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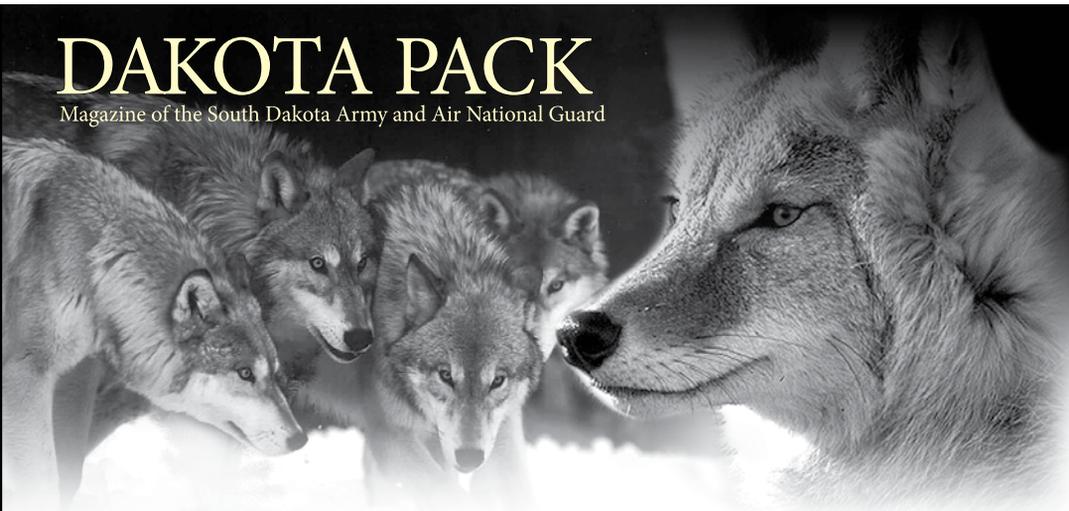
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## YEAR IN REVIEW 2015

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The South Dakota National Guard once again distinguished itself as one of the premier National Guard organizations in the nation in 2015, just as it has for the past 153 years. Whether it's serving in combat operations overseas or supporting domestic emergencies here in our state, our Soldiers and Airmen have once again answered the call to help people in need. Time and time again, we have proven to be a competent, reliable, capable and effective force.



This year saw the mobilization of three SDNG units: six Soldiers from Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, deployed to Afghanistan; the 155th Engineer Company activated 158 Soldiers for duty in Kuwait; and the 114th Fighter Wing also saw the deployment and return of about 250 Airmen to Kunsan Air Base in the Republic of Korea. Since 9/11, we have deployed more than 7,600 Soldiers and Airmen in support of overseas contingency operations.

Here at home we supported state civil authorities in nine mission assignments. We activated more than 110 Soldiers and Airmen with equipment to assist with fire suppression support, search and rescue and tornado recovery operations in Delmont.

The SDNG had another outstanding training year and received a number of awards demonstrating their operational readiness. The Air Guard's 114th Fighter Wing once again proved it is one of the top five flying units in the nation as it was awarded the National Guard Association of the United States' Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque and Maj. Gen. John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy. The 114th was also announced as a recipient of the 2014 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The Army Guard also had an incredible training year. Fourteen Army units received the National Guard Bureau's Superior Unit Award in recognition of outstanding achievement. The 211th Engineer Company took top honors in the Superior Unit Awards category and awarded the Eisenhower Trophy as the most exceptional ARNG unit in the state.

For the second straight year, the 153rd Engineer Battalion received the Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord Trophy from NGAUS as the most outstanding ARNG battalion in the nation, achieving the highest standards for training and readiness.

Company C, 1-189th Aviation Regiment received the NGAUS Gen. John J. Pershing Trophy for weapons marksmanship. The unit attained the highest figure of merit during annual weapons qualification. Battery A, 1/147th Field Artillery Battalion earned the NGAUS Certificate of Victory for having the highest overall figure of merit in the ARNG.

While we have accomplished much this past year, there are still many challenges that lie ahead. The threats that we and our allies face around the world seem as dangerous as ever, but based on the Future Years Defense Plan and the resumption of cuts enacted by the Budget Control Act, we will likely be faced with significant budget challenges and force structure reductions in the years ahead. I assure you that I will continue to work with our congressional delegations to see to it that the defense of our great nation is not jeopardized by ill-advised funding cuts.

Never in our history have we been better trained, better equipped or more heavily relied upon than we are today. The Soldiers and Airmen of the South Dakota National Guard are proud to add to its legacy and tradition as a force ready to support and defend our communities, state and nation.

*Timothy A. Reisch*  
 Timothy A. Reisch  
 Major General, SDNG  
 The Adjutant General

The adjutant general's top priorities build the foundation for what is important for all members of our organization. With our values, these priorities define our organizational culture. These priorities compliment one another and work together to strengthen the force and ensure we are ready, relevant and reliable. These priorities are caring for our service members and their families, maintaining high-level readiness, remaining relevant, embracing diversity, enhancing communications, Army and Air Guard working together, supporting the State Partnership Program, developing leaders, ensuring safety and enhancing the joint staff.

## Taking excellent care of our Soldiers, Airmen and families is the top priority

- Our Soldiers and Airmen are our most precious resource. Without our families' support, we cannot fulfill our duties. Our members must know it is a sign of strength, not weakness, to ask for help with personal struggles.

### Readiness

- Always ready, always there to support our state and federal missions.

### Safety

- No training event could possibly justify the loss of a Soldier or Airman.

### Ensure the SDNG Remains Relevant

- Secure future, cutting-edge missions for both Army and Air so we stay relevant for decades to come. Update our facilities and training areas.

### Embrace Diversity and Practice Inclusion

- Increase numbers of women and minorities, and make certain that all of our members are able to achieve the highest positions of leadership. Continually practice leadership that is inclusive of others.

### Enhance Communications

- Use social media to maximize information flow to our members and public.

## Capitalize on opportunities that bring our Army & Air Guard members closer

- Enhance the Joint Staff, conduct joint strategic planning and identify training opportunities that involve both Air and Army.

### State Partnership Program

- Foster mutually beneficial relationships and exchanges with Suriname.

### Developing Leaders

- Continually teach, coach and mentor our Soldiers and Airmen. Always remember, tell others about the potential you see in them.

# OVERVIEW

With a proud lineage of serving as the state's militia, the South Dakota National Guard finds its origins dating back to 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory. Since that time, our National Guard units have served in nearly every major U.S. war or conflict since the Civil War, while concurrently responding to domestic crises here in our state.

Throughout 2015, the SDNG has demonstrated a wide range of capabilities it provides for the common defense and during domestic emergencies. Support to civil authorities here at home included tornado recovery support to the community of Delmont. Our service members also continued to support federal commitments worldwide such as combat operations in Afghanistan.

The National Guard is the only military component that holds a dual-mission consisting of both federal and state roles. The federal mission is to maintain trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war or a national emergency. At the state level, the governor reserves the ability, under the Constitution, to call up members of the National Guard during times of natural disasters or domestic emergencies. This gives the governor the broad authority to use National Guard assets to support civil authorities in domestic requirements; from protecting lives and property to maintaining peace during civil disturbances. The Guard is no longer a strategic reserve to the active component, but an operational force directly integrated into active-duty deployments and

missions. The force structure of the SDNG is designed to meet the needs of the future force; giving the Guard an enhanced capability to respond in times of emergencies and natural disasters and to support overseas contingency operations. Continued support and investment in the National Guard ensures that these Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen remain ready to serve in any capacity when called upon. An investment in the Guard is an investment in our communities across the state. The National Guard is also a cost-effective option for national defense, rapidly providing trained Soldiers and Airmen to augment the active component when called, but at a third of the cost.

Today's SDNG remains strong with nearly 4,200 Soldiers and Airmen available to execute its missions. The SDNG resides in 22 communities but is made up of members from nearly every corner of the state. The Army Guard remains strong with nearly 3,200 Soldiers. The nerve center for the Army resides at the state headquarters at Camp Rapid in Rapid City. The Air Guard is located on the southeast corner of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. It has more than 1,000 Airmen assigned to its headquarters and the 114th Fighter Wing. The proud heirs of the militia tradition can be found in the men and women of today's SDNG. They stand ready to leave the comforts of home and family to help their friends and neighbors, defend the nation's interests and bring peace and hope to people throughout the world.



The journey of the Dakota militiaman began during the Civil War with Companies A and B of the Dakota Cavalry. On March 2, 1861, President James Buchanan signed the act establishing the Dakota Territory.

By that time, Vermillion, Bon Homme and Elk Point were growing communities. The territory tended to be people who were genuine settlers, mostly immigrants from Germany, Norway and Sweden. Earlier in the 1850s, the U.S. Army had established garrisons at Fort Pierre and Fort Randall on the Missouri River. Their mission was to protect the 5,000 settlers from the threat of attacks. When the Civil War started, the Army withdrew three companies from Fort Randall leaving it in an exposed position. This led to the Dec. 7, 1861, proclamation, by the Territorial Governor William Jayne, to raise two companies of volunteer militia.

