

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD





The California National Guard continued its tradition of exceptional, dedicated service this year, both in California and overseas. Our Soldiers and Airmen protected this state by supporting CAL FIRE and local agencies during a very active wildfire season, while also performing our federal mission abroad. From our partnerships with Ukraine and Nigeria to combat deployments around the globe, we are trained and ready to support any mission that comes our way.



Major General David S. Baldwin
The Adjutant General

RELEVANT READY FORCE



COMBAT: A Soldier secures a landing zone during an air assault operation while at annual training at Camp Roberts.



LIFESAVING: An Airman comforts a role-playing victim during a simulated chemical attack training exercise.



RETAIN: Our leaders strive to take care of their troops to retain them and mentor the leaders of tomorrow.

MIDDLETOWN: Military Police assist civilian authorities in escorting wildfire victims back to their homes.



“Our Soldiers and Airmen work directly with Gov. Brown’s office and his Office of Emergency Services to ensure the highest degree of interagency cooperation during emergency-response operations.”

- Maj. Gen. Baldwin

HUMBOLDT FIRE: Our aviation crews work with CAL FIRE managers to fight fires across the state.



EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS



YOUTH PROGRAMS: Producing a program graduate with the values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as an adult.
FAMILY PROGRAMS: Taking care of our own, especially in times of need.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: Troops provide logistics, security and operations support during the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

“Since 1636, the Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard have exemplified our country’s highest ideals through their service to our local communities, state and nation.”

- Command Sgt. Maj. Clark



Our NCOs and enlisted members are some of the world's finest, bringing outstanding skills, leadership and commitment to their overseas tours and their support to civil authorities at home. Cal Guard leadership has worked hard to build family and veteran care programs that provide the support our dedicated members deserve so they will be ready when duty calls.



Command Sergeant Major William Clark Jr.
Senior Enlisted Advisor to The Adjutant General

"The Cal Guard's State Partnership Program, established more than 20 years ago, provides valuable mentoring and expertise to our counterparts in Ukraine and Nigeria." - Command Sgt. Maj. Clark

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



UKRAINE: Teaching Combat Lifesaver and Casualty Evacuation skills.



NIGERIA: Teaching Improvised Explosive Device awareness.



READY CIVIL SUPPORT



SHASTA-TRINITY: One of many CAL FIRE trained hand crews, made up of Soldiers, pause during hot-spot clean up to show their support for their state battling wildfires.

"The Guard's unique dual mission provides opportunities to serve citizens in our own communities at home while also benefitting people from different cultures overseas." - Command Sgt. Maj. Clark

QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE



LOS ALAMITOS: Our 40th Infantry Division at Joint Forces Training Base gets a brand new headquarters building.



CAMP ROBERTS: Renovation of the new High Water Bridge helps save time, resources and increases safety.

"Our Logistics Division accounted for and maintained \$4.17 billion of equipment. Through regionalized maintenance and property management, processed over 18,796 work orders and reduced inventory by \$35 million."

- Maj. Gen. Baldwin

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD ARMY



Mission Statement: The California Army National Guard organizes, trains, equips and resources community based land forces. On order, mobilizes to support state and/or federal authority.

Soldiers assigned:



14,956

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL: 2,185

DEPLOYED
SINCE 9/11

25,746



DEPLOYED
IN 2015

1,207

NATIONWIDE THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Accounts for less than **11%**
of the overall Army budget.

Makes up **32%**
of all Army personnel.

Maintains nearly **40%**
of the operating force.



<GUARD vs. ACTIVE>
cost of a
service member
in 2015

\$123,351



\$384,622



CALGUARD 2015 TIMELINE



Mountain View's 129th Rescue Wing deploys its first of three squadrons to the Horn of Africa to provide combat rescue support. Two more squadrons join them in July.



Stockton's Company B, 1-126th Aviation Regiment upgrades its aging Chinook fleet to the advanced CH-47F model.



For the third year in a row Team California wins the U.S. Army Small Arms Championship at Fort Benning, Georgia.



Pararescuemen from the 129th Rescue Wing save two Saudi pilots who crashed in the Gulf of Aden off the Horn of Africa.

Fresno's 144th Fighter Wing wins Employer of the Year award from the California Disability Services Association.

Soldier earns Missile Defender of the Year Award from the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance.

Soldiers from Long Beach's 250th Military Intelligence Battalion return from a deployment to Guantanamo Bay.

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FEBRUARY

MARCH

Soldiers from Sacramento's 270th Military Police Company and San Francisco's 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion deploy to Guantanamo Bay.

Chinook crew rescues lost hiker near Mammoth Mountain.

Sacramento's 142nd Chaplain Detachment returns from Kuwait.

The Cal Guard's Work For Warriors program celebrates its third year of operation and the milestone of placing over 4,000 Soldiers and Airmen into jobs.

The 129th Rescue Wing opens new Guardian Angel Pararescue Training Facility at Moffett Field.

Annual awards banquet honors top Airmen, Soldiers and State Military Reservists.



