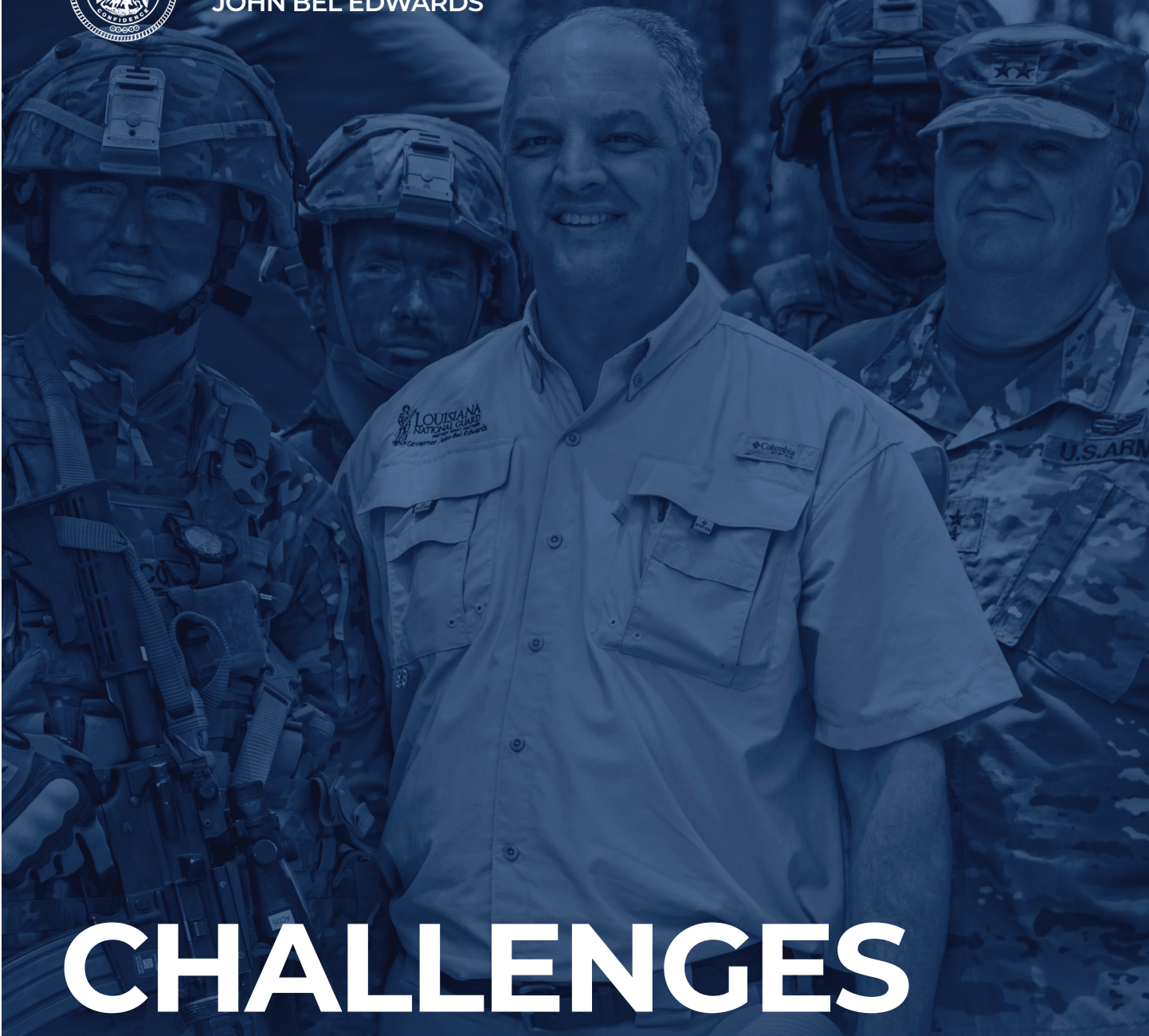




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CHALLENGES MET. PROGRESS DELIVERED.

Louisiana National Guard, 2016–2023

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Introduction

Message from The Adjutant General and Executive Summary

The Louisiana National Guard (LANG) made significant gains throughout Governor Edwards' administration. This report details the significant accomplishments within the Louisiana Military Department, Education Program, and the Louisiana National Guard with specific emphasis on emergency responses, recruiting, hiring, construction, and our community and family services. Three of our key highlights include cyber-security, federal mobilizations, and state emergency responses.

In 2017, Governor Edwards established the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission to protect the state's IT networks, defend critical infrastructure, build the cybersecurity workforce, develop state legislation, and enhance private partnerships. The Louisiana National Guard co-chairs this commission.

In July of 2019, when several school districts experienced ransomware attacks, Governor Edwards declared a state of emergency. This was one of the first of such declared responses in the nation. Multiple state agencies, including the National Guard, as well as federal agencies such as the FBI, Secret Service, and Department of Homeland Security and private sector resource partners came together to combat the attacks. Since 2019, the Louisiana National Guard has responded to approximately 116 cyber incidents.

The Louisiana National Guard deployed approximately 6,000 service members to 12 named missions in 16 different countries during Gov. Edwards' tenure. More deployments are scheduled for the remainder of this year with approximately 1,000 service members. Since 9/11 and remaining steady through the Governor's leadership, the LANG deploys 1,000 service members on average annually bringing our total number of deployed Soldiers and Airmen to more than 22,000. This significant contribution impacts not only the thousands of service members but their families and employers and our citizens.

Upon entering office in January 2016, Governor Edwards immediately assumed his role as commander in chief of the Louisiana National Guard to respond to a major flood event. This was quickly followed by a second major flood in March 2016 requiring Governor Edwards to mobilize and deploy the Louisiana National Guard.

During the third major flood of 2016, in August, the Louisiana National Guard responded to a South Louisiana 500-year flood event. Additional events in 2016 included floods in January and March. In 2017 the LANG responded to Hurricanes Irma, Harvey, Maria, and Nate. LANG responded to Hurricane Florence in 2018. Cyber incidents began in 2019 along with a response to Hurricane Barry.

The COVID-19 pandemic was the longest running state response for the LANG during the Governor's tenure and in recent memory. In 2020 LANG additionally responded to cyber incidents, the Ouachita tornadoes, Tropical Storm Cristobal, and Hurricanes Marco, Laura, Delta, and Zeta.

COVID-19 response efforts continued throughout 2021 for the LANG who additionally responded to Winter Weather, floods in May, and Hurricane Ida.

In 2022 LANG ended its response to the COVID-19 pandemic and responded to the Arabi tornadoes, Hurricane Ian (mobilized EMAC), December tornadoes, and the December Freeze.

In 2023 LANG has, thus far, responded to the severe weather event in Oakdale, Louisiana with bulk and bottled water.

