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Dear Supporters of the South Carolina Military Department:

It is an honor to present the South Carolina Military Department's fiscal year 2022 annual magazine highlighting the accomplishments of the Soldiers, Airmen, state and federal employees, volunteers, and family members that contribute to the success of our great organization.

Fiscal year 2022 saw the South Carolina Military Department continuing to lead in training, readiness, service members and family care. In particular this year, we continued to prioritize taking care of Soldiers, Airmen, our employees, and their families, since they are the most important asset in our organization. In light of this, I signed a proclamation this year making September 7th the official "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day" for the South Carolina National Guard.

We have also continued to invest in training and readiness this year to ensure that our forces remain capable and ready to respond to the needs of our State and Nation. For example: Four South Carolina National Guard AH-64E Apache attack helicopter pilots assigned to the 151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion graduated from the Marine Corps Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course at Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Arizona – our pilots were four of six who graduate from this course in the entire Army.

We also have continued to lead our national and regional peers this year in other ways, from hosting conferences and events like the Joint Southeastern Regional Judge Advocate Training Conference to celebrating the tenth anniversary of our innovative partnership with the nation of Colombia.

Overall, the forces of our South Carolina Military Department are prepared, ready, and willing to step forward and serve our state and her people no matter what is asked of us. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division, South Carolina State Guard, and South Carolina National Guard will continue to serve and protect our communities in 2023 just as we saw them do so this year during events like Hurricane Ian; likewise, Youth Challenge and STARBASE will continue to advance their impactful missions by sustaining their curricular programs and graduating leaders into our communities. It has been an active and engaging 2022 for our Department, and we look forward to an energetic and successful 2023 to follow.



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Van McCarty".

R. Van McCarty
Major General, SCNG
The Adjutant General

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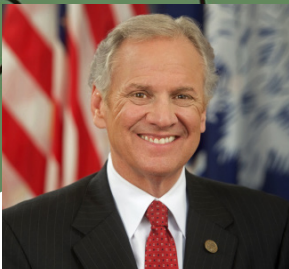
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SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP



Governor Henry McMaster
Governor of South Carolina

Gov. McMaster serves as the 117th Governor of South Carolina beginning January 2017. The Governor by law is the Commander in Chief for the South Carolina National Guard.



Major General R. Van McCarty
The Adjutant General, South Carolina

Maj. Gen. McCarty serves as the 29th adjutant general for South Carolina, and head of the South Carolina Military Department. He administers the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the State Guard, and the Youth ChalleNGe and Job ChalleNGe programs, South Carolina Military Museum, and STARBASE.



Major General Jeffrey Jones
Deputy Adjutant General

Maj. Gen. Jones serves as deputy adjutant general and is responsible for monitoring the state readiness. In addition, he supervises the administrative activities and daily operations of the South Carolina Military Department.



Brigadier General Akshai Gandhi
Chief of Staff - Air

Brig. Gen. Gandhi serves as 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, as well as advises and assists the adjutant general in their execution.



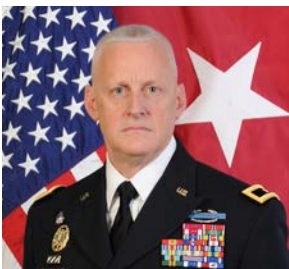
Brigadier General Karl S. Bowers, Jr.
Assistant Adjutant General - Air

Brig. Gen. Bowers serves as the assistant adjutant general for the Air National Guard and oversees operations on matters pertaining to the more than 1,300 Airmen in the South Carolina Air National Guard.



Brigadier General David M. Jenkins
Assistant Adjutant General - Army

Brig. Gen. Jenkins serves as the assistant adjutant general for Army National Guard and dual status commander during military support to civilian authorities missions.



Brigadier General Robin B. Stilwell
Director of the Joint Staff

Brig. Gen. Stilwell 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 Chief Master Sgt. Camille Caldwell
Command Senior Enlisted Leader

Chief Master Sgt. Caldwell serves as the senior enlisted leader for the South Carolina National Guard and serves as the advisor to the adjutant general and other key leaders on matters of health and welfare of the state's enlisted service members.



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Raymond Evans
State Command Chief Warrant Officer

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Evans 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.



U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1-178th Field Artillery Battalion, South Carolina Army National Guard, conduct live fire maneuvers during annual training in Fort Stewart, Ga., April 20 – May 6, 2022. The Soldiers demonstrated the explosive fire power of the M109A6 Paladin Self Propelled Howitzer, both day and night, while perfecting their skills on firing tables and direct fire lanes. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Brian Calhoun, 108th Public Affairs Detachment)

MISSION

Provide ready forces to conduct operations that support and defend our fellow citizens, the Constitution of the United States of America and South Carolina, whenever and wherever the threat arises or the need exists.

VISION


The South Carolina Military Department is a premier organization of diverse Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians who are ready, relevant, resilient, and responsible to our communities, state, and nation in time of need - led by Competent, Capable, Caring, and Professional leaders.



U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers from different commands compete in the TAG Match 2022, insert exact day only, McCrady Training Center, Eastover, South Carolina. The TAG Match is an annual, multi-day marksmanship challenge hosted by the Marksmanship Training Unit, Feb. 25-27, 2022. The competition's format requires all participants to demonstrate a variety of basic Soldier-skills, as well as marksman proficiency with the M17 pistol and M4 rifle. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Brian Calhoun, 108th Public Affairs Detachment)

STRATEGIC GOALS

Promote a cohesive, disciplined, and resilient organizational culture, where our people are trained, knowledgeable, and mentor each other in a positive, supportive environment; maintain trained and ready forces for the defense of our country and emergency support of our communities by investing in innovative individual and collective training opportunities and world-class facilities; and strengthen and leverage current relationships while identifying opportunities for mutually beneficial partnerships to maximize future competitiveness.



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. David Jenkins, assistant adjutant general, South Carolina National Guard and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Kyzer II, South Carolina Army National Guard State Command Sgt. Maj., visit soldiers with the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina National Guard during a joint Warfighter exercise with U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum, New York, June 11, 2022. Warfighter exercises are designed to test a command's ability to plan and execute tactical operations in phases. Soldiers are tested through virtual battlefield simulations. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Pfc. Ana-Grace Catoe, South Carolina National Guard)

PEOPLE:


- SET THE CONDITIONS
- PROMOTE GROWTH
- CHANGE THE CLIMATE

READINESS:

- BALANCE THE STRUCTURE
- MODERNIZE FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT
- INNOVATE TRAINING

PARTNERSHIPS:

- EVALUATE & OPTIMIZE
- IDENTIFY & DEVELOP



U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers from South Carolina National Guard units across the state participate in the combat water survival test, as part of the state-level Best Warrior Competition, Feb. 2, 2022 in Blythwood, South Carolina. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Brian Calhoun, 108th Public Affairs Detachment/South Carolina National Guard)

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

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.

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 Sgt. Tim Andrews

218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

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.

59th Troop Command controls and supervises Army National Guard units attached to the troop command, to include military police, transportation, 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 in Eastover, South Carolina.



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

59th Troop Command



By Sgt. 1st Class 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 aviation support facility in Greenville.



By Sgt. Brian Calhoun

218th Regional Training Institute

218th Regional Training Institute (RTI) 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 specified and approved by the adjutant general. The unit is headquartered at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina.

228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade (TTSB) deploys and provides premier secure, reliable, and sustainable communications, as well as cyber support across the full spectrum of Joint and Combined military operations. The unit is headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The 228th TTSB is one of only two TTSBs in the National Guard.



By 1st Lt. Stephanie Stark

228th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

263rd Army Air & Missile Defense Command



263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) 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. The 263rd AAMDC is the only AAMDC in the National Guard.

678th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade 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. The 678th ADA Brigade is one of only three ADA brigades in the National Guard.



By Sgt. Brian Calhoun

678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade



Courtesy Photo

117th Engineer Brigade



117th Engineer Brigade plans, integrates, and directs the execution of engineering missions conducted by three mission tailored engineer battalions not organic to maneuver units and augment engineer units organic to corps and division. The brigade provides technical and tactical guidance and command and control to teams, companies, and battalions. The unit is headquartered in Newberry, South Carolina.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD HIGHLIGHTS



A flight of two U.S. Army AH-64 Apache attack helicopters and two U.S. Army UH-60L Black Hawk medium-lift utility helicopters, respectively assigned to the 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion and 1-111th General Aviation Support Battalion, 59th Aviation Troop Command, South Carolina National Guard, perform low-altitude training in vicinity of Sumter, South Carolina, Dec. 3, 2021. The training was conducted inside a new training area created specifically to provide South Carolina Army National Guard, rated and non-rated crew members with a controlled environment in which safely develop low-altitude piloting, navigation, and combat skills, as well as crew-resource management techniques. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roby Di Giovine, South Carolina National Guard)

The mission of the South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) is to generate mission-ready units able to fulfill both the federal and state missions; specifically its three main competencies of emergency preparedness/homeland defense, quality Soldier and family support systems, and innovative technological application. The SCARNG's goal is to ensure relevance through the adaptation of its force structure to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

In fiscal year 2022, approximately 7 percent of the SCARNG deployed worldwide in 5 different countries to include Kuwait, Guatemala, Jordan, Germany, and Colombia. The SCARNG was also involved in various Continental United States-based missions such as operations on the Southwest Border and in the National Capital Region.

FY22 Army National Guard Highlights:

Oct. 15, 2021 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to Det.

1 Company B, 2-238th General Support Aviation Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, supported an airdrop training-event with a CH-47 Chinook helicopter, Fort Bragg area, the event included several airborne jumps, as well as light cargo drops.

Oct. 29, 2021 - The South Carolina National Guard and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) hosted a Boss Lift event, showcasing the South Carolina National Guard, 59th Aviation Troop Command's various aircraft and capabilities to civilian employers. The event allowed civilian employers of service members to gain a perspective into the military side of their employee's life by learning about military training, night vision, viewing equipment layout, controlling an AH-64 Apache simulator, and riding a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

Nov. 9, 2021 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard, along with U.S. Army

active duty Soldiers, conducted a mentorship panel consisting of female Army officers at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, to answer questions from Army ROTC cadets about Army professions. The cadets had the opportunity to ask questions to understand Army professions from the perspectives of female Army officers. This mentorship program aims to create opportunities to expose cadets to positive role models within different career fields and give the cadets a chance to demystify any concerns about their future Army service.

