



Year in Review 2010



Introduction

The California National Guard received challenging assignments throughout 2010 and once again rose to the occasion, proving our dedicated Soldiers and Airmen are always ready to support our state's and nation's military needs.

About 2,800 CNG members were on deployment at the end of 2010, including many in Iraq and Afghanistan. We cannot overestimate the sacrifice made by these brave warriors and their families, who put duty ahead of personal concerns.

CNG members were busy throughout the year, providing protection and security across the state and around the globe. During the past 12 months, we waved farewell to more than 2,300 Soldiers of the California Army National Guard from the 224th Sustainment Brigade, 1-140th Aviation Battalion, 330th Military Police (MP) Company, 749th Combat Service Support Battalion, 640th Aviation Support Battalion, 649th Engineer Company, 870th MP Company and other CNG units as they deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kosovo, Kuwait and other countries. The Army National Guard also concluded many overseas operations in 2010, as nearly 1,300 Soldiers returned to the United States after completing deployments for the 1106th Theater Aviation Support Maintenance Group, 1-144th Field Artillery Battalion, 670th MP Company, 49th MP Brigade, 40th Infantry Division and other units.



We also watched as the California Air National Guard's five major organizations — the 129th Rescue Wing, 144th Fighter Wing, 146th Airlift Wing, 162nd Combat Communications Group and 163rd Reconnaissance Wing — deployed 540 Airmen to more than 20 countries, including deployments to combat theaters for all five organizations.

During the past decade, members of the California National Guard and their families have become accustomed to such demands as we have been called upon to play a growing variety of roles in the fight against America's enemies. The 40th Infantry Division, for instance, returned its 63-member Agribusiness Development Team from Afghanistan in August after spending a year helping Afghan farmers increase crop yield and vaccinate livestock. This is one of many ways the CNG has contributed to the security and growth of Afghanistan and Iraq since the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Including multiple deployments for some individuals, CNG Soldiers have deployed for federal missions nearly 23,000 times since 2001, and CNG Airmen have deployed more than 12,500 times. Members of both the Army and Air components of the California National Guard received Purple Hearts in 2010 in recognition of wounds received defending their country.

In addition, we are always there to respond to natural disasters or other situations in California that require the Guard's unique capabilities. We prepare every year for California's dangerous wildfire season and respond to calls for rescues atop mountains and over the ocean. In 2010 we also deployed 260 personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border to support Customs and Border Protection.

It was a busy year in Sacramento as well. The California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (EAAP) kicked off in January and provided 253 service members with monetary support for school in 2010. In June, the CNG launched a unique partnership with the California Department of Veterans Affairs and the Employment Development Department to connect every returning veteran with services to help them transition from the battlefield to the home front.

Our entire nation is feeling the effects of the recent economic recession, and the California National Guard is no different. In the past few months, we have had to make difficult decisions that resulted in the loss of elements of this organization. The Guard, however, is accustomed to such challenges, and I have no concerns about our ability to fulfill our commitments to the state and the nation. Military organizations must prepare for contingencies, perform under suboptimal conditions and deliver top-notch service regardless of staffing, equipment or other issues. The California National Guard has always done more than required, and we will continue to strive for excellence and improved capabilities every year.

The outstanding service members of the California National Guard will again prove their skill and courage in 2011, doing what must be done to protect Californians and the American way of life.

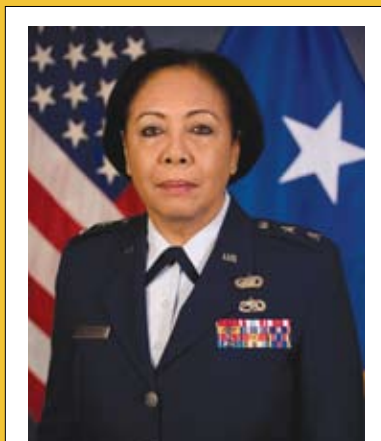
ALWAYS READY — ALWAYS THERE: The California National Guard

MARY KIGHT
MAJOR GENERAL
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

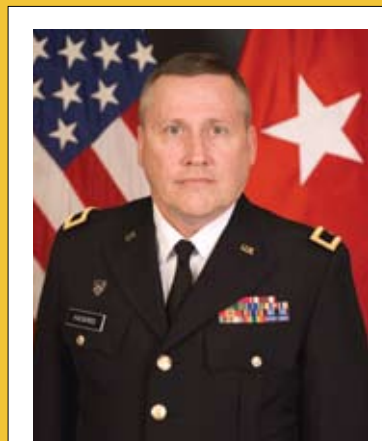
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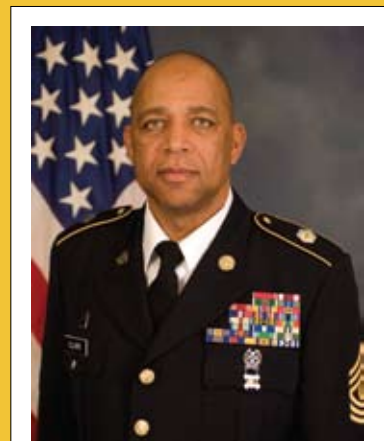
Command Leadership



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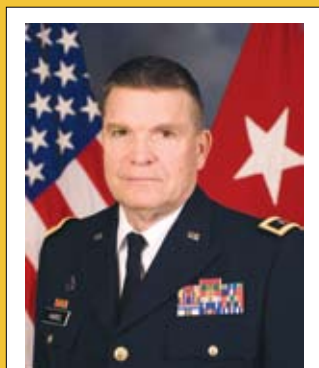


Brig. Gen. Lawrence A. Haskins

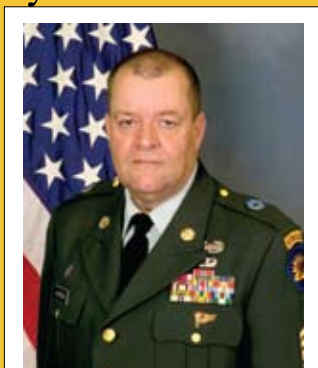


Command Sgt. Maj. William Clark Jr.

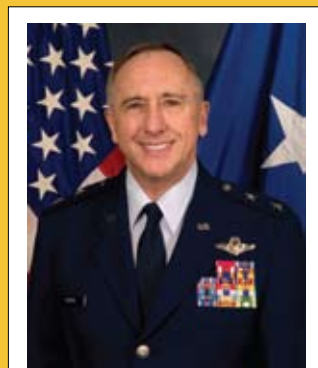
Army Division



Maj. Gen. John S. Harrel



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael H. Winstead



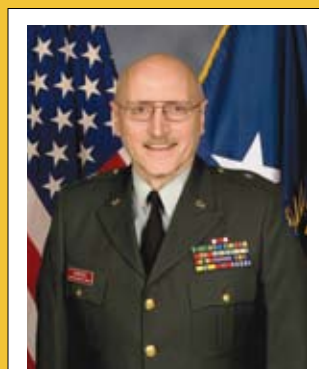
Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Lucas

Air Division



Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael S. Koslow

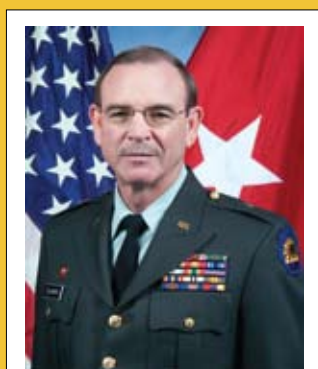
State Military Reserve



Brig. Gen. Roland L. Candee



Command Master Sgt. Charles Collier



Brig. Gen. Kevin G. Ellsworth

Joint staff



Command Sgt. Maj. Jose J. Gomez

In Memoriam

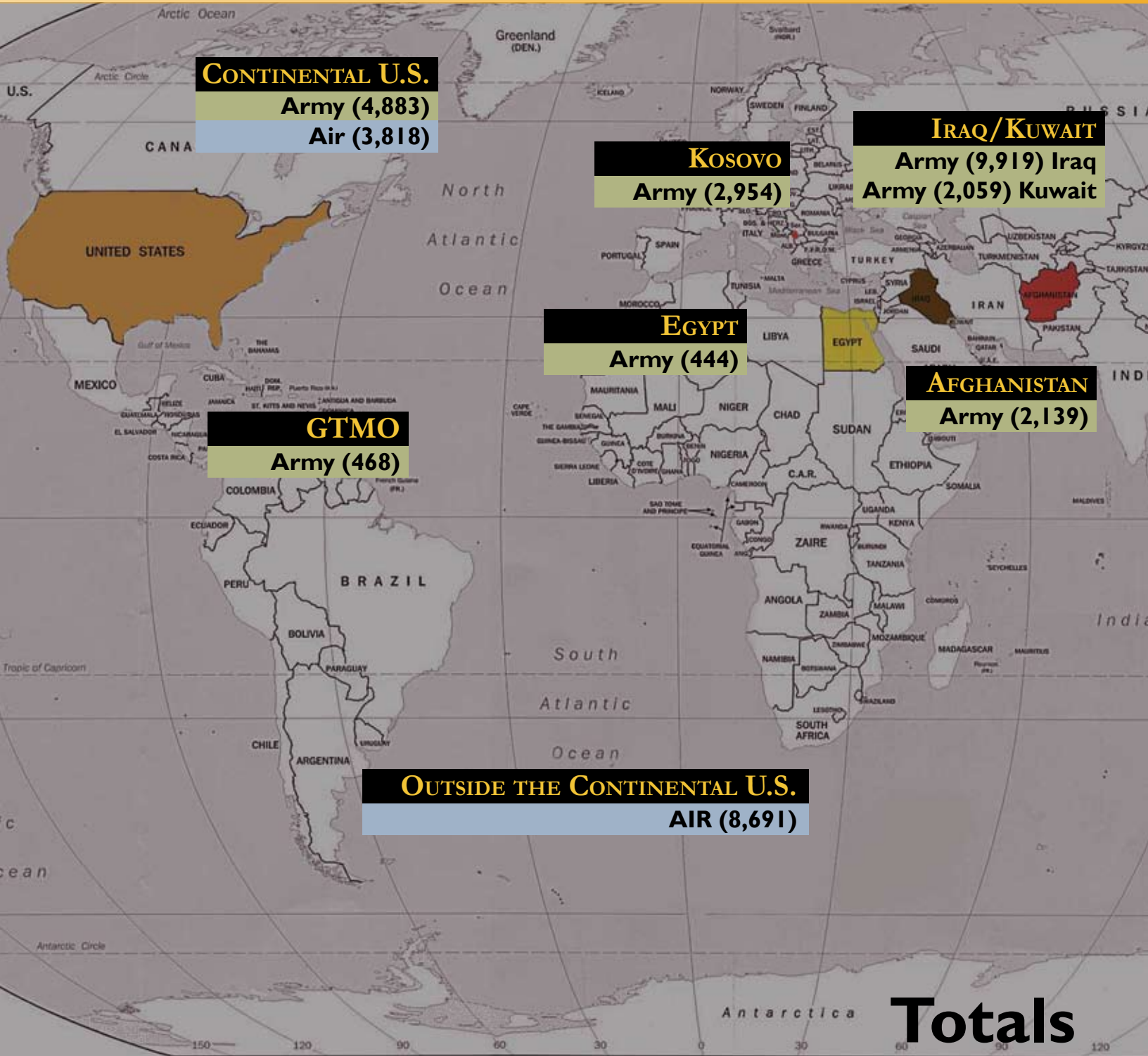
*This page is dedicated to the members
of the California National Guard who paid
the ultimate price so that others may live.*

IN REMEMBRANCE 2001-PRESENT

Staff Sergeant David Perry (649th MP Co)
Specialist Michael Mihalakis (270th MP Co)
Specialist Eric Ramirez (670th MP Co)
First Lieutenant Michael W. Vega (Co A, 223rd MI Bn)
Specialist Daniel P. Unger (Co A, 1st Bn, 185th Inf)
First Lieutenant Andre D. Tyson (Co A, 579th Engr Bn)
Sergeant Patrick R. McCaffrey (Co A, 579th Engr Bn)
Sergeant Quoc B. Tran (Det 3, Co B, 185th Ar Bn)
Sergeant First Class Michael Ottolini (Co A, 579th Engr Bn)
Corporal Glenn J. Watkins (Co B, 1st Bn, 161st Inf)
Sergeant Timothy C. Kiser (HHD, 340th Fwd Spt Bn)
Sergeant Arnold Duplantier II (Co C, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Staff Sergeant Alfredo Silva (Det 1, HHB, 1st Bn, 487th FA)
Sergeant Mike T. Sonoda Jr. (Det 2, Co D, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Staff Sergeant Paul C. Neubauer (Co D, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Sergeant First Class Daniel R. Schiele (Det 1, Co D, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Staff Sergeant Jerry L. Bonifacio Jr. (Co B, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Captain Raymond Hill (HHC, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Sergeant Shakere T. Guy (Co D, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Sergeant Marcelino R. Corniel (Co A, 1st Bn, 184th Inf)
Sergeant First Class Isaac S. Lawson (HHD, 49th MP Brigade)
Sergeant First Class Rudy Salcido (1114th Transportation Co)
Sergeant Dwayne Young (Co C, 3rd Bn, 160th Inf)
Sergeant Dennis Sullen (HHC, 1st Bn, 185th Inf)
Chief Warrant Officer Arthur Laguna (Blackwater, USA)
Sergeant Rhys W. Klasno (1114th Transportation Company)
Major Rocco M. Barnes (40th ID)

The CNG experienced no deaths on duty in 2010.

