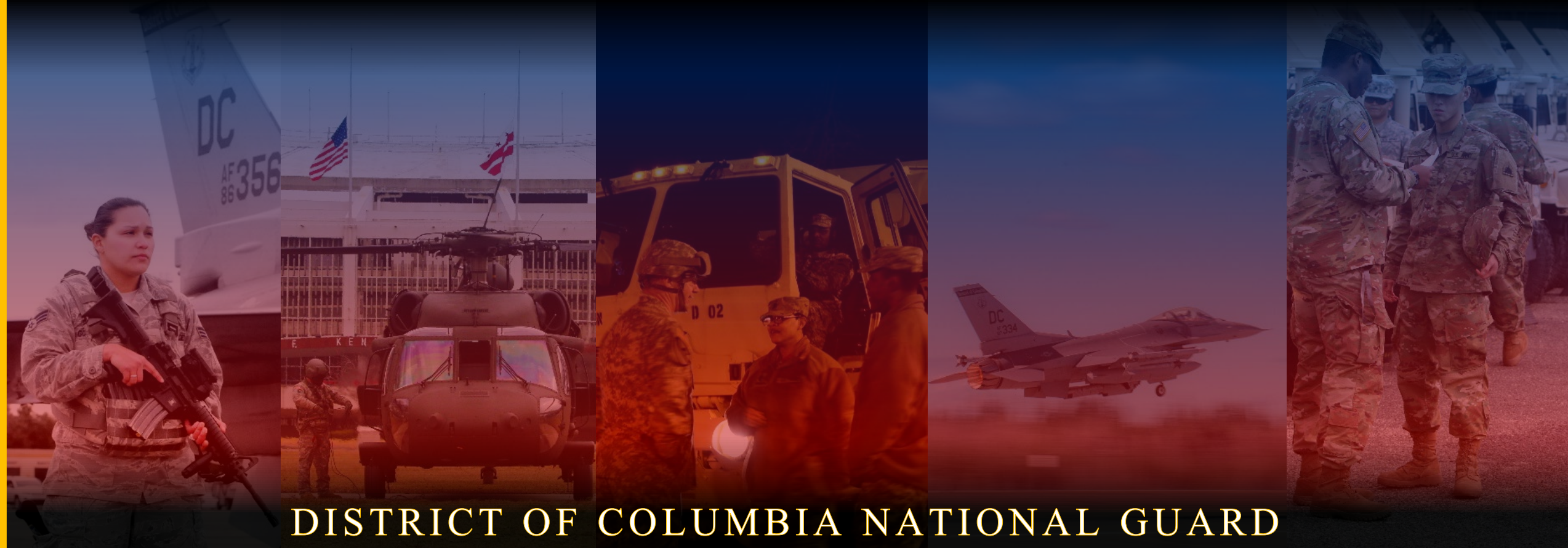


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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT





**Major General William J. Walker**  
Commanding General



**MG William J. Walker**  
Commanding General  
**BG Aaron R. Dean II**  
The Adjutant General  
**CSM Michael F. Brooks**  
Senior Enlisted Leader

The Honorable Mark T. Esper  
Secretary of the Army  
101 Army Pentagon, Room 3E700  
Washington, DC 20031-2500

Dear Mr. Secretary:

During the Calendar year of 2018, the District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG) executed its apportioned missions to the Federal Government and the District of Columbia.


The District of Columbia National Guard remains committed to the successful execution of critical missions in support of contingency operations; both foreign and domestic.

Our Soldiers and Airmen flawlessly supported President Bush Sr. and Senator McCain lying in state ceremonies in the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia National Guard also provided security support for Hurricanes Maria, Irma, and Harvey. The Army G-3/5/7 selected the District of Columbia National Guard Armory as their preferred location to host their combined forum for US Army Strategists (FA 59), Foreign Affairs Officers (FA 48) and Career Program (CP 60) with the first forum held in May 2017.

The District of Columbia National Guard continues to fly alert missions, protecting the skies over the capital with close to 6200 sorties since 9/11. Our Capital Guardians provided executive flights for senior members of the Federal Government to include the First Lady of the United States. The District of Columbia National Guard supported the Army Ten Miler and the United States Marine Corps Marathon events by providing security with our Military Police (MP) officers. In addition, a company of MPs were tasked to Fort Hamilton, New York to perform law and order duties as part of their annual training.

Finally, members of the District of Columbia National Guard engaged in multiple exchanges with our State partner, Jamaica under the auspices of the State Partnership Program. The 2018 Annual Report provides an in-depth discussion of our activities over the past year.

