

North Carolina National Guard 2018 Year in Review

Our Mission: On order, the North Carolina National Guard's Always Ready-Ready Team deploys military capabilities, in support of State and/or National authorities, in order to protect the lives and properties of fellow Citizens, defend the State and Nation, and secure our American way of life

Here are some NC Guard 2018 Highlights

State Domestic Operations Mission: 3,670 mobilized for State Duty

Federal Mission: 1,017 Soldiers and Airmen deployed overseas

Operation Hickory Sting: Over 3,500 NC Guardsmen, multi-million dollar, 21-day combined arms training event in TX

145th Airlift Wing Aircraft Transformation: From C-130 Tactical Airlift to C-17 Strategic Airlift

Employment Center: 486 Direct Hires in 2018 and over 2,400 Direct Hires to-date since the program began in 2013

Counterdrug Task Force member: \$25M seized CY18 (drugs, property, weapons, and currency)

Behavior Health: Managed 2,411 encounters and performed 31 crisis interventions and 1,198 treatment sessions

Honoring NCNG Fallen Heroes: 14 Armory Renamings honoring NCNG Fallen Heroes

Military Funeral Honors: Conducted 3,665 funeral services across NC

NCNG DoD ID Card Facilities: Processed 7,705 DoD ID Cards to Guardsmen, Active Duty, Reservists and retirees

Tarheel Challenge Youth Academy: 51st Class graduated 112 cadets with over 4,800 graduated in past 25 Years

State Partnership Program: 34 engagements b/w Armed Forces of the Republics of Moldova and Botswana

More detailed information below:

G1/J9 - Soldier and Airmen Support Services:

The Integrated Behavioral Health System (IBHS):

- Managed 2,411 encounters, which included 309 clinical needs assessments, 904 Commander, NCO, Family, and Battle Buddy consultations
- Performed 31 crisis interventions and 1,198 treatment sessions
- Executed 1,670 referrals to clinical and non-clinical needs, inpatient hospitalization admissions to requests for utility assistance, homeless shelters and service animals
- Citizen Soldier for Life - Established NC program utilizing two Career Readiness Counselors, reaching 618 new recruits; completing Phase 1 of the program integration (Physical Fitness)

Employment Center

- 486 Direct Hires in 2018 and over 2,400 Direct Hires to date since the program began in 2013
- Became only the 2nd state in the nation to award Apprenticeships for military career fields to civilian occupation credentialing and issued 250 US Department of Labor/ NC Office of Apprenticeship certificates to NCNG service members

Education Center

- Fulfilled / Executed all NCTAP (tuition assistance) dollars \$21M to NC Guard members

Military Funeral Honors

- 3,665 funeral services spanning across all military branches, 16 Honorable Transfers, 24 various Color Guards and Community Relation Events conducted 68 Funerals during Hurricane Florence relief (10-16 SEP) without missing a single service

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Medical

- G1 Medical Processed over 1,200 Soldiers through mobilization stations with less than a 1% non-deployable rate

Family Programs

- Helped 120 families during Thanksgiving and 150+ children for “Angel Tree Christmas”
- Worked with Walmart, FEMA, the Governor’s office, NC Food Bank, and Operation Home Front during HX Florence

Other:

- Unit Ministry Team 3,730 counseling’s, of which 41 were suicide interventions
- 14 Armory Renamings honoring NCNG Fallen Heroes. 17 renamings in all since 2017.

G3 - NC Army National Guard Operations:

Overseas Deployments:

- 956 NC Army National Guard Soldiers deployed overseas in 2018: Germany, Cuba, Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait

Training and Readiness

- Established the Fit2Serve Program targeting at risk personnel loses encourage life style changes in order to further Soldier’s careers
- 101% execution in annual training (AT) funds and Annual Training participation rate of well above national average
- Operation Hickory Sting - Participated a multi-million dollar, 21-day combined arms training event, at Fort Bliss, TX
 - Over 3,000 NC Guardsmen from the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team and over 500 NCNG support and logistics Soldiers participated
 - Training event is designed to prepare 30ABCT for its 2019 National Training Center rotation
- Two high-profile joint training exercises:
 - Operation SABER JUNCTION in Germany – Multinational training event designed to bolster Germany’s defense force and a deterrent to recent Russian aggression in the region
 - Operation FIRE SHIELD in Moldova – Multinational exercise to strengthen relationships and improved capabilities with European partners

A3 - NC Air National Guard Operations: (145th Airlift Wing, based in Charlotte)

Overseas Deployments:

- 61 NC Air National Guard Airmen deployed overseas in 2018 –Kuwait, Germany, Korea, Afghanistan, Antarctica, Iraq
- North Carolina Air National Guard turned 70 years old
- Wing transformation to C-17 Strategic Airlift underway will be completed in 2019
 - 110 real-world C-17 missions, 27 tons or cargo hauled
- Joint Forcible Entry (Airborne Assault w/ 100 aircraft and 1,000 paratroopers) exercise in December
 - 145AW was the only National Guard C-17 a/c participating
- Support to three POTUS visits to the Charlotte area
- Medical Evacuation Squadron – Pacific Angel Humanitarian Exercise in Vietnam
- Firefighter Training School at Stanly Co A/P trained 236 civilians and military firefighters
- SMSgt Ashley Able selected as Air National Guard’s Senior NCO of the Year
- Col. Terrell became the first female Commander of the 145th Airlift Wing
- Chief Master Sgt. Phillips became the first female Maintenance Chief
- \$15M construction and/or renovation on base

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J3 - Domestic Operations:

Disaster Response: Total Guardsmen mobilized for state duty – 3,670 and support NCEM and partner agencies during two winter storms and two hurricanes. Executed 36,018 total man-days on State Active Duty

- First time NCNG activated a Joint Task Force with a Dual Status Commander for a natural disaster (Florence)
- During Florence response, activated Aviation Task Force comprised of 50 aircraft from 13 different states
 - NG TF Aviation totals: 159 missions flown, 604 flight hours, rescuing 246 citizens, 91 animals and moving more than 505,450 pounds of commodities and equipment
 - Kelly, NC, 20SEP2018 – TF Aviation rescued 102 people and 33 pets at night under night vision goggles

NCHART: Conducted two NCHART missions in 2018, rescuing two injured/stranded civilians in rugged terrain

Support to Law Enforcement

- NCNG Provost Marshal's Office conducted 50 Vulnerability and Security Assessments with various interagency partners across the State
- Supported state partners with two Cyber Assessments and one Election Cyber Support mission

Counterdrug Task Force (CDTF):

- \$25M - Total dollar amount seized CY18 (drugs, property, weapons, and currency)
- Aviation CDTF flew over 300 hours in support of 78 missions supporting 24 LE offices
- Ground Reconnaissance and Criminal Analyst completed 64 missions
- Mid-Atlantic Narcotics Training Academy (MANTA) conducted 16 classes training 250 LE officers via Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) Grant

G4 - Logistics/Transportation:

- Field Maintenance Shop, in Asheville, awarded Secretary of the Army Environmental Award
- Assisted the MSARNG in developing a consolidated plan for property book operations
- Planned and Coordinated multi-million dollar logistical mission to move equipment, vehicles and personnel to 30ABCT's training in Texas
- Conducted validation procedures for six mobilizing units

J5 - Strategic Plans/Policy:

- Procured and executed nearly \$800k in funding enabling the NCNG to conduct 34 engagements with the Armed Forces of Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Botswana
- Coordinated support for Operation FIRE SHIELD Multi-national and multi-state (Alabama NG) exercise in the Republic of Moldova to strengthen relationships and improved capabilities with European and state par partners
- Planned and coordinated Moldovan National Army forces participation in Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) 18-06 with 95 Soldiers in support of the 30th Armor Brigade Combat Team at FT Bliss, Texas
- Army Communities of Excellence 3rd Place Silver Recipient

G6 - Information Technology:

- Provided multiple cyber incident response teams to critical infrastructure entities within state and local agencies
- Completed the Windows 10 deployment, pushing out a new operating system and an upgrade for the entire fleet of computers throughout the entire organization in the same year
- Provided communications to National Guard units and state agencies during Hurricane Florence. Enabled county personnel to receive emergency 911 calls and assist victims of the Hurricane
- Conducted Cyber Shield 18 with State CIO, DoD, multiple NG States, and industry partners

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Legislative / Government Affairs:

- Burke and Wilkes Co RC projects: \$144M state funding
- Tarheel Challenge Academy multiuse building: \$500K state funding
- Authorize greater flexibility in transferring state funds between capital improvement projects
- Waiver of State Duty overpayment for HX Matthew and reimbursement to Guardsmen having made restitution
- Statute change increasing rest period before returning to civilian occupation following State Duty of <30 days

CFMO – NCNG State-wide Facility Management:

- \$77M in Completed Capital Improvements Projects
- Completed Capital Improvements Projects to improve existing Readiness Centers across the state
 - Parkton site: \$1M total (\$750K federally reimbursed)
 - Parkton building \$12M total (\$825K federally reimbursed)
 - Beulaville building: \$12M total (\$825K federally reimbursed)
 - Clinton building: \$18M total (\$900K federally reimbursed)
 - Salisbury building and site: \$22M (\$15M federally reimbursed)
 - Nashville building: \$12M (\$825K federally reimbursed)
- Wilmington Readiness Center Construction - \$169M for design and construction (100% federally funded)
- Completed design for Morganton Regional Readiness Center - \$36M (fully State funded)

JFHQ, Raleigh Facility:

- 82 joint, state and other agency events were held at JFHQ in 2018