Deployments since Sept. 11, 2001





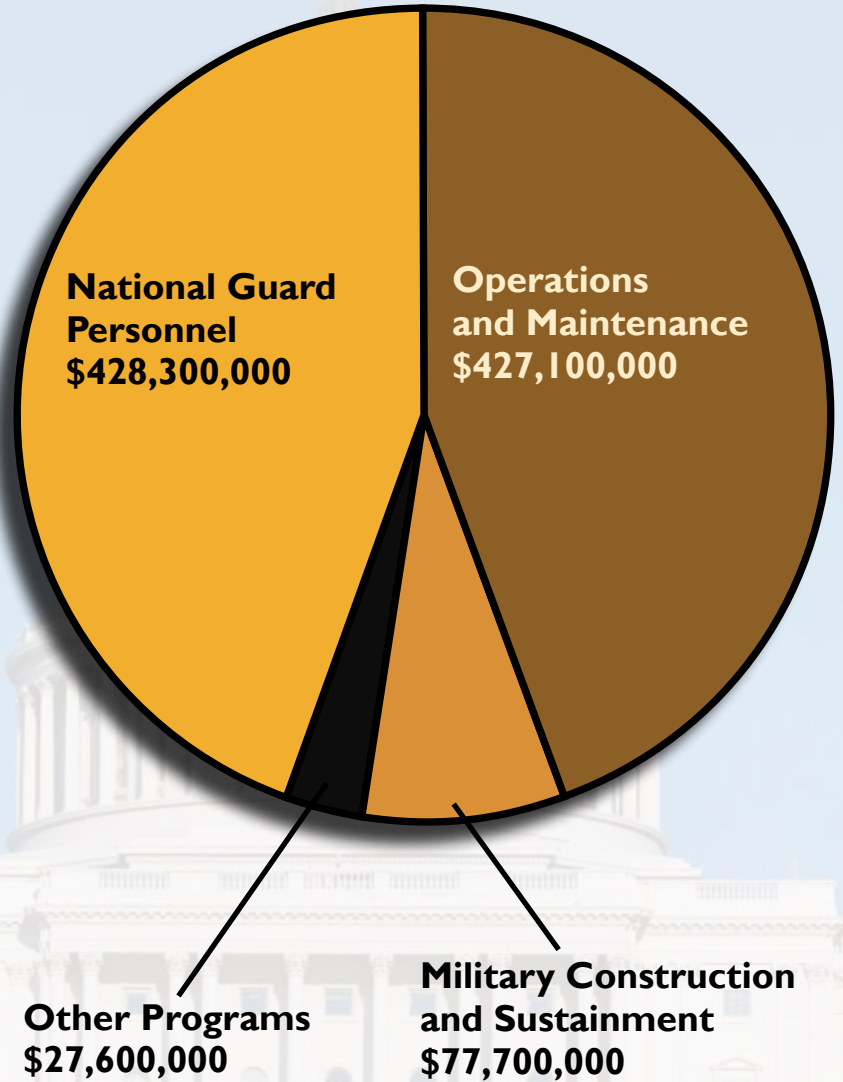
Economic Impact

Federal Allocations

**Joint Task Force
Domestic Support
— Counterdrug
\$19,200,000**



Federal Spending



Youth Program Expenditures

Program	Congressional District	Expenditures
Grizzly Youth Academy	22	\$3,603,000
Sunburst Youth Academy	40	\$2,855,000
STARBASE	5	\$293,000
Total Youth Program Expenditures		\$6,751,000

Federal Allocations



**Civil
Support
Teams
\$1,710,000**

Military Construction Spending

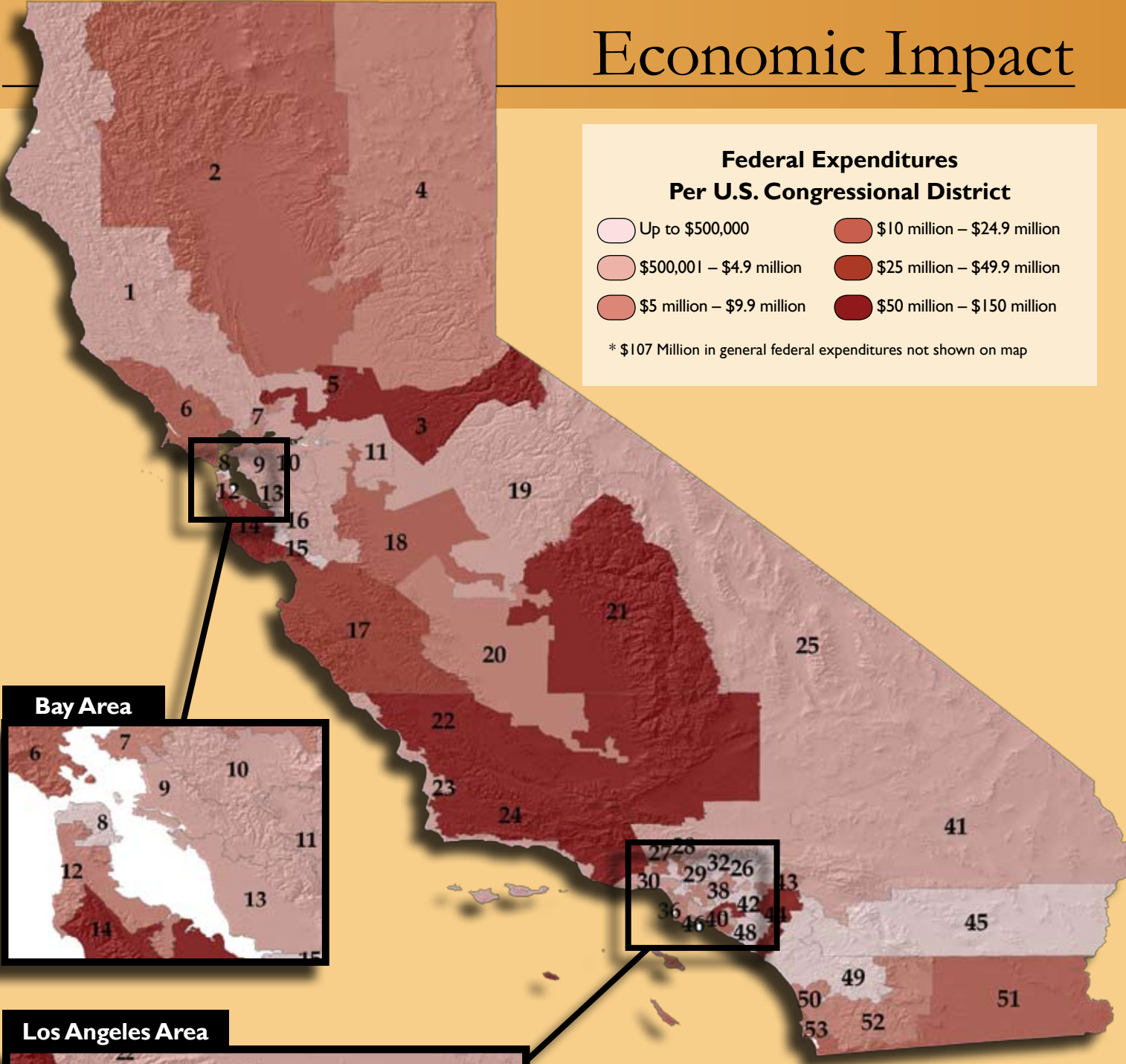
SRM spending	\$37,666,984
MILCON spending	\$32,644,133
ARRA spending	\$7,431,076
Total Construction	\$77,742,193

- Allocations can be spent over five years
- MILCON: Military Construction
- SRM: Sustainment, Restoration, Modernization
- ARRA: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Federal stimulus package)

Top MILCON Spending

City	Congressional District	Federal Expenditures/ Allocations
Los Alamitos	40	\$37,639,615
Fresno	21	\$16,814,212
Camp Roberts	22 & 17	\$13,223,864
March Air Base	44	\$4,000,000
Long Beach	37	\$1,161,458
Los Angeles	30	\$765,602
Inglewood	35	\$547,497
Camp Parks	11	\$475,608
Sacramento	5	\$454,461
Richmond	9	\$448,664
• MILCON: Military Construction		

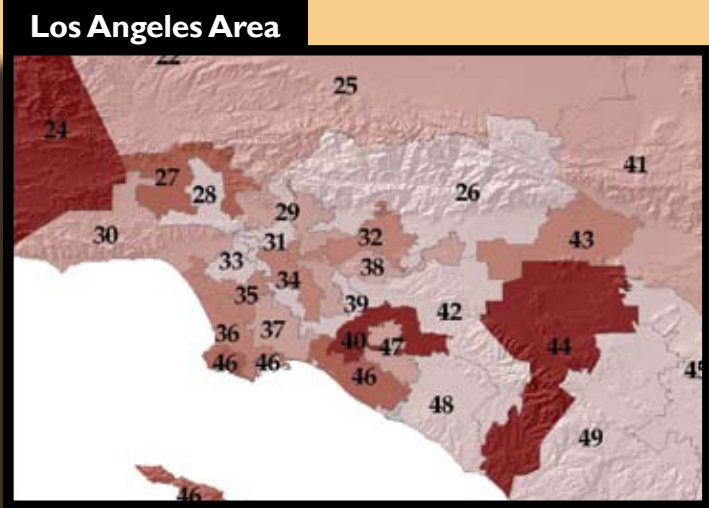
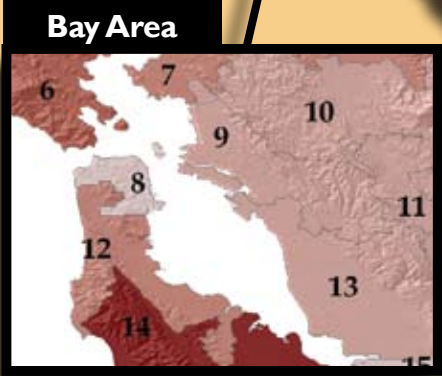
Economic Impact



Federal Expenditures Per U.S. Congressional District

- Up to \$500,000
- \$500,001 – \$4.9 million
- \$5 million – \$9.9 million
- \$10 million – \$24.9 million
- \$25 million – \$49.9 million
- \$50 million – \$150 million

* \$107 Million in general federal expenditures not shown on map



California National Guard Expenditures	
Federal	\$960,700,000
State	\$42,000,000
Total	\$1,002,700,000



Training Bases

Camp San Luis Obispo

Camp San Luis Obispo, or Camp SLO, is a premier National Guard training center occupying 5,100 acres about five miles north of the city of San Luis Obispo. Founded in 1928 by the state of California and originally known as Camp Merriam, it was leased to the federal government in 1940. By 1945 the facility had expanded to more than 14,000 acres of federal and state land. The state-owned portion of the camp reverted to state control in 1947 but was again leased to the federal government during the Korean War and finally returned to state control in 1965.

The cantonment area at Camp SLO can house more than 1,200 service members under normal conditions and more than 2,000 under emergency conditions.

Recent enhancements to the installation include:

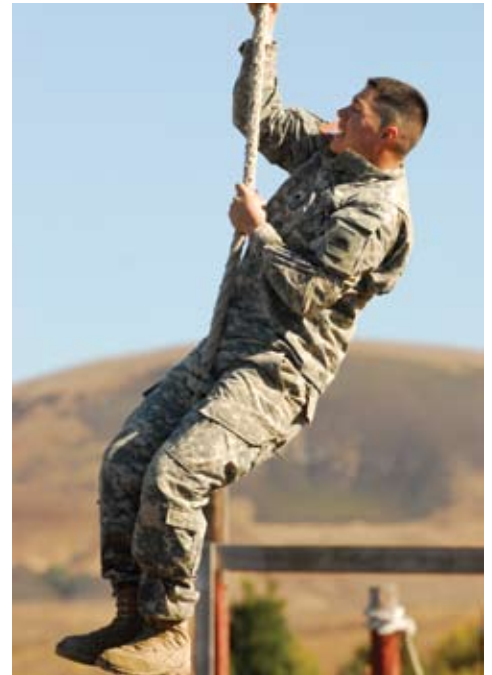
- A newly renovated and modernized fuel point that prevents units from needing to leave the installation to re-fuel vehicles;
- A complete overhaul of electrical, water and sewer utility connections at the recreational vehicle park; and
- Finalization of the complete replacement of the installation's water distribution system.

Ongoing projects include the final planning stages for a new \$8 million state-of-the-art organizational maintenance shop.

Camp SLO has also been identified by the adjutant general as first in priority to construct a fully automated modified record fire range. The range will be designed for training and day/night qualification with rifles. In addition it will combine the capabilities of an automated field fire range and an automated record fire range to reduce land and maintenance requirements. All targets will be fully automated, with an event-specific target scenario that is computer-driven and scored from a range operations center.

The camp is home to 11 assembly buildings, many of them remodeled, with a total occupant capacity of 1,520, as well as more than 50 administrative and office buildings. Additionally Camp SLO maintains a heliport and a complex of warehouses, workshops and maintenance facilities. Other supporting facilities include a chapel, two service clubs, a theater, a laundry facility, a barber shop and a post exchange.

