



Update on divisions

- Division Name: The Department of the Military does not have a division
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Significant Department Projects

- Project Name: COVID
 - Project Name: US Capital
 - Project Name: C-130J
 - Project Name: Foreign Military Sales Singapore F-16/F-35 Wing
 - Project Name: Extended Range Cannon Artillery/142nd Fires Brigade
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Transformation Examples

- The 2019 Transformation Act had little effect on The Department of the Military. The Department lost one youth program that migrated to DYS. The Department was already operating under a shared services model so it had only one other transformation project, the creation of our first ever IT network with DIS. Prior to that the Department operated on the Department of Defense network. A change in DoD regulations necessitated the Department join the DIS network and become a full partner in the state system.
- Transformation provided the reality of a whole of government approach to solutions for Arkansas. Unity of effort is the state of harmonizing efforts among multiple organizations toward a similar objective. Unity of command establishes clear responsibilities and communication across the hierarchy of a response. Both are fundamental tenets to a State government solution to a natural disaster, pandemic, or cyber event. Transformation allowed the Department of the Military to coordinate directly with other cabinet departments as opposed to disparate departments, divisions, or agencies.
- Specific examples of the impact of transformation include the 2020 Covid missions where the Department of the Military was able to work directly with and under the direction of the Arkansas Department of Health, circumventing the need to work through local jurisdictions, ADEM, and other disparate agencies.
- Transformation led to planners from Department of the Military working directly with other cabinet departments to provide a whole of government approach with decision makers as opposed to multiple departments or divisions lacking both the oversight and authority to reach a timely decision.

Staffing

2015
417

2016
428

2017
451

2018
450

2019
462

2020
429

2021
423

Legislative Initiatives

- Amended the Arkansas Military Code punitive articles for sexual assault
- National Guard tuition waver program changes for completion of initial active-duty training
- Amended the law for powers, duties, and immunities, of the National Guard

1. Project Name: COVID

Over the past several months the Arkansas National Guard participated in numerous COVID missions in support of the State.

March 11, 2020, Arkansas had its first Covid-19 presumptive positive case in Jefferson County. March 14, we mobilized our first 20 Guardsmen to assist ADH with its Emergency Operations Center. The 39th filled the request for medics to take calls/return missed calls as ADH was overwhelmed as the pandemic started to pick up. The public had questions and needed answers. March 19, 6 Air Guardsmen from the 189th were called to state duty at UAMS. March 20, 2 Army Guard doctors/physicians assistants were requested to assist ADH with a physician's call center for providers around the state to call in and obtain information about the coronavirus.

Also on March 20, we did something unheard of...we postponed April and May drill dates for Guardsmen. We did this to minimize exposure to ourselves and ensure our bench was deep and ready if needed.

March 23, we mobilized 4 Guardsmen from the 39th to handle incoming shipments of personal protective equipment. They would handle 56 million pieces of PPE before their mission ended, and it was critical to the state's response.

March 28, 10 civil engineers were called to duty from the Army and Air Guard to support the Army Corps of Engineers as it examined potential sites to establish emergency facilities to care for overwhelmed hospitals that could run out of bed space if we didn't keep the virus under control. April 1, the Governor ordered 4 medical planners, 4 logistics planners, 7 logistics and communication planners, and 3 information analysts to support ADH with planning for future operations and to plan out what ADH needed to potentially prepare for.

June 15, we sent 20 Guardsmen from the 77th, TAB, 87th Troop Command, 142nd Field Artillery Brigade and MEDCOM to assist ADH with Covid-19 case management. July 14, the Governor ordered 14 medics to duty to help staff a facility to host Covid-19 patients from locations around the state who couldn't isolate at home because of family considerations.

Nov. 16, the Governor called up 30 Guardsmen to assist ADH with Covid-19 positive case management.

In addition to the Covid-19 missions, we still:

- hauled more than 2 million gallons of water to Carthage after its well went dry
- hauled more than 2 million gallons of water to Fifty-Six because to that town's water challenges
- mobilized 500 Guardsmen to support the Arkansas State Police during last summer's civil unrest
- responded to the Jonesboro tornado with cots
- turned over 141 acres of land to the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery to expand the cemetery grounds

In 2021 the need for our Guardsmen continued.

2. Project Name: US Capital

The Department of the Military mobilized 500 Guardsmen from the 142nd to go to Washington, D.C., to protect the US Capital after the Jan 6, 2021 incursion; Fort Chaffee served as the mobilization site for the 142nd where it qualified on weapons prior to shipping out, and our own 189th Airlift Wing worked with the 188th Wing around the clock out of Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith to fly the 142nd to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. This was a great example of a total force effort.

February snow and unusual cold spell saw the mobilization of over a hundred Army and Air guardsmen across the state to provide support to state and local authorities with patrols, rescuing stranded motorists, and even patient transport when ambulances got stuck in the snow and ice.

After the winter weather the COVID missions continue in March 21' we mobilized more than a dozen medics to administer COVID-19 vaccinations statewide, with four different mobile strike teams.

July 2021 the Governor authorized and ordered 13 mechanics to state active duty in support of the Texas National guard as they continue to experience very high rates of illegal border crossings along their border with Mexico. Those Soldiers departed in late July will serve for approximately 90 days.

3. Project Name: C-130J

Per the 2021 NDAA the 189th located at the Little Rock Airforce Base will receive 2 C-130Js initially with more to follow to train Air National Guard C-130J aircrews. This ensures the Wing will have a manned aircraft mission well into the future as the legacy C-130H is eventually retired in the out-years.

4. Project Name: Foreign Military Sales Singapore F-16/F35 Wing

The US Air Force chose the 188th Wing as its primary choice to house Singapore's F-16 training mission and the Air Force's F-35 Foreign Military Sales mission. 12 F-16 aircraft are scheduled to arrive in June 2023. In 2026, the first of up to 24 F-35s will arrive. Active-duty Air Force pilots, support personnel and contractors will train the pilots. The economic impact to Fort Smith is estimated at roughly \$700 million annually once all the aircraft and personnel arrive and begin operations.

5. Project Name: Extended Range Cannon Artillery

The Department of the Army is undergoing a multiyear initiative to field several new weapon systems across the force. This includes the fielding of a new Extended Range Cannon Artillery system to Artillery Brigades. The Army National Guard is authorized to field two battalions with the new system. Force structure and equipment fielding decisions are made at the National Guard Bureau through a system that evaluates the readiness of the units assigned across the 54 states and territories. Arkansas's 1-142nd Field Artillery Battalion is one of two units the Staff is Recommending to the Director of the Army National Guard to field the new Extended Range Cannon Artillery system.