Recruiting centers were established in Yankton, Vermillion and Bon Homme. The citizens were very patriotic with a lot of local pride, and in just over one month enough men had enlisted to assemble the first company of Citizen-Soldiers. On Jan. 27, 1862, Capt. Nelson Miner, company commander, formed the unit in Yankton, Company A, Dakota Cavalry. This was the first unit of the Dakota Territory Militia. This was the birth of the South Dakota National Guard. Since that historic date in 1862, the SDNG has seen combat during the Spanish-American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause and Operation Desert Storm. The National Guard was also called up during the Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, each of South Dakota's 22 National Guard communities has experienced a unit mobilization in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. More than 5,650 Soldiers and 1,950 Airmen have deployed in support of these operations and continue to deploy today.

Throughout the years, natural disasters have called forth the Guard's spirit of teamwork and sacrifice to battle floods, fires, blizzards and tornado destruction. The Rapid City Flood of 1972, the 1998 Spencer Tornado, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and the 2011 Missouri River Flood are historic examples of when the SDNG mobilized to help its fellow South Dakotans and Americans in times of need. The proud heirs of the great militia tradition can be found in the men and women of today's SDNG. They stand ready to leave the comforts of home and family to help their friends and neighbors, defend the nation's interests and bring peace and hope to people throughout the world.



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# CAPABILITIES

The past decade has transformed the National Guard from a strategic reserve into an operational force – a more powerful, more flexible and more rapidly-deployable force. In addition to its federal mission, the South Dakota National Guard is also able to provide enhanced in-state mission capability and response at the direction of the governor in support of civil authority. Units are strategically placed around the state to provide quicker response and assistance in the event of a state or national emergency, allowing for security, engineer, aviation and transportation support anywhere in the state. The National Guard of today contains essential Core Joint Capabilities necessary to successfully support any state or national contingency operation.

## Core Joint Capabilities

### 1. Joint Force and Task Force Headquarters

- Command, control, communications and computer support
- Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support
- Reception, staging and onward integration of forces

### 2. Civil Support Team

- The state's all-hazard response team capable of detecting chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive agents

### 3. Maintenance

- An array of maintenance facilities and units keeps the Guard's vehicles, aircraft and equipment ready to respond

### 4. Aviation

- Providing aerial surveillance, reconnaissance, medical evacuation and wildland fire suppression support

### 5. Engineering

- Engineer equipment and personnel provide capabilities to respond to flood, winter storms and wildland fire emergencies

### 6. Medical

- Medical personnel provide needed expertise and skills for responding to mass casualty emergencies

### 7. Communications

- Equipment and highly-skilled personnel keep Guard and state emergency management agencies in constant communication

### 8. Transportation

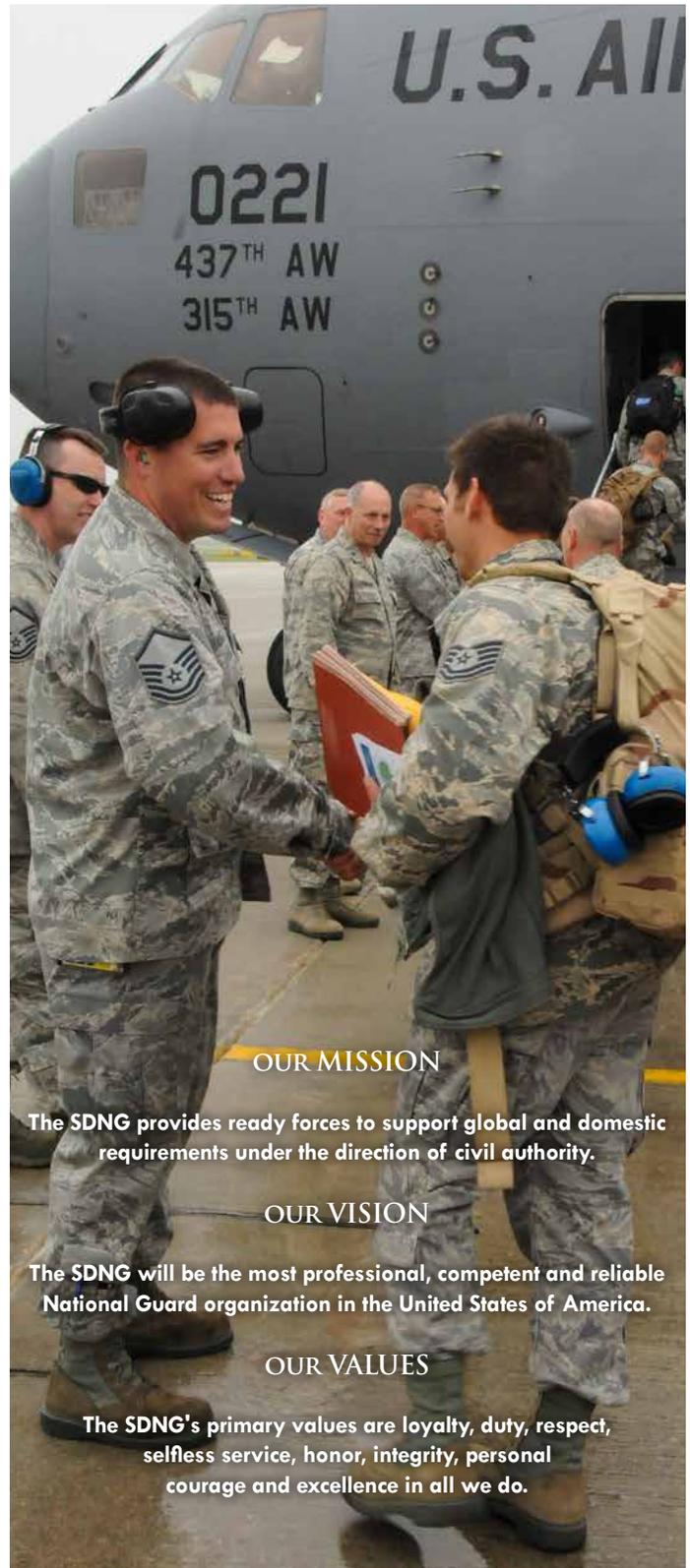
- Providing transportation assets to rapidly move supplies, materials, forces and equipment at a moments notice

### 9. Security

- Providing personnel to help support civil authority for traffic, area security and crowd/riot control

### 10. Logistics

- An integrated material and transportation network ensures open supply lines and timely arrival of vital supplies



#### OUR MISSION

The SDNG provides ready forces to support global and domestic requirements under the direction of civil authority.

#### OUR VISION

The SDNG will be the most professional, competent and reliable National Guard organization in the United States of America.

#### OUR VALUES

The SDNG's primary values are loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, personal courage and excellence in all we do.

## DEPLOYMENTS

Support to federal commitments worldwide continued as more than 400 Soldiers and Airmen from three units responded in support of overseas contingency operations.

Six Soldiers from Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, deployed to Afghanistan to provide aerial surveillance in support of ground commanders in the field. Detachment 48 is fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists which operate the C-12 King Air.

The 155th Engineer Company deployed 158 Soldiers to Kuwait to provide construction, repair, and maintenance of vertical infrastructures and facilities. The 155th has a wide variety of occupational specialties including carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry services. The unit's mission is to improve survivability, remodel and complete new construction of base infrastructure in the U.S. Army Central area of operations.

The Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing also saw the deployment and return of approximately 250 Airmen from the Republic of Korea for four months as part of a Theater Security Package to enable the U.S. to maintain a significant presence in the Pacific region. Rotational forces at deployed locations reduce the distance and response time for contingency operations.

Since 9/11, the SDNG has deployed more than 7,600 Soldiers and Airmen in support of various operations.