Camp SLO provides operational, training and logistical support to a wide variety of civilian and military agencies at the federal, state and local levels. These agencies include the



California National Guard's 223rd Regional Training Institute (which is responsible for the CNG's Officer Candidate School and combined arms military occupational specialty schools), the Army Reserve, the Coast Guard Reserve, the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Civil Air Patrol, the Defense Security Service, Achievement House, the Grizzly Youth Challenge Academy, the California Conservation Corps, the California Department of Corrections, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the California Specialized Training Institute, California State Parks and Cuesta Community College.

National Guard, Army Reserve and active duty Army units occupy facilities at Camp SLO for two- to three-week training rotations, primarily during the summer.

Among the new facilities recently constructed at Camp SLO is a combat pistol qualification range. Other training facilities include an Engagement Skills Trainer weapons training site; a reconstructed urban assault course; obstacle, land navigation and leadership challenge courses; a Warrior Tasks training area; and additional training areas suitable to conduct field-training exercises for about 1,000 personnel.



Camp Roberts

Organization

Camp Roberts is the largest National Guard maneuver training center-heavy in the western United States. Its 4,300-plus acres are located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The camp was established in 1941. It has been licensed to the California National Guard by the Army Corps of Engineers since 1971.

Camp Roberts, with its rolling hills and steep mountainous terrain, is ideal for training. The installation hosted more than 310,000 service members from all military branches in fiscal year 2010. It is home to 550 full-time employees, including permanent tenant organizations such as the Central Issuing Facility, Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site, Regional Training Site Maintenance, U.S. Army Satellite Communication Station and U.S. Army Training Support Center.

Improvements

The California National Guard has implemented a master plan for constructing an installation of excellence at Camp Roberts, strategically focusing on state-of-the-art ranges and facilities to support training. Planned base improvements include roads, tank trails, airstrips, an unmanned aerial vehicle training site, electrical infrastructure, fiber optics, senior enlisted members' quarters and enhanced perimeter security. In addition to military construction funding, Camp Roberts was awarded \$19 million in federal stimulus funding for 2010 and 2011.

A Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer facility is under construction and scheduled for completion in fiscal year 2011, adding yet another element to the quality training available at Camp Roberts. Future construction plans include a combined arms collective training facility, a multi-purpose machine gun range and a tactical unmanned aerial vehicle support facility.

Responsibilities

Camp Roberts continues to enhance its state-of-the-art Soldier Readiness Process-



ing Center, ensuring that it fulfills its pre-mobilization requirements for the California National Guard.

The Guard also continues to build relationships with local communities and governments. These relationships ensure mutual aid agreements during emergency and critical situations through collaborations with organizations such as the California Emergency Management Agency and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Camp Roberts provides ideal training facilities for federal and state agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California departments of Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Forestry and Fire Protection.

In addition to the multiple agencies that train at Camp Roberts, the site serves as home to Task Force Warrior, California's pre-mobilization training assistance element. The group consists of more than 60 qualified instructors who certify Soldiers on Army Warrior Tasks and individual weapons qualification. Camp Roberts also provides joint forces training and has the ability to house a brigade-sized element at any given time.



Camp Roberts has established an Army Compatible Use Buffer partnership with The Agland Trust, receiving a \$1 million grant for the purchase of easements, or development rights, from local land owners. A Joint Land Use Study administered by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment in partnership with San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties places Camp Roberts on the path for future use as a power support platform and joint training center along with Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.

Joint Forces Training Base-Los Alamitos

Joint Forces Training Base-Los Alamitos (JFTB) started the year by welcoming a new commander, Brig. Gen. Keith D. Jones, who received the guidon from Maj. Gen. John S. Harrel, commander of the California Army National Guard.

The JFTB provides a wide range of military support to civil authorities during federal and state emergency and disaster mitigation operations. With two active runways, the Los Alamitos Airfield is the region's primary airfield for emergency air transport of relief crews, humanitarian supplies, equipment relocation and medical operations.

The JFTB was used for numerous training exercises, deployments and returns in 2010.

In May the Warfighter exercise converted parts of the JFTB's grassy fields into a tactical operations base complete with a tent city, a computer simulation center, modular work areas and a mobile dining facility. The exercise involved about 1,000 Soldiers from the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and the 40th Infantry Division.

"Warfighter is a full-spectrum exercise," said Lt. Col. Keith Lochner, 79th IBCT chief of staff. "It's a live, virtual exercise in the field and it involves computers and Soldiers working together."

For two weeks, Soldiers worked through



various simulated scenarios based on real-world events. "These are the same techniques and the same combat information systems we would use in military support to civil authorities," Lochner said.

Because of that dual role, Jones invited civilian law enforcement officers from Fountain Valley, Irvine, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Los Angeles, Orange County and Seal Beach to observe the training.

The JFTB works diligently to maintain partnerships with cities that surround the base.

In August more than 300 Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment, based in Los Alamitos, mobilized to Fort Hood, Texas, for training prior to a 12-month deployment to Iraq. Primarily in Iraq's central region, the 1-140th and its Black

Hawk helicopters will provide a variety of aviation support to military personnel. The battalion will serve a crucial role in supporting the troop drawdown taking place theater-wide.

After a one-year tour in Afghanistan, the 40th Infantry Division Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) returned home in late August. During its mobilization, 155 agricultural missions were completed, including more than 75 mentoring meetings with Afghan officials such as the governor of Kunar province.

"We Completed 19 veterinary inoculation projects, treating more than 20,000 head of livestock," said Col. Eric Grimm, commander of the ADT. "The last of these projects was planned and executed by the Afghan government, with us serving only as mentors. This was perhaps our greatest success, because it brings them closer to independence."

The ADT also provided support for missions to assist local nationals after strikes on Taliban strongholds and was involved in 21 direct-fire engagements. Five ADT Soldiers earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device for gallantry under fire.





Army National Guard

40th Combat Aviation Brigade



The 40th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) finished one of the most successful and challenging years in its history in 2010. The CAB brought home its C-12 detachment and Company C, 1-168th General Support Aviation Battalion, from U.S. Central Command and Afghanistan, respectively. The units and their Soldiers were highly regarded and duly recognized for their efforts.

Unit members received a Silver Star, several Distinguished Flying Crosses and Bronze Stars and the Army Aviation Association of America Rescue of the Year award, which epitomized the accolades received by Company C for its medical evacuation accomplishments in Afghanistan.

In August, 1st Battalion, 140th Aviation Regiment deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn, making it the first of several units that were part of a historic deployment. It was followed by the 640th Aviation Support Battalion and the 40th CAB Headquarters and Headquarters Company. In all, the 40th CAB had more than 200 aircraft assigned and was the largest CAB ever to deploy to a theater of war. More than 1,000 California National Guard aviation Soldiers deployed.

In the United States, CNG aviation units safely flew more than 7,700 hours, placing in the top 10 states in mission and flying execution. Those hours were flown in support of countless state and federal agencies, including 10 activations for search-and-rescue missions. Additionally our aviation members participated in countless exercises and counterdrug missions and supported numerous training events for units of the California National Guard.

Last year was the busiest in the 40th CAB's history, and its Soldiers and their families performed superbly to meet the demands.



40th Infantry Division

The 40th Infantry Division and its subordinate battalions were fully engaged in preparing for and returning from deployments in 2010. In May, Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 144th Field Artillery Regiment, returned with accolades from Kosovo, where they had been serving in a peacekeeping mission since October.

The 40th ID Agribusiness Development Team returned home in August from Afghanistan, where it assisted government efforts to advance agricultural efficiencies.

The 746th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) and 578th Engineer Battalion were notified for mobilization in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq, and the 217th Finance Management Detachment (FMD) and 1970th Contingency Contracting Team were notified for mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

For the 40th ID, 2010 was full of transformation and reorganization. The 40th ID accepted assignment of the 1-185th Combined Arms Battalion, 1-144th Field Artillery Battalion, 578th Engineer Battalion, 746th CSSB, 11th Fire Support Cell and 224th Support Brigade (Rear).

The long-awaited reorganization of the 40th ID began with the fielding of the Standard Integrated Command Post System in August, culminating with the transfer of all division headquarters Soldiers into the new Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. The 40th ID accepted responsibility for coordinating annual trainings for all California Army National Guard brigades.

The 1-185th CAB qualified on its new M88 Hercules Recovery Vehicle, M1A1 Tank and M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle in August.



The 40th ID also began planning to assume responsibility for the Western Region Domestic All Hazards Response Team.

The 40th ID sustained its Joint and Combined Staff training. In November the intelligence section and Fires Support Cell participated in the 3rd Fleet's Synthetic Training-Joint as part of the land component. The 40th ID supported the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team with a higher headquarters response cell during its full-spectrum exercise in May.

The division also continued its partnership with Ukrainian armed forces in August during Operation Rapid Trident. Division staff traveled to Ukraine for two weeks to provide a combined higher control cell that controlled a brigade from the United Kingdom and a multinational U.S.-Ukrainian brigade as well as command and control of a combined field training exercise.

Additionally, the 217th FMD participated in Diamond Saber, the premier annual financial management training exercise at Fort McCoy, Wisc.

The 40th ID also celebrated important personnel achievements in 2010. Lawrence Haskins was promoted to brigadier general in May. Lt. Col. John Murphy accepted command of the 1-185th Combined Arms Battalion from Lt. Col. Seth Goldberg in February, and Maj. Angel Ortiz accepted command of the 746th CSSB from Lt. Col. Patricia Navarro in March.



49th Military Police Brigade

In August 2009, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 49th Military Police Brigade deployed for a second time to Iraq. The brigade executed a transfer of authority from the 8th Military Police Brigade and took command and control of seven military police battalions and 40 companies for total troop strength of more than 9,800 Soldiers while in theater.

The primary mission of the brigade was to provide support and training for the Iraqi police force through police transition teams. The ability to train and support Iraqi police was vital in the transition from U.S. military to Iraqi government control. The brigade assisted in the Iraqi national election process, providing additional security and ensuring the ability of the Iraqi people to have their voice heard through their vote.

While in Iraq, the Brigade was able to train and certify hundreds of military policemen on various less lethal weapons. This was a tremendous combat multiplier, enabling military police to employ less lethal options on the battlefield and in garrison post mobilization.



In accordance with presidential proclamation, the 49th Military Police Brigade effectively assisted in the responsible reduction of forces in Iraq. In April 2010 the brigade stood up a tactical command post at the Camp Cropper detention facility. In July 2010, Camp Cropper was officially turned over to Iraqi officials, an essential element in

the reduction of the U.S. military footprint in Iraq and the transition to the Iraqi government. For its outstanding efforts and great success, the brigade was submitted for the Meritorious Unit Citation. In August 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company returned with every Soldier that deployed to the Iraqi theater of operations.



79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

For the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 2010 was full of action. The year began with a new commander taking over the California Army National Guard's largest brigade as Col. Mark Malanka took the helm from Col. Timothy Swann.

In February the 79th conducted its first Career Counselor Conference at the Azusa, Calif., armory. The Accession Task Force supported the training for more than 20 company-level career counselors. Another first for the 79th was its Best Warrior Competition, with the contest taking place in two parts: The physical competition was held in April, while the appearance board took place in August.

The biggest training highlight came in May, when elements from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) along with Soldiers from each of its subordinate units — the 1-160th Infantry Battalion, 1-184th Infantry Battalion, 1-143rd Field Artillery Battalion, 1-18th Cavalry Squadron, 79th Brigade Special Troops Battalion and 40th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) — participated in the two-week Warfighter exercise at Joint Force Training Base-Los Alamitos. Though none of the more than 500 IBCT Soldiers in the exercise were involved with platoon-level tactical training, computer-generated battles challenged IBCT leadership on how to fight a war.

"What we did is replicate a situation you may find in Afghanistan where the brigade is inserted into a conflict between insurgents and the legitimate government," said Lt. Col. Keith Lochner, then the IBCT chief of staff. "This allows us to practice our tactics, techniques and procedures that we're learning from Afghanistan, here in the United States, without putting Soldiers in harm's way."

Warfighter also provided great training for support elements, which provided supplies, maintenance, transportation, fuel and medical support. Cooks from the 40th Brigade Support Battalion also competed and did quite well during the Phillip A. Connelly food service competition, which was held in the field during Warfighter.

Other 2010 highlights included:

Company B, 40th BSB, participated in a three-week maintenance sustainment program in Hohenfels, Germany. The Soldiers assisted their active duty counterparts in a multitude of functions, including modular field maintenance, interoperability repair operations and practical employment of Army maintenance regeneration enablers.

In June, the 1-143rd safely fired more than 2,100 rounds during a five-day live fire exercise on Fort Irwin, Calif., designed to test the unit's ability to deliver fire in mountainous desert terrain.

In September several staff officers and noncommissioned officers teamed up with members of the Ukrainian Army's 95th Airborne Brigade during the annual Rapid Trident exercise at the Yavoriv training base in Ukraine. Meanwhile in the field during Rapid Trident, Company A, 1-184th, participated in tactical operations exercises, including a real-time medical evacuation involving helicopter and ambulance transportation. Fifteen nations sent delegates to Rapid Trident.

Also in September, units within the 79th turned in their old shoulder sleeve patch and replaced it with a new Institute of Heraldry-designed insignia.

In October, Lt. Col. Lars Staack relinquished command of the 1-18th Cavalry Squadron to Lt. Col. Michael Wise during an afternoon ceremony in Azusa.

