

Office of the Adjutant General

❖ *Mission and philosophy*

The Wyoming Military Department's mission is to provide a trained and ready force responsive to the governor of Wyoming for assistance in the protection of life, property and the preservation of peace, order and public safety during natural and man-made disasters within the state.

Note: The enabling legislation for both the Wyoming National Guard and the Wyoming Emergency Management Agency was significantly updated and revised when the Wyoming State Legislature passed legislation updating Title 19 of the Wyoming Statutes. This enabling legislation, House Enrolled Act 56, "Revision of Title 19," was signed by Governor Jim Geringer on March 20, 1998.

❖ *Results of outcomes*

The Wyoming Military Department's first goal is to provide a trained, quality-based force of people, supported by appropriate equipment, facilities and real property, technology, and support services to successfully execute its federal and state missions. In support of this, Wyoming Army National Guard personnel strength was 92.1 percent (1,612 assigned personnel versus the goal of 1,750 personnel). Wyoming Air National Guard achieved a personnel strength of 89.6 percent (994 assigned personnel versus the goal of 1,109 personnel).

Unit readiness training was conducted throughout the year in various locations by Army and Air National Guard units. The recently organized 1041st Engineer Company (Assault Float Bridge), with units in Afton, Evanston and Rock Springs, traveled to Kimball Bottoms, N.D., during July 1997 to accomplish its first annual training as a unit. The 115th Field Artillery Brigade deployed the first two weeks of October, November and December to participate in the military exercise, Warfighter '97, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division (Rear Tactical Operations Center) from Casper participated in several deployments and exercises at Fort Hood, Texas as part of an evaluation of the Army's Warfighter Experiment modernization project. Camp Guernsey's Gen. R.L. Esmay Training Center was used by Wyoming National Guard members, active duty components, reserve and out-of-state National Guard forces for more than 112,000 training days during state fiscal year 1998.

Wyoming Air National Guard members honed their skills by performing annual training at many diverse locations worldwide including Thailand, Paraguay, Germany, Panama, Korea, Japan and Hawaii. Of particular note was the fact that seven members of the 243rd Air Traffic Control Squadron were activated by presidential order in November for 120 days and deployed to Tazsar, Hungary in support of peace-keeping efforts in Bosnia. This was the first presidential call-up of Wyoming Guard personnel since Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

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Other locations

Armories in Afton, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Guernsey, Lander, Laramie, Lovell, Powell, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Thermopolis, Torrington, Wheatland and Worland. Wyoming Emergency Management Agency (WEMA) maintenance and calibration facility in Cheyenne. Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery in Evansville.

Year established and reorganized

Wyoming Army National Guard, 1870; Wyoming Air National Guard, 1946; Wyoming Emergency Management Agency (WEMA), 1950. Wyoming Military Department reorganized 1986 and 1998.

Statutory references

Wyoming Statutes Title 19

Number of authorized personnel

Total 2,765. This includes Army National Guard 1,612, Air National Guard 991, state employees 165 (including 19 WEMA employees).

Organization structure

Adjutant General's Office, Wyoming Army National Guard, Wyoming Air National Guard, Wyoming Emergency Management Agency and the Oregon Trail State Veterans' Cemetery

Clients served

The residents of Wyoming and the United States, National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense, Federal Emergency Management Agency and county emergency management agencies.

Budget information

Wyoming Army National Guard	\$25,873,160
Wyoming Air National Guard	26,167,275
WEMA	1,565,458
Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery	153,624
Starbase	220,660
Veterans Education	27,199
Veterans Affairs Commission	4,075
Capital outlay, maintenance, admin	3,145,309
Total	\$57,156,760
Federal funds	\$53,389,066
State funds	\$3,767,694

The percentage of tactical equipment available to use for mission accomplishment was 94.6 percent for the Army and 100 percent for the Air National Guard. During March the 1022nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Wyoming Army National Guard, received its 9th and final UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter; the UH-60As are replacing its previously assigned UH-1 Hueys. It will take about 12 months to complete upgrade training and certifications for all flight and maintenance personnel.