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AIR

Mission Statement: The California Air National Guard is a ready, reliable, relevant and learning force providing skilled Airmen and modern equipment seamlessly operating across air, space and cyberspace domains in support of combatant commands and interagency partners.

Airmen assigned:

4,496
 FULL-TIME PERSONNEL: 1,645

DEPLOYED SINCE 9/11 **16,635**



DEPLOYED IN 2015 **1,054**

LESS THAN
15 min



Scramble time for pilots from Fresno's 144th Fighter Wing to respond to a threat to California airspace.

Riverside's 163rd Attack Wing's Remotely Piloted Aircraft



surpassed **100,000+** MQ-1 combat flying hours



2 Remotely Piloted Aircraft Search & Rescue in 2015

First unit in nation to conduct domestic Search & Rescue with RPA

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Riverside's 163rd Reconnaissance Wing retires its MQ-1 Predator remotely piloted aircraft and upgrades to MQ-9 Reapers.



Cal Guard trains with civilian emergency first responders during the annual Ardent Sentry earthquake exercise in Los Alamitos.



Mortarmen from Modesto's 1-184th Infantry Battalion, Azusa's 1-18th Cavalry Regiment, and tankers from San Bernardino's 1-185th Armor Battalion, join 4,000 fellow Guardsmen for a consolidated annual training event at Camp Roberts from 6-20 June. After more than a 12-year absence, armor in the form of 10 Main Battle Tanks, 26 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and 16 Armored Personnel Carriers helped showcase their might and the resources of Camp Roberts.



129th Rescue Wing Airmen win national top honors for First Sergeant of the Year and Rookie Recruiter of the Year

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

Army and Air aviation crews train with CAL FIRE in lone in preparation for the upcoming wildfire season.

Full-time Soldiers from the Los Alamitos-based 9th Civil Support Team train in a realistic disaster scenario at Universal Studios.

150 Army and Air National Guardsmen belonging to the Homeland Response Force participates in Vigilant Guard/Makani Pahili—a large scale hurricane disaster scenario in the Hawaiian Islands.

Sacramento's 49th Personnel Support Company deploys to Kuwait.

Riverside's 1st Reconnaissance Squadron becomes an

Fresno's 40th Combat Aviation Brigade heads to Fort Hood, Texas, to conduct a Warfighter exercise in preparation for its upcoming deployment.



CALIFORNIA STATE MILITARY RESERVE

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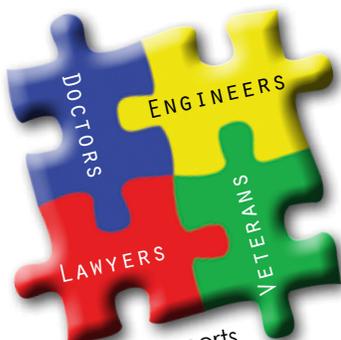
Mission Statement: To support, supplement and train Soldiers and Airmen of the California National Guard on the home front while they are under federal orders as well as during peacetime. To support and supplement civil authorities during times of state emergencies and natural disasters.



1,724

State Military Reservists (Army and Air) assigned:

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL: 184



Subject-matter experts make up this unique force



VOLUNTEER HOURS PERFORMED

135,000

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$3,627,450

Mobile Link To the World

used during CAL OES Search and Rescue, CAL FIRE WLFF Training, wildfires

382

MAN-DAYS



Incident Commander's Command Control & Communications Unit



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Airmen from multiple units participate in Patriot 15, a disaster scenario exercise in Volk Field, Wisconsin; and Sentry Eagle, an air-to-air combat exercise in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

JULY



Logistics and support units, such as Long Beach's 224th Sustainment Brigade, Oroville's 2668th Transportation Company and our State Military Reserve, provide security, logistics and operational support at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles.

An Airman saves the life of a driver who crashed into an irrigation canal.

AUGUST



From late July to mid-October more than 1,000 Soldiers are called up to be trained as hand crews in support of CAL FIRE in its battle against multiple wildfires.

129th Rescue Wing Airmen parachute onto a tanker during a rescue 900 miles off the coast of San Francisco.



Army and Air aviation units support CAL FIRE on 13 different wildfires from July to September, dropping more than 2,856,270 gallons of water.

High Water Bridge completed at Camp Roberts.

SEPTEMBER

The 163rd Attack Wing uses a Remotely Piloted Aircraft for a civilian Search and Rescue operation for the first time.

The 129th Rescue Wing and 163rd Attack Wing take part in Angel Thunder, the largest rescue exercise in the U.S. Air Force, at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

Soldiers from National City's 670th Military Police Company and Los Alamitos' 40th Infantry Division return home from a deployment to Guantanamo Bay.

Soldiers join 1,800 personnel from 18 different nations in Ukraine, one of our State Partnership Program countries, for Rapid Trident 2015, a cooperative exercise focused on peacekeeping and stability operations.

Camp Roberts hosts marksmen from several states for shooting competition.

