

Annual Report 2007



West Virginia National Guard

Cover photo: Members of the Wheeling based C Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation Assault return home from Iraq July 2007.



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December 31, 2007

The Honorable Joe Manchin III
Governor, State of West Virginia
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Governor Manchin,

It is my honor and pleasure to submit the 2007 Annual Report of the Adjutant General. The West Virginia National Guard continues to provide for the defense of our homeland, fight the continuing war on terrorism, and provide vital service to our citizens and state. The accomplishments described in this report reflect the readiness, dedication and professionalism of our citizen-soldiers.

Your leadership and support is much appreciated by your guard family and ensures the success of the West Virginia National Guard. We continue to be recognized as one of the best military organizations in the world.

More than 6,700 West Virginia National Guard members and I say "thank you." The West Virginia National Guard will continue to safeguard the welfare and freedom of our great state and nation. "Montani Semper Liberi!"

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen E. Tackett".

ALLEN E. TACKETT
Major General, WVARNG
The Adjutant General

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LEADERSHIP

State Officials

The West Virginia National Guard is authorized and governed by Article 1, Chapter 15 of the West Virginia Code and is constituted as both a State and Federal force by authority of the National Defense Act approved June 3, 1916. The National Guard is a reserve component of the Army of the United States and the United States Air Force.

In time of peace, the National Guard is a State force, controlled by the Adjutant General as the principal military representative of the Commander-in-Chief, the Governor. The Governor has the power to order the West Virginia National Guard into the active service of the State and to cause them to perform duty such as he shall deem proper.

The National Guard is equipped and paid by the Federal Government and must meet organizational and training standards to qualify for Federal recognition. When Congress declares a national emergency and authorizes the use of armed force requiring troops in excess of those in the Active Forces, the President of the United States may order the National Guard into the active military service of the United States.



Joe Manchin, III
Governor
Commander-in-Chief, WVNG



Jim Spears
Secretary, Military Affairs
and Public Safety

Senior National Guard Leaders



ALLEN E. TACKETT
Major General
Adjutant General/Joint Forces Commander



JOHN E. BARNETTE
Major General
Land Component Commander



LODA A. MOORE
Brigadier General
Air Component Commander



JAMES A. HOYER
Brigadier General
Director, Joint Staff



ERIC W. VOLLMECKE
Brigadier General (Sel)
Chief of Staff (Air)

State Staff and Organizational Commanders

West Virginia Army National Guard

Director, Joint Staff	Brigadier General James A. Hoyer
Deputy Commander, Land Component	Colonel Johnnie L. Young
Joint Interagency Training Center	Lieutenant Colonel Russell A. Crane
J1 (Personnel)	Colonel David L. Bowman
J2 (Intelligence)	Lieutenant Colonel Donald G. Lockard
J3 (Operations)	Colonel Gregory L. Wilcoxon
J4 (Logistics)	Lieutenant Colonel Anthony C. Burgin
J5/J7 (Plans, Policy & Interoperability)	Colonel Michael R. Kitts
J6 (Information Management)	Captain Patrick Chard
J8 (Force Structure, Resources and Assessment)	Colonel Robert J. Kincaid
Director of Installation Management	Colonel Melvin L. Burch
State Chaplain	Colonel Randall A. Kochersperger
State Surgeon	Colonel Michael S. McIntosh
Assistant Staff Judge Advocate	Major Kelly D. Ambrose
Chief, Avn Opns, Trng, Standardization	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Bongiovanni
State Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Lawrence R. Vance

77th Brigade Troop Command

Commander	Colonel James W. Runyon
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Terry S. Lee

771st Troop Command

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel William G. Suver
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Daniel H. Little, Jr.

1st Battalion, 150th Armor (Second West Virginia)

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Robby R. Scarberry
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major James L. Allen

1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Roy L. Bourne
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Terry W. Moran

2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Harrison B. Gilliam
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Rickie R. Brittain

111th Engineer Brigade

Commander	Colonel Melvin L. Burch
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Donald R. Hill, Jr.

1092nd Engineer Battalion

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel William E. Crane
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Jay A. Houser

Special Operations Detachment-Europe

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Russell A. Crane
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Terry Hall

197th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

Commander	Colonel James E. Dodson
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Lawrence A. Pnakovich

772nd Troop Command (Aviation)

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Bongiovanni
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Paul F. Roddy

Training Site Command

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Joel E. Miltenberger
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Patrick S. StClair

35th Civil Support Team

Commander	Major Jeffrey A. Price
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151st Military Police Battalion

Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Roger L. Jennings, Jr.
Command Sergeant Major	Command Sergeant Major Johnny Jackson

West Virginia Air National Guard

Headquarters, West Virginia Air National Guard

Director of Staff – Air	Colonel David T. Buckalew
Director of Operations	Colonel Michael G. McMillie
Director of Support	Lieutenant Colonel Alma R. Johnson
Director of C4	Captain Clarence T. Smith
State Air Surgeon	Colonel Gary M. Townsend
State Judge Advocate General	Lieutenant Colonel Gene W. Bailey, II
Public Affairs Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Michael O. Cadle
State Command Chief Master Sergeant	Command Chief Master Sergeant Ronald D. Bowe

130th Airlift Wing

Commander	Colonel Timothy L. Frye
Vice Commander	Colonel Jerome M. Gouhin
Command Chief Master Sergeant	Command Chief Master Sergeant Marshall N. Adkins
Medical Group Commander	Colonel Sidney B. Jackson
First Sergeant	Vacant
Operations Group Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Johnny M. Ryan, Jr.
Airlift Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Rawson
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant George E. Saunders, II
Operations Support Flight Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Kevin D. King
Maintenance Group Commander	Colonel Randy D. Buckner
Maintenance Squadron Commander	Major Rosemary M. Smith
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Michael J. Fleck
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander	Captain Clarence K. Maynus, Jr.
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant James D. Braley
Maintenance Operations Flight Commander	Second Lieutenant Victor S. Dumrongkietiman
Mission Support Group Commander	Colonel Paige P. Hunter
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Brent A. Clevenger
Civil Engineering Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Jerry W. Webb
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Charles E. Brown, Jr.
Aerial Port Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Randy C. Huffman
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Brian M. White
Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander	Lieutenant Colonel Emmitt M. Thompson, Jr.
First Sergeant	Master Sergeant Richard A. Werner, II

Security Forces Squadron Commander
First Sergeant

Mission Support Flight Commander

Communications Flight Commander

Services Flight Commander

Lieutenant Colonel James M. Murphy

Master Sergeant Mark A. Huddleston

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey A. Bevins

Captain Benny L. Karnes

Captain Chad C. Board

167th Airlift Wing

Commander

Vice Commander

Command Chief Master Sergeant

Medical Group Commander

First Sergeant

Operations Group Commander

Airlift Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Operations Support Flight Commander

Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Maintenance Group Commander

Maintenance Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Maintenance Operations Flight

Mission Support Group Commander

First Sergeant

Civil Engineering Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Aerial Port Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Security Forces Squadron Commander

First Sergeant

Mission Support Flight Commander

Communications Flight Commander

Services Flight Commander

Colonel Roger L. Nye

Colonel William R. Gain

Command Chief Master Sergeant John H. Alderton

Colonel David L. Porter

Master Sergeant Shawn E. Mallory

Lieutenant Colonel Richard M. Robichaud

Lieutenant Colonel David V. Cochran

Vacant

Lieutenant Colonel Stuart W. Brown

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew I. Wolkstein

Master Sergeant Larry W. Dunn

Colonel Brian L. Truman

Lieutenant Colonel Phillip S. Michael

Master Sergeant John F. Umphrey

Lieutenant Colonel Keith B. Snyder

Vacant

Lieutenant Colonel Steven R. Truax

Colonel Patricia A. Burkhart

Master Sergeant Charles S. Wachter

Major Rodney E. Neely

Master Sergeant Jeffrey D. McDonald

Major Charles C. Nasser

Master Sergeant Charles A. Palmer, Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth R. Banks

Master Sergeant Janise W. Hill

Lieutenant Colonel Roger E. Ausherman

Vacant

Lieutenant Colonel Michael R. Foley

Captain Tracy C. Adams

First Lieutenant Shawn E. Hutzler

ORGANIZATION AND VISION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

West Virginia Army National Guard



The West Virginia Army National Guard is authorized 3,672 soldiers, has 4,463 assigned and a full-time support staff of 345 federal civil service employees, 366 active guard/reserve (AGR) personnel, 307 state employees, and 74 contract workers.

The WVARNG is organized into a Troop Command Brigade, an Engineer Brigade, a Regional Training Institute and an Army Training Site. These units are located in 36 communities throughout the state.

Our Vision:

Citizen soldiers at their best...
...a vital part of America's force
...well trained and equipped
...committed to excellence in serving our communities,
our state, and our nation
...The West Virginia Army National Guard

West Virginia Air National Guard



The WVANG is authorized 2,154 personnel, has 2,296 assigned, and a full-time support staff of 550 federal civil service employees, 155 active guard/reserve (AGR) personnel and 110 state employees.

The Commander and Assistant Adjutant General for Air is Brigadier General Loda R. Moore. The Chief of Staff is Brigadier General (Select) Eric W. Vollmecke. These individuals form the nucleus of the command group for the Air National Guard in this state.

The WVANG is organized into two wings; the 130th Airlift Wing based in Charleston, and the 167th Airlift Wing based in Martinsburg.

Our Vision:

A professional, mission-ready military force
prepared for the future.

130th Airlift Wing

During 2007, the 130th Airlift Wing, located at Yeager Airport in Charleston, once again successfully accomplished its role of providing worldwide airlift support anytime, anywhere. Wing members continued to deploy overseas supporting the global war on terrorism.

The year 2007 focused heavily on growth and training. The ranks of the 130th totaled 996 men and women, or 104.8%, which is nearly

worldwide deployment capabilities wherever and whenever needed to meet a variety of mission taskings.

Operational Missions: Members of the 130th continued deploying across the globe in 2007 as 547 members traveled to approximately 96 locations. Unit members deployed overseas to Al Udiad, Qatar; Ali Al Salem, Kuwait; Baghdad, Iraq; Balad, Iraq; Bagram, Afghanistan; Camp Victory, Iraq; Kadena AB, Japan; Kandahar, Afghanistan; Kirkuk, Iraq; Lakenheath, England; Lima, Peru; Landstuhl, Germany; Ramstein, Germany and San Juan, Puerto Rico.



five percent over the unit's authorized manning. In accordance with its growth, the wing also labored on a new base master plan geared toward increased infrastructure for future operations at the base.

Along with eight primary assigned C-130H-3 aircraft, the Wing has many diversely tasked ground support roles. The Wing's central focus at year end is preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection in April 2008.

The 130th is under the leadership of Colonel Timothy L. Frye, Wing Commander, and his Vice Commander, Colonel Jerome M. Gouhin. In addition to the Wing Staff, the organization includes four groups: Operations Group, Mission Support Group, Maintenance Group, and Medical Group. Each group provides

The 130th Airlift Wing started the new year providing airlift support for Operation JOINT FORGE. A total of 69 members completed their mission from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The unit filled two rotations during this mission that included 34 Operations Group personnel, 31 Maintenance, three Mission Support, and one Transportation member. Security Forces deployed eight members from February to September.

During the March drill period, the 130th Airlift Wing participated in a Jump JOC (Joint Operations Center) Exercise with the WV Joint Forces Headquarters in Lewisburg, W.Va. The 130th Airlift Squadron airlifted 20 WV Army National Guard personnel to Lewisburg for the exercise which simulated a response to flooding in the eastern counties of Randolph, Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties. Three members from the Communications Squadron set up a deployed joint communications kit, while another member worked in the joint operations center.

The Wing's longest deployment of the year occurred from April to July; the Wing completed two rotations to Afghanistan. A total of 160 personnel filled positions on the deployment as the 130th aircraft, aircrews and personnel staged out of Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Within hours of arriving in Afghanistan, Major Timothy Mewes worked the coordination and tactics on an emergency air drop mission to U.S. forces who were engaged in heavy combat and greatly outnumbered by enemy forces. Soldiers were surrounded and nearly out of ammunition when two C-130 aircraft from the 130th Airlift Wing airdropped desperately needed ammunition to the team.

During the deployment to Afghanistan, airmen provided continuing support efforts for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Crews were trained on airdrops using the JPADS (Joint Precision Airdrop System). JPADS is a high altitude airdrop system that provides increased control of cargo after it has been released from the aircraft until it reaches the target destination. JPADS is controlled by a laptop computer with precision airdrop application software, meteorology data gathering kit, and GPS re-broadcast kit. JPADS increases ground accuracy, standoff delivery, air carrier survivability, and improves effectiveness-assessment feedback of airdrop mission operations.

In May 2007, Civil Engineering deployed nine members to Iraq for 120 days. In addition, Aerial Port deployed 15 members to Southwest Asia for 120 days from May to September.

During the first week of August, the 130th was honored to airlift over 120 West Virginia Army Guard members from the Eleanor-based 111th Engineering Brigade to Wisconsin for pre-deployment training prior to their departure to Iraq.

In September, the 130th Airlift Wing transported over 160 West Virginia Army Guardsmen of the 821st Engineering Company. These soldiers from Summersville and Spencer in West Virginia were transported to Wisconsin for pre-deployment training prior to their deployment to Iraq.

The 130th was officially tasked as the "Lead Unit" for the 803rd Expeditionary Wing during the scheduled Inspector General's Operational Readiness Inspection, slated for the second week of April 2008. Other units participating in the event are the 153rd Airlift Wing from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and the 463rd Airlift Wing from Little Rock, Arkansas. The 153rd is a C-130H3 unit and the 463rd flies the C-130J model. This will be the first time that the 130th participates in a

joint inspection as an H-3 unit and the first time leading a C-130J unit. This inspection is scheduled by the Air Mobility Command and is meant to determine the wing's capability to perform its war-time mission.

To prepare for the ORI, the 130th Airlift Wing deployed

to the first of two Operational Readiness Exercises in September. The Wing plans to lead a second Operational Readiness Exercise in February 2008. The actual Operational Readiness Inspection is scheduled for April 2008.

Community Support

The Wing's daily involvement in the community is best evidenced in the 24/7 on-call mutual aid agreement it has with city and county emergency first responders. Unit members cross-train with local agencies in order to quickly mobilize in the event of natural disasters or major accidents. The wing's security forces and fire department routinely work hand-in-hand with local community emergency services.



During the year, the 130th Airlift Wing routinely conducted base tours. Over 40 tours were given in 2007, with the unit hosting over 1,850 persons visiting the base.

Members of the 130th also volunteered their time to present honor guard duties and flag details, with many presentations throughout the state involving the mini-C-130 aircraft.

In June, nearly 200 members of the Wing volunteered to help the WV Special Olympics at Laidley Field in Charleston. Members assisted athletes with their events throughout the weekend and provided assistance in tent erections, set preparations, award presentations, transportation of athletes and food services.

The 130th participated in the Coal-to-Liquids Conference in Glade Springs, W.Va. This conference focused on obtaining a path to energy security and hosted speakers, including Air Force Undersecretary Dr. Segal, U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), Congressman Nick J. Rahall, and leaders from the energy industry.