In November, Soldiers of the 79th IBCT HHC flew to Alaska to participate in the annual Yudh Abhyas exercise, a regularly scheduled training event sponsored by U.S. Army Pacific and the Indian Army. The exercise promotes cooperation between the two militaries and promotes interoperability. The 79th Soldiers and their Indian counterparts conducted a command post exercise and took part in cultural exchanges to improve partnership readiness and cooperation.



100th Troop Command

The 100th Troop Command is one of the California Army National Guard's 10 senior commands and has a history that reaches back three decades. Since Sept. 11, 2001, most Soldiers of the 100th Troop Command have deployed in support of disaster relief, peacekeeping or national security missions in more than 30 countries.

The 330th Military Police Company deployed more than 180 Soldiers to Afghanistan in March 2010. During their yearlong mission, the Soldiers of the 330th are operating in police partnership teams around Khowst Province in eastern Afghanistan. They are focusing on training their Afghan counterparts, local police, in the ways of democratic law enforcement.

The Troop Command is a very diverse brigade; its headquarters is designed as a command and control headquarters for various types of missions and units.

The 100th Troop Command headquarters spent the last year becoming proficient in federal and state tactical communications. The troop command increased its capability beyond the Joint Incident Site Command and Control Unit and Incident Command, Control, Communications, Computer Unit



by incorporating Harris radios from chemical companies; with slight modifications, the Harris radio adds another dimension to communications during natural and man-made disasters.

The CNG's Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) is embedded within the 100th Troop Command. The CERFP validated a new Search and Extraction Company during the California Emergency Management Agency's Golden Guardian exercise.

The medical detachment supported medical readiness by administering more than 13,000 flu immunizations and conducted approximately 7,500 periodic health assessments.

Units participated in 112 parades and equipment displays throughout California, and the 59th Army Band performed at 100 parades, social functions and graduations.



115th Regional Support Group

In the summer of 2010, the 115th Regional Support Group (RSG) initiated preparations for possible military support to civilian authorities in case of wildfire or civil disturbance.

In July, the 115th RSG conducted a change of command ceremony, with Col. John W. Lathrop handing the flag to Col. Rene Horton. Then in August, the 115th conducted a consolidated group annual training at Camp Roberts, Calif. Its three subordinate battalions consisting of 22 units and more than 1,700 Soldiers were on the ground for training such as weapons qualification, military drivers training, Army Warrior tasks and some Task Force Warrior pre-deployment exercises.

The group performed base operations support for the Rapid Trident training exercise in Ukraine during August and September.

The 115th RSG Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment supported about 100 state missions, providing personnel, equipment and transportation for many community events, veterans' organizations and charity groups, especially over the holidays.

The 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion deployed 80 Soldiers in support of Operation New Dawn in November. The Soldiers spent several weeks training on Fort Hood, Texas, before departing for Iraq, where the battalion was assigned to carry out a container-management mission, facilitating traffic at trailer transition points as the U.S. moves equipment out of Iraq as part of the transition to Operation New Dawn.

The 297th Area Support Medical Company, part of the 749th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, went through pre-deployment training in preparation for its initial deployment as a unit in February 2011. In July 2010, the 749th was the only National Guard unit to participate in the Army Reserve's Global Medic 2010 exercise at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif. Global Medic involved more than 2,800 Soldiers from more than 30 units nationwide. The 297th was able to simulate real-world combat health support functions



and sustainment operations, but most importantly it improved the unit's standard operating procedures and tactics, techniques and procedures. The 297th also vaccinated more than 1,800 CNG Soldiers against the flu and H1N1 virus in 2010, conducted Combat Lifesaver certification and recertification courses, and provided medical support during field training exercises, live-fire exercises and deployment mobilizations.

The 2668th Transportation Company, also part of the 749th CSSB, completed 42 medium truck missions throughout California. The company's Soldiers also turned in and drew millions of dollars worth of equipment as they completed a unit reset. Thirty-seven personnel shy of a full company in January, the unit increased its manning by 21 percent to close out the year with end strength of 177. This increase, combined with a 100 percent retention rate, a 90 percent duty military occupational skill qualification rate and a company filled with motivated Soldiers earned the company a deployment to Afghanistan scheduled for 2012.

The 149th Quartermaster Petroleum Liaison Team had an exciting and challenging year. As this was a newly established unit, it had to build up from scratch. Much time was spent

training and organizing the unit and building its command team. The team licensed 90 percent of its Soldiers on the high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, or humvee, and certified 50 percent of its Soldiers as Combat Lifesavers. During the latter part of the year, the unit's focus shifted toward its eventual deactivation, transferring equipment and finding new units for Soldiers.

The 340th Brigade Support Battalion focused on security missions to develop a well-posed, prepared and trained security presence to conduct combat patrols and combat logistics once deployed. Annual training and one-quarter of the unit's monthly training were focused on tactical convoy operations. Company A continued to improve on transportation operations, supply operations and fuel and water; the biggest success for this unit was the deployment, set-up and operation of the Tactical Water Purification System and Lightweight Purifier. It also contributed to 20 support missions. Company B supported 29 missions, including maintenance support to units at Camp Roberts, Calif. The 340th BSB Headquarters and Headquarters Company was involved in 17 missions, including support for the Defense Language institute and Mobilization and Training Equipment Site, Camp Roberts.

223rd Infantry Regiment

To develop competent, confident, disciplined and adaptive leaders, the 223rd Infantry Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) provides Officer Candidate School and Warrant Officer Candidate School, Noncommissioned Officer Education System courses, combat arms and ordnance military occupational specialty (MOS) qualification, Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) training and functional training for the National Guard, Army Reserve and active duty Army.

The 223rd comprises the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), three battalions and a maintenance company. Based on Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., the HHC provides budgetary, administrative, operational and logistic support to ensure the training conducted at the 223rd RTI is second to none. This year the RTI provided more than 78,000 hours of instruction to Soldiers from throughout the state and country.

The RTI's 1st Battalion provided world class military police instruction, qualifying 132 Soldiers in its two phases of training in 2010. The battalion, which has become a model for schoolhouses throughout the country, earned the Army Training and Doctrine Command Institute of Excellence rating during its 2010 accreditation.

The RTI's 2nd Battalion began training Soldiers to be unit supply specialists in 2010. In the inaugural year of the course, the battalion trained 58 Soldiers in its two phases and received full accreditation, not a common or easy feat. In addition the battalion taught the Army Basic Instructor, Small Group Instructor Trainer, Combat Lifesaver and Combatives ASI courses, graduating an additional 119 Soldiers. The battalion is also home to the Officer Candidate/Warrant Officer Candidate Schools Company, which trains future leaders of the California Army National Guard. The Warrant Officer Traditional Course was re-established this year after a hiatus in 2009. Candidates attended phases I and II at Camp San Luis Obispo,



Calif., and Phase III at Fort Rucker, Ala. The program graduated five new warrant officers, including the top graduate of the Fort Rucker class. The Officer Candidate School graduated 13 new lieutenants and began training 51 new officer candidates who hope to graduate next year.

The RTI's 3rd Battalion trained 113 Soldiers in its two phases of the Motor Transport Operator Course. The battalion worked tirelessly with other units to ensure the latest technology was available to students in six courses conducted throughout the year. The battalion averaged a 96 to 98 percent fill rate and a 96 to 98 percent graduation rate. It will teach additional classes next year to meet the high demand for this course.

On Camp Roberts, Calif., the Regional Training Site Maintenance Center, or Company D of the 223rd, continues to be a leader in ordnance and maintenance training as it enters its third year as a certified Institute of Excellence. The company conducted 65 courses in 2010 including driver's training and classes included in the Mobile Maintenance Train-

ing Course. The company trained a total of 556 Soldiers in maintenance and ASI courses, and it was the first 223rd RTI unit to provide MOS training to active duty Soldiers. Company D also hosts the Command Team Development Course, which graduated 18 California Army National Guard leaders in 2010.

Each year, the 223rd evaluates instructor and course availability and balances those with the needs of the state and the Army to ensure the RTI is providing the best training in the most essential skill areas to make significant contributions to the readiness of the National Guard. In keeping with that trend, the regiment is prepared to begin providing the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course for a maintenance, military police or motor transport operator MOS. The regiment also looks forward to training Soldiers at the newly developed Weapons Training Company. The regiment will continue to grow in order to meet increased demands for training resulting from an ever-quickening operational tempo, ensuring that our Guard members are prepared to answer the call of the state and the nation.

224th Sustainment Brigade

The “Dragon Slayers” of the 224th Sustainment Brigade had a busy and productive 2010. The brigade began the year training and preparing its Headquarters, Special Troops Battalion (STB), and Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. It was the brigade’s second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The staff and command teams quickly bonded and attended several pre-mobilization training exercises and conferences. Many personnel were sent to train-the-trainer courses, and Soldiers completed individual and crew-served weapons qualification, driver’s training, land navigation exercises, battle drills and Combat Lifesaver courses while performing many other essential Warrior Tasks. The dedication and hard work each Soldier put forth enabled the unit to be well-prepared for mobilization.

In April the brigade reported to its mobilization training site, Fort Hood, Texas, well-prepared. The 224th had the lowest number of Soldier Readiness Processing failures ever realized and the highest number of Soldiers who had completed Army Warrior Tasks. This put the 224th ahead of

the power curve.

When the Dragon Slayers arrived in the Iraq theater of operations, there was little time to get acclimated to the extremely high operations tempo, as it was the beginning of the drastic reduction of U.S. forces. The brigade excelled while reducing assets and performing a large number of missions.

The Dragon Slayers also were charged with recovering useable property to be returned into the supply system. Within the first few months, they had recovered more than \$25 million worth of property. They managed thousands of convoys covering more than 1.5 million military tractor-trailer convoy miles, ensuring every unit throughout the Iraq Joint Operations Area had what they needed, on time. The brigade was also involved with several base closures.

The brigade’s STB was assigned the Contingency Operating Base Adder garrison command mission, a first for any sustainment brigade tour in Iraq. The STB exceeded all expectations, despite having roughly one-half the staff of the previous unit.

In support of Operation New Dawn, the 224th Sustainment Brigade served as the ex-

ecuting agent, coordinating, synchronizing and implementing the reposturing of forces and equipment from southern, western and central Iraq. This included the reduction of the brigade’s footprint in southern and western Iraq by about 30 percent, to fewer than 1,800 Soldiers, and the removal of all equipment, property and supplies not needed to support that residual force.

The Dragon Slayers provided single headquarters command and control for two combat sustainment support battalions, one combined arms battalion and one special troops battalion, which included a Navy petroleum, oils and lubricants detachment and a mortuary affairs team.

While the brigade headquarters focused on its deployed mission, the brigade’s rear detachment, comprising seven company- or detachment-level units, continued providing financial management, communication and contingency contracting services. Of the brigade’s seven rear detachment units, two spent 2010 in the deployment cycle. The 223rd Financial Management Detachment (FMD) provided full-spectrum financial management operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from October 2009 to August 2010 by supporting thousands of Soldiers and civilian contractors in the Iraq theater. The 223rd FMD executed thousands of financial transactions and maintained accountability for more than \$5 million with no loss of funds.

The 217th FMD spent 2010 preparing for deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 217th completed Soldier Readiness Processing and many courses, tasks, drills and briefings to ensure every Soldier is prepared for combat operations. Additionally the 217th participated in the Diamond Saber Exercise in June and Defense Finance and Accounting Service training in December on Fort McCoy, Wis.

The Dragon Slayers demonstrated the utmost courage and commitment to mission success as they answered their country’s call to duty in 2010.



1106th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group

From March 13, 2009, to March 12, 2010, the 1106th Aviation Classification and Repair Activity Depot (Main) from the California Army National Guard deployed to the Middle East with 144 of its Soldiers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The 1106th Aviation Classification and Repair Activity Depot (Rear) remained in the United States, providing aviation maintenance and supply support to 363 aircraft at 22 Army aviation support facilities in the 13 western states.

While assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility as a theater asset, the 1106th was the sole provider of aviation depot maintenance expertise. The 1106th headquarters commanded four theater aviation maintenance programs in three geographic regions: Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. The 1106th was critical to the mission-readiness of aviation units, providing sustainment and limited depot-level aviation maintenance and managing a theater aviation supply support activity in support of the warfighters in the area of responsibility.

The 1106th contributed to the warfight throughout 2010 by providing more than 80 Soldiers as fillers for the Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit and 40th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) deployments. Additionally, the 1106th assumed a non-typical mission for a maintenance group headquarters by providing command and control of several operational aviation units from the 40th CAB rear elements.

After a successful command, Col. David Gereski relinquished control of the 1106th to Col. Robert Spano in August.

In September, the 1106th officially transformed from an aviation classification and repair activity depot into the 1106th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, adding an additional 145 authorized personnel.





Air National Guard

129th Rescue Wing

Continuing its tradition of excellence, members of the 129th Rescue Wing saved lives at home and around the globe in 2010. As one of three Air National Guard rescue wings nationwide, the military and the state of California depend on the unique capabilities of the HH-60G Pave Hawk rescue helicopter, MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft and highly trained pararescuemen.

From the high seas of the Pacific to the mountains of Afghanistan, 129th rescuers demonstrated their creed, "That Others May Live." In April and June, about 30 pararescuemen and support personnel deployed to Afghanistan, where they helped provide critical lifesaving medical attention to military personnel and Afghan citizens.

