

South Carolina Military Department

Annual Report
FY 2017



The background of the image is a close-up, slightly angled view of the American flag. The top left corner shows the blue canton with white stars, while the rest of the image is filled with the red and white stripes. The flag appears to be waving, creating a sense of movement and texture.

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Office of the Adjutant General

To the South Carolina Military Department family:

Barbara and I want to take this opportunity to share our gratitude for the hard work and demonstrated excellence by our South Carolina National Guard, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, S.C. State Guard, South Carolina Youth ChalleNGe Academy, STARBASE, and all those who put service above self to assist others and improve the lives of our citizens.

When we look back at FY17, we must also share our deepest gratitude for our families and employers, and all those who stay strong and keep things going when we are called to support. Team South Carolina could not fulfill its mission to serve without the commitment and unwavering support of those who carry the load when we answer the call.

This past fiscal year and going into early FY18 held some of our nation's most impactful weather events with unprecedented hurricanes, wildfires and floods. The South Carolina National Guard mobilized nearly 1,000 service members to assist response efforts for the Pinnacle Mountain wildfire in the Upstate, Hurricane Harvey in Texas, Hurricane Irma in South Carolina and Florida and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Our Soldiers and Airmen demonstrated to America no matter where they are needed, they will be there to assist. They also engaged in training and operations in over a dozen locations including the National Capitol Region, Romania, Poland, Germany, South Korea, Guantanamo Bay, Iraq, Kuwait, the Horn of Africa, Afghanistan, and with our state partners in Colombia. Wherever you deployed, you brought with you the strength of South Carolina and showed the character of our state and how we serve one another.

What an eventful year for our communities, filled with milestones to include the Presidential Inauguration in January. Our troops were there to support this historic time for our nation and witness the peaceful transfer of power. In May, we opened our gates at McEntire Joint National Guard Base for the Air and Ground Expo, our largest open house event since 2009. We enjoyed demonstrating our capabilities to the thousands of visitors and deeply appreciated Team South Carolina's support making this event possible. In July, our 169th Fighter Wing joined our Colombian military partners for their F-AIR Colombia Air Show, a chance to show the world the strength of international partnerships. Later in the summer in August, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division joined our agency partners for the historic solar eclipse, with Columbia, South Carolina as a top observation location. Supporting our communities is what keeps us strong and connected to our roots as "Citizen-Soldiers" and Airmen.

Barbara, my family, and I thank you for your continued service and for all you do to keep our organization ready, relevant, responsible and resilient.

For State and Nation - True and Tried

Bob Livingston



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South Carolina National Guard Leadership



Governor Henry McMaster

Governor of South Carolina

McMaster serves as the 117th Governor of South Carolina beginning January 24, 2017 and is the Commander in Chief for the South Carolina National Guard.



Major General Robert E. Livingston, Jr.

The Adjutant General, South Carolina

Livingston serves as head of the South Carolina Military Department. He administers the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, the State Guard and the Youth Challenge Academy. The Adjutant General is a Constitutional Officer and has the rank of Major General. Livingston has been in office since Jan. 2011.



Major General Roy Van McCarty

Deputy Adjutant General

McCarty serves the Deputy Adjutant General and is responsible for monitoring state readiness. In addition, he supervises the administrative activities and daily operations of the South Carolina Military Department.



Brigadier General Brad Owens

Director of the Joint Staff

Owens serves as the Director of the Joint Staff, overseeing and directing the administration of all South Carolina National Guard Joint Staff programs supporting South Carolina domestic response and homeland defense contingency operations.



Brigadier General Jeffrey Jones

Assistant Adjutant General - Army

Jones serves as the Assistant Adjutant General for Army and dual status commander during military support to civilian authorities missions.



Command Sergeant Major Russell A. Vickery

State Command Sergeant Major

Vickery serves as the 12th State Command Sergeant Major of the Army and Air National Guard and oversees all matters pertaining to Soldier and Airmen readiness and morale.



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kent B. Puffenbarger

Command Chief Warrant Officer

Puffenbarger serves as the personal advisor to the Adjutant General for all warrant officer related issues and career management to warrant officers in the South Carolina National Guard.



Brigadier General R. Scott Lambe

Chief of Staff, South Carolina Air National Guard

Lambe is the Chief of Staff for the South Carolina Air National Guard. He supervises the preparation of plans, policies and programs for the Air National Guard units assigned to the state and advises and assists the Adjutant General in their execution.



Brigadier General Russell A. Rushe

Assistant Adjutant General – Air

Rushe is the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, South Carolina National Guard, overseeing operations on matters pertaining to the more than 1,300 Airmen in the South Carolina Air National Guard.



Chief Master Sergeant Kevin S. Thomas

State Command Chief Master Sergeant

Thomas is the 13th Command Chief Master Sergeant of the state of South Carolina and serves as the advisor to the Adjutant General, Assistant Adjutant General of Air, staff and other key leaders on matters of health and welfare of the state's enlisted Airmen.

Ready ♦ Relevant ♦ Re



Mission

- Provide combat-ready units to the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.
- Provide planning, coordination and military capabilities in response to state emergencies.
- Add value to the state of South Carolina and nation with community-based organizations, partnerships, Soldiers, Airmen, and employees ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.



Vision

To be ready to execute missions today with a relevant force structure composed of resilient Service members, employees and families, who are responsible to the nation, communities, families, Soldiers and Airmen.



