanced the peer relationship by air-dropping Indian Army

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An Airman from the 143d Airlift Wing's Maintenance Group prepares to marshal a C-130J Super Hercules at Quonset Air National Guard Base, North Kingstown, RI.

2 Para Special Forces while performing in Asia's premier airshow, Aero India 2017. The 22,000 mile trip, circum-navigating the globe, proved the operational employment capability of the RIANG, the 143 AW, and the C-130J.

For the first time, the 102 COS contributed to the 624 Operations Center Cyber Tasking Order (CTO) assigned DCO missions, providing skilled operators and integrating seamlessly with Active Duty forces for daily cyber operations.

In FY17, the 143d Maintenance Group (MXG) completed a safe return of all aircraft and personnel, deployed to Southwest Asia. During this deployment the 143 MXG and their parent organization the 386th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing (AEW), were awarded the Outstanding Unit Citation. Upon reconstitution the 143d MXG entered an extended period of aircraft improvement

initiatives. Improvements to the defensive systems, undercarriage and aircraft structure were completed. When concluded, the wing and group readied for an intense chemical training environment by deploying half the group and equipment to Alpena, Michigan for an Operational Readiness Exercise. During that demanding exercise scenario the real-world intervened and the group shifted gears to hurricane relief efforts, launching aircraft from Alpena directly to the Caribbean.

The 143d Mission Support Group (MSG) also deployed the 282d Combat Communications Squadron (CBCS) experts to various locations across the Horn of Africa, while members of the Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) and Force Support Squadron (FSS) supported operations in Southwest Asia. A team from the CBCS and FSS deployed to support the 45th Presidential Inauguration with a Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) and the Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) serving more than 1200 meals to over 17,000 support personnel in a 24 hour period.

The Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) participated in a Deployed Field Training (DFT) at March Air Reserve Base to build an Airfield Damage Repair pad with several other CES units from across the

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country. Additional training included CES troops deploying to Ramstein, Germany to participate in a Silver Flag Exercise and Fire Department personnel conducting “live fire” training at the CT State Fire Academy followed by a two week Field Training Exercise (FTX) in Savannah, GA.

The 143d Medical Group (MDG) had 30 members and four Wing Inspection Team (WIT) members participate in an Operational Readiness Exercise where members practiced deploying to and operating in a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) environment. Additional areas of focus were exercising command and control, and operation of a casualty collection point. To continue expanding readiness capabilities, the 143 MDG had a total of seven members supplement Innovative Readiness Trainings (IRTs) in Hawaii and Louisiana. These trainings allowed members to work with other units providing free medical care to a community while practicing their clinical skills. Their participation assisted in 8,000 patients being delivered healthcare valued at over \$2.7 million. Additionally, the 143 MDG’s expeditionary medicine (EMEDS) team expanded their readiness this year by having two members complete EMEDS training.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

The 143 AW’s International Training Office continues to support a key National Defense Strategy initiative and has established the RIANG as a key player in the US Security Cooperation arena. In 2017, the 143 AW provided advanced C130J maintenance training to 21 members of the Iraqi Air Force. The course showcased the continued partnership between the RIANG and the Iraqi Air Force as we continue to train and assist their Air Force as a vital partner in the C130J community. We were also able to provide, critical

training to 10 aircrew members from the French Air Force who are scheduled to receive their first C130J aircraft in early 2018.

The 143 AW also sent a Mobile Training Teams (MTT) to Iraq and India. The MTT to Iraq included two vehicle maintainers to train Iraqi Forces in operating and maintaining the Halverson K-Loader, a piece of equipment used to load essential cargo on the C130J aircraft. The MTT to India included 11 members from the Operations and Maintenance Group (OMG) to provide subject matter expertise on C130J systems and support equipment.

The international program is once again looking to significantly increase its operations tempo in 2018, with agreements to provide training for both Iraq and France throughout the calendar year.

BASE INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION

The 143 AW is located on the former Quonset Point Navy Base, built in 1941. Until 2002, the Wing was still using many of the original buildings. However, over the last 15 years the 143d has constructed new or renovated 80% of the original infrastructure. Within the past year, the 143 AW has continued with progress on an \$89M Facility and Infrastructure Construction Program. The Wing kicked off two comprehensive studies including the Installation Development Plan and an Entry Control Facility Study which will provide a conceptual layout for the future development of Quonset. Defense Logistics Agency also funded a requirements development study for an FY19 POL Yard MILCON renovation. Design continued for \$14 million in projects including an addition and alteration to vehicle maintenance, construction of a sand and salt storage facility, and facility upgrades for the 102d Cyberspace Operations

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143d Airlift Wing, Rhode Island Air National Guard, loadmaster, Senior Airman Shannon Cooledge and pilot, Major Ryan Nugent prep a 143 AW C-130J Super Hercules at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, September 13, 2017 for this crew's second mission to support hurricane Irma relief efforts.

Squadron conversion. Throughout 2017, there was \$9.5M of ongoing construction including an addition/alteration to the fuel cell aircraft hangar, road upgrades, and structural repairs to the C-130 Maintenance Hangar. The 143dAW partnered with the Rhode Island Airport Corporation to design a \$4 million upgrade to the Army and Air aircraft parking aprons and with Quonset Development Corporation to manage a \$7.5 million renovation to the base fire station.

In 2017, the 143d Communications Flight (CF) fielded full spectrum communication improvements throughout the state. They worked hand in hand with multiple organizations to improve information systems that directly supported C-130J

flight operations, emergency response, and Cyber operation capabilities. This effort created a comprehensive installation notification and warning system, the ability to produce electronic flight books, and the infrastructure needed for the Air Force Defensive Cyber Operations (AF-DCO) mission. These improvements ensured the safety and security of our Airmen across the Wing and the United States Air Force.