Distinguished Visitors: The first of the 130th's many distinguished guests for the year appeared in February, as Mr. Clete Johnson, aide to U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) visited the unit for a base tour. He received a briefing

from Col. David Buckalew, Director of Staff, Air, about the West Virginia Air National Guard. Wing Vice Commander Col. Jerome Gouhin briefed Mr. Johnson on the capabilities of the 130th Airlift Wing.

Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito visited the base in August to meet with deploying members of the 111th Engineering Brigade before they departed to Wisconsin and then to Iraq.

The Governor of West Virginia, Joe Manchin, III, frequently visited the base in 2007. He continually supported deploying troops by greeting them before their departures and welcoming them on their arrivals home.



The First Lady of West Virginia, Gayle Manchin, attended the Inter Service Family Assistance Committee (ISFAC) meeting in November.

130th Airlift Wing Flying Operations

C-130 hours flown in Fiscal Year 2007	3,171.6
Combat hours	649.8
Passengers transported	2,136
Short tons of cargo airlifted	472
C-26 hours flown in Fiscal Year 2007	362.3
Combat hours/sorties	411.4/97
Students trained	35

The 130th Airlift Wing completed the design phase of the new Aircraft Maintenance Hangar and Shops for C130 aircraft. Benham Companies of Phoenix, Arizona, completed the design at a cost of \$1.3 million. The projected cost of the 53,000 square foot building is approximately \$14 million. Construction is expected to start in late summer 2008.

The Aircraft Maintenance Hangar will provide space for scheduled inspections, weighing aircraft, and airframe repairs and related modifications.

The Aircraft Maintenance

Shops will provide space for specialized maintenance activities such as the fabrication/sheetmetal shop, machine shop, welding shop, wheel and tire shop, environmental shop, electrical system shop, pneumatic/hydraulic shop, battery shop, and composite shop. Non-destructive inspection shop provides space for field-level, non-destructive inspection of aircraft components.

The main operations building, Building 141, underwent a major HVAC system renovation. When originally constructed in 1992, the 48,000 square foot building had 15 separate mechanical systems controlling the interior environment. The renovation replaced the original units with four larger energy-efficient environmentally controlled units. In addition to installing a new HVAC system, the project included upgrading the roofing system to ensure a longer life for the building. Syska Hennessy Group of Baltimore, Maryland, completed the project for \$1.8 million.

The 130th AW began designing a new Communications Facility in 2007. GRW of Lexington, Kentucky, is completing the design at

a cost of \$400,000 dollars. The projected cost of the 13,100 square foot building is approximately \$4.8 million. Construction is expected to start in late summer 2010.

The unit is exploring the possibility of expanding the Communications Facility to house

a Joint Operations Center (JOC) with the Army National Guard. The JOC will act a central command for all daily operations in the state, as well as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for controlling the military's response during state emergencies.



The Communications Facility will provide a centrally located common user communications system for both intrabase and off-base communications. The building will include space for a telephone-switching center,



space for the Communications administrative and maintenance functions, and the Audio/Visual Center.

167th Airlift Wing

Conversion is still the most spoken word at the 167th Airlift Wing. Shortly before the new year, the Wing accepted its first C-5 Galaxy aircraft. New construction, new aircraft, and new personnel brought many firsts to the Martinsburg area.

The 167th was also selected as one of three sites for future C-5 cargo aircraft isochronal inspections. In a ceremony at the base, U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV) and Vice Commander of Air Mobility Command Lt. Gen.

Christopher A. Kelly announced that the 167th would be awarded an ISO mission. Aircraft maintainers will look for and repair problems in every system throughout the jet. An average of 33 C-5 aircraft will be scheduled for a comprehensive 40-day inspection and maintenance every year and a half at the 167th. The additional mission will bring at least 120 new jobs to the base, in addition to the 200 new jobs associated with the conversion.

The Wing is still comprised of four groups—Maintenance Group, Operations Group, Mission Support Group, and Medical Group. The Wing continues to face each challenge with the same vigor and attitude—“Mountaineer Pride Worldwide.”

January hosted another first for the Wing as the first 167th C-5 Galaxy crew completed a mission to Balad Air Base in Iraq and returned on January 27. The 18-member crew used a Dover Air Force Base C-5 for the mission. After delivering cargo, the crew made contact

with 167th Security Forces Commander Lt. Col. Rodger Ausherman, who was deployed in support of Operation IRAQUI FREEDOM. The mission was extremely successful despite a bad tire that was identified and fixed at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico.



In February, Senior Airman Ryan S. Heffner of the 167th Civil Engineering Squadron was named 167th Airman of the Year, E-1 to E-4 category. Staff Sergeant James V. DeCicco, Jr., a supply management specialist with the 167th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was named 167th Airman of the Year, E-5 to E-6 category. Senior Master Sergeant William B. Robinette, first sergeant for the

167th Civil Engineering Squadron, was named 167th Airman of the year, E-7 to E-9 category. Master Sergeant Janise Hill of the 167th Aerial Port Squadron was named First Sergeant of the Year for the 167th Airlift Wing and, subsequently, for the state of West Virginia.

General Duncan J. McNabb, Commander of Air Mobility Command, visited the 167th Airlift Wing on February 17 to tour base construction and meet with Family Support Group members. The general and his wife received a briefing on the C-5 conversion status and regional ISO standup. Wing Family Program Coordinator Susan Sanders briefed on the framework of the unit's Family Readiness Program, and the general was impressed with the Starbase program after listening to a briefing from the Starbase Director.

In March 2007, the 167th proudly launched its first C-5 mission from Martinsburg to Dover, Delaware for off-station proficiency training.

In April, the 167th Airlift Wing took part in a memorial tribute for the students and faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Members were permitted a day of mourning by wearing the school colors-orange and maroon-to honor those who lost their lives on that fateful day in Blacksburg, Virginia. Family Readiness made over \$400 selling orange and maroon ribbons. All proceeds were contributed to a scholarship fund in the name of Corporal Cadet Matthew J. LaPorte, a member of the Air Force ROTC program.

With new C-5 missions, the unit has been challenged with adding personnel in a variety of areas, especially in certain key career fields such as aircraft maintenance. Despite, or perhaps due to challenging times that included deployments and sacrifices, the 167th Recruiting Section became the top unit in the Air National Guard in terms of accessions. The recruiting staff was honored at the annual Recruiting and Retention Workshop in Atlanta, Georgia for this accomplishment.

Not only did the 167th capture the award for most accessions, but newly promoted Master Sergeant Robert Hall was named the top recruiter in Region Four, which encompasses ten

states. Sgt. Hall had a remarkable year, adding 88 recruits, which compared favorably to the national average of 30.

The Recruiting and Retention Workshop also announced that the guard Recruiting Assistance Program (GRAP) has now been extended to retirees. The GRAP program uses military members and retirees to work as augmentees in bringing in new recruits. The program has been a win-win for the base according to the recruiting staff. The final accessions count for the 167th for 2007 will be approximately 225 new airmen.

Along with new faces, the unit recognized its outstanding performers this year. Master Sergeant Daniel Jenkins, Recruiting Office Supervisor, was awarded the 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award for all of Berkeley County, W.Va. Sgt. Jenkins spearheaded the WATCH D.O.G.S. program that promotes fathers and father figures as positive influences in schools. Another star performer is Technical Sergeant Misty Tusing, who received the Comptroller Achievement Award based on excellence in overall job knowledge, professional military experience, morale, pride, esprit de corps, and mission contribution.

The base also hosted some unique visitors in 2007 to include the CV-22 Osprey aircraft. Personnel were testing the aircraft in the area and agreed to do a static display for the members of the unit.



Locations and Number Deployed

Cyprus	1	Kuwait	7
Guam	1	Al Udeid	31
Qatar	1	Baghdad	5
Afghanistan	2	Balad	14
Kirkuk	1	Germany	28
Kyrgyzstan	4	Antarctica	1
Puerto Rico	1	Kabul	2

Wing members flew 759.7 flying hours during the year.

The 167th Airlift Wing bid farewell to long-time members who either chose to retire or transfer to other units. Senior Master Sergeant Fred Davis retired after 41 years of service.

Colonel William Gain retired with over 38 years of service, and intelligence officer Lieutenant Colonel Jim Marrs departed to stand up a new Intelligence Training Squadron at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas.

July was a memorable month as the base hosted President George W. Bush. Amidst a crowd of over 2,000 well-wishers, President Bush smiled and greeted unit members and their families who came for his visit on July Fourth. The two-hour event, the first ever held in the new C-5 hangar, was punctuated by a rousing holiday speech in which the President compared the current Global War on Terrorism to the struggle that our forefathers fought more than 200 years ago when founding this country.

The end of the summer held many challenges for the base as it prepared for a Unit Compliance Inspection, and the clinic and aeromedical sections prepared for a Health Safety Inspections. The UCI resulted in satisfactory results and the medical units received an excellent rating on the HSI.

In September, leadership at the unit changed. After 29 years of service to the Wing and his country, Colonel Roger Nye was named

Wing Commander, replacing Colonel Eric Vollmecke, who moved to State Headquarters to become a general officer and the state's next Chief of Staff. The enlisted force also welcomed

a new leader as Chief Master Sgt. John Alderton was selected as the next Command Chief for the Wing.

During October, the Wing's aircraft remained at Westover Air Reserve Base in Massachusetts while construction on the runway was completed. In early November, the Wing happily welcomed

all the planes home and looked forward to beginning operations from Martinsburg.

Construction projects continued in 2007 when a 173,000 square foot Maintenance Hangar, which can enclose a C-5 aircraft, was completed in August and maintenance personnel

began to move into the new facility in September.

The other major project completed in 2007 was the construction of four aircraft parking ramp spaces and the associated taxiway. This first phase of the runway/taxiway project is complete and there

is approximately 6,600 feet of available runway until construction recommences in the Spring. Completion of this phase allowed the Wing to bring home eight C-5 aircraft from Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts, thereby saving the government \$250,000 per month in outbasing expenses.



Although Phase II of the runway project was delayed until Spring, all other construction projects are continuing. Operations on the west



finish work is underway. The aboveground fuel tanks are in place and the plumbing for the underground hydrant system and the pump house is approximately 90 percent complete. Approximately 17 of 27 concrete "lanes" required to complete parking spots 5 and 6 have been placed. The contractor anticipates completing these two parking spots in January 2008.

The Base Supply/Fire Department contract was awarded to Brechbill & Helman and work began on that facility in early May. To date, the site and foundation work on these projects are complete and walls are being erected. The combined projects are 18 percent complete.

end of the runway will resume in the Spring when warmer temperatures will facilitate concrete placement.

The runway project is being incorporated with a project to complete the parking ramp. The combined project is a Congressional add and will extend the runway 1,000 feet to the east and complete the remaining concrete for spots 7 and 8.

The POL/Jet Fuel Storage project is well underway. All buildings and canopies have been erected and interior/

The Corrosion Control Hangar project is currently 80 percent complete with major work still being required on the electrical, mechanical and fire suppression systems. The estimated completion date is March-April 2008.



Fiscal Year 2007 was a very busy year for construction with \$39.10 million planned costs and an additional \$5 million Congressional add secured by Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV).

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Est. Comp. Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Completion status</u>
POL/Ramp extension	March 08	\$20 mil	70% complete
Corrosion Control Hangar	Spring 08	\$23 mil	Steel erected, roof underway
Base Supply	May 08	\$31 mil	Foundation underway
Fire Station	May 08	\$7.8 mil	Foundation complete
Runway - Phase I	June 08	\$20.5 mil	Phase II - Spring 08

WEST VIRGINIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Joint Forces Headquarters

J1 - Personnel

The West Virginia Army National Guard (WVARNG) Office of Manpower and Personnel (J1) is charged with providing high quality, value-added services to all members of the WVARNG extended family, which includes units, soldiers, family members and retirees of the WVARNG, as well as members, families and retirees of sister services.

The goal of the J1 office is to provide proactive, customer-focused solutions that result in successful, on-time personnel transactions. Their commitment to “taking care of family” in the current high operations tempo environment is not only the right thing to do, but it also assists units statewide as they strive to retain the best soldiers in the WVARNG.

Timely and outstanding “soldier care” has helped improve soldier retention, and the J1 office is charged with a number of tasks that directly and indirectly impact the level of care the force receives. These includes promotions, awards, decorations, military occupation specialty qualifications, civilian education and testing services, Montgomery GI Bill services, family support and youth programs, orders, discharges, transfers, non-validation pay, officer and enlisted boards, weight control, incapacitation pay, medical and dental bill processing, security clearances, officer/non-commissioned officer evaluation reporting and management, data base tracking, identification card production, military thrift savings plan program, bonus payments, student loan repayment and mobilization/deployment

assistance. Through these programs and many others, the J1 office helps ensure maximum unit strength and personnel readiness.

In Fiscal Year 2007, the Education Services Office (ESO) processed over \$1 million in federal tuition assistance applications--more than in any previous one-year period. The ESO staff worked with the West Virginia National Guard webmaster to improve the web site to make educational information more accessible

to soldiers and airmen throughout the state. ESO also administered a greater variety and total number of educational exams than in the previous four years combined, which saved soldiers tuition assistance dollars while expanding available opportunities.

ESO

also organized two college/career fairs and an education administrator’s workshop, both of which helped to improve community relations, educational opportunities and recruiting efforts in the state.

The ESO office continued to administer kicker bonuses, GI Bill payments, loan repayments, and bonuses in a very proficient manner. During FY 2007, 3,861 bonuses were processed. Of that total, 1,734 were for non-prior service enlistment, 512 for prior service enlistments, and 1,459 for reenlistment. ESO processed 111 military occupational specialty bonuses and 45 officer accession and non-prior service gain bonuses. Total bonus payments in FY 07 surpassed \$10.7 million, exceeding last year’s payouts by nearly \$3 million.



In 2007, the Health Systems Office (HSO) workload continued to increase dramatically with ongoing missions at home and abroad. HSO staff work hard to identify and resolve medical and dental issues of all WVARNG soldiers. If and/or when an issue cannot be resolved, the HSO assists soldiers through the evaluation process so they would know what to expect and the possible levels of compensation for which they may be eligible.

The HSO also briefed members about the TRICARE Reserve Select health insurance benefit and began refining the retirement seminar program to ensure soldiers understand retirement options and entitlements.

2007 also proved to be a great year for automation in the J1 office. The Standard Installation Division Personnel System/Personnel Services Branch (SIDPERS/PSB) office's new web-based personnel application proved to be successful in helping units obtain timely data on soldiers while reducing the enlistment packet process.

The Sustainment branch introduced the Unit Readiness Online (URO) system to help units better manage soldiers while cutting through bureaucracy and paperwork that slowed the process in the past. URO was also designed to prepare the state for the Army's new Defense Integrated Human Resource System (DIMHRS) that is scheduled to be on-line in October 2008. Preparing to successfully implement and manage the DIMHRS program was a major focus of the J1 office this past year.