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Progress Delivered

2016

Military Affairs Program

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (SPP)

The Louisiana National Guard marked its 20th anniversary with the Belize Defence Force and its 5th anniversary with Haiti.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Four (4) major accomplishments of the Military Affairs Program were three disaster relief operations during Winter River Flooding, Statewide flooding and August Severe Weather flooding and responding to a state emergency that existed at Camp Minden dealing with potentially unstable M6 propellant. The M6 threatens the lives and property of the citizens of the state and public property. The flood responses are further detailed in Section III.

During 2016, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, National Guard Bureau, and US North Command, the program also conducted a national level disaster preparedness event: Vigilant Guard Exercise 2016.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 527th Engineer Battalion received the Order of Founders and Patriots of America Outstanding National Guard Unit Award. Additionally, Staff Sergeant Nicole Bourgeois of 1st Battalion, 199th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) was recognized as the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's top National guard instructor for 2016.

Education Programs

The Department leads the nation in making a difference with the next generation through Education Programs consisting of the Youth Challenge Program (YCP) and Science Technology Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation Space Exploration (STARBASE).

Youth Challenge is one of the most effective and cost-efficient programs for targeting youth who are at the greatest risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency, and criminal activity. It is a preventive strategy rather than a remedial at-risk program, which targets participants who are unemployed, drug-free, conviction-free, and high-school dropouts, 16 to 18 years of age.

The STARBASE Program is a youth activity designed for students in the 5th grade considered at-risk in the areas of math, science, and technology. It is a highly interactive-academic enrichment program in which students participate in exciting hands-on activities in aviation and space exploration, as well as focusing on the importance of team building, goal setting, and maintaining a drug free-lifestyle. The success of this program led to the creation of an additional location in Iberville Parish that opened in 2015.

2017

Military Affairs Program

ACT 75 OF 2017 REGULAR SESSION

Expanded the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Code of Military Justice to give Commanders a greater ability to enforce good order and discipline. This act requires the use of the Federal Rules for Courts-Martial and the Military Rules of Evidence for LMCJ Actions. It also amended the rules regarding waiver of trial by panel members to ensure compliance with the Louisiana Constitution.

The Louisiana National Guard further updated the LCMJ to make the Summary Court-Martial confinement and the Article 32 hearing rules identical to the Federal Uniform Code of Military Justice.

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The LANG celebrated its 21st anniversary with the Belize Defence Force and its 6th anniversary with Haiti. It also hosted representatives from the Belize Defense Force and Belize Coast Guard to conduct the State Partnership Program Security Cooperation Planning Workshop to review current year SPP activities and formulate future SPP activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Five (5) major accomplishments of the Military Affairs Program were disaster relief operations in response to six severe weather events, six separate named Tropical Storms and Hurricanes, providing

potable water to the Town of St. Joseph, completing the destruction of potentially unstable M6 propellant at Camp Minden, and being named as co-chair of the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission.

The Louisiana National Guard provided support for the New Orleans East tornado in February 2017. The LANG followed this response in June with Tropical Storm Cindy preparations. In August, the Guard sent service members to Southwest Louisiana and Texas for Hurricane Harvey recovery.

The LANG continued to respond to hurricanes through October 2017 as they prepared for Tropical Storm Irma in September and sent Emergency Management Assistance Compact support to Puerto Rico later in the month. The Guard ended their hurricane season in October with the response efforts for Tropical Storm Nate.

The LANG supported two states and Washington D.C. with 663 service members through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) for the Presidential Inauguration, Hurricane Harvey, and Hurricane Maria.

In 2017, Governor Edwards established the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission to protect the state's IT networks, defend critical infrastructure, build the cybersecurity workforce, develop state legislation, and enhance private partnerships. The Louisiana National Guard was named as co-chair of this commission.

Education Programs

The Louisiana YCP consistently graduates more students than any other state in the nation and, through 2017, had 28,312 graduates since its inception in 1994. The success of the STARBASE Program is in its participants. Since its inception in 1999, 14,981 students have graduated from the STARBASE Program.

Military Affairs Program

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The LANG continued in its 22nd year of partnership with Belize and its 7th year with Haiti. It also sent service members to Haiti to continue to plan SPP events.

Education Programs

The Louisiana YCP had 29,653 graduates since its inception in 1994. The STARBASE Program continued to graduate 5th grade students. More than 17,287 students have graduated. The program also opened an additional location in Orleans Parish during this year.

Military Affairs Program

ACT 373 OF THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION

This act created a new additional type of Special Court-Martial (SPCM) composed of only a Military Judge and no panel. The punishment at this new SPCM is limited to no punitive discharge and confinement of no more than six months. The current SPCM would still exist and be available to the Convening Authority.

Article 30a Pre-Referral Proceedings: Provided greater Pre-Referral investigative subpoena, warrant, and order for electronic communications authority for Military Judges. The Louisiana National Guard also created the new position of Military Magistrate, where a Military Judge could be assigned to preside over the new SPCM and the new Article 30a Pre-Referral Proceedings.

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Louisiana National Guard celebrated its 23rd year with Belize and its 8th year with Haiti as the 225th Engineer Brigade participated in the SOUTHCOM Beyond the Horizons mid-planning conference.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nine (9) major accomplishments of the Military Affairs Program were disaster relief operations in response to three separate flood events, providing Engineer Work Teams and Assessment Teams to St. Landry, Assumption, and Terrebonne Parishes and two tornado disasters in Ruston and Jonesboro providing life support items, as well as Engineer Work Teams and Assessment Teams. The Louisiana National Guard prepared to respond to Hurricane Barry in July 2019 with 3,000 service members across 20 parishes. Engineer Work

2018

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Two (2) major military accomplishments occurred in 2018. The Louisiana National Guard welcomed home multiple units from federal overseas deployments during 2018 and continued to prepare for disaster responses but with a relatively quiet season, fortunately, did not have to respond to any hurricanes. The LANG did, however, provide support to the state in January 2018 during Winter Storm Inga. The National Guard Association of Louisiana also hosted the annual National Guard Association of the United States in New Orleans, Louisiana in August 2018.

The LANG supported two states with 6 service members through the EMAC for the Southwest Border mission and Hurricane Michael.

2019

Teams emplaced 1,000 feet of sandbags in preparation for the storm. Service members were also prepared to distribute water, meals, tarps, cots, and blankets, but fortunately, the hurricane did little damage.

The recently established Statewide Cyber Incident Response Team aided the Louisiana Department of Education throughout the state in response to their Cyber Security Incidents. The greatest impacts of those attacks were in Morehouse, Sabine, Tangipahoa, and E. Carroll Parishes. The Louisiana National Guard's response to these specific missions exhibited the exceptional operational capabilities of the Department during "All-Hazards" emergencies.

