# MICHIGAN

#### DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### **EXERCISE NORTHERN STRIKE 2024**

Michigan National Guard innovates to meet the challenges of today

#### **MOTOR CITY 2024**

Michigan invests in its people hosting first combined National Guard Association of the United States and Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States annual conferences

#### STATE PARTNERSHIP GROWS

Sierra Leone joins Latvia and Liberia as Michigan's newest partner

#### **ARMORY IMPROVEMENTS**

Facility updates across the state improve readiness

#### **UPDATES FROM**

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Michigan Veterans Homes Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy Michigan Air National Guard Michigan Army National Guard



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

### FROM THE DIRECTOR



Governor Whitmer,

This has been a transformational year for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and contributions of our soldiers and airmen have been instrumental in our success.

Michigan had the privilege of hosting the first combined annual conferences for the National Guard Association of the United States and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States this past August in Detroit. Motor City 2024 welcomed more than 5,000 attendees from all over the world and allowed us to highlight Michigan's efforts working with industry and academia to continue building our readiness for serving here at home and abroad.

We also welcomed a new partner nation to the State Partnership Program this past September. Joining Latvia and Liberia, Sierra Leone became our newest partner during a formal ceremony in their nation's capital, Freetown. We already have events on the calendar for 2025 and beyond to mutually benefit the growth of both partners. Earlier this year, Michigan National Guard members traveled to Liberia to assist with preparation for their Non-Commissioned Officer Academy including instructor assessments. Latvian Zemessardze soldiers joined Michigan engineers during their annual training this summer, where they participated in construction and command post exercises.

Throughout 2024, the MING answered the call around the globe with soldiers and airmen mobilized across the United States, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Just this fall, we mobilized service members to assist our fellow Guardsmen in North Carolina and Florida, providing critical personnel and equipment support to their ongoing hurricane relief missions.

Michigan has not sat idly by as advances in technology and information continue to change the world. We continue to invest in the development of our personnel and seek innovative technologies that will make us successful in the multi-domain warfight. The Exercise Northern Strike series grew again in its 12th year, incorporating innovative technology including a simulated Base Defense Operations Center. For the first time, service members also had the opportunity to train with a focus on homeland defense against realistic and challenging threats. Relationships with departments such as the newly established Michigan Office of Defense and Aerospace Innovation will be instrumental in promoting the full potential of Exercise Northern Strike and our military training facilities in 2025.

We also continue to invest in our people every day. This year we made large-scale improvements to a number of our armories and installations across the state to better meet the training and readiness of our men and women. We also saw promotions of several senior leaders in our organization, who I know will carry this momentum into 2025.

The DMVA remains committed to our mission of giving back to veterans and their communities. This year, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency administered more than \$13.8 million of grant funding in support of veteran suicide prevention and \$1.7 million in direct assistance using the Michigan Veteran Trust Fund. Meanwhile, the Michigan Veterans Homes team worked in conjunction with state legislators to secure resources needed to relocate and update the D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Home in Marquette.

Every effort we made and every milestone we achieved supported the 'Member for Life' concept that is at the heart of the DMVA. I am incredibly grateful for all of our men and women and eager to see what awaits us in 2025.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. ROGERS

Major General, MING

The Adjutant General and

Director of the Michigan DMVA

# WHO WE ARE



#### **Center of Performance Excellence**

A collaborative organization that provides ever-improving values to its stakeholders and achieves sustained organizational effectiveness.



#### **Leaders in Innovative Solutions**

A leader driving innovation through Michigan's unique assets.



#### **Providers of Exceptional Service**

A team of devoted public servants committed to its mission, continuous improvement and solving future challenges.



#### **Workplace of Choice**

A department that values its team members, demonstrates commitment to individual and organizational development, and sustains loyalty and pride across the team.



#### **Cornerstones of our Communities**

Dedicated Michigan citizens invested as life-long partners in building thriving communities.

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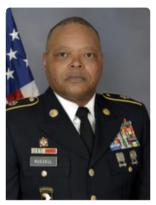
### **LEADERSHIP**



Governor Gretchen Whitmer Commander-in-Chief



Major General Paul D. Rogers Director and Adjutant General



Command Sergeant Major William W. Russell III Senior Enlisted Leader



Chief Warrant Officer 5
Allen C. Robinson Jr.
Command Chief Warrant Officer



**Brian Love**Director
Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency



**Michael Price** Senior Deputy Director DMVA State Operations



Anne Zerbe
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
Michigan Veteran Homes

The Michigan DMVA resides in the State of Michigan's Executive Branch. The Department Director sits on the Governor's Cabinet and serves as The Adjutant General. The DMVA consists of State Operations, Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, Michigan Veteran Homes, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and the Michigan National Guard.

# **LEADERSHIP**





Brigadier General Ravindra V. Wagh Michigan Army National Guard Commander Assistant Adjutant General - Army



Command Sergeant Major Matthew L. Hopkins Senior Enlisted Leader Michigan Army National Guard



Brigadier General Daniel J. Kramer II Michigan Air National Guard Commander Assistant Adjutant General - Air



Chief Master Sergeant Jenny R. Balabuch Senior Enlisted Leader Michigan Air National Guard



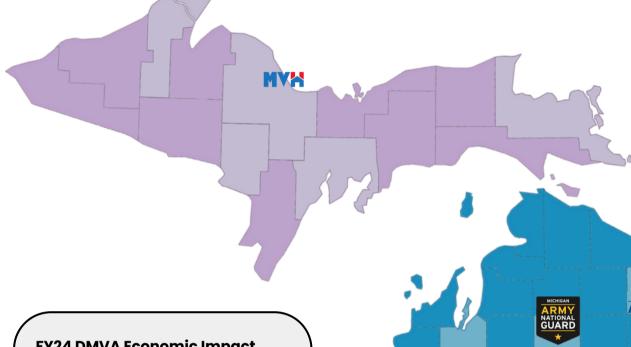


**Brigadier General Scott L. Meyers**Assistant Adjutant General - Initiatives

# DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



# ECONOMIC IMPACT



#### FY24 DMVA Economic Impact \$1.09 billion

#### **PAY & ALLOWANCES**

\$384.8 million

#### **PERSONNEL: 10,898**

Michigan Army National Guard Michigan Air National Guard Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Michigan Veteran Homes

#### **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Veteran Population: 516,758 Percent Receiving Benefits: 24.60% VA Compensation: \$3.24 billion VA Investment: \$3.07 billion Veteran Homes: 3

#### **INTERNAL PROGRAMS**

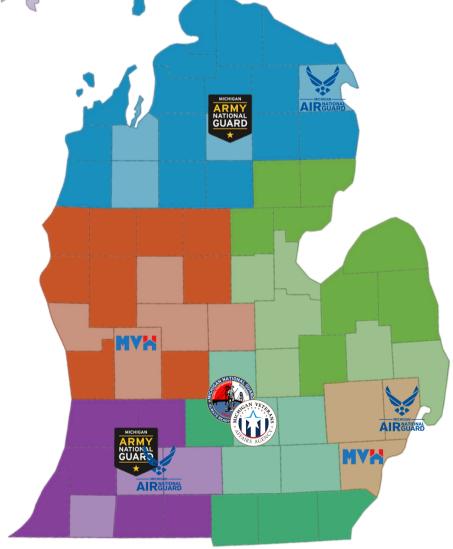
Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy Job Challenge

#### **NATIONAL EXERCISES**

Exercise Northern Strike Exercise Northern Exposure

#### **READINESS CENTERS & INSTALLATIONS**

Readiness Centers: 39 Installations: 5



### MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is the central coordinating agency for the state, providing support, care, advocacy and service to more than 516,000 veterans and their families. The MVAA also seeks to make Michigan a destination that veterans and their families choose to live, raise a family, work, retire and play.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS & OUTREACH**

- Created partnership with Michigan Economic Development Corporation to expand opportunities for Michigan employers to reach veterans nationally.
- Featured on the nationally-broadcast Military Makeover Operation Career program.
- Traveled the state to pin more than 250 Vietnam-era veterans with the Vietnam Veteran Recognition Lapel Pin.
- Expanded partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, including advertising in the DNR Digest and adding 988 Crisis Line info to fishing and hunting licenses.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE PREVENTION**

- Established MVAA's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention team in January 2024, integrating multiple programs for a comprehensive approach.
- Continued the Staff Sgt. Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant for the third year, adding \$750,000 for suicide prevention efforts and seeing a 400% increase in cases over FY23.
- MVAA's Mental Health First Aid training in May 2024 equipped all DMVA staff to address suicide prevention and connect those in need with the right resources.







# MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY

#### **HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING SUPPORT**

Increased the Homelessness Prevention Grant by \$500,000, offering up to \$250,000 per grantee for housing resources. The Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center handled 28,000+ cases and spent more than 2,070 hours on the phone helping veterans secure their earned benefits.

#### **VETERAN-FRIENDLY EMPLOYER & SCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

- Secured new employers and level upgrades for the Veteran-Friendly Employer program, adding Gold level partners like the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, Securatech, United Wholesale Mortgage and Steelcase.
- Expanded the VFE program to 179 employers.
- Grew the Veteran-Friendly Schools program to 62 active schools, including 44 gold, 16 silver and 2 bronze schools across Michigan.

#### **COMMUNITY & HEALTH INITIATIVES:**

- Partnered with Delta Dental and My Community Dental Clinics of Michigan to support veteran dental health through grants.
- Developed Military Cultural Awareness Training in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services.
- Organized Michigan's first-ever Veterans Harm Reduction Summit, exploring the link between medication and veteran suicide, with more events planned for 2025.

#### **VETERAN ENGAGEMENT & BENEFITS RECOVERY:**

- Expanded the staff of Veteran Engagement Officers from 6 to 11, ensuring that each of Michigan's 10 Prosperity Regions had dedicated support for veterans.
- Veteran Service Officers recovered more than \$2 million in benefits for 147 veterans and their families despite staffing challenges.



# MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES



Michigan Veteran Homes is proud to continue its 135+ year tradition of providing exceptional long-term care for veterans. With locations in Grand Rapids, Marquette, and Chesterfield Township, MVH delivers nation-leading care to enhance the well-being of veterans and their families. Exciting developments include the ongoing construction of a \$96 million veteran home in the Upper Peninsula and a facility expansion in Grand Rapids to improve services and infrastructure.

#### **IMPACT AND PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS**

- Days of Care Delivered: 126,742
- Unique Members Served: 455
- Admissions: 68
- MVH continues work to replace the existing MVH D.J. Jacobetti building with a new \$96 million veteran home in the Upper Peninsula.
- MVH broke ground on an addition at the MVH at Grand Rapids home that will house the on-site pharmacy, laundry, and business offices.

#### MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES AT GRAND RAPIDS

- Capacity: 128
- Member's served in FY24: 158

#### At a Glance

MVHGR has been providing care and quality of life to veterans and their loved ones on the same campus in northeast Grand Rapids since the 1880s. FY24 saw that proud tradition continue. MVHGR currently has a 5-star quality rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

#### MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES D.J. JACOBETTI

- Capacity: 126
- Members served in FY24: 144

#### At a Glance

MVHDJJ has been providing care and quality of life to veterans and their loved ones north of the bridge for more than four decades: a proud tradition in excellence that continued through FY24. With state and federal funding, more than \$96 million has been appropriated to replace the MVHDJJ facility with a brand-new Veterans Home in the Upper Peninsula.

#### MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES AT CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP

- Capacity: 128
- Member's served in FY24: 153

#### At a Glance

MVHCT opened in 2021 as the first presence of MVH in southeast Michigan. Positioning themselves as a strong community partner and developing a reputation for outstanding care and quality of life veterans, MVHCT has a 5-star quality rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.











State Operations is a vital enabler for the Michigan Army National Guard, Michigan Air National Guard, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, and Michigan Veteran Homes. It oversees programs such as Youth Challenge, Job Challenge, the MING State Tuition Assistance Program, and the Military Family Relief Fund.

As a division of the DMVA, State Operations includes financial services and the ChalleNGe Academy. Financial services is composed of budget, procurement, and IT teams. DMVA's budget team manages budget development, federal agreements, tuition assistance, the Family Relief Fund, armory rentals, travel, training, and inventory. Procurement oversees purchasing, contracts, procurement cards, fleet management, and logistics for state active duty. The IT section, established in 2021, handles privacy, security, project management, and governance.

#### STATE OPERATIONS IMPACT

#### FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

- Payroll Received: \$104.2 million
- Construction, Services, Support and Maintenance Received: \$152.1 million

#### **PROCUREMENT**

- Executed \$69.5 million in purchases
- Managed \$43.1 million in DMVA Master Contracts
- Executed \$32.2 million in Michigan
   Department of Technology, Management
   & Budget master contracts including
   security and food services
- Managed 170 fleet vehicles
- Managed DMVA Procurement Card program representing 6,291 transactions by 172 cardholders expending \$2.7 million

# MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tuition and Fees: \$6.3 million

• Service Members: 1,222

• Dependents: 213



# MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY PROVIDING PURPOSE

PROVIDING PURPOSE AND DIRECTION

The Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy educates, trains, and mentors at-risk youth in a quasi-military environment at no cost to participants, giving young people the skills to become productive and responsible citizens. Applying the military model to alternative education, the Academy promotes competency development through academic opportunities, life skills, and vocational preparation. Graduates of the MYCA are eligible for the Michigan Job ChalleNGe.

The program focuses on career preparation and provides opportunities for academic accreditation. Both the MYCA and Michigan Job ChalleNGe Program are free to participants and there is no requirement for military obligation. In 2024, the MYCA celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary and graduated its fiftieth class.

