

Public Affairs Update March 1-April 1, 2020

Here is the latest summary of stories and coverage of South Carolina National Guard Soldiers and Airmen supporting the National Guard mission to provide ready units 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. The South Carolina National Guard is a premier organization of diverse Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen who are Ready, Relevant, Resilient and Responsible to our communities, state, and nation in time of need, and who are led by competent, capable, caring, and professional leaders and live by the values of loyalty, excellence in all we do, accountability, duty, emphasis on community, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

April is the Month of the Military Child. Take time to recognize the sacrifices military children make every day.

Please share with your Soldiers that they can find the postings for full-time employment opportunities on the South Carolina National Guard website, accessible without a CAC card:

<https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Resources/Employment-Opportunities/>

Also, as we enter an election cycle, please share with your Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees guidance on engaging in political activity: <https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Resources/Political-Guidance/>

Relevant

South Carolina National Guard COVID-19 response efforts

South Carolina National Guard transports PPE in support of SC DHEC:

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Videos:

March 20 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVASqUGmVMs>

March 26 -

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/744568/south-carolina-national-guard-loads-supplies-support-south-carolina-covid-19-response-efforts>

March 27 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfN1nxAgJWM>

Photos:

March 20 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713558378281>

March 26 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713645769736>

March 27 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713649733321>

South Carolina National Guard sorts, prepares PPE

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Videos:

March 31 -

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/745322/south-carolina-receives-ppe-shipment-strategic-national-stockpile>

April 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbOLtlqY9vw>

Photos:

March 17 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713705575162>

March 31 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713716270867>

April 1 - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713719186897>

South Carolina National Guard medical personnel maintains the health of the force

U.S. Army National Guard medical personnel with the South Carolina National Guard provide medical pre-screening to U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers being mobilized as part of Joint Task Force 59, South Carolina National Guard, for state active duty April 1, 2020 in Laurens, South Carolina in support of the state's COVID-19 response efforts. The medical pre-screening is part of measures put in place to limit the exposure of COVID-19 for the service members and protect the health of the force.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713716047041>

External coverage:

MUSC Update: Army Corps of Engineers and National Guard collaborating on MASH facility:

<https://www.counton2.com/health/coronavirus/musc-update-34-employees-test-positive-for-covid-19-army-corps-of-engineers-and-national-guard-collaborating-on-mash-facility/>

South Carolina National Guard transporting supplies to support coronavirus response efforts:

<https://www.wistv.com/2020/03/23/south-carolina-national-guard-transporting-supplies-support-coronavirus-response-efforts/>

South Carolina National Guard activated for COVID-19:

http://www.indexjournal.com/news/covid-19/south-carolina-national-guard-activated-for-covid-19/collection_591e0214-b3c2-5631-8f94-99b92e5a9496.html

S.C. counties getting masks, shields, more from national stockpile:

https://thetandd.com/business/local/s-c-counties-getting-masks-shields-more-from-national-stockpile/article_44851d51-b9a1-5a3a-8b1a-4e44531a8169.html

Materials distributed to SC counties for coronavirus response:

<https://wpde.com/news/coronavirus/materials-distributed-to-sc-counties-for-coronavirus-response>

S.C. National Guard activated to deliver medical supplies:

<https://www.live5news.com/2020/03/31/sc-national-guard-activated-deliver-medical-supplies/>

South Carolina National Guard delivers supplies to 46 counties:

<https://abcnews4.com/news/local/south-carolina-national-guard-delivers-supplies-to-46-counties>

The National Guard is here to help:

<https://www.counton2.com/news/south-carolina-news/video-the-national-guard-is-here-to-help/>

Materials from National Strategic Stockpile distributed to S.C. counties for COVID-19 response:

https://www.kingstreenews.com/news/materials-from-national-strategic-stockpile-distributed-to-s-c-counties/article_324fb696-6c5b-11ea-8f87-9fe70983f9ec.html

SC receives stockpile of medical equipment to combat COVID-19:

<https://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article241408751.html>