The Cyber Incident Response Team provided six Cyber Security Experts to support the Louisiana Secretary of States' office for the 2019 elections during the months of July, October, and November 2019.

The LANG CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) completed its Exercise Evaluation (EXEVAL) in December 2019, receiving a perfect score. The CERFP is designed to deploy within 6 hours of notification and specializes in preparing and responding to domestic threats, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosives.

The 159th Fighter Wing earned the 2019 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The Louisiana National Guard's Construction Facilities Management Office additionally placed second in the nation for the 2019 Army National Guard (ARNG) Environmental Security Award (Conservation Team Award).

Education Programs

The Louisiana YCP remains the nation's largest program with more than 1,400 graduates annually from three separate campuses with a total of 30,880 graduates since its inception in 1994. The STARBASE program graduated 28,900 students. Job Challenge is the latest in our pursuit for the betterment of the citizens of Louisiana. This program provides job trade skills, life skills training, and a focus on acquiring a high school equivalency diploma. The program is a partnership with LANG, Department of Education, Department of Labor, local businesses, and community leaders.

Military Affairs Program

The Military Affairs Program had many major accomplishments during FY 20. Military Affairs conducted disaster relief operations in response to COVID-19 and multiple Cyber Security incidents across the state along with responding to multiple named storms throughout the hurricane season.

The Statewide Cyber Incident Response Team responded to twenty-two separate cyber threats throughout the state; in sixteen different Parishes, three statewide events, and one regional event. Using an average of ten service members per event, the Cyber Team's efforts protected or restored 3,930 servers and 61,481 endpoints. The Cyber Team provided assistance to the Louisiana Department of Education, LSU Eunice, and school boards (Orleans, Iberville, Sabine, Morehouse, Tangipahoa, East Carroll, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. James, Vernon, New Iberia Parishes, and the Mater Dolorosa Catholic School) in response to Cyber Incident 20-1. Under the same response, the Cyber Incident Response Team also provided assistance for the State LAGOV network and the 16th Judicial District. Other cyber support included assistance to the Orleans Parish Assessors' Office, Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, Union Parish Sheriff's Office, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, 4th Judicial District, Town of Haughton, and the Avoyelles Parish School Board.

During 2020, the Military Affairs Program responded to seven named severe weather disaster events: Tropical Storm Cristobal (June 2020), Hurricane Marco (August 2020), Hurricane Laura (August 2020 and will be discussed in Section III), Hurricane Sally (September 2020), Tropical Storm Beta (September 2020), Hurricane Delta (October 2020 and will be discussed in Section III), and Hurricane Zeta (October 2020).

For Tropical Storm (TS) Cristobal, LANG pre-positioned 6 Engineer Work Teams, 72 High Water Vehicles, 34 Search and Rescue Boats, and 6 Aircraft. LANG also provided twenty-two liaison officers to 11 parish emergency operation centers and mobilized the Regional Support Area (RSA) to prepare for commodities distribution. LANG also transported five 100 KW Generators to Grand Isle to provide emergency power. TS Cristobal made landfall on June 7, 2020 east of Grand Isle. Despite significant rainfall in Southeast Louisiana, parishes were able to respond and recover. All operations were conducted in an immediate response authority mode without bringing Soldiers and Airmen on State Active Duty (STAD) which resulted in virtually no LANG costs being incurred by the state.

In response to Hurricanes Laura, Sally, Delta and Zeta, LANG activated more than 12,000 Soldiers and Airmen to conduct dozens of search and rescue, evacuation, transportation, communication, sheltering support, and 27 WebEOC security missions at over 50 sites in 8 parishes. In response to the four landfalls, LANG engineers cleared debris from 2,662 miles of parish roads and 210 municipal facilities. LANG also operated 101 commodity distribution points, which provided over 5.7 million meals, 7.8 million liters of water, 1.4 million bags of ice and 267,000 tarps to 30 parishes impacted by the storms. In conjunction with GOHSEP, LANG

2020

provided 473 generators to 35 parishes to furnish emergency power to critical infrastructure including hospitals, nursing homes, sewage treatment/lift stations, and water systems. Following Hurricanes Laura and Delta, LANG Senior Liaison Officers and planners provided support to the Office of the Secretary of State to plan, resource, and support voting in areas impacted by the hurricanes.

LANG also responded to a three-tornado event that occurred on April 12, 2020 (Easter Sunday) in Ouachita Parish. LANG provided Engineer Work Teams, Engineer Assessment Teams, and a Government Support Team. The response began the day the tornadoes struck and ended on May 1, 2020. Engineer efforts resulted in the removal of 434 dump truck loads of storm debris.

The 62nd Civil Support Team (CST) leads the nation in its preparedness and performance. The team provided support for the Sugar Bowl, National Championship Game, Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, the Governor's Inauguration, all LSU Home Games, and four Presidential visits. To assist with the COVID-19 pandemic, the CST also provided donning/doffing training for health care providers and LANG personnel to ensure all understood the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in a COVID-19 environment. The CST also provided training support to the FBI Bomb Supervisor's Course at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. The LANG CBRNE Emergency Response Force (CERFP) continued to maintain the highest of readiness after receiving a perfect score on its 2020 Army Interagency Training and Education Center (AITEC) External Evaluation.

LANG also completed four Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) projects during FY 20. These construction projects benefit local communities while providing training opportunities for LANG service members. The 2020 projects included the Prince Hall Youth Fund (Evangeline Parish), Grambling State University's (Lincoln Parish) canal, the Caldwell Parish Sheriff's Range, and the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation (East Feliciana Parish).

The Louisiana National Guard continued to improve the Regional Staging Area (RSA) at Roseland to be better prepared for All Hazards events.

The Louisiana National Guard's commitment to protecting our environment is a key part of LANG missions. The Environmental Team is dedicated to minimizing the impact of military operations and sustaining our training lands for future generations. In February, the Louisiana National Guard received the 2020 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Sustainability and also received the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) Natural Resource Conservation Management "Model Program Award". In addition, LANG received national recognition by winning the 2019 and the 2020 Army National Guard (ARNG) Environmental Award (Environmental Quality Team). LANG was also recognized by the Department of Defense (DOD), receiving the 2020 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award (DOD) - Citation of Achievement for Environmental Compliance.

Education Programs

The Louisiana National Guard's education programs were the first in the Nation to resume operations following the cessation of activities due in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Louisiana Youth Challenge Program is the Nation's largest program with more than 1,200 graduates annually from three separate campuses and has had 25,681 graduates since its inception in 1994. The STARBASE Program continued to graduate 5th graders and graduated 31,015 students since 1999.

As one of only ten states selected by the National Guard Bureau, Louisiana is the only state 100% federally funded to support graduates of our Youth Challenge Programs with the Job Challenge Program.