Resilient ♦ Responsible



Strategic Goals

The goal of the Office of the Adjutant General and S.C. Military Department is to sustain an extraordinary organization, consisting of Army, Air and State Operations, in support of the state and its communities, not only in times of emergency but also in the daily activities of communities and their citizens. The agency continued to meet this goal in FY 2017, both in terms of overall-mission readiness and service to the citizens of South Carolina. Aligned with its strategic plan, Palmetto Horizon 2018-2023, the S.C. Military Department continued working toward the achievement of the organization's strategic goals:

1 Grow the South Carolina Army National Guard to 10,000 Soldiers with relevant force structure.

3 Set the conditions to gain a Brigade Combat Team.

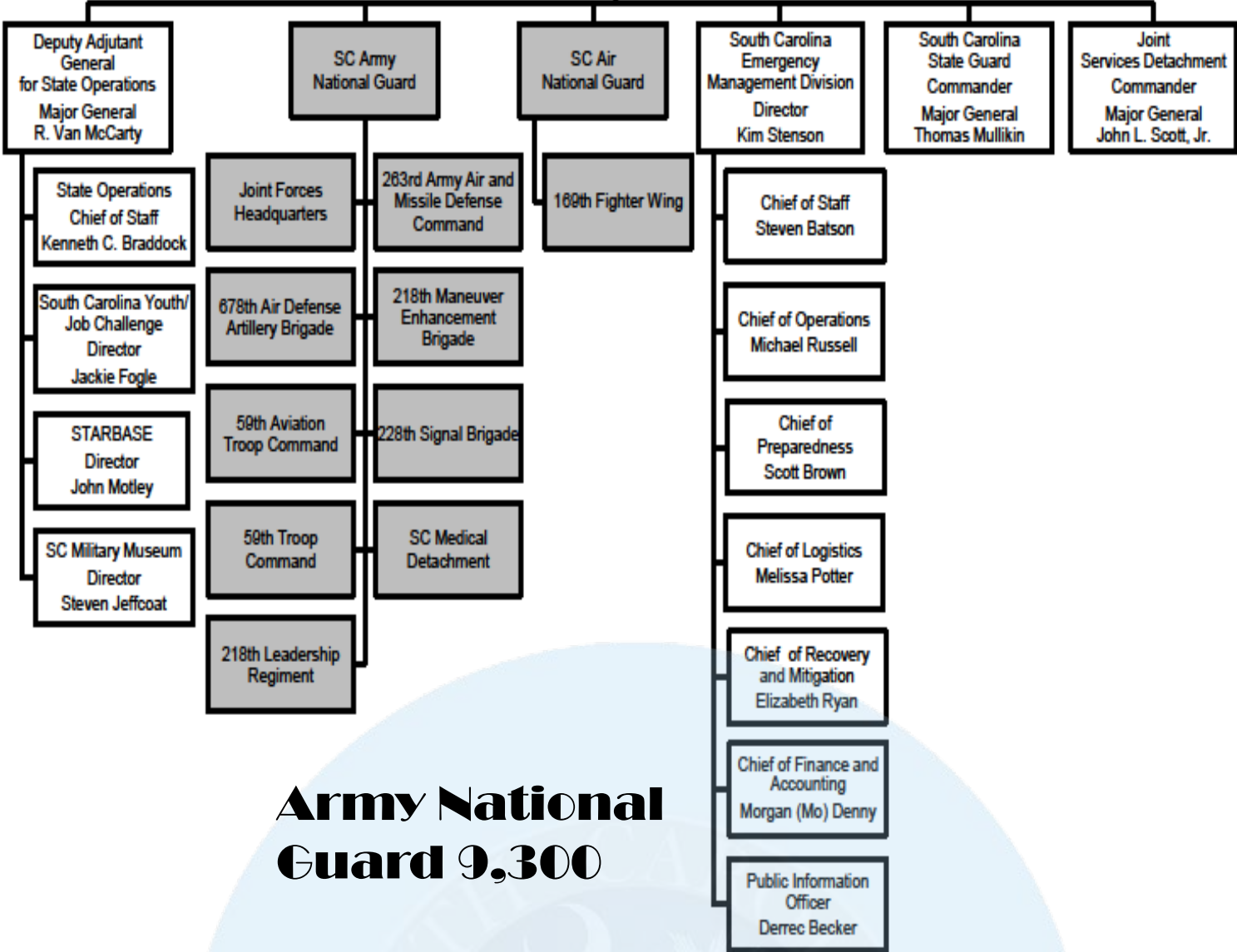
2 Establish a consolidated joint, interagency, intergovernmental, multinational Emergency Operations Center concept of operations.

4 Ensure joint and relevant force structure at McEntire Joint National Guard Base.

5 Provide for the safety, health, and wellbeing of the citizens, residents, and visitors of the state of South Carolina.



The Adjutant General of South Carolina
Major General
Robert E. Livingston, Jr.



Army National Guard 9,300

Air National Guard 1,300

State Guard 950

State Employees 450

Approximately 12,000 Military members & Employees

**FISCAL IMPACT
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DEPARTMENT**

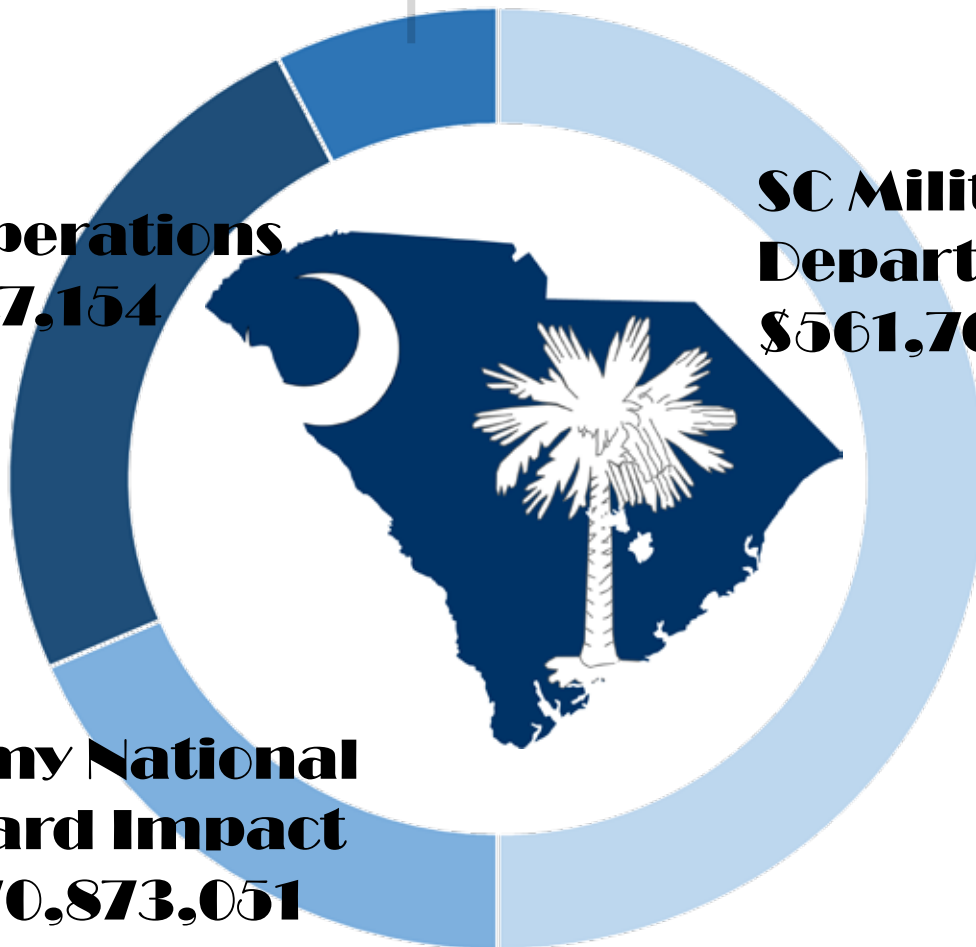
According to the 2012 South Carolina Department of Commerce Report and a previous Clemson University study, the South Carolina Military Department has approximately a **\$1 Billion** impact on the state of South Carolina

