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Dear Supporters of the South Carolina Military Department:

It is an honor to share the South Carolina Military Department's Fiscal Year 2018 annual report with you, which highlights the accomplishments of the men and women who serve in the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, South Carolina Military Department State Operations, and South Carolina State Guard.

The South Carolina Military Department continues to remain Relevant, Ready, Responsible, and Resilient through everything that has been asked of them. FY18 has been a historic year filled with deployments by the Army and Air National Guard, homecomings, responses to natural disasters throughout the state, training events, partnerships, and so much more that is highlighted within this publication. Throughout it all, the South Carolina Military Department, with all who serve, continues to answer the call time and time again with unyielding dedication and professionalism.

There is no way to predict what to expect when it comes to emergency response, and South Carolina has been impacted numerous times over the past years. When disaster strikes, it's paramount we safeguard the lives of our citizens and be ready to protect property and critical infrastructure. The South Carolina Military Department continues to respond to the needs of our citizens during winter storms, hurricanes, heavy rains, winds, and wild fires. This past FY, the South Carolina Military Department provided aide to those affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and provided support to local authorities during two snow events, culminating during Hurricane Florence, which devastated so many in the Pee Dee area. You answered the call and I am incredibly proud of the hard work from Team South Carolina who once again demonstrated they will be there to help our communities in their time of need.

While we were helping in our state, we also continued to support missions overseas both in Europe, Southwest Asia and with our State Partnership Program country of Colombia. We also provided support to the defense of the homeland with support to the Texas Border, the National Capitol Region and to U.S. Northern Command. We know none of this would have been possible without the support of your families and employers. Thank you to those who stay resilient and keep things steady and moving forward in our absence. We could not do our mission without you.

As my term serving as the Adjutant General for South Carolina comes to a close in early FY19, Barbara and I want to take this opportunity to offer our deepest gratitude to the South Carolina Military Department Family and all we have had the honor of serving with these past 40 years. We have been blessed beyond measure to serve alongside America's greatest treasure, those who place service above self and take the oath to lay down their lives to defend freedom. We will forever embrace these memories and stories of the thousands of Soldiers, Airmen and their families who touched our lives. You always accomplished what was asked of you and our state and nation is stronger and safer and far better as a result of your service and sacrifice.

We wish you and yours the very best in the future.

For State and Nation- True and Tried.

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



Month of the Military Child proclamation event, April 2018. By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago

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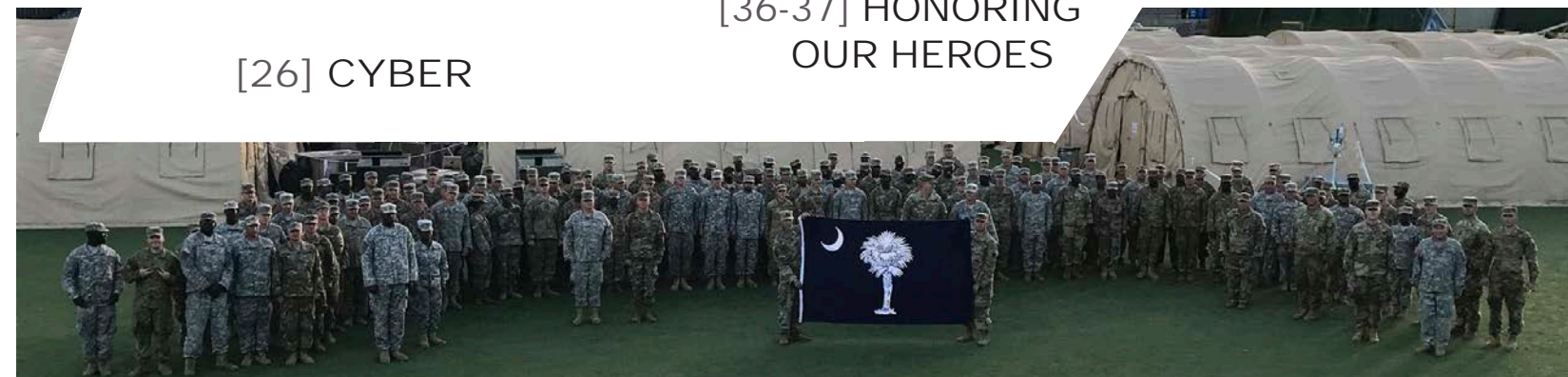
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SCNG responds to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, Oct. 2017. By Capt. Tammy Muckenfuss. On the cover: Top - SCNG Soldiers stand in formation during the 59th Aviation Troop Command change of command ceremony, Sept. 2018. By Staff Sgt. Roby Di Giovine. Top left - 742nd Support Maintenance returns from deployment Dec. 2017. By Lt. Col. Cindi King. Bottom left - Military Spouse Appreciation proclamation event, May 2018. By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago. Top right - SCNG Soldiers pre-stage vehicles across the state in preparation of Hurricane Florence impacting the state, Sept. 2018. By Sgt. Brian Calhoun. Bottom right - SCANG F-16 jets return to McEntire Joint National Guard Base after Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By Senior Airman Megan Floyd.

SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP



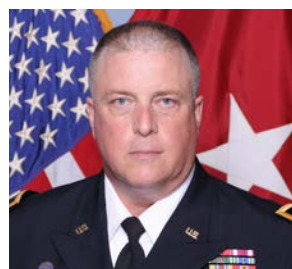
Governor Henry McMaster
Governor of South Carolina

McMaster serves as the 117th Governor of South Carolina beginning January 24, 2017. The Governor by law 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 Military Department of the state of South Carolina. He administers the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, the State Guard, and Youth Challenge. The Adjutant General is a Constitutional Officer and has the rank of Major General.



Major General Roy Van McCarty
Deputy Adjutant General

McCarty as deputy adjutant general is responsible for monitoring the state readiness. In addition, he supervises the administrative activities and daily operations of the S.C. Military Department.



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.



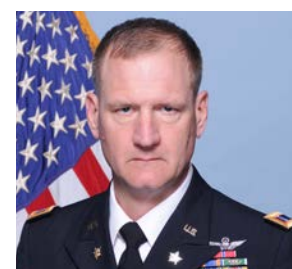
Brigadier General Brad Owens
Director of the Joint Staff South Carolina National Guard

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.



Command Sergeant Major Russell A. Vickery
South Carolina National Guard State Command Sergeant Major

Vickery was selected by The S.C. Adjutant General to serve as the 12th State Command Sergeant Major of the Army and Air National Guard and assumed the role in June 2016.



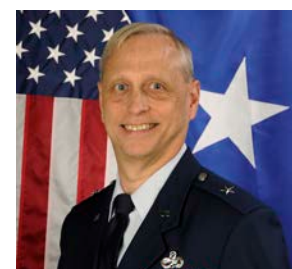
Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kent B. Puffenbarger
Command Chief Warrant Officer, South Carolina National Guard

Puffenbarger serves as the personal advisor to The Adjutant General for South Carolina for all Warrant Officer related issues and career management for 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 1,200 Airmen in the South Carolina Air National Guard.



Chief Master Sergeant Kevin S. Thomas
State Command Chief for the State of South Carolina

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
RESILIENT
RESPONSIBLE

Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, Jr., Adjutant General for South Carolina, speaks to Soldiers during a patch ceremony for the reorganization of the 4-118th Combined Arms Battalion as an element of the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Nov. 2017. By Staff Sgt. Roby Di Giovine

STRATEGIC GOALS

The goal of the Office of the Adjutant General and South Carolina Military Department is to sustain an extraordinary organization consisting of Army, Air, state operations, and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division to provide support not only in times of emergency, but also as partners in our communities. Aligned with the strategic plan, "Palmetto Horizon 2018-2023," the South Carolina Military Department continued working toward the achievement of the organization's strategic goals:

POSTURE PERSONNEL
FOR RELEVANT FUTURE
FORCE STRUCTURE

ATTAIN RELEVANT
FORCE STRUCTURE

PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR THE FUTURE FORCE

PURSUE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

PROTECT OUR GREATEST RESOURCE - PEOPLE

MISSION

Generate combat ready units to conduct state and federal operations. Conduct military operations in response to state emergencies. Provide staff operations in support of the Governor for contingency operations.

VISION

The South Carolina National Guard is an extraordinary organization that is:

Ready - always prepared and able to accept and execute missions.

Relevant - significant force structure to support today and tomorrow's missions.

Resilient - adaptable forces and support systems for units, Service Members and Families.

Responsible - accountable to our nation, community, Service Members and Families.

Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) training during military occupational specialty retraining to Signal Support Systems Specialist at McCrady Training Center, Aug. 2018. By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago

Soldiers with the 742nd Support Maintenance were welcomed home from deployment by friends and Family, Dec. 2017. By Lt. Col. Cindi King.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



By Spc. David Erskine

218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade is a mission tailored force that 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.