#### YOUTH CHALLENGE

- Total Graduates through 50 classes: 4,986
- Graduates FY24: 236
- High School Diplomas Earned: 195
- Returning to High School: 41
- Community Service Hours: 10,998
- Number Entering Job Challenge: 111

#### JOB CHALLENGE

- Total Graduates to Date: 738
- FY24 Graduates: 111
- Total College Credits: 408
- Community Service Hours: 1,814
- Trade Certificates: FANUC, Drone, EMT, Nova Space, NCCER, Restaurant Management, Fork Lift
- High School Diplomas Earned: 7

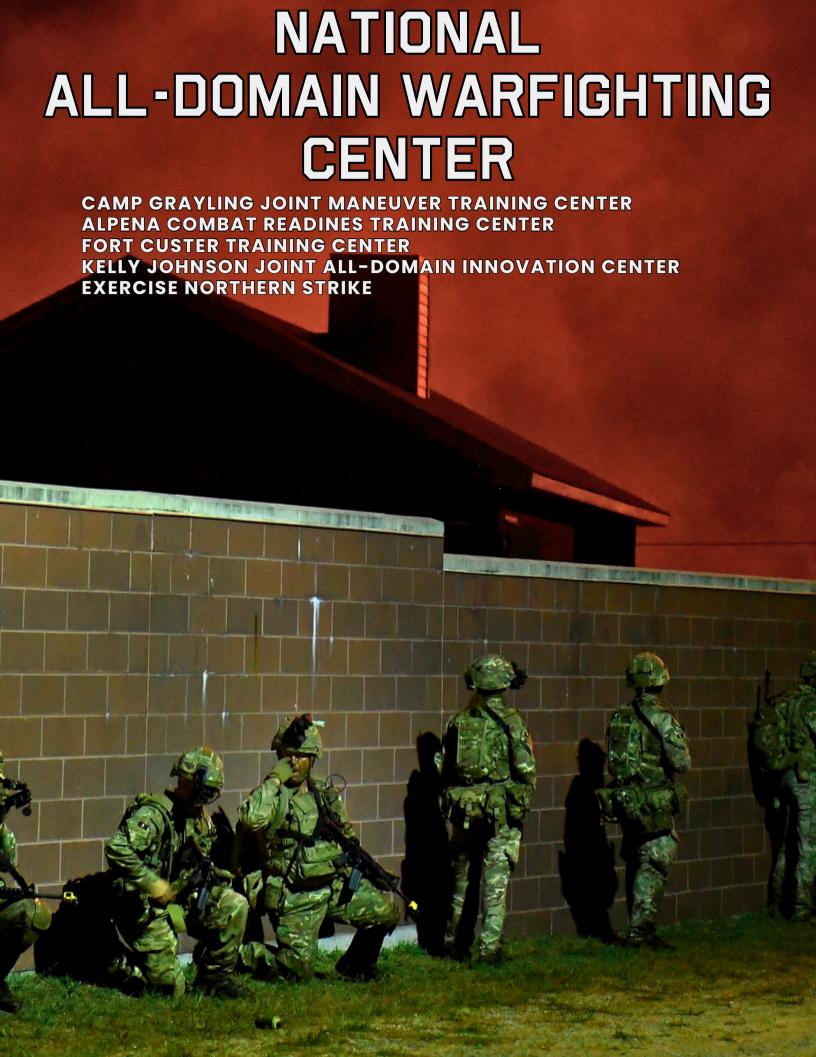
#### **The Eight Core Components**

- Academic Excellence
- Physical Fitness
- Job Skills
- Responsible Citizenship
- Leadership and Followership
- Service to Community
- Health and Hygiene
- Life Coping Skills









# NATIONAL ALL-DOMAIN WARFIGHTING CENTER

NADWC

The NADWC includes the nearly 148,000 acres of training space at the Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center and 17,000 square miles of special use military airspace at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. The area offers training for entities across the Department of Defense to prepare for the battlefield of the future. The NADWC provides units with training capabilities across all five warfighting domains.

**Land** - Camp Grayling is a leader in providing efficient, unparalleled, customer-focused service and the highest level of modern training. It offers a unique combination of resources that provide a wide variety of training scenarios to meet unit readiness requirements. Large artillery, mortar, tank ranges, and maneuver courses are among the highlights available for visiting units.

**Air** - The airspace, which extends over a portion of Lake Huron, is supported by three Michigan Air National Guard installations: the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, and Selfridge Air National Guard Base. These air bases provide air-to-air maneuver capabilities, long-range precision fires, premier command and control capabilities, and close air support for ground forces training at Camp Grayling.

**Maritime** - Partially located on Lake Huron, the NADWC offers units the opportunity to train on, around, and above our nation's second-largest lake and one of the largest freshwater bodies of water in the world. When paired with Lake Margrethe on Camp Grayling, units can accomplish a range of maritime and littoral training objectives.

**Cyberspace** - With combined assets from across the state, the NADWC also has the ability to host live cyber attack and defense exercises. For kinetic units, the training area can simulate electronic warfare and replicate a contested environment using joint threat emitters.

**Space** - Through partnership with industry, visiting units have access to space-based intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for a near real-time picture of the battlefield. As the growing space and near space industry continues expansion in Michigan, there are plans for further space integration in the training environment.





# CAMP GRAYLING JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER

CGJMTC

Garrison Commander: COL Lucas Lanczy Garrison Command Sergeant Major: CSM Stephen Young

> Camp Grayling is the largest National Guard training facility in the U.S. and the seventhlargest Army installation in the Continental United States. Located in northern Michigan, it spans 148,000 acres of four-season training lands including a 13,000 acres cantonment area with 431 support facilities and the Grayling Army Airfield, 130 square miles of restricted airspace, and extensive electromagnetic spectrum for electronic warfare. The facility employs 75 state employees, 40 federal technicians, 14 Active Guard Reserve, seven seasonal staff, 231 drilling soldiers, and six contractors. Camp Grayling supports Northern Strike exercises, National Guard training, state annual training, civilian first responder training, environmental training, and more, living up to its motto: "Dominate - All Domains!"

#### **MILITARY VALUE**

- Four-season training venue
- Modern range & training complex
- Rail & air capabilities
- Multi-component support and training
- On-site USO, AAFES, and MWR programs Experienced workforce/great work ethic
- Strong community support
- Industry and military research and development DEERS/RAPIDS Location

#### **FY24 TRAINING POPULATION**

- Total: 274,687
- Active Component: 15,194
- Reserve Component: 238,885 International Partners: 17,525
- Civilian First Responders: 3,083

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A ribbon cutting was conducted October 27, 2024 for the updated armory on the Grayling Army Airfield, a \$3.1 million project (\$700,000 in state funding and \$2.4 million in federal funding). This project maximized existing infrastructure and reclaimed space to focus on addressing shortfalls with women soldiers' facilities by providing adequate latrines, showers and a lactation room. The project corrected issues of accessibility and functionality with proper storage and modernized the armory with updated HVAC, electrical and plumbing.
- Exercise Northern Exposure 2024 hosted the first combined military and civilian mass casualty training event on Camp Grayling including the MING Quick Reaction Force, installation staff, and first responders from across Crawford, Otsego, Cheboygan, and Roscommon counties.

ECONOMIC IMPACT				
Workforce Payroll	\$10,584,476.89			
State (State of Michigan Employees)	\$6,664,565.89			
Federal (Active Military, Military Technicians, DA Civilians, Contractors)	\$3,919,911.00			
State Expenditures (Operating Costs, New Construction, Repairs/Renovations)	\$6,281,516.41			
Federal Expenditures (Operating Costs, New Construction, Repairs/Renovations)	\$24,360,000.00			
Estimated Soldier Spending in Community	\$8,240,610.00			
Total Estimated Impact	49,466,603.30			

### CAMP GRAYLING JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER CGJMTC

**USO MICHIGAN CAMP GRAYLING** 

 2024 was the third summer supporting service members training at Camp Grayling
Joint Maneuver Center. The impact of the USO continues to grow year-over-year from
9,000 service instances in 2022 to 22,000 service instances in 2023 to nearly 23,000 service instances in 2024.

This summer also marked the grand opening of the renovated USO Center and new outdoor pavilion through the work of the Lowe's Hometown Grant and the Camp Grayling Department of Public Works. The USO, Lowe's, and DPW gave the building a much-needed facelift with new paint, décor, and furniture. A pavilion with outdoor kitchen was also built adjacent to the Center to accommodate and support more

service members.

service members.
Service members loved the new look of the Center and to use the pavilion while visiting the USO this summer. With the addition of the pavilion, the USO was able to increase programming outdoors to host programs such as "Double Dogs" with USO canine therapy dogs, more cookouts with yard games such as axe throwing, outdoor movie nights, tie-dye night, and a line dancing class. The USO also hosted two base-wide events including the End of Training Talent Show featuring The Stranded Hobos and Military Appreciation Night featuring The J Hawkins Band. In addition to the support provided through the USO Center and events, during peak training periods, the USO also supported service members in the field. In June, one of the Mobile USO Centers visited for June Annual Training, and in August, both came out to support service members training in Exercise Northern Strike 2024.
None of what the USO does would be possible without the support of their volunteers. The USO has nearly 30 community members who support the mission of the USO at Camp Grayling. USO volunteers help keep the Center open 7-days a week for peak training periods and 5-days a week throughout the remainder of the summer. The USO Camp Grayling Center will re-open for the season in May 2025. To stay up to date on all things USO in Michigan, follow them on Facebook and Instagram at USO Michigan.

Michigan.







# CAMP GRAYLING JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER

CGJMTC

#### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Camp Grayling is well known for its excellent customer service and community relations. Listed below are some of the top accomplishments in 2024:

- Hosted the first ever Drone Light Show downtown Grayling where over 4,000 people came to watch, bringing tons of business to the area on a slow winter mid-week evening. More than 100,000 viewers tuned in to watch the live feed from around the world.
- Hosted the first ever U.S. Navy Blue Angels Mobile Aircraft Arresting System test landing in preparation for the National Cherry Festival Air Show.
- Hosted the inaugural Boots on the Ground Fallen Heroes Memorial in collaboration with MIARNG and Survivor Outreach Services Team.
- Hosted or attended over 60 community events along with attended monthly township, rotary, veteran coffees, chamber and other local meetings.
- Monthly tours of cantonment along with Air-to-Ground Range where visitors could view the A-10s. An MSU Spartan bus tour with over 70 faculty also visited in October.
- Camp Grayling, along with the National Guard Association of Michigan, hosted their third Annual Kentucky Derby Gala where they raised over \$30,000 for the Guardian Angel Medical Service Dogs and \$5,000 at the Northern Strike 5k to benefit the Wellness and Recreation Program and the National Guard Association of Michigan Leadership Scholarship.
- Annually Camp Grayling partners with the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner where they feed more than 1,000 local community members, military and veterans.
- With USO support, hosted a Military Appreciation Night and Talent Show during State AT and Northern Strike.
- Community and followers are kept up to date via local radio, email, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.









# ALPENA COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER

ACRTC

Commander: Col Michael Whitefoot Senior Enlisted Advisor: CMSqt Jeremy Wohlford

The Alpena CRTC provides premier training support, facilities, instruction, and airspace to Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, coalition, and emergency responders to meet the mission requirements of combatant commanders and civil authorities.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed \$60 million repair of primary joint use airfield runway.
- Supported Latvian National Armed Forces to accommodate Baltic Air Police missions and assisted with scramble procedures. Provided sUAS administrative guidance to Latvian pilots allowing them to fly in Latvian controlled airspace.
- Transported all equipment for three Agile Combat Exercise training locations.
- Supported over 1,350 training sorties with fuel, munitions, air traffic control, and safety.
- Supported 531 hours of range time for 16 units employing over \$2.7 million in munitions.
- ACRTC Fire Department responded to 255 emergency calls including 83 EMS, 74
   Structural, 14 ARFF incidents, two HAZMAT (one Class One aircraft spill), and 82 fire alarms, protecting not only the installation but the local community that services 14 mutual aid agreements.
- Participated in and supported training units throughout Exercise Northern Strike.







# FORT CUSTER TRAINING CENTER

**FCTC** 

Commander: LTC Peter Newman

Fort Custer Training Center is located in portions of Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties within the southwest portion of Michigan's lower peninsula. This 7,570-acre military training facility is situated between Interstate 94 to the south and the Kalamazoo River to the north and is managed by the DMVA under license from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is 100% federally owned. DMVA manages FCTC ranges and training areas and has full natural resource management responsibility. Of the total, more than 6,813 acres (including the 2,601-acre Impact Area) are undeveloped and comprised of forests, fens, swamps, and prairie remnants including several high-quality rare communities. The remaining acreage, which accurais the parthern portion of the base is developed for training and contament grage. which occupies the northern portion of the base, is developed for training and cantonment areas.

The mission of Fort Custer Training Center is to provide a regional warrior focused training environment in support of deployment operations, unit readiness, homeland security and state emergencies. To enable this training, Fort Custer provides ranges, training areas, road networks, land navigation, Military Operations in Urban Terrain sites, Training Simulators, Leadership Reaction Course, helicopter landing zones, fuel distribution point, dining facilities, billets, classrooms, chapel, Distance Learning Center, Ammunition Supply Point, and other resources based on the customers' needs.

Fort Custer supports a wide variety of DoD organizations such as Army/Air National Guard, Active and Reserve forces from all branches of the military, Defense Logistics Agency, Reserve Officer Training Corps, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Civil Air Patrol, Naval Sea Cadets and Young Marines. FCTC also supports Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies such as Homeland Security and the FBI.

#### UTILIZATION

- 18,642 gallons of fuel, increase of 5,046 gallons from FY23
- 11,070 soldiers used ACFT equipment, increase of 3,423 soldiers from FY23
- 111,171 personnel used billeting
- 60,813 personnel utilized dining facilities
- 45,613 personnel utilized classroom spaces
- 5,758 personnel utilized chapel facilities

#### **INSTALLATION DATA**

- Land 7,500+ acres; Live Fire/Impact and Maneuver
- 15 Training Ranges; Live Fire, Demo, Convoy and Urban
- Confidence Course and Leaders Reaction Course
- 5 Land Navigation Courses
- 1,575+ Bed spaces; Open Bay (1,225); Basic Officer Quarters (155); For Custer Education Center Hotel (240)
- 6 Dining Facilities 5 Admin/Classrooms
- 8 Support Facilities; Command/Control, Logistics, Engineering and Maintenance
- 4 Bunker Ammunition Support Facility
- Fuel Point; 10,000 gallons of Diesel Fuel; 10,000 gallons of Gasoline
- 6 Helicopter Landing Zones (LZ's)
- DoD Training Population Avgerage (FY24): 147,000
- Additional 30,000+ federal, state and local training partners annually
- 114 Buildings and Facilities
- Solar Field

#### FORT CUSTER EDUCATION CENTER

- 240 Hotel Rooms
- 200 Seat Auditorium
- 120 Person Dining Facility
- 4 Conference Rooms
- 8 Classrooms

#### **ENDURING MILITARY VALUE**

- Four Season Training Climate
- Over 80% of MIARNG Units within 100 miles of **FCTC**
- Within 260 miles of Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis, Milwaukee and Columbus making it readily accessible to reserve and active forces in the entire Great Lakes region
- Next door to the Battle Creek Air National **Guard Base**
- Demonstrated Service Excellence
- Strong Community Support

#### **UPCOMING**

 FCTC will host five regional States (Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa) for an Expert Infantry Badge, Expert Soldier Badge and Expert Field Medic Badge (E3B) event in 2026 The Army awards these badges to soldiers that display their tactical and technical expertise through a serious of events over a week.

### KELLY JOHNSON JOINT ALL-DOMAIN **INNOVATION CENTER** KJJADIC

The Kelly Johnson Joint All Domain Innovation Center is dedicated to building a MING culture of innovation. The KJJADIC focuses on supporting the innovation ecosystem at home and expanding partnerships with our allies and partners in alignment with the National Defense Strategy. The culture and ecosystem of Innovation created by the KJJADIC positively impact all MING units and missions, enhancing Airmen and Soldiers' readiness and training across all operational domains.