Nov. 6, 2021 - The 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC), South Carolina National Guard, recognized the promotion of U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Frank M. Rice to major general. Rice was pinned by U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina. After the promotion ceremony, Rice assumed command of the 263rd AAMDC.

Nov. 6, 2021 - The 263rd Army

Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC), South Carolina National Guard, recognized the promotion of U.S. Army Col. Richard A. Wholey Jr. to brigadier general. Wholey was pinned by his wife Marilyn, son Trey, parents Richard and Sharon and will be assigned as the deputy commander of the 263rd AAMDC.

Nov. 7, 2021 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 124th Engineer Company, South Carolina National Guard, conducted a ceremony awarding the unit the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation award Nov. 7, 2021 in Saluda, South Carolina. The 124th was earned the unit award for their work during their deployment to Kuwait from July 2019 to June 2020. While there, the Soldiers of the 124th provided force protection and base support across multiple locations within Kuwait, Iraq and Syria. The unit's combined efforts resulted in 550 feet of ditch cuts, installation of more than 530 bunkers, placement of more than 5,900 feet of concertina wire, placement and fill of over 9,800 linear feet of HESCO barriers, more than 229,700 square feet of earth graded and the cut, stockpile, load, haul and dump of more than 90,400 cubic yards of earth and gravel.

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The 218th Regional Training Institute, South Carolina National Guard, conducts the 12B combat engineer reclassification course at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina. The class is made up of National Guard Soldiers from multiple states and is being conducted November 6-20, 2021. Throughout the course, the Soldiers learn through classroom instruction and hands-on training covering breaching, mines and firing devices, reacting to explosive hazards, constructing demolitions systems, executing military operations on urbanized terrain training, and more. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Brian Calhoun, South Carolina National Guard)

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Jan. 16, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the Headquarters Support Company, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina National Guard, assisted stranded motorists in the Upstate region of South Carolina, as part of a vehicle recovery team activated in support of winter weather response efforts. The Soldiers were called in to support vehicle recovery teams to help keep roadways clear to ensure the mobility of state agencies and first responders working to respond to the needs of the citizens.

Jan. 16, 2022 - The South Carolina National Guard conducted a

deployment ceremony to recognize the 133rd Military Police Company's mobilization in support of Operation Spartan Shield. Approximately 150 U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 133rd Military Police Company, 51st Military Police Battalion, 59th Troop Command, South Carolina National Guard, deployed to the Middle East for approximately nine months. While deployed, the 133rd Military Police Company's mission will be to provide support to customs operations.

Feb. 15, 2022 - The South Carolina National Guard conducted a deployment ceremony to recognize the 108th Chemical Company's mobilization in support of COVID-19 operations. Approximately 80 U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 108th Chemical Company, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina National Guard, deployed to Fort Bliss, Texas for approximately 12 months. While deployed, the 108th Chemical

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U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers from different commands compete in the TAG Match 2022, February 26, 2022, McCrady Training Center, Eastover, South Carolina. The TAG Match is an annual, multi-day marksmanship challenge hosted by the Marksmanship Training Unit, Feb. 25-27, 2022. The competition's format requires all participants to demonstrate a variety of basic Soldier-skills, as well as marksman proficiency with the M17 pistol and M4 rifle. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Brian Calhoun, 108th Public Affairs Detachment)

Company's mission will be to conduct COVID-19 mobilization support for the 5th Armored Brigade and 1st Armored Division.

March 24, 2022 - The first five AH-64E model Apache attack helicopters to be delivered to the South Carolina National Guard arrive at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. The South Carolina National Guard is replacing 24 D-model aircraft with new E-model. The new model includes mechanical and software upgrades that will dramatically improve their ability to work and communicate in a joint services environment, and allow pilots to operate with more capabilities in future conflicts.

March 30, 2022 - U.S. National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, and state and federal employees with the South Carolina Military Department participated in the South Carolina Military Department Day at the State House in Columbia, South Carolina, providing military vehicle displays, equipment demonstrations, and

information booths to bring recognition to and educate the lawmakers and general public about the capabilities and personnel that make up the organization. The South Carolina Military Department is a community-based organization with a dual role of a federal mission in support of national defense, as well as the state mission to serve the governor and the citizens of South Carolina in response to natural disasters, civil unrest, and other operations as directed by the governor.

April 1, 2022 - U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Brad Owens, South Carolina National Guard director of joint staff, was recognized for his service during a retirement ceremony in Columbia, South Carolina. Owens retired after more than 37 years of service.

April 6, 2022 - U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina, joins South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia, South Carolina, for the proclamation

reading, recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child in South Carolina. The Month of the Military Child is a time to honor military youth for the important role they play in contributing to the strength of the military Family.

April 20, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters with the South Carolina National Guard assigned to Company A, 1-111th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), 59th Aviation Troop Command, departed for the mobilization station at Fort Hood, Texas from McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina, in preparation for a deployment in support of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) peacekeeping mission. The South Carolina National Guard conducted a deployment ceremony, recognizing the deployment of approximately 50 Soldiers and eight UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the 1-111th GSAB to the Sinai Peninsula, in support of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) peacekeeping

mission. The MFO's overarching mission is to supervise and monitor the implementation of the security provisions of the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty of Peace, as well as contribute to preventing any violations of the treaty.

May 15, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Battery C, 2-263rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, conducted pre-mobilization training exercise America's Shield, at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. The training consisted of providing short range air defense (SHORAD), where the Soldiers tracked simulated and live aircraft representing real-world threats to enhance team proficiency.

June 17, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldier Spc. Daniel Walters, 1051st Transportation Company, South Carolina National Guard, graduated Ranger School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Less than 50% of Walters' Ranger School Class 6-22 graduated this rigorous school, Walters was a first time GO.

June 5, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard leaders with the South Carolina National Guard conducted a rehearsal of concept (ROC) drill for the defense support of civil authorities (DSCA), at the Emergency Management Division in West Columbia, South Carolina. The ROC drill was an opportunity for leaders to plan for the upcoming hurricane season and discuss preparations for supporting civil agencies as well as local and state authorities during emergencies. DSCA is a process in which assets and personnel can be used to assist

in missions normally carried out by civil authorities, and can include responding to natural and man-made disasters, law enforcement support, special events, and other domestic activities.

June 11, 2022 - U.S. Army Brig. Gen. David Jenkins, assistant adjutant general, South Carolina National Guard and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Kyzer II, South Carolina Army National Guard State Command Sgt. Maj., visited soldiers with the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina National Guard during a joint Warfighter exercise with U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum, New York. Warfighter exercises are designed to test a command's ability to plan and execute tactical operations in phases. Soldiers are tested through virtual battlefield simulations.

June 29, 2022 - South Carolina National Guard leadership and a military delegation from the Republic of Colombia met to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the State Partnership Program (SPP) between the two

organizations, Columbia, South Carolina. Since its launch in 2012, the program focused on the establishment and development of long-lasting partnerships between their respective Army and Air branches, their subordinate commands, and their service members. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, The Adjutant General for South Carolina, and Colombian Army Gen. Luis Navarro lead their respective delegations throughout the celebrations and associated activities. The events scheduled included the inauguration of the SPP exhibit at the South Carolina Military Museum, as well as awards ceremonies and workshops. Additionally, both leadership teams met with South Carolina Governor Henry D. McMaster, Lieutenant Governor Pamela S. Evette, and other members of the state government.

Aug. 10, 2022 - U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, adjutant general for South Carolina, spoke with U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company A, 1-118th Infantry Battalion, Company B, 1-118th Infantry Battalion,



U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to the 1223rd Engineer Company, South Carolina Army National Guard, conducted a ceremony to mark the completion of a school in Paxcaman, Guatemala, July 18, 2022. The 1223rd Engineer Company did an incredible job, finishing the project ahead of schedule. The school is a great benefit to the children of the Paxcaman community. (U.S. Army National Guard Courtesy Photo)

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and Company I, 237th Support Battalion, South Carolina Army National Guard, who deployed as part of support Operation Spartan Shield, at Eagle Aviation in Columbia, South Carolina. More than 160 Soldiers from the three units were mobilized to support Operation Spartan Shield, Task Force Spartan and U.S. Army Central Command for nearly a year.

Aug. 22-26, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers and first responders-rescuers with the South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (SC-HART) conducted aerial-rescue training in mountainous terrain, Table Rock area. The event included a variety of training scenarios emphasizing survivor extractions from mountain slopes and tops, as well as aquatic rescues from rivers and lakes. In addition, air crews and rescuers performed refresher and proficiency training for the ongoing hurricane season. SC-HART is a collaborative effort between the South Carolina Army National Guard and State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (SC-TF1) under the direction of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, South Carolina Emergency Management Division. The South Carolina Army National Guard contributes to the program with instructors, crews, support



U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company A, 1st Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, South Carolina Army National Guard, conduct mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle dismount training at the McGregor Range, Fort Bliss, Texas, Sept. 15, 2022. The 1-118th Infantry Battalion spent weeks training in preparation for their deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly D. Calkins, South Carolina National Guard)

personnel, and UH-60 Blackhawk and LUH-72 Lakota helicopters; all military personnel and aircrafts are assigned to 59th Aviation Troop Command, South Carolina Army National Guard.

Sept. 7, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard Soldier Sgt. 1st Class Johnathan Tillman, 5th Battalion, 218th Regional Training Institute, South Carolina National Guard, awarded the national guard instructor of the year by Gen. Paul Funk, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Eustis, Virginia. Tillman serves as senior instructor in information technology and signal support system courses for over six years, he seeks to inspire using creative thinking to gauge learning styles and assess the best way to instruct his students for a successful learning experience.