Throughout 2007, the SIDPERS/PSB focus was primarily the successful preparation of

WVARNG units for combat mobilizations and subsequent demobilizations. The SIDPERS/PSB staff was lauded both nationally and statewide for their hard work in preparing units for combat deployments. Staff members of the J1 worked hard to ensure that each West Virginia soldier or unit was prepared as they left the state for mobilization stations and training before shipping off to a deployed location.

As 2007 came to a close, the J1 staff remained busy and focused on what appears to be another year of high-tempo work and personnel transformation. Every possible effort is being made to improve business practices, efficiency and productivity in order

to constantly improve their ability to "take care of soldiers."



Human Resources Office

The Human Resources Office is responsible for providing personnel services to all federal full-time employees of the West Virginia National Guard. There are two separate categories of personnel: federal military technicians (excepted and competitive status) and military duty personnel (active Guard & Reserve (AGR) individuals serving on active status under state control).

The West Virginia National Guard federal technician workforce is represented by three chapters of the Association of Civilian Technicians (ACT) under the provisions of Title VII, Civil Service Reform Act. These chapters are the Shenandoah Chapter in Martinsburg, the Mountaineer Chapter in Charleston, and the Mountain State Chapter for all Army Guard technicians.

<u>Fulltime Staff:</u>	<u>Technician</u>	<u>AGR</u>	<u>Total</u>
Army Guard	345	366	711
Air Guard	<u>550</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>705</u>
Totals	895	521	1416

J2 - Intelligence

The J2 is the principal staff officer for all matters concerning military intelligence

accurate information to the commander for use in the decision-making process to better serve the citizens of West Virginia.



The J2's role during state duty is to provide timely and accurate information regarding the weather and its effects and impact upon the state, as well as the J2's operational efforts to provide services. Members of the J2 staff concentrate on the conditions of the infrastructures, road networks, public utilities and health services within and around any affected area.

The J2 office provides training and assistance for physical security and information security for the respective units within the West Virginia National Guard. This offers the resources necessary to ensure

(MI), counterintelligence, security operations, and military intelligence training. The officer provides the commander with viable information to use when making decisions regarding operational planning and execution.

The primary function of the J2 staff is to provide the commander with the current operating picture, as well as the most likely and the most dangerous courses of actions and events from a potential threat. Recommendations are made on how to minimize or eliminate the effect these events have on operations.

2007 was a banner year for the J2 section of the WVARNG. They tripled their assigned strength within the section during the year. This enabled them to provide timely and



regulatory compliance with respective programs. In addition, the J2 advises the commander regarding physical security matters.

J3 - Operations and Training

The J3 section of the West Virginia National Guard is responsible for the coordination, management, guidance and oversight of training resources and operational activities. The J3 staff develops and executes operations plans and is responsible for executing the Joint Chiefs of Staff Unit Status Report program. Upon federal or state mobilizations, J3 soldiers provide coordination with National Guard Bureau, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force or the State of West Virginia. The J3 section is also responsible for the coordination of mobilization orders and oversight of organizational aviation assets.

The J3 section is organized into four branches: Training, Operations, Mobilization and Readiness, and Military Support to Civil Authority. With the increased operations tempo in Training and Mobilization, the biggest challenge for J3 in 2007 was providing support to the various units to ensure soldiers were prepared to mobilize and deploy wherever the Army or Air Force required, and to continue providing troops for disaster support, humanitarian relief, and southwest border (Operation JUMP START) missions.

Training Branch

The Training Branch manages schools for officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers. The focus is to qualify soldiers in their duty military occupational specialty (MOS). The branch is also charged with serving as the "subject matter expert" in providing training guidance to state units, as well as providing resources such as ammunition, transportation, and funding to ensure units conduct realistic, performance-oriented training, which increases soldier mission effectiveness and survivability on the battlefield.

The Training Branch had two goals for Guard members' training this past year. The first goal was to ensure that training conducted was oriented toward the wartime mission of the unit. Battle focused training is accomplished through

the use of the Army Force Generation Model (ARFORGEN) and Army doctrine. The second goal was to ensure units and members met all requirements of any homeland defense mission assigned to the Army National Guard. The Training branch has also been tasked to ensure

that all sourced units have the opportunity to train on all Army Command Battle Systems (ABCS), to include Blue Force Tracker (BFT), Maneuver Control System (MCS), and Battle Command Sustainment

Support System (BCS3), as well as Mobilization Planning Data Viewer (MPDV).

By the end of FY 2008, the training branch plans to field and train all units on Digital Training Management System (DTMS), ensuring the West Virginia Army National Guard continues to lead the way in training.

Military Support to Civilian Agencies

The West Virginia National Guard (WVNG) continued to provide vital support to civilian authorities throughout 2007. The West Virginia Army and Air National Guard supported over 130 requests for military support to communities throughout West Virginia. These requests varied from providing a speaker for a civic organization and color guards for parades, to providing substantial operational support to the W.Va. Special Olympics Summer Games. Through the Joint Operations Center (JOC), the WVNG continues to provide instant access and communications 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, to react to any need from its soldiers and airmen deployed overseas. The JOC also provides critical command, control and communication support to 44 soldiers currently supporting Operation Jump Start on the U.S. southwest border, as well as requests from the West Virginia Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for state emergencies.



This year, the WVNG twice provided emergency support to state authorities, from floods in the southern counties of West Virginia in April, to the search and rescue of a lost hiker in September.

Mobilization and Readiness Branch (MRO)

This branch closely monitors the readiness levels of all units within the West Virginia Army National Guard. The readiness of units is a critical factor in the success of the West Virginia National Guard and the United States Army. A high degree of readiness ensures units and soldiers are able to perform wartime and peacetime missions. MRO conducted 10 unit mobilization readiness exercises at 12 locations throughout the state to enhance and maintain unit level readiness. In 2007, the West Virginia Army National Guard deployed over 300 soldiers in support of Operation IRAQUI FREEDOM. At the same time, over 50 soldiers remained mobilized stateside in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE and over 70 soldiers from two units returned home after a year-long deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Elements (PTAE)

The PTAE was created in West Virginia in April 2007 after a directive from the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) mandated that future deployments for Army National Guard units be limited to a total of 365 to 400 days maximum, including time spent at the mobilization site and in the theater of operations. In order to meet this objective, National Guard units must train and certify on up to 141 tasks identified by 1st Army during the year prior to reporting to their mobilization site.



The intermediate goal for Training Year 2008 is to reduce time at the mobilization station from its current status of four to six months to 60 days. The long-term goal is to reduce time at the mob site to 30-45 days.

To achieve these goals, PTAE has 15 soldiers on active duty special work orders: 12 training assistants called Observer Trainer/

Controllers (OC/Ts) working at various armories around the state, and three Command and Control officers and senior enlisted members who work primarily at JFHQ. The OC/Ts attend unit training assemblies and certify unit training meets 1st Army requirements.

The focus is on units that have been alerted and scheduled to deploy. PTAE provides a formal After Action Report after every unit training in order to identify training successes and areas needing improvement. PTAE tracks the training status of every soldier in these units so that at any given time commanders know the status of the unit on pre-mobilization tasks.

PTAE next assists units that are not scheduled to deploy in the next year, by providing a template and training references so the unit can train on required tasks and have the ability to track their status. This provides units that are more than one year away from being deployed familiarity with and training on subsets of the same tasks before they are alerted.

By ensuring units are training to 1st Army standards through documenting, training and using AARs to improve the training process, PTAE can achieve its goals of having trained and ready soldiers and reducing the length of deployments, thereby minimizing mobilization costs and the negative effects of long deployments on soldiers and families.

J4 - Logistics

The Mission of the Director of Logistics/J4 is to assist organizational commanders on enhancing readiness and warfighting capability through a systematic process of property accountability, enhancement of the command supply discipline program, development of sound maintenance management policies and practices, movement planning, and maintenance of a quality food service programs.

Staff members also provide logistical education, technical assistance, and support to units to meet federal and state missions.

Currently, the DOL is supporting Operation IRAQUI FREEDOM by the volunteer deployment of full-time soldiers needed to keep up with the high speed dynamics of the battlefield abroad.

Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP)

The standard operating procedures for CSDP were expanded to include reviews of the government purchase credit card, property book unit supply enhancements, and unit level logistics system-supply procedures.

Logistical personnel continue to develop and update policies and procedures that are required of each commander within the WVARNG. These policies and procedures include the management of personal clothing, organizational clothing and unit equipment.



The objective of these policies is to reduce losses of equipment and reduce expenditures for replacement of lost equipment. Even though they are in the early stages, these policies are reflecting positive results.

2007 J4 Accomplishments

- Preparation and successful execution of the Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) Inspection
- Demobilization of C-1/150th Aviation Assault Company
- Mobilization of the 111th Engineer Brigade and the 801st Engineer Company
- Multiple re-mobilizations
- Reorganized and executed the state's Food Management Assistance Team
- Continuous Command Logistics Review Team for Spring 2008 visit
- Support Task Force Mountaineer deployed to New Mexico for Operation Jump Start
- Logistically supported the National Guard's 2nd Annual Family Appreciation Day
- Executed Operation TOTAL RECALL, a nationwide logistical exercise used to gain an accurate depiction of unit equipment strengths

Training

Training objectives throughout the year concentrated around the growth and sustainment of the logistics community. Logistical training was emphasized through battalion sized elements.

Several training workshops were conducted to facilitate leader development and intuitive decision-making. In addition, special attention was given to the development of organizational teams.

Goals were met through enhancement of operational and institutional knowledge of Army supply systems. The Food Management Assistance Team also traveled throughout the state assisting units on food service programs.

Logistical Communications

Units prepared for the transition of communication equipment, which included Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT), Battle Command Support Systems (BCS3), Radio



capabilities were extended on a wide spectrum.

Frequency Identifier Tags (RFI) and TC-AIMSII (Transportation Coordinators Automated Information for Movement Systems). Through the acquisition of enhanced logistical communications resources, communication



State Active Duty (SAD)

During the past year, the J4 section prepared and rehearsed for possible emergencies that could potentially trigger State Active Duty (SAD).

The Logistical section successfully deployed the VSAT system at three separate



training events. The VSAT system provided the capability to maintain and update operational information quicker and more effectively.

The WVARNG J4 staff utilized opportunities to conceptualize the idea of Forward Supply Areas to ensure citizens receive the equipment and supplies needed.

Surface Maintenance Office

The Surface Maintenance Office directs and administers surface maintenance programs for the West Virginia Army National Guard and executes maintenance operations through a full-time staff of 104 soldiers and 90 West Virginia



state employees working in 10 maintenance facilities.

Offices for the Surface Maintenance Manager and staff are located at the Eleanor Maintenance Complex. Other maintenance shops supporting Army Guard units are located in Kingwood, Moundsville, Parkersburg, Buckhannon, Glen Jean, Point Pleasant and Kenova.

The Special Forces Equipment Pool, commonly referred to as the Parachute Rigger Shop, supports airborne operations by Special Forces units in West Virginia, as well as those from Ohio, Maryland, Rhode Island, and other units in the northeastern region of the U.S.

In 2007, the Army Guard continued its relationship with Tank Automotive Command (TACOM), which again leased space at the Controlled Humidity Preservations (CHP) Facility in Eleanor for storage of M1A2 Main Battle Tanks. This program brought over \$450,000 to the state.

Communications and Electronics Command (CECOM) brought a long-term generator “reset” program to the Eleanor Complex, which employs 10 people through the State Cooperative Agreement. This program provides a service for military units in the eastern U.S. that have returned from service in Iraq or Afghanistan and need power generation equipment repaired.

In addition to storing M1A2 Main Battle Tanks in the CHP facility, TACOM contracted with the Army Guard to provide Basic Issue Items (BII) for the M113 Armored Personnel Carrier, the M109A6 Paladin and the M992A2 Field Artillery Ammunition Supply Vehicle (FAASV).

The WVARNG reopened the former Point Pleasant Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) and redesignated the shop as a Readiness Sustainment Maintenance Site to refurbish 300 M998 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (Humvee) for the National Guard Bureau. This \$10.6 million project will employ 65 employees with the mission of returning like new Humvees to National Guard



units throughout the U.S. Combined, the reset/rebuild programs will employ nearly 90 federally reimbursed employees with a payroll exceeding \$4.5 million and \$3 million for supplies and services returned to West Virginia businesses to support military operations.

J5 - Strategic Plans and Policy

J7 - Doctrine Training and Force Development

The purpose of the J5 section is to provide strategic analysis to The Adjutant General (TAG); articulate TAG's thoughts and ideas to integrate, coordinate, and communicate the organization's strategic vision and direction; assist TAG with developing and implementing policy, plans, and strategy related to war-fighting, peacetime activities, and federal and state homeland security/military support to civil authorities missions; and advise and assist TAG with joint doctrine, interoperability and deliberate planning.

During 2007, the J5 section continued development of the Joint Combined State Strategic Plan (JCSSP), Joint Capabilities Database (JCD) and the Strategic Awareness Enhancement Initiative (SAEI). The JCSSP identifies the necessary joint capabilities required by the governor in the event of an emergency.

The J5 additionally serves as the Office of Primary Responsibility for the State Partnership Program (SPP). Launched in 1996 as an initial outreach to new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe, the State Partnership Program brings U.S. states and territories and partner nations together through a range of military, civil-military and civil activities under National Guard auspices.

West Virginia's partner is the Republic of Peru. This year West Virginia participated in 14 exchange events that included reciprocal Reserve Officer Training Command Cadet Orientation with Marshall University and Peruvian Army Military Academy; Peruvian Special Operations Forces visit to Martinsburg; Civil-Military Relations visit with state government officials;

Air Force Security Forces Subject Matter Expert Exchange with two different bases in Peru; as well as an orientation visit by Peru's Emergency Management Director.

The highlight of civil-military relations activities included a visit by the Peruvian Congressional Intelligence Committee to West Virginia and Washington, D.C., led by the First Vice President of Peru. As part of the visit to Washington, the delegation met with select members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate Intelligence Committees.



The J7 section coordinated and executed multiple joint training exercises, including two exercises in support of the West Virginia National Guard's 35th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (CST) external evaluation by United States Army North (ARNORTH). The 35th CST external evaluation exercises were conducted at the State Capitol Complex and at the South Charleston Technology Park.

The J7 also coordinated and executed the West Virginia National Guard's participation in Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (CWID) 2007 in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety as part of a United



States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) exercise. This multi-agency exercise involved the West Virginia National Guard's support to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Army Communities of Excellence



Facilitated by the J5/7 section, the West Virginia Army National Guard continued participation in the Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) program

which is based on the Army Performance Improvement Criteria and modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

The Army Communities of Excellence program focuses on improving the environment, services, facilities, and working and living conditions; on renewing pride; and developing a sense of accomplishment in every member of the community. The by-product of the program is designed to increase performance and productivity as the Army focuses its resources toward the common goal of readiness.

The Army community is inextricably linked to readiness; our forces train at, deploy from, are sustained by, and return to the community. Soldiers who are assured that their leaders care about them and their families perform their mission with more confidence.

Soldiers are entitled to the same quality of life as the society that they are pledged to defend. When a commitment to caring is present

within a community, the soldiers, civilian employees, and their families feel better about themselves, the community, and the Army. This aids in retention and increases combat readiness.