The KJJADIC promotes Michigan as an Innovation Center of Excellence, showcasing our unique infrastructure and mission offerings (e.g., Al, automation, command and control, cyber, joint fires, range capacity, and airspace complex etc.). The KJJADIC continually pursues new and future missions as part of Innovation, most recently with Project Helios and space weather domain predictions.

The KJJADIC offers professional development opportunities via its Academic Industry Military-Hybrid Innovations education program. The MING established the KJJADIC on September 11, 2020, leveraging its key strategic relationships and continues to build successful Innovations with expanding partnerships within Michigan, intergovernmental agencies, the US Department of Defense, its allies, alliances, and international partners.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To democratize creativity and innovation, to develop creative members of the MING, to build cohesive, diverse teams that out-think, out-innovate, and out-compete anyone in the world.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

 Successful Virtual Tactical Operations Center demonstration in Exercise Wolverine Thunder. The MING joint exercise showcased the KJJADIC vTOC, a digitally dispersed, light-weight, portable Joint Fires Command and Control system that allows battlefield commanders direct access into

an operations center from any location worldwide.

National Guard Bureau Innovation Competition Finalist as one of the top four states out of the Guard Nation 54. Represented the MING with the Rapid Operational Deployed Global Emergency Response System. The only Air National Guard unit to participant at NGB headquarters in the first

competition post-COVID.

AIM-HI successfully elevated from the KJJADIC to the Air Reserve Component Innovation Center becoming a Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard supported program. This transition creates an enduring culture of innovation in the Air Reserve Component to continue the creation of innovators in the DOD.

The MING formalized the strategic relationship with the Joint Staff – Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, creating a pathway for the KJJADIC and NADWC to directly support JPRA experimentation and innovation supporting national efforts in the command and control of identifying, locating, tracking, and rescuing isolated personnel.

Executing the NGB's only Air Force Innovation Center supported tactical funding indcrease program at the field level with BundlAR. The virtual reality company in conjunction with the

KJJĂDIC is leading efforts to revolutionize augmented reality training for the USAF Air and Education Command.



# KELLY JOHNSON JOINT ALL-DOMAIN INNOVATION CENTER

KJJADIC

#### **EXERCISE NORTHERN STRIKE 2024 SERIES OPERATIONS**

Led Joint Staff/Joint Personnel Recovery Agency collaboration conducting a demonstration of the PR Report Locate Tool during an Air Force Special Operations Command maritime recovery operation of an isolated person in a survival raft on Lake Huron.

Successfully supported the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency with the 217th Air Operations Group, 152nd Air Operations Group, 122nd Fighter Wing and USCENTCOM experiment with the PRRL-T during 19 mass isolating scenarios, each with up to 28 survival radio activations (156 total). Six Personnel Recovery Control Center Controllers were separated into two groups to evaluate avisting practices against RRNL-T during the activations and the results were evaluated by existing practices against PRRL-T during the activations, and the results were examined by independent data scientists for validation. The recorded efforts will steer future JPRA

Cyber Range demonstrated future training capabilities, ensuring U.S. and allied forces remain prepared to meet evolving cyber challenges. Joint forces and partner nation troops accomplished high-threat training for future ops. Validated Visto360 advanced artificial intelligence for Synthetic Aperture Radar imagery analysis, which played a critical role in EXERCISE Northern Strike 2024. Their Space Low Earth Orbit SAR image interpretation technology was central to the exercise, showcasing their Hybrid Space Architecture II and high-performance

edge computing.

Highlighted Nexă3D, in collaboration with Additive At Scale, demonstrated the HSE 280i HT 3D Printer's capability to produce essential components and drone parts using advanced materials. Deployed within an ISU-90 container across Oscoda, Alpena CRTC, and Camp Grayling, the exercise highlighted the transformative potential of on-demand additive manufacturing in operational scenarios. Key outcomes included rapid deployment and immediate manufacturing readiness, with the system fully operational within one hour of unloading.

Demonstrated Bluefilte's NEXTGEN autopidit flight control system and new moving landing zone

software for deploying ACE medical logistics from an unmanned aerial system to resupply a boat

on Lake Huron while in an established hover over the intended drop off location.

Showcased Torrey Pines Logic Free Space Optical Comms delivering 20MBS, voice and video at 1

KM range with no RF emissions.

Demonstrated Skypad's Mobile Optical System, highlighting its advanced capabilities and potential for future integration into Air Force operations. The MOS showcased exceptional user interface simplicity, operational adaptability, and interoperability across various drone platforms, marking it as a promising tool for future Air Force applications.

#### **DOD PARTNERSHIPS**

- Air Force Association Doolittle Leadership Center (Airmen Innovation Education).
- AFWERX Joint Innovation Laboratory, Washington, DC (DoD Replicator Effort). Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Command Test Center (Operationalizing Innovation).
- Air Force Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities (Al for Satellite Imagery).
- DIÚ-Chicago, IL (Extended Reality for Multi-Capable Airmen).
  Joint Staff-Joint Personnel Recovery Agency
- (Search and Rescue C2).
- Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane, IN (Electronic Warfare and sUAS)
- National Reconnaissance Office Applied, Science and Technology (Satellite Imagery
- and Wi-Fi Apps). National Security Innovation Network (AIM-HI Academics).

#### **ACADEMIA/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS CREATED**

- Additive-At-Scale: Mobile Advanced Manufacturing supporting logistics under fire. Bundlar: Executred 1st AFWERX / NGB TACFI
- (Tactical Funding Increase) Program for 3D VR
- Training.
  Black Pheonix/Titan Dynamics: UAS Development for Contested Logistics Applications.
- COMMIT Technologies: UAS Development for Medical and Contested Logistics Applications.
- Skypad MOS: portable UAS command and control system democratizing flight operations. Torry Pines Logic: Tactical light-wave / IR communications tasts for Multi-Capable Airmen.
- Visto 360: Advanced Al image processing, using synthetic aperture radar (SAR) satellite imagery.

# KELLY JOHNSON JOINT ALL-DOMAIN **INNOVATION CENTER**

KJJADIC

#### **Bexsom Biomed**

AIM-HI Cohort 5 developed the solution to incorporate Bexson's Rapid Injectable Controllable Ketamine wearable infusion device for non-opioid pain management in contested environments. RIC-K delivers BB106, a reformulation of ketamine hydrochloride, consistent with Tactical Combat Casualty Care delivery guidelines for ketamine. RIC-K is a militarized version of their civilian therapy for moderate to severe pain management, intended for continuous subcutaneous infusion administration of up to five days. The RIC-K is compact enough and carried during one UAS flight. The RIC-K capability was an instrumental căpability demonstrated at the Northern Strike 2024 exercises. It was an effective alternative to legacy intravenous treatment capabilities.

#### Microsoft Federal/Digital CM/Evergreen **Innovations**

The Joint Fires Virtual Tactical Operations Center development effort is a system that allows a fielded commander to direct fire missions with a handheld tablet or virtual reality headset. The entire JF vTOC is a one- person wearable kit as a system of systems. The final system is the software application, which resides in the cloud with a backup version stored in an edge device. The JF vTOC streamlines the Find, Fix, Target, Track, Engage, and Assess processes, allowing commanders to have real-time access to the Command and Control Common Operating Picture while allowing for the appropriate level of authority commensurate with position/rank.

Orb Aerospace (LASSIE)

During Exercise Northern Strike 24-2, Orb Aerospace was tasked with demonstrating their LASSie Airborne Mesh Network, specifically its ability to establish an Airborne Mesh Network Node and integrate it with the NADWC Mobile Operations Center and existing Command and Control infrastructure. This exercise provided a platform to evaluate ORB Aerospace's capabilities in extending communication ranges and supporting operational scenarios critical to USAF objectives.

Microsoft Federal/Sythetaic

The KJJADIC has formed a strategic partnership with Microsoft Federal and Sythetaic to sponsor the development of a risk management framework process to acquire an authority to operate for the Rapid Automatic Image Categorization software hosted in an Azure Government Cloud application. Synthetaic forms a five-year strategic partnership with Microsoft for next-generation Al data and cloud solutions. Special Operations Command, Air Combat Command, Naval Special Warfare, and key industry partners such as Evergreen Innovations, ShadowTech Labs, and Persistent Systems. The primary objective of this line of effort was to advance cyber tactics for warfighters and facilitate coordination between cyber operators and other joint fires capabilities.

**Torrey Pines Logic Free Space Optical Comms** During Exercise Northern Strike 24–2, the Torrey Pines Logic Free Space Optical Communication A-Wave systems showcased their impressive capabilities. The KJJADIC team, working alongside Alpena Cyber Range staff, demonstrated the effectiveness of long-range, non-RF communication systems. Furthermore, the interest generated from other organizations in the Free Space Optical Comms systems is expected to result in operational partnérships that can be explored and developed during upcoming Northern Strike events to facilitate further learning and collaboration.

**BLUEFLITE INC (UAS Delivery)**During Exercise Northern Strike 24-2, BlueFlite demonstrated the M461 tilt-rotor cargo Unmanned Aerial System by delivering one liter of blood to a boat one mile offshore in Lake Huron. This exercise tested the UAS's overwater communication systems, high wind performance, and adaptability in mission-critical scenarios.

#### Crux Defense/Nexa3D/Essentium, Additive At Scale

AxleBox and Titan Dynamics showcased a groundbreaking capability during EXERCISE Northern Strike 24-2. Leveraging the Ruggedized Advanced Manufacturing System with a mobile Nexa3D/Essentium 3D printer, this initiative transformed the sUAS ecosystem by enabling ondemand production of customized drones tailored to specific operational requirements. Manufactured a UAS and flew resupply mission and proved capability to repair small UAS in the field.

# **EXERCISE NORTHERN STRIKE**

Exercise Northern Strike is a Joint National Training Capability accredited, Army sponsored program held twice a year (winter and summer) at the National All-Domain Warfighting Center. It focuses on joint operations, including offense, defense, and stability, with an emphasis on contested sustainment, logistics, Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control, and Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise. Training opportunities include joint fire support with live Close Air Support, integrated maneuver with fires, air mobility, and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence elements of Theater Air Ground Systems. The exercise also strengthens Conventional and Special Operations Forces Interdependence, Interoperability, and Integration. Northern Strike is the premier event for building readiness with joint and partner forces in all domains of warfare.









### **EXERCISE NORTHERN STRIKE 24-1**

From January 22-25, 2024, Exercise Northern Strike 24-1 took place across Michigan, with more than 200 participants from 12 U.S. Military units and industry partners. The challenging, multi-domain training in a near-arctic environment focused on shaping operations for large-scale combat, improving mission essential task proficiency, and coordinating joint fires with ground maneuver elements.

#### MISSON COMMAND

- Special Operations Forces conducted a personnel recovery report and locate tool verification event in support of Joint Personal Recovery Agency- Capture Avoidance and Survival Team's system activation test.
- Northern Strike MPU5 network successfully integrated with Michigan All Domain Network via Starshield, extending the network beyond line of site.

#### **MOVEMENT AND MANEUVER**

- Two mounted live fire exercises at the Range 30 Complex.
- Special Operations Forces completed six missions and two Full Mission Profile Blank Fire
- SOF simultaneously activated six Combat Survivor Evader Locator and six Shout Nano beacons while Conducting 35-kilometer Evasive Plan of Action movement.

#### INTELLIGENCE/SCENARIO

Intelligence reports distributed during the exercise expanded the contested environment with further disruption from 17 OPFOR injects and four "Red" Unmanned Aircraft System flights.

#### **FIRES**

- 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment certified three mortar sections on Table V and Table VI which included 192 rounds fired by 81mm mortars
- 1st Special Operations Wing completed required training prior to their formal pre-deployment evaluation
- Aircraft allocated for exercise: 4x A-10C, 1x U-28, 1x AC-130J, 2x KC-135 Ordnance provided: MK-82, 30MM TP, 30MM HE, BDU-50, 105MM HE

507th Engineer Battalion provided route clearance for battlefield mobility and firing point improvements for 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment mortar teams.

#### **SUSTAINMENT**

- 5th Special Forces Group conducted 35-kilometer movement in near arctic conditions with limited sustainment resources in a contested environment.
- Operated Arete medical drone in cold weather environment.









### **EXERCISE NORTHERN STRIKE 24-2**

#### SUSTAINMENT

- 402 modules of Heat and Serve UGRs consumed
- 656 UGR-As consumed
- 49,579 gallons of diesel fuel issued jointly
- 114,085 gallons of F-24 utilized
- 311th Quartermaster, 246th Quartermaster and USMCR
- Personnel Retrieval and Processing company used eight Non-Transplantable Anatomical Media to train over 300 service members on the proper handling and processing of human remains resulting in 40 graduates from the Joint Unit Recovery Team Course
- Conducted delivery of fresh, whole blood via a TRV-150 drone carrying a Delta ICE blood cooler, then administered that blood on-site
- 100 moulage manikins were evacuated via 27 9-lines over three days from a simulated Brigade Combat Team Role II medical care facility
- 54 patients transported between Global Medic and Northern Strike utilizing Army, Navy and Air Force aircraft
- 211 Dental exams and 59 dental procedures resulting in 82% of Dental Readiness Class 3 patients transitioning to a Dental Readiness Class 2 and 63% of Dental Readiness Class 2 patients transitioning to a Dental Readiness Class 1

#### **ROTARY WING AVIATION**

- 91 Air Mission Requests and 12 scenario-based MEDEVACs totaling 880 total flight hours and 1,882 passengers transported
- Conducted aerial resupply of ammunition to artillery batteries
- 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment and 160th Field Artillery Regiment conducted artillery sling load operations utilizing CH-47 and CH-53 (USMC) aircraft
- Joint Forward Arming and Refueling Point executed in support of 35th Combat Aviation Brigade Air Assault into KI Sawyer

#### **INTEGRATED FIRES**

- Eight M119A3, four M777A2, and 16 M109A6 fired 3,938 high explosive, 204 smoke and 168 illumination projectiles totaling 4,310 projectiles fired resulting in 12 sections qualified Artillery Table XII
- 631st Engineer Support Company constructed a firebase in support of 160th Field Artillery Regiment defensive operations
- Lockheed Martin provided Q-64A4 radar, routed through the 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade's Air Defense Systems Integrator, into the JTF85 Higher Command server. Those tracks were then shared to the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade and 217th Air Operation Group's ADSI based in Battle Creek, fed to the 605th Air Operation Group based in New York and finally passed to USNORTHCOM. 5th Special Forces Assistance Brigade advised INDOPACOM partners, supported by Latvian JTACs
- and 1 ANGLICO (USMC) in conducting of multinational combined arms live fire exercise
- Two Joint Fires Observers re-certified





### **EXERCISE NORTHERN STRIKE 24-2**

#### **FIXED WING AVIATION**

- 57 close air support sorties resulting in 160+ Joint Terminal Attack Controller controls and five Evaluations accomplished by 28 multinational JTACs
  97 Joint Air Operations in Maritime Surface Warfare Missions
- 42 Homeland Defense or Defensive Counter-Air Missions
- 51 Air-to-Air Refueling missions
- 1,171+ flight hours

- Aircraft Utilized: F-16(13), MC-130(1), P-8(1), A-27 CCAS(4), C-5(1), KC-135(5), U-28(1), AWACS(1), CAP(5), MQ-9(1), JSX-2(3), B-52(4), F-35(4), L-39(2)

  Air to Ground Ordnance Utilized: 7.62mm (21,600), BDU33 (212), GBU-31 inert (6), GBU-38 inert (6), .50cal (3600)

- OPFOR/"RED" UAS
  287 total OPFOR injects completed ranging from team sized ambushes to 70+ person attacks
  23 units exposed to 119 "Red" sUAS engagements including drone swarms and simulated chemical attacks
  - Used UAS to resupply 105mm projectiles to the 160th Field Artillery Regiment
  - sUAS platforms used to deliver custom propaganda fliers on Rotational Training Units Electronic Warfare utilized to interrupt/degrade radio and GPS signals

#### **MULTINATIONAL INTEROPERABILITY**

- INDOPACOM partners with the support of 5th Special Forces Assistance Brigade completed Offensive and Defensive operations against live OPFOR and executed a Company Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise
- 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (USMC) fulfilled liaison role with Joint and Combined partners in order to complete kinetic and non-kinetic kill chains with INDOPACOM participants

- Joint airspace operations conducted between multinational forces with Latvian Tactical Air Control Party, USAF Tactical Air Control Party, Army Joint Fires Observer CH-47 from Bravo Co. 3rd Battalion, 328th General Support Aviation Brigade supporting 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment sling load operations.

