

## Public Affairs Update February 3-28, 2021



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.

The digital FY2020 Annual Report can be found here:

[https://www.scgard.ng.mil/Portals/45/Documents/annual%20reports/Annual%20Report%202020.pdf?ver=xZKjG\\_hQx\\_wl\\_Sot2WUB8Q%3d%3d](https://www.scgard.ng.mil/Portals/45/Documents/annual%20reports/Annual%20Report%202020.pdf?ver=xZKjG_hQx_wl_Sot2WUB8Q%3d%3d)

### **South Carolina National Guard Training, Missions, Current Events:**

#### **South Carolina Senate confirms Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty as the adjutant general for South Carolina**

The South Carolina Senate confirmed U.S. Army Maj. Gen. R. Van McCarty to continue serving as the adjutant general for South Carolina Feb. 4, 2021. The confirmation allows McCarty to continue serving as the head of the South Carolina Military Department for four more years.

##### **Story:**

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/388470/south-carolina-senate-confirms-maj-gen-r-van-mccarty-adjutant-general-south-carolina>

#### **South Carolina Army National Guard announces next state command sergeant major**

The South Carolina National Guard announces U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. William R. Kyzer II as the next state command sergeant major for the South Carolina Army National Guard. Kyzer will serve as the 13th state command sergeant major. In this role, he will be the advisor to the assistant adjutant general-Army, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. David Jenkins, and other key leaders on matters of health and welfare of the Soldiers assigned to the South Carolina Army National Guard.

##### **Story:**

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/389592/south-carolina-army-national-guard-announces-next-state-command-sergeant-major>

#### **Traffic Safety Public Service Announcement for all who visit McEntire Joint National Guard Base**

The South Carolina Air National Guard occupational safety office discusses traffic safety at the Garners Ferry gate for McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. Follow these traffic safety tips to avoid accidents at the Garners Ferry intersection.

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq7NN7lui-Q>

#### **Education updates with the South Carolina National Guard Education Office**

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Shanekqua Holmes, South Carolina National Guard education services officer, talks about upcoming changes with the GoArmyEd website and the transition to the new website ArmyIgnitED.

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLnjt289BFc>

### **South Carolina National Guard CH47 supports SOF paratroop training**

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Det. 1 Company B, 238th General Support Aviation Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, support special operations and airborne personnel during a static-line paratroop in vicinity of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Feb. 26, 2021. The training included both personnel and equipment parachute operations.

**Photos:** <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718487275252>

### **SCNG annual TAG match**

U.S. National Guard Soldiers and Airmen with the South Carolina National Guard zero their individual weapons in preparation to compete in the annual marksmanship challenge, the TAG Match, at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, Feb. 26, 2021. Teams from units throughout the state perform basic service member skills and fire the M9 pistol, M4 rifle, M110 sniper rifle, and the M500 shotgun in the competition.

**Photos:** <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718447191553>

### **Fifteenth Air Force commander visits 169th Fighter Wing**

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Chad P. Franks, the commander of Fifteenth Air Force, far right, discusses total force integration initiatives and the active association program, with Col. Akshai Gandhi, 169th Fighter Wing commander, at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina, Feb. 23, 2021. This was Franks first visit to the South Carolina Air National Guard base in his current position to meet with Airmen of the 169th Fighter Wing and active-associate, regular Air Force members of the 316th Fighter Squadron.

**Photos:** <https://flickr.com/photos/thescang/albums/72157718416520187>

### **678th Soldiers return from deployment**

Some U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 678th Air Defense Artillery, South Carolina National Guard, return home Feb. 19, 2021 with South Carolina National Guard leaders greeting them in Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Columbia, South Carolina, after a deployment to Germany working with the rotational Mission Command Element. The return of the Soldiers from Germany is conducted in stages due to mission requirements.

**Photos:** <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718355017416>

### **Personnel Security talks security clearances with the South Carolina National Guard**

On this episode of the Palmetto Guardian we talk with U.S. Army Sgt. Tiffany Mullen, and U.S. Army Sgt. Danielle Hall, personnel security representatives, South Carolina National Guard, for a general overview of security clearances as they relate to service members.

**Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ledKnv57MSY>

### **South Carolina National Guard conducts memorial service in memory of Soldier**

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company C, 151st Signal Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, conducted a memorial ceremony at the South Carolina National Guard readiness center in Eastover, South Carolina, Feb. 7, 2021, honoring the service, life, and legacy of U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class William Miles. Miles was assigned to Company C, 151st Signal Battalion and the ceremony served as an opportunity for unit members to recognize and honor his service, as well as to present his family with Mile's awards and decorations in recognition of his sixteen years of service.

**Photos:** <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718221406762>

### **WOCS students conduct ruck march**

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers attending South Carolina National Guard's Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) conduct a 10 km ruck march Feb. 7, 2021 at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina. WOCS is a 6-month training program in which prior-enlisted Soldiers enroll to become warrant officers and are given the opportunity to achieve the status of technical expert in their military career field. The course is built to physically and mentally challenge the candidates in the art of leadership and expertise in their career field.

**Photos:** <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718201003757>

### **Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Langenhuizen retirement**

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers, friends, and family members attend a retirement ceremony for U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce E Langenhuizen, 351st Aviation Support Battalion, 59th Aviation Troop Command, Feb. 7, 2021, at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina. Langenhuizen retired after 38 years of military service.

**Photos:** <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718321656432>

### **COVID-19 Response Coverage:**

#### **Testing and vaccine site support**

Walterboro vaccination site: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718471690291>

Lexington testing site: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718476755597>

Saluda vaccination site: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718476703057>

Manning vaccination site: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718444851617>

Florence vaccination site: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718358064278> and <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718330022323/with/50954047566/>

Murrells Inlet vaccination site: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718271444147>

Camden testing site: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157718236991863>

### **External Media**

#### **SC National Guard appoints one of its top officials**

The South Carolina National Guard has a new person in one of its top leadership positions. Greer resident William R. Kyzer II will be the next state command sergeant major for the South Carolina Army National Guard.

**The State:** <https://www.thestate.com/news/local/military/article249450350.html>

#### **SC National Guard assisting vaccination efforts across the state**

Members of the South Carolina National Guard have been mobilized for more than 300 consecutive days as the state deals with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**WSPA News 7:**

<https://www.wspa.com/news/sc-national-guard-assisting-vaccination-efforts-across-the-state/>

#### **#InThisTogether: SC National Guard Soldiers assist at Florence COVID-19 vaccination site**

Soldiers with the South Carolina National Guard were on deck to help with COVID-19 vaccination efforts in the Pee Dee.

**WMBF News:**

<https://www.wmbfnews.com/2021/02/22/inthistgether-sc-national-guard-soldiers-assist-florence-covid-vaccination-site/>

## **Priorities of Public Affairs**

Priorities of Public Affairs coverage include real-world crisis events, joint exercises, training, high-visibility community events, deployments and homecomings, newsworthy situations that support current events and South Carolina National Guard support or involvement, special emphasis events that support recognized DoD themes or campaigns, and designated patriotic holidays and events that 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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