The 132nd Multi-Role Bridge Company, out of Redding and Shasta, erect a bridge over a river to help CAL FIRE battle Lake County wildfires.

Pittsburg's 870th Military Police Company escorts Middletown wildfire victims back into their neighborhoods devastated by the Valley Fire.

Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System-equipped aircraft from Channel Islands' 146th Airlift Wing drop 425,083 gallons of retardant on wildfires, such as the Rocky, Rough and River fires.



CA YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

YCP



Mission Statement: To establish and facilitate ongoing communication, involvement, support and recognition between the California Military Department, our military families, local communities and the youth entrusted to our care through education outreach services and partnerships that leverage resources, training, new capabilities, concepts, and technological advances.



Part of a CBS Emmy award-winning 6-part series



Los Alamitos: Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy has been recognized as one of the nation's top Challenge programs. The academy's main goal is turning around the lives of 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts.



95% of graduates go to college

Oakland: The Oakland Military Institute is a college preparatory academy that far exceeds the state average for the percentage of students who continue on to advanced studies.



Lathrop: Our third Challenge program, Discovery Challenge Academy, was approved and opens in January 2017.



400 students enroll each year

San Luis Obispo: Grizzly Youth Challenge Academy has been recognized as one of the nation's top Challenge programs for bringing discipline and structure to the lives of 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts. Both Grizzly and Sunburst enroll more than 400 cadets each year.



86% of graduates pursue higher education

Statewide: The California Cadet Corps (CCC) partners with schools throughout the state to develop leadership, improve academics, foster school safety and develop citizenship.



3,200 students attended in 2015

Sacramento and Los Alamitos: A 5-day curriculum, STARBASE programs inspire 5th graders toward studies and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) with experiential "hands on, minds on" activities.

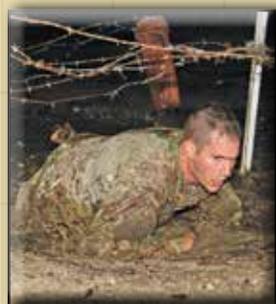
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Soldiers from Sacramento's 100th Troop Command play the role of United Nations HQ during Yudh Abhyas, a U.S. Army Pacific exercise at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The bilateral exercise with the Indian Army simulated a U.N. peacekeeping mission.



North Highland's 162nd Combat Communications Group expands to become the 195th Wing, our fifth wing, taking on space, cyber, intelligence and combat communications missions.



Each year our higher commands send their top NCOs and Soldiers to compete at the state level Best Warrior Competition at Camp San Luis Obispo.



The Cal Guard supports 65 Veterans Day events, adding to the already 318 events our Community Relations team manages each year.

A San Pedro infantry Soldier from the 1-160th Infantry Regiment rescues 42 people from a burning bus.

Soldiers from Sacramento's 270th Military Police Company return home from a deployment to Guantanamo Bay.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

40th Infantry Division returns home from Kosovo deployment.

Oxnard's 315th Engineer Company returns home from a deployment to the Middle East.

Soldiers, Airmen and SMR from our Homeland Response Force train at Camp Roberts to prepare for a FEMA evaluation on their disaster response proficiency.

Soldiers, Airmen and their families gather at armories across the state for holiday drill weekend parties where service awards are presented and gifts are given to those less fortunate.

40th Combat Aviation Brigade units train alongside other states' Guard units at Fort Hood, Texas, prior to departing for Kuwait in one of the Cal Guard's biggest deployments in years.

144th Fighter Wing pilots train with members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the U.S. Air Force and Navy, during Vigilant Shield 16 in Newfoundland, Canada, as part of a NORAD exercise to test aerospace defense.



Cal Guard's

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Locations of our Air Wings, Army Commands and Major Training Installations.

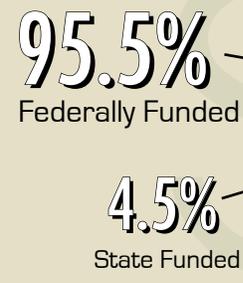


Our annual top performers were awarded in January 2015 for their outstanding achievement and commitment to the California National Guard.

- F**irst Sergeant: **Master Sergeant Sally J. Ford**
129th Mission Support Group - Mountain View
- A** Senior Non-Commissioned Officer: **Master Sergeant Darin Laity**
216th Space Control Squadron - Vandenberg Air Force Base
- I** Non-Commissioned Officer: **Staff Sergeant Amber J. Ertel**
234th Intelligence Squadron - Beale Air Force Base
- A**irman: **Senior Airman Harry Vong**
144th Maintenance Operations Flight - Fresno
- A** Non-Commissioned Officer: **Sergeant Ricardo Ledesma**
1072nd Transportation Company - Fresno
- R** Soldier: **Specialist Joshua Fernandez**
Company A, 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment - Visalia
- S** Non-Commissioned Officer: **Sergeant Adam Walsh**
Headquarters, California State Military Reserve - Sacramento
- M** Soldier: **Specialist Clinton J. Vallee**
Installation Support Command - Los Alamitos

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Army & Air