  3rd Royal ANGLIAN (United Kingdom) conducted Joint Partnered Integration Operations in urban areas at platoon and company levels, both day and night







# MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

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# U.S. PROPERTY AND FISCAL **OFFICE**

USPFO

#### **USPFO MISSION**

The U.S. Property and Fiscal Office receives and accounts for all funds and property of the U.S. in the possession of the MING and ensures that federal funds are obligated and expended in conformance with applicable statutes and regulations. Makes returns and reports on Federal funds and property as directed by the Chief, National Guard Bureau and the appropriate service secretary.

#### The USPFO organization consists of five divisions and is authorized 63 personnel. **USPFO Divisions include the following:**

- Financial Management Purchasing and Contracting
- Data Processing Center
- Service and Supply
- Internal Review

#### **INTERNAL REVIEW**

- Completed 47 engagements including:
  - o 11 audits
  - Four non-audit consulting projects

  - 19 follow-up projects
    133 external audit/inspection liaison projects
- Identified \$160,807 in potential monetary benefits
- Identified non-monetary benefits, including:

  - Improved processesImproved/validated internal controls
  - Avoidance of adverse publicity
  - Initiation of best business practices
  - Avoidance of legal/policy violations

#### **DEFENSE PRICING AND CONTRACTING**

- Conducted Continuity of Operations testing to ensure the backup network is fully functional
- Deploying and/or migrating virtual machines to server 2019 in order to be compliant with RCC-NG-2022-CTO-45
- Managed permissions to ensure proper access and security to logistics and pay programs Provided IT break/fix support for more than
- 500+ issues

#### **SUPPLY AND SERVICES SECTION:**

- Camp Grayling Ammunition Supply Point:
   Processed 1,735 transactions, 2,368.7 tons
  - of ammunition
- Fort Custer Ammunition Supply Point:
  - Processed 469 transactions, 33.8 tons of ammunition
- Reused \$3.1 million in individual equipment.
- Processed 2,700 equipment turn-ins and issues (\$5.8 million value)
- Transitioned 5,000+ service members to the new IOB CCDF system
- Spent \$580,000 outfitting Soldiers in OCP and AGSU uniforms
- Supported overseas missions and border security with critical medical and military supplies
- Processed over 3,500 equipment actions, managing parts worth \$35 million

#### **PURCHASING & CONTRACTING**

- Administered 263 contracting actions in FY24. Awarded:
  - 62 supply contracts
  - o 129 serviće contracts
  - One construction contract
- Total Obligations: \$34.6 million
- Government Purchase Card Program: 907 transactions, \$1.6 million Achieved 5/6 Small Business set-aside Goals.
- Maintained an "excellent" contracting execution rating
- 2060 federal Funds (payroll) received: \$89.9 million
  - Funding spent: \$89.9 million
  - Execution Rate: 100%
- 2065 federal funds (operations/maintenance) received: \$158.1 million
  - Funding spent: \$151.1 million
  - Execution rate: 100%
- Received approximately \$7 million from NGB to support personnel and readiness programs at the end of the fiscal year.

# **CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITY** MANAGEMENT OFFICE

CFMO

#### **ARMORY TRANSFORMATION**

Gov. Whitmer secured an investment of \$105.8 million (\$50.9 million in state and \$54.9 million in federal) to modernize 37 current Michigan Army National Guard facilities. Modernization efforts will address inequities that exist in the facilities provided for Michigan's women service members.

#### **CFMO SUMMARY**

- Executed more than \$75 million in federal and state funds
- Completed 13 armory transformation projects
- Started 15 armory transformation projects
  MILCON awarded to Camp Grayling:
- - \$2.1 million armory improvements
  - \$3.0 million components cleaning building
  - \$5.0 million turbine energy project at Camp Grayling

FY24 PROJECTS							
COMPLETED	\$53.68M	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	\$46.85M	IN DESIGN	\$20.74M		
Grand Ledge	\$3.12M	Sault Ste. Marie	\$8.01M	Marquette	\$4.00M		
Grayling Army Airfield	\$2.96M	Bay City	\$2.08M	Alpena	\$1.91M		
Traverse City	\$3.66M	Port Huron	\$7.57M	Wyoming	\$8.02M		
Washtenaw	\$5.09M	Camp Grayling	\$3.90M	Kingsford	\$4.31M		
Albion	\$4.54M	Detroit Light Guard	\$5.89M	Waterford	\$2.50M		
Kalamazoo	\$9.32M	Lapeer	\$5.45M				
Ishpeming	\$6.57M	Detroit Olympia	\$4.57M				
Gladstone	\$3.23M	Midland	\$5.47M				
Saginaw	\$4.01M	Taylor	\$2.03M				
Big Rapids	\$3.54M	Alma	\$1.88M				
Jackson	\$2.65M						
Montague	\$2.99M						
Augusta	\$2.00M						





The Environmental Team has been actively working to sustain and enhance the military mission across the various Michigan military installations through science-based conservation efforts. Their focus includes preserving healthy landscapes and supporting the species that inhabit them. Notable projects included monarch butterfly surveys, prescribed fires in North Camp, and processing eDNA pollinator samples to track ecosystem health. In addition, the team continued their work on the PFAS investigation, with activities like drilling, sampling, and conducting public outreach in collaboration with local communities. Upcoming in Fall 2025, they will continue efforts for both the Camp Grayling and Grayling Army Airfield sites, with the goal of ensuring a safe, sustainable environment for military training and operations.

#### PFAS REMEDIAL INVESTIGATIONS

- · Camp Grayling investigation ongoing
  - Ongoing monthly Restoration Advisory Board meetings
  - o Drilling and sampling fall 2024
  - o Potable well sampling activities
  - o Bottled water distribution
  - Legislative site visits
  - o Time-Critical removal actions initiated
- Grand Ledge Army Aviation Support Facility investigation ongoing
  - o Drilling and sampling fall 2024
  - o Ongoing public outreach with City of Grand Ledge and Eagle Township

#### **CONSERVATION**

The Environmental Team conducted multiple projects to sustain and enhance the military mission across Camp Grayling. The team focuses on sustaining the military mission through proactive, science-based conservation and management for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing healthy landscapes and associated species on training lands. We have completed the sixth year of the annual eastern massasauga rattlesnake survey. The entire dataset is currently being analyzed to develop a model that will allow installation managers to asses the population size, status, and health. Fort Custer Training Center is also committed to species recovery, including the Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly reintroduction, showcasing a national model for balancing conservation with military needs.





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# MOTOR CITY 2024

#### A TRANSFORMATIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR GUARDSMEN

The MING along with the National Guard Association of Michigan hosted Motor City 2024. A ground breaking event combining four major conferences aimed at professional development and fostering connections, Motor City 2024 was held from August 17-27, 2024, at Huntington Place in Detroit, this transformative series included:

- Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Annual Conference
  - Provided enlisted members with tailored workshops, leadership panels, and networking sessions to strengthen their role within the National Guard.
- National Guard Association of the United States Annual Conference
  - Gathered Guardsmen, officers, and civilian leaders to explore the future of the National Guard. This prestigious event featured keynote speakers, discussions on policy and innovation, and exhibitions by Michigan-based and national industries.
- Michigan National Guard Joint Enlisted Professional Development Event
  - Honed in on equipping junior leaders with the skills and mentorship needed to navigate their careers and lead effectively.
- Michigan National Guard Leadership Conference
  - Focused on empowering Michigan's military leaders with strategies to foster teamwork, enhance resilience, and drive meaningful change within their units.









# MOTOR CITY 2024

Maj. Gen. Paul D. Rogers, Adjutant General of the MING, toted the event as a milestone for both personal and organizational growth. "These are not just conferences — they are transformative experiences that ignite passion, fuel ambitions, and forge lifelong connections," Rogers said. With free or reduced rates for Guardsmen and support from state and local sponsors, Motor City 2024 offered unparalleled access to workshops, mentorship opportunities, and keynote sessions, all set against the vibrant backdrop of Detroit. "This was our chance to showcase Detroit's innovation and opportunity," said Richie Sands, President of the National Guard Association of Michigan. "It was an event that will shape the future of our organization and the city alike." For Guardsmen, spouses, and veterans, Motor City 2024 was more than an event; it was a moment to invest in growth, camaraderie, and the future.







### **J33: JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER**

#### INFORMATION SHARING AND MANAGEMENT

- Managed mission command construct over two different Base Orders
  - o Operation Swift Response (Civil Support Guidance)
  - Operation Safe Home (Army Base Order Guidance)
- Supported Exercise Northern Strike 24–2 with command and control cell to enable Brigade level staff training, August 1–15, 2024.
- Spearheaded the information management and knowledge management process for Motor City 2024.
- Coordinated with the Kelly Johnson Joint All-Domain Innovation Center for planning and preparation for Exercise Wolverine Thunder.

#### **COLLABORATION STATE TO STATE, WITHIN THE STATE, NATIONALLY**

- Open dialogue with Army National Guard Bureau and National Guard Bureau for information sharing in order to support national partnerships and response coordination.
- State agency coordination for civil response, analysis and support.
  - Conductéd command and control of MIARNG éngineers supporting Hurricane Helene recovery efforts in North Carolina.
  - Conducted command and control of MIARNG aviators supporting Hurricane Milton recovery efforts in Florida.
  - Conducted command and control of MING elements throughout Region 5 in support of Kalamazoo County tornado recovery efforts.

#### **MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD RESPONSE FORCE**

- Conducted multiple working groups to redevelop and validate communication and reporting procedures in preparation for the Presidential Election in November.
- Supported Exercise Northern Exposure 2024 throughout Cheboygan, Petoskey, and Mackinac counties solidifying partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies while simultaneously validating the MING NGRF.





# MING SECURITY COOPERATION DIVISION

SCD

The Security Cooperation Division comprises all Joint activities undertaken by the MING to encourage and enable international partners to work with the United States to achieve strategic objectives. It includes all military-to-military interactions with foreign defense and security establishments that build defense and security relationships; promote specific U.S. security interests; support allied and friendly military capabilities for self-defense and multinational operations; and provide support to the DoD enterprise with peacetime and contingency access to our partners. It is DoD policy that Security Cooperation is an important tool of national security and foreign policy and is an integral element of the DoD mission. SCD activities shall be planned, programmed, budgeted, and executed with the same high degree of attention and efficiency as other integral DoD activities.

The following programs are supported by the MING SCD:

- State Partnership Program
- Overseas Deployments for Training
- Partner participation in MING exercises
- Military Reserve Exchange Program

The MING SCD had a productive year in 2024. Michigan welcomed a new partner into the SPP family; several new lines of effort were initiated, and partners and allies found more ways to train in Michigan and participate in events.

The Michigan SCD INDOPACOM desk facilitated the participation of over 800 partners from INDOPACOM during Northern Strike 2024. This was the largest group of foreign partners hosted during the exercise and resulted in improved live-fire readiness for the partner. Michigan also hosted over 30 instructors from our INDOPACOM partner at Fort Custer, where a Reserve Recall training curriculum was developed and tested. This event sets conditions for future integration opportunities in Michigan and contributes to the partner's overall reserve readiness.





## MING SECURITY COOPERATION DIVISION

LATVIA

### **PARTNERSHIP FOCUS AREAS:**

Latvia, with whom Michigan has a 32-year partnership, saw movement on several important lines of effort, through the execution of over 20 SPP events throughout the year. The 107th Engineer Battalion joined the Latvian Zemessardze and Latvian National Armed Forces Joint Staff to survey Selija Training Range and establish a concept to build a range complex. Selija is scheduled to be a battalion LFX and brigade maneuver training area capable of supporting collective training for American mechanized brigades and NATO Battle Groups. It will be the most capable range complex in the Baltic States and enable U.S. training readiness. Michigan supported the design, safety planning and will begin construction in 2025.

Through the help of the Michigan Air National Guard KC-135s, Latvia sent a platoon of Soldiers to integrate into State Annual Training. This level of integration is the first in the partnership history and its successful execution created a foundation for training events in future years.

During Northern Strike 2024, Latvia not only sent Special Operations Forces, Airfield Fire Fighters, JTACs and Engineers to Michigan, but also members from the Latvian Zemessardze Cyber Defense Unit. The CDU partnered with our joint cyber teams to merge cyber and kinetic effects during Northern Strike 2024. This was the first time the CDU and MING worked together in Michigan and integrated cyber effects in support of a Latvian and U.S. Special Operations Forces assault lane.

Lastly the Latvian Chief of Defense was hosted by The Adjutant General, MG Rogers, at NGAUS during Motor City 2024.











## MING SECURITY COOPERATION DIVISION

LIBERIA

### **PARTNERSHIP FOCUS AREAS:**

In Liberia, Michigan executed a dozen events that focused on a range of capabilities from medical operations to Non-Commissioned Officer development.

The 177th Regional Training Institute located at Fort Custer, Michigan, supported over 30 leaders from the Armed Forces of Liberia through the development of the NCO Academy Instructor Course. After many years of work, Liberia successfully began its first course in October 2024. The achievement was recognized by USAFRICOM as both the Commander and CSM visited Liberia during the execution of the course.