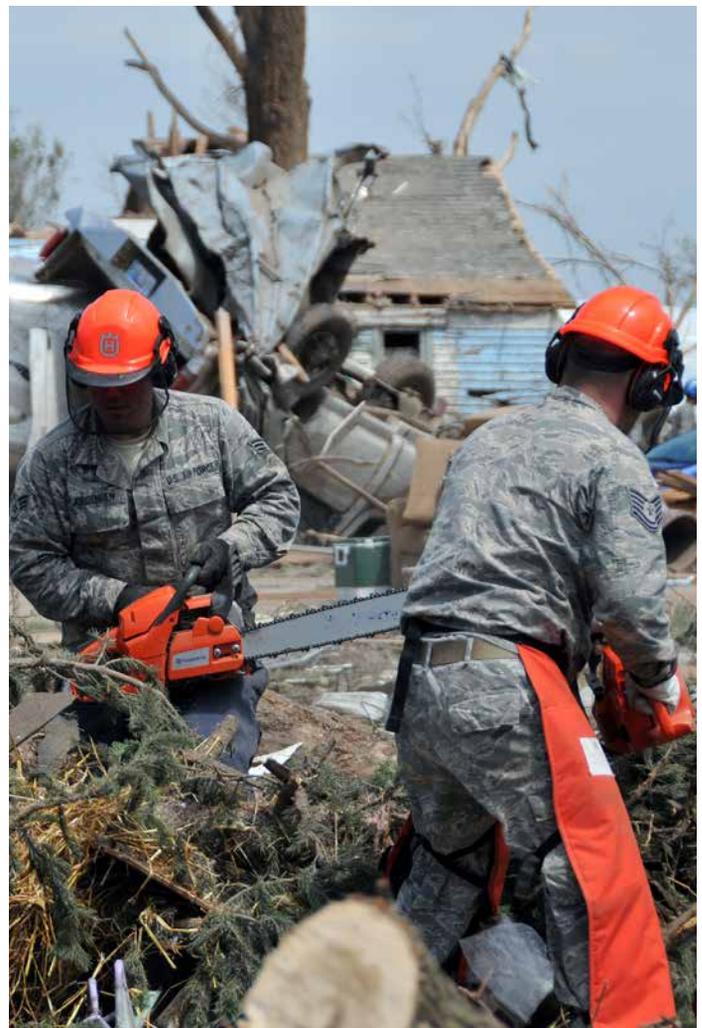


## DOMESTIC OPS

Domestic operations support to the citizens of South Dakota and state civil authorities continued in 2015 with nine mission assignments involving 113 personnel for a total of 206 man-day's. This included the activation of 25 members from the Air Guard to assist with tornado recovery efforts in Delmont. May 11. Gov. Dennis Daugaard surveyed the damage and declared a state of emergency after a F2 tornado impacted the town of about 230 people. The Airmen assisted with road clearing and debris removal for several days.

Ten Soldiers with equipment were activated for two separate missions to provide aerial hoist and medical evacuation support for injured hikers in Black Hills National Forest and Badlands National Park. Both missions required the use of Black Hawk helicopters to provide aerial extraction of the patients from areas inaccessible by ground ambulance. The Guard also activated 51 Soldiers with equipment to provide fire suppression support with helicopters using water bucket drops during the Sheep Draw and Cold Brook fires.

The SDNG also had a busy year supporting domestic operations at the national level. The Army Guard deployed a Lakota helicopter crew to the U.S. southern border to provide aerial detection and monitoring in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Air Guard continued support to NORAD's Airspace Control Alert mission at March Air Force Base in California; providing four F-16 Fighting Falcons and pilots who are ready at a moment's notice to protect the country for any type of emergency.



# SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP



**ARMY**



GOV. DENNIS DAUGAARD  
Commander-in-Chief



**AIR**



MG TIM REISCH  
The Adjutant General



BG KEVIN GRIESE  
Army Assistant Adjutant General



BG MATTHEW JAMISON  
Air Assistant Adjutant General



COL BILL FREIDEL  
Chief of Staff



BG TOM CROYMANS  
Director of the Joint Staff



BG STEVEN WARREN  
Chief of Staff



CSM JAMES HOEKMAN  
Senior Enlisted Leader/State CSM



CWS LONNY HOFER  
State Command Chief Warrant Officer



CCM JAMES WELCH  
State Command Chief Master Sgt.



COL PAT PARDY  
Commander - 196th MEB



COL MARSHALL MICHEL  
Commander - 109th RSG



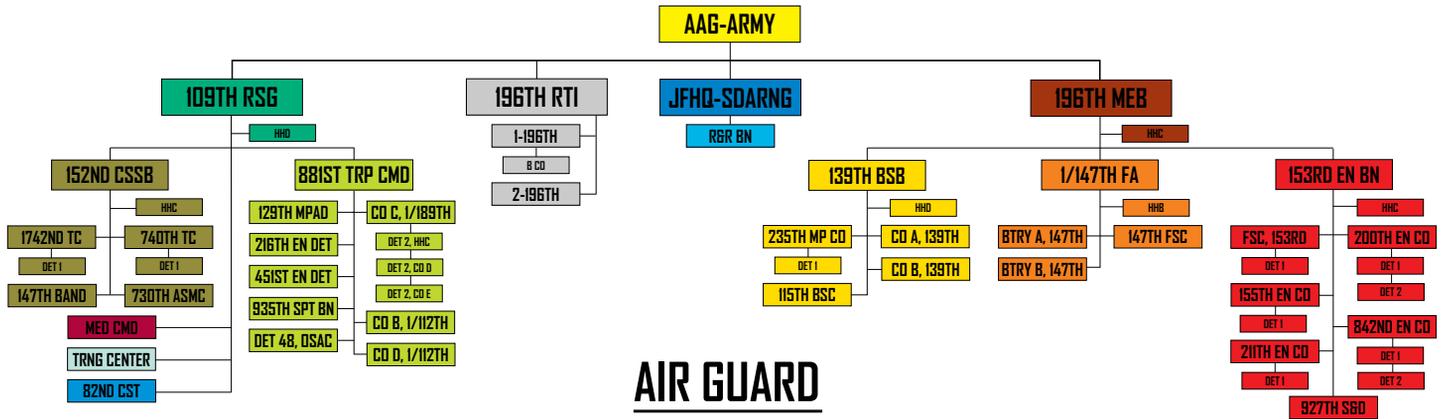
COL SCOTT PETRIK  
Commander - 196th Regiment



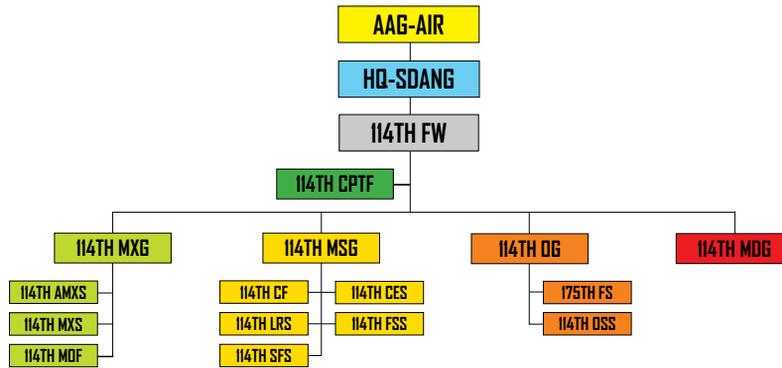
COL RUSS WALZ  
Commander - 114th Fighter Wing

# UNIT COMMAND STRUCTURE

## ARMY GUARD



## AIR GUARD



## ECONOMIC IMPACT

### FEDERAL INVESTMENT

#### South Dakota Army National Guard

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| ▪ Military Pay & Allowances:          | \$53,288,098         |
| ▪ Operations & Maintenance:           | \$47,456,349         |
| ▪ Military Construction:              | \$0                  |
| <b>Total Army Guard Expenditures:</b> | <b>\$100,744,447</b> |

#### South Dakota Air National Guard

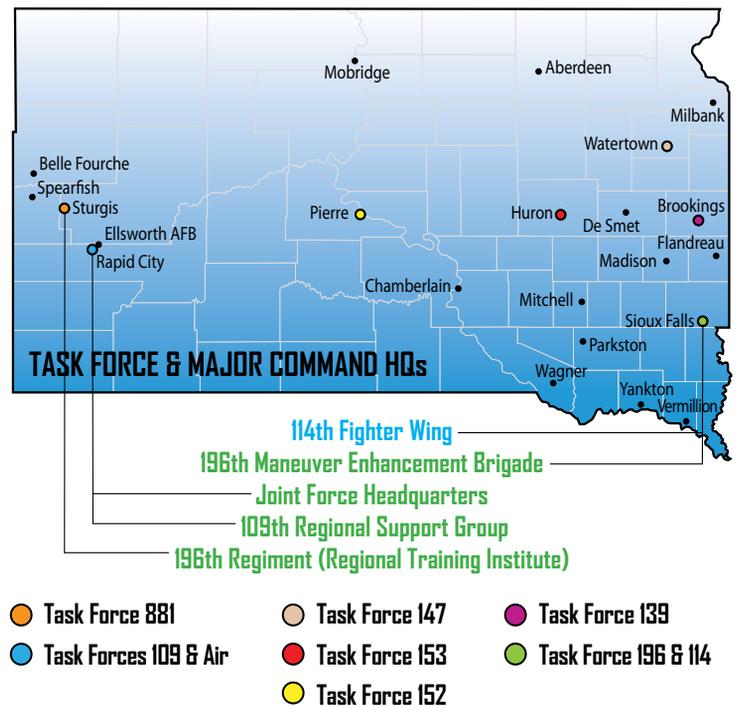
|                                      |                      |
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| ▪ Military Pay & Allowances:         | \$29,059,131         |
| ▪ Operations & Maintenance:          | \$33,213,965         |
| ▪ Military Construction:             | \$2,103,473          |
| <b>Total Air Guard Expenditures:</b> | <b>\$64,376,569</b>  |
| <b>Total Federal Expenditures:</b>   | <b>\$165,121,016</b> |