The West Virginia Army National Guard has been recognized previously in the ACOE program as an Organization of Excellence as indicated below. This year, the WVARNG was selected as one of the top four states for consideration as the 2008 Overall Army National Guard ACOE Award recipient.

An ACOE Site Visit Team conducted an examination of the West Virginia Army National Guard's business practices in October 2007, including senior leadership governance and social responsibility practices; strategic planning development and deployment; customer knowledge, relationships and satisfaction; performance measurement, analysis and knowledge; workforce engagement and environment; process management design and improvement; and outcome results of the WVARNG's services to its customers. Soldiers and civilian employees demonstrated to the Site Visit Team their core competencies in the vital areas of Readiness and Assigned Personnel Strength as the leading state among 54 states and territories.

Results of the site visit examination and announcements of awards will be made in the first quarter of calendar year 2008. The overall Army National Guard winner will compete with the Active Army and Army Reserve nominees for the 2008 Overall Army ACOE Award.

WVARNG ACOE Performance Excellence Awards

1998 - Bronze 1st Place

1999 - Silver 2nd Place

2000 - Bronze 2nd Place

2001 - Bronze 3rd Place

2002 - Silver 2nd Place

2003 - Honorable Mention

2004 - Gold 3rd Place

2005 - Bronze 1st Place

2006 - Honorable Mention

2007 - Bronze 1st place

2008 - Top 4 Contender - Overall ARNG Award

J6 – Information Operations

The West Virginia National Guard continues to be a leader in information technology, information security, and mobile incident site communications. Through the combined efforts of a joint staff of well trained and motivated soldiers, airmen, and civilians, the J6 section successfully completed its mission during Fiscal Year 2007.

The West Virginia National Guard continues to lead the way with the National Guard's Joint Incident Site Communications Capability Program by providing mobile communications

services in support of incident commanders, emergency responders, and DoD agencies.

During FY 2007, WVNG mobile communications packages participated in several communications exercises and real world incidents. Most notably, a mobile communications kit was deployed to support emergency responders in Tucker County, W.Va., during a search and rescue operation to locate a mentally challenged young man who had been reported missing.

Also in August 2007, a mobile communications kit was deployed via C-130 aircraft to Encino, Texas in advance of Hurricane Dean. While there, this kit provided incident site communications services to two Texas National Guard transportation companies, a Salvation Army disaster relief team, and a fuel supply contractor.

The WVNG also participated in the Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration as well as the Northern Command sponsored DoD Interoperability Communications Exercise.



Throughout the year, the WVNG assisted the National Guard Bureau in testing new services for the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability Program. One such program is the integration of the JPS Raytheon ACU-1000 radio crossbander into a Block 1 mobile communications kit, as well as the validation of the planned configuration for the Block 3 version to be fielded beginning in 2008. West Virginia also continues to lead the nation in airlifting mobile communications assets via C-130 aircraft.

One of the primary focuses of 2008 will be the continued validation of our ability to provide incident site communications services to state, county, and municipal agencies within West Virginia.

Protecting over 1,800 networked computer systems from intrusions, malicious code, and data theft remains a constant effort for the Information Security staff. The WVNG completed a Common Access Card initiative that ensures only authorized personnel are able to access U.S. government systems. A new software patch management system will patch

networked systems in response to information assurance vulnerability alerts.

During FY 2007, a massive communications infrastructure upgrade was completed at Camp Dawson. Also, several improvements were made to the WVNG's Wide Area Network, providing more bandwidth

to armories and other operating locations. The effort continues to roll out more Voice over Internet Protocol and Video Teleconferencing services throughout the state. In addition, the WVNG began an initiative to provide added redundancies for critical communications systems.



J8 – United States Property and Fiscal Office

The United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) is located in the heart of West Virginia at Buckhannon and is staffed by 67 federal employees, three state employees and three contractors.

The USPFO-WV supports 6,758 soldiers and airmen in 57 Army units/activities, two Army flight facilities, and at two Air National Guard bases in Charleston and Martinsburg.

The USPFO-WV is responsible, under federal law, for the management and accountability of all federal monies, equipment and property belonging to the West Virginia National Guard.

The Logistics Division supports Army National Guard units by providing all classes of supplies and services, commercial transportation support, property management and accountability, and funds management. During 2007, the Logistics Division processed over 12,460 requests for supplies, administered a budget of \$8.17 million, and assisted with the deployment of three units and 58 individual mobilizations.

The Resource Management Division supported Army National Guard units by processing and managing military and civilian pay functions, to include 366 deployed soldiers,

4,448 traditional soldiers, and 348 civilian employees. The staff also managed budget and funding execution and made \$39.9 million in vendor payments in a timely manner, which resulted in \$54,215.02 in rebates and \$7.42 million saved in interest penalties.

During 2007, the Data Processing staff accomplished a Reserve Component Automated System web upgrade and supported RCAS training for units at Camp Dawson. The staff completed UNIX upgrade on the HP "L" class computer system and new HP titanium hardware web and database servers. The staff completed installation of software on HP backup computer systems for in-state continuity of operations and (COOP) installation of hardware and software for out-of-state COOP. Data Processing completed upgrades to the SARRS server and supported the HMMWV rebuild program.

The Internal Review Division supports Army and Air National Guard units. The results of a property accountability internal review resulted in monetary benefits of over \$250,000. The Internal Review Division assisted the USPFO-WV in supporting mobilization/demobilization and reset of West Virginia Army National Guard units.

During 2007, West Virginia Purchasing and Contracting Division awarded over \$64.9 million worth of contracts, while the average dollar award for other states was only \$27.8 million. The division has been heavily involved in the 167th AW conversion to C-5 Galaxy aircraft. Even with the extra workload of the C-5 conversion, the Contracting Division received no findings during the National Guard Bureau Contracting Office Review.



2007 Total WVNG Federal Real Estate and Equipment

	<u>Army National Guard</u>	<u>Air National Guard</u>
Federal Real Estate	Armories are State Owned	\$61,761,000
Federal Equipment	\$637,521,012	\$597,241,000

Fiscal Year 2007 WVNG Economic Impact

130th Airlift Wing Charleston, West Virginia

Military Pay and Allowances	\$38,109,000
Civilian Payroll	14,196,000
Goods and Services	24,907,500
Military Construction	<u>0</u>

Total for Air Guard (Charleston) \$77,212,500

167th Airlift Wing Martinsburg, West Virginia

Military Pay and Allowances	\$46,027,080
Civilian Payroll	20,406,400
Goods and Services	28,624,300
Military Construction	<u>33,882,400</u>

Total for Air Guard (Martinsburg) \$128,940,180

West Virginia Army National Guard

Military Pay and Allowances	\$67,896,371
Civilian Payroll	21,519,000
Goods and Services	42,346,558
Military Construction	<u>1,783,754</u>

Total for Army Guard \$ 133,545,683

TOTAL 2007 WVNG ECONOMIC IMPACT
\$339,698,363

Recruiting & Retention Command

Teamwork was the key to the Recruiting and Retention Battalion's successful 2007 mission year. Through outstanding coordination between the battalion staff and units across the state, West Virginia finished the year as the number one state in the nation in strength. Over 4,500 soldiers were members of the West Virginia Army National Guard at the end of the 2007 mission year. In addition, this marks the tenth consecutive year that West Virginia has been at or over 100 percent strength.

The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (GRAP) completed its second full year and continues to

a monetary benefit from assisting with a recruit. At the end of September, 1,586 WVARNG

soldiers were active G-RAP Recruiting Assistants, as compared to 381 at the end of FY 2006.

One of the best Army National Guard events of the year was ARNG night at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston. Showing Guard pride to more than 10,000 West Virginia Power fans, ARNG recruiting and retention commander Maj. John Hess threw out the first pitch

while military police men and women passed out ARNG items to the fans. The presence of military equipment and the distribution of free t-shirts to the first 1,000 fans rounded out the evening.

With the assistance and support from Guard members across the state, the Recruiting



bring new soldiers into the Guard, while providing current members with financial reward.

The Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP), which helps prepare Army National Guard recruits for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, is paying great dividends for the state as soldiers are performing much better under the grueling demands of entry-level training.

A new program--G-RAP-Officer--was also introduced. The program was previously available to only enlisted members. Now, officers are also able to receive



and Retention Battalion had another successful year and is already pushing toward another record-setting mission in 2008.

Directorate of Safety and Aviation

The Directorate of Safety and Aviation consists of two sections under the supervision of the Directorate Chief or State Army Aviation Officer.

State Safety Program

The West Virginia Army National Guard (WVARNG) Safety Program mission is to preserve warfighting capabilities and protect force readiness through training, promoting and providing a safe and healthy environment for all personnel whether they are on or off duty.

The WVARNG had a banner year for the reduction of recordable accidents. In 2007, the WVARNG had 14 recordable accidents, compared to 30 recordable accidents for 2006. It is also a significant improvement from previous years' safety records.

With the fast paced operations tempo due to mobilizations, new equipment and increased training requirements, the WVARNG Command continues to promote safety in all operations.

The WVARNG Safety and Occupational Health Strategic Plan has numerous goals and objectives which are being accomplished by commanders at all levels. One goal of the WVARNG is for soldiers and employees to utilize Composite Risk Management techniques as an integral part of day-to-day operations to reduce losses and mitigate the effects of hazards. Using Composite Risk Management aided in the reduction of the accident rate.

Supervisors are being trained on occupational safety and health subjects through

the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., or through the WVARNG Safety Manager's Office.

One great success story is the WVARNG Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program. The WVARNG has the responsibility and capability to conduct the Basic Rider's Motorcycle training course for each soldier, airmen or civilian employee who rides a motorcycle. Two soldiers are Certified Motorcycle Basic Course Train the Trainer Instructors, which is a real benefit as there are only 212 certified instructors in the entire U.S., and they are mostly civilians. The U.S. Army obtained the quotas and paid the expenses to train these two soldiers so they would be able to conduct classes on active duty installations and at other National Guard programs trying to establish their own Motorcycle Safety Programs.



For the past two years, the only motorcycle accidents that the WVARNG experienced were riders who had not yet completed the Basic Rider's Motorcycle training course. The WVARNG Motorcycle Safety Program has exceeded the requirements

established by the Department of the Army and the National Guard Bureau. The WVARNG set the benchmark for all other National Guard units in the 53 states and territories.

The WVARNG conducts annual Safety and Occupational Health inspections of all facilities and units. Trends are identified and reported through the Chain of Command and through Quarterly State Safety Council meetings.

Aviation Operations, Training, and Standardization Branch

The Aviation Operations, Training, and Standardization Branch provides oversight of all aviation organizations within the West Virginia Army National Guard.

Detachment 28, Operational Support Airlift Command (Det. 28 OSA), is located within the Army Aviation Support Facility #1 in Williamstown, W.Va., adjacent to the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport. It consists of one C-12 airplane and eight personnel that provide operational support airlift to the West Virginia National Guard and the entire Department of Defense. Det. 28's higher headquarters is located at Davison Army Airfield, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Army Aviation Support Facility #1 (AASF#1) is located in Williamstown, W.Va., adjacent to the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport and supports all units assigned to the Williamstown Readiness Center. The support provided to these units includes, but is not limited to, providing aircraft and equipment readiness, training and utilizing unit personnel, conducting flight training and operations, and performing unit and intermediate level maintenance on assigned aircraft.

Limited Army Aviation Support Facility #2 (AASF#2) is located in Wheeling, W.Va., adjacent to the Ohio County Airport and supports all units assigned to the Ohio County Armory. The support provided to these units includes, but is not limited to, providing aircraft and equipment readiness, training and utilizing unit personnel, conducting flight training and operations, and performing unit and intermediate level maintenance on assigned aircraft.

772d Troop Command Battalion - Aviation

The 772d Troop Command Battalion is located at the Williamstown Readiness Center in Williamstown, W.Va., adjacent to the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport. The Battalion headquarters is responsible for providing administrative, training, and logistical support to all rotary wing aviation units in the West Virginia Army National Guard.

The mission of the 772nd Troop Command is to provide trained, equipped, and ready units capable of mobilizing and deploying in support of federal and state missions.

The 772d is a unique headquarters that other states have tried to emulate. This organization trains and operates as a General Support Aviation Battalion Headquarters and is prepared to become a Modified Table of Organizational Equipment (MTOE) Battalion Headquarters if the opportunity arises.

The Battalion's structure allows maximum utilization of aviation assets to support the state of West Virginia in emergencies, as well as deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The Battalion has 11 aviation units under its command that account for approximately 350 soldiers, and is currently at 145

percent of its authorized force structure.

Company C, 1/150th Assault Battalion is located in Wheeling, W.Va., at the Ohio County Armory, adjacent to the Ohio County Airport. The unit is a 10-ship UH-60A Blackhawk Helicopter Assault Company supported by one detachment from each of the three other support companies within the 1/150th Air Assault Battalion--Detachment 2 HHC, Detachment 2



Company D, Detachment 2 Company E.

The C-1/150th Aviation's War Trace Battalion Headquarters is based in Trenton, N.J., and its Brigade Headquarters is the 28th Combat Aviation Brigade in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. This unit has a long history of being aligned with the 28th Infantry Division and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.



The Battalion's federal mission is to perform air assault and air movement operations within the division's area of operations. The state mission is to provide general aviation support as necessary to the Governor and the citizens of West Virginia in times of emergency.

The C-1/150th unit recently returned from a 19-month deployment to Iraq in August 2007. Soldiers were activated at their home station in January 2006 in order to transition

from an eight-ship UH-1 Huey unit to a 10-ship UH-60A Blackhawk unit. These soldiers left for the mobilization station (Fort Sill, Okla.) in March and continued to train there until they arrived in Iraq in July 2006.

Deployed members of the unit spent exactly 365 days in Iraq, flew over 7,000 accident free hours, and performed every type of mission possible with a UH-60A. In fact, members of the C-1/150th Assault flew the mission that transported Saddam Hussein's remains from Baghdad to Tikrit, Iraq, for burial.

While deployed to Iraq, the unit was stationed in Northern Iraq at Camp Speicher and was in direct support of the 25th Infantry Division.

The combined assigned strength of Company C-1/150th Assault and the detachments that support it is 127 percent.

Company C, 2/104th General Support Aviation Battalion is located in Williamstown, W.Va., at the Williamstown Readiness Center, adjacent to the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport. The unit is a 12-ship HH-60L Blackhawk Helicopter Medical Evacuation Company split between West Virginia and Tennessee. The West Virginia portion of the Company has six of the 12 HH-60L helicopters, two of the four Forward Support Medical Evacuation Teams, and the entire Company Headquarters.

The 772nd Battalion Units and Detachments

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment 772nd Battalion Troop Command

C Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault

Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault

Detachment 2, D Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault

Detachment 2, E Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Assault

C Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB)

Detachment 3, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th GSAB

Detachment 3, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th GSAB

Detachment 3, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 104th GSAB

Detachment 1, B Company, 1st Battalion, 376th Aviation Security & Support (S&S)

Detachment 3, B Company, 834th Aviation Support Battalion

The West Virginia portion of C-2/104th General Support Aviation Battalion (C-2/104th GSAB) is also supported by one detachment from each of the three other support companies within the 2/104th GSAB--Det. 3 HHC, Det. 3 Co. D, Det. 3 Co. E.