Michigan's own SGT Paige Davis, of the 464 Quartermaster Company, was selected to fulfill an operations NCO position within U.S. Embassy Monrovia in Liberia. SGT Davis was recognized by USAFRICOM with a Joint Services Achievement Medal and State of Michigan Distinguished Service Medal.

The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Liberia attended Motor City 2024 and conducted key leader engagements with The Michigan Adjutant General, the Latvian Chief of Defense and the Chief of Defense of Sierra Leone. The multinational and whole of government event highlighted the cooperation potential of all four countries present.







## MING SECURITY COOPERATION DIVISION

SIERRA LEONE

#### **PARTNERSHIP FOCUS AREAS:**

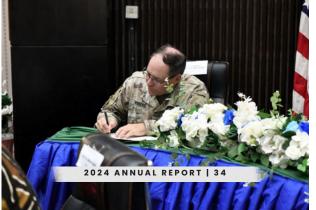
Sierra Leone officially joined Michigan's State Partnership Program in 2024. The signing ceremony in Freetown, Sierra Leone occurred in September 2024. The Adjutant General and support staff engaged with Senior Leadership and Sierra Leone President Julius Maada Wonie Bio to celebrate the beginning of the partnership and set conditions for future engagements.

In November, Michigan conducted the first SPP event in Sierra Leone and will continue to develop engineering, medical, and NCO leadership lines of effort in the coming years











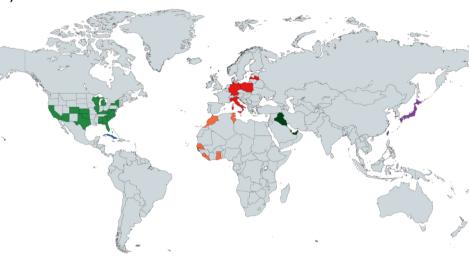
### **MOBILIZATION READINESS**

Total MIARNG Soldiers Deployed FY24: 485 Total MIANG Airmen Deployed FY24: 440

- Four Combatant Commands:
  - o Central Command, European Command, Northern Command, and Southern Command
- Eight units mobilized in FY24

  - 272nd Regional Support Group
    745th Explosive Ordnance Detachment
    1440th Engineer Detachment (Firefighter Team)
    1463th Transportation Company
    127th Operations Group
    127th Maintenance Group

  - 127th Air Refueling Group
  - 110th Wing
- Five units demobilized in FY24
- 73 Individual Mobilizations
  - 37 CONUS in 26 Locations
  - 36 OCONUS in 12 Location
- Four units in alternate missions







### **J9: RESILIENCY DIRECTORATE**

#### **MISSION**

To build a cohesive approach for prevention, intervention, and response practices in order to create our MING communities through stewardship, resilient, healing, and healthy communities for our service, and presence to our formations. MING members, civilians, and their families.

#### **DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONAL CLIMATE SURVEY**

Congressionally mandated unit-level survey that informs command teams on unit climate, harassment, discrimination, and other aspects of the organizational climate. In FY23 this became an annual mandate across the Department of Defense.

Sixty percent of those registered took the Defense Organizational Climate Survey in FY24, surpassing FY23 by five percent. Allowing for better quality assessment of the overall climate of the MING.

• Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce takes a

- public health approach which means finding the maximum benefit for the largest number of people.
- The team has conducted numerous site visits with various like programs to gain insight to their primary prevention strategies. IPPW visited with Escanaba Vet Center, Iron
- Mountain VA, Walter Reed Facility Dog Program, Naval District Washington Fleet and Family Support Program, South Dakota Suicide Prevention Conference, Society for Prevention Research, Northern Michigan University, and Vet Center National leadership.

#### VISION

To strengthen the readiness and resilience of





#### YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program hosted in total 11 events in FY24 with a total attendance of 1,128 service members, 590 adult guests, and 122 children.

DEPLOYMENT PHASE(S)	HOSTING UNIT / COMMAND	SM'S ATTENDED	FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDED	CHILDREN ATTENDED	TOTAL ATTENDEES
DEMOB	DET 1, 172 CYBER	15	0	1	16
DURING	A/1-182 FAR	29	1	0	30
1st POST	1/125 IN	533	203	11	747
PREMOB	272 RSG	99	85	35	219
1st POST & 2nd POST	107 EN / FSC 107	140	98	38	276
1st POST & 2nd POST	B/1-112 AVN	33	11	2	46
DURING	177 MP BDE	1	0	0	1
1st POST & 2nd POST	A/1-182 FAR/FSC 1-182	78	29	2	109
1st POST & 2nd POST	177 MP BDE	71	30	6	107
PRE	1440 FFTG TM	3	1	0	4
PRE	1463 TRANS CO	125	132	2	259
	TOTAL	1249	721	124	2094

### **J9: RESILIENCY DIRECTORATE**

CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS				
Volunteers / Volunteer Hours 70 / 3,583				
Overnight Camps	2			
Day Camps	2			
Teen Council Meetings	9			
Events Conducted	23			



MILITARY & FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM					
ARMY		AIR FORCE			
Funding Execution	\$80,000	0 Funding Execution \$42,80			
Cases	600	Volunteers	38		
Classes/Events	328	Visits	848		
Deployment Outreach	328	Deployment Outreach	597		
Client Interactions	29,240	Workshops	37		
Support received for clientelle	\$60,000	Support received for clients	\$72,000		

### RESILIENCE, RISK REDUCTION, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

- Honored Suicide Prevention Month in September with the creation of a 22-day virtual fitness challenge. The challenge provided awareness of early warning signs, tools and resources to support individuals suffering from suicidal ideation.
- Operationalized Master Resilience
   Training providing the ability to grow
   and thrive through adversity. Conducted
   through pre and post mobilization
   resilience training, additional trainers
   sent to level 1 course and supporting
   until level trainings.
- Participated in Red Ribbon Week
   Observance Day in October by wearing red ribbons as a pledge to be drug free.



## 51ST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

**ASSIGNED STRENGTH: 22** 

Commander: LTC Sara So Senior Enlisted Advisor: ISG Adam Stojak

#### **MISSION**

Michigan Army and Air National Guard members from the 51st WMD CST support incidents by identifying chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear agents and substances; assessing current and project consequences; advising on response measures; and assisting with appropriate requirements for additional state or federal support.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

**Events Supported: 32** 

Liaison Engagements with partner agencies: 20

Exercises: 10

Emergency Responses: 5 States Supported: 9

 Four team members conducted presumptive identification of over 25 unknown gas cylinders for the Detroit Police Department.

Súpported Secret Service during two visits to Michigan with executive decontamination

asset.

- Communication section participated in Operation Safe Harbor providing St. Ignace emergency responders communication platforms utilizing the CST's Unified Command Suite.
- Unit responded to five emergency requests for support from FBI, DMVA, Detroit Police Department, and Emergency Managers from Region 1 and 8. Support varied from identification of suspicious substances or packages, chemical and biological sampling areas of interest, and assist and advisement of decontamination of emergency responders
- Most significantly, the 51st was called up to support the Africa Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. augmenting the 33rd CST. The Africa Leaders Summit saw delegations from all 49 African countries and the African Union. Unit conducted radiological monitoring and assessment throughout the Capitol region during the summit. Additional responsibilities included providing LNO's to the Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Department of Energy.

### PARTNER AGENCIES SUPPORTED

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Secret Service
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Emergency Management System
- Michigan State Police
- Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
- National Football League
- Major League Baseball
- Formula 1
- Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
- U.S. Department of Energy



### MING COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE

The Michigan National Guard Counterdrug Task Force's mission is to provide military unique skills and resources to support federal, state and local law enforcement efforts to detect, interdict, disrupt and curtail drug trafficking activities within the State of Michigan.

### FY23 Support:

- \$5.15 million budget
- 57 Army & Air Guardsmen
- 46 analysts assigned in direct support of 31 law enforcement agencies
- Aviation assets federally deployed to Southern Border
- \$65.8 million illicit drugs seized
- \$4.2 million illicit currency seized
- 489 arrests
- 191 firearms seized

### **FY24 Support:**

- \$5.15 million budget
- 69 Army & Air Guardsmen
- 52 analysts assigned in direct support of 33 law enforcement agencies
- 79 aviation missions 254.3 flight hours
- \$58 million illicit drugs seized
- \$6.5 million illicit currency seized
- 371 arrests
- · 352 firearms seized

Seized drug value is estimated street level pricing based on most recent LEA data



#### **Counterdrug Criminal Analyst Mission**

Counterdrug Analysts process, analyze and fuse together information legally collected by law enforcement agencies (LEA) during narcotic investigations. Analysts focus on document and digital media analysis, link analysis, communications analysis and financial analysis. Analysts work at LEA facilities utilizing LEA equipment, computers and analytical software. Analysts are a force multiplier to LEA drug investigations and the successful prosecution of drug traffickers and their organizations.



### **Counterdrug Aviation Mission**

The Aviation Support mission obtains by visual, and/or electro-optical/infrared means, information about the activities and resources of LEA developed targets, or to secure data concerning the geographic characteristics of a particular area. All aerial imagery is provided to LEA for their investigative and prosecutorial purposes. No imagery is retained by the Michigan Counterdrug Task Force.



### **Counterdrug Drug Demand Reduction Outreach**

The Drug Demand Reduction Outreach (DDRO) mission is focused on the prevention and reduction of illicit substance use and abuse. DDRO assists law enforcement agencies and their partnering governmental and community anti-drug coalitions with collaborative efforts and strategies to create healthier citizens. DDRO effectively bridges the gap between overall public health, public safety and public policy greatly aiding primary prevention.



<u>Authority</u>: Section 112, Title 32, United States Code (32 USC § 112)(D), authorizes the National Guard, as a component of the Department of Defense, to conduct counterdrug operations.

### For More Information:

Contact the Michigan Counterdrug Task Force: (517) 481-9800 or (517) 481-9811

# MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD

RECRUITING AND RETENTION 110th WING 127th WING



### RECRUITING AND RETENTION

**Assigned Strength: 16** 

#### **MISSION**

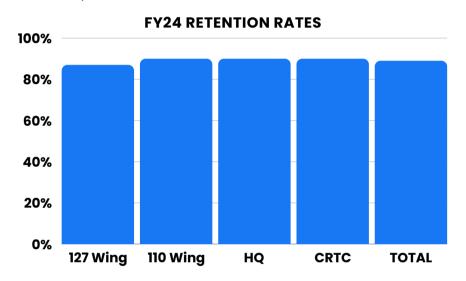
The role of a Michigan Air National Guard Recruiter is to generate interest and quantify effort to benefit future Airmen into the MIANG while maintaining strong retention which is key to recruiting success.

### **ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

- Recruiting and Retention Superintendent JFHQ Lansing
- 110th Wing Recruiting and Retention Battle Creek ANGB
  127th Wing Recruiting and Retention Selfridge ANGB

### **FY24 SUMMARY**

- Leads: 3,389
- Accessions: 205
- Completed Events: 839





**RECRUITER OF THE YEAR** TSgt Justin Nabarratte (127 Wing)

### MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD MANNING

UNIT	OFFICER		ENLISTED		TOTAL		PERCENTAGE
	Authorized	Assigned	Authorized	Assigned	Authorized	Assigned	FERCENTAGE
127 Wing	183	163	1300	1153	1483	1316	88.7%
110 Wing	238	245	686	696	924	935	101.2%
HQ	24	22	20	17	44	39	88.6%
CRTC	9	13	88	90	97	103	106.2%
TOTAL	454	443	2094	1956	2548	2393	93.9%

### BATTLE CREEK AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

**Assigned Strength: 928** 

Commander: Col James Rossi Command Chief: CMSqt Jeffrey Yelencich

#### **BATTLE CREEK ECONOMIC IMPACT INFORMATION**

- Full-time Payroll: \$38.7 millionDrill Status Payroll: \$32.8 million
- Annual Appropriated Expenditures: \$20.4 million
- Total Economic Impact: \$92 million

### **BATTLE CREEK SUSTAINMENT, RENOVATION, AND MODERNIZATION**

- FY24 Funding: \$418,000
- End of Year fallout received:
  - \$1.0 million requested, \$0.0 received

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Robust, Reliable, Relevant infrastructure with room for growth:

- 348 acres of land
- 66 buildable acres, 23 of which facilitate flight line/apron access 39 facilities totaling 404,553 sq ft Classified Processing Areas: 35,179 sq ft

- Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities: 27,000 sq ft
- Robust and Resilient Information Technology Infrastructure:
  - Two Optical Digital Cross-Connect Nodes: OC48 9953.28 gbps
  - Four times the capability of other similar ANG Bases
     Two Multi-Protocol Label Switching Nodes: 1 gbps

### 110TH WING HIGHLIGHTS

Mission Statement: The preeminent multi-domain ANG Wing providing MQ-9, Cyber Defense, Agile Combat Support, Command and Control, and Operational Planning for Combatant Commanders and Civil Authorities.

- Achieved over 101% manning with 95 accessions and a 90% retention rate
- Deployed and returned 10 members from USCENTCOM (AOG, RCP3, volunteers) while also supporting AOG's second mobilization this year to Ramstein (24 personnel). In total, the Wing supported 149 mobilized members to support global MQ-9, Cyber Defense, Agile Combat Suport, and C2 missions across the globe. Furthermore, oversaw tracking/execution of 49,000 days across five different combatant commands.
- 110th Wing member was recognized as NGB's Outstanding Airmen of the Year, First Sergeant category, representing the ANG at multiple national events.
  Flew 5,018 hours and 281 sorties in support of combat operations across four combatant commands
- supporting one SECDEF direct mission and 12 named operations against 20 named objectives supporting two kinetic engagements.
- Contributed 60 Airmen to exercises Austere Challenge 24 and African Lion 24 committing more than 420 days in support of critical Air Force initiatives preparing the air component for combat operations in degraded and contested environments alongside sister services, multinational partners, and the NATO military alliance.
- Created, launched, and implemented ANG enterprise-wide RSD Augusta Child Development Center childcare partnership for DSGs and AGRs, prompting policy reviews at the highest levels of the Air Force.
- Received an "Effective" grade from Air Combat Command inspectors during its Unit Effectiveness Inspection with key areas related to the culture, morale, and welfare receiving "Highly Effective".





### BATTLE CREEK AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

#### STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Cyber Operators conducted Winter Frost 24; a virtual cyberspace exercise with Latvia.

Defense institute for Medical Operations conducted disaster planning training with Wing support.

The training provided 21 members of the Liberian government national and local response procedures for natural disasters and other emergencies within Liberia. The 217 COS participated in Latvian exercise NAMEJS by observing battlespace management and

air traffic control to identify areas for improvement.

Multiple virtual planning events conducted with subject matter experts to design a combined air operations interoperability training event to be conducted in Latvia where members from AOG, SFC, PA, CE, OG traveled via Military Air to provide training on interoperability and learn the Latvians/NATO processes.