**Air National
Guard Impact
\$83,345,777**

**State Operations
\$207,547,154**

**SC Military
Department
\$561,765,982**

**Army National
Guard Impact
\$270,873,051**





GREENVILLE
 HHC 2-151 AVN
 CO A (-DET 1) 2-151 AVN
 DET 1 CO B 2-238 AVN
 DET 2 HHC 2-238 AVN
 DET 3 CO E 2-238 AVN
 DET 3 CO D 2-238 AVN

GREER
 1263 CS FSC

WELLFORD
 174 EN CO

SPARTANBURG
 HHC 151 SIG BN
 HHC 228 SIG BDE
 RSP CO A, DET 2

GAFFNEY
 CO B 4-118 IN BN MEB

EASLEY
 BTRY B 2-263 ADA

SENECA
 BTRY A 2-263 ADA

CLEMSON READINESS CENTER
 BTRY C 2-263 ADA
 MANT DET 2 BN 263 ADA

ANDERSON (LOWES)
 263 AAMDC
 HHB 2-263 ADA
 RSP CO A, DET 3

LAURENS
 1055 TRANS CO

CLINTON
 BTRY B 1-178 FA

Congressional Districts

- 1, Rep Sanford
- 2, Rep Wilson
- 3, Rep Duncan
- 4, Rep Gowdy
- 5, Rep Mulvaney
- 6, Rep Clyburn
- 7, Rep Rice

HODGES TRAINING SITE
 CO B 151 SIG BN

ABBEVILLE
 125 MRBC (-)

GREENWOOD
 CO A 151 SIG BN

MCCORMICK
 DET 1 125 MRBC

EDGEFIELD
 CO A (FSC) 122 EN BN
 HHC 122 EN BN

BATESBURG
 1220 EN PLT
 1225 EN DET
 1226 EN DET
 1227 EN DET

GRANITEVILLE
 1221 EN CLEARANCE CO
 DET 1 CO B 198 SIG

BARNWELL
 741 QM CO (-)

ALLENDALE
 DET 1 741 QM CO

VARNVILLE
 HHD 218 CS BN

NEWBERRY
 CO B 198 SIG BN
 HHD 1050 TRAN
 RSP CO A, DET 3

WEST COLUMBIA AAOF
 DET 24 OSA
 DET 5, CO B 2-641 AVN

PINE RIDGE
 43 CST
 DET 1 SCARNG ELMT JF HQ

TAG COMPLEX
 ARMY ELMT JF HQ

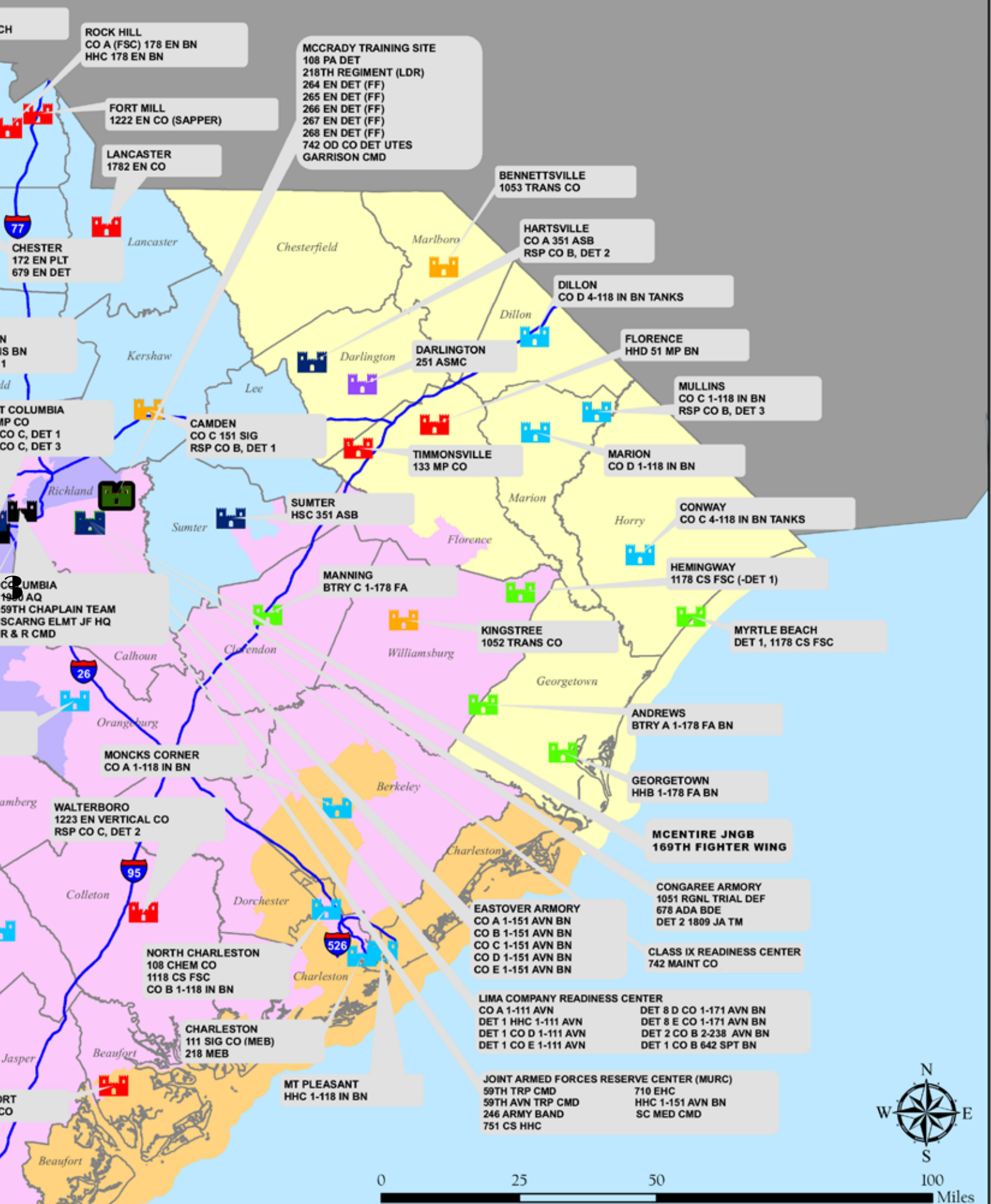
ORANGEBURG
 CO A 218 CS BN
 CO B 218 CS BN