### STATE INVESTMENT

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Personal Services:               | \$1,013,955        |
| Operating Expenses:              | \$3,089,302        |
| <b>Total State Expenditures:</b> | <b>\$4,103,257</b> |

**TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$169,224,273**

## COMMUNITY LOCATIONS



# JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

ASSISTANT ADJ. GEN.            BG Kevin Griese  
 DIR. OF JOINT STAFF            BG Thomas Croymans  
 CHIEF OF STAFF                COL Bill Freidel  
 CMD SGT MAJ                    STATE CSM James Hoekman  
 JFHQ DET. CMDR                MAJ Clint Shepard  
 FIRST SERGEANT                ISG Nate Hedin

**MISSION:** JFHQ supports the more than 3,200 members of the SDARNG, providing trained and equipped, ready forces capable of mobilizing and deploying in support of state and federal missions, and conducts missions authorized by the governor and/or the National Command Authority.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY

**SIZE:** 216

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Multiple VIP visits during Golden Coyote such as Lt. Gen. Tucker, 1st Army.
- Planned and coordinated the Golden Coyote Training Exercise - hosting multiple units from the U.S., Canada, Denmark and the United Kingdom.
- Supported multiple units with Soldier Readiness Processings, Command Maintenance Evaluation Team inspections and Maintenance Assistance and Instruction Team visits.



ARMY



## Make Memories in Downtown Rapid City 2016 Main Street Square Events

- Lights on the Ice Teen Night ..... Feb. 12
- Last Day to Skate Beach Party..... Feb. 27
- Eggstravaganza .....Mar. 26
- Frühlingsfest & Spring Market ..... May 21
- Concert Series (*Thursdays*) ..... June 2 to Sept. 1
- Kids' Carnival ..... June 4
- Art & Wine Festival ..... June 11
- Cruiser Car Show ..... July 10
- [Love]<sup>2</sup> Bridal Fair ..... Aug. 21
- Great Downtown Pumpkin Festival ..... Sept. 24
- Bierbörse..... Oct. 1
- Ice Rink Opening Day & Skatesgiving ..... Nov. 19
- Holiday Celebration & Winter Market ..... Nov. 26
- Ugly Sweater Skate Party ..... Dec. 2
- Lights on the Ice Teen Night ..... Dec. 16
- Skates and a Movie ..... Dec. 17
- Downtown Countdown ..... Dec. 31



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## RECRUITING & RETENTION BATTALION

COMMANDER LTC Steve Siemonsma  
 COMMAND SGT MAJ CSM John Mallinger  
 RSP COMMANDER MAJ Brian Hass

**MISSION:** The Recruiting and Retention Battalion, with 25 recruiters in communities across South Dakota, recruits and retains quality Soldiers in the SDARNG.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 48

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**
- Hosted in excess of 50 Guard Experience Night and various other recruiting and retention events in communities across the state resulting in 275 enlistments into the SDARNG.
  - Teamed up with the South Dakota High School Activities Association and participated in and supported hundreds of high school sporting tournaments and fine arts activities.

## 196TH REGIMENT (REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE)

REGIMENT CMDR COL Scott Petrik  
 COMMAND SGT MAJ CSM Todd Grabow  
 HHD COMMANDER CPT Amber Symonds  
 HHD FIRST SERGEANT ISG David Lingle

**MISSION:** The 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) provides a model environment for training future leaders for the Army National Guard and provides general instruction on a variety of military courses. The Regiment has two subordinate battalions: 1st Battalion at Fort Meade and the 2nd Battalion in Sioux Falls.



**LOCATION:** FORT MEADE  
**REGIMENT SIZE:** 59  
**HHD SIZE:** 22

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**
- Provided mission command for a collective training event where both Battalions conducted multiple courses concurrently in the same location to leverage administrative, operations and logistics support.
  - Integrated student response system technology into courses to increase student engagement and gauge student learning.
  - Modified multiple courses from ADT to IDT to maximize funding.

## 1ST BATTALION, 196TH REGIMENT (RTI)

1-196TH COMMANDER LTC Deb Bartunek  
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR MSG Kory Urban  
 CO B, 1-196TH CMOR MAJ Jerime Porter

**MISSION:** 1st Battalion (Officer Candidate School), 196th Regiment (RTI) conducts the consolidated and traditional Officer Candidate School program, Warrant Officer Candidate School program, as well as the Tactics Certification Course and the Platoon Trainer Qualification Course to qualify OCS platoon trainers and instructors.



**LOCATION:** FORT MEADE  
**SIZE:** 13

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**
- Trained and graduated 256 Soldiers in OCS, WOCS, Tactics Certification Course and Platoon Trainer Qualification Course.
  - Integrated Navy Corpsman from Bremerton Naval Hospital into each phase of OCS.
  - Successfully supported and facilitated an Institute of Excellence rating for three subordinate OCS Companies (Montana, Idaho, and Colorado) during their OCS accreditation by the Infantry Proponent.

## 2ND BATTALION, 196TH REGIMENT (RTI)

2-196TH COMMANDER LTC Theodore Bartunek  
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR MSG Dean Nixon

**MISSION:** 2nd Battalion (Modular Training), 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) provides instruction in the military occupational specialties Motor Transport Operator (88M), Multiple Launch Rocket System Crew Member (13M), and MLRS Fire Direction Specialist (13P). They also conduct Noncommissioned Officer Education System courses within the 13M and 13P specialties and provide functional course training.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 21

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**
- Trained and graduated over 400 Soldiers in MOS, NCOES and Army functional courses to increase individual and unit readiness.
  - Conducted the 88MIO and 13P10 courses during the Regiment collective training event.
  - Trained 55 SDARNG Soldiers in multiple Comprehensive Soldier Family Fitness courses to develop healthy lifestyle changes.

# 109TH REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

RSG COMMANDER  
COMMAND SGT MAJ  
HHD COMMANDER  
DET. SERGEANT

COL Marshall Michels  
CSM Patrick Couser  
CPT Marie Strang  
SFC Michael Huitema

**MISSION:** The 109th Regional Support Group provides command and control, and supervision for 23 units with approximately 900 Soldiers in nine communities. To meet its homeland defense and state mission requirements, the 109th also serves as C2 for Task Force 109, and supports civil authorities in emergency and disaster response.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**RSG SIZE:** 959

**HHD SIZE:** 70

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Trained selected individuals on the Incident Command System, Wild Land Fire Training and Civil Disturbance Training.
- Assisted with annual events such as Stevens Homecoming run, Freshman Impact, National Guard Youth Camp, 911 Program and the Day of Caring.

# 82ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

CST COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

LTC Pete Jerzak  
ISG Mike Weyrich

**MISSION:** The Civil Support Team supports civil authorities at a domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives incident site by identifying agents/substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures, and assisting with appropriate requests for state support.



**LOCATION:** ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE  
**SIZE:** 17

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Multiple VIP visits including Suriname Defense Force, senior leadership of the 114th Fighter Wing and the 28th Bomb Wing commander.
- Awarded Superior Unit Award in March 2015.
- Conducted over 10 training lanes.
- Assisted City of Sturgis with air monitoring during the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.
- Attended State Fire School in June to recruit and inform fire fighters of the units capability.

# MEDICAL COMMAND

BATTALION COMMANDER  
UNIT COMMANDER  
SENIOR MEDICAL NCO

COL Kevin Vaughn  
CPT Bradley Sudbeck  
MSG Danny Doty

**MISSION:** Medical Command will plan, program, provide and sustain health force protection and medical/dental support to meet operational, training and mobilization medical readiness requirements of ARNG units and Soldiers.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 58

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Exceeded goal of influenza vaccines given in 2015 with over 94% before NGB goal of 90% by Dec. 1.
- Maintained medical readiness above 92% throughout year.
- Conducted medic training classes to ensure medics are ready for worldwide deployment.

