



OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S  
2018 ANNUAL REPORT





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It is with great pride that I present the Oklahoma National Guard's Report to the Governor for 2018. Having been appointed as The Adjutant General for Oklahoma in late 2017, this report represents my first year as the commander of this amazing organization and provides an overview of what we have accomplished for our state and nation.

During 2018, we saw numerous deployments and re-deployments. Among the deploying units was the 1245th Transportation Company, who deployed to Kuwait in order to provide heavy transportation assets in support of Operation Spartan Shield. We also saw the return of the 1st Squadron, 180th Cavalry Regiment, from deployment in support of the NATO backed Operation Resolute Support in Kabul, Afghanistan. The 137th Special Operations Wing started the year by completing a mobilization to Djibouti, Africa, followed, six-months later, by another mobilization to Romania. The 138th Fighter Wing followed suit with their deployment of 330 Airmen for a six-month rotation to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The Oklahoma National Guard also came to the aid of our state during numerous wildfires in April and May and provided Army aviation support to the Carolinas as they worked to recover from the devastation brought by Hurricane Florence.

As this report is being compiled, we are saying goodbye to Governor Mary Fallin, who has been our Commander-in-Chief for eight years. We will miss her leadership and never forget her continuous support of the Oklahoma National Guard and our Guardsmen. And, soon we will welcome Governor Kevin Stitt into our organization as he begins his tenure as the Governor of Oklahoma.

As we look forward to the coming year, the future looks bright for the Oklahoma National Guard. We will continue to train on the most modern equipment the Army and Air Force have to offer, and we will continue to upgrade or replace our aging buildings, vehicles, weapons systems, and infrastructure in order to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Most importantly, we will continue to recruit the best and brightest young people Oklahoma has to offer and shape them into the future leaders of our organization.

Please take a few minutes out of your day to review this report, and feel free to contact my office with any comments or concerns you may have.

**Always ready, Always there!**

MG Michael C. Thompson  
The Adjutant General for Oklahoma



## “WHEN CALLED,

WE RESPOND WITH READY UNITS TO EXECUTE FEDERAL, STATE AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS.”

The Oklahoma National Guard has two commanders in chief— The Governor of Oklahoma and the President of the United States.

The Governor is the commander in chief of the Oklahoma National Guard on a day-to-day basis, during peacetime and state emergencies.

The President becomes the commander in chief when the Guard is activated for a federal emergency or deployed in support of over-seas contingency operations.

# FEDERAL COMMAND



**DONALD J. TRUMP**  
*President, United States of America*

The President can order National Guard personnel to federal active duty during a national emergency and also can mobilize units to support active duty forces performing DoD missions.

## THE OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD

*Serving the State and Nation since 1890*

### ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 6,477 MEMBERS



As an operational reserve to the Army, the National Guard fights the nation’s wars alongside our active-duty counterparts throughout the world. The Army National Guard makes up 37% of the Army’s operating force and 22% of its generating force (support and training).

### AIR NATIONAL GUARD 2,298 MEMBERS



The Air National Guard operates 21% of the total Air Force Structure. The Oklahoma National Guard also provides protection of life and property, and preserves peace, order, and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters, search and rescue operations, and support to civil authorities.

# A GREAT VALUE

Oklahoma National Guard pays for itself!

Federal funding of \$317 million generated \$10.5 million in Oklahoma income taxes from federal salaries that more than offset the \$10.5 million received in funding from the state of Oklahoma.

FEDERAL FUNDING  
\$317,680,423

STATE FUNDING  
\$9,996,071

## STATE COMMAND



**Mary Fallin**  
*Governor, State of Oklahoma*

The Governor is the commander in chief of the Oklahoma National Guard and, as such, has the authority to activate the Oklahoma National Guard to support and assist local authorities during state emergencies or for homeland defense.



**Major General Michael C. Thompson**  
*The Adjutant General of Oklahoma*

The Adjutant General is a member of the Governor's cabinet and is responsible for the command and control of the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard, totaling more than 9,000 personnel. The Adjutant General is also responsible for running the day-to-day operations of the Oklahoma Military Department. According to state law, The Adjutant General is

subordinate only to the governor and is the principal military adviser. The Adjutant General is responsible for the supervision of the Oklahoma National Guard when in the service of the state at the direction of the governor. The Adjutant General is also responsible for the organization, training, and other activities of the National Guard. As the second highest commander in the state, The Adjutant General is responsible for carrying into effect the orders of the governor as Commander-in-Chief. As the head of the Military Department, The Adjutant General has full control over funds allotted to the National Guard armories. Funds are controlled, deposited, expended, and accounted for at the sole direction of the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General may order any record kept at individual armories audited at his discretion. Also, The Adjutant General is the Trustee of the Military Department and may act as such when accepting funds, land, or property to be used for the National Guard.