By Spc. David Erskine

678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade is the only integrated fires brigade in the Army's inventory. The unit provides command and coordinates the operations of subordinate air defense artillery battalions and other assigned and attached units. The unit is headquartered in Eastover, South Carolina.



By Staff Sgt. Roby Di Giovine

59th Aviation Troop Command

59th Aviation Troop Command is responsible for the peace time leadership of all South Carolina Army National Guard Aviation units, as well as supports wartime mobilizations of these units. The Adjutant General charges the 59th Aviation Troop Command with providing command and control for Army Aviation missions during military support to civilian authority operations. These operations include but are not limited to: hurricane support, homeland defense operations, firefighting, and disaster relief. The unit is headquartered at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina, with an additional facility in Greenville.



By Staff Sgt. Kevin Pickering

218th Regional Training Institute

218th Regional Training 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 force. The RTI also provides coordinating authority, quality assurance, scheduling, and accreditation oversight for functionally aligned units. The RTI provides operational, training, administrative, logistical, and resource management support as required to accomplish the mission to train the Army Warrior within each respective state or territory as specified and approved by the The Adjutant General. The unit is headquartered at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina.



By Spc. David Erskine

263rd Army Air & Missile Defense Command

263rd Army Air and 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.



By Sgt. Brian Calhoun

228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade

228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade deploys and 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.



By Lt. Col. Cindi King

Joint Force Headquarters

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.



By Sgt. Brian Calhoun

Medical Command

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.



By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago

59th Troop Command

59th Troop Command controls and supervises Army National Guard units attached to the troop command, to include military police, engineers, and water purification, to provide 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.

FY 2018 ARMY NATIONAL GUARD HIGHLIGHTS

The South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) generates mission-ready units to fulfill federal and state missions. The SCARNG's goal is to ensure relevance through the adaptation of its force structure to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

In FY18, approximately eight percent of the SCARNG was engaged worldwide in nine different countries to include Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, Germany, Romania, Poland, Italy, Africa, and Guantanamo Bay Cuba. The SCARNG also participated in the Southwest Border mission and protected the skies in the National Capitol Region. The SCNG developed collaborative interagency enterprises to affect lasting change to the SCNG to include the improved readiness of the force, employment of its capabilities, worldwide, and improved infrastructure. The SCARNG leveraged mature partnerships with the Joint Staff, CYBERCOM, Department of Energy, and state partners to advance the SCNG's strategic initiatives.

In addition to mobilizing overseas, more than 1,500 SCARNG Soldiers were activated for State Active Duty and Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to support responses to hurricanes and ice storms during FY18. The SCARNG also participated in the Governor's Annual Hurricane Exercise in preparation for the 2018 Hurricane Season.

olina National Guard provides Support to Puerto Rico in aftermath of Hurricane Maria

Oct. 2017 – More than 200 South Carolina National Guard aviation Soldiers deploy to Afghanistan under the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade

Oct. 22, 2017 – SCARNG, 125th Cyber Protection Battalion activation and assumption of command ceremony

Nov. 2, 2017 – More than 350 retirees briefed on SCNG current events and expected future changes for retirees

Nov. 3, 2017 – The 4-118th Combined Arms Battalion conducted patching ceremony, reorganizing under the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, North Carolina Army National Guard

Nov. 18, 2017 – Colombian Army visits with 1-178th Field Artillery to observe live-fire exercise as part of State Partnership Program

Nov. 21, 2017 – Colombian Air Force celebrates 98th anniversary, recognizes Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston Jr., the adjutant general for South Carolina, with Colombian Air Force Cross of Aeronautical Merit, for SCNG's continued support to Colombia through its State Partnership Program

Dec. 11, 2017 – SCNG Honor Guard conducted wreath lay-



Soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard, 2-238th General Support Aviation Battalion deployed providing aviation assets in Afghanistan under the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. By Capt. Jessica Donnelly

National Capitol Region and Europe

Jan. 2018 – The SCNG prepared to respond and assist the SC Highway patrol clear vehicles along the interstate with Vehicle Recovery Teams during two snow storms that impacted South Carolina

Jan. 10, 2018 - The SCARNG Aviation Domestic Operations Workshop - "Partnership and Preparedness" offered an opportunity for emergency management, military and civilian operators to discuss issues, lesson learned, way ahead, oper-

of Operation Atlantic Resolve

March 2018 – SCARNG Soldiers deployed in support of Operation Resolute Castle 2018, a U.S. Army Europe-led, multi-national, multi-component, joint engineer training exercise in Romania and Poland

March 20, 2018 – SCNG Soldiers and Airmen were recognized for their military service during National Guard Day at the State House

April 7, 2018 – Approximately 150 Soldiers with 151st Expeditionary Signal Battalion conducted deployment ceremony before deploying to Europe

April 10, 2018 – The 251st Area Medical Support Company, SCARNG, participated in Guardian Response 18 at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, Indiana. Army North conducts Exercise Guardian

The South Carolina National Guard supported contingency operations worldwide in nine countries, defense support of the homeland across the continental United States, and Defense Support to Civil Authorities.

ing ceremony at Armed Forces Memorial at the State House, honoring men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice

Dec. 16, 2017 – More than 140 Soldiers with 742nd Support Maintenance Company returned from deployment to Europe

Dec. 26, 2017 – Nearly 300 Soldiers with 2-263rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion conducted deployment ceremony in support of upcoming missions in the

ational gaps, and achievement in today's complex disaster-response and relief operational environment

Feb. 1, 2018 – Approximately 50 Soldiers with 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade deployed to Europe in support



The South Carolina National Guard Honor Guard participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the State House in Columbia, South Carolina, Dec. 2017. By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago

READY
Always prepared and able to accept and execute missions

RELEVANT
Significant force structure to support today and tomorrow's mission

RESPONSIBLE
Accountable to our nation, community, service members and families

RESILIENT
Adaptable forces and support systems for units, service members and families



Soldiers with the 2-263rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion deploy in support of missions in the National Capitol Region and Europe. By 1st Lt. Tracci Dorgan

FY 2018 Army National Guard Highlights:

Oct. 2017 – South Car-

FY 2018 ARMY NATIONAL GUARD HIGHLIGHTS

South Carolina National Guard members are recognized for outstanding military service at the State House in Columbia, SC, March 2018. By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago



Response annually as part of its mission to train the nation's military Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, and Nuclear response capability. The 108th Public Affairs Detachment, SCNG, provided coverage of the exercise

April 23, 2018 - Opening ceremony conducted for the SCARNG Greenville Readiness Center Joint Use Facility, a joint program between the National Guard and Greenville Tech

May 11, 2018 - The SCARNG held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the vehicle maintenance

shop, at the Donaldson Center in Greenville

May 18, 2018 - SCNG receives Army Community of Excellence Silver Award Silver award, which recognizes excellence in innovation, initiatives and effectiveness in customer care which affects the quality of care for

Soldiers, families and retirees

May 21, 2018 - SCARNG deploys Soldiers and UH-72 Lakota helicopter to Southwest Border in support of Operation Guardian Support, President Trump's mission to secure the southern border

June 14, 2018 - SCARNG Soldiers briefed over sixty local business' owners and managers during a "Boss Lift" event at the Army Aviation Support Facility Location 1 on McEntire Joint National Guard Base

June-July 2018 - 246th Army Band performed at venues across the state as part of the band's eight concerts during its "2018 Summer Tour"

June-July 2018 - More than 200 Soldiers with the 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion and 2-238th General Support Aviation Battalion return from a 9-month deployment to Afghanistan where they provided aviation assets throughout Southern Afghanistan under the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade

July 9, 2018 - SCNG celebrates Warrant Officer 100-Year Birthday

with a ceremony at the South Carolina Military Museum

Aug. 4, 2018 - Change of Stole ceremony conducted, as Chaplain (Lt. Col) Roy Butler retired and Chaplain (Lt. Col) Norris Darden assumes the position of Joint Force Headquarters Senior Chaplain

Aug. 17, 2018 - SCNG Black Hawk crew assigned to Charlie Co., 2-238th Aviation Battalion supported Steppe Eagle 18, an annual multi-national exercise that is conducted by the U.S. Army, Armed Forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Armed Forces of the Republic of Tajikistan and the United Kingdom Armed Forces. U.S. Army Central executed the exercise with support from the Arizona and South Carolina Army National Guard

Aug. 20, 2018 - SCNG Soldiers with the 4-118th Combined Arms Battalion conducted live fire exercises during the 30th Armored Brigade



The South Carolina National Guard conducted a Boss Lift event with over 60 local employers visiting the Army Aviation Support Facility on McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina, June 2018. By Staff Sgt. Roby Di Giovine

Combat Team's exportable combat training capabilities (XCTC) at Fort Bliss, Texas, in preparation for an upcoming deployment

Sept. 2018 - SCNG responds to Hurricane Florence with more than 3,400 Soldiers and Airmen providing support to civil authorities in preparation, during, and the aftermath of Hurricane Florence impacting the state. The SCNG provided transportation, communication, and aviation assets, general purpose troops to conduct health and welfare checks, security, and transport supplies and personnel, and placed sandbags in flood-prone areas to prevent flooding to main roads



A U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crew assigned to the South Carolina Army National Guard, Charlie Co., 2-238 Aviation Battalion provides medevac support during Exercise Steppe Eagle 18 at McCrady Training Center, Eastover, South Carolina, Aug. 2018. By Sgt. Brian Calhoun

ALWAYS READY...