Sept. 21, 2022 - U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina, joined

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia, South Carolina, for a special observance honoring Gold Star Mothers and Families. The special observance included a tour of the Governor's Mansion, reading of the State and Federal Proclamations honoring Gold Star Mothers and Families, the reading of poems, and a butterfly release. The last Sunday of September has been designated as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day to honor the memory of those sons and daughters who gave their lives for their country while serving in the armed forces.

Sept. 28, 2022 - U.S. Army National Guard soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard, activated soldiers in response to Hurricane Ian. Postured in various counties throughout South Carolina ready for highwater vehicle transportation and evacuation, as well as aviation assets.



FY22 Air National Guard Highlights

McEntire Joint National Guard Base (JNGB) is a 2,400+ acre federal military installation just east of Columbia. Since the founding of the South Carolina Air National Guard (SCANG) in 1946, the base has been operated by the 169th Fighter Wing.

The 169th Fighter Wing is one of the United States Air Force's premier fighter wings and provides combatant commanders with world-class combat capability to meet the nation's needs for contingency operations and general war requirements. During 2021-2022, the SCANG is in the process of resurfacing the runway at McEntire JNGB. As a part of the process, the 169th Fighter Wing relocated all aircraft operations to Columbia Metropolitan Airport. In concert with the resurfacing, the SCANG hosted a U.S. Air Force Civil Engineer Center

runway repair demonstration which assisted in ensuring civil engineers from around the world were prepared to perform necessary emergency operations. The SCANG is currently executing \$46M in construction projects on McEntire as well as an additional \$43M in the contracting process. The next 10 years includes plans for over \$170M in upgrades to McEntire facilities. In addition, 100 operations and maintenance personnel plus eight F-16s participated in the Relampago '22 exercise in Colombia, the South Carolina National Guard's state partner.

The 169FW's primary federal mission is to employ conventional munitions in the Suppression and Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD/DEAD) role. Additionally, the 169FW provides continual air defense of the East

Coast of the continental United States for the North American Aerospace Defense Command with Airmen and aircraft executing the Aerospace Control Alert mission, 24-hours a day, 365-days a year.

FY22 Air National Guard Highlights:

Nov. 10, 2021 - U.S. Sen. Tim Scott toured McEntire Joint National Guard Base, as part of a visit to showcase the capabilities and assets of the South Carolina National Guard. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina, and U.S. Air Force Col. Quaid Quadri, left, 169th Fighter Wing commander, provided Scott and his staff a familiarization tour of the base including observing an F-16C Fighting Falcon jet training mission launch, as well as tours of AH-64D Apache helicopter and

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A U.S. Air Force pilot assigned to the 157th Fighter Squadron, South Carolina Air National Guard, prepares for take off in an F-16 Fighting Falcon during exercise Sentry Savannah 22-1 at the Air Dominance Center in Savannah, Georgia, May 11, 2022. Sentry Savannah is the Air National Guard's premier counter air exercise, encompassing 10 units of fourth- and fifth- generation fighter aircraft, which tests the capabilities of warfighters in a simulated near-peer environment and trains the next generation of fighter pilots for tomorrow's fight. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Morgan R. Whitehouse)

F-16 static displays.

Nov. 13, 2021 - The 169th Civil Engineer Squadron conducted a change of command ceremony, at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina, in which outgoing commander, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Richard Smith relinquished command to Lt. Col. Gareth Fleischer. U.S. Air Force Col. Timothy Dotson, 169th Mission Support Group commander, officiated the passing of the unit colors to signify to the Airmen of the squadron the significance of this formal event.

Nov. 13, 2021 - U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Boris Armstrong, Chief of Staff, South Carolina Air National Guard, was celebrated

by fellow members of the South Carolina National Guard, family and friends during his retirement ceremony from the South Carolina Air National Guard at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Scott Bridgers, retired South Carolina National Guard Assistant Adjutant General, Air, was the presiding official.

Dec. 13, 2021 - U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina, and U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Akshai Gandhi, South Carolina National Guard assistant adjutant general-Air, participated in a wreath-laying ceremony for the Armed Forces Memorial at the State House in Columbia, South Carolina. The

wreath was placed to honor and remember the servicemen and women who served in the armed forces and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Jan. 9, 2022 - U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Maurice Williams, command chief, Air National Guard, visited McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. The purpose of his visit was to meet with South Carolina Air National Guard leadership and Airmen to discuss the current state of the South Carolina Air National Guard and future endeavors for the organization.

March 16, 2022 - F-16C Block 52 fighter jets from the South Carolina Air National Guard's

169th Fighter Wing, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina, supported the North American Aerospace Defense Command's (NORAD) Operation Noble Defender (OND). As a part of OND, which is a recurring operation, the Continental U.S. NORAD Region (CONR) coordinated and conducted bi-national aircraft training intercept operations while concurrently launching jets from different locations across the United States; East Coast. This iteration of OND, involved First Air Force and Air Forces Northern assets, and was an integrated air and missile defense operation designed to ensure the defense and security of the northern approach to North America. This particular OND provided an opportunity to exercise bi-national hand-off procedures between U.S. and Canadian fighters.

March 21, 2022- U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the Adjutant General of South Carolina, spoke to local media and distinguished visitors at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport West Cargo Hangar, Columbia, South Carolina during a press conference. Columbia Metropolitan Airport hosted a press conference to announce a six-month temporary move of F-16 fighter jet flying operations from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing at nearby McEntire Joint National Guard Base to their airport. This joint partnership, regarding the temporary relocation of F-16 aircraft, will begin in April 2022. Also speaking during the press conference were South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster; U.S. Air Force Col. Quaid Quadri, 169th Fighter Wing Commander; and Mike Gula



U.S. Air Force Col. Karl Bowers Jr., the assistant adjutant general-air, South Carolina Air National Guard, is promoted to the rank of brigadier general during a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion in Columbia, South Carolina, March 10, 2022. Gov. Henry McMaster officiated the ceremony attended by family, friends and colleagues. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Caycee Watson)

Executive Director at Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

March 26, 2022 - The South Carolina Air National Guard hosted High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps cadets from twenty high schools from across the state competed in twelve drill and ceremony events during the annual top Gun Drill Meet at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. This was the first time the event was held since Covid-19.

April 27, 2022 - U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon jets from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing arrived at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Columbia, South Carolina. South Carolina Air National Guard flight training operations were relocated for six months to the civilian airport as major runway renovations were completed at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. The South Carolina Air National Guard

worked closely with its partner, the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, and appreciated the support from the local community during this temporary relocation.

April 27, 2022 - U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon jets from the 169th Fighter Wing, South Carolina Air National Guard, arrived at the Air Dominance Center, a Combat Readiness Training Center, located in Savannah, Georgia on where they participated in the Air National Guard's premier 4th and 5th generation counter air exercise. Sentry Savannah is a total force integrated exercise that showcases the nation's combat aircraft readiness, tests the capabilities of our warfighters in a near-peer environment and trains our next generation of fighter pilots for tomorrow's fight.

May 3, 2022 - The South Carolina National Guard hosted Military Affairs Day for Leadership Columbia's candidates, McCrady

AIR NATIONAL GUARD HIGHLIGHTS



Colombian Air Force KFIRs and the 169th Fighter Wing F-16s are rapidly integrating into theater training as well as joint, coalition, and partnered missions during the Relampago VII Exercise in the country of Colombia, August 30, 2022. The military exercise focuses on training techniques, tactics, procedures, and strengthening interoperability between the U.S. and Colombian Air Forces as allies under NATO standards. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Nicole Szews, 169th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Training Center and McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. Leadership Columbia is a business development program focused on critical issues in the local community; it emphasizes hands-on learning for the development of problem-solving and leadership skills. During the visit, U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers showcased the capabilities and unique missions of the South Carolina National Guard. The 60 candidates toured various facilities, observed interactive displays, and engaged in simulations demonstrating the capabilities and roles of the South Carolina National Guard.

June 29, 2022- South Carolina National Guard leadership and a military delegation from the Republic of Colombia met to

celebrate the 10th anniversary of the State Partnership Program (SPP) between the two organizations, Columbia, South Carolina. Since its launch in 2012, the program focused on the establishment and development of long-lasting partnerships between their respective Army and Air branches, their subordinated commands, and their service members. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the Adjutant General for South Carolina, and Colombian Army Gen. Luis Navarro led their respective delegations throughout the celebrations and associated activities.

June 29, 2022- The 169th Fighter Wing hosted several Colombian military leaders at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, June 29, 2022. This key leader engagement

was in conjunction with the Colombian Military's visit to South Carolina to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the strategic partnership between the South Carolina National Guard and the Republic of Colombia. Colombia's Chief of Defense and Commander of Colombian Military Forces, Gen. Luis Fernando Navarro, received a capabilities briefing from U.S. Air Force Col. Quaid Quadri, 169th Fighter Wing commander. Gen. Navarro presented Col. Quadri a plaque on behalf of the Colombian military to show his appreciation.

July 27, 2022 - The 169th Fighter Wing hosted a delegation of staffers from the city of Cayce mayor's office, at Columbia Metropolitan Airport, West Columbia, South Carolina. The

group received an orientation briefing from U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Sean Renbarger, 169th Operations Support Squadron commander, and a tour of an F-16 Fighting Falcon static display. The 169th Fighter Wing was temporarily operating out of Columbia Metropolitan Airport while the main runway at McEntire Joint National Guard Base undergoes renovations.

Aug. 19, 2022 - Staffers from U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham's office and the South Carolina Governor's office visited with leaders from the South Carolina National Guard during a visit to McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. The purpose of their visit was to understand the capabilities of the SCARNG's Apache helicopter fleet, ongoing and future military construction projects on base.