The District of Columbia National Guard is a vital component of providing security and protection for the District of Columbia citizens and all Americans. The District of Columbia National Guard appreciates your continued support and look forward to an exciting CY2019.

  
WILLIAM J. WALKER  
Major General, USA  
Commanding General



# District of Columbia National Guard Command Staff



**Brigadier General Aaron R. Dean II**  
The Adjutant General

Responsible for the training and readiness of the District of Columbia National Guard and ensuring that the forces are equipped to respond in the District of Columbia and abroad



**Brigadier General Maren McAvoy**  
Director, Joint Staff

Responsible for overseeing the development, execution and evaluation of joint staff programs and policies pertaining to the command, control and operation of joint functions in the District of Columbia National Guard



**Chief Warrant Officer Five  
Michael R. Jewett**  
Command Chief Warrant Officer

Key advisor to the Commanding General concerning all actions impacting warrant officer accessions, education, career management and leadership development



**Command Sergeant Major  
Michael F. Brooks**  
Senior Enlisted Leader

Key advisor to the Commanding General concerning all actions impacting education, career management and leadership development for enlisted Soldiers and Airmen



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## **MISSION**

The District of Columbia National Guard **PROTECTS THE CAPITAL AND DEFENDS THE NATION** against all enemies foreign and domestic and through readiness, deter adversarial aggression against U.S. vital interest at home and abroad to maintain the safety and security of our Nation.

## **VISION**

A continuously evolving cohesive Joint Force, that becomes the premier National Guard in the Nation, ready at a moment's notice for virtually any Department of Defense, Federal or District government mission.

## **VALUES**

The District of Columbia National Guard embodies the values of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force: **Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage** - Air Force: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

### Goal 1

Obtain and sustain comprehensive “right now” mission readiness.

### Goal 2

Train to and consistently meet the One Army and Air Force standard.

### Goal 3

Build innovative leaders at all levels with active talent management.

### Goal 4

Become widely known for discipline, professionalism and success.

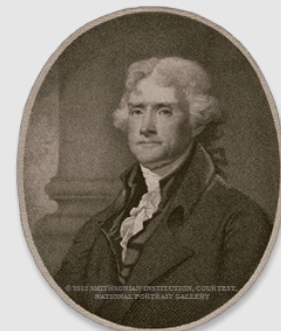
# HISTORY OF THE DCNG



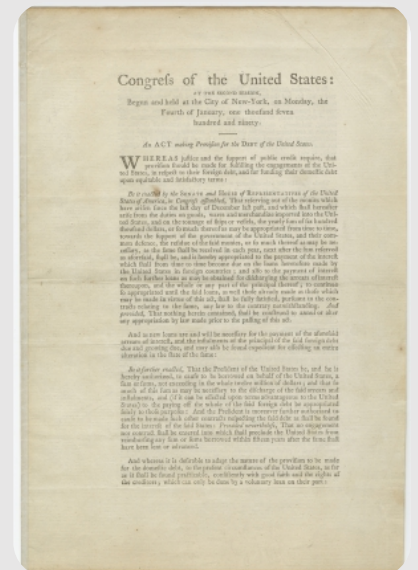
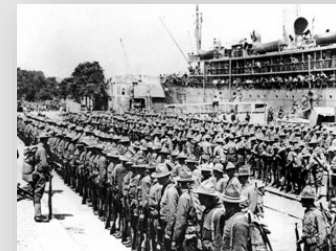
The District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG) is distinctively unique from its peer guard units in other states and territories. The DCNG was established during President Thomas Jefferson's tenure by the Assumption Act of May 3, 1802 in order to protect the nation's capital city. It is the only local National Guard with a mission to protect the federal government. The President of the United States is the Commander in Chief of the DCNG and command is exercised through the Secretary of Defense, which is further delegated to the Secretary of the Army for the District of Columbia Army National Guard and to the Secretary of the Air Force for the District of

Columbia Air National Guard. The DCNG has been involved in every major war in the United States and abroad since the War of 1812 and members are still deployed today in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The DCNG motto is, "Capital Guardians", paying homage to the original intent of the organization and a continual reminder of the role

that DCNG Soldiers and Airmen fill in the District of Columbia each year.



*Thomas Jefferson*





# VALUE OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD

In 2018, the DCNG received a total of \$68,833,050 to carry out its mission within the District of Columbia. DCNG receives 100% of its funding from federal sources. The funding was used for pay and allowances, training, supplies, equipment, construction, maintenance, tuition assistance, youth and family programs, and ceremonial support.

Despite having limited resources, the DCNG has been able to carve out a niche in supporting National Special Security Events in the district. DCNG has participated in twenty-three of the fifty-four NSSE in the United States.