BEAUFORT
 131 MP

2016 MTOE/TDA

- JFHQs Units
- 218 MEB
- 218 Regiment
- 228 Signal Brigade
- 59 AVN Troop Command
- 59 Troop Command
- AAMDC & ADA
- MED Command
- Training Site

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ROCK HILL
CO A (FSC) 178 EN BN
HHC 178 EN BN

MCCRADY TRAINING SITE
108 PA DET
218TH REGIMENT (LDR)
264 EN DET (FF)
265 EN DET (FF)
266 EN DET (FF)
267 EN DET (FF)
268 EN DET (FF)
742 OD CO DET UTES
GARRISON CMD

FORT MILL
1222 EN CO (SAPPER)

LANCASTER
1782 EN CO

BENNETTSVILLE
1053 TRANS CO

HARTSVILLE
CO A 351 ASB
RSP CO B, DET 2

DILLON
CO D 4-118 IN BN TANKS

FLORENCE
HHD 51 MP BN

MULLINS
CO C 1-118 IN BN
RSP CO B, DET 3

DARLINGTON
251 ASMC

TIMMONSVILLE
133 MP CO

MARION
CO D 1-118 IN BN

SUMTER
HSC 351 ASB

CONWAY
CO C 4-118 IN BN TANKS

MANNING
BTRY C 1-178 FA

HEMINGWAY
1178 CS FSC (-DET 1)

KINGSTREE
1052 TRANS CO

MYRTLE BEACH
DET 1, 1178 CS FSC

MONCK'S CORNER
CO A 1-118 IN BN

ANDREWS
BTRY A 1-178 FA BN

WALTERBORO
1223 EN VERTICAL CO
RSP CO C, DET 2

MCENTIRE JNGB
169TH FIGHTER WING

NORTH CHARLESTON
108 CHEM CO
1118 CS FSC
CO B 1-118 IN BN

EASTOVER ARMORY
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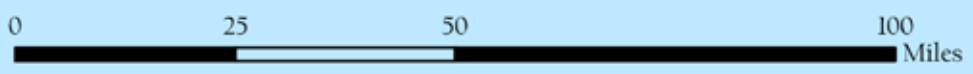
CONGAREE ARMORY
1051 RGNL TRIAL DEF
678 ADA BDE
DET 2 1809 JA TM

CHARLESTON
111 SIG CO (MEB)
218 MEB

LIMA COMPANY READINESS CENTER
CO A 1-111 AVN
DET 1 HHC 1-111 AVN
DET 1 CO D 1-111 AVN
DET 1 CO E 1-111 AVN
DET 8 D CO 1-171 AVN BN
DET 8 E CO 1-171 AVN BN
DET 2 CO B 2-238 AVN BN
DET 1 CO B 642 SPT BN

MT PLEASANT
HHC 1-118 IN BN

JOINT ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER (MURC)
59TH TRP CMD
59TH AVN TRP CMD
246 ARMY BAND
751 CS HHC
710 EHC
HHC 1-151 AVN BN
SC MED CMD





218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade conducts support area operations, maneuver support operations and support to consequence management and stability operations in order to assure the mobility, protection and freedom of action of the supported force. The unit is headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina.



218th Regional Training Institute

Institute provides institutional training based on the collective requirements identified by National Guard Bureau for Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve and active component in support of the Army's modular forces. The RTI also provides coordinating authority, quality assurance, scheduling and accreditation oversight for functionally aligned units and operational, training, administrative, logistical and resource management support as required to accomplish the mission to train the Army Warrior. The unit is headquartered at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina.



228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade provides premier secure, reliable, and sustainable communications, as well as transportation support across the full spectrum of Joint and Combined military operations. The unit is headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



263rd Army Air & Missile Defense Command deploys in the Northern Command area of operation and conducts joint and combined theater air and missile defense in support of designated operations. The unit is headquartered in Anderson, South Carolina.



ional Guard



59th Troop Command

controls and supervises trained and equipped units capable of immediate expansion to war strength and available for service in time of war or national emergency. The unit

is headquartered at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Eastover, South Carolina.



59th Aviation Troop Command

is responsible for the leadership of all South Carolina Army National Guard Aviation units and provides command and control during military support to civilian authority operations and in combat operations. The unit is headquartered at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina, with an additional facility in Greenville at the Donaldson Center.

Joint Force Headquarters

provides command and control, timely, effective and accurate personnel support to all Soldiers assigned and attached, while simultaneously managing vital training, deployable statistics, logistical readiness and Major Support Command personnel vacancies. The unit is headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina.



Medical Command

plans, programs, provides, and sustains health force protection and medical/dental support to ensure medical readiness, operations, training, mobilization and demobilization of South Carolina Army National Guard units. The unit is headquartered at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina.