# Fighting AMERICA'S WARS

The Oklahoma National Guard has a rich heritage of answering the call of duty to defend the nation on home soil and abroad.

In the last decade more than 10,000 of our Soldiers and Airmen have deployed, many of them serving multiple deployments to answer our nation's call.



Although major combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have stopped, the OKNG is still deploying in large numbers to support national objectives.

OKNG Soldiers and Airmen performed missions and training this past year with active-duty and coalition counterparts in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific. They provided helicopter airlift and air support, military police, air combat support, unmanned aerial systems, manned I.S.R., medical, logistics, security force, and engineering capabilities.

## OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP



Col. Jon M. Harrison  
Director, Joint Staff  
Oklahoma Army National Guard



Col. Edward H. Crews  
Director of Staff-Air  
Oklahoma Air National Guard



CW5 Christopher A. Rau  
State Command Chief Warrant Officer  
Oklahoma Army National Guard



Command Sgt. Maj. Tony F. Riggs  
State Command Sgt. Maj.  
Oklahoma Army National Guard



Command Chief Master Sgt.  
Ronald D. Teague  
State Command Master Chief  
Oklahoma Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Louis W. Wilham  
Assistant Adjutant General  
Oklahoma Army National Guard



Brig. Gen. Michael C. Thompson  
Assistant Adjutant General  
Oklahoma Army National Guard



Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Ryan  
Assistant Adjutant General  
Oklahoma Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Hopper T. Smith  
Land Component Commander  
Oklahoma Army National Guard



Brig. Gen. David B. Burgy  
Chief of Staff/Air Component Commander  
Oklahoma Air National Guard



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NEVER DIES”*

*- Moina Michael*

## **FALLEN HEROES**

**Twenty Oklahoma National Guard members died in service to the nation since 9/11.**

Since September 11, 2001, the Oklahoma National Guard deployed more than 30,000 Soldiers and Airmen supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

We deployed to more than 16 countries, with the majority of our deployments being in Afghanistan and Iraq.

**We have defended freedom in multiple operations to include:**

*Operation Noble Eagle*

*Operation Enduring Freedom*

*Operation Spartan Shield*

*Operation Iraqi Freedom*

*Operation New Dawn*

*Operation Freedom's Sentinel*

*Operation Inherent Resolve*

*Kosovo Force Operation*





# ARMY

Four Major Subordinate Commands, 125 Units



## 45<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (IBCT)

The 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team is a self-sufficient brigade capable of mobilizing ready forces for Federal Missions including Unified Land Operations in support of the National Military Strategy and Domestic Operations including Defense Support to Civil Authorities in response to local, state and regional emergencies. Headquartered in Norman, the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team is composed of over 3500 Citizens-Soldiers assigned to the Brigade Headquarters or one of its 6 different battalions: 1-179<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Edmond), 1-279<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Sand Springs), 1-180<sup>th</sup> Cavalry (McAlester), 1-160<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (Chandler), 700<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion (Norman) or the 545<sup>th</sup> Brigade Engineer Battalion (Norman).



## 45<sup>TH</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE (FAB)

The 45<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade provides long-range artillery and coordinates Joint Fires capabilities in support of Corps or Division level Commanders. It is headquartered in Mustang with subordinate units composed of an organic High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) Battalion, the 1-158<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (FA) located at the Ft Sill Armed Forces Reserve Center, Lawton, OK along with its Forward Support Company located in Altus, OK; a Support Battalion, the 271<sup>st</sup> Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) located at West OKC AFRC, Mustang, OK; and two separate batteries/companies, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) and the 205<sup>th</sup> Network Signal Company also located at the West OKC AFRC, Mustang, OK



## 90<sup>TH</sup> Troop Command (TC)

The 90<sup>th</sup> Troop Command provides combat service support to the United States Army for Unified Land Operations, Homeland Defense, Homeland Security, and Civil Support. We are Citizen-Soldiers providing highly skilled professional expertise in support of community, state, and national missions.

The 90<sup>th</sup> TC is composed of 1800 soldiers serving within the; 120<sup>th</sup> Engineer battalion, 345 Combat Service and Support battalion and the 245 Aviation battalion. The 90<sup>th</sup> is also home to the 145<sup>th</sup> Army Band, 145<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Medical Detachment and the 63<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team.