**DCNG is federally funded for all domestic support operations and is the only Guard that does not receive state funding.**

Participated in 4 NSSEs in 2018

#1 Nation in DMOSQ

#2 Nation in TARP Training

Flew 510 Special Airlift Missions for cabinet members, Congress, and senior military to 68 Nations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (16x)

100% effective in SCI, INFOSEC, TARP programs during Army Protection Program Inspection

#1 Force Protection Assessment in Region

100% on COMPASS FORSCOM Report

Excellent rating on Command Cyber Readiness Inspection

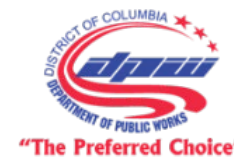
\$26M in Infrastructure Upgrades

**\$68,833,050**  
Annual Budget

# DC NATIONAL GUARD WORKFORCE

	Strength
Soldiers	1,269
Airmen	1,277
Total Strength	2,546
Title V Civilians	65
Total Workforce	2,611

Traditional DCNG men and women bring their expertise from over 30 federal, district and local agencies in the DMV, many of whom are our current partners.





# READINESS IS A TOP PRIORITY

## READY FOR TODAY

DCNG has proven to be a ready and reliable force for defense support to civil authorities, supporting the United States Capitol Police, United States Secret Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency, District of Columbia Metropolitan Police, District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Management Services and many other federal and district agencies in the area.

DCNG is a force provider to the combatant commands, mobilizing three Aviation units to Afghanistan, providing Air National Guard civil engineers and logistics support to Qatar, and supporting fourteen additional missions abroad.

Ranked Top 10 in  
Nation Aviation  
FMC Rate

92% GCSS Army  
Maintenance Plan  
Load Compliance

Top Duty MOS  
Qualified in the  
Nation

2<sup>nd</sup> Lowest  
Substance Abuse  
Rating in Nation

## READY FOR TOMORROW

DCNG’s highest priority is ensuring Soldier and Airmen readiness. Commanders are focused on the Total Soldier Concept, encompassing physical fitness, mental toughness, and personal and professional development.

DCNG fosters a healthy and safe environment by enforcing zero tolerance for sexual harassment and assault. Every Soldier and Airmen is encouraged to communicate feedback through open and honest dialogue contributing to organizational esprit de corps.

No suicides  
amongst DCNG  
members

Reduced SHARP  
incidents by 25%

# MEETING RECRUITMENT CHALLENGES HEAD ON

DMV	6,216,710
DC	693,972
Eligible for Enlistment	22%
Median Household Income	\$95,843