2021

Military Affairs Program

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Louisiana National Guard and the Belize Defence Force marked its 25th anniversary of their partnership on April 23, 2021. The LANG additionally celebrated its 10-year anniversary of its partnership with Haiti in 2021. The purpose of the SPP is to foster mutual interests and establish habitual long-term relationships across all levels of society. The program encourages the development of economic, political, and military ties between the states and partner nations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Military Affairs Program had many major accomplishments during FY21. Military Affairs conducted disaster relief operations in response to COVID-19 and responded to multiple Cyber Security incidents across the state. During 2021, the LANG also responded to the Severe Winter Weather Freeze (February 2021), Severe Flooding Event (May 2021), and Hurricane Ida (August 2021 which will be detailed in Section III).

The Louisiana National Guard's Statewide Cyber Incident Response Team responded to 78 cyber security response missions during FY21. Approximately 107 of LANG's cyber experts assisted in the protection or restoration of 165 servers and 11,313 endpoints in support of 12 agencies in 8 parishes. The Louisiana National Guard Cyber Team responded to provide critical cyber support to the Catahoula Police Jury, Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office, City of Covington (Police Department, Fire Department and City Admin Offices), Lafourche Parish 911, Ouachita Parish Public Library, West Feliciano Parish Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court, City of Kenner, Baton Rouge Community College and to a Critical Infrastructure Agency in St. Mary Parish.

In response to the Severe Winter Weather Freeze in February 2021, the Louisiana National Guard activated 1,270 Soldiers and Airmen to provide commodity distribution, bulk water support, clearance of parish roads, and emergency wrecker/vehicle recovery support to 32 parishes. Engineer Assessment Teams assessed over 220 miles of roads and cleared debris from 147 miles of roads. LANG also distributed over 43,000 meals and 3 million liters of bottled water during widespread power outages. With critical water supply infrastructure being damaged and impacted by the freezing temperatures, LANG's bulk water tankers supplied over 2.1 million gallons of water to hospitals, clinics, and dialysis centers.

In response to the May 2021 Flooding Event, LANG activated 393 Soldiers and Airmen to deploy 79 high-water vehicles, 19 rescue boats, 4 helicopters, and 3 Engineer Work Teams to respond to forecasted flooding in 7 parishes. LANG Engineers installed 3,350 feet of Tiger Dam flood barriers to prevent flooding encroachment

in 2 parishes, delivered 8 pallets of sandbags to Iberville parish, 3 pallets of sandbags to St. Martin parish and LANG search and rescue teams rescued 25 citizens in support of Calcasieu parish.

The LANG supported California and Washington, D.C. with 164 service members through the EMAC for the Presidential Inauguration and Wildland firefighting.

In addition to providing bomb sweeps for designated sporting events, the 62nd WMD-CST provided laboratory and investigative support to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, and the city of Hammond with investigations that required Hazardous Material Identification. During the training year, the 62nd WMD-CST conducted multiple joint training exercises with the 47th WMD-CST Team from the Mississippi National Guard, the New Orleans Police Department Bomb Squad, New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Hazardous Evidence Response Teams, the FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction Section, and the Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center's Advanced Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Training Branch in preparation for full-scale emergency operations.

LANG continues to improve the Regional Staging Area (RSA) at Roseland to be better prepared for future All-Hazards events. Utilizing a combination of contract and LANG Engineers in a federal training status, LANG completed repairs and upgrades to office and operations buildings, security fencing and access gates, safety lighting, sewage treatment system, and back-up generation capabilities during loss of electrical service. LANG Engineers also improved drainage and expanded available hardstand for truck and trailer parking.

LANG completed five Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) projects during FY 21. Those projects included the Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo (Ouachita Parish), the Beekman Charter School Playground (Morehouse Parish), the parking lot at the Louisiana School of Agricultural Studies (Avoyelles Parish), clearing trees at the Chennault International Airport (Calcasieu Parish), and conducting the USFWS Christmas Tree Drop (Orleans Parish).

The LANG developed the Readiness Centers' guiding principles which serve as a guide containing design and functional planning guidance information. This standardizes building components for the design architect / engineer, as well as National Guard personnel to use in developing the design and construction contract documents for Guard Readiness Center projects that qualify for renovation support.

Senior Master Sgt. Tracy McDonald and Tech Sgt. Stephen Boniol, of the 259th Air Traffic Control Squadron, were selected for the 2021 Airfield Operations Award, a national level recognition, based on their outstanding performances and duties. Additionally, Master Sgt. Clinton Simpson was selected as the Engineering-Installation Team Chief of the Year for 2021. The 159th Fighter Wing also earned the Small Command and Control Operations Unit of the Year award (another national-level recognition).

Colonel Stuart Burruss and Colonel Jesse Barth were presented with a Special Recognition Award, the Partnership Award for their contributions and outstanding collaboration from National Guard Bureau's Contracting Activity.

Education Programs

The Louisiana Youth Challenge Program graduated 26,016 Cadets and is one of only two states with three separate programs. The STARBASE Program has had 31,196 students graduate. STARBASE overcame the challenges presented by COVID-19 by implementing STARBASE ON WHEELS to take parts of the program to schools not conducting field trips. The Job Challenge Program's plans for future expansion include "Certified Nursing Assistant" and "Building Construction Technology."

Military Affairs Program

ACT 672 OF THE 2022 REGULAR SESSION

This is the largest overhaul of punitive articles of the Louisiana Code of Military Justice since its inception in 1974. The new changes were required to make the LCMJ as uniform as possible with the Federal Uniform Code of Military Justice after the voluminous changes made under the Federal Military Justice Act of 2016, most of which became effective in 2019. This act enabled commanders and judge advocates to have many of the same tools to enforce good order and discipline while in State service as they would have in active Federal service.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Military Affairs Program accomplished much during 2022 and met the challenges of responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic, multiple Cyber Security incidents across the state, tornadoes (March 2022 and December 2022), and a winter freeze event (December 2022).

In March 2022, tornadoes hit Arabi, Louisiana (St. Bernard Parish), and the Louisiana National Guard responded, clearing two miles of roadway, and providing 1,300 tarps to the citizens of St. Bernard.

The LANG supported Florida and Texas with 96 service members through the EMAC for Hurricane Ian response and Wildland firefighting support.

In December 2022, another series of tornadoes touched down throughout the state, and the LANG responded, distributing 2,000 tarps and 16,200 bottles of water through the 139th Regional Support Group to five parishes. Shortly after the tornadoes, during the days leading up to Christmas, a winter freeze took effect. The Louisiana

Our Environmental Team is dedicated to minimizing the impact of military operations and sustaining our training lands for future generations. The Construction and Facility Management Office (CFMO) earned 1st Place ARNG Environmental Security Award for Environmental Quality Industrial Installations, the Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for Environmental Quality, and the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Natural Resources Conversation Management for Model Programs and Projects. Additionally, BG Cindy Haygood and CPT Scott Mucci were awarded the 2021 Gears of Government Award for their commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Louisiana.