...ALWAYS THERE

FY 2018 AIR NATIONAL GUARD HIGHLIGHTS



South Carolina Air National Guard conducts change of command ceremony for 169th Fighter Wing.
Outgoing: Col. Nicholas Gentile Jr.
Incoming: Col. Akshai Gandhi.
By Senior Airman Ashleigh Pavelek



The 169th Fighter Wing operates the 2400+ acre McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina, which has been the home of the South Carolina Air National Guard (SCANG) since its founding in 1946. During 2018, the SCANG honed its warfighting skills in a live missile shoot at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, received a CAPSTONE inspection from the Air Combat Command Inspector General, which validated its processes and capabilities to conduct its federal and state missions, and sent 12 F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft and 325 Airmen to Southwest Asia for a 90-day deployment in its regular rotation of forces around the globe.

serving as the Domestic Response Hub for the national generation of material and personnel sent to Puerto Rico, initiating and aiding the recovery operations.

SCANG personnel continued to train with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, staying ready to assist the citizens of South Carolina in response to disasters.

The SCANG'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.

In support of its state mission, McEntire JNGB and the 169th Fighter Wing played a critical role in the recovery from massive damages inflicted by Hurricane Maria. The base,

The 169th Fighter Wing'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).

FY 2018 Air National Guard Highlights:

Oct. 2017 - SCANG completes 1st Air Force Alert Force Operational Assessment, North American Aerospace Defense Command Inspector General Fighter Alert Force Evaluation, and Air Combat Command Inspector General Capstone assessment

Oct-Nov. 2017 - 245th SCANG provides airlift and air traffic controller support to Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria relief response

Oct. 12-18, 2017 - SCANG conducts 169th Fighter Wing's Unit Effectiveness Inspection

Nov. 21, 2017 - 169th Fighter Wing conducts active-shooter exercise

Dec. 4-6, 2017 - 1st Air Force commander and Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region commander flew with SCANG pilots

Dec. 9, 2017 - SCANG celebrates 71st birthday

Dec. 11-15, 2017 - Exercise America's Shield conducted at McEntire JNGB

A South Carolina Air National Guard F-16 jet over Iraq prepares to receive fuel Aug. 2018. By Master Sgt. Burt Traynor



FY 2018 AIR NATIONAL GUARD HIGHLIGHTS

Jan. 12, 2018
- 169th Security Forces Squadron deploys nine personnel to Southwest Asia for Agile Combat Support deployment

Jan. 17, 2018 - SCANG commemorates 26th anniversary of its first Desert Storm mission

Feb. 3, 2018 – SCANG conducts Ability to Survive and Operate exercise to familiarize Airmen to perform their duties in potential chemical environments

Feb. 27, 2018 - Col. Akshai Gandhi, SCANG 169th FW commander, speaks during Gen. Francis Marion Memorial Service

March 3-24, 2018 - SCANG participates in Green/Red Flag West exercise

March 13, 2018 - Airmen with the SCANG's 169th Fighter Wing visited Colombia, South America to conduct a site-survey to determine medical missions in

the future as part of State Partnership Program

March 15, 2018 - U.S. Air Force firefighters participated in a hazardous material exercise at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. Firefighters assigned to units across the country spent the two-week HAZMAT training performing hands-on tasks, such as patching leaks in containers and hooking up water hoses to equipment, which culminated in the final exercise to test what they had learned

April 14, 2018 - The SCANG's 169th Operations Group conducted a change of command ceremony where Col. Keith Miller relinquished command to Col. Michael Rose

April 25, 2018 - SCANG 169th FW Airmen complete full spectrum readiness training directed by Gen. David Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force

April 26, 2018 - The SCANG's 169th Civil Engineer Squadron conducted firefighter training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia, using unique training props that presented both cognitive and physical challenges which allowed the firefighters to become more confident in their skills and abilities

May 22, 2018 - Joint Base Charleston C17s and SCANG F16s fly over the State House in Columbia

June 5-7, 2018 - The 169th Fighter Wing, in close coordination with the Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, the Eastern Air Defense Sector and the Federal Aviation Administration hosted the Southeast Aerospace Control Alert Conference at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. The conference was a total team training initiative to improve homeland defense capabilities by developing techniques with joint forces during small-scale exercises

June 21, 2018 - Airmen and Soldiers of the SCNG participated in a personnel recovery exercise at

Nearly 300 U.S. Airmen assigned to the 169th Fighter Wing began preliminary deployment out-processing, June 2018. The Airmen and approximately a dozen F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jets prepared for an upcoming deployment to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation.
By Senior Airman Ashleigh Pavelek

South Carolina Air National Guard, 169th Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen partnered with the southwest Indian Foundation to provide all phases of a construction process on a home for a Native American veteran during a "Deployment for Training" mission to Gallup, New Mexico, July 2018. By Senior Airman Megan Floyd

nearby Poinsett Bombing Range, working together using radio communications and survival skills to simulate the rescue of downed personnel in a hostile deployed environment

June 22, 2018 - Nearly 300 U.S. Airmen assigned to the 169th Fighter Wing begin preliminary deployment out-processing in preparation for an upcoming deployment to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation

June 23, 2018 - 169th Fighter Wing conducted a change of command ceremony where Col. Nicholas Gentile Jr. relinquished command of the 169th Fighter Wing to Col. Akshai Gandhi

June 24, 2018 - The SCANG conducted a promotion ceremony for Brig. Gen. Nicholas Gentile Jr., former commander of the 169th Fighter Wing. Gentile left the Swamp Fox family after more than 18 years to further his career at the Air National Guard's Readiness Center at Joint Base Andrews, Md

June 25-July 3, 2018 - Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) survey, sampling, and analysis conducted to ensure training areas have any hazardous chemicals removed to not impact soil, water, or surrounding environment

July 2018 - SCANG Airmen with the 169th Civil Engineer Squadron, constructed homes for Native American veterans during the "Deployment for Training" mission to Gallup, New Mexico. The SCANG partnered with the Southwest Indian Foundation to provide all phases of the construction process including carpentry, framing, electrical, plumbing and site work

July 4, 2018 - SCANG provides flyover support for the Salute to the Shore event in Myrtle Beach

July 11, 2018 - Nearly 300 SCANG Airmen and a dozen F-16 fighter jets deployed under the 407th Air Expeditionary Group in Southwest Asia in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation

July 24, 2018 - SCANG Security Forces Squadron is welcomed home from a six-month deployment

to Southwest Asia

Aug. 10, 2018 - Mr. Eli Wishart, SCNG Chair of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program, hosted an event at McEntire Joint National Guard Base for employers of SCNG Airmen and Soldiers to be briefed on the capabilities of the SCNG, receive an up close tour and orientation of SCANG F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jet flying operations, and capped off the day with a flight on a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III, large transport aircraft, that traveled from Joint Base Charleston

Aug. 21, 2018 - SCANG Fire Department conducted a Black Hawk exercise where SCNG Airmen and Soldiers played casualty roles while the base fire department responders were evaluated on their response procedures