#### **MILITARY AND FAMILY SUPPORT INFORMATION**

Trained and supported six new Airman Family Readiness Program Managers for Region 5 Wings.

Assisted service members and families with over \$100,000 in assistance requests. Expanded in-person Transition Assistance Workshops for the third year. Saved travel dollars while enhancing service members ability to connect with local resources and support offices.

Implemented the Battle Creek Military Community Council with 15 community partners. Launched a New Family Orientation Program.

Executed over 100 hours of training for volunteers increasing networking and resource provision.

Support more than 50 events providing program information to members and families. Provided 500 plus hours of support in Employment and Financial Readiness Support.

### 110TH OPERATIONS GROUP

Assigned Strength: 283

**Commander:** Col David Sowers **Command Chief:** CMSgt Eric Scott

 Participated in RIMPAC, Spartan Reaper, Ulchi Freedom Shield, Northern Strike, Baltic Ghost, and several smaller exercises in support of federal and state partners while continuously supporting 24/7/365 federal MQ-9 operations and two 6-month mobilizations supporting our Cyber and MQ-9 missions.

Eight Airmen filling key roles at the national level during 2024. HQ Air Force, NGB, JSOC, 1 AF,

USAFE/AFAFRICA

Flew 5,018 hours and 281 sorties in support of combat operations across four combatant commands supporting one SECDEF direct mission and 12 named operations against 20 named objectives supporting two kinetic engagements.

Continued partnership development with the USCG through live training search and rescue events and collaborative efforts developing

proper use memorandums.

Exceeded Air Combat Command's Satellite Launch and Recovery Fully Operational Capability MQ-9 entérprise goal by six months.

Mobilized 45 cyber operations, intelligence, and support péronnel as the 852nd Cyber Protection Team for seven months, securing critical systems for the US Air Force, US Space Force, and the US Navy. The CPT completed 12 tasked missions, including a 48-hour response from a 14-person quick reaction force, ensuring the security of a strategic command and control network against two adversaries.





### BATTLE CREEK AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

### 110TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

**Assigned Strength: 350** 

Commander: Col Thomas Sierakowski **Command Chief:** CMSgt Timothy Reynolds

The 110th MSG consists of five squadrons delivering Agile Combat Support. The Group generated 153 personnel for six operations, completing 49,494 deployment days and 12,225 school order days, utilizing \$2.6 million for readiness. It managed 186,000 assets worth \$14.5 million without discrepancies, equipped 740 members with readiness kits, and requisitioned MQ-9 spares supporting 4,900 flying hours.

Played a key role in Northern Strike, providing security refueling, and communications support. Conducted joint logistics with the Marine Corps, staging and loading 14,000 pounds of equipment for their exercise. Security improvements included resolving a five-year crime statistics backlog and enhancing base defenses. Contracting efforts oversaw \$15 million in active construction

projects, improving infrastructure.
Recruiting efforts achieved a 15-year manning high, driving statewide growth. Personnel efforts included processing 166 enlisted promotions, 50 officer packages, 1,131 Case Management System cases, and 108 separations. The MSG processed over 600 DD-214 forms as part of a pilot program to address a nationwide backlog and supporting three Temporary Duty missions to handle 260 stagnant separation packages.

The MSG contributions earned the Wing the 2024 NGAUS Mission Support Trophy. Community outreach included collaboration with law enforcement, joint training events, and engaging 864

students.

#### 110TH MEDICAL GROUP Assigned Strength: 65

**Commander:** Col Janice Davis

Command Chief: CMSgt Karla Francisco-Waichum

- Implemented an annual Individual Medical Readiness rodeo accomplishing deployment, occupational health, dental and medical readiness requirements. The rodeo allows units to process once for the year and provide time for unit training with maximum participation while the Wing maintains IMR over 90%. Preventative medicine team responded to several
- real-world events ensuring the safety of water, air, and food supplies. Affected member's were contacted and tracked to ensure proper care while MDG staff continued to work with multiple stakeholders to fix issues as needed.

### 217TH AIR OPERATIONS GROUP

Assigned Strength: 230

Commander: Col Micaela Brancato Command Chief: CMSqt Erik Morse

- The 217th Air Operations Group continues supporting a high operational tempo through voluntary and non-voluntary deployment taskings, deploying a total of 35 members in FY24. This included 22 members supporting USC 12304 Presidential Mobilization to support USAFE-AFAF (603rd Air Operations Center and Air Forces Staff). They also supported 8,218 man-days in 13 locations along with 15 members conducting distributed operations from Battle Creek ANGB.
- In addition, they supported EUCOM's #1 priority NATO exercise (Austere Challenge 2024), 13-member Joint Air Component Coordination Element, Michigan's State Exercise (Northern Strike 24), Joint Personnel Recovery Center Testing, and several State
- Partnership engagements with Latvia and Liberia.
  The 217 AOG was designated the lead ANG unit to stand-up the first ANG Information Warfare section, conducted Air Worthiness Assessments in Nigeria and Michigan, provided Intelligence and Communications support for the Falconer Weapon System and Multi-Partner Environment networks.







### SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

Assigned Strength: 1,172

Commander: Brig. Gen. Matthew Brancato Command Chief: CMSgt Bruce Hedrick

### SELFRIDGE ECONOMIC IMPACT INFORMATION

- Full-time Payroll: \$90.9 million Drill Status Payroll: \$35.2 million
- Operation and Maintenance Funds: \$97.8 million
- Total Economic Impact: \$163 million

### **127TH WING HIGHLIGHTS**

Mission Statement: The 127th Wing "Stands Ready" to answer any call. Our primary mission is to produce the finest Airmen who stand ready to answer the call anywhere in the world while remaining. stand ready to answer the call anywhere in the world while remaining responsive to civil emergencies and homeland defense. Our success is achieved by dedicated Airmen who are empowered by the best leadership, training, equipment and technology in the Air Force. The well-being and support of our Team Selfridge community is critical to our mission success.

In January 2024, the Air Force announced the 127th Wing as its preferred location for 12 PAA KC-46As. Since then we have accomplished:

Nuclear Operational Readiness Exercise w/ AMC/A10N Staff Assistance Visit

Participation in Exercise Sentry Unicorn 2024

A-10 MXG innovative Agile Combat Employment training with the 284th ASOS

Installation Open House and Air Show, June 8 - 9, 2024, with over 100,000 spectators

A \$10 million runway repair project scheduled through October 2024, repositioning ARG throughout Michigan to Detroit Metro Airport & Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport

OG and MXG deployment (350 Airmen) to the USCENTCOM AOR

Civil Engineer Squadron's two-week DFT of 50 Airmen to Ramstein Air Base, Germany

ARG and MDG participation in total force exercise, Northern Strike

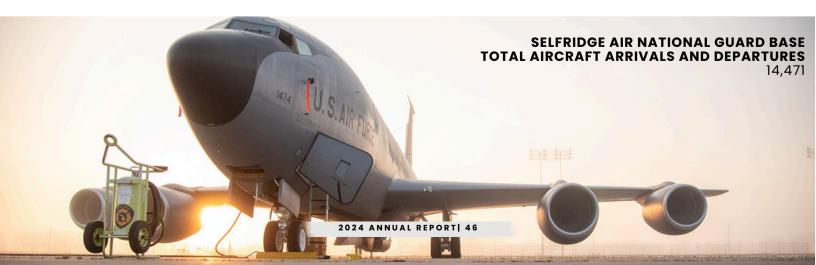
ARG participation in exercise Steel Forge (NORE and conventional exercise)

### 127TH OPERATIONS GROUP

**Assigned Strength: 91** 

Commander: Col Matthew Robins Senior Enlisted Leader: CMSgt Jody Nitz

- The 127th Operations Group participated in Exercise Northern Strike 24-2. The effort supported coalition partners with air and ground fires integration while exercising fighter support for Mobility Air Forces Agile Combat Employment. Selfridge Airfield Management was the primary Airfield Management Operations support agency for NS 24-2.
   Throughout 2024, the Groups deployed more than 300 personnel and several aircraft in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in AFCENT operations.
- The Group provided more than 300 personnel in support of Exercise Agile Rage. Agile Rage brought Agile Combat Employment capabilities to the front and tested Airman in an austere combat environment.



### SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

127TH MAINTENANCE GROUP **Assigned Strength: 203** 

Commander: Col Kurtis Ring
Senior Enlisted Leader: CMSgt Brian Jackman
• 18 PAA A-10 Thunderbolt II Aircraft

Supported Exercise Northern Strike 24-2, Exercise Agile Rage, and Operation Inherent Resolve

A-10 MISSIONS	TRAINING	СОМВАТ
TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	2,377	3,601.9
TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN	1,353	923
TOTAL ORDNANCE EXPENDED	50,003	107



127TH AIR REFUELING GROUP **Assigned Strength: 286** 

Commander: Col Leah Voelker

Senior Enlisted Leader: CMSgt Maurice Graves

8 PAA KC-135 Stratotanker Aircraft

Supported five operations throughout USNORTHCOM, USCENTCOM, and USPACOM

• USNORTHCOM. 121 sorties flown totaling 541.5 hours with 2,036.3 pounds of fuel transferred to 256 receiving aircraft.

• USCENTCOM. 98 sorties flown totaling 702 hours with 3,597,000 pounds of fuel

transferred to 220 receiving aircraft.

 USPACOM. 17 sorties flown totaling 109 hours with 218,100 pounds of fuel transferred to 17 receiving aircraft.



KC-135 MISSIONS	TRAINING	СОМВАТ
TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	1,740.6	702
TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN	421	98
POUNDS OF FUEL TRANSFERRED	4,054,200	3,597,200

### SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

127TH MEDICAL GROUP **Assigned Strength: 67** 

Commander: Col Laura Svinarich

Senior Enlisted Leader: CMSgt Joseph Crocker
Northern Strike 24-2. MET/UTC driven exercise intended to validate ANG enroute patient staging capabilities. Based on the stated MET objectives and UTC MISCAP details, the participants successfully demonstrated proficiency and met all objectives. CCATT validated competence in over 40 comprehensive medical readiness program categories among their respective AFSCs. Team Integration. The collaborations between five units and course, including two Critical Care

Air Transport Teams facilitated a well-rounded training environment.

Coordinated and executed multi-day joint force maritime prolonged casualty care exercise leading to the successful transfer of a critically injured patient, via hoist operations with the Atlantic Sea Combat Weapons School and US Navy, from a moving vessel to a Role 2 facility with rotary wing platform.

State Partnership Program. MING Soldiers and Airmen assess and evaluate current Armed Forces of Liberia Mass Casualty capabilities and plan at 14th Military Hospital. Soldiers and Airmen work with AFL staff to train and advise hospital leadership to create, implement, and establish preliminary MASCAL plan. Incorporate AFL leadership into planning and SOP Development.

### 127TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

**Assigned Strength: 451** 

Commander: Col Samuel Trapasso

Senior Enlisted Leader: CMSqt Robert Sutton

15 engineering projects totaling \$101.4 million; \$33.1 million in military construction and \$68.3 million in facilities sustainment, restoration and modernization.

2,373 meals served at dining facility

305 passengers 310.7 tons of cargo deployed to four countries.

317 Airmen deployed to USCENTCOM in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

SELFRIDGE SECURITY STATISTICS				
DBIDS Transactions	575,149			
IACP Turnarounds	17			
Background Checks	14,168			
Installation Access Denials	3,292			
Access Credentials Issued	9,087			
Warrants Detected and Served	27			
Intoxicated Drivers Detected	4			
Individuals Detained	81			
Investigations	15			
Field Interviews	35			
Incident Reports	38			
CATM STATISTICS				
Weapons Students	658			
Support Hours (Training)	472			
OPFOR Support Hours	80			





# MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

RECRUITING AND RETENTION BATTALION OFFICE OF THE STATE SURGEON MEDICAL DETACHMENT AVIATION AND SAFETY 177TH REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE 46TH MILITARY POLICE COMMAND 63RD TROOP COMMAND 177TH MILITARY POLICE BRICADE 272ND REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

### RECRUITING AND RETENTION **BATTALION**

Commander: LTC Richard Sands

Command Sergeant Major: CSM David Lewis

#### MISSION

The MIARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion conducts continuous recruiting, retention, and attrition management activities to achieve authorized end strength objectives and operational force readiness requirements in accordance with the MIARNG Strength Maintenance

In 2024 MIARNG RRB recruited 719 non-prior service / prior service accessions. This is an increase of 203 enlisted accession compared to Production Year 2023, a 40% improvement. For the first time in seven years a company within the battalion met their annual mission (Alpha Company). Four platoons made their annual mission (0 in FY23), and 44 recruiters made mission (20 in FY23). The battalion had two Iron Soldiers (having an enlistment accession in every month); the last Iron Soldier was in 2019. MIARNG RRB recruited 21.1% of the overall DoD market share in FY24, in FY23 the MIARNG market share was only 17.6%. Eleven first year recruiters met their annual mission.

RRB increased its focus and attention to recruiting soldiers leaving the regular army and exceeded its reserve component transfer mission with 80 total gains. It also added 59 inter-state transfers.

The Recruit Sustainment Program was ranked 54/54 at the beginning of FY24, by November 15, 2024 it was ranked 21/54 and improved the Training Pipeline Success rate from 66.5% to 85%. For the first time in three years every section of Officer Strength Maintenance (basic branch, specialty branch, warrant officer) met or exceeded their annual mission. The state extended 1,086 Soldiers in FY24, exceeding its assigned retention mission. Two major subordinate commands, nine Battalions, and 33 companies all met their annual retention mission.

- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
   Recruiter of the Year "Directors 54" and the ARNG Strength Maintenance Advisory Group Region IV winner SFC Antonio Ybarra

  - Platoon Sergeant of the Year "Expert 7" SFC Joel James 2024 MIARNG Recruiter "Rookie of the Year" SSG Caleb French
  - The Great Lakes Grand program commenced October 1, 2024, offering \$1,000 for each successful enlistment referral. This follows the FOR\$500 program in FY24 which yielded
- 1,416 leads and 170 enlistments marking a 12% conversion rate.

  The Hometown Recruiter Assistant Program was established to leverage new soldiers who recently completed initial entry training to assist local recruiters on 29-day orders, sharing their stories and spreading the National Guard message.



Assigned Strength: 165



### OFFICE OF THE STATE SURGEON

#### **NORTHERN STRIKE 24-2**

The Office of the State Surgeon supported Northern Strike 24–2 with the State Surgeon, Col. Aaron Proffitt acting as the exercise Medical Director providing oversight for the medical treatment of over 5,000 service members. The OSS also coordinated and conducted behavioral health evaluations, coordinated dental treatment and exams with the 4th Navy Dental for over 50 MIARNG Soldiers, provided medical operations experience as part of NS 24-2 HICOM, assisted in administrative services to the Camp Grayling Troop Medical Clinic, and provided medicine checks throughout the exercise.