2022

National Guard's 139th Regional Support Group distributed 262,800 bottles of water to 11 parishes ensuring citizens had necessary water to get through the Christmas holidays.

LANG's cyber experts assisted in the protection or restoration of 185 servers and 2,938 endpoints in support of 7 agencies in 4 parishes. The Louisiana National Guard Cyber Team responded to provide critical cyber support to the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Louisiana Public Facilities Authorities, Grambling State University, Slidell Clerk of Court, the City of Alexandria, and Baton Rouge General.

During FY 22, the 62nd CST-WMD provided critical Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) and HAZMAT support to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Scott Louisiana Fire Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation-New Orleans Division, the New Orleans Fire Department, and the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Following the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, the 62nd provided key communications and governmental support to the Lafourche and St. James Parish Offices of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

During the training year, the 62nd WMD-CST conducted multiple joint training exercises with partners such as the 71st WMD-CST from the Iowa National Guard, the New Orleans Police Department Bomb Squad, the Special Programs Division located at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah, and the FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction Section. Concurrently, the 62nd continued providing decontamination training to community hospitals across Louisiana, training over 100 providers and hospital staff. The 62nd continues to provide interagency support in all aspects of All Hazards response

operations locally and nationally.

The 225th Engineer Brigade served as a national CBRNE response force. They were responsible for conducting command and control and tactical employment of technical support forces in the United States to synchronize efforts with Federal, State, Local and Tribal authorities. Upon activation, 225th Engineer Brigade's mission was to rapidly deploy and work to ensure the rapid integration of all assigned units in support of domestic disaster relief operations. During FY 22, 225th Engineer Brigade successfully completed annual response re-certification at the Guardian Response exercise at Camp Atterbury, IN. The brigade participated in numerous quarterly training events, including Dense Urban Terrain (DUT) Philadelphia, during which military and civilian agencies worked collaboratively with local hospitals in support of response operations for a simulated nuclear detonation in Philadelphia, PA; and Vibrant Response (VR), during which multiple military and civilian agencies across the country collaboratively responded to a simulated nuclear detonation in Denver, CO. On a monthly basis, 225th EN BDE provided oversight for ongoing readiness training for subordinate C2CRE-B units in New York, California, and Indiana, and regularly participated in augmentative training events.

The Louisiana National Guard continued to improve the Regional Staging Area (RSA) at Roseland to be better prepared for future All Hazards events. LANG engineers completed repairs and upgrades to office and operations buildings, security fencing, and access gates, safety lighting, sewage treatment system, and back-up generation capabilities. LANG Engineers also improved drainage and expanded the available hardstand for truck and trailer parking. The RSA has proven to be a critical node in the State's commodity distribution enterprise during response operations.

LANG continues to conduct major military construction projects for our Soldiers and Airman to train. These projects are also instrumental as these facilities serve as power projection platforms to support the State's emergency response plan. The major construction projects are funded with a combination of both state and federal dollars. These projects are detailed in Section IV.

LANG Soldiers completed five Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) projects during FY-22. The 2022 projects included constructing the Grant Parish Sheriff Office Range (Grant Parish), clearing and grubbing along with improving the drain at the Ruston Industrial Complex (Lincoln Parish), constructing the Southeastern University ROTC Obstacle Course (Tangipahoa Parish), construction at Prince Hall Youth Camps (St. Landry Parish), and working the LSUA Drainage Canal (Rapides Parish).

Five military intelligence Soldiers from the 415th Military Intelligence Battalion and the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team took second place in the inaugural Interrogation Olympics hosted at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mrs. Crystal Stiles became the first contracting officer in the LANG to receive the Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting – Outstanding Contracting Officer, Installation Level, and Directorate of Contracting award for FY21, awarded in 2022.

LANG's commitment to protecting our environment is a key part to each of our missions. During 2022, the Construction Facilities Management Officer (CFMO) earned the 2022 Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Management Award (Energy and Water Resilience Program Effectiveness).

In 2022, the Louisiana Economic Development and the Office of State Procurement recognized the LANG for exceeding the agency goal by 502% for the Hudson and Veteran Initiative through the award of \$5,576,000 in contracts. LANG continued supporting the citizens of Louisiana by leading the way in contributing to the State Combined Charitable Campaign. During the last year, LANG contributed \$27,111 and was recognized as the top fundraising agency.

Education Programs

The Louisiana Youth Challenge Program graduated 26,555, the highest graduation numbers in the nation. More than 33,887 students have completed the essential expectations of the STARBASE Program.

The Job Challenge Program's plans for future expansion include "Heavy Equipment Operator" and "Emergency Medical Technician" starting in January 2023. Louisiana completed its 3rd year of a 100% federally funded pilot program designed to enable the program to become operational. At the end of the pilot program, Job Challenge will nest under National Guard Bureau's education program as only one of six nationally.

Military Affairs Program

HB 485 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION (IN PROGRESS)

This bill would create the Louisiana National Guard Patriot Scholarship to help defray the costs of mandatory fees incurred by Louisiana National Guard members who are enrolled in Louisiana public colleges and universities. It incentivizes Louisiana citizens to earn their education through service in the Louisiana National Guard.

This new scholarship would be a small investment by Louisiana to ensure that its National Guard remains fully staffed and able to answer our Nation and State's call to support the citizens of Louisiana during emergencies. On June 8, 2023, the bill was signed by Governor John Bel Edwards into law. It was formalized on July 19th and is in place for usage as of August 1, 2023.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Military Affairs Program accomplished several things during 2023 including initiating HB 485 above and responding to the Oakdale (Allen Parish) water outage. The Louisiana National Guard responded to the Oakdale (Allen Parish) water outage by providing 50,400 liters of water and a 5,000-gallon water tanker in March 2023 to assist citizens during the outage. In mid-June, the LANG responded to a severe power outage in Northwest Louisiana, and by late June, also began distributing weekly installments of bottled water to Plaquemines Parish due to saltwater intrusion.

Additionally, the LANG announced the new name of their primary training center in Pineville, Louisiana: Camp Beauregard will become the Louisiana National Guard Training Center Pineville in Fall 2023. Additionally, on June 1, 2023, seven LANG posts became Purple

Heart installations. These installations are the LANG Training Center Pineville, Camp Cook, Camp Minden, Gillis W. Long Center, Camp Villere, Jackson Barracks, and the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Baton Rouge.