Air Nation

The South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing is the U.S. Air Force's premier fighter wing and provides combatant commanders with world-class combat capability to meet the nation's needs for contingency and general war requirements.

The SCANG's Federal mission is accomplished by employing conventional munitions in the Destruction/Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (DEAD/SEAD), while providing 24/7 homeland defense alert fighter response. The 169th Fighter Wing also provides continual support of the Aerospace Control Alert mission, defending east coast air space in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).

Additionally, the SCANG provides the governor with defense assistance to the state's homeland security office, and disaster preparation and response support for Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) activities.



al Guard

SCANG Fighter Wing operates the 2,400+ acre McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover which has been the home of the SCANG since its founding in 1946.

In April 2017, the SCANG welcomed an Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program (ESOH CAMP) inspection, which ensured both personnel and natural resources were properly maintained and protected.

During FY 17, the SCANG enjoyed a rare year without a large unit deployment to an overseas location, affording opportunities to train in other areas of its warfighting skill set. The SCANG deployed 12 F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jets and 48 personnel to the Fighter Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, integrating with the school and fifth generation fighter aircraft to build USAF enterprise DEAD/SEAD tactics. This deployment advanced USAF capabilities by the blending of fifth generation aircraft capabilities and existing warfighting tactics and burnished the SCANG's reputation as the DEAD/SEAD experts in the USAF. SCANG personnel continued to train with the S.C. Emergency Management Division, staying ready to assist the citizens of South Carolina in response to disasters.

The SCANG continues to set the standard for excellence and combat capability in both their Federal and State missions.





South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) again demonstrated its ability to meet and exceed mission requirements. The Division served as the State Coordinating Agency when Hurricane Matthew struck South Carolina. Hurricane Matthew was the first hurricane to make landfall in S.C. since Hurricane Gaston in 2004, and caused the largest amount of damage to the state since Hurricane Hugo in 1989. In addition to Hurricane Matthew, the SCEMD also coordinated resources for the Pinnacle Mountain Fire, the largest and costliest forest fire in state history, as well as conducted a state full-scale exercise in March 2017. While responding to Hurricane Matthew and the Pinnacle Mountain Fire, the SCEMD continued to support recovery efforts from the 2014 ice storm and the 2015 flood. The SCEMD continues to process eligible federal damage estimates for the three disasters under the Stafford Act totaling more than \$1 billion in individual assistance, public assistance, and hazard mitigation. While recovery and mitigation program staff continued to address short, intermediate and long-term needs, the SCEMD refocused and continues to prepare for the next challenge by addressing lessons learned and best practices.

2016-2017 SCEMD Highlights:

- SCEMD monitored all tropical cyclone activity in the Atlantic Basin during the 2017 hurricane season. In addition to Hurricane Matthew, SCEMD responded to Tropical Storms Bonnie, Colin and Julia, and Hurricane Hermine. Tropical Storms Bonnie and Colin generated state-level support due to flash flooding in the Lowcountry, specifically Jasper County. The SEOC activated for Hurricane Hermine due to potential overland impacts as the storm came north from the Gulf Coast.
- Conducted a FEMA evaluated Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) exercise at Oconee Nuclear Station and participated in the annual Savannah River Site (SRS) evaluated exercise. State agencies, surrounding counties, and the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) participated in these exercises.
- Conducted the state full-scale earthquake exercise with SCEMD's partners, as well as conducted the SERT and governor's hurricane exercises.
- Coordinated and presented 41 training events and trained more than 927 personnel.



- Conducted planning workshops as well as conducted comprehensive planning with federal, state, local, tribal, and non-governmental agencies to enhance planning inputs to support the revision and update of the S.C. Emergency Operations Plan (SCEOP), to include the basic plan and annexes. The SCEOP and all its subcomponents are publically available through the SCEMD website to ensure ease of access for county emergency management, emergency responders, and the general public.

- Developed, coordinated and/or participated in 89 exercises involving more than 2,153 participants. These exercises included five seminars, 39 workshops, 18 drills, 12 tabletop exercises, six functional exercises and eight full-scale exercises.

- Conducted dam failure analysis for each of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) high-hazard dams using utility-provided dam failure inundation maps to determine direct and indirect effects onto the state's infrastructure. This process establishes the foundation for helping impacted counties identify evacuation zones, traffic control points, diversion routes and potential shelter locations.

- Coordinated the state's participation in the S.C. Earthquake Awareness Week to include the state's participation in the "Great Southeast Shakeout" event. Academic institutions and areas not impacted by the effects of Hurricane Matthew provided the target audience for the information-sharing and exercise participation.

- As a member of the S.C. Cyber Security Working Group, SCEMD assisted in developing the S.C. Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security Strategic Plan. The SCEMD continues to integrate and share information across several key organizations to enhance understanding of current and emerging threats.

Kim Stenson

(above) is the director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division of the Adjutant General's Office. Under his direction, the SCEMD provides oversight and coordination for emergency and disaster consequence management planning, and response and recovery operations for the state of South Carolina. Stenson is also responsible for coordination with emergency managers at the local and national levels.



Hurricane Matthew Response

Upon receipt of the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration on October 4, 2016, the South Carolina National Guard (SCNG) began prepositioning equipment and personnel in preparation for state active duty, stood up the Joint Operations Center (JOC) and the Air Cell for ESF-1 (Transportation), and augmented ESF-19 (Military Support). Beginning October 5, the SCNG activated approximately 2,000 Service Members, and began moving equipment and personnel to critical areas throughout coastal region. Elements of the SCNG provided support to the S.C. Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement and first responders to assist with the coastal evacuation of approximately 350,000 coastal residents by manning checkpoints and conducting aerial reconnaissance.

By October 9, over 2,900 members of the SCNG and the S.C. State Guard had responded to requests for assistance and recovery along the S.C. coast. In response to EMAC requests, search and rescue helicopter teams from National Guard units of Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana began to arrive in S.C. to provide assistance as needed.