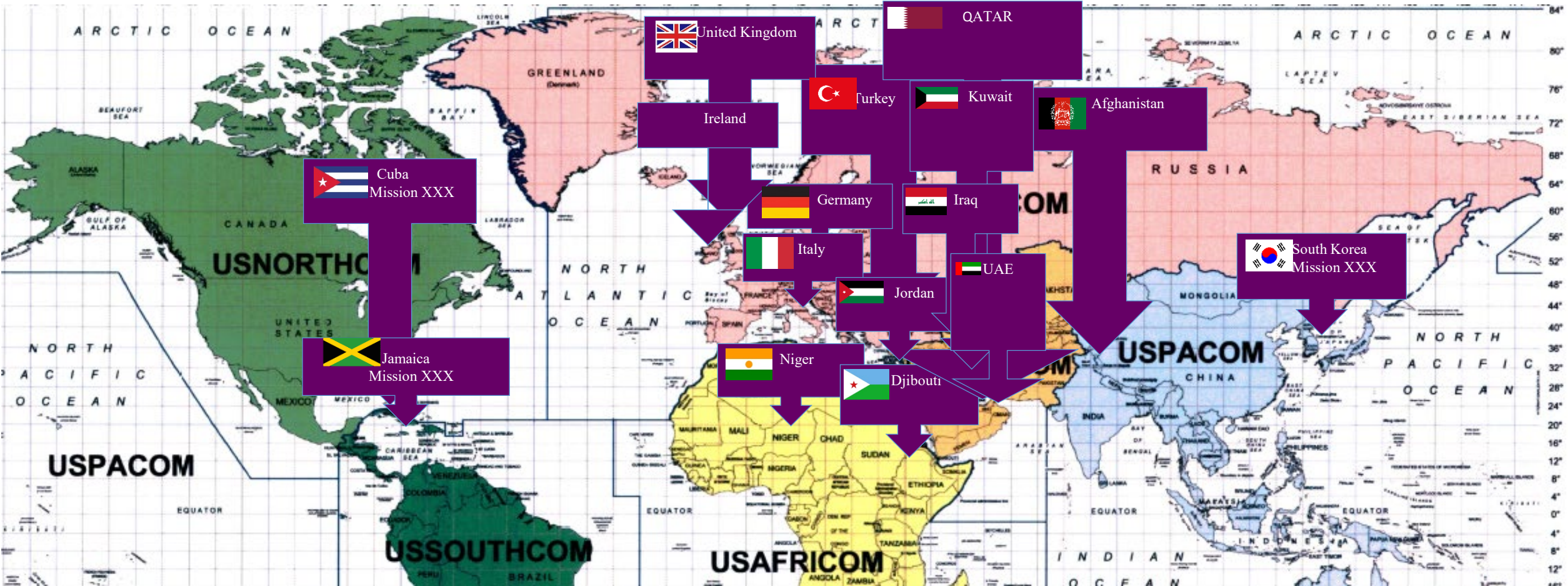


Top 5 DMV Industries
Tech Services
Public Admin
Healthcare
Utilities
Company Mgmt

DCNG is located in an area with the lowest enlistment population of eligible 18-25 year olds. In addition, marijuana use in the district is legal, further reducing the recruiting population. Recruiting in this environment can be challenging. Despite the challenges, the District of Columbia Army National Guard (DCARNG) Recruiting and Retention Battalion formed a partnership with the Department of Transportation piloting a program for Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL). The program enables the military drivers license to become accepted as the CDL. The DCNG continues to develop programs that focus on increasing recruitment and retention.



# WORLDWIDE DEPLOYMENTS





## CBRNE



- 10/8/2017 Army Ten Miler

## Medical Evacuation



- 11/30/2017 National Christmas Tree Lighting

- 2/28 - 3/1/2018 Rev Graham Laying in State

## Traffic Control



- 4/2/2018 White House Easter Egg Roll

## Blocking Vehicles



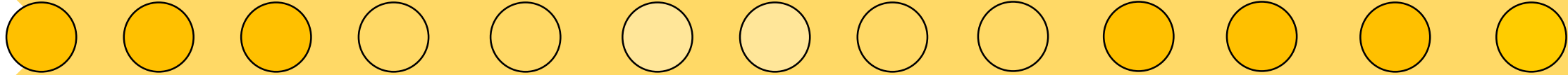
- 7/4/2018 Independence Day

- 8/12/2018 First Amendment Activities

## Aerospace Control Alert



- 12/3-12/6 President George H.W. Bush State Funeral



- 10/29/2017 Marine Corps Marathon

- 1/30/2018 State of the Union Address

- 3/24/2018 First Amendment Activities

- 6/16/2018 243rd Army Birthday Ball

- 7/13-17/2018 MLB All Star Games

- 8/31-9/1/2018 Senator McCain Laying in State

# DOMESTIC OPERATIONS SUPPORT







## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Held strategic discussions with the Secretary of the Army on obtaining dedicated funding for domestic operations and inaugural support.
- Improved shared situational awareness and friendly force tracking capabilities for the DCNG to ensure a common operation picture during civil support and response events.
- Obtained dedicated personal protective equipment for future DOMOPS activities.
- Contributed to the development of District Emergency Support Function playbooks.
- Improved DCNG Continuity of Operations capabilities.

## DOMESTIC OPERATIONS

The DCNG provides civil support to domestic agencies within the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia is headquarters for many United States government departments and agencies and the DCNG has fostered key relationships with several of them. In 2018, the DCNG coordinated contingency flood response planning with the Silver Jackets. Flood risk management is critical in the district, due to the cities' risk to three types of flooding events that can impact low areas of the city: river; coastal storm surge; and interior. In addition the domestic operations team participated in the Centers for Disease Control and DC Department of Health medical counter measures workshop, Federal Emergency Management Agency Region III search and rescue exercise and the Environmental Protection Agency's Black Sky Water Security Exercise. DCNG Domestic Operations also provided exercise support to the DC Office of the Chief Examiner.

**Way Ahead:** Enhance participation and support to exercises in the region ensuring that agencies understand the roles, responsibilities and capabilities of the DCNG before events occur.







## STATE FUNERAL SUPPORT – PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH

The 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States, President George H.W. Bush's state funeral was held in the District of Columbia on December 5, 2018. In a combined effort, the DCNG's Multi-agency Augmentation Command supported the National Governor's Association with escorts during the entire event for 18 governors in attendance; the 74<sup>th</sup> Troop Command supported the DC Metropolitan Police Department with traffic control points and blocking vehicles and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team assisted the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Management Services with CBRN support.