The C-2/104th GSAB's War Trace Battalion (2/104th GSAB) and Brigade (28th CAB) Headquarters are both located at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., and fall under the Command of the 28th Infantry Division.

The Battalion's federal mission is to provide aeromedical evacuation support within the division's area of operations. The state mission is to provide aeromedical evacuation and search and rescue capability to the Governor and the citizens of West Virginia in times of emergency.

2007 was a year of reorganization, reset, and reconstitution, and proved to be the first year since 2001 in which the unit was not deployed. Previously, the unit had been deployed five times since September 11, 2001.

This year's major training events included a Field Training exercise at the Butcher Bend 4-H Camp, participation in Operation CAPITOL SHIELD with the Military District of Washington, D.C., and annual training at Camp Dawson, W.Va.

The combined assigned strength of Company C-2/104th GSAB and the detachments that support it is 165 percent.

Detachment 1, Company B, 1/376th Security & Support Aviation Battalion is located in Williamstown, W.Va., at the Williamstown Readiness Center. The unit is a four-ship UH-72 Lakota Helicopter Detachment supported by one Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment--Det. B3, 834th ASB.



This unit's War Trace Higher Headquarters (B-1/376th S&S) is located in Jefferson City, Mo., and the War Trace Battalion (1/376th) is located in Grand Island, Neb. These units all fall under the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade in Lincoln, Neb., and support the 35th Infantry Division (mechanized) out of Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The B1-1/376th's federal mission is to perform command, control, and communications (C3) flights and limited air movement flights for the division. The state mission is to provide reconnaissance and observation in support of local law enforcement, counternarcotic operations, and drug interdiction, as well as immediate and deliberate search and rescue operations.

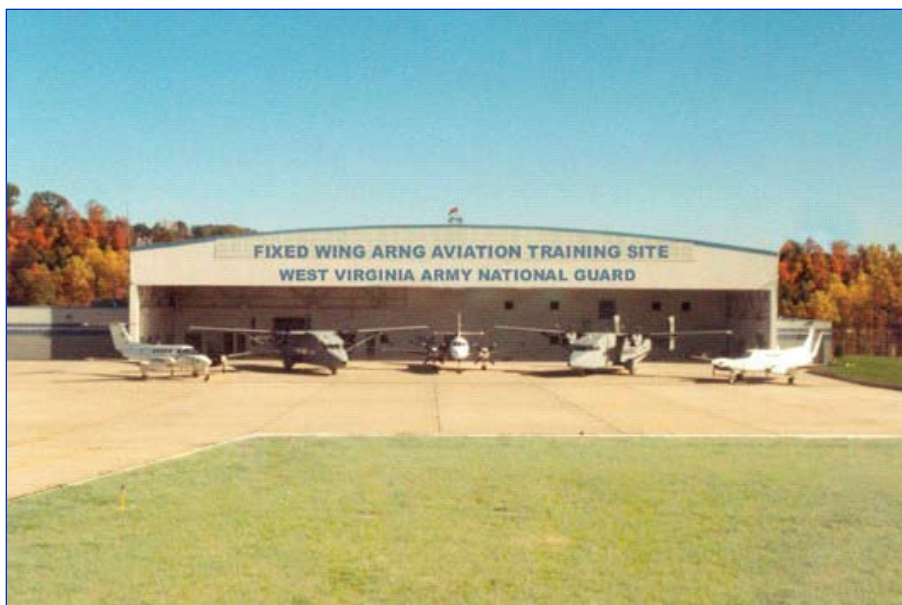
Over the course of 2007, this unit made a lot of progress towards becoming a fully functional unit. Although the unit has still not received the UH-72 Lakota Helicopter, soldiers continue to conduct missions and flight training in the OH-58 legacy aircraft.



The main focus was recruiting and training personnel for the unit and its support unit, Detachment B3, 834th ASB. Det. B3, 834th ASB began training for an upcoming deployment to Iraq slated for Spring 2008. The combined assigned strength of Det. B1-1/376th S&S and Det. B3, 834th ASB is 144 percent.

Fixed Wing Army Aviation Training Site (FWAATS)

The Fixed Wing Army Aviation Training Site (FWAATS), located in Bridgeport, W.Va., is



The role of the C-23 aircraft in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM has increased over the past four years. So FWAATS was tasked by the National Guard Bureau to double the number of C-23 student annually.

Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) validated the need for an Army medium lift fixed wing aircraft in support of the warfight. FWAATS plays a fundamental role in training the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) crews.

FWAATS, along with the Air Guard C-26 flight training unit, is

the only Army schoolhouse that provides Army aviators (active duty, Reserve and National Guard) fixed wing training instruction in three types of airplanes--the C-12, C-23 and C-26 aircraft.

the only joint aviation training programs in the WVNG.

The largest event this year for FWAATS was a planning session for an addition on the

Over the past 15 years, FWAATS has trained over 1,700 aviators from all states and territories. FWAATS graduated 125 students in Training Year 2007, providing the basics in fixed wing doctrine for the Army.

FWAATS continuously provides paratroop and tactical training for the field. It was the FWAATS staff who developed and executed the first fixed wing Night Vision Goggles (NVG) training program in support of the combatant commander.



FWAATS building. The planned extension will be greater than 40,000 square feet and include hangar and administrative space, along with simulator bays to house joint devices.

77th Brigade Troop Command

The 77th Brigade provides command and control for nearly half of the West Virginia Army National Guard force structure. Units under 77th Brigade Command include:

1st Squadron, 150th Armored Reconnaissance

1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery

2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group

151st Military Police Battalion



Colonel James W. Runyon and Command Sergeant Major Terry S. Lee make up the Brigade Command Team. The Brigade has command and control, operational oversight, logistical planning and personnel/administrative support for all organizations within the command. Several units within the Brigade underwent reorganization of force structure and change in operational mission.

The 1/150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron is currently conducting transition training to be combat ready for the warfight. The 77th Brigade was just recently assigned the CERF-P mission for the State.

This mission will allow for a reaction force to respond on order to a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or High Yield Explosive (CBRNE) incident and assist local, state and federal agencies in conducting consequence management by providing capabilities to conduct personnel decontamination, emergency medical service and casualty search and extraction.

This year, the WV CERF-P elements went through extensive training both individually and collectively, to meet the National Guard Bureau requirements of becoming a qualified and mission capable task force. Also, with the Mobilization of the 111th Engineer Brigade, the 77th BDE has been task to be the Forward Operating Headquarters in the event of a natural disaster for the citizens of West Virginia.

Brigade Headquarters continued to provide command assistance for the mobilization, deployment and redeployment of the following subordinate unit for its respective mission:

**863rd Military Police Company
Noble Eagle**



The Brigade continues to provide soldiers to defend the U.S. Mexican border.

1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery

The 1st Battalion, 201st Field Artillery is a state-of-the-art, self-propelled, 155mm, M109A6 (Paladin) Howitzer Battalion. The Paladin Howitzers are fully digital systems that use onboard global positioning systems and computers to compute firing data and position the cannon for firing.

During 2007, the Battalion focused on section level proficiency according to the Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN) training model to incrementally prepare the unit for redeployment. The unit executed an aggressive training plan culminating with platoon level live-fire certification during annual training at Ft. Pickett, Va., and surpassing the incremental goals of the ARFORGEN training model.

In addition, the 201st has the National Guard Reaction Force (NGRF) mission for West Virginia. During annual training, the unit received MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) training from the Combat Arms Training Detachment (CATD) from Washington, DC. Training focused on individual and squad movement techniques in urban terrain with emphasis on reacting to a situation within the U.S. Additional NGRF training was conducted in September at Camp Dawson to enhance squad level proficiency, and in October the battalion fielded non-lethal weapons.



The 1201st Forward Support Company competed for the regional Phillip A. Connelly Field Kitchen Food Service award. The Department of the Army and the International Food Service Executives Association established the Phillip A. Connelly Memorial Awards Program to improve food service operations and recognize the best food service operations in the Army. The competition has very stringent evaluations for each aspect of food service operations, and requires a great deal of preparation and training.

The 201st FSC also completed new equipment fielding for the Forward Repair Systems (FRS). The FRS system is a portable maintenance shop that will allow the unit to conduct field maintenance operations as part of its wartime support mission.

In October, the 201st deployed three Light Medium Tactical Vehicles (troop carrying vehicles) to support the search and rescue mission for a lost autistic teenager in the mountains near Dolly Sods, W.Va.



The long and proud lineage of the 201st is maintained by the 201st Infantry/Field Artillery Association. This year the Association's first off-year reunion was held in August at Camp Dawson. World War II veteran Walter Thielmann, (D Company/201st Infantry), age 88, drove all the way from Michigan to attend. More than 130 attended the activities.

1st Squadron, 150th Armored Reconnaissance (Second West Virginia)

Training Year (TY) 2007 continued to be a year of change and transition for the 1/150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron (ARS). In 2005, the Squadron began its transformation from an Armor Battalion to an Armored Reconnaissance Squadron; however, the Squadron had not received most of the new equipment necessary for the transformation until 2007. This TY brought a multitude of new and technologically advanced equipment to the 1/150th.

In July 2007, the Squadron conducted a 21-day training exercise at Fort Pickett, Va. The collective training event included tactically based scenarios driven by the current operating environments of Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the scenario, 350 members of the 1/150th ARS deployed to the mock Islamic Republic of Virginia in order to restore democracy and rid the territory of insurgent and terrorist strongholds.

The exercise was designed to portray current conditions on the Iraqi/Afghanistan battlefields and prepare the unit for a possible deployment.

Members of the 1/150th ARS occupied Forward Operating Base (FOB) Chief and conducted 24-hour operations for 12 days. In addition, the Squadron conducted its first ever wheeled (Humvee) scout gunnery course, qualifying 21 scout crews. The Squadron also conducted combat lifesaver training for 178 soldiers, urban operations training, convoy operations training, and new equipment training

on the FBCB2 (Blue Force Tracker), ASAS-L (intelligence computer system), PAS 13 (thermal sight) and the SKL (secure radio communication).



In conjunction with the 197th Regiment Regional Training Institute, the Squadron conducted a Cavalry Scout 19D Military Occupational Specialty course simultaneous with its annual training period that produced 18 trained Cavalry Scouts (MOS 19D) and resulted in an increase in the Squadron's readiness. Scout crews conducted crew, squad, and platoon level maneuver training in the Close Combat Tactical Trainer (simulator), and Combat Service Support crews conducted convoy training on the Vehicle Convoy Operations Trainer (VCOT simulator) and field convoy operations.

In August 2007, the 1/150th ARS began new equipment training on the 23 newly received M3A2ODS Cavalry Fighting Vehicles (CFV) and three M-7 Bradley Fire Support Team (BFIST) vehicles.



CFV training will continue during drill weekends from August 2007 through April 2008 at the Glen Jean Armed Forces Reserve Center and will conclude with a 21-day training and live-fire exercise in May 2008 at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The BFIST training began with a 21-day training exercise in August 2007 at Fort Bragg, N.C., followed by 7 months of training conducted during drill weekends at Fort Bragg, N.C., and concluding with 21-day training and live fire exercise at Camp Shelby, Miss., in May 2008.

TY 2007 proved to be an instrumental year for the 1/150th ARS. The combination of training and the fielding of new equipment will no doubt propel the Squadron forward and leave the unit poised and relevant for future missions.

2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

The 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) is comprised of units from West Virginia, Rhode Island and Ohio. The Battalion Headquarters, Support and Charlie Companies are elements of the West Virginia Army National Guard. The 2/19th SFG(A) Alpha Company is an element of the Rhode Island Army National Guard, while Bravo Company is assigned to the Ohio Army National Guard.

On January 21, 2007, the 2/19th celebrated the Special Forces Annual Ball at the Charleston Marriott Hotel. More than 200 past and present members attended.

In February 2007, elements from the 2/19th SFG(A) conducted a two-week exercise in Tai Gu, Korea as part of Operation FOAL EAGLE. The Battalion established and operated a Special Operations Task Force in support of the ongoing operation.

In the months of April and May, Operation BALANCE IROQUOIS was conducted in Eloy, Ariz., as part of a reciprocal training exercise. Green Berets of Charlie Company and Special Forces soldiers from the country of India conducted Military Freefall (MFF) training. Over 40 Military Freefall jumps were executed successfully.

While in India, as part of Operation BALANCE IROQUOIS, a Charlie Company ODA trained indigenous forces in sniper tactics/techniques and Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat while working alongside the Counter

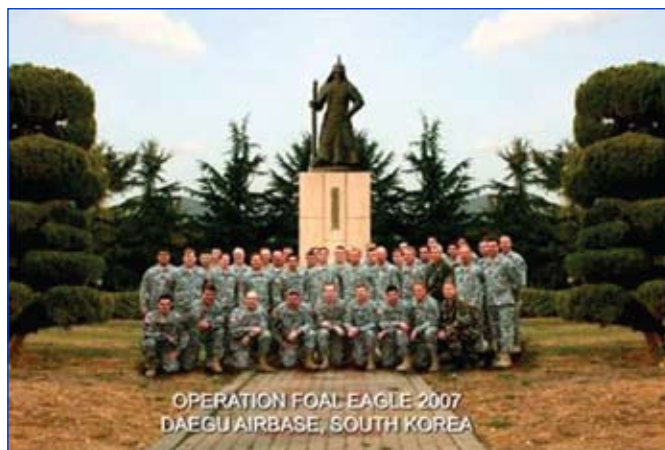
Insurgency Jungle Warfare School.

During annual training in Montana at the historic Fort William Henry Harrison, soldiers of the 2/19th SFG(A) conducted Special Operations Task Force (SOTF) activities.

During portions of the training, the Battalion performed convoy operation training and Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), along with Special Forces Basic Combat Course (SFBCC). Select Special Forces teams from the Battalion's Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie Companies conducted mountaineering training. The Battalion also executed three airborne operations and various weapons training from small arms to crew serve.

During July, select Special Forces teams from Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Companies, assisted by members of Support Company, conducted the Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Soldiers of the 2/19th SFG(A) performed numerous static line and military freefall operations throughout the year during both day and night conditions. Three four-man teams represented the 2/19th SFG(A) at this year's Leapfest which was held in Rhode Island. Teams from around the world gathered to compete.



151st Military Police Battalion (HHD)

“Of the Troops, For the Troops”

The 151st Military Police Battalion (Combat Support) is located adjacent to the Dunbar Community Center in Dunbar, W. Va. The battalion provides command and control for the 154th Military Police Company (Guard) in Moundsville; Detachment 1, 154th Military Police Company in Salem; 156th Military Police Detachment (Law and Order) in Monaville; 157th Military Police Company (Combat Support) in Martinsburg; Detachment 1, 157th Military Police Company in Moorefield; 863rd Military Police Company (Combat Support) in Glen Jean; and Detachment 1, 863rd in Gassaway.

