

Public Affairs Update July 1-31, 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.scguard.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:

Health and Wellness workouts

Coaches from the Health and Wellness section of Service Member and Family Care offer exercises to help improve your health and fitness.

Plank: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8sb4j14jyo>

Leg tuck: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26lpAfkrBgU>

Laterals: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2v4i_XlieQ

132nd Military Police Company conducts annual training

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 132nd Military Police Company, South Carolina National Guard, out of West Columbia, South Carolina, conduct gunnery qualification exercises using Mk 19 grenade launchers, M240 machine guns, and 50 caliber machine guns mounted on up-armored humvees during annual training at Fort Stewart, Georgia July 17-31, 2021.

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157719641683542>

South Carolina National Guard participates in Cyber Shield

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers from the South Carolina National Guard Defense Cyber Optic Element, under the state communication office, participated in Cyber Shield 21, the Department of Defense's largest unclassified cyber defense exercise, from July 10-24, 2021.

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/401913/south-carolina-national-guard-soldiers-participate-department-defense-cyber-defense-exercise>

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157719584570291>

South Carolina, Republic of Colombia mark nine-year anniversary for State Partnership Program

July 23 marked the nine-year anniversary of the partnership between the Republic of Colombia and the state of South Carolina, as part of the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program. The State Partnership Program offers opportunities for the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian armed forces to train alongside their peers and learn from each other. The goals of the partnership include increasing readiness, protecting sovereignty, maintaining peace, managing talent, and enhancing capabilities for both the South Carolina National Guard and the Colombian armed forces. This partnership falls under the U.S. Southern Command.

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/401586/south-carolina-republic-colombia-mark-nine-year-anniversary-state-partnership-program>

4-118th Infantry Battalion conducts M1A1 Abrams tank live-fire

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company A, 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, South Carolina National Guard, out of Dillon, South Carolina, conduct live-fire accuracy screening tests on M1A1 Abrams tanks, July 22, 2021, at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. This live-fire exercise consisted of Soldiers ensuring complete armor accuracy checks, performing preventive maintenance checks and services, and zeroing sights on 50-caliber machine guns and tank barrels. This training is essential to Soldiers progressing and becoming proficient in live-fire gunnery to qualify as a team to support mission readiness.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CZ9DC7zAvY>

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157719646582530>

South Carolina National Guard announces next 218th Regional Training Institute commander

The South Carolina National Guard announces U.S Army Col. Richard Zeigler, III as the next commander of the 218th Regional Training Institute in Eastover, South Carolina.

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/401490/south-carolina-national-guard-announces-next-218th-regional-training-institute-commander>

South Carolina National Guard announced next commander of McCrady Training Center

The South Carolina National Guard announces U.S Army Lt. Col. Adrian Priester as the next commander of the McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina.

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/401486/south-carolina-national-guard-announces-next-commander-mccrady-training-center>

Swamp Foxes re-deploy from Saudia Arabia after successful expeditionary force rotation

Approximately 300 Airmen and a contingent of F-16CJ Fighting Falcon aircraft from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing returned home after a successful three month deployment to Prince Sultan Air Base (PSAB), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/401141/swamp-foxes-re-deploy-saudi-arabia-after-successful-expeditionary-force-rotation>

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/thescang/albums/72157719558924934> and <https://flickr.com/photos/thescang/albums/72157719562159171>

122nd Engineer Battalion recognizes 75th anniversary

U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 122nd Engineer Battalion, South Carolina National Guard, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the battalion, July 18, 2021, in Edgefield, South Carolina, during a community event, highlighting the history of the unit and honoring former leadership.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkMo5YYu82Y>

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157719613145540>

Story:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/399903/south-carolina-national-guard-122nd-engineer-battalion-celebrate-75th-anniversary>

South Carolina National Guard quarterly review

In this installment of the Guardian Quarterly the South Carolina National Guard Public Affairs office covers events in the second quarter of 2021. Topics range from dedication ceremonies, annual training missions and more are all covered in this episode.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1sWp-Gy4nM>

South Carolina National Guard talks with the Big Red Barn Retreat

On this episode of the Palmetto Guardian we talk with Mrs. Lisa Mustard, South Carolina National Guard behavioral health office, and Stephanie Bowman Czeresko, director of programing at the Big Red Barn Retreat, about the Big Red Barn Retreat and the different programs they have to offer to service members, veterans, and first responders.

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

246th Army Band plays at baseball game for summer tour

The 246th U.S. Army Band, South Carolina National Guard, performed a live concert during a baseball game July 1, 2021, at the Drive Baseball Stadium in Greenville, South Carolina. This concert is part of their summer tour as they provide several locations throughout the state with patriotic music to celebrate the nation's independence.

Photos: <https://flickr.com/photos/scguard/albums/72157719498395397>

External Media

South Carolina National Guard battalion celebrates 75th anniversary

Main Street had much more than its regular amount of pedestrian traffic Sunday, with hundreds of visitors on hand to mark a military anniversary. The 122nd Engineer Battalion of the South Carolina National Guard was established in 1946, and several decades of soldiers celebrated the occasion, gathering for about three midday hours in the town square.

Aiken Standard:

https://www.postandcourier.com/aikenstandard/news/s-c-national-guard-battalion-celebrates-75th-anniversary/article_3a7f4df6-e809-11eb-ba39-f7c1f02a0cbc.html

South Carolina National Guard welcomes new commander at Eastover training center

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Adrian Priester takes command at McCrady Training Center in Eastover, South Carolina, from outgoing U.S. Army Col. Gregory Farley.

WLTX:

<https://www.wltx.com/article/news/national/military-news/sc-national-guard-welcomes-new-commander-at-eastover-southcarolina-training-center/101-f03496cc-4006-4327-be02-aae84da6eb1d>

South Carolina Air National Guard returns from Saudia Arabia

WLTX: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Nbnwegejr0I>

Post & Courier:

https://www.postandcourier.com/militarydigest/more-than-300-airmen-return-from-sc-air-national-guards-deployment-to-saudi-arabia/article_0e70d4f0-e8a9-11eb-8d45-cb8308e9dc90.html
and

https://www.postandcourier.com/photo_galleries/photo-sc-air-national-guards-swamp-foxes-return-from-saudi-arabia/collection_e8ca7f34-e89a-11eb-8ba4-1f9f85ab5920.html

WSPA:

<https://www.wspa.com/news/300-south-carolina-air-national-guard-members-return-home-from-saudi-arabia/>

WJBF:

<https://www.wjbf.com/news/300-south-carolina-air-national-guard-members-return-home-from-saudi-arabia/>

WBTW:

<https://www.wbtw.com/news/state-regional-news/300-south-carolina-air-national-guard-members-return-home-from-saudi-arabia/>

WPDE:

<https://wpde.com/news/local/300-south-carolina-air-national-guard-members-return-home-after-3-months-in-saudi-arabia>

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.

Please contact the South Carolina National Guard Public Affairs office for coverage of events that meet the criteria.

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