From October 10 until November 2, the SCNG executed response operations that included 2,800 Army National Guard Soldiers, 50 Air National Guard Airmen, and 90 State Guard. These operations included 25 air search and rescue missions, 54 high-water vehicle rescues, transporting and providing more than 150,000 gallons of water and 33 pallets of meals, clearing 4,230 cubic yards of beach sand and 1,052 miles of roads, hauling 922,000 pounds of sand, and transporting of 461 pallets of sandbags. In addition, the SCNG provided a dedicated liaison to 17 county Emergency Operations Centers.

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◆ **Resilient** ◆

Hurricane Harvey Response

August 25, 2017 The S.C. National Guard responded to Hurricane Harvey, a category four hurricane that came ashore near Rockport, Texas. The SC-HART (South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team) departed for Texas August 29th, supporting search and rescue operations in heavily flooded areas around Houston. They saved four civilians, including a seven week old baby who had medical needs. They returned September 4.

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Dinnacle Fire Response

November 9, 2016, a wild fire originated in Table Rock State Park, threatening people and structures in Pickens and Greenville Counties. Beginning October 10, the SCNG responded to a request for assistance from the S.C. Forestry Commission with helicopters from the S.C. Army National Guard (SCARNG), equipped with water buckets. After an exhaustive effort, the SCNG recommended requesting EMAC support. The Georgia National Guard responded with an additional aircraft to supplement the operations on November 26. By November 30, the fire was mostly contained and the incident commander requested an end to SCNG aviation support operations. During the period of the operation, the SCNG helicopters and crews conducted 2,175 bucket drops, dropped 2,991,160 gallons of water and flew 276.9 hours.

♦ **Relevant** ♦

Hurricane Irma Response

Hurricane Irma, a category five storm that came ashore in the Florida Keys and tracked a course as a category three then two storm along the western coastline of Florida, September 9, 2017. The outer bands brought high winds and flooding to portions of the South Carolina southern coast September 11. Approximately 800 Soldiers and Airmen and 80 State Guard were initially mobilized in response to Irma. Highlights include distribution of 3,600 sandbags, MREs and assisting security with law enforcement agencies in the low country and other facilities. Soldiers in the 4-118th Infantry assisted with high water vehicles transporting hospital personnel during shift change with flooded streets at Roper St. Francis Hospital and high water vehicles helping residents in Bluffton and surrounding areas. Approximately 650 Soldiers were mobilized from the 1-118th Infantry with support assets to support Florida's recovery efforts September 12 where they established and supported supply distribution points in Hillsborough County, Florida and returned September 18.

nsible ♦

There were many events in 2017 that impacted our S.C. National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and their loved ones. Here are some highlights:

◆ Soldiers & Airmen deploy to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and support S.C. and FL following Hurricane Irma. ◆ SC-HART deploys to TX after Hurricane Harvey◆

◆ 742nd Maintenance deploys & returns from support to U.S. Army Europe◆

◆ Army Aviation Task Force Marauder deploys to Afghanistan◆



◆ Air Traffic Controllers return from Iraq◆

◆ Military Police return from Guantanamo◆

◆ 228th Signal returns from Afghanistan & Horn of Africa◆

◆ Air Defense Soldiers support in National Capitol Region◆



◆ Soldiers support Presidential Inauguration- President Trump◆

◆ New S.C. Commander in Chief Gov. McMaster◆

◆ Activation of Cyber Battalion ◆ More than 30 State Partnership engagements with Colombia ◆ Engineers deploy & support Atlantic Resolve in Europe◆

◆ Air Defense Soldiers deploy & support Saber Guardian in Europe ◆ Army Aviation returns from support of Spartan Shield in Iraq & Kuwait. ◆ Air and Ground Expo Open House ◆ Solar Eclipse◆



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SCNG
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Service Member and Family Care (SMFC)

The mission of SMFC is to posture, promote and provide regionally accessible programs that support the Comprehensive Soldier and Airmen Fitness Dimensions and Employment to reduce stressors for service members and their families, enabling them to thrive personally and professionally.

Employment Services Program

Since its inception in October 2011, the Employment Services Program trained, connected with employers, and supported SCNG service members and their families. Through case management and strategic outreach, the Employment Services Program provides resources and direct support to assist in the successful transition into long-term civilian careers for SCNG service members, veterans, and military families.



Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

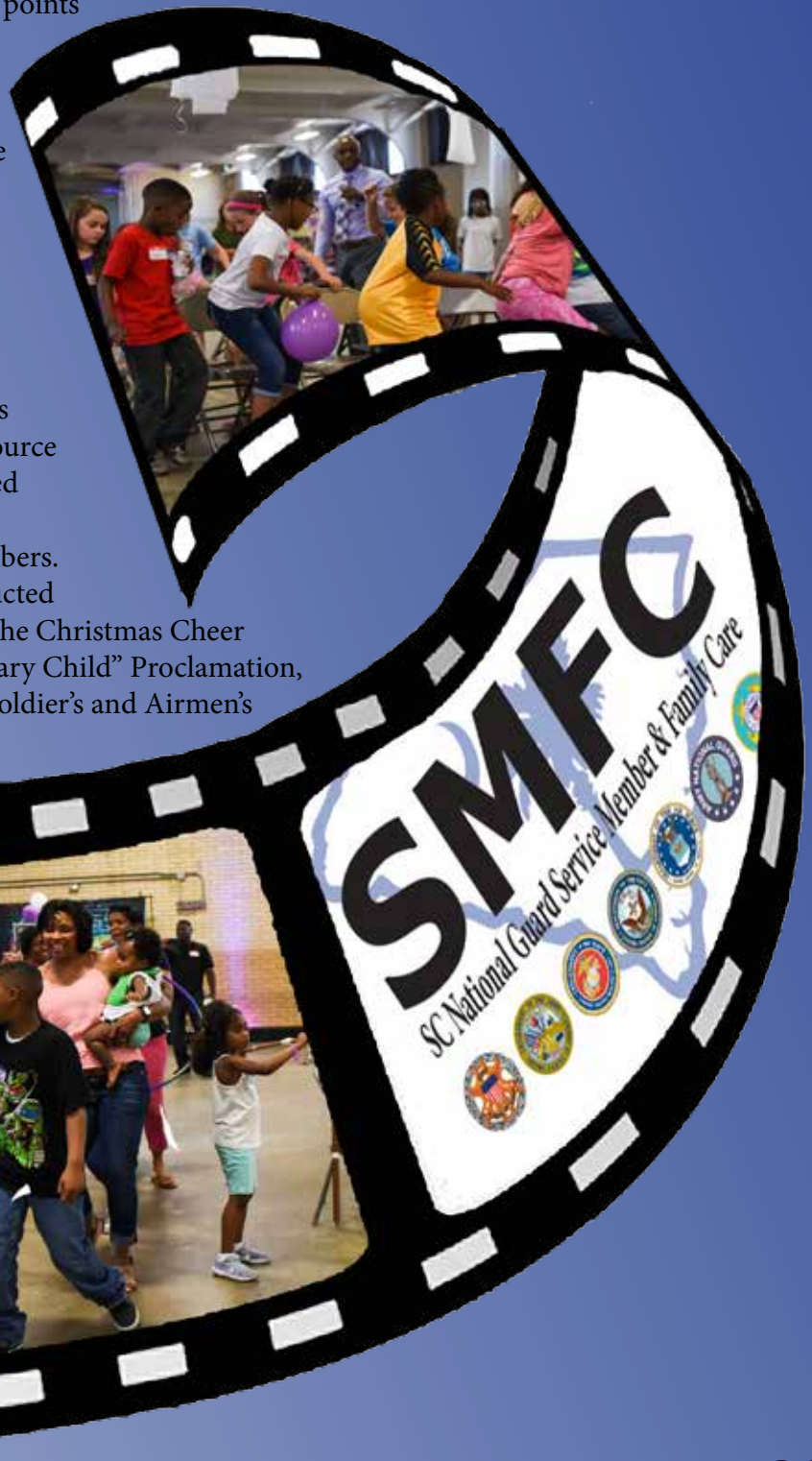
ESGR is a DoD program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for Reserve Component service members through outreach, recognition and educational opportunities to increase awareness of applicable laws, and resolve employment conflicts between the service members and their employers.