Both the Wyoming Army and Air National Guard conducted intensive recruiting and retention programs throughout the state to maintain unit readiness. The Wyoming Army National Guard recruiters' efforts earned them a second place in an annual competition among eight states in the northwestern United States.

The condition of the Army and Air National Guard real property/facilities is a key factor in meeting readiness goals. Using a green, amber and red scale to evaluate facility conditions it was determined that 43 percent of the Army facilities were in the green category, 22 percent were amber, and 35 percent were red. Forty-eight percent of Air National Guard facilities were rated green and 52 percent were rated amber. An active campaign to secure approximately \$13,900,000 to build a new combined support maintenance shop at Guernsey is being pursued by all three members of the Wyoming Congressional delegation and by Bryan Sharratt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, a Wheatland native. The current 50-year-old building does not meet either state or federal safety standards despite extensive renovations and upgrades.

Wyoming Emergency Management Agency (WEMA) conducted an active training program. It conducted and had 22 state-level emergency management or Waste Isolation Pilot Program Transportation exercises to better prepare for emergencies and to train agency personnel and other emergency responders. WEMA also conducted an intensive training program to increase the percentage of staff and Emergency Management Agency (EMA) personnel who have completed Professional Development Certification. Fifty percent of WEMA personnel and 35 percent of EMA staff have completed Professional Development Certification. In order to improve and expand the current hazardous materials program and assist local governments in planning for, responding to and mitigating the effects of hazardous material events, WEMA also formed a hazardous materials working group to develop a statewide plan and to revise the statute.

The second goal of the Wyoming Military Department is to develop and sustain community support through educating and partnering with Wyoming communities in such a way as to add value to Wyoming and the United States

From January through June 1998, Army National Guard facilities were used more than 5,390 hours by residents for educational, social purposes, military, government activities, public meetings or commer-

cial purposes. Wyoming Air National Guard facilities in Cheyenne were used approximately 2,800 hours for similar activities during the same time period.

Soldiers and airmen of the Wyoming Military Department traveled to Jackson Hole with small artillery cannons to accompany the 1812 Overture performance at the Grand Teton Music Festival from July 3-5, 1997. Also during July, Wyoming Air National Guard hosted an open house and air show in Cheyenne which was attended by approximately 20,000 people including 123 employers of soldiers and airmen participating in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Bosslift. A second Bosslift was held in conjunction with Governor's Day at Camp Guernsey on June 6.

On Oct. 12 Secretary of Defense William Cohen tasked the Wyoming Air National Guard to deploy on a fire fighting mission to Indonesia. Three C-130s and two Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) and 46 personnel deployed on what would be the first of two personnel rotations lasting almost 60 days. The fire fighting operation attracted international attention and was featured on CBS Evening News, CNN Headline News, National Geographic and in numerous other media. The participants were later awarded the Air Force Humanitarian Service Medal.

During May, the 153rd Airlift Wing hosted the 25th Annual MAFFS training session. Units from North Carolina, California and Colorado, along with Wyoming, trained with the U.S. Forest Service to continue their fire fighting mission proficiency. On December 30, one C-130 aircraft and 12 ANG members deployed to Roswell, N.M., to assist in dropping hay to livestock starving as a result of a 22-inch snowfall. They dropped approximately 28 tons of hay on Dec. 31 and returned to Cheyenne that evening.

As part of its awareness and community outreach programs, Wyoming Army National Guard conducted a series of UH-60 helicopter dedications in the cities of Rawlins, Douglas, Torrington, Thermopolis/Worland, Wheatland and Lander. The new armory in Torrington was dedicated in ceremonies held on June 14 and attended by more than 250 people.

In an attempt to make Wyoming communities disaster resistant, WEMA nominated Fremont County to be the state test site in a Federal Emergency Management Agency initiative. WEMA also conducted a risk assessment and vulnerability survey of approximately 400 residents in each of the 23 counties in Wyoming and is working on developing an emergency management degree program in community colleges.

• *Strategic plan changes*

Please refer to the agency strategic plan dated September 1, 1997, and also the revised agency strategic plan dated January 1, 1998.

Office of the Adjutant General organization chart