# TRAINING CENTER

COMMANDER  
COMMAND SGT MAJ

LTC Kevin DeJong  
CSM Douglas Mahoney

**MISSION:** The Training Center provides command/control and operates the installation; manages and administers the use of resources; provides administrative, training and logistical support to assigned, attached and tenant units and activities; prepare to expand and operate as a separate installation upon mobilization.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 26

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Post Camp Station supply operations
- Managed billeting/classroom/admin/dining resources
- Provided simulations support
- Provided live fire range and training area support



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## 152ND COMBAT SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT BATTALION

BATTALION COMMANDER LTC Jade Beehler  
 COMMAND SGT MAJ CSM Samuel Harkin  
 HHC COMMANDER CPT Cody Spann  
 HHC FIRST SERGEANT SFC Joshua Schaefer

**MISSION:** The 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion provides command and control, mission support command for combat operations, and assists units in meeting training, readiness and deployment requirements. The 152nd is the higher headquarters for five units with 550 Soldiers in seven communities throughout South Dakota



LOCATION: PIERRE  
 CSSB SIZE: 550

HHC SIZE: 62

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- 22 Mile Suicide Awareness Run
- Camp Dodge annual training
- Camp Guernsey ranges
- Color Guard, Pierre and surrounding community support

## 740TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

COMMANDER CPT Hogan Easton  
 FIRST SERGEANT ISG William Meyer

**MISSION:** The 740th Transportation Company provides transportation of both dry and/or refrigerated cargo, bulk water and bulk petroleum products. With 100 members in the unit headquarters in Milbank and nearly 70 members in Detachment I in Aberdeen, the unit uses M-915 semi-tractor trailers to complete assigned missions



LOCATION: MILBANK & ABERDEEN  
 SIZE: 169

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Represented the SDARNG in more than 30 events such as color guard, parades and other recruiting activities.
- During annual training, the unit supported other SDARNG units hauling to various locations traveling more than 250,000 accident-free miles.
- Assisted the Milbank community in their annual citywide cleanup.

## 1742ND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

COMMANDER CPT Jason Kimura  
 FIRST SERGEANT ISG Troy Wag

**MISSION:** The 1742nd Transportation Company provides transportation of containerized, non-containerized, palletized, dry and/or refrigerated containerized cargo, bulk water products, and bulk petroleum products. With 110 members in Sioux Falls and more than 70 members in Detachment I in Flandreau, the company uses M-915A5 and M-915A3 semi-tractor trailers to complete assigned missions.



LOCATION: SIOUX FALLS & FLANDREAU  
 SIZE: 182

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Supported Golden Coyote with pre-haul missions resulting in nearly 13,000 accident-free miles.
- Supported OCS and Golden Rally to train and test Soldiers on tasks and techniques learned and trained on during deployment.
- Supported many local recruiting events such as Flag Day and local homecoming parades.

## 730TH AREA SUPPORT MEDICAL COMPANY

COMMANDER CPT Whitney Bruinsma  
 FIRST SERGEANT ISG Michael Rath

**MISSION:** The 730th Area Support Medical Company is composed of combat medics, lab technicians, radiologists, dental technicians, mental health technicians, medical doctors, nurses, physician's assistants and headquarters support staff. The ASMC stands ready to provide echelon I and echelon II health support to any personnel within its area of operations.



LOCATION: VERMILLION  
 SIZE: 94

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Supported Golden Rally 2015 providing sick call for the exercise, on-call 24/7 operations to respond to medical emergencies, completed 50 hours of table VIII medic training and medic testing. The 730th also participated in multiple joint training exercises with the medical personnel from the 114th Fighter Wing during Golden Rally 2015.

# 147TH ARMY BAND

COMMANDER CW4 Terry Beckler  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Tim Schorn

**MISSION:** The 147th Army Band provides music throughout the full spectrum of military operations and instills in service members the will to fight and win, fosters support of our citizens and promotes our national interests at home and abroad with performances for open audiences.



**LOCATION:** MITCHELL  
**SIZE:** 43

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Recorded the National Guard March for the Chief of National Guard Bureau alongside the 43rd Army Band of the Nebraska National Guard.
- Accomplished 68 missions throughout South Dakota in TY 2015; 16 in support of military and veteran activities.
- Told the SDNG story at 25 SD schools/universities.
- Represented the SDNG at 27 public performances.

# 881ST TROOP COMMAND

COMMANDER LTC Michael Snow  
COMMAND SGT MAJ CSM Michael Shay

**MISSION:** The 881st Troop Command provides command and control and supervision for 13 distinct units and detachments totaling about 300 Soldiers in two communities in western South Dakota. The 881st is predominately comprised of Aviation units however it also supports numerous specialty units as well. They are commonly dubbed one of the biggest little Battalions in the state.



**LOCATION:** STURGIS  
**TROOP CMD SIZE:** 238  
**HQ SIZE:** 30

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Supported the State Partnership Program.
- Deployed Det. 48 DSA to Afghanistan.
- Participated in numerous community and local school events, which included: co-hosting a day in the life of a Soldier at Fort Meade; hosting an 'I Hate Winter Day' for Sturgis Brown High School students; participating in the Brandon Delzer 5K, and presenting the Michael Gorman Scholarship to a deserving Sturgis Brown High School senior.

# COMPANY C, 1/189TH AVIATION REGIMENT

COMMANDER MAJ Anthony Timanus  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Michael Martin

**MISSION:** Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment provides aero-medical evacuation support with its nine HH-60M Black Hawk helicopters. The company is made up of pilots, crew chiefs, medics, aviation operations specialists and support personnel who continuously train to maintain a high state of readiness.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 83

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Completed the transition and fielding of the HH-60M Black Hawk helicopter from the aging fleet of UH-60A/L Black Hawk helicopters.
- Participated in several emergency civilian MEDEVAC and wildland fire missions - deploying aircraft and personnel in support of the rescue efforts.
- Provided 24-hour MEDEVAC coverage in support of the 75th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

# COMPANY D, 1/112TH AVIATION REGIMENT

COMMANDER MAJ Martin Skovly  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Bruce Conger

**MISSION:** Company D, 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment provides aero-medical evacuation in support of homeland security defense requirements including Northern Command's area of responsibility, state adjutants general and selected OCONUS operations. Company D (-) has two detachments located in Wisconsin and Idaho.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 30

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Several members supported the Southwest Border Mission in Texas providing surveillance along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Provided real world MEDEVAC for Golden Coyote.
- Provided employers and spouses the opportunity to fly in the UH-72 Lakota.



## DET. 1, COMPANY B, 1/112TH AVIATION REGIMENT

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT John Barnes  
SFC Scott Helmann

**MISSION:** Detachment 1, Company B, 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment provides command, control and communication flights, limited air movements, aerial reconnaissance and screening operations for homeland security defense requirements. The unit is a detachment of Company B, 1/112th located in Michigan with a sister detachment in Utah.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 24

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Provided real world surveillance for the 2015 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.
- Several members supported the Southwest Border Mission in Texas providing surveillance along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Conducted joint training with several civil authorities throughout the state during annual training.

## DET. 1, COMPANY B, 935TH AVIATION SUPPORT BATTALION

COMMANDER  
DETACHMENT SERGEANT

CW3 David Handshue  
SSG Jeramy McCully

**MISSION:** Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Aviation Support Battalion provides higher level aviation maintenance and repair support to all Army aircraft and avionics equipment. The 935th provides maintenance support for the SDARNG's rotary-wing aircraft, the HH-60 Black Hawk and the UH-72 Lakota.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 35

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Qualified ten unit members through the UH-60M Maintainer Transition Course to support the state's newly fielded equipment.
- Completed technical training during annual training with Corpus Christi Army Depot in Texas, the world's largest rotary-wing aircraft repair facility.

## DET. 48, OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT COMMAND

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CW4 Wayne Walker  
SFC Randall McCann

**MISSION:** Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command provides fixed-wing operational airlift support for the National Guard, military departments and federal agencies as scheduled by the OSA Command. The pilots and operations NCOs are available 24-hours-a-day to support South Dakota and national homeland security missions.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 6

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Deployment in support of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions within the Afghanistan area of responsibility.
- Flew in excess of 600 missions and 2,400 hours supporting American and Coalition ground commanders over the entire Afghanistan region.

## 129TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT Eric Tobin  
ISG Lorissa Wetzler

**MISSION:** The 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment provides public affairs support to units across the state, as well as to deployed units in support of a combined, unified or joint operation. The MPAD uses print and broadcast journalism to help tell the story of the U.S. military and the South Dakota National Guard.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 18

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Conducted annual training at Golden Coyote, publishing four issues of the exercise newsletter, the Coyote Courier.
- Several stories made national and local news outlets throughout the year.
- Participated in eight community events in support of the recruiting and retention effort.

## 216TH & 451ST ENGINEER DET (FIREFIGHTING TEAMS)

216TH/451ST COMMANDER CW2 Terry Hoey  
216TH FIRE CHIEF SFC Austin Hagen  
451ST STATION CHIEF SSG Max Stoltenburg

**MISSION:** The 216th is a headquarters element that provides command and control over firefighting teams in a theater of operations, to include fire protection of aviation and major facilities. The 451st provides firefighting service and support in a theater of operations, to include fire protection of aviation and major facilities.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY  
**SIZE:** 11

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Units successfully trained at 2015 Golden Coyote on aircraft fire, vehicle extrication, structural fire and helicopter rescue.