Aug. 27, 2022 - Approximately 100 Airmen and eight F-16 fighter jets from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing arrived in Barranquilla, Colombia for Relampago VII. The military exercise focused on training techniques, tactics and procedures, and strengthening interoperability between the U.S. and Colombian air forces as allies under NATO standards. Relampago VII included two partner nations and integrate combat interoperability. F-16s along with personnel from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing rapidly integrated into theater training, as well as joint, coalition and partnered missions. South Carolina is Colombia's State Partner in the State Partnership Program.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Alvin McConkey, director of inspections for the 169th Fighter Wing's Inspector General's office, uses his drone to acquire photo and video imagery of the runway construction at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina, September 21, 2022. McConkey is a licensed drone pilot and is assisting public affairs in acquiring arial footage of the runway construction. (U.S. Air National Guard courtesy photo by Lt. Col. Alvin McConkey, 169th Fighter Wing)



U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon jets from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing arrive at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Columbia, South Carolina, April 27, 2022. South Carolina Air National Guard flight training operations are relocating for six months to the civilian airport as major runway renovations are completed at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. The South Carolina Air National Guard is looking forward to working with its partner, the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, and appreciates the support from the local community during this temporary relocation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Edward Snyder, 169th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

DSCA CAPABILITIES

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

AVIATION



By Sgt. 1st Class Di Giovine

MISSION COMMAND & CONTROL



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ENGINEERING



Sgt. Chelsea Weaver

SECURITY



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

LOGISTICS



Airman 1st Class Danielle Dawson

CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR & EXPLOSIVES (CBRNE)



By Sgt. N.W. Huertas

MAINTENANCE



Airman 1st Class Amy Rangel

COMMUNICATIONS

By 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago



CYBER



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

MEDICAL

By Sgt. 1st Class Brad Mincey



TRANSPORTATION



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GENERAL PURPOSE TROOPS



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SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) leads the statewide emergency management program. As part of the South Carolina Military Department, SCEMD serves as the primary coordinating agency for all large-scale disaster preparedness, response and recovery operations in the Palmetto State.

NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
SOUTH CAROLINA

By Sgt. Tim Andrews

SCEMD's Vision

To be an accomplished and innovative leader in emergency management that is ready, relevant, resilient, and responsive.

SCEMD's Mission

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division leads the state emergency management program by supporting local authorities to minimize the loss of life and property from all-hazard events.



The South Carolina Emergency Management Division is located on Fish Hatchery Road in Columbia, SC

South Carolina Emergency Management Division

SCEMD served as the State Coordinating entity for response and recovery activities while preparing for the next emergency or disaster. Work continues to assist and process eligible reimbursements under the Stafford Act in support of on-going recovery operations from the 2015 Severe Flood, 2016 Hurricane Matthew, 2017 Hurricane Irma, 2018 Hurricane Florence, 2019 Hurricane Dorian, 2020 February Severe Weather and April Tornadoes and the ongoing COVID Pandemic.

COVID

The impacts from the COVID pandemic necessitated SC's longest activation spanning from March 2020 to June 2021. SCEMD can now provide support for future PPE supply shortages with a 60-day stockpile capability. Contracts for equipment, transportation and response services are in place to make PPE warehousing and distribution possible. SCEMD continues to coordinate with eligible applicants to administer FEMA's Public Assistance program with cost estimates for emergency protective measures currently exceeding \$619M.

Additional 2020-2021 SCEMD Highlights:

- Monitored tropical cyclone activity to include 21 named storms in the Atlantic Basin during the 2021 Hurricane Season, and provided updates to the State Leadership, counties and State Agencies.
- Since 2014, SCEMD has processed \$1.2B in eligible Public Assistance claims (for response costs and public infrastructure repairs/rebuilding) and

more than \$68M in Hazard Mitigation Grant projects. In FY 2021-22, SCEMD's Mitigation staff worked with State and local agencies to award at total of \$11.5M for 35 Hazard Mitigation projects. Public Assistance staff worked with eligible State and local agencies and non-profit organizations to get a total of \$198M for 81 projects obligated by FEMA.

- Conducted planning workshops with Federal, State, local, tribal, and non-governmental agencies to enhance planning and support for the SC Emergency Operations Plan and updated 10 other comprehensive plans.

Fiscal Year 2022

- Along with partner State agencies, affected counties and the State Emergency Response Teams (SERT) coordinated and conducted FEMA evaluated Radiological Emergency Preparedness exercises with Oconee Nuclear Station and Vogtle Electric Generating Plants.
- Coordinated and presented 176 training events for more than 2,191 personnel. Developed, coordinated and/or participated in 96 exercises involving more than 2,635 participants.
- Coordinated the State's participation in the SC Earthquake Awareness Week and the "Great Southeast Shakeout" exercise which included 321,360 registered participants and an aggressive social media campaign focused on earthquake awareness.

SERVICE MEMBER AND FAMILY CARE



The South Carolina National Guard Service Member and Family Care visited the 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, South Carolina National Guard, April 14, 2022, in Eastover, South Carolina. They informed and provided resources and opportunities to U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the unit while attending their annual training. (U.S. Army National Guard Courtesy Photo)

Through the efforts of the Service Member and Family Care (SMFC) program, the organization continued to posture, promote and provide regionally accessible programs that support comprehensive fitness dimensions and employment to reduce stressors for service members and their, thus enabling them to thrive personally and professionally. These programs include:

Employment Services Outreach. The team placed a total of 523 service members, veterans, and family members across the state. The unemployment rate of our service members in the South Carolina National Guard continues to be less than 2 percent. Additionally, by working with our network of over 1,700 business and community partners, we were successful in reducing the unemployment rate of our veteran population by 2.9% percent from fiscal year 2022, ending with a 3.3 percent unemployment rate this fiscal year.

Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention (R3SP). Program had a 93% fill rate for Master Resilience Trainers(MRT) with a fully qualified MRT placed in 57 out of 61 reportable units statewide. The State remains in the top 10 in the nation for MRT fills. This year, 16 Soldiers went to MRT School, and R3SP hosted one Resilient Leader (RTA) Course certifying 12 Soldiers as Resilience Training Assistants.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR). In the SAPR program, credentialed nine new Victim Advocates and re-credentialed 22 Victim Advocates. The SAPR program hosted two refresher trainings and specialized training events, which allowed the VA to earn the required Continuing Education Units for credentialing. The SAPR Office currently has five Soldiers scheduled to attend the 80-hr SHARP Foundation Course. For FY22, the Victim Advocate manning ratio for the State was 81.3%.

Suicide Prevention Program (SPP). The Suicide Prevention Program (SPP) remains in the top five in the nation for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for the 6th straight year.

Due to the work with its community partners, the SPP piloted the SC START program in FY21. SC START is an on-line training tool for Service Members, their families and community partners demonstrating how to start a conversation about suicide prevention and how to seek out resources. Of the 438 Users enrolled to begin the START training, 202 Users have completed the training. The SPP goal is 720 new User completions by 30 August 2022. SPP, along with community partners, were selected to present at the DOD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference on how to bring awareness to the issue of veteran suicides, and how to intervene and prevent suicides in the community. SC START is now in its 3rd year as a Pilot Program for the NGB Incubator Program. The SPP has become the “go to” organization for best practices related to suicide prevention in the National Guard. As of 2021, SCNG is the only US Military organization that employs the full continuum of care for Living Works Suicide Prevention training along with the Army’s ACE Suicide Prevention efforts. The SPP teamed up with the Substance Abuse Program, the SAPR office, and Behavioral Health to conduct a series of force focus surveys concentrated on the health and resiliency of the SCNG Full-Time force. The Teams conducted 900 surveys across the State with allowed the Soldiers and staff to provide open and honest feedback ‘directly but indirectly’ to the SCNG Senior Leadership.

Substance Abuse Program (SAP). provides case management, risk mitigation, and targeted prevention training for substance use and high-risk areas identified by the Unit Risk Inventories (URI). SC’s SAP is ranked among the top in the nation for URIs completed and Soldiers trained with 95 URIs completed and 124 URIs scheduled. In FY 21 the SAP piloted the Army National Guard’s Commander’s Risk Reduction Toolbox. The SAP Team successfully case managed over 50 new referrals which included 24 currently in treatment, 7 rehabilitation completions, and 20 discharges. The SAP is currently working with Behavioral Health towards the ability to conduct in-house substance use assessments at no cost to the Service Member. This allows the SAP to accurately address the specific stressors leading to substance use,

make relevant referrals, and increase the number of successful completions which will improve retention and reduce high risk behaviors. The

Program successfully advocated for a Soldier to receive inpatient care through Fort Gordon, which opened an additional inpatient care resource, while reaching out to other facilities to place Soldiers with the right programs for successful rehabilitations.

Behavioral Health Program. The Behavioral Health Program provides counseling, assessment and referrals in supporting the mental health needs of SCNG Service Members, families, and veterans/retirees. Behavior Health Specialists provided assessments, counselling, crises management, and case management for Service Members and their families who were experiencing life stressors or psychological health challenges. The Behavioral Health Program reached over 13,676 Service Members, family members, and retirees. This total included 2,523 new staff consultations, 4,896 follow-up consultations, 1,671 outside referrals, and 4,586 information and referral consultations. Additionally, Behavioral Health Specialists provided 1,019 counseling/case management sessions and had 21,058 outreach efforts and three Duty to Warn cases.

Family Programs. This office encompasses four programs, Soldier Family Readiness Specialists, Child and Youth Programs, Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) and Military One Source program. Family Programs continues to support Soldiers and Families during deployment cycles including Homecomings, Holiday Cheer, and the distribution of donated items to all units including cookies and masks. Soldier Family Readiness Specialist teams provided successful deployment outreach 5,313 times. They closed 1,277 non-medical cases, providing assistance and support and participated in at least 945 community and unit-based events networking with community and military resources and briefing units, as well as supporting all civil disturbance missions, annual trainings, and deployments. The C&Y Program continued to provide support and was one of the only programs in the Nation to conduct an in-person event in 2021. With the success of the August 2021 Teen Youth Retreat at Camp Hannon, Child and Youth Programs will host the 2022 Regional Youth Symposium at Camp Hannon in September. Additionally, the Program conducted youth and Soldier hunts, fishing events, and virtual support throughout the year. PFC provided budget/financial planning to include money management techniques, credit score improvement, retirement and estate planning, savings and investing, student loan and tuition assistance, consumer awareness, financial planning pre and post deployment and more.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). ESGR developed and promoted supportive work environments for service members in the reserve components through outreach, recognition, conflict resolution, and educational opportunities that increased awareness of applicable laws. ESGR volunteers have influenced 714 employers and 2,573 service members serving in South Carolina. Sixty employers were nominated for and presented Patriot awards, 13 “Above and Beyond” awards, three “Seven Seals” awards, three Pro Patria awards were presented to employers. Additionally, South Carolina ESGR SC ESGR had one SC Employer named as a finalist for the 2022 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest

recognition given to employers for their support of employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. During the past year, ESGR Ombudsmen mediated six formal cases and handled 13 informal USERRA inquiries. Committee members logged 1,682 volunteer hours.