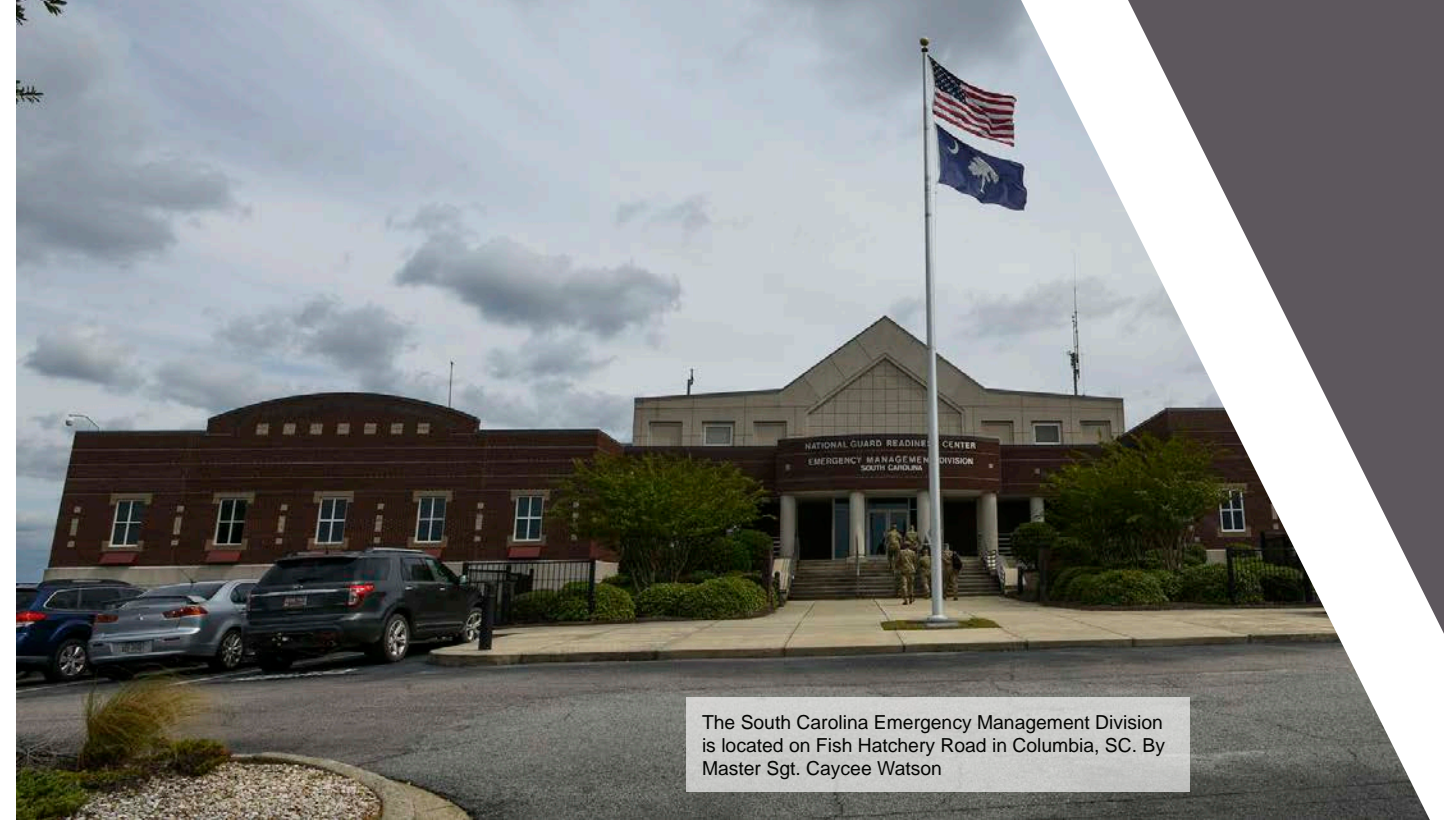
Aug. 31, 2018 - Retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Stanley Hood Sr., former SCANG chief of staff and base commander from Columbia, South Carolina, passed away August 25, 2018. During his graveside service at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery August 31, pilots from the SCANG's 169th Fighter Wing performed an F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jet flyover while a U.S. Air Force Honor Guard team from nearby Shaw Air Force Base conducted full military honors in remembrance of his lifelong service to state and nation

Sept. 2018 - More than 3,400 Soldiers and Airmen responded to provide support to civil authorities in preparation, during, and the aftermath of Hurricane Florence impacting the state. The SCANG provided security assets, assisted in transport of supplies and personnel, and provided Joint Operations Center support



SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

State-level exercises and drills incorporate exercising alert and warning systems, as well as working to incorporate county and state agencies and leadership into the decision-making aspects of the exercises. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) continued to exercise and validate their communications, and alert and warning systems with the counties, states, and federal agencies in FY18. SCEMD also to expand its use of social media and established media channels to message and inform the public in the event of an emergency. SCEMD recently released the South Carolina Manager mobile app to assist the public in their emergency preparations and to provide the public with the latest emergency information.



The South Carolina Emergency Management Division is located on Fish Hatchery Road in Columbia, SC. By Master Sgt. Caycee Watson



Kim Stenson (center) briefs the media on updates for Tropical Storm Florence, Sept. 2018. By Senior Airman Megan Floyd.

Kim Stenson is the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division of the Adjutant General's Office. Under his direction, the Division 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.



SC Military Department members work along civilian authorities to monitor and respond to natural disasters in the state. By Master Sgt. Caycee Watson

SCEMD highlights include:

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). SCEMD serves an integral role as the primary point of contact, signatory, and coordinating element for EMAC. As part of the response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, South Carolina sent a horizontal engineering unit with equipment and 186 Guardsmen, as well as National Guard Aviation Support Staff. SCEMD led an EMAC and Mission Ready Package (MRP) workshop for county and state agencies. The workshop culminated in the creation of 10 MRPs for deployable assets that could be used to support intra- or inter-state mutual aid in the future. Also, in response to severe flooding in Hawaii in May 2018, SCEMD deployed two mitigation specialists to assist in planning and developing mitigation actions and projects.

Communications. SCEMD's Communications Manager successfully linked all Local Government Radio repeaters back to the State Warning Point. This is the first time in 18 years that this system has been linked across the state. SCEMD and its communications partners assisted numerous counties with repairing, replacing and maintaining multiple forms of communication, to include satellite phone, LGR and amateur radio.

Cyber Security. Continued effort was made to improve the Division's Information Security posture and work toward the State's information security compliance deadline. The legacy antivirus system was replaced with a system that secures endpoints with a multi-method prevention approach that blocks malware and exploits, both known and unknown. An Application Whitelist pol-

icy was introduced for end-user computers that allows only pre-approved programs to run. Updates were made to all existing InfoSec systems to stay current.

Satellite Communications. Recent disasters have showcased our reliance on the internet for communication and coordination. The only truly failover option for internet is satellite. As such, IT and our Communications Manager worked together to purchase and install a satellite dish on a trailer. The system will allow the agency to exercise regularly in order to be prepared for a real-world internet failure. In addition, the satellite trailer will be an immense asset to our COOP and Alternate EOC Plans.

Website. Since the October 2015 Flood, SCEMD has been focused on hardening our website to allow it to withstand millions of hits per day during an incident. This year, IT focused on re-architecting the structure of the website and replicating it on multiple servers, creating a flexible and scalable platform that can be increased to deal with greater demands. The new architecture proved invaluable during Hurricane Irma's response when we experienced in excess of 22 million hits.

Palmetto. June 2017, SCEMD unveiled the new statewide common operating picture, Palmetto, which officially replaced WebEOC as the primary coordination and resource management system of record for the state. Palmetto was tested during the Total Solar Eclipse, Hurricane Irma response, and the State Full Scale Exercise (GridEX) and has since been used during response to natural disasters in the state.

FY 2018 SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY DEPARTMENT DEFENSE SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES RESPONSE



A South Carolina National Guard Soldier carries debris off the road in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, Oct. 2017. By Capt. Tammy Muckenfuss



A South Carolina National Guard Soldier with the 125th Engineering Company greets a young boy who was cheering the Soldiers on while they cleared roads in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, Oct. 2017. By Maj. Randy Stillinger



South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster leads a meeting and press conference to synchronize response efforts to the winter storm that impacted the coastal areas of the state at the South Carolina Emergency Management Division in West Columbia, South Carolina, Jan. 2018. By Lt. Col. Cindi King



South Carolina National Guard Soldiers with the 118th Combat Support Field Services Company, Field Maintenance Shop 13 stand ready to assist the South Carolina Highway Patrol clear vehicles along interstate 95 corridor following a snow storm that impacted South Carolina, Jan. 2018. Courtesy photo



Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston Jr., Adjutant General for South Carolina, briefs the status of the SC National Guard during a press conference in preparation for Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By Sgt. Brad Mincey



South Carolina National Guard Airmen assist citizens during evacuation efforts in Florence, South Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago



South Carolina National Guard Soldiers with the 1178th Forward Support Company help evacuate citizens in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago



Barbara Livingston, wife of Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, Jr., Adjutant General of South Carolina, helps deliver supplies to Soldiers placing sandbags to prevent flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By Sgt. Brad Mincey



South Carolina National Guard Engineers and Transportation Soldiers place sandbags along the road to prevent flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By Senior Master Sgt. Edward Snyder



South Carolina National Guard Soldiers with the 125th Multi-Role Bridge Company partner with the Coast Guard and local law enforcement to practice using floating bridge in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By Senior Master Sgt. Edward Snyder

South Carolina National Guard Soldiers with the 1053rd Transportation Company assists a family that was trapped inside their vehicle as a result of flood waters in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By Sgt. Brian Calhoun

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES,
TEAM SOUTH CAROLINA
IS THERE

SERVICE MEMBER AND FAMILY CARE



Service Member and Family Care

The mission of Service Member and Family Care (SMFC) is to posture, promote, and provide regionally accessible programs that support comprehensive service member fitness dimensions and to reduce stress for our service members and their Families, enabling them to thrive personally and professionally. Highlights for FY18 include:

Employment Services Division

The Employment Services Division has advisors located in Orangeburg, Rock Hill, Charleston, Florence, Lexington, Anderson, Spartanburg, and Columbia, to assist service members, Family members and veterans find employment. Their programs assists with resume writing and interview skills workshops, job fairs, and connections to other relevant programs and veteran service providers. Partnered with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce through Operation Palmetto Employment, they assisted more than 800 military affiliated individuals find meaningful employment in FY18. They are also partnered with 1,780 businesses and communities across the state and hosted 24 veteran career and resource fairs.

