

Office of the Adjutant General

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

Title 19 Mission: Provide a trained and ready force responsive to the Governor of Wyoming for assistance in the protection of life, property and the preservation of peace, order and public safety during natural and man-made disasters within the state.

Strategic Plan mission statement: "We are the Wyoming Military Department, ready to defend and serve America and Wyoming."

❖ *Results of outcomes*

The Wyoming Military Department's first goal is to provide a trained, quality-based force of people supported by appropriate equipment, facilities and real property, technology and support services to successfully execute its federal and state missions. In support of this, the Wyoming Army National Guard had 1,500 assigned personnel versus their goal of 1,600; the Wyoming Air National Guard had 968 assigned personnel versus their goal of 1,119, both during calendar year 1999.

The Wyoming Army National Guard continued to be in the forefront of technological development. For example, members of the Casper-based 4th Infantry Division Rear Operations Center traveled to Fort Hood, Texas, to participate in several major exercises. Throughout the year the unit participated in the field testing of several different battlefield computer systems as part of the U.S. Army's Force XXI modernization program. Soldiers are now participating in a system validation program for the Army Tactical Command and Control System.

During February, the Wyoming Army National Guard 213th Regional Training Institute (RTI), Guernsey, received an artillery school accreditation visit from Fort Sill, Okla., and received passing grades in all areas. This was an extremely important certification for the 213th WY-RTI, which supports the training needs of unit commanders from more than 14 states.

One of the largest field artillery exercises in recent years was held at the Wyoming National Guard Training Site (Camp Guernsey) during May. More than 1,500 soldiers from the 115th Field Artillery Brigade (Wyoming Army National Guard) and three battalions from Wyoming, Utah and Montana conducted live fire and related large-unit exercises at Camp Guernsey over a two-week period.

In support of individual and collective readiness goals, members conducted training throughout the year in various locations. The 1041st Engineer Co. (Assault Float Bridge) conducted tactical field training exercises at Flaming Gorge Reservoir during July. Moreover, unit members constructed several comfort facilities and erosion control structures as training and improvement projects.

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Other locations

Armories are located in Afton, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Guernsey, Lander, Laramie, Lovell, Powell, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Thermopolis, Torrington, Wheatland and Worland. WEMA has a maintenance and calibration facility located at 624 East Pershing Blvd., Cheyenne. Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery is located in Evansville.

Year established and reorganized

Wyoming Army National Guard, 1870;
Wyoming Air National Guard, 1946;
Wyoming Emergency Management Agency (WEMA), 1950.
The Wyoming Military Department was reorganized in 1986 and 1998.

Statutory references

Wyoming Statutes Title 19

Number of authorized personnel

2,656 employees: includes 1,500 Army National Guard members; 968 Air National Guard members; and 188 state employees (including 22 WEMA and two Veterans Cemetery employees).

Organizational structure

Adjutant General's Office, Wyoming Army National Guard, Wyoming Air National Guard, Wyoming Emergency Management Agency, Wyoming Veterans Affairs Commission and Oregon Trail State Veterans' Cemetery

Clients served

Residents of Wyoming and the United States, National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense, Federal Emergency Management Agency, County Emergency Management Agency.

Budget information

Wyoming Army National Guard	\$31,639,643
Wyoming Air National Guard	25,339,687
Wyoming Emergency Management Agency	2,278,141
Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery	146,247
Starbase	204,296
Veterans Education	25,757
Veterans Affairs Commission	9,945
Capital outlay, maintenance, admin	2,202,607
Total	\$61,846,323

Federal funds	\$58,904,524
State funds	\$2,941,799

During July, the 133rd Engineer Co. (Combat Support Equipment) from Laramie and Rawlins performed its two-week annual training in Greybull. Members constructed a series of 18 jetties in the Big Horn River. The jetty project provided a much needed repair and expansion of a rapidly eroding levee that was threatening the safety of more than half the town.

The Torrington-based 960th Heavy Maintenance Co. conducted its annual training at the National Readiness Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. The 1022nd Medical Co. (Air Ambulance) from Cheyenne deployed to Gowen Field, Idaho. The 1022nd also provided medical airlift support to units training at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. The Army National Guard deployed a total of 328 soldiers on 11 deployments to six states and four countries including Nicaragua, Germany, Japan and Australia.