## 196TH MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE

MEB COMMANDER COL Patrick Pardy  
COMMAND SGT MAJ CSM Michael Burgeson  
HHC COMMANDER CPT Larry Klipfel  
HHC FIRST SERGEANT ISG Robert Schmidt

**MISSION:** The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade enables, enhances and protects operational and tactical freedom of action for a supported maneuver force. The unit commands and controls the forces necessary to conduct security and functional operations in a designated area of responsibility. The MEB is one of four SDARNG major commands.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**BRIGADE SIZE:** 1,865

**MEB SIZE:** 182

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Completed the eXportable Combat Training Capability exercise in at Camp Ripley that validated the capabilities of the 196th MEB to meet its wartime mission.
- Planned and executed successful field training exercise that included over 450 Soldiers between the 139th Brigade Support Battalion and the 153rd Engineer Bn.
- Received a notification of sourcing to mobilize 39 Soldiers to Kuwait in February 2016 to support Area Support Group Kuwait under Operation Enduring Freedom - Spartan Shield.

## 139TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION

BSB COMMANDER LTC Jason Kettwig  
COMMAND SGT MAJ CSM Arthur Allcock  
HHC COMMANDER CPT Ross Pedersen  
HHC FIRST SERGEANT ISG Dean Weiss

**MISSION:** The 139th Brigade Support Battalion consists of three organic units: Headquarters and Headquarters Company; Company A, a distribution unit; and Company B, a field maintenance unit. The 139th is also augmented with the 235th Military Police Company and the 115th Signal Company.



**LOCATION:** BROOKINGS  
**BATTALION SIZE:** 457

**HHC SIZE:** 77

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- HHC, 139th BSB conducted annual training at Camp Ripley where the unit helped support the 196th MEB XCTC evaluation.
- The mess section of HHC, 139th BSB won the Phillip A. Connelly Regional Competition and will represent South Dakota at the DA level competition.
- HHC, 139th BSB conducted a Field Training Exercise at the Sweetman's Training Area in the Sioux Falls area in preparation of the XCTC at Camp Ripley.

## COMPANY A, 139TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION

COMMANDER CPT Sheldon Hofer  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Jeffrey Wessels

**MISSION:** Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion is a distribution company with a mission to provide transportation for the movement of cargo, water and fuel by motor transport. The unit consists of a headquarters, supply platoon, and fuel and water platoon.



**LOCATION:** WATERTOWN  
**SIZE:** 96

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Conducted training during annual training at Camp Ripley in support of 196th MEB XCTC providing water, food, fuel, and supplies for over 700 Soldiers, earning the reputation of "the workhorse of the battalion."
- Conducted six large recruiting events to include a field training exercise in the Miller/Redfield areas where we conducted mounted land navigation, set up and use VSAT and communication equipment.



## COMPANY B, 139TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT Marvin Miller  
SFC Leland Johnson

**MISSION:** Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion performs field maintenance for modular brigade combat teams and supporting brigades. The unit provides recovery, automotive/armament, ground support and electronic maintenance and maintenance management to brigade base elements. Company B has a headquarters platoon, armament/automotive platoon and electronics platoon.



LOCATION: MITCHELL  
SIZE: 64

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Awarded the Superior Unit Award in 2015.
- Named a semifinalist to compete for the Chief of Staff, Army Supply Excellence Award in March.
- Participated in a field training exercise as a train up for the XCTC annual training at Camp Ripley. The unit practiced Maintenance Area Operations and Recovery Operations.

## 235TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT John Peary  
ISG Brian Anderson

**MISSION:** The 235th Military Police Company provides security for U.S. military personnel, installation and facilities. They also guard prisoners of war and civilian internees. Major duties are to supervise and provide support to the battlefield by conducting battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations, and law and order operations on the battlefield.



LOCATION: RAPID CITY & SIOUX FALLS  
SIZE: 179

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Conducted annual training covering a variety of missions including: cordon and search; one FTX and three STXs; conduct a reconnaissance patrol; convoy operations; checkpoint and vehicle searches; training in use of equipment such as night vision, thermal optics and alert lighting systems.
- Members also traveled to Camp Guernsey to conduct training with crew served weapons such as the M2 .50 caliber and the Mk-19 grenade launcher.

## 115TH SIGNAL COMPANY

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT Carlton Willems  
ISG Shawn Bastian

**MISSION:** The 115th Signal Company provides 24-hour operational command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) signal systems network to a supported maneuver enhancement brigade, combat aviation brigade and/or sustainment brigade, which includes deploying, installing, operating and maintaining these systems.



LOCATION: BROOKINGS  
SIZE: 41

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Supported the 196th MEB and subordinate units during the eXportable Combat Training Capability exercise. Provided the tactical communications network for the entire exercise and communication support throughout the training areas utilizing retransmission operations.

## 1ST BATTALION, 147TH FIELD ARTILLERY

1/147TH COMMANDER  
COMMAND SGT MAJ  
HHB COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

LTC James Linn  
CSM Lathe Ragels  
CPT Brandon Wolf  
ISG Steven Anderson

**MISSION:** 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery provides command and control, planning, execution and support for two Multiple Launch Rocket System batteries and one forward support company. Assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistics requirements to maintain readiness.



LOCATION: WATERTOWN  
BATTALION SIZE: 390

HHB SIZE: 85

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Underwent new equipment and software fielding for the Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below, which gives a common platform for communication between systems and services.
- Conducted live-fire of the MLRS, small arms qualification, crew-served weapons qualification, hand grenade qualification.

# 147TH FORWARD SUPPORT COMPANY

COMMANDER CPT Adam Rounds  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Michael Becker

**MISSION:** The 147th Forward Support Company is a multi-functional organization consisting of a headquarters section, field feeding section, distribution platoon and maintenance platoon, which all support the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery.



LOCATION: WATERTOWN  
SIZE: 148

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Conducted annual training at Camp Guernsey where the FSC supported the live-fire of all 16 270AI MLRS and completed company level collective tasks.
- Completed individual and crew serve weapons qualification at Camp Ripley during spring shoot in April.

# BATTERY A, 1ST BATTALION, 147TH FIELD ARTILLERY

COMMANDER CPT Cody Becker  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Monte Patterson

**MISSION:** Battery A, 1/147th Field Artillery will deploy to provide rocket and missile fires in support of the higher tasking headquarters to destroy, neutralize or suppress in accordance with Army depth and simultaneous attack. Battery A is equipped with the M270AI Multiple Launch Rocket System, capable of firing a variety of munitions in support of unified land operations.



LOCATION: ABERDEEN  
SIZE: 76

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Conducted live fire hand grenade range operations.
- Trained on Joint Capabilities Release upgrade.
- Live fired 32 M28AI/A2 rockets, including the first time for a full battery fire mission.
- Achieved qualification four consecutive years for the Superior Unit Award.
- Received the Army National Guard Certificate of Victory Trophy.

# BATTERY B, 1ST BATTALION, 147TH FIELD ARTILLERY

COMMANDER CPT Michael Nei  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Brooks Schild

**MISSION:** Battery B, 1/147th Field Artillery is a Multiple Launch Rocket System field artillery unit that provides medium and long-range missile fires in support of the war fighter. The battery is equipped with the M270AI launcher, capable of delivering steel rain to its adversaries. The unit is outfitted with support sections for ammunition resupply, reconnaissance and fire direction.



LOCATION: YANKTON  
SIZE: 81

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- The unit conducted live-fire of the MLRS, crew-served weapons familiarization, drivers training, long range communications radio system training, and a hand grenade qualification range.
- Qualified and met all standards for the Superior Unit Award during the training year.
- Supported the community of Yankton by providing entries and traffic control support for the annual Riverboat Days celebration.

# 153RD ENGINEER BATTALION

153RD COMMANDER LTC Trent Bruce  
COMMAND SGT MAJ CSM Todd Mettler  
HHC COMMANDER CPT Thomas Stewart  
FIRST SERGEANT ISG Mark Olsen

**MISSION:** The 153rd Engineer Battalion provides mission command and supervision for seven separate units with more than 800 Soldiers in 12 communities. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company assists assigned units in meeting training, administrative and logistical requirements and achieve readiness.



LOCATION: HURON  
BATTALION SIZE: 836

HHC SIZE: 77

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Conducted field training exercise focused on tactical operations center set up, night vision training, weapons familiarization and mine detector training.
- Conducted an XCTC that included a multitude of missions down range and in the battalion TOC in preparation for next year's warfighter evaluation.
- Received the Superior Unit Award for the second year in a row and also received the MG Milton A. Reckard Trophy for a second year in a row.



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# FORWARD SUPPORT COMPANY, 153RD ENGINEER BN.

