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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S

ANNUAL REPORT



OKLAHOMA
NATIONAL GUARD

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD

Serving the State and Nation Since 1890

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The Army National Guard makes up approximately **34%** of the Army's operating forces. As an operational reserve to the Army, the National Guard fights the nation's wars alongside our active-duty counterparts throughout the world.



*"When **called**, we **respond** with **ready** units to **execute** federal, state, and community missions."*

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Air National Guard operates approximately **21%** of the total Air Force structure. As the primary combat-ready reserve of the Air Force, the Air National Guard provides mission-ready Airmen to safeguard the homeland, serve our communities, and execute global operations.



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OUR LEADERSHIP



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FUNDING

The Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) received **\$435 million** from the federal government in fiscal year 2024 and **\$27.6 million** from the State General Revenue Fund in the state fiscal year 2024.

Federal funds pay for most of the OKNG’s operations, maintenance, equipment, training, travel, and construction expenses. They include **\$50.4 million** in Federal Cooperative Agreement Funds 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 (OMD) for the administration of the OKNG and provide the state’s required share of the Master Cooperative Agreement. OMD Revolving Funds come from multiple sources to support OMD operations, the Oklahoma National Guard Museum, and the OKNG Soldier Relief Program. Federal Cooperative Agreement Funds are federal dollars reimbursed to the state for the federal share of operations executed.

FEDERAL FUNDING FY 2024 (OCT. 1 - SEPT. 30)

OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	AMOUNT
Operations, Maintenance, and Civilian Payroll	\$110,395,797
Military Construction	\$0
Military Pay and Allowances	\$131,051,886
Operations and Maintenance, Army	\$906,665
OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TOTAL	\$242,354,348

OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD	AMOUNT
Operations, Maintenance, and Civilian Payroll	\$54,651,767
Military Construction	\$43,635,300
Military Pay and Allowances	\$94,418,203
OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD TOTAL	\$192,705,270

STATE FUNDING FY 2024 (JULY 1 - JUNE 30)

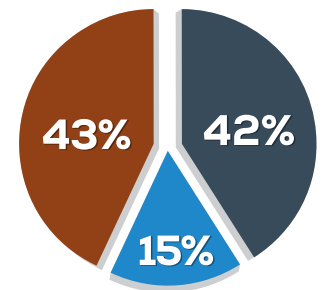
General Revenue Fund (from state tax revenues)	\$27,612,651
Revolving Fund (non-appropriated funds)	\$290,580
Federal Cooperative Agreement (federal funds managed by the state)	\$50,389,915
STATE TOTAL	\$78,293,146

WORKFORCE

Between drill weekends, annual training periods, and deployments, the OKNG is trained, administered, and equipped through the efforts of **approximately 29%** of our force that makes up the full-time staff. They include Military Federal Technicians (Title 32), National Guard Federal Technicians (Title 5), Federal Active Guard Reserve (AGR) military members, state employees, and contractors. They are the core of the force, ensuring our traditional Guardsmen are ready to respond when called.

The vast majority of the Oklahoma National Guard federal employee workforce is dual-status (Title 32). Dual-status employees must maintain membership in the OKNG as a condition for employment.

The full-time workforce is augmented on an as-needed basis using Oklahoma Guard members on short-term military tours or Active Duty for Operational Support (ADOS) orders.



- ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE
- FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
- STATE EMPLOYEES

THE FULL-TIME WORKFORCE STRUCTURE

OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	AMOUNT
Federal Employees	562
Federal Active Guard Reserve	509
OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TOTAL	1,071

OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD	AMOUNT
Federal Employees	473
Federal Active Guard Reserve	563
OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD TOTAL	1,036

STATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	AMOUNT
State of Oklahoma Employees	385

2,492 FULL-TIME WORKFORCE TOTAL

OKLAHOMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

45th INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM



**HEADQUARTERS:
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA**

The 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) is one of only 32 infantry brigades in the United States Army inventory and is critical to the strategic capabilities of the nation. Known as the "Thunderbirds," the 45th IBCT comprises over half of the Oklahoma Army National Guard's personnel strength. The 45th IBCT's core wartime mission is to deter the enemy through fire and maneuver, destroy or capture enemy forces, and repel their attacks by fire, close combat, and counterattack.