## 33<sup>RD</sup> CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team has developed key relationships with DC and Federal Partners and they are frequently called upon to participate in exercises and support events occurring in the District because of their proven ability to be immediately dispatched at any time, enroute to an emergency site within ninety minutes.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> CST Army North (ARNORTH) Training Proficiency Evaluation was conducted in April 2018. They were evaluated by ARNORTH on 12 collective tasks consisting of 516 subtasks. This evaluation consisted of a full-scale situational training exercise simulating a CBRN incident response evaluating all capabilities of the 33<sup>rd</sup> CST. The team received "GO's" on 515/516 subtasks and was rated as 'trained' on all 12 collective tasks. The team conducts this evaluation every 18 months to ensure they are proficient and prepared to perform their weapons of mass destruction civil support team mission.

**Way Ahead:** Focus on obtaining additional funding to upgrade facilities to ensure continued unit readiness. In addition, the CST will be participating in more training to include National Level Exercise support with the Federal Crisis Fire Life Safety and HAZMAT subcommittee partners.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Supported the Army Ten Miler, October 2017
- Supported the Marine Corp Marathon, October 2017
- Conducted training at the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center with US Army North, November 2017
- Supported the National Christmas Tree Lighting, November 2017
- Supported the President's State of the Union Address, January 2018
- Supported the March for our Lives, March 2018
- Supported the White House Easter Egg Roll, April 2018
- Hosted Federal Bureau of Investigation Radiation Advanced Diagnostics Level 1 training, May 2018
- Participated in the Vigilant Guard National Level Exercise, May 2018
- Supported the Army Birthday Ball, June 2018
- Supported Independence Day activities in Washington, DC, July 2018
- Supported the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, July 2018
- Conducted Army Warrior Training and weapons range, July 2018
- Participated in CST FEMA Region III exercise, August 2018
- Conducted Training at the Guardian Center in Perry, GA, August 2018
- Supported Senator John McCain's lying in state ceremony, August 2018
- Participated in Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region Capital Shield exercise, September 2018





## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in and supported SOUTHCOM 2018 Beyond the Horizon and Tradewinds exercises
- Supported Jamaican Defense Force (JDF) commissioning ceremony of new Air Force fleet
- Participated in Joint Forces Land Component Command Planning Conference for the synchronization of DoD land domain operations, activities, and investments in support of SOUTHCOM and its Security Cooperation Offices
- Hosted JDF Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief staff assistance visit in Washington, DC
- 3 Subject Matter Exchange Events
  - Counternarcotic and Trafficking
  - Military Police and Domestic Security
  - Senior NCO Development

## STATE PARTNER-JAMAICA

DCNG established a partnership with the Jamaica Defence Force in 1999, celebrating its twenty-year anniversary in 2019. Our partnership runs in concert with the United States Southern Command, the United States Embassy as well as the National Guard Bureau. The relationship supports the country's security forces in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship. It is an innovative, low-cost, security cooperation program with a small footprint.

**Way Ahead:** Continue to cultivate enduring personal and institutional relationships that enhances influence and promotes access to the southern region.







## STATE PARTNER BURKINA FASO

DCNG was competitively selected for a second state partnership. On December 18, 2018, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau provided the DCNG an official notification of a new state partner. The DCNG is honored to be the official partner of Burkina Faso.

**Way Ahead:** The official signing ceremony for Burkina Faso will occur on February 1, 2019. Following the signing ceremony, DCNG will participate in the Army Africa Senior Leader Strategy Session in Vicenza, Italy, from February 6-8, 2019. Members from the DCNG will participate in the annual Flintlock Exercise which is designed to enhance cooperation among African, allied and U.S. counterterrorism forces, from February 17 – March 2, 2019. In addition, DCNG will work with our new Burkinabe partners to identify impactful SMEE engagements.





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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
**LAND COMPONENT COMMAND**

**Land Component Command Mission Statement**

Man, train, and equip DCARNG forces to mobilize and support the District of Columbia and Federal agencies when directed by the President.

During 2018, the DCARNG Land Component Command mobilized three aviation units to Afghanistan. In addition, they provided the manpower and equipment in support of multiple DSCA missions including two National Special Security Events in the District of Columbia. Soldiers from the DCARNG supported Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and Florence following the highest cost hurricane season on record in the United States.



**Brigadier General Robert K. Ryan**  
Land Component Commander



**Command Sergeant Major Terrance A. Smith**  
Land Component Command Sergeant Major



# DCARNG ROLLS ALONG UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

Brig. Gen. Robert K. Ryan, Commander, Multi-agency Augmentation Command, DCARNG and Command Sgt. Maj. Terrance A. Smith, command sergeant major, 74th Troop Command, DCARNG, assumed command and responsibility for the more than 1,500 Soldiers of the Land Component Command, replacing Brig. Gen. Aaron R. Dean II and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael F. Brooks, who now serve as D.C. National Guard's Adjutant General and Senior Enlisted Leader respectively.