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT Marc Rieger  
ISG John Dornbush

**MISSION:** The Forward Support Company, 153rd Engineer Battalion is designed to provide direct combat sustainment support for a maneuver battalion in the form of logistics and maintenance. The FSC is headquartered in Parkston with a detachment in Huron. The FSC has a wide variety of functions, to include a field feeding section, a distribution platoon and a maintenance platoon.



**LOCATION:** PARKSTON & HURON  
**SIZE:** 88

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Received the Superior Unit Award for the second year in a row.
- Participated in exportable combat training capability exercise, where the unit focused on MOS training, and was evaluated on a recovery and tactical convoy lane.
- Incorporated GX event into FTX held at the Platte Training Area with 34 potential recruits.

# 842ND ENGINEER COMPANY

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT Tricia McNeely  
ISG Eric Flatmoe

**MISSION:** The 842nd Engineer Company is a horizontal construction unit with a mission to build and maintain roads, airstrips and rotary aircraft pads, as well as build and maintain combat outposts and forward operating bases. The unit uses a variety of equipment such as crawler tractors, motorized graders, scrapers, scoop loaders, back hoes, high-speed excavators and dump trucks.



**LOCATION:** SPEARFISH, BELLE FOURCHE & STURGIS  
**SIZE:** 164

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Conducted annual training at FOB Orman to include timber haul and Orman dam projects such as culvert emplacement and 1.7 miles of road construction.
- Conducted Battle of the Blades, allowing Soldiers to practice operating skills in a semi-competitive environment with real-world equipment training.

# 155TH ENGINEER COMPANY

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT David Dodson  
ISG Jay Spaans

**MISSION:** The 155th Engineer Company is a vertical engineer company capable of providing engineering support in the construction of base camps and internment facilities, as well constructing, repairing and maintaining other vertical infrastructures in support of units within a brigade combat team, division or corps.



**LOCATION:** RAPID CITY & WAGNER  
**SIZE:** 194

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Completed pre-mobilization training including weapons qualification, vehicle roll-over drills and urban operations.
- Deployed to Kuwait in September in support of Operation Spartan Shield as a contingency element supporting construction projects throughout USARCENT.
- Received the Superior Unit Award for the second straight year.

# 200TH ENGINEER COMPANY

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

CPT Mark Francisco  
ISG Mike DeJong

**MISSION:** The 200th Engineer Company is a multi-role bridging company with a mission to provide personnel and equipment transport in addition to assemble, disassemble, retrieve and maintain all standard U.S. Army bridging systems. The unit is capable of providing both temporary and permanent bridging solutions over rivers and dry-land gaps utilizing the Improved Ribbon Bridge and Heavy Dry Span Bridge.



**LOCATION:** PIERRE, CHAMBERLAIN & MOBRIDGE  
**SIZE:** 181

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Received the Superior Unit Award for the second consecutive year.
- Conducted annual training and participated in the XCTC. Training focused on tactical movements, RECONs, Improved Ribbon Bridge and the Heavy Dry Span Bridge.
- Conducted multiple training events involving the communities of Pierre, Chamberlain, Gettysburg, Lemmon and Mobridge.

# 211TH ENGINEER COMPANY

COMMANDER CPT Christopher Schimke  
 FIRST SERGEANT ISG Gary DeVries

**MISSION:** The 211th Engineer Company (SAPPER) has a mission to execute mobility, counter-mobility and survivability tasks, and to provide general engineering support to a maneuver unit or a support brigade. These tasks include combat engineering missions such as placing or clearing minefields, demolition operations, field defenses as well as the ability to operate as infantry when needed.



**LOCATION:** MADISON & DE SMET  
**SIZE:** 120

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Unit was awarded the Superior Unit Award for TY14 and has met the metrics for TY15.
- Conducted annual training at Camp Ripley in conjunction with the 196th MEB and XCTC operations. Conducted demo operations and mine-clearing line charge firing.
- Conducted joint medevac training with Company C, 1/189th Aviation Regiment.
- Six Soldiers volunteered to deploy with the 155th Engineer Company in support of their mission in Kuwait.

# 927TH SURVEY & DESIGN TEAM

COMMANDER CW2 Jedediah Gassen  
 SR. TECHNICAL ENGINEER SSG Bradley Limbo

**MISSION:** The 927th Engineer Detachment (Survey and Design Team) plans, conducts, prepares and provides planning studies and tests for identified engineer work projects, provides guidance and procedure platting, legal descriptions, certification and surveys (boundary, construction) and prepares critical paths for engineer projects.



**LOCATION:** HURON  
**SIZE:** 12

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Completed topographic surveys and provided designs to the CFMO for the Huron and Yankton motor pools, building 159 on Fort Meade and various areas on Camp Rapid to improve drainage.
- Provided data to the Bureau of Reclamation at Orman Dam for future improvement projects.
- Provided QA/QC support to the 842nd En. Co. on a road improvement project at the Orman Dam for the Bureau of Reclamation.



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**MISSION:** The mission of Headquarters, South Dakota Air National Guard is to lead, develop and support Airmen for the global and domestic missions.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 27

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Developed a HQ strategic plan through the use of the SMS process and a strategic planning workshop with input from all HQ personnel.
- Supported Delmont community after major damage due to tornado.
- Supported the 114th Fighter Wing through promotion boards, professional development and Airmen of the Year board members.

## 114TH FIGHTER WING

114TH COMMANDER Col Russ Walz  
VICE COMMANDER Col Nate Alholinna  
COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SGT CCM Dean Hillberg  
FIRST SERGEANT SMSgt Shawn Greer

**MISSION:** The 114th Fighter Wing deploys worldwide and executes directed tactical fighter sorties to destroy enemy forces, supplies, equipment, communications systems and installations with conventional weapons.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 1,026

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Winner of the National Guard Association of the United States 2015 Distinguished Flying Plaque - one of five Air National Guard Wings to receive award.
- Winner of the NGAUS 2015 Maj. Gen. John J. Pesch Flight Safety Award - one of two ANG Wings to receive award.
- Received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
- 246 members deployed to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea as part of a 120 day Theater Security Package.
- Executed over 4,187 flying hours and 2,609 sorties.



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# 114TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

COMMANDER Col Edwin VanDerWalde  
FIRST SERGEANT SMSgt Julie Johnson

**MISSION:** The 114th Mission Support Group directs the activities of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron, 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 114th Security Forces Squadron, 114th Force Support Squadron and the 114th Communications Flight toward the overall missions and objectives of the 114th Fighter Wing.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 316

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Processed over 160 short tons of cargo and 251 passengers for a TSP deployment to ROK.
- Received a Highly Effective rating from the Commander's Inspection program.
- Conducted Joint Annual Training during Golden Rally.
- Participated in joint training during Golden Coyote with SDARNG and Allied Forces.
- Migrated 114 FW from the ANG network to the AF Network and from ANG email to Defense Enterprise Email.



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# 114TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

COMMANDER Maj Sallie Ketcham

**MISSION:** The Force Support Squadron provides advice and assistance to commanders, supervisors, ANG members, dependents and retirees on personnel policies, programs and entitlements. FSS provides lodging, food service, fitness facility management and mortuary services.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 48

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Readiness personnel processed 250 members of the 114th FW for a four-month deployment and redeployment without a single reported discrepancy.
- The Airman & Family Program Manager, in coordination with the SDARNG, completed a comprehensive accreditation process, designed to increase awareness of Family Programs.
- Deployed two FSS Airmen for six-month volunteer deployments in support of OEF.

# 114TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

COMMANDER Lt Col Brent Post  
FIRST SERGEANT MSgt Ryan Neugebauer

**MISSION:** The 114th Civil Engineer Squadron provides personnel capable of deploying anywhere in the world, including bare bases and support aircraft operations with bed-down, rapid runway repair, operations, and maintenance support, emergency management, and crash/fire suppression activities.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 93

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- 50 personnel participated in joint training with SDARNG personnel and Allied Forces personnel at Golden Coyote.
- 19 personnel were part of an Innovative Readiness Training project in Delmont, removing remaining tree branches from a 2014 wind storm.
- 25 personnel were on state active duty for two days in May to provided debris clearance in Delmont, following a tornado.

# 114TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

COMMANDER Maj Joseph Hardin  
FIRST SERGEANT MSgt Steve Pederson

**MISSION:** The 114th Security Forces Squadron augments the host base weapon system security functions to enable them to support additional workloads generated by the assignment of additional tactical aircraft.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 73

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Conducted joint annual training at Golden Rally 2015 - completing law enforcement and ground combat skills tasks and annual weapons qualification. Executed Domestic Operations in the joint environment.
- Completed training scenarios with 28th Security Forces Squadron, Ellsworth AFB.
- Increase to FPCON Bravo increasing security posture at Joe Foss Field and working in conjunction with local, county, state and federal law enforcement.