UNITS

- 1-179th Infantry Battalion
- 1-279th Infantry Battalion
- 1-180th Cavalry Squadron
- 1-160th Field Artillery Battalion
- 700th Brigade Support Battalion
- 545th Brigade Engineer Battalion

90th TROOP COMMAND



**HEADQUARTERS:
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

The 90th Troop Command (TC) provides combat service support to the U.S. Army for Unified Land Operations, homeland defense, homeland security, and civil support.

The 90th TC is the most diverse and often deployed formation in the Oklahoma Army National Guard, possessing the widest range of skills and positions, including pilots, plumbers, engineers, electricians, truck drivers, military police, logistics personnel, physicians, and lawyers.

UNITS

- 120th Engineer Battalion
- 345th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion
- 2-245th Aviation Battalion
- 145th Army Band
- 145th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
- Oklahoma Medical Readiness Detachment
- 63rd Civil Support Team

CAMP GRUBER TRAINING CENTER



**HEADQUARTERS:
BRAGGS, OKLAHOMA**

Camp Gruber Training Center (CGTC) is committed to being a premier training center for tactical operations conducted by all Department of Defense military. Camp Gruber dedicates itself 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 resources of a Level II Training Center to accomplish all assigned missions. CGTC provides 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.



45th FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE



**HEADQUARTERS:
MUSTANG, OKLAHOMA**

The 45th Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) provides long-range artillery and coordinates Joint Fires capabilities in support of Corps or Division level Commanders, one of eight FABs in the nation. The Field Artillery Brigade can employ Army and Joint Air, surface and subsurface fires, Special Operations Forces, Information Operations, Civil Affairs, and Airspace Command and Control elements.

The FAB has the necessary command and control structure to integrate attached ground and maneuver forces and function as a maneuver headquarters.

UNITS

- 1-158th Field Artillery Battalion (HIMARS)
- 271st Brigade Support Battalion
- 120th Forward Support Company
- 205th Network Signal Company



OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

137th SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING



HEADQUARTERS:
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The 137th Special Operations Wing (SOW) provides manned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, close air support, agile combat support, cyber support operations, and aeromedical evacuation to multiple combatant commanders and Air Force Major Commands.

One of only two operational Air National Guard wings in Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), the 137th SOW is the third-largest contributor to the Greater Oklahoma City public aerospace sector.

UNIT STRUCTURE

137TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

137th Special Operations Comptroller Flight

137TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

137th Special Operations Support Squadron

185th Special Operations Squadron

185th Detachment 1, MC-12W Formal Training Unit

285th Special Operations Intelligence Squadron

NOT AFSOC UNITS

137th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AMC)

137th Combat Training Flight (ACC)

146th Air Support Operations Squadron (ACC)

189th Intelligence Squadron (ACC)

137TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICAL GROUP

137TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

137th Special Operations Civil Engineering Squadron

137th Special Operations Communications Squadron

137th Special Operations Force Support Squadron

137th Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron

137th Special Operations Security Forces Squadron

205th Engineering Installation Squadron

ACTIVE-DUTY TENANT UNIT

306th Intelligence Squadron

138th FIGHTER WING



HEADQUARTERS:
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

The 138th Fighter Wing (FW) is America's premier Fighter Wing defending Freedom with lethal and agile Combat Air Power. Its devoted Citizen-Airmen are always ready to support the nation, the state of Oklahoma, and our communities with strength and honor.

Since 1957, the Citizen-Airmen of the Tulsa-based Air National Guard responded to our nation and state calls to duty. After the conversion to the F-16, the 138th Fighter Wing participated in Operations Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel.