SC National Guard working where needed to fight coronavirus:

https://www.foxcarolina.com/coronavirus/sc-national-guard-working-where-needed-to-fight-coronavirus/article_c81be67c-739a-11ea-8e0d-9f4a5f459073.html

U.S. Army National Guard distributes second shipment of medical equipment to SC counties:

https://www.foxcarolina.com/news/u-s-army-national-guard-distributes-second-shipment-of-medical-equipment-to-sc-counties/article_420888b8-7121-11ea-8b83-17d1b3bcf5b2.html

SC National Guard works to get supplies to 46 counties:

<https://www.wbtw.com/video/sc-national-guard-works-to-get-supplies-to-46-counties/>

140 SC National Guard members activated for potential missions in COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/southcarolina-nationaguard-coronavirus-activated-potential-mission-supplies/101-d786bc59-3637-427a-bb7d-9af9104ea183>

National Guard seeks to dispel rumors about video of equipment being shipped in SC:

<https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2020/03/26/coronavirus-national-guard-seeks-dispel-rumors-equipment-shipped-sc/2917913001/>

<https://www.goupstate.com/news/20200326/national-guard-seeks-to-dispel-rumors-about-video-of-equipment-being-shipped-in-sc>

South Carolina National Guard says rumors of statewide lockdown are false:

https://www.foxcarolina.com/news/south-carolina-national-guard-addresses-rumors-of-statewide-lockdown/article_23a54b88-7430-11ea-937f-d7ce52350f1e.html

National Guard dispelling rumors of lockdown:

http://www.indexjournal.com/news/covid-19/national-guard-dispelling-rumors-of-lockdown/article_6127b5fb-85dc-585d-9342-1c66ade27223.html

McMaster wants Guard to build medical units outside hospitals if coronavirus cases rise:

https://www.postandcourier.com/health/covid19/mcmaster-wants-guard-to-build-medical-units-outside-hospitals-if/article_4b39043c-6869-11ea-83ee-339ad4871f3a.html

122nd Engineers conduct driveway project

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 122nd Engineer Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, conducted a project to expand the driveway at the readiness center in Laurens, South Carolina, March 5-7, 2020, in order to improve the accessibility for the 1055th Transportation Company stationed at the readiness center.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713457862841>

Ready

4-118th Infantry tank maneuver training

U.S. Soldiers in Alpha Company, 4-118th Infantry Regiment, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, in the South Carolina National Guard, prepare for maneuver training while supporting in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, March 9, 2020.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/30abct/albums/72157713441376626>

South Carolina Air National Guard conducts Operational Readiness Exercise

The operational readiness exercise tests the 169th Fighter Wing's ability to perform its mission while operating in a conventional threat environment.

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/thescang/albums/72157713412041798>

South Carolina National Guard participates in Patriot South 2020

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard participated in Patriot South 2020 in Gulf Port, Mississippi. PATRIOT is a Domestic Operations disaster-response training exercise conducted by National Guard units working with federal, state and local emergency management agencies, and first responders.

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713435134298>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713434730141>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713436607376>

ACFT prep with the South Carolina National Guard Health & Wellness team

The South Carolina National Guard Health and Wellness team breaks down and demonstrates the new Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT), as well as shows alternate exercises you can practice to help prepare you for the ACFT before it becomes the test for record.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vvZqFuny94>

How to PMCS a Humvee with the South Carolina National Guard

U.S. Army Sgt. Wilfredo Colon-Santos and U.S Army Spc. Rhiannon Naumann with the 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade show us how to properly conduct preventive maintenance checks and services (PMCS) on a Humvee.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHlsWv3V29w>

Responsible

KnowYourMil: South Carolina National Guard Secure Area Duty Officer Program

This is the story of U.S. Army Lt. Col. Barry Ramey with the South Carolina Army National Guard. He talks about his participation in creating the Secure Area Duty Officer Program (SADOP).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WkSy_I2SD9U

KnowYourMil: The Impact of a civilian career with the South Carolina National Guard