In addition to deployments abroad, the unit remains capable of saving lives in California. In April, 129th personnel successfully completed an intense four-day rescue mission about 650 miles off the coast of Baja, Mexico. The 129th sent two HH-60G Pave Hawk rescue helicopters and an MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft, accompanied by a KC-130J Super Hercu-



les tanker from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, to pick up a 56-year-old sailor who had suffered life-threatening head and neck injuries aboard his sailing vessel. Four pararescuemen provided lifesaving medical aid while awaiting the arrival of 129th recovery aircraft.

In February, in the midst of a major unit inspection, the 129th assisted the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office in a search for a missing snowshoer near Camp Connell, Calif. In spite of foggy, low-visibility conditions, the 129th Airmen, in conjunction with a ground search party, eventually spotted and picked up the stranded hiker in mountainous terrain. "Even while our Airmen were busy with a higher headquarters Unit Compliance Inspection, rescue crews were able to quickly launch a mission," said Col. Amos Bagdasarian, 129th Rescue Wing commander. "This is a testament to our outstanding training and our dedication to saving lives."

During the course of the inspection, 55 Air Combat Command inspection team members met with unit personnel to discuss how their areas operate. The inspectors also evaluated the effectiveness of critical processes and identified areas for improvement.

The wing continued to honor the dedicated service of its Airmen and their families through the rigor of deployments, inspections and training. More than 100 Airmen and their families were honored at a Hometown Heroes Salute award ceremony at Moffett Federal Airfield in Santa Clara County, Calif., in August. Recognized in this ceremony were Guard members who deployed in support of operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle as well as peacekeeping operations across the globe since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Without the support from families, the mission at home and abroad would be impossible to accomplish, and I wholeheartedly thank them for their support and sacrifice," Bagdasarian said.

Looking ahead, the future of the 129th Rescue Wing is bright. The hard-charging efforts of the wing's recruiting office created astonishing results this year: The 129th had the most accessions of all Air National Guard units in the nation for fiscal year 2010, increasing the unit strength from 88 to 93 percent. This strength increase is vital for the wing, the state and the nation, because it enhances the wing's ability to adapt, respond and save lives when called upon.



144th Fighter Wing

The Airmen of the 144th Fighter Wing in 2010 concluded another outstanding year full of accomplishments and unit recognition for its members' hard work and volunteerism in the spirit of the California Air National Guard. From successfully executing a Phase I Operational Readiness Inspection to deploying personnel in support of contingencies overseas, members of the 144th Fighter Wing earned both state and national awards for their achievements.

The 144th's primary mission is to provide air defense for California, utilizing the F-16C Fighting Falcon aircraft. The 144th also provides support for counterdrug enforcement, natural disaster response, civil unrest and community assistance when requested by the governor. The unit primarily operates out of the Air National Guard Base in Fresno but also maintains an alert detachment at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, Calif. In addition to the 24-hour operation of two alert sites, the 144th continued to support operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom with 44 personnel deployed to bases throughout the world.

In June the 144th Fighter Wing executed an Air Combat Command Phase I Operational Readiness Inspection, successfully passing the challenge, which included deploying 300 wing personnel and 96 tons of equipment to two theaters of operation using air



and land transportation.

In July the unit deployed about 100 members, 64 tons of equipment and seven F-16 aircraft to Kona, Hawaii, in support of the Navy's Rim of the Pacific Exercise, which involved 14 foreign nations. Due to the overwhelming success and numerous accolades from Pacific Air Forces Commander Gen. Gary North, the wing was invited to Kona again in 2012 for RIMPAC.

In August the wing's fire department was named the 2009 National Guard Outstanding Fire Department of the Year. The 144th firefighters supported a deployment to Anderson Air Base, Guam, a joint effort in which nearly 100 members of the California National Guard's Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) joined forces with other CERFP teams, local firefighters and other first response agencies participating in Vigilant Guard Guam.

In September members of the 144th Medical Group

deployed to the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich., for expeditionary medical support training.

Overall the 144th Fighter Wing deployed 33 Airmen plus 11 personnel from geographically separated units in support of operational missions overseas and on the California-Mexico border.

In the spirit of volunteerism, the 144th Fighter Wing continues to be an integral part of its local community. Wing members participated in numerous aircraft flyovers and community events, and the wing continued its long-time support for holiday programs such as Silent Sleigh.

The state of California recognized the accomplishments of several groups by awarding the Governor's Outstanding Unit Award to the 144th Civil Engineering Squadron, Force Support Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Security Forces Squadron and Communications Flight.

The 144th Fighter Wing had an extremely busy and fulfilling year, participating in multiple exercises, inspections, deployments and community events. Airmen and volunteers throughout the wing continue to shine in their efforts to support their neighbors, state and nation.



146th Airlift Wing



The 146th Airlift Wing continued to excel in fulfilling its diverse and demanding schedule of deployments, training and events during 2010.

The year began with the Air Expeditionary Force deployment of personnel and equipment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Aerial porters were also busy in January with members deploying to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom continued with the 407th Air Expeditionary Group at Ali Air Base, Iraq, providing command and control as well as mission operation support for aerial and ground operations.

California's State Partnership Program is an ongoing element for the wing, and 2010 included events with Ukraine and Nigeria. In February the wing sent two teams to train with the Ukrainian Air Force on operations, ground safety, deployment practices and risk management. That training continued with Ukrainian Air Force personnel visiting the 146th Airlift Wing in early May for training on the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) and to share information on firefighting capabilities.

Nigerian Air Force members paid a visit to the 146th Airlift Wing in late May for C-130 aircraft maintenance, transportation and safety training. At that time, only one of eight C-130s in the Nigerian Air Force was operational. Nigeria strives to strengthen its support of African Union and United Na-

tions peacekeeping transport capabilities.

During the spring the 146th joined other Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and U.S. Forest Service personnel in South Carolina to complete annual MAFFS training. In the fall, the MAFFS wings again gathered for a conference. This time they were joined by senior representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, National Guard Bureau, U.S. Northern Command and the U.S. Forest Service. The two-day conference enabled the various stakeholders to coordinate operational standards for employment of the new MAFFS II units, with the goal of ensuring efficient and cost-effective operations.

Through May 2010, the wing maintained a presence in Saudi Arabia at Eskan Village with Security Forces members continuing to provide protection of base personnel and resources.

In June the 146th Civil Engineering Squadron conducted its annual training in Oahu, Hawaii. During their two weeks of training at Naval Base Pearl City and Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, two dozen squadron members completed training tasks that ranged from beach clean-up to pouring concrete foundations.

In response to President Barack Obama's directive to the National Guard to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection on the Southwest border, the 146th sent volunteers as part of the 260-member California National Guard team, Joint Task Force

Sierra. The task force remained in place through the end of 2010.

The wing's Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) deployed to Guam to participate in a joint operation exercise involving multiple states and territories, earning the Guam Commendation Medal. A CERFP incorporates search-and-extraction, decontamination and medical capabilities along with a command-and-control element to pass communication to an incident commander. It is a rapid response team responsible for quick reaction to not only a weapon of mass destruction incident or terrorist attack but also to any potentially hazardous man-made or natural disaster.

As a tribute to the wing's tradition of excellence, the 146th was selected to provide initial and recurring C-130J training to more than 80 Canadian Air Force operations and maintenance personnel. Further the wing hosted international delegations from Kazakhstan and Norway, highlighting aeromedical evacuation and maintenance operations. In addition to its domestic mission responsibilities, the wing also responded to international taskings to countries including Greece, Honduras, Israel and Peru.

With dedicated personnel and experienced leadership, the 146th Airlift Wing continues to be a flag-carrier within the Air National Guard, carrying out missions in training, mobilization readiness, humanitarian and contingency operations.

162nd Combat Communications Group

The 162nd Combat Communications Group continues to lead the state in implementation of Total Force Integration.

Members across the group competed in the 2010 Guardian Challenge competition sponsored by Air Force Space Command. The 162nd took second place in the communications site activation and third place overall, ahead of all other Air National Guard combat communications groups.

In 2010, the 149th of North Highlands, Calif., finished its last year designated as a combat communications squadron. Assigned personnel finished strong by responding to missions vital to our state and nation. "Team 149" supported Air Expeditionary Force, Southwest border, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Exercise Golden Medic and Global Strike missions in 2010.

The 147th Combat Communications Squadron, located in San Diego, earned an "Excellent" rating during its Operational Readiness Inspection. The use of its Eagle Vision satellite imagery system also continued to be a tremendous asset supporting natural disaster response and Air Force exercises, with more than 8,000 images downloaded.

The 148th Satellite Operations Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) maintained 100 percent mission accomplishment on more than 9,000 sorties and successfully transitioned to its new operations floor. The squadron will continue to command and control operational parameters of five current-generation Military Strategic and Tactical Relay (MILSTAR) satellites as well as the upcoming Advanced Extreme High Frequency satellites.

The 216th Operations Support Squadron, also located at Vandenberg AFB, is actively engaged as the first Air National Guard unit providing full-time qualification training and space surveillance courses for active Air Force, Joint and coalition personnel in Space Command and Strategic Command in support of the Joint Space Operations Center. April 2010 marked the unit's second anniversary, and it achieved initial operational



capability in October with more than 100 percent assigned strength.

The 222nd Intelligence Support Squadron, located at Beale AFB, achieved full operational capability and completed another year supporting Total Force Integration. Fifteen personnel were mobilized in place to support the 548th Intelligence Group's efforts as part of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, maintaining equipment and infrastructure for Distributed Common Ground System-2 (DGS-2), which made intelligence processing, exploitation and dissemination possible around the clock.

The 222nd Operations Support Squadron is also fully integrated into the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance community at Beale. Its dedicated Airmen work with their active duty counterparts, maintaining a corporate knowledge base and providing significant percentages of the 548th Intelligence Group's intelligence exploitation capability, evaluator personnel and mission evaluations associated with DGS-2.

As part of Team Beale, the 222nd Communications Maintenance Flight also supported more than 350 RQ-4 Global Hawk operational sorties throughout the globe, which generated more than 75,000 images for deployed warfighters and 3,600 for humanitarian relief following the devastating earth-

quake in Haiti.

The 234th Intelligence Squadron continues to provide direct support to multiple intelligence organizations at Beale AFB. The unit has supported various federal and state missions, including operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, the Southwest border mission, Headquarters Air Force Intelligence Agency support, Deep Water Horizon recovery support and Terminal Fury, a U.S. Pacific Command exercise.

In 2010, the 261st Combat Communications Squadron in Van Nuys, Calif., deployed members to Iraq and Afghanistan. In May and June the unit participated in the Makani Pahili hurricane exercise in Hawaii, providing communications support to civilian emergency operations personnel and Hawaii National Guard leadership. The 261st also conducted training with the active network warfare squadrons at Hickam AFB.

The units of the 162nd also conducted Home-town Heroes celebrations, recognizing members who have deployed since Sept. 11, 2001. In spite of a busy operations and training tempo, deployments and inspections, many members volunteered to support community causes such as the Air Force Sergeants Association, Veterans Administration hospitals, veterans food drives, local youth centers and the Disabled Veterans Association.

163rd Reconnaissance Wing

The 163rd Reconnaissance Wing ended 2010 by surpassing the 50,000-hour mark flying MQ-1 Predator combat support missions and by beginning construction on a new maintenance hangar at the Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA) in Victorville.

The 196th Reconnaissance Squadron continued providing critical combat support to deployed Marine and Army personnel in the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations. The squadron's Predator crews have accumulated the most combat flight hours and experience in the Air National Guard.

The wing's Formal Training Unit (FTU) graduated five classes of Predator pilots and sensor operators in 2010, and it expanded class sizes from 10 to 16 students, for a total of 40 Predator crews. In addition FTU personnel established a Launch and Recovery Element Formal Course, participated in Army Green Flag exercises at Fort Irwin, Calif., and laid the groundwork for future support of Marine Corps exercises at the base in Twentynine Palms, Calif. An Intelligence FTU was also implemented, which will prepare future mission intelligence coordinators.

Maintenance Group productivity was at an all-time high. In the midst of a transition to a newly renovated facility at SCLA, the group

generated 188 sorties for 69 newly qualified Predator air crews. Operationally, 163rd maintainers ensured the wing's three ground control stations were able to log more than 13,000 hours and 874 combat sorties at an astounding 96 percent fully mission-capable rate. The installation of an additional ground control station allowed the FTU to double production of Air Combat Command, Special Operations Command and Air National Guard crews. Five maintenance personnel also deployed to support theater operations, and the Field Training Detachment trained 173 Air Force and Air National Guard maintenance personnel.

The 163rd Medical Group continued to support the medical needs of those supporting wartime missions. During the 147th Combat Communication Squadron's Operational Readiness Inspection, the group provided mobility processing and was instrumental in fulfilling requirements. Members also augmented and supported the inspection team.

The Security Forces Squadron deployed several members to Baghdad for base security and air base ground defense support, and to the California-Mexico border to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Squadron personnel also provided security for the air show on March Air Reserve Base (ARB).

The Civil Engineering Squadron continued progress on major construction projects at March ARB and SCLA in support of Predator operations and training. The squadron also continued hosting the Air National Guard's West Coast Regional Training Site, training more than 1,000 Air and Army National Guard, active duty Air Force and Navy Reserve personnel.