Family Programs

The Family Programs office currently offers five programs: Family Readiness Support Assistance (FRSA), Family Assistance Specialist (FAS), Child and Youth Programs, Personal Financial Counselor Program, and the Military One Source Program. In FY18, they conducted outreach to approximately 3,250 service members and Family members, through financial counseling sessions, unit briefings, annual retirement briefs, back-to-school bases, pre-command course briefings, Family days, Yellow Ribbon briefings, and proclamation and appreciation events. Additionally, the Child and Youth Programs conducted 30 youth hunts, multiple camps, Spring Fling, Snooze at the Zoo, and the South Carolina National Guard Youth Camp for 180 National Guard dependents.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) continued to work to create a culture in which all South Carolina employers value the military service of their employees resulting in one less stress on the Service Member and their Family. Sixty-five employers were nominated for Patriot Awards, 15 Above and Beyond awards and three Pro Patria awards were presented to employers. Committee members logged 3,165 volunteer hours. ESGR continues to grow its awards program by conducting regional award luncheons among its many programs.



SMFC community support programs

Military Funeral Honors

The Military Funeral Honors team conducted over 2,260 funeral honors in FY18, and the demand on the funeral honors program is expected to grow as the largest calculated generation, the baby boomers, begin to retire and reach their end of life.

Survivor Outreach Services

Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) supported over 1,600 survivors and hosted 3 events in FY18 to care for the needs of survivors of fallen service members. The SCNG remains committed to caring for the loved ones of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention Program (R3SP)

The South Carolina National Guard Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention Program integrates, educates, and promotes resiliency by synchronizing Soldier, Airmen, and Family care programs and services through the Resilience Program, Suicide Prevention Program (SPP), Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR), and Substance Abuse Program (SAP).

Behavioral Health Program

The Behavioral Health program provides counseling, assessment, and referrals in support of the health needs of the SCNG. The program provides a stable, cohesive and regionally-accessible psychological health program that strives to decrease high-risk behaviors and promote healthy decision making for service members, Families, and retirees. In FY18, the Behavioral Health program reached more than 11,370 service members, families, and retirees.

PARTNERSHIPS



43rd Civil Support Team

The 43rd Civil Support Team is a full-time Army and Air National Guard state asset established in 2000 and trained to operate with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS). In FY18, they conducted 132 missions and supported more than 30 agencies to include the FBI, SLED, U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Postal Service, Bureau of Protective Services, SC Department of Natural Resources, the Charleston, Myrtle Beach, N. Myrtle Beach, Greenville, and Anderson police and fire departments, as well as Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

By Staff Sgt. Roberto Di Giovine



SC-Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team

South Carolina-Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team is a collaborative effort between the State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (SC-TF1), SCEMD, and SCARNG aviation units. Its capabilities include land and water-based hoist operations with military aircrews and civilian rescue technicians. SC-HART trains to respond to swift and open water, confined area, urban structure and mountain condition search and rescue. In FY18, SC-HART supported recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, as well as conducted hoist training in Pickens County, partnered with the SC Fire Academy, participated in Patriot South in Mississippi, and trained with the Colombian Army as part of the SCNG's State Partnership Program.

By Master Sgt. Caycee Watson



Aerospace Control Alert

The 169th Fighter Wing, SCANG, continually supports the Aerospace Control Alert Mission, defending east coast air space in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).



By Spc. Chelsea Baker



Air Defense

The 263rd Army Air Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) is permanently assigned to the United States Northern Command and has conducted external evaluations for the 94th AAMDC during Exercise Keen Edge 2018 focusing on testing integrated Air and Missile Defense interoperability with their Japanese counterparts, and an external evaluation on the 10th AAMDC during Exercise Blue Flag 2018 which featured large-scale defense scenarios via computer simulations that trained multi-combatant command coordination with a focus on air, space, and cyberspace combat readiness. The 263rd AAMDC also deployed a command and control element to the National Capital Region and is integrated into the Air Defense mission to protect the homeland.

The SCNG, 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion formalized a training relationship with the 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade out of Fort Stewart, Georgia through mutually supporting training following implementation of Aviation Restructuring Initiative (ARI). This partnership prepared the units for deployment where the 1-151st ARB fell under the 3rd CAB, providing aviation assets in southern Afghanistan. During the deployment, the Deputy Commanding Officer for the 3rd CAB was a SCNG officer and former 1-151st ARB commander allowing for better understanding of the National Guard.

By Capt. Jessica Donnelly



Aviation

By Staff Sgt. Roberto Di Giovine



Greenville Technical College

Greenville Technical College and the SCARNG partnered on an Aircraft Maintenance Technology Program providing increased capacity for training FAA certified aircraft maintainers. The program tripled Greenville Tech's current capacity thus supporting South Carolina's increasing aerospace industry needs. The program is an enterprise solution for the Army National Guard's requirement to train UH-72 Lakota helicopter mechanics to FAA certification standards.



The Governor's Counterdrug Task Force partnered with federal, state, and local law enforcement in the seizure of drugs, currency, weapons, and vehicles totaling \$25,488,560 since July 2017. The task force assisted with link analysis, document exploitation, commodity-financial analysis, and case construction to agencies including FBI, DEA, 15th Circuit Court Drug Enforcement unit, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), and multiple sheriff's offices. The task force also provided domestic cannabis suppression and eradication operation support to SLED, as well as reconnaissance and observation of airspace, maritime, or surface areas for illegal drug activities.

SOUTHEASTERN ARMY AVIATION TRAINING SITE & SAVANNAH RIVER SITE



The South Carolina National Guard engineers conducted their annual training at the Savannah River Site, June 2018, performing construction on the parking lot. Courtesy photo

Savannah River Site (SRS). The SRS offers large areas - 120,000 of 198,000 total acres - for military training. The SCNG, in conjunction with the Corps of Engineers, has executed a real estate instrument for a 750-acre cantonment area and seeking formal identification/authority from the National Guard Bureau senior leadership for a special use permit for military training. The addition of this military training site brings increased economic impact to the state.

Southeastern Army Aviation Training Site (SEAATS). The SCNG partnered with the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center and Greenville Technical College to invest over \$50 million in facilities completed this past year. This facility offers training on integration of aviation support to civilian authorities' mission command and FAA certified maintenance courses. The SEAATS offers world-class Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Training, small Unmanned Aerial Systems certification, and serves as a Domestic Operations Hub for East Coast natural disaster response.



STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Colombian Army leadership visited the 1-178th Field Artillery unit during a State Partnership Program subject matter expert exchange, Nov. 2017, to observe a live-fire exercise. By Spc. Chelsea Baker



State Partnership Program with the Republic of Colombia

The State Partnership Program between South Carolina and Colombia, established in 2012, continues to mature and set the standard for the program in South America. The partnership has resulted in improved interoperability and readiness for both forces. Elements of the SCNG advise and assist the Colombian military as they transition from over fifty years of civil war to a professional armed force providing support for a stable and democratic U.S. regional partner. We continue to build on success by shifting from strictly military-to-military

engagements and encouraging military-to-civilian and civilian-to-civilian exchanges including over 30 separate engagements in FY18. The SCNG continues to assist the Colombian military in the creation of a reserve component and planning for recurring combined exercises beginning in 2019. Templated events for FY19 include cadet exchanges with the Citadel, conditions-based maintenance with the University of South Carolina (USC) and developing legislative tools with USC, Rule of Law collaborative.



The SCNG's Combined Support Maintenance Shop discussed maintenance procedures with members of the Colombian Army during a State Partnership Program subject matter expert exchange, April 2018. By Capt. Stephen Hudson



Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, Jr, the adjutant general for South Carolina, was presented with the Colombian Air Force Cross of Aeronautical Merit by the Republic of Colombia's president Juan Manuel Santos, Nov. 2017, for the SCNG's continued support to Colombia. By Airman Angie Milena Sanchez Tovar

The SCARNG has one of the five cyber protection battalions in the National Guard. The battalion includes a Cyber Security Warfare Company and a Cyber Security Company. The Soldiers completed advanced cyber security training courses and certifications, conducted collective training to employ these individual skills as a team, and demonstrated the capability to protect and defend networks and systems critical to protecting South Carolina's critical infrastructure and key resources and the Department of Defense Information Network. The unit is currently mobilized in support of a federal mission with a detachment in South Carolina postured to support state missions.