Health and Wellness. The program provided a no-cost wellness option for Service Members, Retirees, and Family Members. The program focused on Soldiers who failed to meet standards of the Army Physical Fitness Test, the Army Combat Fitness Test, or the Army Body Composition Program. The Program’s services included developing individual and unit fitness programs to improve overall health & wellness, mitigate injuries, and increase readiness. With oversight from a Lead Coach, a team of seven regionally-aligned Health and Wellness Coaches worked to reduce the number of flagged Soldiers by 270. Additionally, the Team conducted 147 Unit Briefings, 761 Group Training Sessions, and 660 Individual Training Sessions. The Team connected with 42 Community Partners and attended 36 Community Meetings. The Health and Wellness Team offered free access to the TrainHero Application which allowed the Team to stay virtually connected with Soldiers, Retirees and Family Members, and provided workouts they could perform on their own. The Team currently has 1,834 Soldiers enrolled in this program and maintains connection with them through visits, social media, email, text, and the TrainHeroic App messaging system. The Team also connected with the Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) Program which encompasses five pillars: Health & Wellness, Mental Health, Nutrition, Spirituality, and Sleep. The connection resulted in an increase in available Soldiers, a more resilient, ready, and responsible Service Member, and a higher readiness posture for the SCNG.

Funeral Honor Team. During the past year, the SC National Guard Funeral Honors teams conducted 1,899 missions for Military Funerals. These funerals were in support of Service Members from all branches of the Armed Forces and other Service Components.



The South Carolina National Guard conducts a yellow ribbon event for more than 50 Soldiers with the 178th Engineer Battalion, Sep 11, 2022, Columbia, South Carolina. Soldiers will be deployed for approximately one year. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Staff Sgt. Chelsea Weaver, 108th Public Affairs Detachment)

NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT TO STATE & NATION

By Sgt. 1st Class Roby Di Giovine



SC-Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team

The South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (SC-HART) operates as a collaborative effort between the State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (SC-TF1), South Carolina Emergency Management Division, and South Carolina Army National Guard aviation units based at McEntire Joint National Guard Base. Its capabilities include land and water-based hoist operations with military aircrews and civilian rescue technicians. SC-HART responds to requests for helicopter rescue capabilities on a nationwide basis. SC-HART trained to respond to swift water, open water, confined area, urban structure and mountain condition search and rescue for both ambulatory and non-ambulatory emergencies. During fiscal year 2021, SC-HART responded to 5 emergency missions, safely extracting five patients from remote areas of the State. Most recently, the SCARNG executed the first successful extraction utilizing the UH72 Lakota airframe.

By Staff Sgt. Hanna Smith



Aerospace Control Alert

The 169th Fighter Wing, 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).

Courtesy Photo



43rd Civil Support Team

The 43rd Civil Support Team (CST) provides Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) support in the event of an incident involving or potentially involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear assistance to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The 43rd CST provided Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Explosive (CBRNE) support to local, state and federal agencies in the form of 40 response missions encompassing 4,500 hazard sweeps, 74 planned and 15 emergency response missions.



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

The 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) is a globally available operational unit, which deploys in the U.S. Northern Command area of responsibility to conduct joint and combined theater air and missile defense operations in support of designated plans and contingency operations. The unit maintains a presence of mobilized personnel providing training and readiness oversight for homeland defense, known as the Integrated Air Defense System mission. The 263rd AAMDC is the only AAMDC in the National Guard, and is one of four in the entire U.S. Army.



By Sgt. 1st Class Roby Di Giovine

The South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) continues to work closely with the South Carolina Forestry Commission to increase capability and capacity for conducting aerial wildfire fighting operations.

★ NATIONAL GUARD ★ COUNTERDRUG

The South Carolina National Guard Counterdrug Task Force supported local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies during the past year. The Task Force assisted with seizures of an estimated \$137,797,595 of drugs, \$5,789,383 in currency, and 185 firearms, which resulted in 708 arrests. The Task Force hosted classes for over 200 law enforcement officers, counterdrug members, and coalition members; saving Agencies approximately \$476,000. The Drug Demand Reduction Outreach program supported 31 events and logged 73 hours.

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Republic of Colombia



By Sgt. Tim Andrews

State Partnership Program between the Republic of Colombia and South Carolina.

Under U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the adjutant general of South Carolina, the SPP provides a unique opportunity for South Carolinians to collaborate with, learn from, and mentor partners from the Republic of Colombia. Since 2012, SPP has offered numerous opportunities for South Carolina National Guard members to work together with Colombian service members to strengthen a wide array of processes, systems, techniques, tactics, and procedures.

During FY 2022, the State Partnership Program (SPP) continuously promoted unique opportunities for South Carolinians to collaborate with, learn from and mentor partners from the Republic of Colombia. Since 2012, the program has executed more than 100 mutually-beneficial exchanges between SCNG members and Colombia's armed forces to strengthen a wide array of capabilities, processes, systems, techniques, tactics and procedures. Despite COVID and periods of intense political unrest in Colombia, the SCNG completed more than a dozen engagements in 2022, including the commemoration of the partnership first 10-year anniversary and the historic return of the SCANG's 169th Fighter Wing to the Colombian Air Force's Relampago Exercise in Baranquilla. The SPP consistently yields meaningful returns on investment from a readiness standpoint and continuously deepens the security cooperation relationship between the SCNG and the Columbian Military.



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston Jr., the adjutant general for South Carolina National Guard, announce the commencement of South Carolina National Guard's state partnership with the Republic of Colombia, July 23, 2012, Columbia, South Carolina. Colombian Vice Minister of Defense Jorge Enrique Bedoya and Gov. Haley signed the partnership proclamation establishing this historic bilateral relationship prior to the press conference. (U.S. Army National Guard Photo by 1st Lt. Tracci Dorgan)



U.S. Air Force F-16 Block 52's, assigned to the 169th Fighter Wing from McEntire Joint National Guard Base of the South Carolina Air National Guard, fly alongside Colombian Air Force Kfir's, assigned to the 111th Combat Squadron, over Rionegro, Colombia, Aug. 12, 2014, during Relampago (Lightning) 2014. Relampago is a combined air cooperation engagement with the Republic of Colombia. One hundred Airmen and six F-16s are participating in the first major joint-air training opportunity under the auspices of the South Carolina National Guard's State Partnership Program with the country of Colombia. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Matthew Booth)



U.S. Soldiers assigned to Charlie Co., 1-118th Infantry Bn., 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Carolina Army National Guard and Colombian Army Soldiers, get a terrain model brief on how to raid a drug processing lab part of Exercise Together Forward at Tolemaida, Colombia, July 10, 2019. Together Forward allows for an exchanging of infantry doctrine between the U.S. and Colombia by performing squad and platoon situational training exercises and test the interoperability by integrating platoons. The South Carolina National Guard and The Republic of Colombia have a State Partnership Program since 2012 which provides support to Colombia's Security Cooperation Organization. Exercise Together Forward is part of U.S. Southern Command's Enduring Promise initiative and reflects the United States' enduring promise of friendship, partnership, and solidarity with the Americas. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by 2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago)



Senior leaders with the South Carolina National Guard visited U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers and Colombian Army soldiers conducting training at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, Louisiana, June 15, 2021. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, the adjutant general for South Carolina, U.S. Army Col. Edward Cloyd, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade commander, and U.S. Army Col. John McElveen, 59th Aviation Troop Command commander, visited with Soldiers from the 1-118th Infantry Battalion, the 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, and Company B, 2-238th General Support Aviation Battalion, each from the South Carolina National Guard, as well as a platoon from the Colombian Army Counternarcotics Brigade, during their training at JRTC. (Courtesy photo)



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Van McCarty, The Adjutant General for South Carolina, and Colombian Army Gen. Luis Navarro led their respective delegations through various South Carolina Military Department locations across the state, June 29, 2022. The events scheduled included visiting the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Combined Support Maintenance Shop, 59th Aviation Troop Command Complex, 169th Fighter Wing, McCrady Training Center, and various components within the South Carolina Military Department. This key leader engagement between the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian Military will review goals set forth during previous engagements, examine progress, and refine goals for the future. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Tim Andrews, South Carolina National Guard)



U.S. Air Force Col. Quaid Quadri, center right, South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing commander, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Madison Woo, center left, South Carolina Air National Guard's 157th Fighter Squadron commander, pause for a post-flight photo with Colombian Air Force Col. Pedro Vega, Air Combat Command commander, right, and Colombian Air Force's 111th Fighter Squadron commander, Maj. Rommel Rodriguez, in front of an F-16 fighter jet during Relampago VII, an exercise in Barranquilla, Colombia, September 2, 2022. The purpose of this exercise is to provide the Colombian Air Force with requested realistic interoperability training as allied countries, under NATO standards. South Carolina is Colombia's State Partner in the State Partnership Program. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Carl Clegg, 169th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

FUTURE INITIATIVES



U.S. Air Force Col. Quaid Quadri, 169th Fighter Wing commander, South Carolina Air National Guard showcasing McEntire Joint National Guard Base to Colombian Army Gen. Luis Navarro, June 29, 2022, Eastover, South Carolina. This key leader engagement between the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian Military will review goals set forth during previous engagements, examine progress, and refine goals for the future. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Tim Andrews, South Carolina National Guard)

Always Ready. Faced with the very real and escalating threat of cyberattacks against our state’s infrastructure, economy and overall security, the SCMD is strengthening, accelerating and multiplying South Carolina’s cyber defense capabilities. Thanks to a visionary, strategic partnership with the University of South Carolina-Aiken and Savannah River National Laboratory, the traditional “readiness center” concept has been reimaged, resulting in plans for a revolutionary proving ground for innovation and collaboration. The joint project aligns with and embodies a statewide emphasis on STEM training, higher education and technical proficiency in cyber security. Together, we will reinforce and defend our state’s cyber ecosystem, enhance workforce development, host a world-class training environment, boost business development across all sectors and, ultimately, safeguard our fellow South Carolinians against rapidly evolving threats.

