

Military Department

Mission and philosophy

The Wyoming Military Department contributes to Wyoming's wellbeing by providing: A ready, responsive, diverse, trained military force that is fully manned and supported with required equipment, facilities, real property, current technology and services to successfully execute our federal, state and community missions.

Results of outcomes

New partnerships. A new unit. New programs. A new mission. During FY05 the Wyoming Military Department's commitment to provide the state and nation with a ready, relevant and properly equipped force took the department in new directions.

Although Wyoming is home to the two components of the National Guard – Air and Army, both organizations traditionally have operated under separate command structures, regulations and policies. In 2004 the National Guard Bureau mandated a more joint approach to administration for the Army National Guard and Air National Guard. The joint approach was designed to streamline service to the state and nation.

Operating jointly helps ensure success when Wyoming National Guard personnel deploy with active duty personnel for missions like Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. Throughout FY05 the Wyoming National Guard maintained a steady deployment pace. One Wyoming Army National Guard unit, the 133rd Engineer Company, from Laramie, deployed to Iraq in January. Three other units, the 115th Field Artillery Brigade and the 1022nd Medical Company, from Cheyenne, and the 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, from Sheridan, returned after spending a year in Iraq and Kuwait. The Wyoming Air National Guard continued to rotate personnel and aircraft into Kuwait for airlift support and individual airmen continued to augment active duty forces in a variety of locations around the globe.

Active duty partnerships also began closer to home. The U.S. Air Force's 20th Air Force stood up its Nuclear and Space Security Tactics Training Center at Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center. The NSSTTC will train every missile security person under 20th Air Force's command. Since its ground-breaking in April many Air Force personnel have trained at the camp. The partnership will continue to bear fruit. The Air Force is already discussing other partnership opportunities at the camp.

Camp Guernsey also hosted its first exercise for the Department of Defense's Joint Robotics Program. The camp was chosen as one of six testing sites in the country for the program, which develops unmanned vehicles for

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Other locations

Armories are located in Afton, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Lander, Laramie, Lovell, Powell, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Torrington, Wheatland and Worland.
The Wyoming Air National Guard base is in Cheyenne.
Camp Guernsey Joint Training Site is in Guernsey.
The Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery is in Evansville.
The Veterans Commission is in Casper.

Year established and reorganized

The Wyoming Army National Guard, 1870; The Wyoming Air National Guard, 1946.
The Wyoming Military Department was reorganized in 1986, 1998 and 2003.

Statutory references

Wyoming Statutes Title 19

Number of authorized personnel

Total: 2,767. This includes 1,561 Wyoming Army and 1,028 Air National Guard personnel and 178 state employees. Of the 178 state employees, two work for the Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery and three work for the Veterans Commission.

Organizational structure

Wyoming Military Department, Wyoming Army National Guard, Wyoming Air National Guard, Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery, Veterans Commission

Clients served

The residents of Wyoming, the citizens of the United States, National Guard Bureau, Department of Defense.

Budget information

Budget information does not include payroll associated with personnel deployed under the current Presidential Partial Mobilization for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Wyoming Army National Guard	\$42,036,877
Wyoming Air National Guard	39,628,910
State Military Affairs	5,462,134
Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery	257,013
Starbase	246,758
Education Assistance Program	492,780
Wyoming Military Assistance Trust Fund	353,170
Veterans Education	30,765
Veterans Commission	255,400
Veterans Burial Teams	9,725
Operation Noble Eagle	1,364,700
Total	\$90,138,232

Federal Funds	\$83,299,501
State Funds	\$6,729,011
Other Funds	\$109,720

military use. The group's first robotics demonstration successfully showcased one robot's ability to apprehend insurgents.

The agency also looked at joint opportunities within its own structure when it stood up the 84th Civil Support Team. The team is the newest unit in the Wyoming National Guard and is the epitome of the joint Army/Air National Guard. The unit is a mix of soldiers and airmen with the mission to assist first responders with detecting nuclear, chemical, biological, environmental or radiological weapons of mass destruction.

Furthering its commitment to the state, the Wyoming Military Department began looking for new programs to assist Wyoming and its communities.

The Wyoming Legislature committed \$1.12 million to the future of Wyoming's at-risk youth by agreeing to fund the Wyoming National Guard Youth Challenge Program. The program takes high-school drop outs into a voluntary 5 1/2-month residential program designed to provide them with the skills necessary to lead a productive adult life. The program is a mix of the residential program and a 12-month outreach program. Up to 200 Wyoming youth per year will benefit from the program, scheduled to begin in January 2006 at the Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center.

Camp Guernsey isn't the only facility in the agency that will serve as home for new programs. As part of the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure process, Wyoming's Air National Guard will become the first Air National Guard wing in the nation to host an active duty unit. That unit will operate under the purview of the Wyoming Air National Guard in a partnership with the U.S. Air Force. The arrangement will bring up to 250 personnel and four C-130 aircraft to the wing.

The BRAC process also recognized the need to upgrade buildings used by the Wyoming National Guard in Cheyenne. The organization will receive funds to construct a new headquarters, Army National Guard readiness center and Army aviation support facilities on F.E. Warren Air Force Base. The three-building project should be completed by June 2008 and will provide a modern, secure joint complex.

Furthering the joint capabilities of the Wyoming Air and Army National Guard the agency created a Quick Reaction Force. The QRF, which has received funding from the Wyoming Department of Homeland Security, is designed to rapidly respond on short notice to protect Wyoming's critical infrastructure, by providing site security, patrols, check points, security and other duties as situations warrant. In June the team successfully exercised its capabilities during an exercise at the Missouri Basin Power Plant in Wheatland.

Properly equipping and housing the units within the Wyoming National Guard play a large part in the success of the missions the organization is tasked to support on a community, state and national level. Upgrading equip-

ment and facilities for the Army and Air National Guards continued to be a priority in FY05.

In August 2004 the 1041st Engineer Company received \$18.5 million worth of new bridge transporters. The old transporters were more than 35 years old.

However, a properly equipped unit has more than state-of-the-art machinery. It has properly trained personnel. Ensuring the Wyoming National Guard has the people on hand to successfully complete its many missions will remain one of the primary goals for the next fiscal year.

Strategic plan changes

Goals from new strategic plan:

- A ready, responsive and relevant military force that is trained to a minimum of 85 percent military occupational skill standard.
- A diverse quality-based force of people that is manned at the appropriate level.
- A ready, responsive and relevant military force that is supported by appropriate equipment to successfully execute our federal, state and community missions.
- A ready, responsive and relevant military force that is supported by appropriate facilities and real property.
- A ready, responsive and relevant military force that is supported by appropriate technology.
- A ready, responsive and relevant military force that is supported by appropriate services to successfully execute our federal, state and community missions.

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