UNIT STRUCTURE

138TH FIGHTER WING

138th Comptroller Flight

138TH OPERATIONS GROUP

125th Fighter Squadron

138th Operations Support Squadron

138th Detachment 1, Aerospace Control Alert

125th Combat Weather Flight

138TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

138th Civil Engineering Squadron

138th Communications Squadron

138th Force Support Squadron

138th Logistics Readiness Squadron

138th Security Forces Squadron

138th Contracting Flight

219th Engineering Installation Squadron

138TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

138th Maintenance Squadron

138th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

138th Maintenance Operations Flight

138TH MEDICAL GROUP



DOMESTIC OPERATIONS

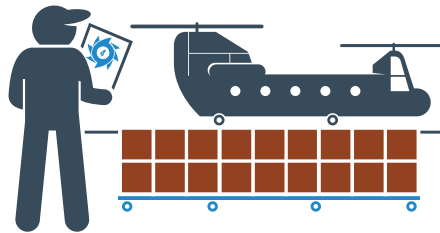
The Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) plays a critical role in supporting civil authorities, one that differs from the typical responsibilities of Active Duty and Reserve units. When not deployed for federal missions, the OKNG is dedicated to serving the Governor and citizens of Oklahoma. As directed by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the OKNG assists federal, state, local, and tribal agencies in responding to both natural disasters and man-made crises. 2024 Highlights include providing support for tornado disaster relief and deploying aviation units to the southeast for Hurricane Helene response.

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2024 RESULTS



WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING TRAINING

TRAINED 120 RED CARD PERSONNEL	TRAINED 12 SAWYER PERSONNEL	TRAINED 20 LEADERSHIP PERSONNEL
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HURRICANE RESPONSE

TOTAL OF 11 MISSIONS COMPLETED	MORE THAN 97,000 POUNDS OF CARGO DELIVERED	OVER 22 FLIGHT HOURS
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TORNADO RESPONSE

120 MAN-HOURS WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS & DISTRIBUTIONS
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DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUMS

In 2024, the OKNG hosted its inaugural annual Domestic Operations (DOMS) and Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) symposiums, marking milestones in fostering collaboration and innovation. The DOMS Symposium, attended by diverse state, local, tribal, and federal emergency management leaders, facilitated crucial dialogue between civilian and military emergency response communities that worked to bridge the gap between these sectors and promote a more unified and effective response to emergencies. The UAS Symposium brought together a distinguished assembly of experts, researchers, practitioners, and industry partners, sharing work, research, and real-world experiences, facilitating collaboration and networking among attendees, a valuable opportunity for attendees to discuss current and future requirements in the unmanned systems environment, driving progress and innovation in this critical field.

NATIONAL GUARD REACTION FORCE

The OKNG maintains a highly specialized and equipped National Guard Reaction Force (NGRF) designed to rapidly respond and provide critical support to law enforcement and security operations, able to deploy an initial force of 125 personnel within an eight-hour timeframe, followed by a larger contingent of up to 500 personnel within 24 hours. With rapid response capability, the NGRF helps bridge critical gaps and minimizes the impact of potential disruptions to essential services, public safety threats, and risks to life, property, and critical infrastructure.



DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ELEMENT AND MISSION DEFENSE TEAM

The Army Defensive Cyberspace Operations Element (DCOE) and Air Mission Defense Team (MDT) serve as military cyber first responders to the Governor and The Adjutant General safeguarding Oklahoma commerce and privacy. The teams work with state and federal partners, conducting exercises, hosting preventative educational tabletops, helping baseline with vulnerability assessments, and providing incident response to mitigate damages.

In 2024, the cyber teams participated in both local and international events. Highlights include supporting the FBI's InfraGard Information Warfare Summit by hosting a Capture-the-Flag event, hosting a cyber skills range at Oklahoma's most prominent technology conference, InnoTech, where Oklahoma Management Enterprise Services (OMES) conducted a government track, and conducting tabletop exercises enhancing relationships necessary for incident response and promoting digital security for students at Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). The DCOE, MDT, OMES, UCO, and Department of Public Safety traveled as one team to compete in the DoD's largest unclassified cyber exercise, Cyber Shield. Together, they won every event, including the live red vs. blue team weeklong exercise. They have won the exercise and SANS NetWars competitions in the past; however, this year, they also had the first female to win the individual competition, earning notable interviews with mainstream tech media.



63RD WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION-CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

The 63rd Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (WMD-CST) is integral to the Homeland Response Enterprise as a first response team to hazardous materials and man-made or natural disasters. Federally funded, resourced, and trained, the WMD-CST, when activated, deploys within one hour, providing Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) detection and identification equipment, a mobile laboratory, technical and emergency decontamination assets, and a mobile operations and communications suite. During disasters, the team is trained and capable of augmenting Task Force 1 and the Incident Commander in search and rescue operations.