The Qualified Recycling Program (QRP) is another accomplishment which added recycling drop-off containers at Louisiana National Guard installations to incorporate waste removal efforts with military readiness centers. The Louisiana National Guard QRP was established in 2019, and the Recycling Center began operations in October 2020. Since that time, LANG has diverted 1,785,570 lbs. of metal, 233,380 lbs. of lead-acid batteries, 179,243 lbs. of cardboard, 78,225 lbs. of fire extinguishers, 64,720 lbs. of brass casings, 37,185 lbs. of aluminum cans, 32,652 lbs. of paper, 28,495 lbs. of plastic, 89,630 lbs. of toner cartridges, and more than 4,250 wooden pallets. The LANG is looking to add glass and tires to the recycling and diversion efforts to increase diversion capabilities by 15% in the next year.

The Louisiana National Guard boasted both the top production recruiter in the nation and that top marketing noncommissioned officer in the nation in FY 2022 and recognized in March 2023.

The 159th Fighter Wing was awarded the F-15EX to replace their aging F-15C. The announcement happened in April 2023 after years of maintenance on the Louisiana National Guard's legislative priorities.

Colonel Katrina Lloyd and Sgt. 1st Class Howard Bushey were inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Education Programs

The Louisiana Youth Challenge Program remains the Nation's largest program with a target goal of 1,200 graduates annually and has graduated 27,040 Cadets. More than 34,000 students have completed the essential expectations of the STARBASE Program. The Job Challenge Program graduated 149 students total.

Challenges Met

03

2016 Flood

January 2016

The Louisiana National Guard activated 300 personnel and utilized approximately 1,350 cubic yards of sand to complete the HESCO barriers to prevent flooding in Krotz Springs, Louisiana.

The 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team constructed more than 2.3 miles of levees with HESCO barriers on Avoca Island to prevent backwater flooding from reaching Morgan City and other towns in South Louisiana. To transport personnel, equipment, and materials to the island, the 2225th Multi-Role Bridge Company created a ferry using the Improved Ribbon Bridge system.

The LANG Mobile Operations Command Center operated in Morgan City to support the Avoca Island mission. More than 100 Soldiers conducted 24-hour operations to build the barrier in time.

More than 60 engineers constructed 2,600 linear feet of protective levees in Krotz Springs in St. Landry Parish. The Louisiana National Guard's 528th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Monroe, spent nearly three weeks in the 5th Levee District to help local, state, and federal officials monitor the nearly 200-mile-long levee system, Jan. 4 – 22, 2016.

Soldiers were ordered to state active duty in advance of the rising water levels arriving in Louisiana to assist the parishes with combatting potential flooding or levee compromises. During the operation, the Soldiers drove more than 4,400 miles and monitored a total of 670 water boils, 17 seepages and 33 levee slides in East Carroll, Tensas, Concordia and Madison parishes. The area was broken up into sectors – Tallulah, St. Joseph and Vidalia and required 24-hour monitoring to alert local officials and the US Army Corps of Engineers to any potentially dangerous sand boils.

COVID-19

2020

In support of the state's COVID-19 pandemic response, 1,314 Service Members assisted the state by conducting 99,943 COVID tests, distributing 36.4 million items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (3,142 delivery missions), and distributing 8,303,903 pounds of food in support of Louisiana's major food banks. The Louisiana National Guard also provided organizational and technical support to the Louisiana Department of Health, assisting the secretary and her staff since March 2020 with day-to-day operations, the set up and running of the medical monitoring station at the Morial Convention Center, and the co-located Personal Housing Unit. The program also provided the Dual Status Commander who directed all active-duty forces that were deployed to Louisiana to assist with the COVID-19 response.

March 2016

The Louisiana National Guard activated up to 1,340 Guardsmen to respond to flood operations in more than 25 parishes. Service members conducted evacuations, search and rescue by vehicle, boat and helicopter, distribution and supply of water, security and shelter support, and distribution of sandbags.

The LANG rescued more than 3,295 citizens, and 316 pets. The LANG also distributed more than 12,000 bottles of water and issued more than 582,000 sand bags with eight sandbag-filling machines. Over the course of these operations, the LANG utilized more than 160 high-water vehicles, 44 boats, and 3 helicopters. LANG engineers also assembled emergency level walls on the banks of the Ouachita River in Monroe, La.

August 2016

The Louisiana National Guard activated up to 3,880 service members in response to the 500 year-flood that occurred in the Baton Rouge area in 2016. All told, the Louisiana National Guard rescued more than 19,040 citizens and 2,660 pets. LANG issued more than 78,945 meals, 465 tarps, 439,515 bottles of water, 961,500 sandbags, 2,200 cots, and 1,700 blankets for shelter. Over the course of the response, Soldiers and Airmen worked around the clock evacuating citizens, conducting search and rescue missions, clearing debris, providing security at several shelters, and distributing commodities.

2021

In support of the state's COVID-19 pandemic response, LANG Service Members assisted the state by conducting 371,054 COVID tests, administering 47,172 vaccines, delivering an additional 23,982 vials of vaccines to vaccination sites, distributing 59.4 million items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (6,139 delivery missions), and distributing 27 million pounds of food in support of Louisiana's major food banks. The LANG also provided the Dual Status Commander who led the integration of 136 Marines and Sailors into LANG's service member numbers of more than 954 Soldiers and Airmen, leading to the successful setup and daily operation of the Community Vaccination Center in Baton Rouge. The LANG also provided organizational and technical support to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) at the state and regional level to plan, support, and implement testing and vaccination sites in each of nine LDH regions.

2022

After 28 continuous months of operations and multiple Presidential extensions, Task Force COVID completed operations on June 30, 2022. Throughout the response to the COVID Pandemic, LANG conducted 616,954 COVID tests at 31 statewide testing sites, administered 222,230 vaccines, delivered an additional 114,244 vials of vaccines to vaccination sites, distributed 62.6 million items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (16,764 delivery missions), and distributed 43.9 million pounds of food in support of Louisiana's major food banks.

Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Ida

Hurricane Laura

The Louisiana National Guard responded to one of the two strongest hurricanes on record to make landfall in Louisiana. The LANG pre-staged more than 3,000 Guardsmen, 222 high-water vehicles, 65 boats, 19 helicopters, and 8 route clearance teams to respond to Hurricane Laura. Overall, the LANG distributed the following commodities to the citizens of Louisiana: 7,300,000 liters of water, 5,366,000 MREs, 1,257,000 bags of ice, and 198,335 tarps. Throughout the response, the LANG activated up to 6,200 personnel.

LANG cleared debris from 1,700 miles of road and cleared 210 structures. Additionally, 648,000 sandbags were distributed to mitigate flooding associated with the hurricane.

The Louisiana National Guard ultimately evacuated 402 people and 32 pets from the affected areas.

Hurricane Delta

The Louisiana National Guard was still responding to Hurricane Laura's aftermath when Hurricane Delta hit nearly the same area in southwest Louisiana. To respond, the LANG pre-staged 122 high-water vehicles, 63 boats, 24 aircraft, and 18 route clearance teams. The LANG assessed 3,270 miles and cleared debris off 1,822 miles of road and conducted security operations and search and rescue in affected areas ultimately transporting 37 people and 3 pets to safety. Ultimately, the LANG activated 3,100 personnel in response to Hurricane Delta. The LANG established 31 points of distribution in order to distribute commodities to southwest Louisiana citizens, distributing 455,800+ liters of water, 331,300+ MREs, 143,700+ bags of ice, and 31,100+ tarps.