"We don't go out and get leaders; we make them," said Maj. Gen. William J. Walker, Commanding General, DCNG, who officiated the Change of Command and Change of Responsibility Ceremonies. "These four gentlemen represent the gold standard of competence and character," Maj Gen. Walker said of the Generals and Senior Noncommissioned Officers sharing the stage with him.

Brig. Gen. Dean considered his time in command a success because of the Soldier's ability to focus consistently and improve in an ever-changing environment. "You are going to be driven hard by Brig. Gen. Ryan; I have no doubt about that," Brig. Gen. Dean said. "But I have confidence in each Soldier in this command. I am proud of each of you and so proud to have been your commander".

Brig. Gen. Ryan's remarks were dedicated to both his support team, who enable him to rise through the ranks to general officer, and to the Soldiers of his new command. He reminded his Soldiers that the vision of the D.C. National Guard is to remain an elite organization committed to excellence.

"This is an organization built of great character instilled through the total Army professional values, the Soldiers Creed, the Warrior Ethos and the Army Song," Ryan said. "As incoming commander, I could not ask for a more trained organization than the one Brig. Gen. Dean and Command Sgt. Maj. Brooks prepared for Command Sgt. Maj. Smith and myself".



In a series of ceremonies filled with tradition and history, the District of Columbia Army National Guard's Land Component Command welcomed its new leaders on June 10, 2018 at the D.C. National Guard Armory.





### **Medical Detachment Plays Key Support Role in Golden Coyote**

Golden Coyote, hosted by the South Dakota National Guard, is one of the longest running exercises in the National Guard. The DCNG has participated in the exercise repeatedly, obtaining valuable training in a realistic environment over the past few years.

During the 2018 Golden Coyote exercise, the DCARNG Medical Detachment led a Combat Life Saver Course. Over 100 Soldiers from three different National Guard units participated in the training. The DCARNG provided humanitarian support in the form of dental treatment to over 30 Native Americans. The Medical Detachment played an instrumental role providing preventive medicine services for the overall exercise spread over four locations including but not limited to water treatment, facility inspections and other environmental duties.



### **273<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Performs Duties at Fort Hamilton, NY**

In continuation of the partnership developed between the 273<sup>rd</sup> Military Company and Fort Hamilton Garrison, the 273<sup>rd</sup> deployed over 140 soldiers to Fort Hamilton, New York in August 2018. The MP Company conducted garrison law enforcement military police operations, alongside active duty military police elements during two rotations. Fort Hamilton MPs were able to conduct in-service training, professional development and other tactical training, while DCARNG soldiers manned the MP checkpoints and managed operations.



### **715<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs Detachment Supports multi-national exercise in Germany**

In 2018, the 715th Public Affairs Detachment supported Saber Junction 18, a U.S. Army Europe-directed exercise designed to assess readiness in a joint, combined environment and to promote interoperability with participating NATO allies and partner nations. The 715th PAD served as both civilian media within the exercise and as military media telling the story of the training. The detachment covered Dr. Mark T. Esper, Secretary of the Army, during his visit to the Hohenfels training area.

The unit's products reached the highest levels of military publications to include [army.mil](http://army.mil), [nationalguard.mil](http://nationalguard.mil), [militarytimes.com](http://militarytimes.com), [armytimes.com](http://armytimes.com) and other media platforms.

# 547<sup>th</sup> TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

## First DCARNG Unit to Participate at National Training Center in Eleven Years

On Dec. 26, 2017, the 547<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company (TC) was requested to participate in the National Training Center (NTC) Decisive Action Rotation 18-09 in June 2018. Despite being off cycle, DCNG readily accepted the mission. As soon as the mission was received, 547<sup>th</sup> with support from 74<sup>th</sup> Troop Command and JFHQ-DC began the process to train, gather equipment, load, and transport the organization to Fort Irwin, CA. For the first time in 11 years, a DCARNG unit was headed to a NTC rotation.

They departed on June 14, 2018, and arrived with 65 personnel to a daily average temperature of 106°F in the Mojave Desert.

This was the first time many of the young Soldiers in the 547<sup>th</sup> TC ever faced such a realistic training environment.

The mission was to provide logistics and fuel support to the 152<sup>nd</sup> CSSB from South Dakota. Led by 1LT Tarp and SFC Vaquerano, the unit transported 125,500 gallons of fuel, traveling 37,550 miles. Based on the operation, the unit also supported night time fueling operations. Even more astounding, the 547<sup>th</sup> completed more than 25 missions with no unit casualties or sustained injuries.