In 2024, 46 operational missions were executed, providing CBRN support to local authorities and various state and local agencies, including chemicals surrounding illegal grow sites, clandestine labs, white powder incidents, and suspicious packages. WMD-CST also supported Oklahoma Highway Patrol security efforts during the SE OK Eclipse event and augmented Task Force 1 with search and rescue support to the community of Barnsdall, OK, immediately following the devastating May 2024 tornado. The team additionally participated in 14 training events and 31 engagements; highlights include exercising radiation and decontamination response plans with the Regional Emergency Medical Services System at nearly 20 hospitals, full-scale exercise scenarios with eight fire departments throughout Oklahoma, and participation in over 15 local emergency manager engagements.

The Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT), a WMD-CST partnership with state and local bomb squads, provides additional protection for the public during large sporting, gaming, and events through CBRN and explosive deterrence, detection, and response capabilities; highlights include support during the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, College Softball World Series, and home football games for OU and OSU.

OKNG CDTF ASSISTED LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE SEIZURE OF



\$11.5 MILLION
IN ILLICIT CURRENCY



1,354 LBS
OF FENTANYL



3,626 LBS
OF METH



TOTALING \$89.3M
IN STREET VALUE

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE

The Oklahoma National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (CDTF) supported the detection, interdiction, disruption, and curtailment of drug trafficking activities and use through the application of military-unique skills and resources in concert with interagency efforts to reduce the threat posed by drug-related Transnational Criminal Organizations to the State and the Nation. In fiscal year 2024, CDTF logged 215 hours of flight, trained 364 federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers, supported 23 agencies, constructed 219 illicit drug cases, and educated 4,042 students in drug abuse and prevention.

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM

Created by Oklahoma State Legislature in 1965 and opened to the public in 1976, the Oklahoma National Guard Museum is located at 2145 NE 36th Street in Oklahoma City. It is Oklahoma's only state-operated museum dedicated to the history of the Oklahoma National Guard and the 45th Infantry Division. The museum is surrounded by a 15-acre military park containing over 50 vehicles, aircraft, and artillery pieces. Our mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the impact of the Oklahoma National Guard's past, present, and future. Each year, more than 16,000 local, national, and international visitors tour the museum, providing an opportunity for education about the important history of the military in Oklahoma and emphasizing the role of the Oklahoma National Guard.

EXHIBITIONS AND COLLECTIONS

The museum staff continues to develop exhibition content for the new Oklahoma National Guard Museum while improving collections management and displays in the current museum.



THUNDERBIRD CHALLENGE PROGRAM

As Oklahoma's premier youth leadership program, the Thunderbird Challenge Program's mission is to transform the lives of Oklahoma's youth by providing a structured and supportive environment where they can overcome adversity, take ownership of their future, and develop essential leadership skills. The program instills discipline, responsibility, and integrity, empowering cadets to grow into resilient leaders and engaged members of their communities with the ability to achieve their full potential utilizing quasi-military training alongside education, physical fitness, and community service.



Founded in 1993, the Thunderbird Challenge Program is a key component of the Department of Defense and National Guard's Youth Challenge Program. As one of 40 programs nationwide and one of the original 10 national pilot programs, it has consistently ranked among the top performers within the Youth Challenge Program network nationwide.

PROGRAM EDUCATION

The Thunderbird Challenge Program has partnered with Epic Charter Schools to provide cadets with three distinct educational opportunities. Thunderbird is one of the few challenge programs in the nation that offer diverse educational options.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

Through our partnership with Epic Charter Schools, eligible cadets can earn a high school diploma.

GED PREPARATION:

The Thunderbird Challenge Program also offers GED preparation for qualifying cadets. This opportunity is designed to help cadets not on track to graduate with a high school diploma, providing them with the necessary training and support to earn their GED.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY:

In collaboration with Epic Charter Schools, Thunderbird offers high school courses and credit recovery options to support cadets returning to their local high schools on a path to graduation.

360
OF 900 APPLICANTS
ACCEPTED THIS YEAR
DUE TO AVAILABLE CADET HOUSING



APPROXIMATELY
93
PERSONNEL



ANNUAL BUDGET
\$7.5
MILLION



SINCE 1993
6,166
GRADUATED



FUNDING SOURCE PERCENTAGES
75% | **25%**
FEDERAL | STATE

\$24M ECONOMIC IMPACT **\$19.9M** RETURN ON PROGRAM INVESTMENT

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