### **FY24 MEDICAL READINESS**

- Medical Readiness, ranked 12/54 in the ARNG at 85% (Goal is 90%)
  Dental Readiness, ranked 12/54 in ARNG at 91%

#### **CREDENTIALING**

Maintained over 90% for FY24.

#### **BCP AND IP PAY**

Completed and maintained up to date for over 60 eligible providers.

#### ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICER STRENGTH

- Liaison with Michigan Officer Strength Manager to perform initial interview and placement
- Continued to maintain around 130% AMEDD Officer strength.

### **OSS CONTRACTS - EXECUTED OVER \$1.9 MILLION**

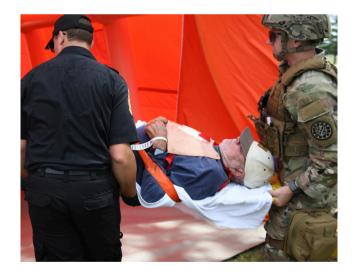
- Executed and managed six medical contracts.
  - Dental Services
  - Firefighter and EOD physicals

  - Laboratory services
    Occupational physicals
    AED/CPR

  - Care Coordinators

#### **EXECUTED MEDICAL READINESS CLINICS**

- First Formations
- Friday Walk in Clinics
- Mobilization Soldier Readiness Processing
- Unit Medical Readiness Events



### MIARNG MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Commander: LTC Timothy Findlay Command Sergeant Major: ISG Chelsea Herman

Assigned Strength: 35

The State Medical Detachment plans, programs, provides and sustains health force protection and medical and dental support to ensure medical readiness, operations, training, mobilization, and demobilization of ARNG units. In accordance with HIPAA, maintains and manages electronic healthcare records of soldiers and units. Oversees the transfer and transition of Soldier healthcare information between units, civilian medical organizations, and federal agencies. Operates in a medical advisory role to the MING Joint Force Headquarters and the Adjutant General. When directed, will augment a state JTF in a medical advisory role during State Active Duty Events, Title 32 Emergencies, and JTF actions.

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### **AVIATION AND SAFETY**

During the 2024 training year, the Michigan Directorate of Army Aviation and Safety directly contributed to the success of various Domestic Operations and prepared forces for Overseas Contingency Operations in support of the National Command Authority. Aviation units flew nearly 4,000 safe flying hours while maintenance was able to improve mission readiness for a fleet of 35 aircraft. The Aviation and Safety Directorate made significant gains by increasing the manning level of resources within the full-time workforce, hiring 18 new employees, and staffing 115 employees within the Army Aviation Support Facilities, Army Aviation Operating Facilities, State Safety Section, and Directorate Staff. This full-time workforce made aircraft sustainment operational tempo possible, supporting training exercises, unit training, community events, and senior leader engagements. Michigan Army National Guard aviation forces supported more than 168 missions, flying 700 aircraft mission hours, transporting over 800 passengers, and moving more than 100,000 pounds of cargo in support of DoD units and senior leaders.

### **CHANGES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION**

The State Army Aviation and Safety Directorate made significant strides in developing partnerships and writing discussion papers to advance unmanned considerations. Training improvements for aviation operations at the National All Domain Warfighting Center.

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT OPERATIONS**

During the 2024 calendar year, the Aviation and Safety Directorate strengthened community relations by conducting 76 flights and static aviation displays to support various community and recruiting events. Many of these events required multiple levels of approval beyond the National Guard Bureau to the Pentagon. These outreach events improved recruiting and retention of the MING while achieving strategic messaging campaign goals.

#### TITLE 10 MOBILIZATIONS

- Det 4. Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 245th Aviation Regiment returned from their deployment to USCENTCOM.
- Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment returned from their deployment within USNORTHCOM in support of the Southwest Border Mission.

### **NORTHERN STRIKE 24**

During Exercise Northern Strike 24, the SAAO staff was assigned to the higher command staff to perform the roles of J3-Air (Operations and Coordination) and Bridge Aviation Element. During this exercise, the staff synchronized rotary aviation plans for creating Air Tasking Order and evaluated training/mission support operations for airspace de-confliction of 158 unique scheduled missions within the two-week period, which also included support for Global Modic.

#### PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

During 2024, MIARNG was able to integrate five Latvian Air Force Search and Rescue Swimmers, members of our State Partnership Program, into aviation training events hosted at AASF#1 in Grand Ledge. This training focused on aircraft familiarization, aviation safety, aircraft systems, and initial non-rated crewmember UH-60M flight qualification. This bilateral training event strengthened relationships between partners and increased readiness of Latvian Air Force members.

Since 2018, the Aviation and Safety Directorate has collaborated with the U.S. Virgin Islands Army National Guard to reestablish an aviation program. Since the creation of the partnership, the Aviation Directorate has invested more than 12,000 man-hours in training seven soldiers from the U.S. Virgin Islands operations, maintenance, aircrew duties, and fuel support. Aiding this program advancement, full-time support of the Army Aviation Support Facility #1 assumed control of two USVI aircraft, reestablishing those aircraft to a fully mission-capable status after being non-operational for two years. Additionally, the Aviation Directorate trained five USVI aircrew members to the highest readiness level and prepared the force for future mobilization within USNORTHCOM in support of the Southwest border. During the 2024 calendar year, the Aviation and Safety Directorate provided training resources for USVI aviation soldiers to meet annual training requirements and aircrew readiness standards while assisting with developing a USVI aviation program.

### 177TH REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

### FORT CUSTER TRAINING CENTER

Assigned Strength: 112

Commander: COL Erick Schramm

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Andrew Rodriguez

 Conducted two engagements with the Armed Forces of Liberia to assist with the development of a Basic Leader Course and partnered

military medical hospital assessment Hosted Training Institute Pre Command Course Mobile Training Team

resulting in 14 students from six different states.

Completed accreditation with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command with a score of over 97% resulting in the 177th Regional Training Institute being accredited for another three years

### **Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment**

**Assigned Strength: 23** 

Commander: CPT Chelsey Downer First Sergeant: ISG Derek Smith

Conducted "Meet the Regional Training Institute" event with 80 cadets

and cadre from the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy
Hosted Defender 5k Race with community on Fort Custer Training
Center with over 200 participants comprised of service members, their families, and community members

Hosted Faculty and Fellowship Dinner

Facilitated GT Improvement Course for the state

### **IST BATTALION (MILITARY POLICE)**

Assigned Strength: 22

Commander: LTC Amanda Self

 Command Sergeant Major: MSG Matthew Smallish
 Provided Basic Military Instructor Course resulting in 61 fully trained graduates

Provided Common Faculty Development-Instructor Course resulting in 78 fully trained graduates

### 2ND BATTALION (MODULAR TRAINING)

Assigned Strength: 31 Commander: LTC Ashley Dykes

Command Sergeant Májor: MSG Daniel Blaser

Provided Unit Supply Specialist Course resulting in 170 newly qualified logisticians

Provided Officer Candidate School for the state resulting in nine new commissioned officers

Provided the Combat Lifesaver Course resulting in 166 certified Combat Lifesavers for the MIARNG

### **REGIONAL TRAINING SITE - MAINTENANCE Assigned Strength: 15**

MAJ Antione Fair & 1SG Derrek Mazza

- Provided Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Course for 31 students
- Provided Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Leader Course to 47 students
- Provided Rough Terrain Container Handler Maintainer Course (one of only two in the nation) for 36 students
- **Provided Wheeled Vehicle Recovery Operations** Course to 53 students
- Conducted Lawler Cemetery Restoration project on Fort Custer Training Center with local community leaders and the Boy Scouts of America
- Continued partnership with the University of Detroit Mercy to develop a Vehicle Cyber Security Course providing college credits to Soldiers upon graduation



COURSE	MISSION	INPUT	GRADUATE	MI GRADUATE	
92Y10 PH1	177	166	166	28	
92Y10 PH2	177	170	170	27	
31B10 PH1	61	29	28	7	
31B10 PH2	61	28	28	7	
OCS 67	N/A	9	9	9	
ocs 68	N/A	8	4/13/2025		
CLS	200	167	166	166	
GTIC	108	75	75	72	
91B10 PH1	48	31	31	8	
91B10 PH2	48	31	31	7	
91B10 PH3	48	31	31	7	
91B30 VL PH1	54	47	47	13	
91B30 PH2	54	47	47	13	
91B30 PH3	54	46	46	14	
ASI-H8	60	54	53	12	
ASI-R5	36	36	36	3	
CFD-IC	78	51	50	46	
TOTALS	1,264	1,026	1014	439	

### **46TH MILITARY POLICE** COMMAND

LANSING, MI

Assigned Strength: 136

Commander: MG Scott Hiippaka Command Sergeant Major: CSM James Taylor

> Headquarters and Headquarters Company received annual validation and confirmation as "Task Force 46," serving as the Command and Control Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Response Enterprise - Bravo from USNORTHCOM. This included successful performance during Vibrant Response 2024, a nationallevel joint validation exercise.

**Guardian Response 2024** 

- Provided command and control for five subordinate task forces during the readiness validation exercise.
- Validated brigade and lower echelon units assigned to USNORTHCOM for CBRN response.

**Vibrant Response 2024** 

- Conducted a no-notice mobilization to federal status, deployed to the Joint Operations Area, and performed CBRN response operations in support of Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Executed urban search and rescue, mass casualty decontamination, medical treatment and triage, and sustainment operations.
- Developed a common operating picture with US Army North, adjacent units, and interagency stakéholders.

 Sustainment Training with Interagency Partners
 Conducted training in St. Louis, Missouri, with civilian interagency partners. Enhanced capabilities in urban search and rescue, medical triage, and logistics.

**Advancing Protection Capabilities** 

- Participated in key forums and courses, such as the MSCoE Senior Leader Protection Forum and the U.S. Army War College Protection Symposium.
- Contributed to shaping protection strategies in Large-Scale Combat Operations and Homeland Defense environments.
- Supported the Homeland Response Readiness Advisory Council and refined detention operations.

**Key Leader's Readiness Workshop** 

- Task Force 46 participated in an annual Key Leader's Readiness Workshop located in Camp
- Atterbury, Indiana. Ensured C2CRE-B readiness for national emergency response.
- Unified standards and policies across the DSCA operational environment.

#### **Notable Achievements**

- Reinforced Protection Warfighting Function,
- particularly in LSCO and HD environments. Enhanced DSCA readiness and interoperability through interagency collaborations.









BELMONT, MI

**Assigned Strength: 1,950** 

Commander: LTC Stephen Chan Command Sergeant Major: CSM Mike Henry

#### HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (BELMONT, MI)

Assigned Strength: 33 Commander: CPT Zachary Moore

First Sergeant: ISG Jamie Harkins
• Reintegrated 530 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment returning from deployment in the United States Central Command Area of Operations. The MSC then began preparing the 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment and 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation Brigade for deployments scheduled in 2025.

The 63 Troop Command continues to prioritize Soldier development and operational preparedness, with plans to successfully deploy two units and complete multiple large-scale training exercises to enhance skills across all

ranks in 2025.



**Assigned Strength: 29** 

Assigned Strength: 29
Commander: LTC Charles Calio
Command Sergeant Major: CSM Steven Netzley
In 2024, the 126th TPASE provided multimedia support to State Annual Training, Motor City 24 and the Infantry Rendezvous. Through photo, video, and written articles the TPASE told the story of the Michigan Army National Guard and amplified it to internal and external audiences.
126 TPASE real-time media operations bolstered strategic communication capabilities, supported multi-national partnerships, and fostered collaboration and trust across multiple events.
Most importantly, the TPASE leveraged innovative platforms and strategies during Motor City 2024, amplifying the storytelling and connecting with diverse audiences which fostered a stronger bond between military and civilian communities. The expanded engagement strengthened transparency and showcased the National Guard's readiness and relevance.

### 126th Army Band (Belmont, MI) Assigned Strength: 31

Commander: CW3 Kimberly Ferrante First Sergeant: ISG Andrew Schwallier

Out of 131 mission requests and taskings, 69 missions were performed throughout the state of Michigan to include MING functions, parades and ceremonies for National Holidays, Memorials and

Honors, and professional sporting events.
The 73rd Army Band from the Virgin Islands and the 126th Army Band of Michigan collaborated for Motor City 2024 in Detroit, MI in August 2024.
On May 27, 2024, the Musical Performance Team 'First Light' had the honor of performing a

Memorial Service and concert for the members of Camp Curnalia in Higgins Lake, MI, a military community of retired veterans.

## Delta Company, 837 Engineer Battalion (Lansing, MI) Assigned Strength: 107 Compander: CPT Anthony Garza

First Sergeant: 1SG Jeremie Mead

- 24 soldiers attended officer and non-commissioned officer education system and additional skill identifier courses. Seven earned recognitions as Honor Graduates or Distinguished Honor Graduates and six additional earned recognition on the Commandant's list.
- The Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Maintenance section hosted the Assistant to the Adjutant General of the MIARNG for a top-secret video teleconference test call displaying equipment readiness and intelligence capabilities the unit can provide.

The company gave a mission analysis brief to COL Anthony Dennis, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Commander, in preparation for the 42nd Infantry Division Warfighter Exercise in second quarter training year 2025.

CPT Garza and SFC McNichol were presented with the Knowlton Award for demonstrating high

levels of integrity, moral character, professional competence, and selflessness and who have contributed greatly to the Military Intelligence Corps.









BELMONT, MI

**1ST BATTALION, 125TH INFANTRY REGIMENT (SAGINAW, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 587

Commander: LTC Tad Reed

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Darrin Alexander

HEADOUARTERS AND HEADOUARTERS COMPANY (SAGINAW, MI)

Assigned Strength: 167

CPT Joshua Wolletz & ISG Matthew Crimando

ALPHA COMPANY (DETROIT, MI)

Assigned Strength: 117

CPT Christopher Pawsat & SFC Ryan Lange

**BRAVO COMPANY (SAGINAW, MI)** 

**Assigned Strength: 95** 

CPT Jeffery Storms & ISG Scott Horrigan

CHARLIE COMPANY (GRAND RAPIDS, MI)
Assigned Strength: 103

CPT Francis Senger & ISG Timothy Sterk

**DELTA COMPANY (BIG RAPIDS, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 57 1LT Derek Byrd & ISG Kyle Johnson

HOTEL COMPANY, 237TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION (BAY CITY, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 56** 

CPT Lawrence Jasinski & SFC Bryan Mason

Headquarters and Headquarters Company hosted the First Annual Infantry Rendezvous, bringing retirees and members of all past infantry battalions to Camp Grayling for a day to commemorate fallen heroes and reconnect with old friends and warfighters. HHC also conducted drone demonstrations in Camp Grayling, MI, highlighting lessons learned during recent conflicts in Europe and the Middle East and providing training on the new infantry squad level nanocopter.