FULL-MOTION SIMULATOR

Construction of a \$6.6 million building to house the ANG's first level-D C-130J flight simulator was completed in 2016, but modifications to the building to accept a state-of-the-art simulator are

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ongoing. Lockheed Martin has won the award to construct and install the \$20 million simulator in FY 2019.

The flight simulator will bring the single most effective improvement in the mission readiness of the 143d AW since the delivery of the current aircraft. In addition to training aircrew members, the device will allow simulation of tactical airlift operations in severe weather and various combat environments. A secure link to a virtual threat environment will enable 143d AW crews to interact with other military flight simulators and take part in formation operations and engagements by opposing aircraft and air defense systems.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Open House and Airshow is a joint team effort by both the Rhode Island Air and Army National Guard, as well as a variety of state and local agencies. The event, rated one of the top of its kind in North America, requires an “all-in” approach from virtually every section of the 143 AW as well as a large contingent from the RI Army National Guard.

In 2017, the Open House and Air Show was a huge success. Show organizers once again overcame several impediments, to include another cancellation of a headline act. Despite that, the 143d team delivered an outstanding product. The show featured a variety of nationally established civilian performers as well as military demonstrations. Train service provided by RIDOT was a huge success yet again, and will become a staple of the show. New to this year’s show was a civilian pilot “fly-in,” where aircraft owners in the general public were allowed to fly in for a pancake breakfast and showcase their aircraft during the Open House. Next year, that feature will be

expanded to include two days of aviation safety and other classes for pilots in partnership with the Experimental Aircraft Association.

This is the largest public event held in Rhode Island each year. Despite the cancellation of the Snowbirds we estimate over 65,000 people attended this year’s event. With a still impressive array of military and civilian performers, the National Guard Association of Rhode Island (NGARI) raised \$20,000 for the Hasbro Children’s Hospital, \$5,000 for Meeting Street School, and \$1,000 for Special Olympics, almost double last year’s contributions. To date, NGARI has helped raise nearly \$3 million for Rhode Island charities.

The 102d Cyberspace Operations Squadron (COS) participated in “Cyber Patriot”, the National Youth Cyber Education Program created to inspire students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. This reflects attention to growth of local RI cyber talent, potentially leading to advanced skills and economic development opportunities for our local communities.

The 102 COS also maintained a very proud presence in the community by participating in “Tis the Season”, an annual Christmas Eve meal for Coventry, RI by hosting and delivering through Meals on Wheels. They humbly closed the summer by sending 13 Airmen to Hasbro Children’s Hospital to distribute grilled summertime meals and share time to lift the spirits of the families at the hospital.

2017 HURRICANE RELIEF

The 2017 Hurricane season was historic, with three separate storms doing severe damage in both the US and the Caribbean. In September,

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the 143d AW flew numerous relief missions aimed at mitigating the disastrous effects of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Hurricane Irma in Florida and US Virgin Islands, and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands. During that support effort, the Wing performed over 200 flying hours to move more than 700 passengers and hundreds of tons of cargo. The 143d AW is ideally trained, equipped, and experienced to expertly execute airlift missions of this nature. Many of the aircrew involved were veterans of numerous combat deployments to Southwest Asia. The skills honed on those deployments were directly transferrable to the hurricane relief effort (i.e. expertise in delivering heavy payloads to short, poorly-lit, remote airfields when standard air traffic control facilities were inoperative and while using night vision goggles in hours of darkness). In addition, the Wing deployed members from various support organizations. The 143d Logistics Readiness

Squadron (LRS) sent 15 Airmen and an All-Terrain Forklift to the St. Croix Airport. In 26 days, they handled over 300 sorties moving over 2,000 passengers and 1,500 tons of cargo before returning home. The 143d Force Support Squadron (FSS) also deployed a mobile kitchen and 15 people to feed recovery operations workers in St. Thomas. One Airman from Base Operations was deployed to support the hurricane airlift hub in Savannah, Georgia, and 11 aircraft maintainers from the 143 MXG also deployed to Savannah to support continuous airlift operations.

Below: Senior Airman Shannon Cooledge, a C-130J Super Hercules loadmaster from the 143d Airlift Wing, Rhode Island Air National Guard guides pallets of water into the back of a RI C-130J in Jacksonville, Florida bound for Marathon Key, Florida in support of hurricane relief efforts September 13, 2017 (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Janeen Miller)



RECRUITING (AIR)

Senior Master Sergeant Jose Lobo

MISSION

The Rhode Island Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention Team conducts strength maintenance operations which meet or exceed NGB and the Adjutant General's established goals; promote opportunities for service; and foster increased public awareness of the Rhode Island Air National Guard.

ORGANIZATION

The recruiting and retention team is made up of six members and falls under the command of the Joint Force Headquarters located on New London Ave, Cranston, RI and performs daily recruiting operations from the RIANG Recruiting Center located on Oaklawn Ave Cranston, RI.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION MANAGEMENT

FY 17 recruiting and retention initiatives resulted in the recruitment of 94 new members, 87% retention of the current membership, finishing the FY at 96 % end strength. The FY17 recruiting team was understaffed for most of FY17, with three authorized recruiters, one as-signed. The team finished above goal in the following tracking categories; 31% female, 6% Hispanic, 7% African American, and 4% Asian, along with 69% male, 7% Hispanic, 5% African American, and 1% Asian. These achievements were the direct result of a strategic recruitment campaign targeting mission critical vacant positions, and Rhode Island recruitable demographics.