Always There. McEntire Joint National Guard Base is home to the aggressively innovative “Always First” ethos of the 169th Fighter Wing and one of the world’s most advanced Army Attack Helicopter Battalions, the 1-151st Attack Battalion. One of only three standalone Air National Guard installations in the nation, the base proudly features a number of unique strengths, not the least of which is its status as an invaluable agile power projection and domestic response hub for the state in times of catastrophic emergencies like hurricanes, floods, and pandemics. The installation also prides itself on being uniquely prepared to take on high tech capabilities and cutting-edge weapon systems. Whether it’s the recent arrival of two dozen AH-64E v6 Attack Helicopters, absolute readiness to be the Air National Guard’s next F-35 base or proximity to the nation’s most extensive low-level training areas, live fire ranges and electronic warfare ranges, Team McEntire remains poised for the future. As our nation looks to develop the next generation of aviation expertise for large-scale combat, South Carolina has the field of dreams to make this vision a reality.



By Staff Sgt. Chelsea Weaver

The South Carolina Army National Guard (SCARNG) leveraged its cybersecurity capabilities through multiple state and federal cybersecurity initiatives. Through collaborative training and exercises, the SCARNG built relationships, trust and synergies in improving cybersecurity practices and resiliency across South Carolina and with supporting agencies. SCARNG cyber teams provided direct support to two cyber incidents within the state, and support to seven state/local government offices and one military installation.

The SCARNG leveraged its cybersecurity capabilities through multiple State and Federal cybersecurity initiatives. Through collaborative training and exercises, the SCARNG built relationships, trust, and synergies in improving cybersecurity practices and resiliency across the State and with Federal agencies. Additionally, SCARNG cyber teams provided direct support to our partners in the State Partnership Program, the country of Columbia, which also including support to U.S. Southern Command. During the upcoming year, members of the Cyber Battalion will be deployed to provide direct support to the U.S. Army Cyber Command.

The SCARNG partnered with The Citadel Department of Defense Cyber Institute for a Jack Voltaic Conference focused on Cyber Resiliency for Critical Infrastructure. The conference was attended by the Governor of South Carolina, the Commanding General of US Army Cyber Command, and the Commandant of the Citadel, allowing for high level conversations on how South Carolina and the United States can better train and prepare to defend our critical cyber and physical infrastructure. Tabletop exercises as well as presentations during the conference were hosted by SCARNG Cyber Soldiers and other senior SCARNG leaders.

The SCARNG participated in the DoD and DHS Cyber Talent Management Workshop hosted by the University of South Carolina. This workshop brought together several cyber resources throughout the state to identify cyber talent gaps, collaborate on solving existing and future challenges, and work collectively to create, improve, and employ cyber talent throughout the state to enhance cyber defenses throughout state agencies.

The SCARNG partnered with the SC State Guard Cyber Team to participate in training with the Navy Information Warfare Center (NIWC) on the National Cyber Range. This training allowed for the SCARNG to more closely integrate with the SC State Guard and enhance incident response capabilities for responding to cyber incidents as they occur to state-managed assets.

The SCARNG continued growing their cyber initiatives with the State Partnership Program, sending cyber intelligence Soldiers to the country of Colombia to provide training in cyber threat analysis at the Souther Endeavor Seminar to Colombian Military leaders. Through the SCARNG continued participation with the SPP program, SCARNG senior leaders also engaged with COLMIL leadership during a site visit to the Bluff Road Armory to discuss current cyber initiatives with the SPP program.

The SCARNG participated in the inaugural National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI) Cyber Incident Response Competition, taking first place and receiving direct mention from the Director of the Department of Homeland Security. In addition to bringing accolades to the state of SC, this competition continued to grow the relationship between the SCARNG and DHS in preparing for responding to cyber attacks on critical infrastructure throughout the state of SC.

STATE DEFENSE FORCES

South Carolina State Guard. The South Carolina State Guard (SCSG) is an all-volunteer state military force, which provides support to civil authorities during times of disaster or other emergencies. In addition to general support personnel, the assets the SCSG provided included land, water, and equestrian search and rescue teams, law enforcement augmentation teams, medical support teams, civil engineering teams, and Judge Advocate General (JAG) teams.

During FY 2022, the SC State Guard provided assets in support of civil authorities. These assets included general support personnel, land/water search and rescue (SAR), law enforcement support, medical support, civil engineering teams, chaplain support, and judge advocate general (JAG) support. The SCSG provided additional personnel to support the SC Joint Operations Center in coordinating and tracking COVID response missions.



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SCSG personnel set up tents, provided traffic control at local COVID testing sites, and distributed food & water in support of six COVID missions in Berkeley, Charleston, Horry, and Richland Counties. SCSG JAGs provided a free-wills clinic for South Carolina National Guardsmen and First Responders. The SCSG Honors Unit conducted 19 Honor Guard missions for military funerals and five Honor Guard missions for Veterans' events.

Joint Services Detachment. The Joint Services Detachment (JSD) is a State Defense Force unit which is part of the organized militia of South Carolina and as a component of the South Carolina Military Department, it provides specialized professional support to the Department. The Detachment consists of volunteers from across the state, appointed by the Governor and the Adjutant General of South Carolina, who provide administrative support to the Governor and the Adjutant General. The unit is composed of legal, medical, governmental, business, and law enforcement executives who assist the Adjutant General in developing and reviewing policy. Since its beginning in 1996, the Detachment has supported the successful Youth Challenge Academy (YCA) Program and the follow-on to the 3-year U. S. Department of Labor Grant of the Job Challenge, funded by South Carolina since November 2019. The JSD provides a panel of subject matter experts in business, government, and the military to answer questions from the Cadets that enables them to gain valuable life and marketable job skills. The Detachment also supports the SC Military Museum and is available to participate in the military outreach to schools through the Patriotism-An American Tradition speakers' program. The JSD maintains a capability to assist in long-term recovery from natural and man-made disasters in multiple phases of Emergency Management through Continuity of Operations (COOP) support, linked to cybersecurity, that is applicable to small towns across South Carolina.

In Fiscal Year 2022, the unit was able to schedule and conduct 11 virtual and In-person Drills and successfully resumed the Annual Dining Out. JSD members participated in 2 effective YCA

Panels, supported attendance at 2 Graduations, and presented the annual scholarship donation at the December Graduation. The Deputy Chaplain provided weekly religious support and counseling to Job Challenge Cadets through virtual learning during the pandemic. Identified small town opportunities for COOP support that could be combined with cybersecurity assistance to prepare these towns for potential events. Two senior personnel have established a connection in a nearby County that may lead to a model for small towns to obtain this valuable support. Also, one of the unit's COOP resident experts participated in the recent National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Summit in Indianapolis, IN. A senior member conducted a virtual presentation of the Military Decisionmaking Process to the Advanced Officers/Warrant Officers Course of the Georgia State Defense Force as an Invited Speaker. The unit implemented a Cybersecurity capability for the unit, based on situational awareness through timely reports to unit members that is necessary to meet the cyber needs of small towns. Revision of the JSD Regulation 600-1 is nearing completion that addresses Workers' Compensation. Throughout the pandemic, the Medical Director has kept members fully informed of the current situation, to include variants. Finally, the Deputy Commander attended the Municipal Association of SC (MASC) and the SC City and County Management (SCCCMA) to brief attendees about the importance of COOP planning.

The Joint Services Detachment continues to work with its partners—the SCNG, the SCEMD, and the SCSG as it seeks to increase its long-term contributions to the State of South Carolina.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

STARBASE. STARBASE Swamp Fox, located at McEntire Joint National Guard Base (JNGB), is a Department of Defense (DoD)-sponsored Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program for 5th grade students. Designed to augment, enhance and reinforce a number of the State's educational math and science standards, the program uses a child-friendly, hands-on/minds-on approach, and serves as a catalyst for encouraging students in STEM subjects and future career options. Its mission is to raise the interest and improve the knowledge and skills of students, focusing on at-risk youth, by exposing them to an exciting, dynamic, technological environment and the positive role models found in the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard. In school year 2021-2022, the Program continued to experience numerous challenges due to the COVID pandemic. The DoD extended a waiver to allow the program to continue to be taught on campuses of the participating schools instead of the standard, mandated attendance at McEntire JNGB. In spite of the multiple instruction platforms that students endured this past school year, STARBASE Swamp Fox provided in-person instruction to 1,260 students with 17 schools participating from 8 school districts.



South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy and South Carolina Job Challenge Program. The South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy is a community-based, quasi-military structured educational program that operates the Youth Challenge and Job Challenge programs. The mission of South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy is to empower and prepare youth to develop personal, academic and career success through education, mentoring, and training.

The Youth Challenge Program services youth throughout South Carolina ages 16-18 years old (15 only if turning 16 within the cycle). The Program has two cycles per year (January and July) and can currently accept up to 150 youth per cycle. During FY

21-22, Youth Challenge graduated 125 cadets who earned 64 GEDs. Since its inception in 1998, the Program has graduated 5,011 cadets with 1,854 earning their GED.

The Job Challenge Program is a follow-on program for selected Youth Challenge Program graduates to provide hands-on job skills training through trade courses with two cycles per year (January and July). Job Challenge currently partners with Midlands Technical College, Southeastern Esthetics School and Safety Compliance Solutions, and is continuing to build additional partnerships. During FY 21-22, the Program graduated 56 cadets. Since inception, the Program has graduated 14 classes with 303 graduates completing various certifications.