Hurricane Ida

Hurricane Ida was another destructive Category IV hurricane to hit Louisiana, this time in southeast Louisiana. Ultimately, a total of 8,991 service members activated for Hurricane Ida support including: 5,385 from LANG and 485 Title 10 service members. Additionally, 3,121 service members from the following states and territories supported the response: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. The Louisiana National

Guard also provided the Dual Status Commander who directed all active-duty forces that were deployed to Louisiana to assist with the Hurricane Ida response efforts.

LANG Soldiers and Airmen answered this call while 31% of the force was deployed overseas. Planning and coordination with other states prior to the hurricane season facilitated the effective response LANG provided to the citizens of Louisiana while LANG's largest combat unit was deployed overseas. The 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployed to the middle east for Operation Inherent Resolve during FY 21 requiring Louisiana to utilize FEMA's Emergency Management Assistance Compact process (EMAC) where National Guard forces from other states can assist in Louisiana disaster recovery operations.

LANG also provided Senior Military Advisors, management consulting, and planning support to state agencies at the request of the Governor's office. Teams provided staff training, operational support, and project execution support to the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) and the Department of Child and Family Services. The team deployed for a period of 10 days to assist the OJJ Executive Team in rapidly developing an emergency operational plan and implementing a project management approach to execute the plan.

Approximately, 37 water buffalos, 10 hippos and 5 camel (water trucks) provided clean, potable water in 12 parishes. The LANG supported 87 Points of Distribution and 7 HUBs, distributing the following commodities: 6,783,299 meals, 310,245 tarps, 7,978,620 liters of water, and 1,375,909 bags of ice.

Engineers and aviation personnel worked to place 1,689 Super Sack sandbags in southeast Louisiana. Engineer work teams assessed 5,314 miles of roadway and cleared 2,946 miles of roadway in 20 parishes. They also cleared 170 facilities, totaling 50,355 cubic yards of debris. More than 397 generators were provided to support affected parishes. LANG's floating bridge aided the crossing of 30,710 vehicles between Lafitte and Barataria. The LANG engaged in security operations with 521 Guardsmen in 14 parishes, assisting law enforcement with traffic control, presence patrols and shelter security.

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Leaving Louisiana Better Than We Found It

Comparison of where LANG was in 2015 to 2023

Annually, the Louisiana National Guard receives \$470M in federal funds

- Training Funds: \$87.7M annually
- Equipment Value: \$2.7B
- Louisiana Army National Guard: \$1.9B
- Louisiana Air National Guard: \$.8B

State funds received: \$49.6M annually.

New efficiencies found (CFMO and LMD)

- Major environmental initiatives – since 2016 the Louisiana National Guard Environmental program has continued hurricane geospatial support, developed a prescribed burn program, initiated conservation initiatives (quail habitat / pollinator species). Over the coming years, the environmental department will see developments on a web map viewer which potentially will allow for better projections of storm surge, percent inundation, land / water interfaces, rainfall, river discharge rates, accessible roadways and road closures which is an essential tool for staging troops and equipment for all-hazards operations.
- Energy resiliency efforts – The Louisiana National Guard Energy management team was awarded the 2022 Secretary of the Army Award for energy and water management. Since 2016, the team has developed the primary electrical distribution project at Jackson Barracks, developed an energy resiliency study for Camp Beauregard, constructed phase 1 underground utilities / designing phase 2 at Camp Beauregard, multiple smaller LED lighting / high-velocity low-speed fans modernizations. In the coming years, LANG will develop plans for the Energy Resiliency Conservation Investment Program (ERCIP) developing redundancy and capabilities to continue LANG operations during all hazards when primary utilities go offline.
- 10-Year Readiness Center and Field Maintenance Shop Plan – In 2022, the Louisiana National Guard developed 10-year plans to invest in the current sustainment and future modernization requirements for the Readiness and Maintenance shops. This effort maximizes use of funds to provide mission-oriented facilities for the Soldiers of the Guard.

New positions created or staff re-structuring (LMD and J1)

Federal

- The Louisiana National Guard created 30 new positions within the Service Member Family Programs Division since January 2016 to include psychological health therapists, and prevention specialists focusing on sexual violence, family violence, and workplace violence. These positions focus on crisis prevention and response for service members.
- During the COVID pandemic, 2020-2022, the Louisiana National Guard processed 1,600 personnel packets, employing Soldiers and Airmen anywhere from 30 days to more than 2 years to support the COVID-19 response.
- The Louisiana National Guard continues to make efforts in creating a diverse workforce and increased its minority hiring by nearly 5% since January 2016.

State

- The Louisiana Military Department created 132 positions that are 100% federally funded and of benefit to Louisiana.
- These positions are a result of partnerships with National Guard Bureau, the Department of Labor, the Cyber Commission, and Construction Facilities Management Office agreements.
- The new positions augment LMD's capabilities to support the state, local agencies, and the citizens of Louisiana during all-hazards responses (i.e. cyber-security assistance to multiple agencies and parishes).
- Efforts that are underway but won't be launched or have made meaningful progress until 2024 or later.
- Louisiana National Guard designed and began construction on new Readiness Centers at Camp Beauregard (\$20M - Training Center Pineville) and Lake Charles (\$29M). LANG also began design of the modernization of the field maintenance shop #1 in Shreveport (\$3.9M), Baker Readiness Center Modernization (\$4M), Collective Training Barracks Camp Minden (\$13.6M) and new Lafayette Readiness Center (\$32M). The 159th Fighter Wing's Alert Center and Apron Facility at Belle Chasse is nearing completion (\$28M).
- The low and moderate income (L.M.I.) housing at Camp Beauregard broke ground in November 2021. This \$10M project is a result of recovery funds from past state emergencies that is being used to build approximately 25 new permanent residential homes for Louisiana National Guard Soldiers and Airmen.



Stories of Our Success

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La. Guard builds bridges, clears roads to recovery after Ida.

By Sgt. Renee Seruntine, 241st Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

NEW ORLEANS - Hurricane Ida blew ashore Aug. 29th, the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the 2005 storm that breached New Orleans' levees and devastated the Gulf Coast. Ida made landfall as a category four hurricane near Port Fourchon, La. At landfall, sustained winds measured 150 miles per hour, tying Hurricane Laura of 2020 and the 1856 Last Island hurricane as the strongest storm to hit Louisiana.