Resilience, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention Program (R3SP)

R3SP Branch integrates, educates and promotes resiliency by synchronizing Soldier, Airman, and family care systems and services by posturing and promoting its Resilience Program, Suicide Prevention Program (SPP), Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) and Substance Abuse Program (SAP).

Family Programs

The FRSA Team conducted six Family Readiness Group (FRG) Training events, and trained 114 personnel in the commander, military points of contact and FRG roles. The team worked with FRG leaders and community partners to host 12 fundraising activities. The FAS team closed 755 cases and conducted outreach to approximately 3,626 service and family members. Youth Programs conducted 38 youth hunts, six fishing rodeos, five 4H STEM camps, the C. J. Spiller Football Camp, Spring Fling for 110 military children, a Snooze at the Zoo at the Midlands and Upstate zoo locations, and the SCNG Youth Camp for 160 National Guard dependents. The financial counselors conducted outreach to 301 service members and 290 financial counseling sessions. Military One Source conducted 124 community capacity meetings, contacted 2,846 service providers and community partners, and provided information to 6,236 service and family members. Additionally, the SCNG Family Programs Office conducted two Back-to-School Bashes, two annual retiree briefs, the Christmas Cheer Program for military children, the “Month of the Military Child” Proclamation, and a Military Spouse Appreciation Day mailer for Soldier’s and Airmen’s families.





The 43rd Civil Support Team is a full-time Army and Air National Guard state asset trained to operate with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Incident Command System (ICS). Some supporting agencies include the FBI, SLED, the police departments of Charleston, Myrtle Beach, and North Myrtle Beach, as well as Clemson University and the University of South Carolina, among others.



Savannah River Site

The SCNG continued its objective to establish the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS) as a Regional Training Site for the military by 2025. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun the development of the real estate instrument between the DOE and SCNG which will result in the SCNG being licensed 750 acres for light maneuver training. If successful, the SCNG will develop and submit a training site master plan to NGB for approval. During FY 16-17, approximately 608 Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen conducted approximately ten different missions on SRS. These missions included special operations exercises, engineering projects, route clearance, mine sweeping and the transportation of equipment.

Aerospace Control Alert Mission

The South Carolina Air National Guard continually supports the Aerospace Control Alert Mission, defending east coast air space in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).

South Carolina Helicopter Aquatics Rescue Team (SC-HART) is a collaborative effort between the State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (SC-TF1) under the direction of South Carolina LLR, Office of the State Fire Marshal, South Carolina Emergency Management Division and South Carolina Army National Guard aviation units based at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Eastover, South Carolina.



South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy (SCYCA)

The SCYCA Program is one of the most successful programs designed to serve high school dropouts. During FY 16-17, SCYCA graduated 227 cadets (70% graduation rate) who earned a total of 102 GEDs. SCYCA's job placement rate during the same period was approximately 59%. Since its inception in July of 1998, the SCYCA has graduated 4,287 cadets from the program and enabled 1,551 of those students to earn their GED.

Cyber Defense

The SCNG is a national leader in cyber defense initiatives working with government and industry partners to secure South Carolina's critical infrastructure. The SCNG was selected to receive one of five new Cyber Protection Battalions. The Battalion includes a Cyber Security Warfare Company and a Cyber Security Company. The unit is postured for State and Federal missions.



State Partnership Program (SPP)

The SPP provides a unique opportunity for South Carolinians to learn from and mentor the SCNG's partner, the Republic of Colombia. Since its inception in 2012, the SPP has provided opportunities for SCNG members to engage with Colombians and assist in improving their maintenance systems, response to natural disasters and their military legal system, while establishing lasting relationships of trust and friendship. In 2016, SCNG members began assisting the Colombians in planning the transformation of their military to a post-conflict regional security force that supports the U.S. security objectives. The SPP continues to evolve and now includes a cadet exchange between the Colombian Military Academy and The Citadel. The Colombians have also expressed interest in participating in the SCNG and USC Condition-Based Maintenance Program collaboration. The SPP brings over \$300,000/year into the State but, more importantly; provides opportunities that keep the SCNG ready and relevant in an ever-changing global military environment. The SPP continues to look for ways to build military and civilian bridges between the state and the Republic of Colombia.