## ARMY PROPERTY LOCATED IN 25 COUNTIES

48 INSTALLATIONS	ACRES	#BLDGS	TOTAL SQ FT.
State-Owned	1,543	188	2,105,891
Federally Licensed to State	43	28	258,899
<b>3 RESERVE LEAD AFRCs</b>			
Fort Sill	34	3	52,461
McAlester Ammunition Depot	15	2	32,440
Vance Air Force Base	16	2	34,907
<b>1 TRAINING CENTER</b>			
Camp Gruber Training Center	33,027	207	613,772

## OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD FACILITY NUMBERS

- 1,081,372 square feet (223 acres) of paved areas
- 513,052 linear feet (97.2 miles) of utilities
- 9,507 Kilowatts of Power Generation
- Oldest Readiness Center, 61 years (Ponca City)
- Average Readiness Center age, 33 years
- 1 Dams (Water reservoirs)
- 1 Cemetery

## ARMORY MODERNIZATION

The Ardmore Readiness Center is in the final stages of construction and should be ready for the fall of 2019. This state of the art facility was constructed at a cost of \$22,000,000 and has over 83,000 square feet to support the training requirements of the 45<sup>th</sup> IBCT. In addition, this facility as well as future projects are helping to replace the aging armory infrastructure and thereby assist in supporting the needs of citizen soldiers of the State of Oklahoma.



## CAMP GRUBER TRAINING CENTER (CGTC)

Camp Gruber Training Center is committed to being recognized as a premier training center for tactical operations conducted by all Department of Defense military. Camp Gruber is dedicated to providing state of the art ranges and facilities in support of the Oklahoma Army National Guard. CGTC's mission is to Command, operate, manage and administer the use of resources of a Level II Training Center to accomplish all assigned missions. Provide year-round customer service through administrative, engineering, logistical, training and operational support to assigned, attached, transient, or tenant units and joint forces activities for up to and including brigade sized elements.







# AIR

Two Wings, 37 Separate Units



## 137th SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING (SOW)

The 137th SOW is a force provider for geographic combatant commanders, special operations command, theater special operations commanders, and task force commanders; providing manned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, close air support, agile combat support, cyber, space, and aeromedical evacuation.

The 137 SOW is one of only two Air National Guard wings in Air Force Special Operations Command and the only military entity flying, training, and maintaining the unique capabilities of the MC-12W. The wing is also the only Air National Guard wing designed to deploy continuously for 12 months every year.

### 137th SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

137th Special Operations Comptroller Flight

### 137th SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

- 137th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron
- 137th Special Operations Support Squadron
- 137th Combat Training Flight
- 146th Air Support Operations Squadron
- 185th Special Operations Squadron & MC-12W Formal Training Unit
- 189th Intelligence Squadron
- 285th Special Operations Intelligence Squadron

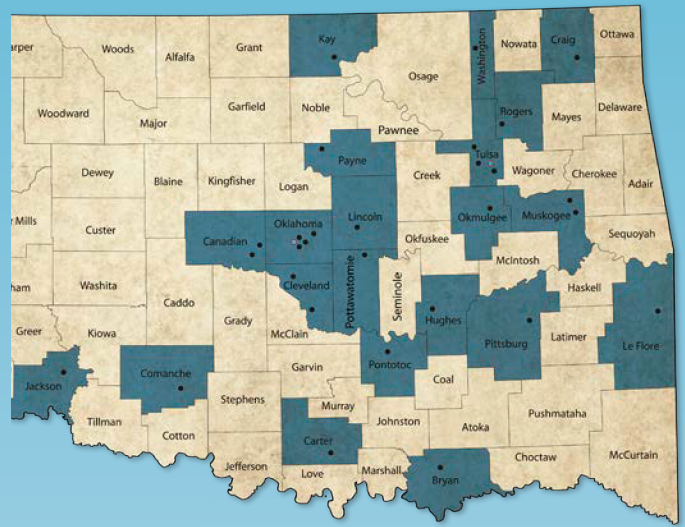
### 137th SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

- 137th Special Operations Civil Engineering Squadron
- 137th Special Operations Communications Flight
- 137th Special Operations Force Support Squadron
- 137th Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 137th Special Operations Security Forces Squadron
- 205th Engineering Installation Squadron

### 137th SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL GROUP

## AIR PROPERTY LOCATED IN 2 COUNTIES

WINGS	Acres	#Bldgs	Total sq ft.
137th Will Rogers ANGB	135	31	411,207
138th Tulsa ANGB	145	48	396,659



Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard locations



## 138th FIGHTER WING (FW)

The 138th FW is America's premier Fighter Wing defending freedom with lethal, agile Combat Air Power; devoted Citizen Airmen always ready to support the Nation, the State of Oklahoma, and our communities with strength and honor.