The LANG's 225th Engineer Brigade typically conducts mobility, counter-mobility, survivability, and civil engineering support missions. After Ida they used those skills to support local and state officials in efforts including flood diversion, vehicle and boat search and rescue, logistics, waterway hazard recovery, route clearance and debris cleanup.

"When a storm has passed, we need to get on the ground immediately to assess and clear routes for emergency access and for power companies to start working," said Col. Greg St. Romain, a resident of St. Francisville, La., and commander of the 225th. "We're doing everything from route clearance to debris clean up."

Ida created many challenging circumstances for the engineers from extensively damaged electrical equipment, flooding, downed trees, and power lines to a bridge that was rendered unusable by storm surge.

For contractors, emergency services, military, and local citizens to reach the affected areas safely for continued recovery efforts, the engineer brigade cleared more than 2,900 miles of road from mud, trees and debris and more than 50,000 cubic yards of debris from municipal buildings.

"With the main bridge out in Lafitte, we have an isolated community of 400 people with no access to emergency services," said Schmidt. "It was the beginning of a bad situation, and it became critical to be able to get emergency services over to the other side."

Before the temporary bridge was complete, the MRBC used sections of the IRB to ferry emergency response vehicles across the waterway. More than 30,710 vehicles used the bridge.

La. National Guard ends two-year pandemic response efforts.

By Staff Sgt. David C. Kirtland, Louisiana National Guard Public Affairs Office

NEW ORLEANS - The Louisiana National Guard ended its pandemic response operations after 27 months of operations, June 30. The LANG, as directed by Governor John Bel Edwards, activated Soldiers and Airmen to respond to the COVID outbreak in March 2020.

"When the Louisiana National Guard became engaged in the pandemic, I don't think any of us imagined we would remain in the fight for over 27 months," said Brig. Gen. Cindy Haygood, the Task Force COVID commander. "However, during the entire span of this event, our Soldiers and Airmen were resilient in their pursuit to set conditions for mission success in support of the citizens of Louisiana. They were involved in every facet of the pandemic, often working seven days a week, through holidays and outside of their normal military training."

Service members supported community-based testing sites at multiple locations throughout the state and conducted more than 636,000 tests.

For logistical support, service members delivered 63.1 million pieces

of personal protective equipment during more than 20,000 delivery missions. The LANG also moved vials of vaccine around the state totaling more than 140,000 vials.

At food banks, service members packaged more than 2,700,000 boxes of food, totaling more than 46,000,000 pounds.

Once vaccines became available at the end of 2020, service members supported the inoculation effort by supporting community vaccination sites across the state, providing more than 234,000 doses.

"Soldiers and Airmen consistently adapted to changes in the mission and often raised their hands to take on additional training requirements to ensure mission success. It has been my and Command Sgt. Maj. Lemaire's honor to lead this team and finally see it to the end," said Haygood.



La. National Guard redesignates main training area as Louisiana National Guard Training Center Pineville.

By Louisiana National Guard Public Affairs Office

PINEVILLE - The Louisiana National Guard will redesignate Camp Beauregard, its main training installation, as the Louisiana National Guard Training Center Pineville later this year, April 17.

In March 2023, the LANG stated that six names were provided to the adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Keith Waddell, for his consideration after the Camp Beauregard redesignation committee finalized their selections.

After careful consideration, Maj. Gen. Waddell selected the name with the top number of votes from the committee: Louisiana National Guard Training Center Pineville as it reflected the values of the LANG, the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

Maj. Gen. Waddell stated, "The Louisiana National Guard is a diverse and inclusive organization that values, appreciates, and respects its service members, civilian employees, and family members. This name reflects our values and was chosen not only by me but our diverse committee and the citizens who offered suggestions. The organization and local community are key components of the name and serve as the foundation for why this name was chosen."

This name is easily recognized and identified as not only a National Guard installation but its location in Pineville, La. While the name of the installation is changing, the mission does not. The installation will remain committed to support all training of the LANG and Department of Defense customers in support of military and emergency operations, both federal and state. It will also continue to provide quality training and training support resources and facilities for pre-mobilization and post-mobilization needs.

The Louisiana National Guard Training Center Pineville's steadfast mission is nested with the LANG's overall mission which is to provide trained and ready Soldiers, Airmen and units to support national military objectives and protect and defend state and national interests. The LANG additionally focuses on initiatives to enhance community relationships and provide mutually beneficial support all while embracing differences, similarities, and strengths to pursue the common goals of excellence.

Maj. Gen. Waddell further pointed out, "On a service member's right sleeve is an American flag with the stars pointing forward representing forward movement. A name is a simple, yet powerful thing, and the names of Louisiana National Guard installations must reflect current values in a chance to shape the future."

BY THE NUMBERS

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Total Louisiana National Guard Service Members recruited: 8,567

- Louisiana Air National Guard: 852
- Louisiana Army National Guard: 7,715

Growth in social media

- Facebook: 21,345
- Twitter: 4,640
- Instagram: 9,442

Total # of department bills passed by the legislature:

- 3 with 1 pending (Patriot Scholarship aka House Bill 485)

of employees hired and trained

- Human Resources Office (Federal): 4,573 temporary and permanent positions
- Louisiana Military Department (State): 132 permanent positions

Fun numbers (January 2016 thru 2023)

- Federal Mobilizations: 6,000 service members to 12 named missions in 16 different countries
- Youth Challenge Program Graduates: 6,417
- STARBASE participants: 17,053
- Job Challenge Program Graduates: 149
- Money spent on recurring expenses: \$45.6M, in state funds, on average.

- Youth Leadership Camp / Camp Pelican Pride attendees: 785 campers, ages 8-13 and 226 youth attended Youth Leadership Camp, ages 14-18
- Building Strong and Ready Teams: Approximately, 2,960 personnel attended 40 events. Personnel educated through the SHARP Program: 110 Sexual Victim Advocates
- Yellow Ribbon events conducted and number of Soldiers/ Family Members trained: 8,928 Soldiers and 3,706 Family Members
- Funeral Honors Events (12,760 total): 11,984 veteran funerals, 760 full-honors funerals, 16 honorable transfers
- Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to other states: 928 service members to nine states.
- Equipment provided to Ukraine as part of the Presidential Drawdown Directives, \$23.9M worth of equipment including: M113 armored personnel carriers, generator sets, radars, climate control unit for radar, M1097 Trucks, a fire control system, mortar ballistic computers, 120MM Mortars, aiming circles, compasses, M777 Howitzer Towed, M119A3 Howitzers Towed, M1084 Trucks, and trailers.

Quality of Life Metrics

- Housing (LMD): 25 new permanent residential homes for Louisiana National Guard Soldiers and Airmen in Pineville, Louisiana.
- Suicide Prevention: Trained 184 Master Resilience Trainers
- Armories: Louisiana National Guard armories received large high-volume, low-speed fans that help to cool down large drill halls during warm weather.





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