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The South Carolina Military Museum is located at I National Guard Road in Columbia, South Carolina.

South Carolina Military Museum. The South Carolina Military Museum continued its mission to preserve the legacy of the Palmetto States military history, build community partnerships, expand the facility footprint, and improve the visitor experience.

During fiscal year 2022, in partnership with South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV), the Museum launched a virtual tour of its galleries. The tour was featured on SCETV’s KnowitAll.org website and the Museum website which provides another option for visitor access. In De-

ember 2021, the Museum partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club for the 4th consecutive year as host to the States largest "Toys for Tots" charity drive with over 1,400 riders participating in the event. In January 2022, the Museum opened several new exhibitions exploring various subjects including the Medal of Honor, Pre-Colonial history, and connections between the City of Columbia and the Military. The Museum collaborated with the State Partnership Program to develop an exhibition highlighting the 10 th Anniversary of the State Partnership Program with the Republic of Colombia.

A ceremony celebrating the event was held on 28 June 2022 and included senior leaders from South Carolina and Colombia. The Museum initiated a marketing campaign in January 2022 that included billboards, television and radio advertisements, and a digital media presence which increased on-site tours. Visitor numbers surpassed 7,000 in 2022 which puts the Museum back in line with pre-COVID metrics. The 2022 digital media push increased Museum web traffic by 116%, Facebook activity by 281%, and Google searches by 40%. Museum Staff also continued to engage organizations by participating in community events and presenting to various audiences.



The 246th U.S. Army Band, South Carolina National Guard, performed during U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Brad Owens, South Carolina National Guard director of joint staff, retirement ceremony, April 1, 2022, in Columbia, South Carolina. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Tim Andrews, South Carolina National Guard)

246 Army Band. The “Band of the Palmetto State,” celebrated 83 years of service in 2022. As the premier musical representative of the South Carolina National Guard, this acclaimed -organization travels throughout the state presenting a variety of music to enthusiastic audiences. The band is comprised of multiple performing groups in addition to the traditional concert, marching, and ceremonial bands. Among them, a New Orleans-style group called, “Battery Brass Band,” the jazz combo “Blues in Green,” an eight-piece, “Night Show” style little big band, and two popular music groups, “Moment’s Notice” and “Mandatory Fun.” The Band said farewell to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jessie Morlan, who served as Commander for over 20 years, and welcomed Chief Warrant Officer 4 Mike Looper to the unit. CW4 Morlan accepted a Title 10 tour at National Guard Bureau as the National Guard Band liaison, embarking on a new journey after many years as a music educator in Georgia. In a period of marked transition, the Band completed their two-week annual training period with stops in North Augusta, Fort Mill, Lexington, Columbia, and Greenville. The Independence Day celebration at the newly-opened Unity Park in Greenville drew a crowd of over 10,000 spectators.

SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORCE STRUCTURE

The guiding principles of the South Carolina Military Department are to promote a cohesive, disciplined, and resilient organizational culture, where our people are trained, knowledgeable, and mentor each other in a positive, supportive environment; maintain trained and ready forces for the defense of our country and emergency support of our communities by investing in innovative individual and collective training opportunities and world-class facilities; and strengthen and leverage current relationships while identifying opportunities for mutually beneficial partnerships to maximize future competitiveness. The Agency continued to meet these objectives in FY 21-22, both in terms of overall-mission readiness and service to the citizens of South Carolina. The South Carolina Military Department also continued working toward the achievement of the organization's strategic goals.



U.S. National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, and state and federal employees with the South Carolina Military Department participate in the South Carolina Military Department Day at the State House in Columbia, South Carolina, March 30, 2022, providing military vehicle displays, equipment demonstrations, and information booths to bring recognition to and educate the lawmakers and general public about the capabilities and personnel that make up the organization. The South Carolina Military Department is a community-based organization with a dual role of a federal mission in support of national defense, as well as the state mission to serve the governor and the citizens of South Carolina in response to natural disasters, civil unrest, and other operations as directed by the governor. (U. S. Army National Guard photo by Pfc. Ana-Grace Catoe, South Carolina National Guard Public Affairs)



FISCAL YEAR 2021 TOTAL FORCE

South Carolina Military Department members & employees

Army National Guard 9,073	Air National Guard 1,338	Joint Services Det. 30	State Operations 499	State Guard 844
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READINESS CENTERS

Construction and Facilities Management.

The Construction and Facilities Maintenance Office (CFMO) oversees 3.5M square feet of buildings, over 16,000 acres of training land and the fire department at McCrady Training Center, with a combined State and Federal budget of over \$30 Million. During FY 2021-22, the CFMO completed over \$7.6M in renovations on the Sumter and Easley Readiness Centers. Designs were initiated for complete renovations of the Laurens and Union Readiness Centers with projected construction in FY 23. The CFMO continues to add female restrooms and showers to existing Readiness Centers to meet the requirements of the SCNG. The Agency completed female restroom additions at the Kingstree, Newberry and West Columbia Readiness Centers at a shared State and Federal cost of \$918,000. In addition, the CFMO completed designs at a shared State and Federal cost of \$93,000 for the addition of female restrooms at the Wellford, Hartsville and Walterboro Readiness Centers with construction projected for FY 23. The CFMO contracted the design for the total replacement of the Hemmingway Readiness Center roof with a design shared cost of \$88,000, and a projected FY 23 shared cost of \$800,000 for construction. The CFMO completed the Federal funded \$835,000 construction of a new barracks at Clarks Hill Training Site to support unit readiness training.

The CFMO continues to utilize the National Guard Bureau's "Builder" program to assess facilities in order to identify and project maintenance needs. The CFMO prioritized sustainability projects for Federal funds which will benefit the Agency in potential cost savings and resiliency in energy and water needs.

The CFMO contracted the installation of two backup generators at the Georgetown and Mullins Readiness Centers, a design for a backup generator at Anderson Readiness Center, and a solar generation bank at the McCrady Training Center. These projects represent over \$1.1M in investments in the sustainability of facilities and to better prepare to support Defense Support of Civilian Authorities (DSCA) requirements. The CFMO is preparing to construct two new Readiness Centers on Joint Base Charleston and in Aiken County co-located with USC-Aiken. Construction of the Joint Base Charleston Readiness Center is slated to begin in Federal FY 2022, and the design for the Aiken Readiness Center will start in 2023.

The Agency's efforts resulted in more efficient and sustainable facility operations, and enabled the Agency to provide necessary services to Soldiers and their Families while also supporting the local civilian community. The SCARNG has a physical presence in 40 of the State's 46 counties. These locations include 63 Readiness Centers, 9 Field Maintenance Shops, 2 Army Aviation Support Facilities, a Combined Support Maintenance Shop, a Unit Training Equipment Site, a Major Training Center (McCrady) with one sub-training site (Clarks Hill), one Close-In Training Area at the Savannah River Site, the SCNG Headquarters Complex, and the Olympia Armory.



U.S. Army National Guard soldiers with the 2nd 263rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovation of Battery B, Sept. 10, 2022, Easley, South Carolina. In attendance were U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, South Carolina State Senator Thomas Alexander, South Carolina State Representative Neal Collins, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty, the adjunct general for South Carolina National Guard, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Frank Rice, commander, 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Tim Andrews, South Carolina National Guard)

EDUCATION BENEFITS

SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

The Tuition Assistance (TA) program provides financial assistance for education programs in support of Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals. Soldier's are eligible for up to 16 semester hours per fiscal year (October – September). TA will pay up to \$250 per credit hour with a fiscal year maximum of \$4,000. TA will assist in paying for an Associate, Bachelor and Master degrees. Soldier's are limited to 130 credit hours for the Undergraduate degree and 39 semester hours for a Graduate degree. Eligible Soldier's must request TA through www.armyignited.com. TA requests must be submitted 60 to 7 business days prior to the class start date. For more information, please contact the education office.

GI Bill

Selected Reserve Chapter 1606

You may be entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits.

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Have a six-year obligation
- Complete your initial active duty training (IADT).
- Meet the requirements to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT.
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selective Reserve unit.

Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill will pay your tuition based upon the highest in-state tuition charged by an educational institution in the state where the educational institution is located.

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South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program (SCNG CAP)

The SCNG College Assistance Program will pay 100% of college tuition and fees at state supported institutions up to \$5,500 per year, with a lifetime cap of \$22,000 per service-member. Service Members must be in good academic with the institution to receive CAP funding.

-Must apply every year between 1 Jun- 1 Aug or 20 Nov-15 Dec at www.getsmartsc.com

-Pays up to \$5,500 per academic year (Fall, Spring Summer).