The 138th FW is home to the F16CM Fighting Falcons, a multi-role combat aircraft capable of delivering precision guided munitions around the world. In addition, the Wing continues to provide 24/7 homeland defense through its aerospace control alert detachment in Houston, TX. The 138th FW works daily to be ready and lethal, living up to its motto of "Strength and Honor". The 138th FW is comprised of four groups to include the Operations Group, Maintenance Group, Mission Support Group, and Medical Group. The Wing is responsible for organizing, equipping, and training over 1,200 Airmen through effective planning and execution of its annual \$80 million budget.

### 138th OPERATIONS GROUP

- 125th Fighter Squadron
- 138th Operations Support Squadron
- 138th Detachment 1, Aerospace Control Alert
- 125th Weather Flight

### 138th MAINTENANCE GROUP

- 138th Maintenance Squadron
- 138th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 138th Maintenance Operations Flight

### 138th MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

- 138th Civil Engineering Squadron
- 138th Communications Flight
- 138th Force Support Squadron
- 138th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- 138th Security Forces Squadron
- 138th Contracting Flight
- 219th Engineering Installation Squadron

### 138th MEDICAL SQUADRON



*The TF1 team consists of 125 members from 33 agencies in and around Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas.*



The Oklahoma Army National Guard has supported Oklahoma Task Force 1 since 2017 with aviation platforms in order to perform complex hoist operations and swift water rescue. The 1-169th Medevac Company utilizing UH-60A/L “Blackhawks” and the 3-140th Security & Support Company utilizing UH-72A “Lakotas” have been working in partnership with firefighters trained as rescue swimmers from the Tulsa and Oklahoma City greater metro areas.

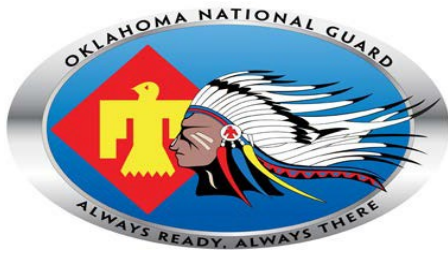
In Fiscal Year 2018 monthly joint training sessions were planned in order to hone their combined skillsets into a tangible asset for the State of Oklahoma. Training has been conducted not only at various locations throughout the State but also at a regional exercise in Texas that enjoyed participation from over twenty State and federal agencies and twenty-one aircraft. 2018 saw the program utilize over 120 flight hours of joint training culminating in a multi-day event ultimately producing a civil-military task force fully capable of performing potential life-saving rescue missions from confined areas or swift water in daylight conditions. Further cooperation with the Texas Army National Guard and the Missouri Army National Guard is planned for 2019 with the ultimate goal to preserve and enhance the current skillset and achieve mastery of operations at night utilizing Night Vision Devices and Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR).



### Capabilities

- Heavy structural collapse
- High angle rescue
- Confined space rescue
- Trench rescue
- Canine search for trapped victims





*The National Guard was founded to protect America's homeland. Today, the National Guard supports the homeland mission by partnering with local, state, and federal authorities to protect citizens and critical infrastructure from natural and man-made disasters.*

# HOMELAND

## DOMESTIC OPERATIONS

The Director of Military Support (DOMS) works directly with the Oklahoma Emergency Management Office and is responsible for all Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) domestic operations. In 2018, the OKNG Joint Operations Center oversaw 29 state active duty missions in which more than 900 Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard personnel provided support to the citizens of Oklahoma. This included wildfire suppression, search and recovery efforts, supply distribution, medical support, and security. The OKNG also provided support to South Carolina and the National Guard Bureau during Hurricane Florence as well as support to the Texas Border Patrol. In addition, DOMS provides several unique and specialized capabilities to the State including:

### ANTI-TERRORISM/FORCE PROTECTION

The Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (ATFP) Office provides protection for DoD personnel, family members, critical assets and materiel resources assigned to the Oklahoma National Guard and supports the Joint Force Headquarters by deterring, defeating, mitigating the effects of a Terrorist and/or Homegrown Violent Extremist (HVE) attack. They partner with local law enforcement and provide information sharing and analysis to the Oklahoma Information Fusion Center to help prevent terrorism and crime.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Program (EMP) plans, executes, and manages response efforts designed to mitigate the effects of an all-hazards incident, including natural, manmade, and technological disasters, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive (CBRNE) incidents, and accidents on or affecting Oklahoma National Guard installations, facilities and activities. During State emergencies, the EMP Coordinator serves as a liaison with the Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management and local responders.