The Logistics Readiness Squadron processed 168 Airmen for mobilization in support of home-station Predator operations, 112 in support of deployed Air Expeditionary Force operations and 64 in support of humanitarian missions in Bosnia and Guatemala.

The Force Support Squadron continued to provide support to the wing, including members mobilized locally in support of Predator operations. The squadron also provided assistance to other military units for readiness, training and fulfilling mission requirements. Seven members deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, for food services support. Others performed duties as security augmentees, Honor Guard members and in support of the Southwest border mission.

The 163rd Communications Flight is committed to providing access to and protection of the "fifth domain," cyberspace. The flight is creating a communications infrastructure that is secure, reliable and sufficiently robust to support all facets of the 163rd Reconnaissance Wing mission.

Community involvement was at an all-time high in 2010. The 163rd hosted or supported 62 tours and speaking engagements. Events included visits from the air forces of Chile, France, Mexico and Pakistan as well as the Israeli Defense Ministry. The wing's community participation included the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, Dr. Seuss National Reading Day Program, Camp Pendleton Mud Run, Los Angeles Marathon, Air Force Marathon, the National Guard Marathon and National Guard biathlon trials.

To wrap up another exceptionally busy and productive year, in November, the Operations Group earned an Excellent rating on its Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation Visit.





California State Military Reserve

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The California State Military Reserve (CSMR) provides a trained, disciplined and ready force of 915 Soldiers and Airmen to the adjutant general to support the California Army and Air National Guard and the Joint Staff. Commanded by Brig. Gen. (CA) Roland L. Candee, the CSMR shares the motto "Always Ready, Always There" with the California National Guard.

The CSMR's forerunner, the California State Guard (CSG), was activated in January 1941. Before World War II was over, more than 75,000 Soldiers had served in the CSG, guarding strategic locations in California and freeing the National Guard and active-duty troops to take on the German and Japanese forces overseas. In addition to thousands of riflemen, the CSG also had aerial and naval components to patrol and defend the state's vast geography.

CSMR Soldiers and Airmen are stationed throughout California in major and subordinate units, and as individual augmentees serving Joint Force Headquarters and CNG units. The largest concentration of CSMR personnel serves Joint Forces Training Base-Los Alamitos (JFTB). There are three CSMR units in Los Alamitos: the Southern Command and its 40th Support Brigade, the Installation Support Command and the Southern Headquarters of the Center for Military History.

The Installation Support Command (ISC) during 2010 provided more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service and support to the installation. The ISC supported the base's Independence Day Spectacular, the Race on the Base, and the Wings, Wheels, Rotors and Expo as well as public safety planning events.

Maj. Gen. John S. Harrel, commander of the California Army National Guard, presented the Army Pistol Qualification Badge to ISC Soldiers in the Security Section, which comprises 26 Soldiers authorized to be armed and perform installation security duty at the JFTB. Soldiers performed more than 3,800 hours of armed security support in 2010.



ISC medical Soldiers augmented the JFTB Fire Department with additional trained medical professionals for events on the installation and assisted in preparing CNG Soldiers for flu vaccinations. The ISC provides 13 CPR and first aid instructors who are certified to train Soldiers and civilians in lifesaving skills. In April, ISC engineers prepared and coordinated a request to remodel a building for the CNG Army Medical Detachment and a building for the Security Forces Detachment.

In Northern California, the 100th Troop Command Support Brigade began the year by assisting the 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion with interrogator support. Twenty-five CSMR Soldiers were used as role-players. In March the 100th staged its first unit-wide planning conference, followed by Citizen's Emergency Response Team training, in which 45 Soldiers earned CERT qualification. In June the 100th completed Phase II of its ongoing search-and-rescue training. The exercise — which included elements from the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Civil Air Patrol and the California National Guard — involved training with transponders and communication equipment to find victims. The 100th also trained and certified more than 70 Soldiers

in the Combat Lifesaver Course, and its Small Arms Training Team qualified more than 600 Soldiers. The 100th also stood up a new medical detachment in Modesto, Calif., which directly supports 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment. The detachment conducts first aid and Combat Lifesaver training and serves as range and field medics.

CSMR Soldiers also deployed during a California disaster exercise in support of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) and participated in the National Guard Bureau BrightEdge technology demonstration at Mather Airfield, Calif., in May.

The California Center for Military History is headquartered in Sacramento, with a Southern Headquarters in Los Alamitos. Historians from the center can be found on Camp Roberts, Calif., and at California military museums and exhibits throughout the state. The center's annual training on Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., in April teaches techniques in military history writing and includes presentations by experts in military history.

The Air component of the CSMR has units

at Channel Islands Air National Guard Base and at Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif., with additional individuals augmenting Air Guard units across the state. All CSMR Airmen have prior Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard experience.

At Channel Islands, the CSMR's 146th Airlift Wing Support Unit supported the deployment to Afghanistan and return of the CNG's 146th Airlift Wing. The support unit provided a land-navigation and weapons-training course for the 146th Security Forces Squadron, and it conducted two days of intensive training in preparation for deployment. Several CSMR Airmen at Channel Islands completed a train-the-trainer course in "Self Aid, Buddy Care," which is similar to the Army's Combat Lifesaver Course. CSMR Airmen also traveled to March Air Reserve Base, Calif., to support the 163rd Reconnaissance Wing, the 146th Air Expeditionary Squadron and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a CERFP mass casualty exercise. CSMR support personnel at Channel Islands also instructed student Airmen in drill and ceremony, small arms training and tactics, Air Force history and military customs.

At Moffett, the 129th Airlift Wing Support Unit provided support for pararescue, chaplain, communications and medical administration operations.

At March Air Reserve Base, the CSMR supported the Air National Guard Security Forces Squadron and sent a training team from Channel Islands to instruct Airmen on drill and ceremony.

Two officers in the CSMR Behavioral Health Division worked full-time on state active duty for the CNG Behavioral Health Office, and two other officers served the Guard as director of psychological health. Additionally, volunteer behavioral health officers and noncommissioned officers contributed a total of 133 duty-days to support CNG Soldier Readiness Processing.

Four behavioral health officers continued the CSMR embed mission, which began in fall 2009 and assigned four officers to assist CNG units requiring post-deployment support. Behavioral health officers also conducted several "Battlemind for Spouses"



Sgt. Thomas B. Leary, right, and Spc. Alexander J. Louie, the California State Military Reserve's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Award winners.

briefings at Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events and offered CNG units a variety of other briefings on topics such as stress management.

The CSMR communications staff provides Incident Commander's Command, Control and Communications Unit (IC4U) management and operations, high-frequency radio installation and monitoring, project management and grant management support to the emergency communications branch, and support to the Facilities Engineering Directorate at Joint Force Headquarters. CSMR personnel also support the CNG's network management activities, its help desk function and its telephone services.

Twelve CSMR chaplains and three chaplain assistants provided direct support to the CNG in 2010, including performing 27 casualty notifications, 27 funerals and 67 Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events and Strong Bonds briefings. CSMR Chaplains provided 329 counseling sessions, 19 hospital visitations and eight suicide interventions, and CSMR personnel contributed about 1,500

volunteer hours to chaplain support of Soldier Readiness Processing at Camp Roberts. The CSMR Chaplain Corps also provided instructors and course materials to train four chaplains and four chaplain assistants with the New Mexico State Guard and two chaplains from the Texas State Guard.

The CSMR operations section is responsible for training CSMR personnel. An Operations and Training Support Element—South was established in 2010 and is now operational. A CSMR Captain's Career Course is being developed along with a Major's Career Course.

CSMR public and civil affairs personnel work closely with their CNG associates. The CSMR participated in the state's Public Affairs Conference in San Diego in May, and a CSMR officer works with the CNG Public Affairs Office on external relations.

CSMR personnel are also trained to support the CNG's Operation Ready Families Program and provide support to units throughout the state in response to deployment needs.

In a unique and groundbreaking project established in 2010 by the Office of the State Judge Advocate, members of the CSMR Judge Advocate General Corps filed cases and appeared in state and federal courts throughout California to represent CNG members against lenders and companies that denied service members their benefits and entitlements. The CSMR JAG Corps has therefore provided access to the court system that is often unavailable to service members because of the expense.

CSMR JAG Corps members, in conjunction with the CNG Government Affairs Office, have been instrumental in conceiving, drafting and working to change the law in California to increase access to the courts for service members who have been denied their rights and benefits. Under Assembly Bill 2365, which was signed by the governor in September, service members can now seek damages, costs and attorney fees from any institution or individual found to have denied benefits. New legislation also enables service members called to active duty — including state active duty — to defer payments on most obligations.



EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) operates programs directed toward employers, employees and communities to ensure understanding of the role of Reserve component members. ESGR encourages development of employer policies and practices to facilitate employee participation in the Reserve components through a network of 4,500 volunteers in 54 local ESGR committees.

The ESGR Ombudsman Program provides third-party assistance and informal mediation services to employers and members of the National Guard and Reserve. It works in conjunction with the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), U.S. Department of Labor. Volunteer members are trained by ESGR and VETS to provide assistance in the resolution of employment conflicts that can result from military membership, training or other service requirements protected under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

ESGR has ombudsman representatives available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-336-4590 to assist employers or military members with employment issues and the law.

www.esgr.org





Missions and Programs

Joint Task Force Sierra

In May, President Barack Obama announced a plan to deploy 1,200 National Guard troops to the Southwest border states to support border security operations. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger then ordered 260 California National Guard members to active duty in support of this mission, and orders began July 16.

Shortly thereafter, waves of California National Guard troops began reporting to Camp Roberts, Calif., and by late July hundreds were in full training mode, preparing for what would be named Joint Task Force Sierra — California's contribution to assisting Customs and Border Protection in securing the U.S.-Mexico border. Three separate waves of Soldiers and Airmen were processed in July and August, making more than 300 troops available for the approximately 250 slots, with a backup reserve pool of personnel.

The deployment primarily called for Soldiers and Airmen to man strategically selected locations along the coast and the border in a direct support role as entry identification teams (EIT). These Guard members act as additional eyes and ears watching for any suspicious activity or illegal incursions, and then report the information via radio to nearby border agents.



A few additional troops were assigned to assist as criminal analysts, working with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in task forces that target tunnel activity, human trafficking and narcotics trafficking.

Joint Task Force Sierra began operational assistance on the border Aug. 23 and was fully operational at all sites by Aug. 29. CNG leadership teamed with Border Patrol agents to review potential scope sites and prioritize

EIT site locations. EIT sites vary from day to day and are dictated by Border Patrol based on border activity.

During the final four months of 2010, the CNG assisted in more than 1,200 apprehensions and contraband discoveries, including more than 50 tons of marijuana found through the Tunnel Task Force in November. Across the four border states, illegal immigration declined 23 percent year-over-year, narcotics seizures increased 16 percent and weapons seizures increased 30 percent, according to Army Maj. Gen. Peter Aylward, special assistant to the chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The CNG's partnership with Border Patrol is a long-standing one, going back more than 20 years with projects stemming from the CNG's Joint Task Force Domestic Support—Counterdrug and projects involving Innovative Readiness Training. Operation Jump Start from June 2006 to August 2008 provided the most recent experience directly related to the border mission; up to 1,500 National Guard personnel served on the border during that mission (California's portion was known as Joint Task Force Vista).

JTF Sierra is scheduled to be a yearlong mission and end in June 2011.



Civil Support Teams

Civil Support Teams (CST) were established by Congress in 1998 to deploy rapidly to assist local incident commanders and first responders in determining the nature and extent of a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)-related terrorist attack or other significant incident;

provide medical and technical advice on WMD-response operations; and help identify and support the arrival of follow-on state and federal military response assets. The primary mission of the 22 Soldiers and Airmen who make up a CST is to support local and state

authorities at domestic chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incident sites by identifying agents and substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures and assisting with requests for additional military support.

9th Civil Support Team

In January 2010, the Anaheim, Calif.-based 9th CST became a strategic-level asset while providing support to Canada on a contingency basis during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia. The CST also supported the 2002 Winter Olympics

in Salt Lake City. During Operation Northern Sentinel in support of the 2010 Olympics, the CST deployed to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., to work under a joint headquarters that included elements of the Washington National Guard and Joint Task Force—Civil Support. Cooperative training during the operation included chemical and biological warfare agent classroom training, a hazardous materials refresher and several drills to ensure the viability of the quick reaction force for the Olympics. The CST operated under both Title 10 and Title 32 commands, and the team worked directly with the



U.S. Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force and the Coast Guard.

In order to maintain operational proficiency and build relationships with first responder communities throughout southern California, the 9th CST participates in multi-agency exercises throughout the year. Examples of these in 2010 included Golden Guardian, Marble Challenge, United Harbors and many others.

The CST also assisted local law enforcement and fire agencies throughout southern California by supporting such events as the Rose Bowl, the Long Beach Grand Prix, the Major League Baseball All-Star Game and the NASCAR AAA 500 and Pepsi 400 races.

95th Civil Support Team

The 95th CST, based in Hayward, Calif., headed to Truckee, Calif., in January for a Joint Field Winter Training Exercise with the Truckee Fire Department. In April the 95th passed inspection with 100 percent scores on all sections, ranking the unit as No. 1 overall nationwide.

In May the unit traveled to Tacoma, Wash., to receive RAD Training. Also in May the team participated in the Golden Guardian exercise at the Port of Redwood City and other locations throughout the San Francisco Bay area. The unit linked up with Nevada and Arizona CSTs in June for a large-scale exercise. The team also supported the Monterey Sheriff's Department during the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament.