This year, the 151st Military Police Battalion experienced several first time accomplishments. Annual training was held at Fort Pickett, Va.,-- the first time the Battalion trained outside the state. Each unit conducted a route reconnaissance and movement order for a vehicle road march to Fort Pickett. Training was performed in a tactical Forward Operating Base (FOB) that provided realistic tactical training.

The battalion executed a robust and aggressive training plan during two weeks at Fort Pickett with the primary focus to Shoot – Move and Communicate. The 2/19th Special Forces Group provided external trainers to

improve member warfighting skills at the squad and team level with emphasis on Close Quarter Battle drills (CQB), convoy lane operations, Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT), reacting to improvised explosive devices, and reacting to ambush and weapon drills to help soldiers transition carbine rifles to 9mm pistols. The training period culminated with each unit conducting collective training tasks.

Battalion members provided security forces for the Presidential visit at the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg on the fourth of July.

In October 2007, the Battalion began providing soldiers to Fort Bragg to support law and order operations. West Virginia soldiers are serving with distinction and will return home in January 2008.

Currently, the Battalion has 547 soldiers, more than 120% of its assigned strength. Battalion leadership established a Strength Management Campaign to participate in local recruiting events and manage unit leads. Each unit within the Battalion

made steady progress towards the mission of 125% strength. Strength is the Battalion's top priority.

Battalion soldiers are making great strides towards the Soldier First ethos. Soldiers

must have the

ability to fight, win and survive on the battlefield. The 151st Military Police Battalion can provide capable and proficient forces to answer the call for disaster assistance, civil emergency or national defense.



111th Engineer Brigade

In September 2006, the 111th Engineer Group officially transformed to the 111th Engineer Brigade. Nine months later, the 111th was alerted for deployment to Iraq. This would prove a significant challenge to the unit, still in transition to the modular force structure. For the first time, a West Virginia Army National Guard unit would command two well-seasoned active duty engineer battalions.

Members of the 111th mobilized in June 2007, and departed for the mobilization station at Fort McCoy, Wisc. While at McCoy, members underwent diverse training designed to prepare them for the continuously evolving battlefield in Iraq.

Faced with an increasing improvised explosive device (IED) threat in Iraq, a strong emphasis was placed on Combat Life Saver (CLS) training. The 111th arrived at McCoy with more than 60 percent of its personnel CLS qualified, the highest of any unit the mobilization station had seen to date. In addition to convoy and combat training, members of the 111th participated in training for cultural awareness, Arabic language, regional history and physical training.

The 111th became the first unit to participate in West Virginia Army National Guard's Combat Physical Training Program. Members of 2/19th Special Forces administered the program at Fort McCoy and trained 111th trainers who continued this program in Iraq.

Preparation at Fort McCoy culminated with an Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) exercise conducted by 1st Army. This eight-day event was conducted in a secure environment using "real world" classified intelligence and scenarios being sent from Iraq. The 111th was evaluated on its ability to plan and coordinate operations of two notional battalions and a third battalion

going through an ARTEP on the ground. Controllers introduced more than 900 situations or "injects" for the 111th to manage. Evaluators later disclosed that this was the most injects they had ever given to a unit.

In addition to a staff exercise, the ARTEP provided valuable training for the



Personal Security Detail (PSD). The PSD is a select group of heavily armed 111th personnel who use armored vehicles to travel throughout Iraq. The ARTEP gave the PSD members an opportunity to operate in realistic scenarios through mock villages. In some scenarios, the Brigade Commander, staff and PSD members interacted in these villages with local village leaders, often using Iraqi's as role players. 111th personnel were faced with some of the cultural and situational challenges of working with local nationals.

After two months of intense training, the 111th Engineer Brigade was formally validated as prepared for war.

The 111th was treated to a well-deserved four-day pass and a flight home to visit friends and family before returning briefly to Fort McCoy. In August, the unit

departed for Kuwait where soldiers received theater-specific training and briefings, and then on to COB Speicher on the outskirts of Tikrit, Iraq, about 85 miles North of Baghdad.



The 111th Engineer Brigade arrived at Speicher with nearly a third more personnel than its predecessor, the 105th Engineer Group out of North Carolina. In less than two weeks, the transition was complete. In late August, the 111th and 105th held a Transfer of Authority



ceremony. The 111th was now responsible for one of the most critical missions in Iraq--assured mobility--ensuring safety along Main Supply Routes (MSRs) throughout northern Iraq.

Engineer Battalions sub-or-dinate to the 111th provide a complicated, but well orchestrated response to the IED threat that has plagued coalition efforts to bring stability to the people of Iraq. The 111th Engineer Brigade is the critical link between these battalions and division command.

Members of the 111th staff receive the latest intelligence and develop strategies to best employ engineer battalions. The most common missions of these battalions include route clearance and crater and culvert repairs.

The brigade staff uses a variety of techniques, technologies and liaisons to neutralize the IED threat. Though these capabilities and techniques are classified, suffice it to say that this mission has redefined the role of the Army engineer. This new role places the 111th at the tip of the spear of the war on terror by providing safer roads for coalition forces, Iraqi Security Forces and citizens of Iraq.

The 111th's design team provides state-

of-the-art computer aided design to support coalition projects as well as collaborative projects with Iraqi Army engineers. The team continually provides assessment, repair and protection plans for culverts, bridges, runways and roadways throughout northern Iraq. Engineers of the 111th also support force protection with designs and upgrades for patrol bases, combat outposts, joint security stations and traffic control points.

The skills and experience of the 111th design team are being shared with their counterparts in the Iraqi Army. Forward Operating Base Muhallibiyah is the result of joint planning between 111th engineers and Iraqi Army engineers. Such cooperative efforts are helping to train and prepare Iraqi Soldiers to assume the engineer mission from the 111th.

The 111th became well known at Speicher for its strength in numbers and its depth of experience. West Virginia medics deployed with the Brigade to provide medical support for the unit. 111th medics regularly provide support for missions and units short on medics. 111th

medical personnel help staff a clinic and work scheduled shifts at Speicher's hospital, attending to sick or wounded Soldiers, local nationals, and enemy combatants.

The reputation of the 111th is not limited to the Engineer mission. In their spare time, members of the 111th have organized a donation drive to provide toys and school supplies to children in the villages surrounding COB Speicher.

Through this program, the generosity of West Virginians

is directly contributing to the success of the 111th and coalition forces in Iraq.

During its deployment, the 111th has seen a downtrend in IED emplacements, a testament to the effectiveness of the engineers' efforts. Members of the 111th are scheduled to return home in 2008, leaving behind a safer, more stable Iraq, and the legacy of the 111th Engineer Brigade. ESSAYONS!



1092nd Engineer Battalion

During 2007, the Battalion continued to improve its overall readiness after converting from a combat heavy to a modular battalion. The new modular battalion was called up in April for flood duty in three counties: Logan, Mingo and McDowell. The battalion had three of its subordinate units --the 601st Engineer Support Company based in Weston and Buckhannon, the 115th Vertical Construction Company based in Clarksburg and Kingwood, and the 193rd Engineer Support Platoon based in Moundsville--with it during this State Active Duty.

The 821st Horizontal Construction Company, which is headquartered in Summersville with a detachment in Spencer, was alerted and mobilized for a year-long deployment to Iraq. West Virginia soldiers are performing a number of missions in Iraq that support Force Protection and Assured Mobility.

The Battalion conducted realistic battle focused training during this year's Annual Training period that was conducted at Camp Dawson in Kingwood and at a number of Innovative Readiness Training sites throughout the state.

The Battalion always strives to add value to the communities by helping complete projects for non-profit organizations. This year, the Battalion initiated or completed Innovative Readiness Training projects for Camp Horseshoe 4-H Camp Grounds in Parsons.

The 115th Vertical Construction Company continues to hone their electrical, plumbing, carpentry and masonry skills on this project

designed to provide housing for camp counselors.

The 601st Engineer Support Company improved its horizontal construction skills by completing a parking lot for a community center in Ireland, W.Va. The 193rd Engineer Support Platoon also worked to improve its horizontal construction

skills by completing a soccer field for Preston County Schools. These training opportunities were completed simultaneously while the units improved their individual soldier skills.

The Battalion was also proud of its

participation in providing the Color Guard for the first in the nation State Chaplain's Memorial and numerous Veterans Day activities.

The Battalion continues to have soldiers

augmenting the CERF-P (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package) and Recruit Sustainment Program elements during the year. Both programs provide our soldiers with an opportunity to learn leadership skills that enhance the battalion's overall readiness.



771st Troop Command

The 771st Troop Command Battalion and its Headquarters Detachment provide command and control for varied units within the West Virginia Army National Guard. These units include the 3664th Support Maintenance Company, 1257th Transportation Company, 249th Army Band, 753rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment and 153rd Public Affairs Detachment.

In March 2007, Lieutenant Colonel William G. Suver took command of the 771st Battalion. Battalion Headquarters has operational oversight, logistical planning and personnel/administrative support for all organizations within the command. Several units within the Battalion underwent reorganization of force structure, deployment, redeployment and a change in operational mission. Training Year 2007 was a positive year for the 771st Troop Command Battalion, filled with deployment missions, new mission training, and growth.

The 3664th Maintenance Company attended the National Maintenance Training Site at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and was recognized by that center as having “set the standard.”

The unit’s training schedule was retained by the schoolhouse as an example to other units of how training should be done.

The 3664th also assisted the local Putnam County community by helping to move the County Library into a newly constructed building in September.

In addition, the unit completed reorganization under a new authorization and stands at 127 percent strength, above the state goal of 125 percent.

The 1257th Transportation Company assumed the new mission of Decontamination

Team for the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P). Two major exercises were completed in July and November exercising this team for proficiency and



certification. After recovery from deployment, the unit now stands at 88 percent strength.

The 249th Army Band conducted a state-wide series of 43 performances including the Independence Day celebration in Martinsburg

attended by President Bush.

The 249th was also specifically requested by the active duty component to perform for the Change of Command ceremony for the 1st Army (East) at Fort Meade, Md. In addition to its regular mission, the band also

qualified on engineer

equipment including the bobcat and 5-ton dump truck to assist in future state missions while engineer units from the state are deployed. At 137.5 percent strength, the band exceeds the state goal of 125 percent.



The 753rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment (EOD) completed mobilization of six soldiers to Kosovo in support of the 29th Infantry Division's Kosovo Forces (KFOR) rotation. The highly trained EOD technicians of



the 753rd successfully completed 160 missions in the tradition of all West Virginia minutemen.

The 753rd Rear Detachment conducted a very successful annual training event at Camp Smith, N.Y., with their war trace battalion. This training included the newly fielded remote control robots. Currently at 141 percent strength, the 753rd far exceeds the state goal of 125 percent.

The 153rd Public Affairs Detachment (PAD) provided media support for Youth Leaders and Kids Camps. Hometown news releases and photos were provided to all participants who requested them. The unit also supports the annual Regatta each year with media coverage. In addition to this community support, the unit trained many in their military and soldier tasks keeping them proficient in all job skills. With 175 percent strength, the PAD far exceeds the state goal of 125 percent.

The 771st also conducted a very successful multi-echelon training event at Camp Dawson. The HQ Detachment, 153rd PA Detachment, 249th Army Band and 1257th Transportation Company conducted a Field Training Exercise (FTX) that focused on Battle Staff functions, individual weapons qualification and Warrior Tasks. Incorporated into this FTX was a successful certification event for the CERF-P decontamination team.

The 771st faced significant challenges throughout this year in unit strength and soldier retention. The Headquarters Detachment is currently near 110 percent strength. The Battalion as a whole is at 112 percent of authorized strength.

The Battalion also provided about 32 soldiers in support of the U.S. – Mexican Southwest border mission.



The 771st Battalion will continue to maintain the highest standards, showing all that the citizen-soldier stands ready to defend the state and nation.

“Montani semper liberi.”

Facilities, Engineering and the Environment

The Construction and Facilities Management Office supports the West Virginia Army National Guard's readiness and mission accomplishment by constructing and maintaining all facilities and training areas owned by the State of West Virginia. The West Virginia Army National Guard's Master Plan for facilities development, FACILITIES XXI, recommends the location of future facilities based on force restructuring initiatives, recruiting objectives, changing demographics, distribution of units and the condition of existing facilities.

Since 1995, FACILITIES XXI has resulted in the construction or acquisition of over one million square feet of facilities with a cost or value of over \$160 million. A primary consideration in the development and methodology of FACILITIES XXI has been savings to the State of West Virginia by consolidating armories, partnering with other reserve components and/or local agencies, building on federal land, or trading existing facilities for developable land. Since

additional \$70 million over the next 10 years.

The past year was primarily a planning year with few construction projects completed or underway. A \$2.5 million taxiway and



apron renovation project was completed at the Williamstown Army Aviation Training site to correct safety concerns with pavement deterioration and flying debris.

A \$6.5 million addition to the Kingwood Armed Forces Reserve Center was awarded to Poerio, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pa. This expansion will provide over 17,000 square feet of

additional space for the Special Operations Detachment, Europe and the 753rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, two units that were not in the force structure when the Kingwood AFRC was completed almost 10 years ago.

A \$1.4 million rehabilitation of the lower range complex at Camp Dawson was awarded to Manheim Corporation, also of Pittsburgh. Manheim will also construct a major expansion of over 25,000 square feet at a cost of \$12.7

million to move the West Virginia Challenge program into state-of-the-art educational, counseling and administrative facilities.



1995, these efforts have resulted in a savings of almost \$40 million to the taxpayers of West Virginia. Future savings are expected to reach an



At the Coonskin Headquarters Complex in Charleston, Poerio, Inc. is completing a \$2.8 million, 12,000 square foot expansion to consolidate the facilities engineering, construction, maintenance and environmental functions into one building, thereby making needed space available for other activities and programs.

Design contracts have been awarded and design is underway for over \$35 million in projects to be awarded over the next two fiscal years. In FY 2008, a Modified Record Fire Range, a new rappelling tower and a leadership reaction course will be constructed at Camp Dawson, and a modification will be made to the Gassaway Armory to increase administrative space for the 151st Military Police Battalion



Headquarters. In FY 2009, new Readiness Centers will be built in Morgantown, Logan and Moorefield.

Projects in short range planning include over \$250 million in construction projects currently being programmed over the next five years. Included are a massive expansion to the Robert C. Byrd Regional Training Institute to accommodate the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center; three Armed Forces Reserve Centers directed by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission at Ripley, Elkins and Fairmont; a new United States



Property and Fiscal Office, Field Maintenance Shop and Readiness Center at Buckhannon; an expansion to the Fixed Wing Training Facility at Bridgeport; and a joint Army National Guard/Air National Guard Armed Forces Reserve Center at the Martinsburg Airbase.

Long range planning and preliminary design funds continue to be programmed in accordance with FACILITIES XXI with interagency opportunities for partnering and state savings a cornerstone for the future. Over the next 10 years, more than \$400 million in new construction is in planning or programming to support the WVARNG's vision and growth, improve infrastructure, stimulate economic development and provide a solid foundation for the future.