### PERSONNEL SECURITY

The Personnel Security Office (PERSEC) ensures compliance with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 by verifying more than 9,000 OKNG service members, civilians and contractors have favorable security clearances. In addition, PERSEC manages and maintains more than 1,500 official and diplomatic passports.

### 63rd CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

The 63rd Civil Support Team (CST) is an integral part of the Homeland Response Enterprise by supporting intentional and unintentional releases of hazardous materials as well as man-made and natural disasters. Specifically, the CST supports civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) incident site by identifying agents or substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures and assisting with requests for additional support.

The ability of the 63rd CST to continually remain trained and equipped to respond to emerging threats and incidents as well as assisting in natural disasters with technical and operational products keeps the team highly capable and relevant. The CST can deploy in less than 60 minutes from alert, bringing with it a robust suite of CBRN detection and identification equipment, a mobile laboratory, technical and emergency decontamination assets, and a mobile communications suite.

In 2018, the CST participated in 27 multi-agency exercises and training events and assisted with 12 real-world missions. Examples include supporting the Federal Bureau of Investigation with unknown chemical and biological identification to assist with potential WMD investigation efforts, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol by responding to an unknown biological threat in Talihina, and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics by assisting with identification of unknown chemicals at several clandestine drug laboratories across the state. The 63rd Civil Support Team also supports local and state agencies' security for mass gathering events like the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, Collegiate Football Game Support, and National Basketball Association Playoff Game Support.

### COUNTERDRUG TASKFORCE

Oklahoma Counterdrug Task Force (OKCDTF) supports domestic Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) operations by assisting in the disruption of the distribution, transportation, finance, and abuse of illegal and illicit drugs throughout the state.

The Army and Air Guardsmen of OKCDTF serve as an additional manpower resource with specialized training and modern equipment. The OKCDTF significantly enhances the ability of LEAs to conduct drug related investigations and pursue offenders.

The Guardsmen provide training, support for demand reduction of illegal drugs, critical intelligence analysis of criminal activities, and ground reconnaissance and aerial observation operations to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. OKCDTF is a valuable resource in the "War on Drugs." In 2018, the OKCDTF statewide support of community antidrug coalitions and LEAs, resulted in the seizure of 164 weapons, 575 arrests, and more than \$2.6 Million in drugs seized.

### NATIONAL GUARD REACTION FORCE OKLAHOMA (NGRF-OK)

The National Guard Reaction Force Oklahoma (NGRF-OK) is a well-trained force capable of responding to natural disasters or terrorist attacks. The team is typically deployed to provide site security, presence patrols, or to establish roadblocks and/or check points. The NGRF can deploy within 8 hours and sustain itself for up to 72 hours.

# 45<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION MUSEUM



## MORE THAN HISTORY

*In telling the story of Oklahoma's National Guard, the Museum illuminates the contributions of Oklahoma's citizen Soldiers and Airmen to the state, the nation, and the world. With over 16,000 local, national, and international visitors each year, the Museum serves as the single largest generator of positive public relations and goodwill by Oklahoma citizens toward their National Guard. It creates interest in joining the National Guard and provides support for veterans and their families.*

*Recognized as a world-class historical facility, the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museum is Oklahoma's only state-operated museum dedicated to military history and is acknowledged to be the largest and best National Guard Museum in the United States. The museum collects, preserves, and exhibits objects and equipment relevant to the history of Oklahoma's military heritage from the Spanish exploration to the present day operations of the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard.*

## EXHIBITS

With over 22,000 square feet of exhibition halls, archives, library, and theater, the Museum's ten galleries tell the story of Oklahoma's military history from the year 1541 through today's current operations. The 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's history is a large part of the story line with its 511 combat days and eight campaigns in World War II and 429 combat days and four campaigns during the Korean War. It is also home to the largest collection of Hitler artifacts currently on public display in the world.

One of the Museum's galleries is dedicated to displaying the two hundred original "Willie and Joe" cartoons. Created and drawn on the front lines during World War II by the Pulitzer Prize winner, Bill Mauldin, "Willie and Joe" represented the typical American Soldier and his enduring sense of humor despite the most trying circumstances. Bill Mauldin began his military career with the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and maintained his close association with the Museum throughout his life.