The 152<sup>nd</sup> CSSB commended the 547<sup>th</sup> TC and awarded eight Soldiers with the South Dakota Distinguished Soldier award.







## PERFORMANCES

District of Columbia Emancipation Day  
Parade  
April 16, 2018

*National Harbor  
Harris Pavilion  
Hagerstown Community College  
John Carlyle Square Park  
Market Square  
Pentagon Row  
River Mill Park  
Capitol Hill- August*

Annual Summer Concert Series  
August 3-11, 2018  
*LaPlata Town Hall*

National Independence Day Parade  
July 4, 2018

The Holidays in Concert  
December 11, 2018

## “Band of the Nation’s Capital”

The “Band of the Nation’s Capital”, the 257th Army Band, boasts a proud lineage going back to the legendary Corcoran Cadets of 1883, the DC militia that inspired John Philip Sousa to compose his march of the same name. Within the 257th Army Band, there are several musical groups which play a variety of music including classical, jazz, rock and many others. In addition to the concert band, they have multiple music performance teams, including: jazz combo, rock band, ensemble, brass quintet and duet teams.

Noteworthy performances have been in support of presidential inaugurations; to include performances in Greece, Jamaica, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Panama, consecutive appearances at the Great American Brass Band Festival and concert tours throughout New England, Texas, and the Mid-Atlantic.

The ensemble faithfully continues to provide musical support for the DCNG while proudly representing both the Guard and its home city throughout the world.



# PROTECTING THE NATION'S SKIES



## AIR COMPONENT COMMAND



### **Joint Force Headquarters (Air) Mission Statement**

Support and defend the National Capital Region, its citizens and the Nation by maintaining ready, trained and equipped military forces and to support the District of Columbia during national special security events, natural disasters and other contingency operations.



**Colonel Mark A. Maldonado**  
Deputy Commanding General, Air

**Chief Master Sergeant Charles C. Gass**  
State Command Chief

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD



# 113TH WING

CAPITAL GUARDIANS



## 113th Wing Mission Statement

Support the District of Columbia and local communities, to defend the National Capital Region, provide global executive airlift for national leaders, and to provide our nation with fighter combat aircraft capability and support forces capable of global employment.



**Colonel Keith G. MacDonald**  
113th Wing Commander

**Chief Master Sergeant Kimberly S. H. Turner**  
113th Wing Command Chief





## **D.C. AIR GUARD REACHES HISTORIC MILESTONE OF 6,000 ALERT CALLS**

The 113th Wing's Aerospace Control Alert (ACA) Detachment reached a milestone of responding to 6,000 alert events, a historic first in the nation. The 113th Wing's ACA mission includes aerospace control forces as part of the federal government's efforts to protect U.S. airspace and respond to alert calls with around-the-clock alert teams ready to launch F-16 Fighting Falcons and other aircraft at a moment's notice for a rapid response to airborne threats and air emergencies. The D.C. Air National Guard's F-16s and ready trained personnel are part of a multi-layered air defense system for the nation's capital. When the alarm sounds, there are no questions, no hesitation, and no debate. Pilots and maintainers dash through the hallway and literally run to the aircraft bay and generate aircraft – all in a matter of minutes.



## **THE 201<sup>ST</sup> AIRLIFT SQUADRON FLIES MORE THAN 500 MISSIONS**

When members of the Presidential Cabinet and Congress, foreign heads of state, and other dignitaries executing global missions vital to U.S. national security need to travel, members from the 201st Airlift Squadron step up to provide them with safe, reliable transportation. The squadron is the only one in the Air National Guard that serves the very important person special airlift mission and brings their members face-to-face with the nation's senior leaders. In 2018, the 201st Airlift Squadron, flew over 500 C-40 special airlift missions, transporting passengers to 68 nations.

In addition, the squadron conducts Mission Readiness Airlifts, which are authorized by the National Guard Bureau for personnel and cargo requiring transportation to meet training requirements. They also provide aircrews with practical experience involving cargo, unfamiliar operating locations and qualification requirements.





## **113<sup>TH</sup> WING DEPLOYED UNITS RESTORE BASE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROVIDE CRITICAL SUPPORT**

The 113<sup>th</sup> Wing civil engineers deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar to work as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group's 577<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force Squadron. Their duties included restoring and sustaining base infrastructure. 113<sup>th</sup> Wing logisticsians deployed to Al Udeid Air Base work as part of the 379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's Consolidated Aircraft Part Store. Over 349,000 items are stocked daily to ensure maintainers have critical aircraft parts and supplies to do their job. The facility is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They provide a "crucial inventory" for seven different airframes, as well as supporting deliveries to forward operating bases in the Area of Responsibility (AOR).