West Virginia National Guard Homeland Defense Joint Task Force

The West Virginia Homeland Defense Joint Task Force encompasses:

- National Guard Joint Interagency Training and Education Center
- Counterdrug
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Mission Assurance Assessment
- Civil Support Team
- CBRNE Enhanced Response Force
- Camp Dawson
- Center for National Response (Memorial Tunnel)



out the vision of jointness held by the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, and Major General Allen E. Tackett the JITEC is staffed by members of the Army and Air National Guard.

The Joint Interagency Training and Education Center (JITEC) is a National Guard

The JITEC is a one-of-a-kind training capability for the nation. It has three locations:

Camp Dawson as the main campus, a command element located in St. Albans in western Kanawha County, the Center for National Response Training Center (Memorial Tunnel) in southeastern Kanawha County.

JITEC provides homeland defense and GWOT training for the active component, National Guard and reserve forces as well as federal, state and local



Bureau capability, providing training and operational support CBRNE in emergency response, critical infrastructure protection and mission assurance, continuity of operations and continuity of government.

JITEC was established as a result of increased involvement by the National Guard in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Carrying

agencies throughout the United States. It also provides operational support to the U.S. State Department's Anti-Terrorism Assistance program, the Department of Energy's Assurance Office, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Defense Contract Management Agency's mission assurance program.

JITEC/WVNG Homeland Defense Joint Task Force personnel regularly conduct mission assurance assessments of critical energy and defense assets throughout the nation. They are also called on to support special security events in the national capitol region and throughout the nation. These events include the state of the union address, presidential inauguration and the national political conventions.

Education, training, and exercises are conducted for Department of Defense and intergovernmental, interagency, and multi-national partners/organizations in conjunction with ongoing Homeland Defense operations in accordance with guidance from



The Center for National Response (CNR) is an operational component of JITEC that is a National Guard training activity operated by the West Virginia National Guard. It is a flexible WMD training complex that provides multiscenario exercises for the military or joint operations with military and first responders.

The CNR is a unique training facility that provides realistic and challenging exercises for military first responders. There is no other place in the country that offers this kind of environment for first responders. This setting allows response teams to practice their techniques and experiment with new procedures and equipment without alarming the public or disrupting commercial or public activities.

National Guard Bureau and stated interagency requirements.

Our location at Camp Dawson and other locations in West Virginia provide an ideal environment for class activities and conducting hands-on training. JITEC offers courses devoted to homeland security, homeland defense, awareness training, countermeasures, intelligence fusion, operational support/security and consequence management.



The Center for National Response is a cost-effective, state-of-the-art WMD Consequence Management / Counterterrorism exercise based training and operational equipment testing site. The CNR

conducts exercises throughout the year at the West Virginia facility and provides a mobile exercise team for exercises at other locations.

West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program

A baseline budget of \$2.37 million plus a \$1.3 million line item appropriation allows the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Program to add value and contribute to quality of life in our communities through its Drug Supply and Demand Reduction Programs.

For fiscal year 2007, the West Virginia National Guard

Counterdrug program completed more than 170 missions. This resulted in removing millions of dollars worth of illegal drugs from our communities and educating West Virginia's youth on the negative effects of illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Aerial Interdiction Detachment (RAID), C-26 fixed wing aerial reconnaissance aircraft and intelligence/case support personnel, and support law enforcement agencies (LEAs). These agencies include the West Virginia State Police, Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement agencies, and several multi-agency drug task forces.

In 2007, this support resulted in 500 drug related arrests and \$78 million in seizures. These seizures included cultivated marijuana plants with a value of over \$68,568,015 and processed marijuana valued at \$8,093,644.

In addition, Counterdrug staff assisted in the seizure of \$1,627,707 worth of other drugs (cocaine, crack cocaine, ecstasy, heroin, methamphetamine, and oxycontin), and \$380,000 in other assets (buildings/houses, currency, weapons, vehicles).

The RAID and interdiction teams provided support to community based organizations and educational institutions by providing presentations on the negative effects of illegal drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. At these events, anti-drug presentations and static displays of military equipment were offered, to include an OH-58 RAID helicopter to capture the audience's attention and to promote a drug free and healthy



The Supply Reduction Program includes interdiction teams, the Reconnaissance

lifestyle.



The Drug Demand Reduction Program provided support to more than 92 community-based organizations throughout West Virginia. KIDS KAMP, held at Camp Dawson near Kingwood, is for dependents of West Virginia National Guard members. The purpose of this camp is to promote self-esteem, leadership skills, and drug awareness for children ages 9-15.

New to DDR in FY 2007 is the Stay On Track (SOT) program. This program focuses on reducing drug abuse by youths in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

The Drug Demand Reduction Program supports the McDowell County Tobacco Prevention Coalition; ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs) Prevention Coalition; F.A.C.E.S. (Families, Agencies, Children, Enhancing, Services); and STOP (Strong Through Our Plan) Coalition in their efforts to reduce the demand for illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use among the youth of West Virginia.

For 2007, the total audience reached was over 1,059,612 individuals. This included over 960,000 individuals reached in conjunction with Kanawha County Schools Television (KCS-TV). The Drug Demand Reduction Program co-sponsors "Your West Virginia National Guard Today" television program. This show is broadcast once a month, and each one includes anti-drug messages.



At the national level, Major General Allen E. Tackett, the Adjutant General of West Virginia, has been working on the integration of the National Guard Counterdrug Program as a part of the nation's homeland security efforts.

West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug personnel have been doing vulnerability assessments on key public and private infrastructure for the prevention and deterrence of potential terrorist threats. Also, National Guard Counterdrug personnel have provided terrorist threat indicator training and security, and training support to critical infrastructures, facilities, and events.



35th Civil Support Team (WMD)

The 35th Civil Support Team (WMD) is located in St Albans, W.Va. The Civil Support Team's mission is to support civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) incident site by identifying CBRNE agents/substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for additional state and federal support.

The Civil Support Team consists of 22 full-time Army and Air National Guard members and 15 traditional soldiers assigned to 14 different specialties. The

Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) Technician Level with senior personnel trained to Incident Command Level.



The Civil Support Team adds value to communities by providing unique military capabilities, expertise and technologies to assist civil authorities in preparing for and responding to a CBRNE situation. This unit is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the Governor for rapid deployment for response operations, and complements and enhances local and state capabilities.

During 2007, the 35th Civil Support Team performed over 20 missions,

including the Presidential and Gubernatorial inaugurations, the President's State of the Union Address, and various festivals around the state where large gatherings take place.

Unit members conducted more than 20 training exercises, several of which included local emergency responders. The 35th CST remains trained and equipped, committed always to excellence, and is a national leader in readiness among the 55 Civil Support teams.

The unit continues to support the homeland defense mission, living by its motto –

“PRET TOUJOURS PRET”

- Ready, Always Ready!

unit is organized into six sections, consisting of a Command Section, Operations Section, Administrative/Logistics Section, Medical Section, Communications Section, and Survey Section. All unit members are trained to



Training Site Command (TSC), Camp Dawson

Camp Dawson's ability to accommodate the training needs of both soldier and civilian was enhanced in 2007. With over 7,000 acres of available training land, state-of-the-art conference and classroom capabilities, and lodging accommodations Camp Dawson continues to attract national attention from a variety of military and civilian agencies.

Of the 130,000 individuals transiting Camp Dawson in Training Year 2007, roughly 115,000 of these are soldiers from every branch of service. Whether it is active duty Marines conducting an Assault Climbing School in the West Virginia mountains, or National Guard Military Police executing civil disturbance and riot training, Camp Dawson offers a wide variety of training opportunities to enhance the many skill sets that safeguard the national security of our country and those we've sworn to protect.

To meet the growing expectations of personnel using Camp Dawson's training facilities, several major projects are in the works. Currently at 65 percent design stage is the

Modified Record Fire (MRF) Range. This fully automated and event specific target scenario range is computer driven and scored from the range operations center. At present, the closest

MRF range to Camp Dawson is over 230 miles away.

The incorporation of this U.S. Army standard M16/M4 range has the potential to train up to 192 soldiers a day and expects to see additional personnel from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland vying for the opportunity to train at Camp Dawson. In the MRF Range's initial year of use, expected usage is gauged to go from 18,500 to over 21,000 personnel with usage increasing annually as word spreads of the range's existence. The estimated completion date for the MRF Range is scheduled for early FY 2009.

Camp Dawson's current lower Range Complex is presently being redesigned and updated to reflect existing U.S. Army standards for small arms ranges. The upgrades include the addition of a standard 15 lane Combat Pistol/Military Police Qualification Course. Construction is underway and estimated to be complete by FY 2008.

The Antiterrorism Assistance (ATA) Program continues to utilize Camp Dawson as the primary training area for explosives related training to enhance the antiterrorism skills of partner nations engaged in the global war on terror. Courses such as the Advanced Explosive Incident Countermeasures Course (AEIC), designed to augment the abilities of first responding agencies to diagnose, disable, contain, and dispose of

sophisticated Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), has been taught at Camp Dawson since 2005. In 2007, Camp Dawson hosted a 15 person delegation from the Republic of Azerbaijan.



Two Antiterrorism Assistance courses new to Camp Dawson were introduced in 2007: The Post Blast Investigation (PBI) Course, which identifies methods to identify, collect and preserve evidence, played host to both India and Thailand. Additionally, 15 public safety, law enforcement, and security personnel from the Republic of Tajikistan attended the first Basic Explosive Incident Countermeasures Course (BEIC) delivered at Camp Dawson. Here, they learned the processes for basic identification, neutralization, and safe disposition of IED's.

In 1992, the West Virginia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates moved its annual training session to Camp Dawson. Previous training sessions typically graduated 35 officers. Today, an average of 200 people attends the conferences at Camp Dawson, with 2007 seeing a record of 232 officers from as far away as Connecticut.

This year's trainer topic included a presentation from the Pennsylvania State Police on the Amish School Shooting at Nickel Mines. Lt. Joseph Stiles, Secretary for the West Virginia Chapter of the FBI-NAA, credits Camp Dawson's excellent training environment and reasonable fees for the profound increase in attendance.

Location, housing, meals, and twenty-four hour security are key elements that make Camp Dawson the ultimate home for the Biometrics Identification System for Access

(BISA) Training Facility, according to BISA Project Support Contractor Don Currence. The BISA Training Facility is a program for getting local nationals and third country nationals wishing to work on U.S. and coalition installations in Iraq. At Camp Dawson, new team members are instructed on computer and biometric collection equipment used in Iraq and practice live enrollments before deploying. Approximately 36 team members have been trained since August 2007.

In May 2007, Camp Dawson played host to the U.S. Probation Offices from the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia and the Western District of Virginia. Approximately 60 U.S. probation officers attended the third annual Appalachian Region Officer Safety Academy (AROSA).

Preston County's local Office of Emergency Management conducted a Mass Casualty/HAZMAT exercise on Camp Dawson's

Volkstone Training Area in 2007. This one-day training event encompassed more than 100 first responders from the local area and tested both the Incident Command System (ICS) and the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for the county.

By late 2008, the influx of people to Camp Dawson is anticipated to dramatically increase. With numerous improvements and additions, not only will the people who train on Camp Dawson's facilities multiply, but just as importantly, the number of people who are employed there may be significantly augmented as well.

Overall, 2007 showed great growth and development for Camp Dawson, the West Virginia Army National Guard, the people who train here, and our surrounding community.



197th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

In Training Year 2007, the 197th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) trained 592 Soldiers, 69 percent more than in TY 2006. Ninety-five percent, or 564 of those students, met graduation requirements.

The RTI's curriculum includes the following training: Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES), Military Occupation Specialty (MOS), Officer Candidate School (OCS), Combat Lifesaver Course (CLC), Company Level Pre-Command Course (CLPCC), Army Basic Instructor Course (ABIC), and Small Group Instructor (SGI).

Training Year 2007 proved to be a challenging and rewarding year for the RTI with many new programs being added to the training curriculum. In TY 2007, the RTI taught the Construction Equipment Operators Course (21E Military Occupational Specialty), Carpentry and Masonry Specialists

additional 21 Engineer MOS classes in TY 2008.

The RTI taught its normal scheduled Cavalry Scout (19D MOS) course in TY 2007, and in July 2007, conducted a short notice "pop-



up" course for the 150th Armor Reconnaissance Squadron in preparation for mobilization.

In September 2007, the RTI deployed two Cavalry Scout instructors, Sergeant 1st Class Charles Sheedy and Sergeant 1st Class Eric Templeton, to Kosovo for 30 days to assist the Idaho Army National Guard in conducting a Cavalry Scout 19D MOS course for 66 deployed Idaho National Guard Soldiers.

After 49 years of providing second lieutenants to the West Virginia Army National Guard, Officer Candidate School is alive and well at the RTI. The most recent graduate was Second Lieutenant Kyle C. McGaha, who commissioned Field Artillery and is assigned to Battery A, 1/201st

in Elkins, W.Va.

OCS Class L is currently in progress. Officer Candidates Ryan Coss, James Hall, and Jason Hatcher are expected to graduate in 2008.



(21W MOS) Course, the Military Police (31B MOS) Course and the Flood Duty Training Course for the first time. Because of tremendous success at the RTI Engineer School, the National Guard Bureau tasked the RTI to teach an

Special Operations Detachment - Europe (SOD-E)



Special Operations Detachment - Europe (SOD-E) is a 30-soldier unit based at Camp Dawson near Kingwood. It is a theater level headquarters augmentation detachment aligned to Special Operations Command - Europe (SOCEUR), Stuttgart, Germany.

SOD-E's primary mission is to conduct Command and Control (C2) of Special Operations forces under Commander, SOCEUR, to support contingency operations both inside and outside NATO's area of responsibility. The unit's focus is on European Command in Europe and Africa. Unit members are also tasked to conduct sustained operations in support of federal or state declared emergencies.

SOD-E is organized into seven sections - command group, operations, logistics, personnel, intelligence,



communications and staff judge advocate. Special Forces personnel staff the command group and operations section while non-SF personnel fill out the remaining sections of the unit. The unit is commanded by a Colonel, and a Sergeant Major serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor.



SOD-E participated in two overseas missions tasked by SOCEUR in 2007. The first was conducted in the Republic of Cape Verde, Africa for 30 days. The second mission was in the Republic of Mali, Africa for 30 days. The unit maintains a forward presence at SOCEUR, Stuttgart Germany, of four personnel. SOD-E is actively planning for two overseas missions with SOCEUR in 2008.