The Jordan B. Reeves Military Weapons Collection gallery is considered to be one of the nation's most comprehensive and valuable collections which traces the evolution of military weapons from this nation's War of Independence from Great Britain through this nation's involvement with the Vietnam War. Displayed are hundreds of extremely rare, one-of-a-kind, firearms, edged weapons, cannons, and machine guns. This collection includes Civil War sniper rifles, Colt pistols and Winchester rifles from the days of America's wild western frontier, Gatling guns mounted on wagon wheels, to US Navy rifles salvaged from the wreck of the battleship Maine, sunk in Havana Harbor. It is the third largest and most complete exhibition of American firearms in the United States today.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Located at 2145 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street in Oklahoma City, the Museum is surrounded by a 15-acre military park containing over seventy military vehicles, armored vehicles, artillery, helicopters, and fixed-winged aircraft. The State's 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Monument, originally constructed in downtown Oklahoma City, was moved in recent years to the Museum grounds where it now towers over the entire military park.

## SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

With hundreds in attendance, the Museum conducts special ceremonies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day to commemorate and honor the service and sacrifice of all of Oklahoma's veterans and military service members. The Museum still hosts the annual reunion of veterans of the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as well as reunions for other US Army and Marine units. The Museum continued to observe the Centennial of World War I with special exhibits and memorial events. The Oklahoma National Guard and the State of Oklahoma had significant involvement in World War I and that story was shared with all of our visitors.



# PARTNERSHIPS

## STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Azerbaijan since 2002

Over the last 25 years, the National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP) has expanded to 68 unique security partnerships with 76 nations around the world. The program is an instrumental tool utilized in the application of national power to ensure US interest's abroad. The Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) conducts engagements in support of DoD security goals and DoD objectives leveraging whole of society relationships and capabilities to facilitate broader interagency and corollary engagements panning military, government, economic, and social spheres. Thereby, extending Oklahoma's global impact and influence.



The OKNG SPP partnered country is the Republic of Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan is a key US strategic partner that provides regional stability; Russia in the North and Iran in the South. Azerbaijan's energy resources reduces Europe's dependency on Russia and the construction of the Southern Gas Corridor will be a strategic energy distribution source well into the future. Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, is the gateway between Europe and Asia. It is the transportation hub for all US overflights and ground transportation of non-lethal goods flowing into Afghanistan. 2018 was a monumental year as Azerbaijan celebrated its Independence Declaration 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 16 years of partnership with the OKNG. A defining moment in our partnership was when the 1-180<sup>th</sup> CAV was deployed to Afghanistan at the same time as 122 Soldiers of the Azerbaijan Army. Both elements were able to conduct a meeting engagement solidifying the fidelity of our partnership. The OKNG has expanded its international relationships by partnering with Maryland and Estonia to ensure NATO certification, partnering with Arkansas and Guatemala to enhance their Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program, and partnering with California and Ukraine to establish the Joint Maneuver Training Group. Moreover, OKNG participates in a myriad of strategic planning conference with European Command and NATO.



# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STARBASE

DoD STARBASE is a premier educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. At DoD STARBASE students participate in challenging “hands-on, mind-on” activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

## VISION STATEMENT

To raise the interest and improve the knowledge and skills of at-risk youth in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), which will provide for a highly educated and skilled American workforce who can meet the advanced technological requirements of the Department of Defense.

## ALIGNMENT TO OKLAHOMA WORKS

Supports Oklahoma Works by providing a rigorous foundation of STEM knowledge, skills, and motivation for Oklahoma students at the beginning of the education and training pipeline. This foundation supports all five Workforce Ecosystems driving wealth in Oklahoma: *Aerospace and Defense; Agriculture and Biosciences; Energy; Information and Financial Services; and Transportation and Distribution.*

## Quick DoD STARBASE Oklahoma Facts

- Youth educational enrichment program originated by the National Guard Bureau in 1993 that has served more than 96,000 Oklahoma students.
- Exposes at-risk youth (grades 5-8) to “hands-on, minds-on” science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).
  - STARBASE 5th grade programming: children attend with their school class, one day a week for six weeks; There are currently seven STARBASE classrooms at four sites/academies across Oklahoma.
  - STARBASE 2.0, 6th-8th grade programming: provides an afterschool club for four hours per month focusing on STEM projects, goal setting, and teambuilding. There are currently 11 STARBASE 2.0 programs in schools.
- Conducts a Native American Initiative.
- Serves more than 6,000 Oklahoma students and educators per year with more than 100,000 contact hours each year.
- Employs 27 staff members.

# THUNDERBIRD CHALLENGE PROGRAM

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Thunderbird Challenge Program’s mission is to take at-risk youth and give them discipline and the tools they need to plot a new course in life.