This is the story of U.S. Army Lt. Col. Julio Chalela with the South Carolina Army National Guard. He talks about how his experience being a civilian neurosurgeon has impacted him and helped in his military career.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mg7WYF5vLME>

What it's like to be an Apache pilot in the South Carolina National Guard

On this episode of the Palmetto Guardian we talk with U.S. Army Capt. Natalie Byrom, 1-151st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, Company A commander, about her experience becoming an AH64 Apache pilot, as well as a company commander.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcATJqc7ibQ>

Moments in history with the South Carolina National Guard

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Meghann Church, South Carolina National Guard historian, and Heather McPherson, South Carolina Military Museum, talk about moments in history during the month of March.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRGLB6OxtT0>

First female artillery officer with the South Carolina National Guard

On this episode of the Palmetto Guardian we talk with U.S. Army 1st Lt. Tracci Dorgan, 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade public affairs officer, about her experience becoming the first female field artillery officer in the South Carolina National Guard.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_I6jpisKDzA

South Carolina National Guard conducts TAG match

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers compete in the annual marksmanship challenge, the TAG Match, at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, Feb. 28 - March 1, 2020. Teams from units throughout the state perform basic Soldier skills and fire the M9 pistol, M4 rifle, M110 sniper rifle, and the M500 shotgun in the competition.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713325421883>

Col. Richard Wholey awarded the Legion of Merit

U.S. Army Col. Richard A. Wholey Jr., 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC), South Carolina National Guard, was awarded The Legion of Merit, March 7, 2020, in Anderson, South Carolina. Wholey was awarded for his exemplary performance as the 678th Air Defense Brigade (ADA BDE) Commander during their successful deployment to Germany. Wholey was humbled, thanking the people that have made him successful as a leader and recognizing the family environment of the AAMDC.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713397783808>

Lt. Col. Doug Bowling awarded the Legion of Merit

U.S. Army Col. David Gayle, South Carolina National Guard Domestic Operations director, presents the Legion of Merit to retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Doug Bowling, former South Carolina National Guard 43rd Civil Support Team commander, March 18, 2020 in Lugoff, South Carolina, to recognize his military service with the South Carolina National Guard.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713555563742>

Civilian employer recognized for support to the South Carolina National Guard

The 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) South Carolina National Guard, recognizes Anderson County Sheriff Chad McBride with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Employer award, March 7, 2020 in Anderson, South Carolina

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/364717/263rd-army-air-and-missile-defense-command-recognizes-anderson-county-sheriff>

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157713410011551>

South Carolina Air National Guard conducts annual awards ceremony

Airmen from the South Carolina Air National Guard participate in the unit's annual award formation to recognize recent retirees, Airmen of the Year recipients and newly promoted noncommissioned and senior noncommissioned officers during a ceremony held in the main aircraft hangar at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina, March 8, 2020.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/thescang/albums/72157713446215642>

Resilient

Showing the best in humanity with the South Carolina National Guard

On this episode of the Palmetto Guardian we talk with U.S. Army Chaplain (Maj.) John Denny, South Carolina National Guard chaplain, about showing the best in humanity during a time of crisis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynVjClJtlo>

Palmetto Guardian Podcast

To find all the South Carolina National Guard Palmetto Guardian podcasts, check them out on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2r1PR9jrrCkKhAWksPCJxw>, or listen to them in the iTunes store by searching "Palmetto Guardian"

Know Your Mil

Do you know a Soldier or Airman with a unique story to tell? Contact the South Carolina National Guard Public Affairs office to help us share their story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34j3sUfzpdA>

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support the South Carolina community, and the adjutant general's priorities of recruiting and retention, professional military education, individual and collective training, and accountability through effectively leveraging limited resources according to laws, regulations, and policies to maximize individual and unit readiness. The most recent annual report for the SC Military Department can be found here:

<https://www.scguard.ng.mil/Portals/45/Documents/annual%20reports/Annual%20Report%202019.pdf?ver=2019-12-09-120622-060>

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