West Virginia National Guard Education Encouragement Program

		<u>SPRING 2007</u>	<u>SUMMER 2007</u>	<u>FALL 2007</u>
BARBOUR	69 \$	125,534.00	17 \$ 27,787.00	76 \$ 168,590.00
BERKELEY	88 \$	161,118.00	14 \$ 21,373.00	76 \$ 174,065.00
BOONE	1 \$	1,898.00		4 \$ 7,758.00
BRAXTON	4 \$	8,791.00	1 \$ 1,940.00	2 \$ 6,617.00
BROOKE	1 \$	1,973.00	1 \$ 912.00	2 \$ 4,657.00
CABELL	75 \$	144,391.00	19 \$ 26,725.00	18 \$ 172,956.00
CALHOUN	4 \$	6,078.00	2 \$ 4,486.00	2 \$ 2,834.00
CLAY	9 \$	15,050.00	1 \$ 2,261.00	7 \$ 17,658.00
DODDRIDGE	5 \$	9,522.00		5 \$ 16,171.00
FAYETTE	30 \$	52,676.00	7 \$ 10,435.00	32 \$ 88,027.00
GILMER	7 \$	15,191.00	2 \$ 4,475.00	4 \$ 9,984.00
GRANT	2 \$	3,962.00	1 \$ 2,250.00	2 \$ 6,935.00
GREENBRIER	6 \$	11,411.00		10 \$ 22,089.00
HAMPSHIRE	6 \$	10,598.00		2 \$ 2,686.00
HANCOCK	3 \$	5,230.00		5 \$ 10,065.00
HARDY	3 \$	4,597.00		1 \$ 1,438.00
HARRISON	40 \$	78,652.00	8 \$ 13,776.00	41 \$ 114,343.00
JACKSON	9 \$	13,014.00	2 \$ 2,697.00	6 \$ 8,351.00
JEFFERSON	17 \$	31,092.00	6 \$ 8,876.00	17 \$ 37,725.00
KANAWHA	156 \$	270,714.00	21 \$ 22,516.00	154 \$ 367,190.00
LEWIS	8 \$	16,538.00	1 \$ 970.00	7 \$ 19,091.00
LINCOLN	7 \$	11,927.00	1 \$ 1,440.00	4 \$ 10,108.00
LOGAN	4 \$	4,434.00		1 \$ 4,450.00
MARION	36 \$	72,651.00	5 \$ 8,430.00	35 \$ 85,550.00
MARSHALL	10 \$	18,614.00	1 \$ 1,119.00	8 \$ 19,724.00
MASON	21 \$	45,479.00		18 \$ 46,489.00
McDowell	6 \$	11,516.00		4 \$ 8,883.00
MERCER	18 \$	35,337.00	1 \$ 912.00	13 \$ 33,731.00
MINERAL	4 \$	6,040.00		7 \$ 10,605.00
MINGO	6 \$	8,728.00		4 \$ 11,054.00
MONONGALIA	79 \$	159,381.00	17 \$ 23,593.00	66 \$ 154,483.00
MONROE	2 \$	3,586.00		5 \$ 13,824.00
MORGAN	9 \$	16,742.00	2 \$ 3,953.00	11 \$ 24,331.00
NICHOLAS	18 \$	34,947.00	2 \$ 4,202.00	11 \$ 22,531.00
OHIO	15 \$	29,312.00	2 \$ 1,650.00	11 \$ 23,290.00
PENDLETON				
PLEASANTS	3 \$	4,089.00		2 \$ 1,483.00
POCAHONTAS	3 \$	6,926.00		3 \$ 6,318.00
PRESTON	15 \$	28,919.00	3 \$ 2,825.00	14 \$ 41,123.00
PUTNAM	53 \$	95,998.00	4 \$ 5,020.00	49 \$ 110,541.00
RALEIGH	16 \$	30,481.00	6 \$ 12,485.00	22 \$ 56,591.00
RANDOLPH	18 \$	34,299.00	1 \$ 1,044.00	14 \$ 43,787.00
RITCHIE	6 \$	12,131.00	2 \$ 4,450.00	8 \$ 21,305.00
ROANE	7 \$	15,734.00	4 \$ 8,950.00	6 \$ 16,281.00
SUMMERS			1 \$ 1,128.00	4 \$ 9,469.00
TAYLOR	7 \$	12,700.00		4 \$ 11,579.00
TUCKER				1 \$ 5,000.00
TYLER	5 \$	8,961.00		3 \$ 11,426.00
UPSHUR	20 \$	38,007.00	6 \$ 8,181.00	13 \$ 20,953.00
WAYNE	17 \$	33,044.00	2 \$ 2,918.00	12 \$ 25,249.00
WEBSTER	2 \$	2,865.00	1 \$ 516.00	1 \$ 2,500.00
WETZEL	4 \$	7,689.00	1 \$ 912.00	4 \$ 8,378.00
WIRT	2 \$	4,475.00		6 \$ 20,990.00
WOOD	43 \$	60,147.00	4 \$ 6,973.00	41 \$ 74,406.00
WYOMING	1 \$	564.00		
OUT OF STATE	94 \$	174,435.00	19 \$ 25,449.00	102 \$ 250,360.00
TOTALS	1094	\$2,018,188.00	188 \$277,629.00	980 \$2,466,022.00

Total for 2007: \$4,761,839.00

Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy

In 2007, the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy received the USO Award for Life Coping Skills. This annual award recognizes the top program in this area of training among the 29 ChalleNGe Programs.

The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy has graduated 1,781 students in 28 classes. Recognition as a Special Alternative Education Program in West Virginia state law is helping build a bridge for at-risk teens between an unsuccessful public school experience and a safe, productive second chance. This cooperative designation makes it easier for public schools

disadvantaged youth.

The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is unique. The Academy focuses on developing the “whole person.” There is no other program

or school in the state that offers an educational opportunity with military structure or a mentoring component. During the one-year post-residential phase of the program, trained volunteer mentors in the cadets’ home communities assist the



graduates as well as provide up to date information to the Academy.

The Academy continues to operate with 47 employees on a \$2.8 million budget – 60 percent federal and 40 percent state funds.

This year’s Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy Pillars of Strength Award was presented to the original five members of the program’s Support Group: Brigadier General (retired) Jack Yeager, Colonel Bill Rainey, Dr. Bill Staats, Pat Spangler and John Finlayson.



to “reclaim” students who are attending and completing the ChalleNGe Program.

Seventy percent of the cadets obtain the General Equivalency Degree (GED) credentials and four percent qualify for the PROMISE scholarship, positive statistics for a group of academically disillusioned and economically

ChalleNGe Academy Graduates

- 41% Enter the workforce**
- 19% Join the armed forces**
- 17% Attend vocational training**
- 10% Return to high school**
- 10% Go to college**
- 3% In transition**

Benedum Airport Project

During 2007, the civil-military Innovative Readiness Training project at Benedum Airport in Bridgeport included the following engineering operations: cut and fill, construction management, equipment

the U.S. Army Reserve.

Project plans for training year 2008 have been developed. The Benedum Airport Authority, the City of Bridgeport, and the Harrison County Economic Development Commission continue to support this infrastructure improvement to their community.

Site work, soil stabilization, and maintenance of equipment and base camp are continuing on the project through the first quarter of 2008. Next year, more than 250,000 cubic yards of material is scheduled for excavation and placement within the construction boundaries.

Task Force Benedum continues to provide quality and realistic mission essential training to the U.S. Army

and the other services. Task Force members continually receive praise from local officials on the work that is being conducted. Outstanding work being done on the project continues to reflect a very positive image of the military in North Central West Virginia.

maintenance, draining improvements, erosion control, seeding and mulching, vertical construction, quality control, adherence to construction plan design specifications, and liaison with local, state and federal agencies. Cut and compacted fill operations involved 112,000 cubic yard of earth.

West Virginia Guard members proved to be beneficial to Task Force Benedum and the project provided invaluable hands-on, real-world training to the troops. The project was able to support this training by providing the training base, logistics, and administration. Task Force Benedum also provided a unique training location for West Virginia CERF-P training and interservice participation with the Navy Sea Bees (construction battalions), and



STARBASE

West Virginia STARBASE is an educational program for increasing the knowledge, skills, and interest of Kanawha and Berkeley County youth in science, mathematics, technology, and engineering. The hands-on approach of exploration, experimentation and discovery, combined with “real-world” applications in aerospace, inspire students to learn through unique and authentic experiences not typically found in schools or other programs.

STARBASE enjoys an outstanding reputation for providing quality educational programs that benefit thousands of West Virginia children by utilizing West Virginia National Guard resources to provide an exciting and rigorous curriculum.

Each STARBASE offers a minimum of 1,200 hours of classroom contact and conducts more than 50 academies each year. Since its inception in 2001, WV STARBASE has graduated over 7,500 students.

This year, STARBASE reached approximately 2,775 fifth-grade students — 1,275 from Berkeley County and 1,500 from



Kanawha County. Nearly 100 percent of all fifth-grade students in Berkeley and Kanawha Counties completed STARBASE’s innovative five-day curriculum.

Including outreach programs, West Virginia STARBASE reached more than 4,000 of the state’s youth.

This summer, Charleston STARBASE hosted its annual Camp STARBASE for National Guard dependents. More than 70 children participated in a variety of activities, including constructing and launching water rockets, an egg drop, and swimming at Coonskin Pool. Campers were also treated to an orientation flight on a C-130.

Both STARBASE locations made notable improvements in 2007. STARBASE Martinsburg



purchased CPS, an electronic handheld testing system that allows students to take quizzes and tests, in addition to playing interactive trivia games. Questions are displayed on a SMART Board while each student answers with a device that resembles a remote control.

The Charleston site recently added 36 new Dell Vostro notebook computers to its computer lab. The lab is used for flight training with Microsoft Flight Simulator and for computer-aided design work with PTC Pro/Desktop software.



Both STARBASE sites have introduced new data collection devices, including computer-interfaced force and pressure sensors. Students use this equipment to conduct experiments related to Newton’s Laws of Motion and the properties of air.

West Virginia National Guard 2007 “Kids Kamp”

The West Virginia National Guard “Kids Kamp” provides a unique opportunity for children of Guard members to attend a quality summer camp; to foster a sense of well-being while forming friendships with fellow National Guard youths of different ages, communities, and backgrounds; to understand the role of the Guard in state and federal missions; and to better understand why their



Ole Circus, drug awareness training, helicopter displays, mini C-130 aircraft, and craft making. Different colored beads were used to reward campers for all activities that they participated in throughout the camp.

Campers were involved in the flag raising and lowering ceremonies each day. The overriding objective of Kids Kamp is to provide a positive experience for Guard youth in a safe and caring environment and to encourage good feelings about themselves and the National Guard. Kids Kamp is but one way to show Guard members that state leaders care about Guard families. This endeavor reflects the Guard mantra that “Guard Pride is Family Wide.”

parents serve in the National Guard. The motto for this year’s camp: “This is a Drug Free Kamp.”

More than 173 campers and 64 adult volunteers attended this year’s camp. The activities offered included the usual “Kamp Fare,” such as swimming, boating, dancing, rock wall climbing, rifle range, STARBASE rocket launch, Avian birds of prey,



Youth Leaders Camp 2007

The West Virginia National Guard's 40th Annual Youth Leaders Camp was held at Camp Dawson in Kingwood from June 16-22. During the one-week camp, high school students between the ages of 15 and 17 experienced military life with a 5:30 a.m. wake up call, physical training, and a full day of activities.

The camp started on Saturday when students arrived at Building 215 for inprocessing and platoon assignment. Campers were issued two t-shirts, a hat, a water bottle, identification card and tags before they were turned over to their platoon TAC (train, advise, counsel) NCOs.

One hundred six students from across the state attended the camp in 2007. During the



week, campers experienced barracks life at Camp Dawson and learned what it means to work together as a team.

Youth Leader training consisted of a weapons range with .22 caliber rifles, confidence course, drill and ceremony competitions, water survival training, first aid training, as well as team building and leadership training. Campers also participated in organized athletics daily and were

treated to a dance and pizza party. Students were evaluated on their leadership ability and received final evaluations along with their graduation certificate at the conclusion of camp.

Staff, support personnel and TAC NCOs for the camp consisted of Army and Air National Guard members from the 130th Airlift Wing, the 167th Airlift Wing, the Army Guard Recruiting and Retention Force, as well as Joint Forces Headquarters, Counterdrug Office, 111th Engineer Brigade, 77th Brigade Troop Command, 772nd Troop Command Battalion - Aviation, 1092nd Engineer Battalion and the 771st Troop Command Battalion.



Great Expectations

The War on Terrorism...

West Virginia National Guard has deployed every state unit for the Global War on Terrorism. Our continued emphasis on readiness to perform our missions within the state, across the nation, and around the world contributes to the high demand of our personnel and their selection to accomplish demanding missions.

The West Virginia National Guard continues to perform a lead role in Homeland Defense and National Security support by establishing cutting edge programs and operational training through the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center (JITEC), a national asset.

With this, our prestigious standing as a part of America's fighting force is ensured. As a Joint Force, the Air and Army National Guard will continue to excel at the traditional roles of providing for the welfare of our state and protecting our nation's interests. We will give our utmost in leading the country in the ongoing roles of homeland security and the war against terrorism.

Army National Guard...

We are continuing to expand and transition the West Virginia Army National Guard to remain on the forefront of technology, systems, and modern units. The Army National Guard goal is to increase end strength to 4,700 soldiers by the end of year 2008 through aggressive recruiting, retention, and obtaining Force Structure that are relevant to the Army's needs for force projection overseas and for the defense of our nation's homeland. Such units would include additional engineer, military police, chemical response, signal aviation units to be dispersed among our state's major population areas that can meet both federal and state missions.

Additionally, it is our goal to attain/maintain priority status for our units, which will ensure the acquisition of modern equipment, expand career opportunities for our soldiers, and increase the amount of federal dollars required to support such units, directly impacting the economy and welfare of our state.

Air National Guard...

We are continuing to pursue the change in mission to the C-5A aircraft for the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, ensuring the Wing's viability as an integral part of the Department of the Air Force. To attain this goal, construction continues on several construction projects needed to house the gigantic C-5 aircraft, and base officials have hired the first of more than 150 new positions that came about as a result of the conversion.

In addition, Senator Byrd recently announced that the Air Force had selected Martinsburg as the site of the Air Guard's C-5 Isochronal Inspection Shop. An average of 33 C-5 aircraft will arrive at Martinsburg each year for periodic maintenance. This means up to 120 additional jobs, above those designated for the C-5 conversion, will be hired at the base. This will further enhance the economic development of the Eastern Panhandle and overall economy of our state. Modernization and expansion of facilities at the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston continue, as well as plans to increase the number of authorized aircraft, personnel and full-time support force.

Building...

We will continue with implementation of our Force XXI Facilities plan that, when completed, will result in newly constructed armed forces readiness centers adjacent to major population areas within the state. These upgraded facilities will be more accessible to service men and women, as well as the public, increasing our ability to meet the readiness needs of our National Guard and the needs of the communities in which they are based. This plan will continue to bring federal dollars and provide for economic development while reducing the overall cost to our state and its citizens.

Adding Value...

We will continue to add value to our state, our communities and our fellow citizens through the continuation of such programs as the Mountaineer Challenge Academy, Drug Demand Reduction initiatives, STARBASE, Benedum Airport Project, Distributed Technology Training Programs, and community service projects. We will continue to give back to our state what it has given to us by continuing the emphasis on education for our soldiers through the state funded tuition assistance program. This program is vital to the success of our National Guard and our state, increasing the education level of our citizen soldiers while providing a well-trained and technical workforce for the expansion of future businesses within the state.

Results...

We will remain steadfast in serving our state and nation, providing for the welfare of our fellow West Virginians, and preserving the freedom of the United States of America.

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