# 114TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

Maj Craig Vanderzee  
MSgt Duane Vandevendel

**MISSION:** The 114th Logistics Readiness Squadron provides and directs the supply, fuels, procurement, financial, motor vehicle and commercial transportation activities toward the overall objectives and missions of the assigned and attached units of the group.



LOCATION: SIOUX FALLS  
SIZE: 80

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Maintenance section maintains a fleet of 122 vehicles worth \$16.6 million; continues to be among the top five Air National Guard Fighter Wing units with a 2015 mission capable rate of 98.3 percent.
- Materiel management directs supply chain activities over \$50 million in warehouse inventory and over \$72 million in support equipment assets; while processing over 181,000 transactions.

# 114TH COMMUNICATION FLIGHT

COMMANDER

Maj Kevin Miller

**MISSION:** The 114th Communications Flight provides highly-skilled personnel to manage, operate and maintain Voice and Data Networks, Secure Communications, Information Assurance and Knowledge Management in support of the Department of Defense and State of South Dakota.



LOCATION: SIOUX FALLS  
SIZE: 32

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Migrated from the ANG network to Air Force Network.
- Migrated email from ANG email to Defense Enterprise Email.
- Upgraded the Emergency Operations Center/CF Classroom.
- Served St. Francis House meal quarterly by Communication Flight members.

# 114TH OPERATIONS GROUP

114TH OG COMMANDER  
114TH OSS CMDR  
175TH FS CMDR

Col Gregory Lair  
Lt Col Mark Morrell  
Lt Col Quentin Esser

**MISSION:** The 114th Operations Group trains pilots, intelligence, aircrew flight equipment, airfield management, and operations support personnel for world wide deployment and execution of tactical sorties to achieve the combat commander's desired effects.



LOCATION: SIOUX FALLS  
SIZE: 70

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Aerospace Control Alert, March ARB, Riverside, CA – The 175th Fighter Squadron and 114 Operations Support Squadron guaranteed four fully mission capable aircraft and two pilots available to provide immediate response to any airborne threat.
- Provided pilots and aircraft for 256 hours of dedicated coverage for the President of the United States.

# 114TH MEDICAL GROUP

COMMANDER  
FIRST SERGEANT

Col Tim Wilkinson  
MSgt Carrie Kunkel

**MISSION:** The 114th Medical Group, upon mobilization, provides manpower replacement tasking by the gaining major command, Air Combat Command. The 114th Medical Group provides limited health services for approximately 1,000 personnel assigned to the 114th Fighter Wing.



LOCATION: SIOUX FALLS  
SIZE: 51

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Implemented 'Warrior Readiness' - the new process consists of member's medical requirements completed over a five month period allowing medical personnel remaining months for readiness and mission training.
- The Medical Group participated in Golden Rally while stationed at Camp Rapid. An outstanding opportunity to complete joint medical training with Army medical personnel.



# 114TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

COMMANDER Col Joel De Groot  
DEPUTY COMMANDER Lt Col Kevin Curley

**MISSION:** The 114th Maintenance Group ensures that assigned aircraft and equipment are safe, serviceable and properly configured to meet mission requirements. Maintenance actions include inspection, repair, overhaul, modification, preservation, refurbishment, testing and analyzing condition and performance.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 470

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Mobilized for Pacific Command Theater Security Package to Korea for 120 days with 12 F-16s and 200 maintainers. Largest ever support equipment package of 160 tons.
- Participated in Red Flag 15-1 Exercise at Nellis AFB where the 175th AMU was presented the Red Flag Outstanding Maintenance Unit Award. Eight F-16s and 127 Airmen deployed in support of this multi-nation and multi-service joint exercise.

# 114TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

COMMANDER Lt Col Travis Boltjes  
FIRST SERGEANT MSgt Thomas Dummermuth

**MISSION:** The 114th Maintenance Squadron provides support to the 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sortie production and the required depth to sustain maintenance effectiveness. The Squadron is divided into two flights, the Component Maintenance Flight and the Equipment Maintenance Flight. The Flights perform both on and off equipment maintenance on assigned aircraft.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 225

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Mobilized 96 personnel to Kunsan AB, Korea and Misawa AB, Japan from May to September in support of PACOM 2015 Theater Security Package deployment.
- Deployed efforts resulted in 661 total sorties, more than 889 flight hours, and an astounding aircraft mission capable rate of 88.1 percent.
- Munitions Storage deployed 24 personnel and supported three F-16 squadrons consisting of 60 aircraft from both the 114th FW and 8th FW.

# 114TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

COMMANDER Maj Kelly Petterson  
FIRST SERGEANT MSgt Justin Rey

**MISSION:** The 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron services, inspects, maintains, launches and recovers assigned and transient aircraft, and ensures all mobility requirements are met. The 114th AMXS includes activities that generate aircraft sorties and train personnel to generate sorties, and is predominantly accomplished in an on-equipment environment, whether in a hangar or on the flight line.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 206

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Generated 12 F-16 fighters for PACOM Theater Security Package deployment to Korea for 120 days. Maintained an 88 percent mission capable rate while executing 717 aircraft sorties.
- Participated in Beverly Midnight 15-4 Operational Readiness Exercise at Kunsan AB, ROK, which demonstrated ability to employ personnel, weapon systems and equipment during wartime contingency tasking.

# 114TH MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS FLIGHT

COMMANDER 1st Lt Ross Rollinger

**MISSION:** The 114th Maintenance Operations Flight is responsible to the 114th Maintenance Group commander for aircraft maintenance staff functions required for the efficient operation of the 114th MXG. The Flight includes: the maintenance operations center; plans, scheduling and documentation; engine management, training management; maintenance analysis; and maintenance plans and programs.



**LOCATION:** SIOUX FALLS  
**SIZE:** 24

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Executed annual maintenance plan supporting the flying hour program of 3,700 hours and 2,543 aircraft sorties.
- Installed and configured over 90 computers throughout the Maintenance Complex, refreshing work centers to the latest, safest technology.
- Generated 200 mobilization orders and travel authorizations for the 114th FW Airmen deploying as part of the PACOM Theater Security Package to Korea.



## GOLDEN COYOTE TRAINING EXERCISE

The Golden Coyote training exercise is one of the nation's top training opportunities for the National Guard, Reserve and active duty forces, as well as military personnel from allied countries. The two-week exercise provides relevant training opportunities in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland defense missions. Golden Coyote offers units the opportunity to conduct combat support missions in a realistic training environment.



### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Hosted the 31st annual Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills in June with 35 military units representing 12 states and three foreign nations participating in the exercise.
- Units conducted military operations, trained on their equipment and employed tactics, as well as completed various humanitarian missions and engineer projects.
- Units participated in many warrior training tasks and battle drills such as combat patrols, urban combat operations, land navigation, first aid and casual evacuation.

## SERVICE MEMBER & FAMILY SUPPORT

The SMFS helps bond service members and their families and employers by promoting a sense of camaraderie, helps families in understanding the mission of the SDNG and rewards for belonging, and informs and educates service members, their families and veterans about activities and resources available to them. The SMFS staff not only benefits service members and their families, veterans and employers, but also has a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness.



### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Supported SD service members, veterans and families through family assistance, family readiness, child/youth and yellow ribbon programs.
- Resilience and Suicide Prevention provided resilience and suicide prevention training to unit leadership, service members and families.
- Employer Support promoted a culture in which employers support and value their employee's military service through recognizing employer support, increased awareness of the law and mediation.

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS PROGRAM

The Community Projects Program provides hands-on readiness training opportunities while providing a direct benefit to communities. The program is built upon the long-standing tradition of the National Guard, acting as good neighbors at the local level in applying military personnel to assist worthy civic and community needs.



### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- The 114th Civil Engineer Squadron completed 16 projects, including a Delmont community clean up.
- The 200th En. Co. completed construction of a boat docking area on the Missouri River.
- The 842nd En. Co. completed five projects, including reconstructing the main road for the town of Wood and a one-mile access road for the SD Bureau of Reclamation.
- The 927th Survey & Design Team completed four projects, including the survey of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Pow Waw Grounds.

## STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Suriname and the South Dakota National Guard established a security cooperation relationship in 2006 under the National Guard State Partnership Program. The two parties have conducted more than 90 engagement activities in support of U.S. SOUTHCOM security cooperation objectives and the interests of the United States, including promoting response capacity and capability for natural disasters and providing humanitarian relief, and maintaining healthy military-to-military relationships.



### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- The SDNG conducted 12 events during FY15 with 32 service members serving as experts during the exchanges and more than 268 individuals (SDNG members, Suriname National Defense members, U.S. State Dept. members and U.S. SOUTHCOM members) directly participating with the experts during exchanges.
- Exchanges included: Military Police Crowd Control; Women in the Military; Hazardous Material Storage; OCS Field Leadership; Disaster Management; JOC Command and Control, and NCO Professional Development.



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