Cyber Initiatives. The newly formed 125th Cyber Protection Battalion, dedicated to responding to cyber threats, stood up in October 2017 and deployed 60 Soldiers to the National Capital Region in March 2018. The battalion mobilized with the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade (Cyber) under the operational control of U.S. Army Cyber Command. The event marked the largest mobilization of reserve-component cyber forces to date.

Cyber Threat Analysis and Information Sharing. Despite the battalion's relatively short existence, it is making tremendous impacts through interagency partnerships. The 125th Cyber Protection Battalion works in cooperation with local critical infrastructure partners and operators, academia, private industry cybersecurity professionals, and federal, state, and local governments including SCANA Energy, SC Port Authority, SC State Guard, SC Cyber consortium, University of South Carolina, and SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic. The SCNG works through a memorandum of agreement with U.S. Cyber Command to provide personnel, equipment, and facilities in order to increase collaboration and mutual support for capabilities development, planning, and synchronization of operational mission activities. The Cyber battalion headquarters participated in national and state-level exercises to include Cyber Shield and GRIDEx.

Cyber Partnership Endeavors. The SCNG remains a national leader in engaging partners in collaborative training and exercise activities to create more meaningful and realistic training opportunities, build relationships and trust, and synergies in realizing improved cyber security practices and cyber resiliency across South Carolina.

Cyber JAG Legal and Policy. The SCNG's nationally recognized Legal Cell supports efforts to support emergency, domestic cyber situations. The Legal Cell participated in cyber legal and policy training events, workshops, cyber exercise scenario development, as well as realworld events.

The 125th Cyber Protection Battalion held its activation and assumption of command ceremony Oct. 2017. Lt. Col. Linda Riedel assumed command of the battalion as the 125th flag was unfurled. By Sgt. Brad Mincey



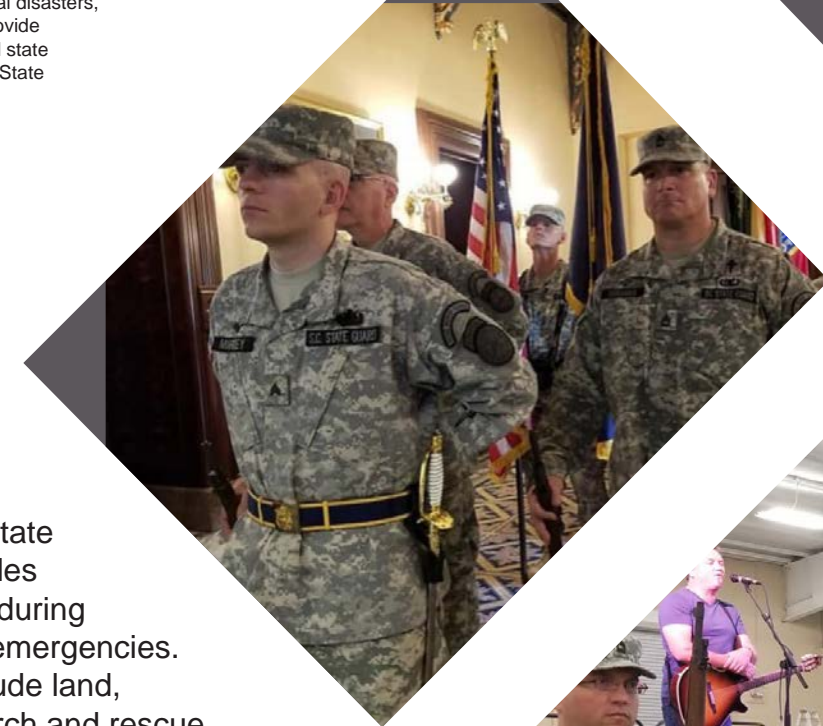
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD
Professionals Serving South Carolina

The South Carolina State Guard provides a volunteer force to assist with natural disasters, support community events, and provide professional personnel to local and state agencies. Photos courtesy of S.C. State Guard Facebook

South Carolina State Guard

The South Carolina State Guard is an all-volunteer state military force, which provides support to civil authorities during times of disaster or other emergencies. These support assets include land, water, and equestrian search and rescue teams, professional trained law enforcement augmentation teams, medical support teams of doctors and nurses, professional engineering teams, and Judge Advocates General teams.

The South Carolina State Guard provided a total of 98,324 volunteer service hours in FY18, which included providing staff to the South Carolina Joint Operations Center and to six county Emergency Operations Centers, as well as personnel for general support missions to include filling, loading, and unloading sandbags, distributing food and water, and providing security at shelters. The South Carolina State Guard provides civil engineer services and safety inspections in support of hurricane response missions of local and state agencies. The South Carolina State Guard also provides medical and chaplain support to the National Disaster Medical System in response to medical evacuations. They aide in search and rescue missions in support of county sheriff's departments, and supported the city and county festivals and community events. The South Carolina State Guard Honor Unit conducts honor guard missions for military funerals and veterans events.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STARBASE

STARBASE Swamp Fox, is a Department of Defense sponsored Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program for 5th grade students. The program reached an all-time high attendance of 1,384 students in FY18 from eight South Carolina public school districts, three parochial schools, and one independent school. The program is designed to augment, enhance, and reinforce the state's educational curriculum and standards and act as a catalyst for encouraging students' future interest and studies in STEM subjects and career focus. The past year, the DoD upgraded the STARBASE program to nationally-rated Level II and certified the STARBASE 2.0 program for 6th grade students. STARBASE is 100 percent federally funded. The program is headquartered at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina.



Children of SCNG Soldiers and Airmen launch rockets they built and studied as part of STARBASE Swamp Fox at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. By Master Sgt. Caycee Watson



The South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy held a graduation ceremony for class 40, June 2018. By Spc. Chelsea Baker

The South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy and POST Challenge

The South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy (SCYCA) is a community-based, structured program that leads, trains, and mentors at-risk youth (ages 16-18) to assist them in becoming productive and successful citizens. There are two cycles of SCYCA per year - January and July - and currently the program can accept up to 150 cadets per cycle. During FY18, the SCYCA graduated 163 cadets who earned a total of 69 GEDs. The SCYCA is headquartered at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina.

The SCYCA's POST (Job) Challenge program is an optional program that focuses on job training for cadets who graduate the SCYCA. The POST Challenge program partners with Aiken Technical College to provide hands-on job skills training through college trade courses. The program was implemented in January 2016 by the Department of Labor's Demonstration Program and has completed 5 classes. The POST Challenge program has graduated 125 students to date.



South Carolina Military Museum

The mission of the South Carolina Military Museum is to honor and chronicle the Palmetto State's Citizen-Soldiers and its martial tradition from 1670, when the Carolina colony was first founded, to present-day operations worldwide. The museum does so via an impressive collection of period and authentic firearms, edged weapons, uniforms, gear, ordnance, artillery pieces, and armored fighting vehicles.

In FY18, the museum laid the foundation for the acquisition of an OH-58 "Sioux" helicopter, a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter, an M59 armored personnel carrier, an M2A2 Bradley fighting vehicle, and an "Avenger" air defense missile



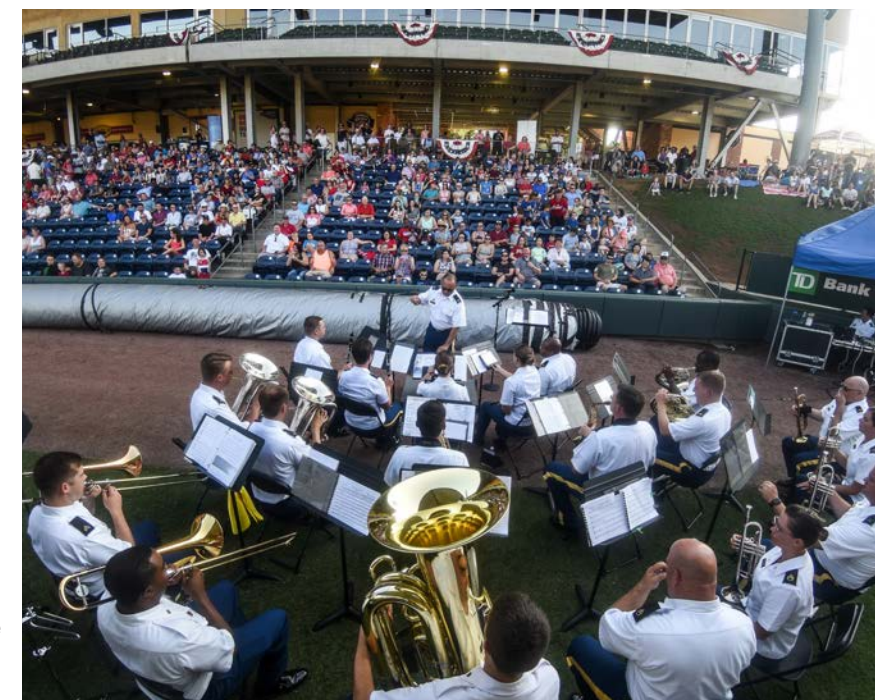
The South Carolina Military Museum hosted a ceremony commemorating a century of service for the Warrant Officer Corps, July 2018. By Sgt. Brad Mincey

system - all of which were crewed by either Soldiers of the SCNG.