State Guard

The SCSG is an all-volunteer state military force, which provides support to civil authorities during times of disaster or other emergencies. These assets included land, water and equestrian search and rescue teams; professional trained law enforcement augmentation teams; medical support teams; professional engineering teams; and Judge Advocate General (professional lawyers) teams.

During this past year, the SCSG provided a total of 98,324 volunteer service hours at near zero cost to the state. This included more than 8,000 hours in response to Hurricane Matthew. During Hurricane Matthew, the SCSG provided support, and staff to the Joint Operations Center and County EOC(s), as well as general support missions to include organizing local volunteers, filling, loading and unloading sandbags, distributing food and water, and providing security at food and water distribution sites. The SCSG provided 3,118 hours of civil engineer services and safety inspections to support the flood response missions of local and state agencies.

In addition to support for Hurricane Matthew, the SCSG conducted three search and rescue missions in support of county sheriff departments, supported the Cooper River Bridge Run, supported four city or county festivals/ community events, conducted 14 honor guard missions for military funerals, and conducted four honor guard missions for veterans events.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Secure Area Duty Officer Program (SADOP)

Per the Governor's intent for safeguarding the SCNG's workplaces, the SCNG trained more than 220 Soldiers, Airmen and civilians to carry small arms as a force protection measure at the agency's facilities. The SCNG conducted the training through a partnership between the SCNG and the SLED.



South Carolina Military Museum

The mission of the South Carolina Military Museum is to honor and chronicle the Palmetto State's Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen its martial tradition from 1670, when the Carolina Colony was first founded, to present-day operations worldwide.

During FY17, the museum continued to enhance its collection through the acquisition of authentic and rare weapons, uniforms and equipment. The museum further engaged its community by developing and fostering partnerships with entities such as the Dorn VA Medical Center and local school districts, as well as numerous veteran and service organizations.

On Veterans Day 2016, the museum hosted phase one of the "Welcome Home to Carolina" campaign in honor of the Palmetto State's Vietnam Veterans with the focus on the 982 South Carolinians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam war.

The museum's scheduled expansion in the fall of 2017 will feature a new exhibit on Army Aviation, a centralized collection of historical documents and books and a multi-purpose room designed to further enhance the Museum's educational mission.

STARBASE Swamp Fox

A DoD sponsored Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program for 5th grade students, continues to operate at full capacity, reaching more than 1,100 S.C. elementary school students annually. Designed to augment, enhance, and reinforce the state's educational curriculum and standards, the program acts as a catalyst for encouraging students' future interest and studies in STEM subjects and career focus. During the 2016-2017 school year, STARBASE Swamp Fox provided training for 1,166 students in 52 classes. The STARBASE Swamp Fox 2.0 program for 6th grade students was also fully implemented for middle school students. Since the program's inception in 2003, STARBASE has provided STEM-based training for 11,511 South Carolina students.





Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)

The IRT program provides mission essential training for units and personnel, while building upon the tradition of the SCNG as a good neighbor at the local level in applying military personnel to assist civic and community needs. IRT projects promote recognition of the Guard as a community-based organization while conducting training that makes a lasting difference.

Due to support of Operation Resolute Castle in Eastern Europe, there were no IRT projects completed in FY 17. The SCNG is currently coordinating with the Savannah River Site, S.C. State Forestry Commission, USC Aiken, Orangeburg County and the towns of Ninety-Six, Saluda, and Johnston on projects for FY 18.

South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy (SCYCA)

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SCYCA's POST Challenge Program, SC's implementation of the Department of Labor's Demonstration Program, Job Challenge, completed Cohorts 2 and 3 FY 17. The SC Job Challenge Program is a Department of Labor funded program intended as a follow-on partner program with SCYCA to provided technical job skills training for deserving graduates of the SCYCA Program. Cohort 2 graduated 24 cadets (49% graduation rate) and Cohort 3 graduated 30 cadets (59% graduation rate). Total enrollment over the past three cohorts was 148 students with 78 graduates (53% graduation rate). Approximately 70% of the graduates from Cohorts 1 and 2 are employed with approximately 50% employed in their field of training. As of 30 June 2017, eight POST Challenge graduates have entered military service.



246 Army Band

Is the “Band of the Palmetto State,” is the premier musical representative of the South Carolina Army National Guard. The band is comprised of multiple musical performance teams including traditional groups such as the brass quintet, concert, ceremonial and marching bands, as well as specialized ensembles - “Palmetto Jazz Orchestra” jazz ensemble, “Blues in Green” jazz combo, a Dixieland band called the “Dixie Downbeats,” the “Battery Brass Band” a New Orleans-style brass band, and

“Moment's Notice,” a top 40s rock and country band. These groups performed for over 70,000 spectators at 61 performances during the past year, its most active and widespread year to date, and conducted a summer tour with stops in Columbia, Sumter, Charleston, Myrtle Beach, Lexington, Greenville and North Augusta. The 246 Army Band is headquartered at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover.

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Since 9/11, nearly 19,000 South Carolina Air and Army National Guard men and women have answered our nation's call in defense of freedom. The South Carolina National Guard has lost 16 Heroes who deployed in support of combat operations and paid the ultimate price.

We will never forget

Operation Iraqi Freedom

PVT Algernon Adams, 36	Fallujah; October 28, 2003
MSG Thomas Thigpen, Sr., 52	Kuwait; March 16, 2004
SSG Jerome Lemon, 42	Balad; October 27, 2004
CW4 Patrick Leach, 39	Mosul; December 9, 2004
1LT Andrew Shields, 25	Mosul; December 9, 2004

Operation Enduring Freedom

SGT Stephen High, 45	Ghazni; April 6, 2005
SPC Chrystal Stout, 23	Ghazni; April 6, 2005
SGT Edward Philpot, 38	Kandahar; October 23, 2007
SSG James Bullard, 28	Kandahar; October 30, 2007
SGT Shawn Hill, 37	Khowst; January 2, 2008
SGT David Leimbach, 38	Bala Baluk; May 25, 2008
SSG Willie Harley, 48	Paktika; October 1, 2010
SGT Luther Rabon, 31	Paktika; October 1, 2010
SGT John Meador II, 36	Khowst; June 20, 2012
1LT Ryan Rawl, 30	Khowst; June 20, 2012
SFC Matthew Thomas, 30	Khowst; June 20, 2012