Members of the 113<sup>th</sup> Wing Communications Flight are also deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, providing vital communication to warfighters on the ground and in flight across the AOR. The “magic makers” provide secure communication capabilities to places including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Qatar, UAE, Kuwait. If there’s military personnel there – communications is provided to them.





## FAMILY READINESS CENTER

The DCNG Family Assistance Center has worked hard in establishing long lasting partnerships with the community. In 2018, The Family Assistance Center provided several activities to assist Service and family members. Family Readiness Center events included the Infant and Toddler Workshop hands-on interactive training event where clothes and toys valued at over \$3,000 were distributed, Christmas in September where over \$4,000 in clothes and toys were distributed, and the Thanksgiving meal giveaway where Soldiers received 400 baskets valued at \$15,000. We located housing for 27 homeless service members, assisted 55 service members with finding affordable housing, provided financial services to over 1000 service and family members. Through community partnerships the Family Readiness Center assisted over 1,000 service members with life events providing referrals to counseling and financial assistance.





## **51<sup>st</sup> Graduating Class**

50% + received High School Diploma  
2 enlisted in Active Army  
2 enlisted in Active Marines  
4 enrolled in college  
1 attending Valley Forge Military College

## **YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY**

The Capital Guardian Youth ChalleNGe Academy (CGYCA), located in Laurel, MD is a life intervention, dropout reintegration, and GED preparatory program, run by the District of Columbia National Guard in partnership with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education for the District of Columbia. The CGYCA graduated its 51<sup>st</sup> class on December 15, 2018. Graduates of the program go on to enter the workforce, enter vocational schools, earn a GED or return to high school. Since 2013 CGYCA has conducted 11 classes beginning with Class 41 in July 2013. Since inception of the program, 650 at-risk youth have successfully completed the program. The program is one of DCNG's key community programs demonstrating commitment to the success of District of Columbia Youth.





**D.C. Air National Guardsman saves elderly woman from house fire**

## DCNG IN THE COMMUNITY

The DCNG is a community-based organization with strong relationships in the DC area. In 2018, the DCNG guard participated in over 100 community activities in the District of Columbia and National Capital Region. Building relationships in the community is invaluable and helps to ensure that DCNG neighbors understand who we are and the capabilities that we have to offer. DCNG members live and work in the community and often play vital life-saving roles. Technical Sergeant Kelly Downes saved her 91-year old neighbor's life from a house fire in October 2018, proving that guard skill sets are valuable both on and off mission. MG Walker led the DCNG effort in the World War 1 Centennial Ceremony and groundbreaking in the District of Columbia illustrating our commitment to honoring veterans.

**Way Ahead:** Continue to participate in key activities, fostering relationships and building strong partnerships in the District of Columbia and National Capital Region.





## DCNG KEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



- Be Everything You Are (BEYA) STEM Conference
- Colors Presentation at Washington National's Game
- Howard University Senior Leadership Panel
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- "We Feed Our Community" Service Project
- WWI Centennial Observance Ceremony
- Washington Capitals Stanley Cup Flyover
- DC National Night Out
- DC Public Schools Raider Drill Competition
- "Pilot for a Day" Program



# SECRETARY OF THE ARMY DR. MARK T. ESPER SPEAKS AT THE DCNG BALL



The Secretary of the Army, Dr. Mark T. Esper, was the guest speaker at the District of Columbia National Guard's Military Ball, May 5, 2018 held at the D.C. National Guard Armory. Secretary Esper is a former member of the DCNG, serving as a major prior to and following the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Dr. Esper spoke to the 750 attendees about his military service and his experiences as the Secretary of the Army. From those experiences, he explained what he gathered regarding the strength and character of the Nation, its service members and their families. Dr. Esper mentioned that during his Guard and Reserve service, he understood the value of diversity through the variety of occupations, skillsets and experiences within the ranks, and the significance of the Citizen Soldier to the total Army. He also stated that he was proud of his time in the Army, particularly his time in the National Guard and considered it a great privilege.



## **PRIORITY 1**

Expand role in homeland defense in the National Capital Region through integration with surface to air defenses and rotary wing air support.

## **PRIORITY 2**

Invest in DCNG members and provide broadening opportunities in joint environments.

## **PRIORITY 3**

Expand cyber capabilities to support growing mission and closely align with the region.

## **PRIORITY 4**

Establish partnership with Burkina Faso to assist in development of defense forces.

# 2019 Command General Priorities