In June a small group from the CST supported U.S. Secret Service when Russian President Dmitry Medvedev visited San Francisco. July started off with a change of command ceremony, when Lt. Col. Greg Potter relinquished command to Maj. Zac Delwiche. Soon after, the team deployed to Volk Field, Wisc., to participate in the Patriot full-scale exercise.

In August, Staff Sgt. Michael East of the CST competed in the national Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition held at Fort Benning, Ga. He gained entry in the competition by winning the CNG's NCO of the Year competition in 2009 and the Region 7 competition in April 2010, which included NCOs from eight states and territories. In September the CST successfully completed its external evaluation lanes run by Army North.



Joint Task Force Domestic Support-Counterdrug

This year the California National Guard's Joint Task Force Domestic Support—Counterdrug celebrated its 21st year of successful operations. The task force deploys military personnel and equipment to assist civilian law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations in combating the drug-related threat to the citizens and children of California. With support requests far outpacing its operational capacity, the task force continuously tailors its operations to ensure the governor's and the federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program's prioritized missions are supported to the maximum extent possible.

The task force's effectiveness and interoperability were showcased during Operation Trident, a 21-agency mission dedicated to eradicating drugs, reclaiming land and reducing drug demand across Fresno, Madera and Tulare counties. A total of 189 National Guard personnel supported all three phases of Operation Trident. More than 639,000 illegal marijuana plants were eradicated on public lands alone. In addition, Operation Trident personnel extracted 84,590 pounds of trash, 10,867 pounds of fertilizer and 264 pounds of pesticide from fragile national forests and other public lands. The largest operation of its kind in history, Operation Trident efforts led to the federal prosecution of 75 defendants.

In fiscal year 2010, the National Guard counterdrug program experienced a dramatic increase in drug seizures. Joint Task Force Domestic Support—Counterdrug supported operations that led to the seizure of 8,900 pounds of methamphetamine, 5.9 million marijuana plants, 11,000 pounds of cocaine, 847 pounds of heroin and 56,748 pounds of processed marijuana. Task force support included providing aviation assets for 1,697 flight hours.

The task force's Drug Demand Reduction Program provided more than 1,000 hours of instruction in 2010, reaching 38,000 adults and children in California with a message promoting a positive, drug-free lifestyle. This success was due in part to partnerships that have been established with coalitions statewide such as Forces United, a program that focuses on developing networks of community-based organizations to achieve greater success through a united focus of efforts.

For the first time in the program's 21-year history, leadership gathered all members of the task force from both the northern and southern region commands for an annual conference in Anaheim, Calif., to discuss the recent restructuring of the program, mission priorities, policies, procedures and personnel. The counterdrug coordinator outlined the goals, vision and future of the Joint Task Force Domestic Support—Counterdrug program and how it relates to each member.



The conference was a great opportunity to develop cohesion between regions and it provided a timely platform to plan for the new year with renewed vigor and dedication.

Joint Task Force Domestic Support—Counterdrug was recognized with numerous awards for outstanding support and professionalism in 2010:

- Outstanding Civilian/Military Cooperation, presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Outstanding Treatment or Prevention Efforts, Drug Demand Reduction Initiative, awarded to the Southwest Border HIDTA by the California Border Alliance Group
- Outstanding Task Force Marijuana Eradication Effort, awarded by the Central Valley HIDTA for Operation Save Our Sierras
- Outstanding Marijuana Investigative Effort, Outstanding Task Force, Outstanding Task Force Commander and Outstanding Intelligence Analyst, awarded by the Northern California HIDTA
- DARE Officer of the Year 2009, awarded to 1st Lt. Ruel Fuentes, the first-ever National Guard recipient, by the California DARE Officer's Association
- Outstanding State National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program, awarded by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

While these accomplishments speak volumes about Joint Task Force Domestic Support—Counterdrug, the greatest success is the ever-increasing number of children who have been given the example of choosing a drug-free lifestyle through positive interactions with the California National Guard's outstanding service members.

Youth Programs

Dream. Believe. Achieve.

California National Guard Youth Programs serve California communities and families by concentrating efforts on youths who represent the greatest risk. These programs provide the foundation adolescents need to build better lives for themselves.

Sunburst Youth ChalleNGe Academy

Sunburst Youth ChalleNGe Academy was established in 2007 as a National Guard Youth ChalleNGe program. Serving Southern California youth, Sunburst has proven itself as a dynamic and innovative program that fosters academic excellence, personal growth and valuable life skills for 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts and students at risk of dropping out. The program delivered exceptional service to at-risk youths and earned national recognition as the Most Progressive Academy in the Youth ChalleNGe program, which includes 34 schools nationwide. Working with the Orange County Department of Education, the program provides a comprehensive high school educational . Sunburst is a fully accredited community high school that provides students the opportunity to earn high school credits, a GED credential or accredited high school diploma.

Grizzly Youth ChalleNGe Academy

Grizzly Youth ChalleNGe Academy continues to offer a life-changing experience for 16- to 18-year-old students. The charter school provides many opportunities for academic achievement, including earning high school credit, a diploma or a GED credential or taking the California High School Proficiency Exam. By applying a holistic approach to youth development, Grizzly routinely helps



transform students into more responsible, disciplined and educated youths with better career prospects and improved relations with family and peers. In 2010, Grizzly also created a student art gallery and expanded its counseling through the development of five community partnerships. After completion of the academy's residential phase, 46 percent of graduates applied to college. Post-residential placement rates for two Grizzly classes averaged 91 percent, the highest rate in the nation.

Oakland Military Institute

One-quarter of the graduates from the OMI class of 2010 pursued higher education at University of California colleges, twice the average of public schools statewide and 20 times that of Oakland public schools. The academy earned the prestigious western regional Jefferson Award for Public Service. OMI cadets provided more than 7,000 hours of service to organizations such as the American Red Cross and American Heart Association. Cadets participated in extensive leadership training and a comprehensive personal

fitness development program.

STARBASE

At STARBASE California, 5th grade students from the greater Sacramento area participated in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in science, technology, engineering and math. Students studied Newton's laws and Bernoulli's principle, and learned about the wonders of space and the properties of matter. Technology captivated youths as they used STARBASE computer to design satellite stations, lab modules, unmanned aerial vehicles and submersibles. STARBASE California led the nation in 2010 by serving more than 4,500 students from nine school districts in Sacramento and Placer counties.

Cadet Corps

The California Cadet Corps is a statewide, school-based, applied leadership program conducted within a military framework. As part of their training, cadets provide direct assistance and support to the school and community. Activities include color guards, parades and leadership schools. In addition the California Military Department provides cadets opportunities to participate in statewide competitions, training seminars and awards programs. Although Cadet Corps enrollment incurs no military obligation, alumni currently serve in every branch of the armed forces, National Guard and California State Military Reserve.

"I feel that before Grizzly Academy I had lost my daughter to drugs and alcohol. She had no sense of pride, felt worthless and her self-esteem was non-existent. Grizzly Academy gave her the motivation to push herself forward. She thrived in school and was able to graduate high school a semester early. She has since turned her life around completely. I now have my beautiful daughter back thanks to this wonderful program."

— Anne Barragan, proud parent

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NGB Equal Opportunity Training Workshop

The CNG Equal Opportunity/Equal Employment Opportunity Office (EO/EEO) hosted the annual National Guard Bureau EO/EEO Training Workshop in Garden Grove, Calif., in August and September. More than 325 people responsible for providing equal opportunity to Guard members and federal technicians attended the weeklong meeting. The relationship between EO/EEO requirements and new diversity programs was a key theme, while additional training was provided at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. At the annual Benito Saucedo Jr. Meritorious Service Awards ceremony, the California National Guard received special recognition for its success in Department of Defense Special Emphasis outreach programs during 2010.

Peer-to-Peer training

The California National Guard J1 Peer Support Training Team traveled to Camp Atterbury, Ind., to provide Peer-to-Peer training to the Vermont National Guard's 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team prior to its deployment to Afghanistan. The goal of the training is to provide Guard members the opportunity to receive emotional and tangible peer support through times of personal or professional crises and to anticipate and address potential difficulties. This is a proven approach to help minimize the effects of combat stress. The training in Indiana included 115 Soldiers and personnel from the

National Guard Bureau, Vermont National Guard and Vermont State Police. A Vermont National Guardsman who deployed as the brigade's psychologist is conducting a study of the deployment to provide statistical evidence of the value of the Peer-to-Peer program.

Operation Ready Families

Operation Ready Families was busy in 2010, training volunteers, supporting unit requests and participating in training to support CNG families and service members. The courses, seminars and events offered throughout the state and throughout the year included the Family Readiness Course, Guard Family Management System training, NGB Family Workshop, Senior Spouse and Senior Leaders Conference, Family Assistance Network training, Army Community Service training, Volunteer-Only Course, Marriage Enrichment Seminar, Premarital Interpersonal Choices and Knowledge course, Teen Revolution Program, Youth and Teen Training, Teen Adventure Camp, National Teen Leadership Program, Child and Youth Program Advisory training and the inaugural Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs conference.

CNG Education Assistance Award Program (EAAP)

The EAAP became active Jan. 1, providing a state educational benefit to the members of the California National Guard and State Military Reserve. A total of 268 Soldiers and Airmen participated in the program's inaugural



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger presents a plaque to Sgt. Ryan Anderson of Joint Force Headquarters in Sacramento at the state Capitol on Sept. 8. Anderson was the first student to complete a degree using funds from the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program.

year, and more than \$800,000 was awarded to eligible service members. In a September ceremony at the state Capitol in Sacramento, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recognized Sgt. Ryan Anderson for being the first student to complete a degree using funds from the program. Featuring a user-friendly online application, the CNG EAAP promises to increase the number of participants during the 2010-2011 academic year, its first full school year of operation.

Equal Opportunity Special Emphasis Award Winners

The National Guard Bureau partnered with the Department of Defense to initiate the Special Emphasis Awards program, which recognizes service members and federal civilian employees for exceptional service. Ten CNG members received the recognition in 2010:

Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Orosco
Joint Force Headquarters

Society of American Indian Government Employees Meritorious Service Award

Master Sgt. Krista Hudson
Joint Force Headquarters

African-American History Month Recognition Award

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sandy Andrade
Joint Force Headquarters

Women's History Month Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Role Model Award

Staff Sgt. Leslie Zapata
129th Rescue Wing

National Image Incorporated Meritorious Service Award

Senior Airman Jonathan Bass
146th Airlift Wing

Federal Asian Pacific American Council Military Meritorious Service Award

Maj. James Hall
144th Fighter Wing

NAACP Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award

Capt Leonard Lujan, Jr.
144th Fighter Wing

League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Excellence in Military Service Award

Staff Sgt. Elisa Bernal
Joint Force Headquarters

LULAC Excellence in Military Service Award

Spc. Joaquin Brambila Montero
79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team

National Organization for Mexican American Rights Meritorious Service Award

Staff Sgt. Robert Walker

Wounded Warrior Program

Outstanding Department of Defense Employee with a Disability Award

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Family Assistance Network



The CNG Family Assistance Network (FAN) maintains monthly contact with each family member impacted by deployment and provides appropriate referral assistance. At 24 locations throughout the state, FAN employees are a resource for ID cards, health benefit guidance, emergency financial assistance, and legal and crisis intervention. Think of the FAN as a one-stop shop for any issues related to the military. FAN employees assist National Guard, Reserve and active duty service members, and they are passionate in the assistance and care they provide.



Our Creeds



I am an American Soldier.
I am a Warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.
I will always place the mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.
I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.
I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.
I am an expert and I am a professional.
I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.
I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.
I am an American Soldier.

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage, a tradition of honor, and a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman,
Guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation's sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman:
Wingman, Leader, Warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind.
I will never falter,
and I will not fail.





The Year In Review

January



MG Wade resigns as TAG

Maj. Gen. William H. Wade II announced he would step down after more than four years as adjutant general. After taking the helm in September 2005, Wade started the most comprehensive shift in direction the California National Guard had ever attempted. The Cal Guard needed to shift from a strategic reserve to a globally deployable operational force, long-standing equipment shortfalls had to be addressed, new programs needed to be created to sustain the mental health of service members facing multiple deployments, and family care programs had to be developed and integrated for deploying Soldiers and Airmen. Wade was able to address these concerns and reshape California's National Guard into one of the most effective in the country. In February 2010, he traveled to Italy to serve as deputy chief of staff for operations at Joint Forces Command-Naples, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Response Force.

162nd earns OUA

The 162nd Combat Communications Group won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for its exceptionally meritorious service from Nov. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008. During that time, the group's Airmen spent more than 3,000 man-days supporting operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. At the same time, one combat communications squadron received an "Excellent" grade on its Operation Readiness Inspection and three squadrons received "Outstanding" grades on their Communications Security Inspections.



February



BG Kight leads CNG

Brig. Gen. Mary Kight assumed command of the California National Guard, breaking barriers for minorities and stepping into the shoes of a revered general. Maj. Gen. William H. Wade II relinquished command Feb. 2 during a ceremony at Mather Air Field, Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger then named Kight the new adjutant general, calling her a proven, courageous, loyal and honorable leader. Kight is the first woman to serve as adjutant general of the CNG; she formerly served as its first female assistant adjutant general. She is the first African-American woman to serve as an adjutant general in the United States. Kight joined the Cal Guard in 1984 after serving in the active duty Air Force and the Nebraska Air National Guard.