During December, 22 Wyoming Air National Guard volunteers from the 153rd Medical Squadron deployed for two weeks to Soto Cono Air Base, Honduras. As the lead medical squadron, it provided care for victims of Hurricane Mitch in an area known as the Mosquito Coast. This deployment was only one of more than 13 overseas deployments made by more than 184 Wyoming Air National Guard members. Each of these overseas deployments lasted between four and 90 days in such locations as Okinawa, Chile, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Panama, Honduras, El Salvador, Hungary, Germany, Bosnia and Antarctica. Throughout the year, the Wyoming Air National Guard participated in 44 deployments of 621 airmen to 10 states and 15 countries. The C-130 unit performed more than 100 airlift missions to stateside and overseas locations.

On July 30, Opinion 98-007 was received from the Attorney General's office regarding residency for the assistants adjutant general. This opinion stated that the assistants general (Army and Air) must be Wyoming residents. Two constitutional amendments will be on the November 2000 Wyoming state ballot. Amendment A would repeal the requirement that any person appointed to a military office, other than the offices of adjutant general, assistant adjutant general for the army national guard and assistant adjutant general for the air national guard, must be a qualified elector. Amendment B would change current eligibility requirements to allow any qualified resident to serve in the state militia if he or she is between the ages of 17 and 70 and allow nonresidents who are accepted into service to serve if they meet the other requirements.

During September, Congress approved \$13 million in construction costs for a new combined maintenance facility (CMF) at Camp Guernsey which will house the CSMS, the unit training equipment site and the organizational maintenance shop. Westates Construction Co. Inc. of Sheridan is the general contractor, and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on May 19. The construction of this facility is a key to improve Camp Guernsey infrastructure and promote the excellent training facilities and opportunities

available at Camp Guernsey for other state National Guards.

Further real property activity included approval by the Capitol Building Commission to purchase a building in Evanston, using federal funds, for an organizational maintenance shop. Another building at Camp Guernsey was remodeled into a soldiers chapel and conference center in May.

A new mission for the Wyoming Air National Guard was made official on Nov. 20 with the announcement that the 721st Mobile Command and Control Squadron would transfer from the U.S. Air Force Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Cheyenne. The airmen and equipment physically transferred from Colorado Springs to F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne during the May/June time frame. The unit will transition to the Wyoming Air National Guard between October 1999 and Spring 2001. The transition will create 176 new positions in the Wyoming Air National Guard.

The WMD also gained another mission with the announcement of the formation of the 84th Military Support Detachment - (Rapid Assessment and Initial Detection) Light. The mission of this 22-person joint Army and Air National Guard unit will be to deploy throughout Wyoming and support civil authorities by detecting and assessing suspected nuclear, biological, chemical or radiological events. They will also assist first responders and local authorities by advising appropriate actions and facilitating requests for assistance from state and federal agencies.

In support of the WMD's second goal, community support, the WMD performed more than 200 work-days of state missions in providing assistance to communities in need across Wyoming. Air and Army National Guard members provided emergency power generation and assistance to the City of Lusk and surrounding area after an early winter storm caused significant damage to the power grid. Members of the Wyoming Army National Guard also partnered with the Wyoming Department of Transportation in avalanche control efforts near Jackson and trained DOT personnel in the proper use of the 155mm howitzer. In July, the 1022nd Medical Co. (Air Ambulance) provided emergency medical airlift to a shepherd who was seriously injured as a result of a fall from a horse in the Sheep Mountain area near Kemmerer. Also in July, another 1022nd Medical Co. UH-60A Blackhawk helicopter was involved in the unsuccessful search for a 7-year-old girl who fell into the Clarks Fork River near Crandall, which is northwest of Cody. In April, Casper soldiers received a call for emergency assistance to Casper Mountain. The soldiers quickly responded in a commercial utility combat vehicle (CUCV), which is able to move easily in snow. One week later, 30 Air and Army National Guard members as well as equipment were prepared to deploy, if requested by the Laramie County Emergency Management Agency, due to flooding from rain and snow storms. No deployment was necessary.

❖ ***Strategic plan changes***

Please refer to the agency strategic plan dated July 1, 1998 and also the revised agency strategic plan dated Feb. 1, 1999.

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