The museum further engaged the community by continuing to foster and develop relationships with school districts, as well as various veteran organizations. Its staff also provided numerous presentations and temporary exhibits throughout the state in an effort to bring South Carolina military history to those unable to visit. The museum's multi-purpose room also hosted a variety of events ranging from National Guard retirement receptions and socials, to training sessions, classroom instruction, and a spouse appreciation night. The museum is located on Bluff Road in Columbia, South Carolina.

246th Army Band

The 246th Army Band is referred to as the "Band of the Palmetto State." The 246th Army Band has been performing for more than 50 years. As the premier touring musical representative of the South Carolina National Guard, this acclaimed organization traveled hundreds of miles this year, presenting a variety of music to enthusiastic audiences. They are comprised of seven performing components: the concert band, ceremonial marching band, Dixie Land band, a jazz ensemble called the "Palmetto Jazz Orchestra," jazz combo, brass quintet, and "Moment's Notice" - a top 40's rock/country band. In FY18, several band members assisted with the state response to Hurricane Florence by augmenting security at the Joint Operations Center. The the band also conducted their Summer Concert Tour, where they performed in such communities as Greenville, Newberry and Sumter. The band is headquartered at McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina.



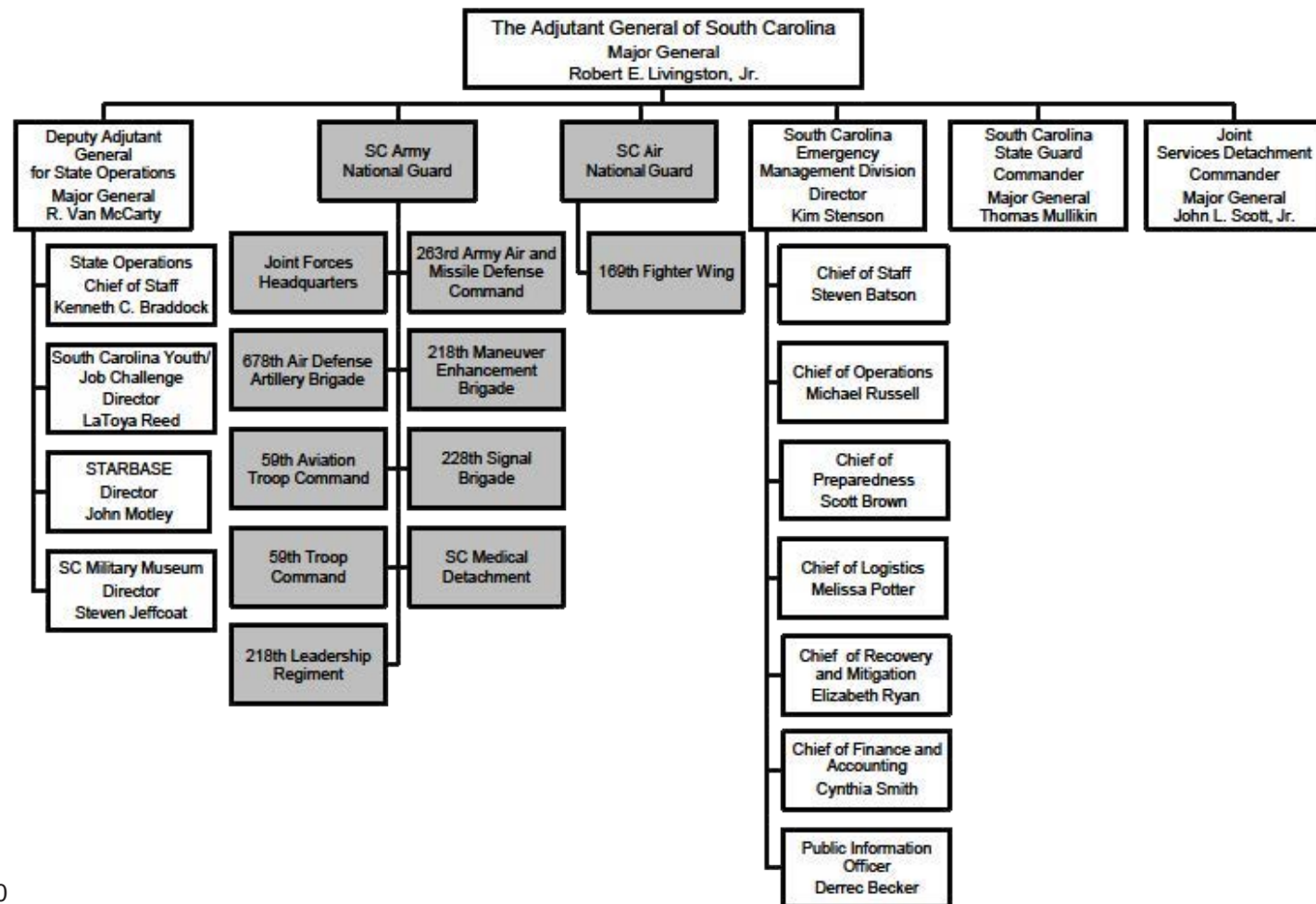
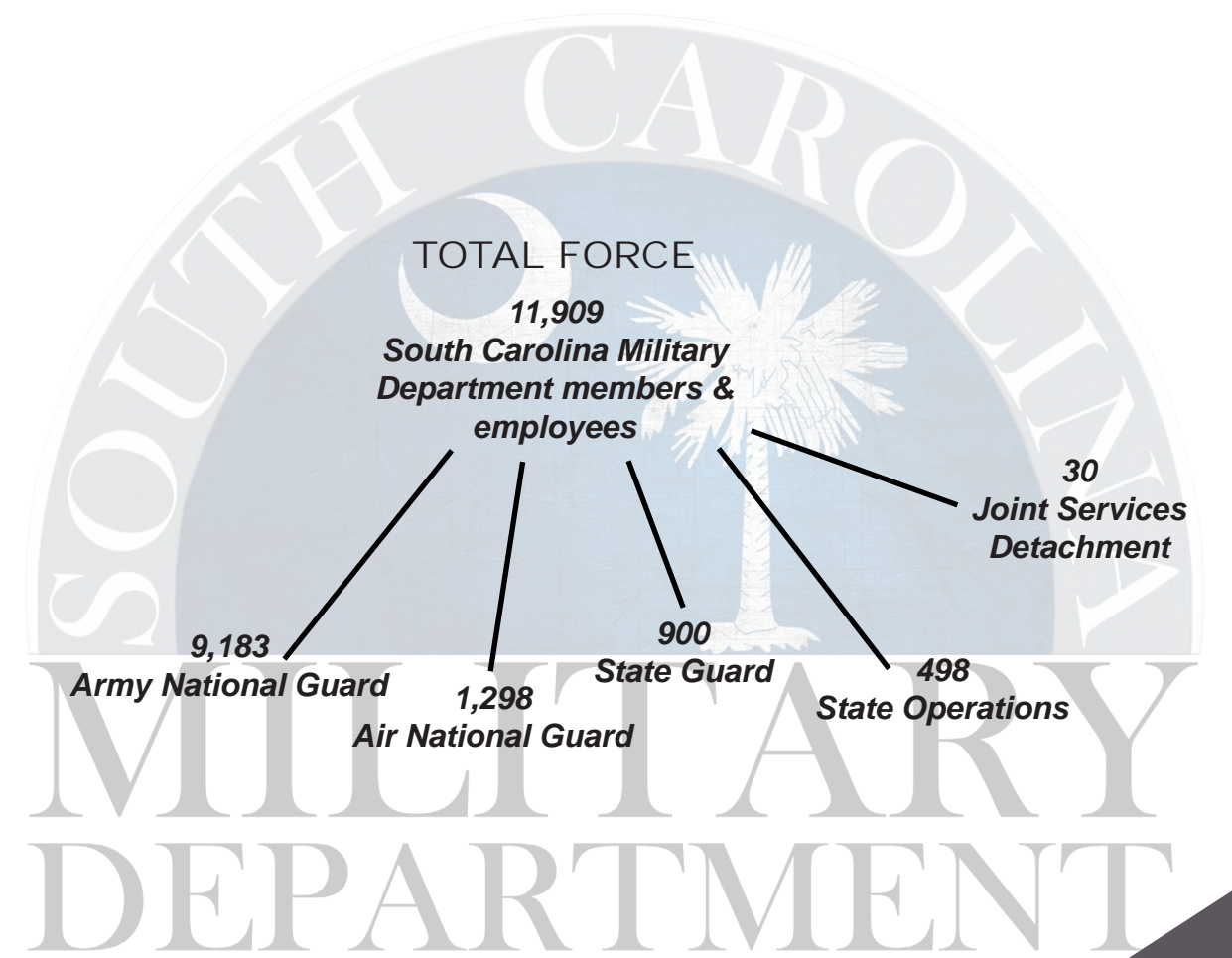
The South Carolina National Guard 246th Army Band performed a concert in downtown Greenville, July 2018, as part of the 2018 Summer Tour. By Staff Sgt. Roberto Di Giovine

SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORCE STRUCTURE

The South Carolina Military Department is committed to mission success resulting in the SCNG being ranked as one of the top National Guards in the country. FY18 resulted in additional SCNG force structure, a real estate agreement for additional training lands, and a mature State Partnership Program with the Colombian military. The organization has strong Defense Support for Civil Authorities response capabilities with the state and federal partners, as reflected in successful operations for hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Florence. Also, mature partnerships at many Army Service Component Commands have resulted in training exercises and operations in Europe, CENTCOM, SOUTHCOM, and CYBERCOM.



Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, the adjutant general for South Carolina, visited the Horry County Emergency Management Division during the South Carolina Military Department's Defense Support for Civil Authorities response to Hurricane Florence, Sept. 2018. By Sgt. Brad Mincey



READINESS CENTERS & ARMORIES

These facilities represent more than 2 million square feet of space and each armory is a critical capability for domestic or combat readiness and civil and domestic response. These facilities anchor the South Carolina National Guard to the community with direct ties to families, community events, and veteran organizations. State-level challenges include the continued support for highly successful programs such as Service Member and Family Care centers and the job and Youth ChalleNGe programs.

The most recognizable tie to the community is our more than **62 readiness centers** located in the **41 of 46 counties**

The South Carolina National Guard held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newest state-of-the-art vehicle maintenance shop at the Donaldson Center in Greenville, South Carolina, May 2018. By 1st Lt. Tracci Dorgan



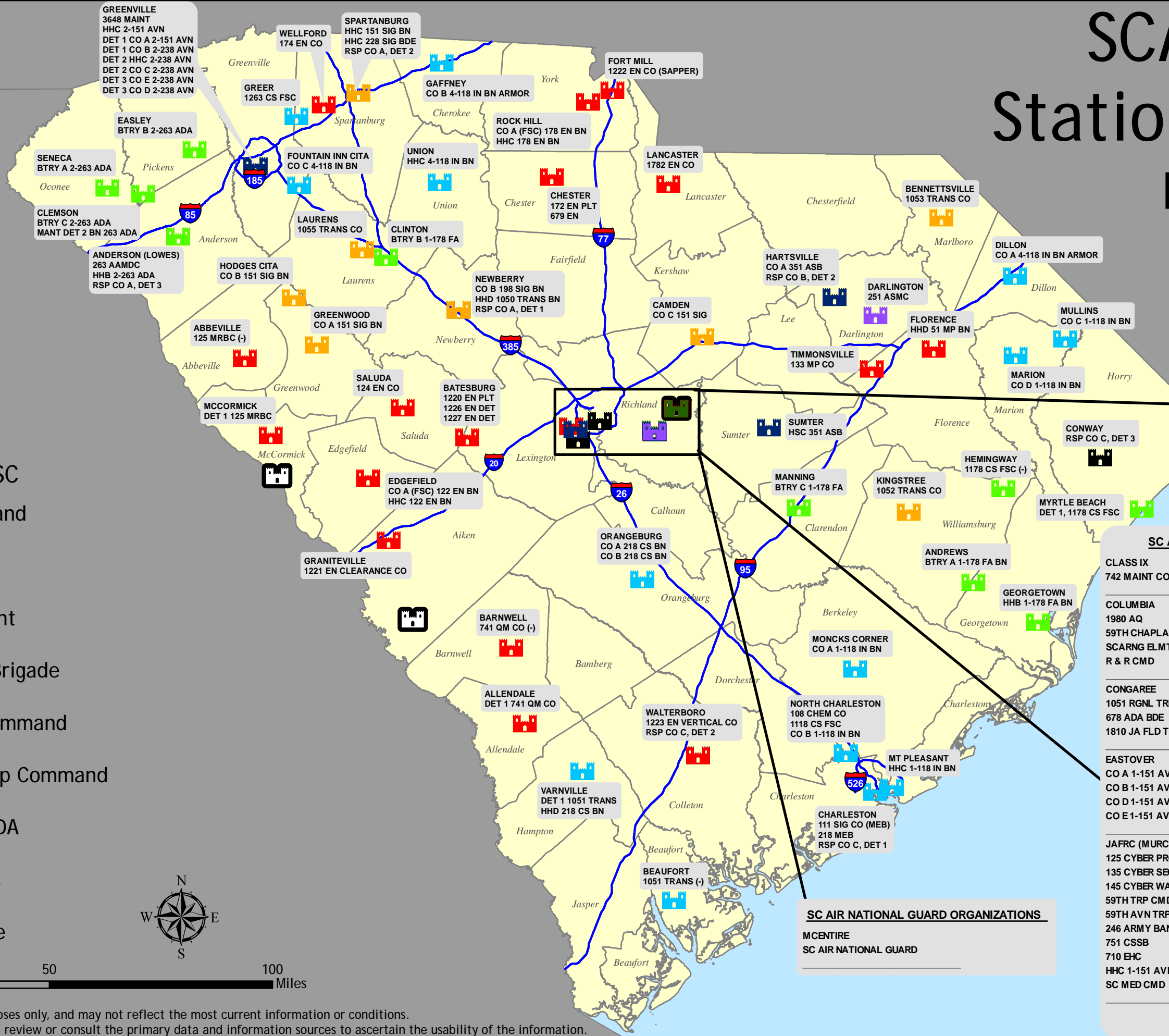
The average age of our state armories is 40 years. Continued support for maintenance, consolidation, and modernization of facilities by promoting partnerships with communities and colleges to construct multi-use facilities is critical.

Current armory space available is undersized relative to modernized force structure requirements and modern vehicles increase the need for military vehicle parking areas. We have received \$3 million in non-recurring capital improvement funds to revitalize the most dilapidated readiness centers. These funds will renovate two facilities, dependent on the receipt of federal funds.



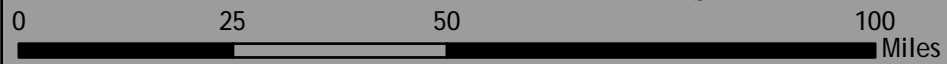
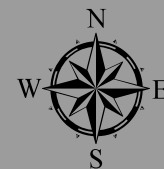
SCARNG Stationing Plan

FY18



Stationing by MSC

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



STATE ORGANIZATIONS	
JAFRC (MURC)	STARBASE
MCCRADY	YOUTH CHALLENGE
MCENTIRE	SC AIR NATIONAL GUARD
PINE RIDGE	SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
OLYMPIA	SC STATE GUARD

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CAPABILITIES

The South Carolina Military Department is committed to providing these specialized capabilities for homeland support:

AVIATION



COMMAND & CONTROL



MAINTENANCE



COMMUNICATIONS



ENGINEERING



SECURITY



CYBER



MEDICAL



LOGISTICS



CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR & EXPLOSIVES (CBRNE)



TRANSPORTATION



AIR DEFENSE





Honoring our Fallen

Since 9/11, more than 20,000 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- Iraq

NAME/AGE:

PVT Algernon Adams, 36

CW4 Patrick Leach, 39

SSG Jerome Lemon, 42

1LT Andrew Shields, 25

MSG Thomas Thigpen, Sr., 52

LOCATION/DATE:

Fallujah; October 28, 2003

Mosul; December 9, 2004

Balad; October 27, 2004

Mosul; December 9, 2004

Kuwait; March 16, 2004

Operation Enduring Freedom- Afghanistan

NAME/AGE:

SGT Stephen High, 45

SPC Chrystal Stout, 23

SSG James Bullard, 28

SGT Edward Philpot, 38

SGT Shawn Hill, 37

SGT David Leimbach, 38

SSG Willie Harley, 48

SGT Luther Rabon, 31

SGT John Meador II, 36

1LT Ryan Rawl, 30

SFC Matthew Thomas, 30

LOCATION/DATE:

Ghazni; April 6, 2005

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Kandahar; October 30, 2007

Kandahar; October 23, 2007

Khowst; January 2, 2008

Bala Baluk; May 25, 2008

Paktika; October 1, 2010

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