## PROGRAM GOAL

Return at risk youths to their homes with high school diplomas, additional high school credits, GEDs, and/or vocations in orders to become successful productive citizens within their communities.

## PROGRAM BACKGROUND

Thunderbird Challenge Program is part of the Department of Defense and National Guard’s Youth Challenge Program. It is one of 39 programs in 28 States and Territories. Founded in 1993, Thunderbird has graduated more than 5,200 Oklahoma youths. It is the only program of its kind in the state, providing in-resident opportunities free of charge to parents and schools.

## PROGRAM EDUCATION

Thunderbird Challenge Program has developed a partnership with Epic Charter Schools and offers three different education opportunities to cadets. Thunderbird is one of the few Challenge Programs in the nation that offers this diversity in education opportunities.

- High School Graduation: For Cadets eligible, Thunderbird Challenge Program offers the capability to attain a High School Diploma through our partnership with Epic Charter Schools.
- High School Credit Recovery: High School courses and credit are available through our partnership with Epic Charter Schools. The goal is to return cadets to their local high school on a path to receiving their high school diploma.
- GED Certificate: Program is available for cadets who are not in a position to receive a high school diploma. Cadets are provided training during the cycle and the GED exam is administered at the end of the cycle.

## PROGRAM STATISTICS

- Number of students served each year: Approximately 300 out of 900 applicants
- Annual Budget: \$4 - \$5 million - Funding Source: 75% Federal and 25% State
- Staff Size: 70 - 80 based on level of fill
- Economic Impact on Community/State: \$20 million economic impact with a \$13.3 million return on program investment.



Our Soldiers, Airmen, and Families are our foundation and greatest resource. From recruitment through training phases, deployments, the process of reintegrating upon return from deployment, life changes, retirement, and beyond we care for our members and their Families through a variety of programs.



## FAMILY PROGRAMS OFFICE

The Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) Family Program Office (FPO) offers full spectrum support to Oklahoma's Service Members (SM) and their Families and encompasses a wide range of support services for all Family members. These include the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, Family Assistance Centers, Family Readiness Support, Survivor Outreach Services, and a vibrant Child and Youth Program.

The FPO is always seeking new initiatives to expand its services to support Families in new and dynamic ways. This effort has resulted in many "value-added" programs that are offered at no cost to SM and their families. The new initiatives include a partnership with Oklahoma State University – Institute of Technology to provide free ACT preparation classes to our military Families. Hand in hand with the ACT Prep effort is College Financing 101, which is half day training event designed to help military families discover the most economical ways to finance a college degree. The FPO also offers a Military Spouse 101, which trains military spouses about the full array of benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their spouse's military membership. Finally, 2018 saw the emergence of a new partnership – the first of its kind in the nation – with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in which the entire OKNG was "adopted" by the VFW as a part of its "adopt-a-unit" program. These programs make Oklahoma a leader in support services, and many of these initiatives are replicated by other Family Program offices across the 54 states and territories.

The FPO is continuing its years long, sustained effort to build partnerships with Native American tribes to coordinate military and available tribal resources to ensure the widest range of support possible for our Native American service members and their Families.

The State Family Program Office plays a crucial role in the mission of the Oklahoma National Guard by supporting those who support our Soldiers and Airmen. The State Family Program office is an integral part in the effort of the OKNG to increase the resilience and retention of the outstanding service members of this great state.



### MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM

The Secretary of Defense shall provide, upon request, a funeral honors detail for the funeral of any veteran, except when military honors are prohibited. In CY18, the Oklahoma National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program provided honors for 1,262 veterans.

### TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

The Retirement Services Officer plays a critical role in the development and implementation of all retirement services operations providing individual and group consults on benefits, resources, programs and services to Guardsmen who are preretirement, in the retirement process, or have already retired from the Oklahoma National Guard. Hundreds of Guard members were individually assisted and thousands received information from a variety of sources to include electronic mailings and social media.

### STRONG BONDS

In addition to providing religious support across our organization, the 36 members of the Oklahoma National Guard Chaplain Corps provides relationship enhancement training to couples and single Soldiers and Airmen. In 2018, five couples events were conducted for 250 service members and their Families. Eight events for single Soldiers and Airmen were conducted for 480 Oklahoma Army and Air National Guardsmen.

# EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

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Selective Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP)

The National Guard has several Incentive cash bonus programs as well as the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

- SRIP FY18: Payments to 1,500 service members totaled over \$5.5 million.
- SLRP FY18: Payments to 700 service members totaled over \$500,000.
- Montgomery GI Bill Kicker Program FY18: More than 300 service members contracted for the program.

## FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)

Federal tuition assistance will pay up to \$250 per semester hour for up to 16 semester hours per fiscal year, lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours. Lifetime limit of 39 graduate semester hours.

- FY18: 109 service members enrolled in 359 classes for a total usage of \$209,000 to help with post secondary education expenses.

## STATE TUITION WAIVER (STW)

The National Guard State Tuition Waiver Program entitles eligible members of the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard who are attending two or four year accredited institutions of higher learning within the State of Oklahoma to the following benefits:

This benefit will waive the resident tuition of satisfactory participating Oklahoma National Guard members who are Oklahoma residents. The resident tuition waiver can waive up to 18 credit hours per semester per institution.

The recipient must be pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree and be enrolled in a minimum of three hours to receive the waiver.

- FY18 provided education assistance to 2,329 Service Members with an estimated \$5 million in benefits.

## ARMED FORCES CLASSIFICATION TEST (AFCT)

The Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT) evaluates active duty personnel who wish to improve their ASVAB scores for reenlistment or reclassification. The AFCT can be administered multiple times after a six month waiting period between tests. In FY 18, 40 service members took the AFCT.

## SELECTION INSTRUMENT FOR FLIGHT TRAINING (SIFT)

The Selection Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT) exam evaluates a Soldier's special aptitudes that are predictive of success in Army flight training.

- FY18: In order to qualify to become an Oklahoma Army National Guard Officer/Warrant Officers or an Army Flight Warrant, 21 Service members from various military branches/components completed this exam.





# THE FULL-TIME WORK FORCE

Between drill weekends, annual training periods, and deployments, the Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) is administered, trained, and equipped through the efforts of the 21% of our force that make up the full-time staff. They include Military Federal Technicians (Title 32), National Guard employees (Title 5), Federal Active Guard Reserve (AGR) military members and State Employees. They are the core of the force, ensuring our traditional Guardsmen are ready to respond when called.

The Department's full-time workforce is 49% federal employees (T32 & T5), 35% AGR, and 16% state employees.

The vast majority of the OKNG federal employee workforce is dual-status. Dual-status employees are required to maintain membership in the OKNG as a condition for employment.

The full-time work force is augmented on an "as needed" basis using Oklahoma Guard members on short-term military tours.

## WORKFORCE STRUCTURE

<b>OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD</b>	
Federal Employees	499
Federal Active Guard Reserve	526
<b>Oklahoma Army National Guard Total</b>	<b>1025</b>
<b>OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD</b>	
Federal Employees	609
Federal Active Guard Reserve	270
<b>Oklahoma Air National Guard Total</b>	<b>879</b>
<b>STATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</b>	
State of Oklahoma Employees	355
<b>OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WORKFORCE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,259</b>



# FUNDING

The Oklahoma National Guard received \$317 million from the federal government in Fiscal Year 2018 and \$9,996,071 from the State General Revenue Fund in State Fiscal Year 2018 (the federal fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30; the state fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30).

Federal funds pay for the vast majority of the Oklahoma National Guard 's operations, maintenance, equipment, training, travel, and construction expenses. They include \$45.8 million in cooperative agreement funds that are either granted to the state or administered by the state to support cost share programs.

State General Revenue Funds come from state tax revenues that are annually appropriated to the Oklahoma Military Department. These funds are provided for the administration of the Oklahoma National Guard and provide the State's required share of the Master Cooperative Agreement.

OMD Revolving funds come from multiple sources to support Oklahoma Military Department operations, the 45th Infantry Division Museum, and the Oklahoma National Guard Soldier Relief Program. Federal Cooperative Agreement funds are federal dollars executed and managed by the state.

## FEDERAL FUNDING

### OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Operations, Maintenance, and Civilian Payroll .....	\$98,359,950
Military Construction .....	\$0
Military Pay and Allowances.....	\$117,825,506
<b>Oklahoma Army National Guard Total .....</b>	<b>\$216,185,456</b>

### OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Operations, Maintenance and Civilian Payroll .....	\$95,012,100
Military Construction .....	\$288,867
Military Pay and Allowances.....	\$6,194,000
<b>Oklahoma Air National Guard Total.....</b>	<b>\$101,494,967</b>

## STATE FUNDING

General Revenue Fund (from state tax revenues).....	\$9,969,071
Revolving Fund (non-appropriated funds) .....	\$752,329
Federal Cooperative Agreement (federal funds managed by the state).....	\$43,349,997
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$54,071,397</b>

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