For more information, please contact:

Education Services Officer – 803-299-4253
Guidance Counselor/CAP Manager – 803-299-2734
Incentive Manager (Bonuses) – 803-299-4002
SLRP Manager – 803-299-4201
GI Bill Manager – 803-299-2325
Federal Tuition Assistance – 803-240-9507

Located at: 1225 Bluff Road, Columbia SC 29201

SOUTH CAROLINA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

G.I. Bill Kicker

Full time students who enlist in jobs with the kicker will receive an additional \$350 a month, on top of tuition assistance and the Montgomery G.I. Bill

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2-Year Programs \$11,000

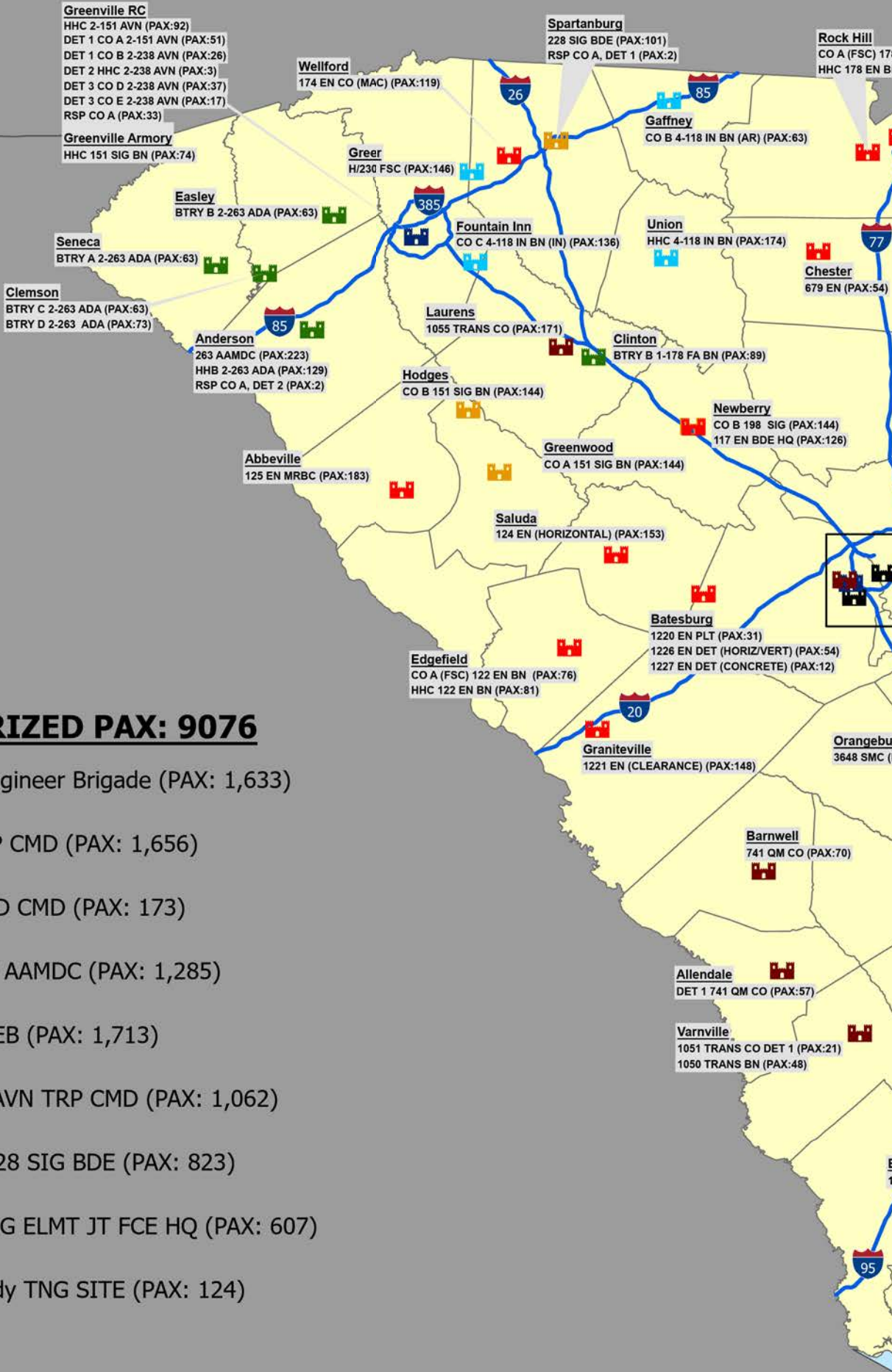
OR

4-Year Programs \$5,500










For more information, please contact:

Education Services Officer – 169.FW.RSO.CAP.Applications.Org@us.af.mil
CAP Manager – (803) 647-8211
Incentive Manager (Bonuses) – 803-647-8854
GI Bill Manager – 803-647-8854

Located at: 1325 South Carolina Road, Eastover SC 29044



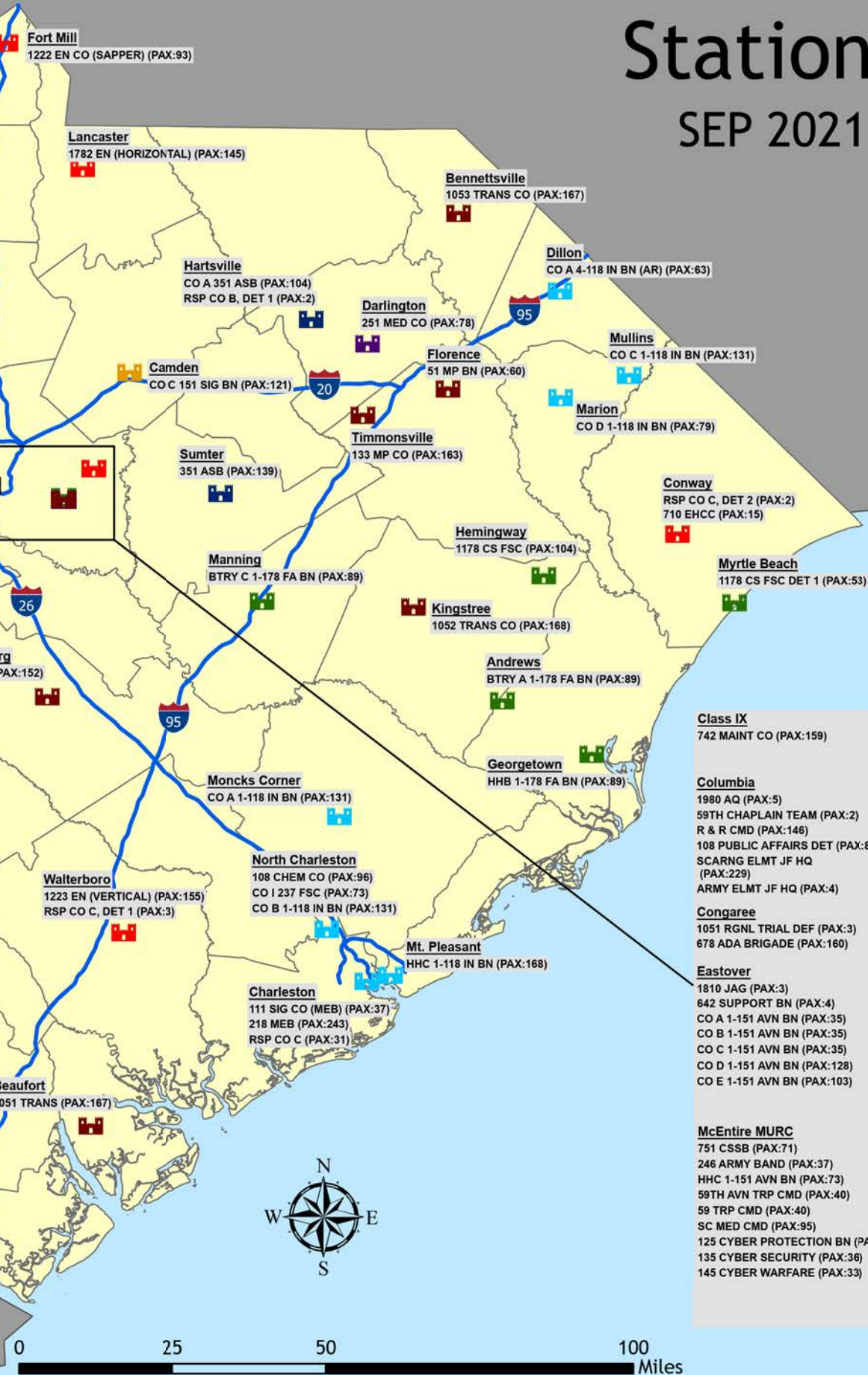
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-  59 TRP CMD (PAX: 1,656)
-  SC MED CMD (PAX: 173)
-  263RD AAMDC (PAX: 1,285)
-  218 MEB (PAX: 1,713)
-  59TH AVN TRP CMD (PAX: 1,062)
-  HHC 228 SIG BDE (PAX: 823)
-  SCARNG ELMT JT FCE HQ (PAX: 607)
-  McCrady TNG SITE (PAX: 124)

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EN BN (PAX:76)
N (PAX:81)



Class IX

742 MAINT CO (PAX:159)

Columbia

1980 AQ (PAX:5)
59TH CHAPLAIN TEAM (PAX:2)
R & R CMD (PAX:146)
108 PUBLIC AFFAIRS DET (PAX:8)
SCARNG ELMT JF HQ (PAX:229)
ARMY ELMT JF HQ (PAX:4)

Congaree

1051 RGNL TRIAL DEF (PAX:3)
678 ADA BRIGADE (PAX:160)

Eastover

1810 JAG (PAX:3)
642 SUPPORT BN (PAX:4)
CO A 1-151 AVN BN (PAX:35)
CO B 1-151 AVN BN (PAX:35)
CO C 1-151 AVN BN (PAX:35)
CO D 1-151 AVN BN (PAX:128)
CO E 1-151 AVN BN (PAX:103)

McEntire MURC

751 CSSB (PAX:71)
246 ARMY BAND (PAX:37)
HHC 1-151 AVN BN (PAX:73)
59TH AVN TRP CMD (PAX:40)
59 TRP CMD (PAX:40)
SC MED CMD (PAX:95)
125 CYBER PROTECTION BN (PAX:26)
135 CYBER SECURITY (PAX:36)
145 CYBER WARFARE (PAX:33)

Lima Company

CO A 1-111 AVN (PAX:35)
DET 1 HHC 1-111 AVN (PAX:2)
DET 1 CO D 1-111 AVN (PAX:16)
CO E 1-111 AVN DET 1 (PAX:10)
CO B 642 DET 1 (PAX:51)
DET 2 CO C 2-238 AVN (PAX:21)

McCrary

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MCCRADY TRAINING CENTER (PAX:72)

Pine Ridge

DET 1 SCARNG ELMT JF HQ (PAX:55)
43 CST (PAX:22)

West Columbia

132 MP CO (PAX:163)
RSP CO B (PAX:33)
RSP CO B, DET 2 (PAX:82)

West Columbia AAOF

CO B 2-641 AVN DET 5 (PAX:4)
ARNG OSA (PAX:2)

The South Carolina Military Department consists of the South Carolina National Guard, South Carolina State Guard, State Operations Department, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy, STARBASE Swamp Fox, and South Carolina Military Museum. The South Carolina Military Department is led by Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty, the Adjutant General for South Carolina. The Governor serves as the Commander-in-Chief of the South Carolina National Guard.