March



Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs

After more than a year of planning and organizing, two daughters of California National Guardsmen brought teenage girls together from across California on March 12-14. Kaylei Deakin and Moranda Hern unveiled their Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs initiative during The Adjutant General's Symposium on Family Readiness in 2009. The next year, the Sisterhood attracted more than 100 girls to Clovis, Calif., to share their experiences as teenage daughters of service members.

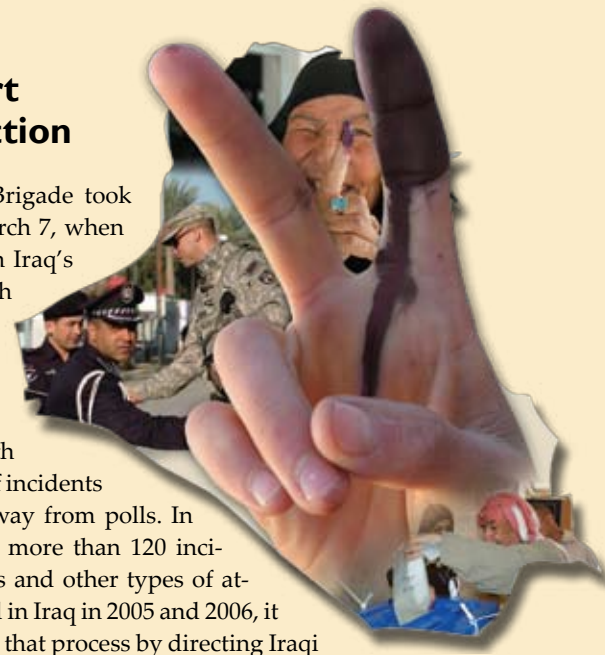
Andrade honored with DOD Role Model Award

For the second year in a row, a CNG member was recognized with a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Role Model Award, which is presented to 10 women each year by the Defense Department. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sandy Andrade received the award March 18 at the Pentagon in recognition of "her demonstrated initiative to bring much needed transportation technology courses to the California Army National Guard."



49th MPs support historic Iraq election

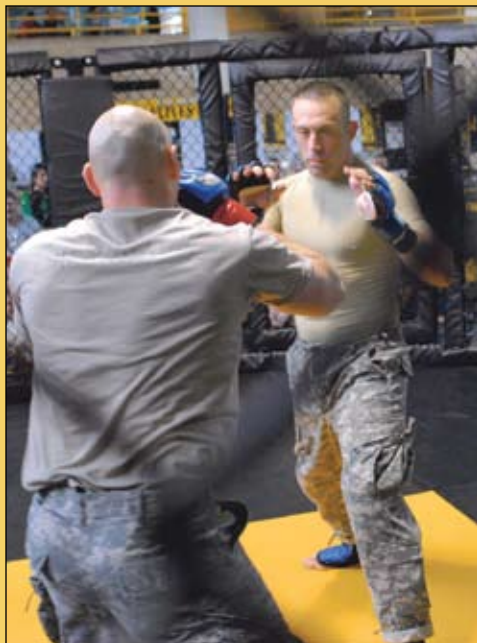
The 49th Military Police Brigade took part in a historic effort March 7, when millions of people voted in Iraq's national election. The 49th sent Soldiers into Baghdad to assist Iraqi police with various security operations. And like the voters, the Iraqi police and the 49th Soldiers braved a barrage of incidents intended to keep voters away from polls. In Baghdad alone there were more than 120 incidents, including explosions and other types of attacks. When the 49th served in Iraq in 2005 and 2006, it was strongly involved with that process by directing Iraqi police. In 2010, however, the 49th was in a supporting role. It observed and provided advice but let the Iraqis run their own operation.



Haskins named assistant adjutant general

Brig. Gen. Mary Kight, the adjutant general of the California National Guard, selected then-Colonel Lawrence A. Haskins to serve as the assistant adjutant general. Kight served in that role until she was sworn in as adjutant general in February. Haskins was promoted to brigadier general in May. Preceding his appointment as assistant adjutant general, Haskins served as chief of staff, California Army National Guard, and as assistant division commander, support, 40th Infantry Division.

April



CNG Soldier wins combatives tourney

Staff Sgt. Steven Elliot of the California National Guard won first place in the cruiser-weight division at the third annual Army National Guard Combatives Tournament on Fort Benning, Ga. Elliot forced a first-round submission to win the championship. A total of 97 Soldiers competed in seven weight classifications during the two-day event.



'Dragon Slayers' deploy

More than 300 "Dragon Slayers" of the 224th Sustainment Brigade departed for Fort Hood, Texas, where the Soldiers completed six weeks of training before deploying for a yearlong tour in Iraq. From Iraq's southern port of Basra to the northern border with Syria, the 224th was responsible for managing supplies, transportation and maintenance support for nearly two-thirds of the coalition's area of operation in Iraq.



TAG visits troops in Iraq

Brig. Gen. Mary Kight visited Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 49th Military Police Brigade, on Camp Victory, Iraq, to confer with Soldiers and Airmen. Kight, the adjutant general of the California National Guard, said she wanted to meet the deployed CNG members and give them a chance to question her and voice their concerns. The Fairfield, Calif.-based HHC had been in Iraq since October 2009. Kight also met with Soldiers of the CNG's 223rd Financial Management Detachment and Airmen of the 163rd Reconnaissance Wing who were deployed to Iraq.



CNG prepares for fire season

CNG units began training for the annual fire season, dropping loads of water from helicopters and planes during exercises in California and South Carolina. The 146th Airlift Wing performed its weeklong annual training and certification with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) in South Carolina alongside nearly 400 Air National Guard and U.S. Forest Service personnel from around the country. MAFFS, which is loaded onto a C-130 plane, is capable of dropping up to 3,000 gallons of fire retardant or water on wildfires. Meanwhile, eight CNG helicopter crews trained in April with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The CNG's UH-60 Black Hawk and Pave Hawk helicopters can drop 660 gallons of water per bucket, while its CH-47 Chinook helicopters can deliver 2,000 gallons of water.

SSG East wins Region 7

Staff Sgt. Michael East of the CNG's 95th Civil Support Team took top honors at the 2010 Army National Guard Region 7 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition in April, besting NCOs from seven other states and territories. East gained entry in the competition by winning the California Army National Guard's NCO of the Year competition in October 2009. Pfc. Joaquin Brambila Montero won the CNG's Soldier of the Year competition in October and earned a berth in the Region 7 Soldier of the Year competition, which was held concurrently with the NCO of the Year contest. With his victory, East moved on to the national Best Warrior Competition.



Learning Arabic in Los Alamitos

Soldiers of the 250th Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion hosted a two-week Arabic language immersion course on Joint Forces Training Base-Los Alamitos, which drastically cut training costs while exceeding training goals. The course served as an alternative to various federal language schools around the country that run 30- to 180-day training cycles. The CNG saved money by using the lodging, classroom and catering facilities on JFTB-Los Alamitos instead. Seven student linguists attended the inaugural course. In addition to CNG Soldiers, Georgia, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Virginia National Guard members participated.

May



670th MPs return from Afghanistan

In May, 175 Soldiers of the 670th Military Police Company returned from a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. Among other duties, the 670th stood up elements of the new Detention Facility in Parwan while also providing security at the facility's predecessor, Bagram Theater Internment Facility.

June

CA launches Op Welcome Home

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger launched Operation Welcome Home, a first-in-the-nation, statewide campaign to connect every returning veteran with the services they need to transition successfully from the battlefield to the home front. This operation will break down barriers and allow veterans straightforward and easy access to benefits and services including employment assistance, education opportunities, housing assistance, health care needs and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. Schwarzenegger appointed Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Nelan to be executive director of the program. Nelan is the assistant adjutant general, Army Division, California National Guard. As part of Operation Welcome Home, the governor introduced the California Veteran Corps, 325 veterans hired to directly contact each of California's returning veterans at least three times in the first six months of separation from active duty.



Medevac team earns top awards

Combat medic Staff Sgt. Emmett Spraktes was presented the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest award for valor, and three members of his crew from Company C, 1-168th General Support Aviation Battalion, received the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device in recognition of heroic actions in Afghanistan in 2009. Spraktes, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brandon Erdmann, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Scott St. Aubin and Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Gifford rescued five patients from a firefight in the Pech River Valley despite heavy incoming fire during a mission that also earned the crew the Army Aviation Association of America's Air/Sea Rescue Award for 2010. Erdmann is a member of the Wyoming National Guard who served with the California National Guard's Company C, 1-168th GSAB, in Afghanistan.

CNG youth academy is nation's most progressive

The Sunburst Youth ChalleNGe Academy in Los Alamitos, Calif., was named the most progressive Youth ChalleNGe academy nationwide in 2010, the first year it was eligible for an award. Sunburst, the newest of two California academies, was recognized for its use of technology and for catapulting its cadets successfully into the future. There are 32 Youth ChalleNGe academies nationwide. Sunburst, which was established in 2007, is a 5 ½-month, residential, military-style school to help troubled students earn high school credits while developing leadership skills and self-esteem.



July



49th MPs complete police training mission

The 49th Military Police Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company furled its colors July 27 in Iraq and ended its nationwide police training mission. The 49th was the last brigade to have responsibility for training Iraqi officers at more than 1,200 police stations; training of Iraqi police was decentralized upon the HHC's departure. The HHC performed a similar police training mission in 2005 and 2006. Also during its recent deployment, the 49th held administrative responsibility for Cropper Theater Internment Facility, a 1,600-detainee facility that received \$48 million in new infrastructure and was then transferred to Iraqi officials.



A growing problem

The California National Guard's Joint Task Force Domestic Support—Counterdrug joined more than 21 federal, state and local agencies in July to eradicate illegally grown marijuana on public lands in Fresno, Madera and Tulare counties, reclaim the damaged forest and educate youths about positive choices and a drug-free lifestyle. Operation Trident Operation Trident resulted in more than 100 arrests and the seizure of nearly 500,000 marijuana plants with a street value of about \$1.7 billion. Authorities also reclaimed 303 acres of public land that had been used for the illegal operations.

August

ADT returns

The 40th Infantry Division returned its 63-member Agribusiness Development Team from Afghanistan after spending a year helping Afghan farmers increase crop yield and treat livestock. In addition to educating farmers about farming techniques and setting up a demonstration farm, the team held 15 events to vaccinate animals, often treating more than 1,000 in a day.



Predator Milestone

The 163rd Reconnaissance Wing continued performing as a trailblazer for the Air National Guard's unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) mission, surpassing 50,000 flying hours in the MQ-1 Predator UAV. The 50,000 hours includes 1,383 training hours flown by the 163rd's Predator Formal Training Unit, which stood up in March 2009 and has trained more than 60 active duty and Air National Guard Predator crews. In November 2006, the 163rd became the first Air National Guard unit to receive a UAV mission.

September



CNG supports Southwest border mission

About 260 CNG troops deployed to the California-Mexico border to support Customs and Border Protection. The deployment supported a plan presented by President Barack Obama in May to send 1,200 National Guard troops to the national border in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California to combat illicit networks trafficking in people, drugs, illegal weapons and money.



CA provides education benefit

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger presented a plaque to Sgt. Ryan Anderson of Joint Force Headquarters on Sept. 8 for being the first student to complete a degree using funds from the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (EAAP). Anderson used a grant from the EAAP to complete his Master of Arts in Education from the University of California, Davis. He is one of 253 service members who received money for school through the EAAP during 2010, the first year of the new education assistance program. In total, they received about \$820,000.

October

BG Antonetti steps down

Brig. Gen. Louis J. Antonetti retired after 39 years of distinguished service that included command of the California Army National Guard. At the time of his retirement, Antonetti was the deputy adjutant general, resource services division. Prior to accepting that position, Antonetti served as director of plans, operations and security for the California Military Department. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal. Maj. Gen. John S. Harrel succeeded Antonetti as commander of the California Army National Guard and as deputy adjutant general.





New CA laws benefit service members

The California Military Department helped spur the passage of several state bills to benefit service members. Among the most noteworthy, AB 2365 ensures a deploying service member can recover damages, attorney fees and court costs if a mortgage lender fails to grant a loan deferment, as is required by law. Additionally, SB 1075 requires colleges to assist service members in making up coursework missed because of military service.



Meritorious cavalry unit

After more than four years, 1st Squadron, 18th Cavalry Regiment, was recognized with a Meritorious Unit Commendation for exceptional performance of its security operations mission in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 2005 and 2006. The squadron's primary duty was to keep Camp Delta safe and secure and to ensure all detainees were treated fairly and humanely.

November



MG Lucas steps down

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Lucas relinquished command of the California Air National Guard and retired Nov. 30. He had served as commander since September 2004. Brig. Gen. Mary Kight, the adjutant general of the California National Guard, now also serves as commander of the California Air National Guard. Lucas had also served as chief of staff and assistant adjutant general—Air prior to taking command of the California Air National Guard in 2004.

December



Schwarzenegger makes way for Gov. Jerry Brown

The CNG closed out 2010 by presenting the California Legion of Merit to outgoing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in recognition of his outstanding efforts to support the California National Guard. CNG leadership also began preparing for a new commander in chief, Gov. Jerry Brown, who previously served as governor from 1975 to 1983.



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