Alpha Company exceeded its unit retention goal by two extensions, winning the BN retention crossed axes award. Coordinated the Michigan State University WWI Memorial Grove Rededication ceremony, commemorating 18 of the 30 oak trees which were dedicated to 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment soldiers who left school at MSU.

who left school at MSU and died in WWI.

Bravo Company was awarded with the most proficient fire team when evaluated on team tactics in a woodland environment during 2024 Annual Training. Hosted the 'Bushmaster' Pancake Breakfast and job fair for Soldiers in the Saginaw and Bay City area, increasing community knowledge of the unit and the MING. Charlie Company hosted a machine gun theory course for the entire battalion, increasing proficiency and effectiveness across all machine gun teams. Developed and presented a Russo-Ukrainian conflict brief and a China capabilities brief, increasing Soldier knowledge on current trends in warfare and potential adversaries. Delta Company placed third out of the top five teams in the Fire Team Competition. Teams participated in a three mile Rasmus Run at Camp Grayling and were tested in Shoot/Move/Communicate/Medicate skills at various stations throughout the three mile run culminating in a stress shoot. Hosted the 'Ruck with a Hooligan'

various stations throughout the three mile run, culminating in a stress shoot. Hosted the 'Ruck with a Hooligan' event in Big Rapids, MI which brought community members and city officials on a 4.5 mile road march throughout the local Big Rapids area

Hotel Company provided bus transportation and coordinated the USO BBQ during the Infantry Rendezvous. Hosted the Bay City Armory Trunk or Treat event for the local community during the week of Halloween.





BELMONT, MI

3RD BATTALION, 126TH INFANTRY REGIMENT (WYOMING, MI)

Assigned Strength: 636 Commander: LTC A.J. Przybyla

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Shane Herrick

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (WYOMING, MI)

Assigned Strength: 149 CPT Scott Venema & ISG Christian Byrd

**ALPHA COMPANY (DETROIT, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 149

CPT Joel Vandermolen & ISG Christopher Boertje

**BRAVO COMPANY (WYOMING, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 177 CPT Thomas Baldwin & ISG Francis Williams

CHARLIE COMPANY (DOWAGIAC, MI)
Assigned Strength: 51

CPT Francis Senger & ISG Timothy Sterk

DELTA COMPANY (CADILLAC, MI) Assigned Strength: 37 CPT Benjamin Good & SFC Zachary Johnson



### INDIA COMPANY, 237TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION (WYOMING, MI)

Assigned Strength: 73 CPT Kyle Gwilt & SFC Michael Hatchett

The 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment, spent 2024 preparing for and completing a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center from May 29 to June 27 at Fort Johnson, LA. Additionally, the battalion received a Notification of Sourcing to support Operation Spartan Shield, United States Central Command with two infantry companies beginning in 2025. Following their JRTC rotation, The 3-126 IN focused the remainder of 2024 on preparing Alpha and Bravo companies for the upcoming deployment. The Battalion moves into 2025 concentrated on the deployment, a complete renovation of the Wyoming Armory, and supporting Northern

Strike 2025 with the Rear-Detachment.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company participated in a Joint Readiness Training Center rotation prepared the staff sections and specialty platoons to operate in an austere environment in preparation for Large Scale Combat Operations. Staff sections operated the Tactical Command Post over 14 days, planning and preparing the mission for subordinate units and providing higher headquarters with critical information. During this time, they avoided detection and being compromised, they were the only Battalion Command

Post to not receive enemy contact.

Alpha Company participated in a Battalion level Field Training Exercise from April 10-14, 2024, at Camp Grayling, Ml. They operated for over 24 straight hours under constant cold and wet conditions. They successfully navigated to the objective and set the conditions for follow on units. They established a hasty defense and prevented a successful enemy counterattack. Alpha Company's JRTC rotation allowed them to act as the decisive operation during the attack on the Battalion's main objective. Through their violence of action, they were able to secure the objective and prepare for counterattack. Alpha Company also began

training for their 2025 mobilization.

Bravo Company participated in a Battalion level Field Training Exercise on April 10-14, 2024, at Camp Grayling, Ml. They operated for over 24 straight hours under constant cold and wet conditions, setting in a defense against a force over three times their size in an urban environment. Their use of obstacles and fires created a complex problem set for the opposing units. This directly led to the Battalion's future success at the Joint Readiness Training Center. Bravo Company's JRTC allowed them to provide crucial support by fire to allow the decisive operations to clear the objectives. Their coordination allowed the Battalion to gain the

initiative quickly. They participated in Squad Live Fires building confidence in equipment and Soldiers. Charlie Company also completed a JRTC rotation with the Battalion to support pre-mobilization training. Charlie Company cross-leveled Soldiers to the mobilizing units to ensure that they had the manning to

complete their mission overseas in 2025.

Delta Company completed Crew Gunnery at Camp Grayling, MI, from April 23-28, 2024, where they qualified 12 crews in preparation for the JRTC rotation where they provided the heavy weapons support that was crucial during the counterattack, defense, and movement throughout the area of operations. They provided

security of key checkpoints and convoys to ensure that friendly troops arrived at their destination safely. India Company, 132nd Brigade Support Battalion, completed rotation at the JRTC where they provided all

logistical, maintenance and recovery needs. At no point during the rotation did any unit go without water or any other critical piece of supply. Their efforts allowed the Battalion to stay focused on the fight.

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BELMONT, MI

3RD BATTALION (GENERAL SUPPORT), 238TH AVIATION REGIMENT (GRAND LEDGE, MI)

Assigned Strength: 527

Commander: LTC Brian Snook

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Douglas Rawlins

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (GRAND LEDGE, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 72** 

CW3 Amber Burgess & ISG Thomas Haviland

**BRAVO COMPANY (SELFRIDGE, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 86

CPT Adam Flaim & SFC Christopher Greer

CHARLIE COMPANY (GRAND LEDGE, MI)
Assigned Strength: 77

CPT Dustin Pawloski & SFC Jordan Bultema

**DELTA COMPANY (GRAND LEDGE, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 105

CW4 Jason Zylstra & 1SG Chad Ross

ECHO COMPANY (GRAND LEDGE, MI) Assigned Strength: 72

CPT Lily Walker & 1SG James Dentler

BRAVO COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 147TH AVIATION REGIMENT (GRAND LEDGE, MI)

**Assigned Strength:** 49 CPT Zachary Plotzke & SFC Nate Kirgis

CHARLIE COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 147TH AVIATION REGIMENT (GRAND LEDGE, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 25** 

1LT Brandon Van Wert & 1SG John Sheehan

BRAVO COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION (SECURITY AND SUPPORT), 112TH AVIATION REGIMENT (GRAND LEDGE, MI)

Assigned Strength: 31

CPT Stephen Ronan & ISG Mick Mccormic

The GSAB achieved 3,834 safe flying hours, surpassing last year's execution in UH-60 support by over 325 aircraft hours. In total, 3-238 GSAB supported more than 250 missions, flew 3,834 aircraft mission hours, transported over 1,600 passengers, moved more than 200,000 pounds of cargo, and maintained 35 aircraft. A credit to the sustained flying hour program and aircraft operational readiness is largely due to the Army Aviation Support Facilities, AASF#1 in Grand Ledge with seven AGR Soldiers and 68 Dual-Status Title 32 Federal Technicians, and AASF#2 in Selfridge with three AGR Soldiers and 29 Dual-Status Title 32 Federal

During FY24, the GSAB worked to establish two new detachments at Selfridge Air National Guard Base:
Detachment 7, Delta Company, 3-238 GSAB, and Detachment 6, Bravo Company, 351st Aviation Support
Battalion. These assigned units will increase recruiting opportunities in the Detroit area and properly align
the force structure for funding allocation.
Throughout 2024, the unit and Soldiers conducted multiple training events to prepare for future mobilization.
Their culminating training event was Exercise Northern Strike 24-2, during which the unit conducted staff
operations tractical company post operations, and aviation mission execution.

operations, tactical command post operations, and aviation mission execution.

The GSAB strengthened community support and involvement by conducting aviation static displays to support various community and recruiting events. Many of these events required multiple levels of approval beyond the National Guard Bureau to the Pentagon. These outreach events improved recruiting and retention of the MING while achieving strategic messaging campaign goals.





TAYLOR, MI

**Assigned Strength: 2,193** 

Commander: COL Tiffianey Laurin

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Edward Williams

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (TAYLOR, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 99** 

CPT Nathanial Ray & 1SG Jamison Yager

210TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION (TAYLOR, MI) Assigned Strength: 590

Commander: LTC Jared Van Dop

Command Sergeant Major: CSM William Gribble

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT (TAYLOR, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 76** 

1LT Brandon Little & SFC Michael Perino

**46TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (CORUNNA, MI)** 

**Assigned Strength: 165** 

CPT Levi Davis & 1SG Kris Babel

1775TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (PONTIAC, MI)

Assigned Strength: 146 CPT Robert Daza & 1SG Crystal Middaugh

1776TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (TAYLOR, MI)

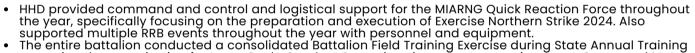
Assigned Strength: 141

CPT Benjamin Larson & 1SG Joshua Fullerton

**460TH CHEMICAL COMPANY (FT. CUSTER, MI)** 

**Assigned Strength: 62** 

CPT Blaine Anderson & 1SG Kyle Norton



preparing the organization for Large Scale Combat Operations in an austere environment. Supported Motor City 2024 with a detachment of Military Police soldiers to provide security support throughout the

The 46th Military Police Company provided auxiliary platoons to the main and reserve QRF efforts throughout 2024 and also provided support to community events such as Special Olympics and Toys for Tots. The

2024 and also provided support to community events such as Special Olympics and Toys for Tots. The company also support numerous RRB events throughout the year.

The 1775th Military Police Company served as the reserve QRF for the State of Michigan and prepared to assume the role as the main QRF next year. Along with the 46th Military Police Company the 1775th supported both the winter and summer Special Olympics. Throughout the year, the 1775th Military Police Company provided personnel and equipment for multiple recruiting events and the local community. The 1776th Military Police Company served as the main QRF throughout the year while also supporting multiple community events, recruiting efforts, and the Salute to Service at Ford Field in November 2023 with one soldier serving as the National Anthem Vocalist. Two soldiers provided equipment for static display at Comerica Park in Detroit, MI on July 31, 2024.

The 460th Chemical Company conducted a training decontamination of a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter with the 3rd Battalion (General Support), 238th Aviation Regiment during the Battalion Consolidated Field Training Exercise in June 2024. The unit supported multiple community events including the Western Michigan University Military Appreciation Game on November 7, 2023, and the Battle Creek Airport Centennial on September 7, 2024.





TAYLOR, MI

156TH EXPEDITIONARY SIGNAL BATTALION (HOWELL, MI) Assigned Strength: 329

Commander: LTC Kevin Militello

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Andrew Lytle

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (HOWELL, MI)

Assigned Strength: 71

CPT Olivia Ludwick & SFC Matthew Grove

ALPHA COMPANY (WYOMING, MI)

Assigned Strength: 92

CPT Brianna Hemwall & 1SG Joshua Perk

**BRAVO COMPANY (KALAMAZOO, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 91 CPT Daniel Byl & 1SG William Stitt

CHARLIE COMPANY (HOWELL, MI) Assigned Strength: 75

CPT Eric Daniels & 1SG Terry Carrick

HHC focused on support to mission command and posturing themselves to improve personnel readiness HHC focused on support to mission command and posturing themselves to improve personnel readiness and maintaining equipment readiness. Partnered with the Army National Guard Mission Command Training Support Program to improve its ability to perform mission command, employ staff processes and conduct the military decision making process. Conducted Consolidated State Annual Training at Camp Grayling Joint Training Center in June 2024. Training highlights include drivers training, command post establishment, weapons qualification and signal maintenance.

Alpha Company trained on their basic Signal Soldier Skills, honed their Army Warrior Tasks, focused on improving their maintenance posture, and completed their annual physical fitness test. Continued to train and remain available to provide resilient tactical network operations, all while providing communications equipment and personnel to support Northern Strike 2024. Hosted a company-wide cookout with families, local community support, and an awards ceremony.

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Bravo Company reconsolidated and focused on individual level soldier skills. Engaged in numerous community events throughout the local and greater Kalamazoo area to include events with Western Michigan University and local technical schools. Prepared for assuming the Command and Control Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Response Element - Bravo mission in 2025.

Charlie Company trained on basic Soldiering and signal equipment operations this year; with an emphasis on building nodal teams from the ground up during annual training. Remained an active member of the Howell community, as it volunteered to support the weekend farmer's markets in support of community outreach and recruiting. Forged strong unit cohesion which was demonstrated as as the unit participated in the Bi-Annual 156th Expeditionary Signal Battalion's Commander's Call.





TAYLOR, MI

107TH ENGINEER BATTALION (ISHPEMING, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 593** 

Commander: LTC Matthew Brolsma

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Benjamin Proehl

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (ISHPEMING, MI)

Assigned Strength: 71
CPT Phillip Halamka & ISG Aaron Miller

FORWARD SUPPORT COMPANY (MARQUETTE, MI)

Assigned Strength: 49 CPT Heath Welch & ISG Phillip O'Neill

1430TH ENGINEER COMPANY (TRAVERSE CITY, MI)

Assigned Strength: 120

CPT Jonathon Warner & 1SG Frederick Priest

1431ST ENGINEER COMPANY (CALUMET, MI)

Assigned Strength: 95 CPT Dallas St. Arnaud & ISG Patrick Gartner

1432ND ENGINEER COMPANY (KINGSFORD, MI)

Assigned Strength: 110 CPT Britta Pokornowski & ISG Trever Mashak

1437TH ENGINEER COMPANY (SAULT STE. MARIE, MI)

Assigned Strength: 148

CPT James Hunter & SFC Joshua Fritz





- The FSC continues to provide exemplary logistics support to the Battalion's Soldiers and beyond. During the unit's annual training, the Forward Support Company provided maintenance support operations, logistics package distribution, and fueling capability to four companies across over 500 miles of round-trip distance. The company focused on building teams at echelon to complete this daunting challenge. The FSC additionally planned and executed multiple community engagement events while building their partnership with local non-profit Start the Cycle—piquing the interest of hundreds of area teenagers to consider serving in the National Guard.
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  The 1430th Engineer Company deliberately planned construction operations with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources during its drill weekends while building to project execution during its annual training. Annual training 2024 consisted of a series of Innovative Readiness Training program projects at Wilderness State Park in Carp Lake, Michigan. In addition to infrastructure upgrades, roofing projects, and repaving gravel parking areas, the unit worked to help the park become more Americans with Disabilities Act compliant by installing a new handicapped accessible playground and pouring concrete pads for wheelchair loading areas. The unit showcased their work in partnership with the DNR at a community engagement day attended by local politicians, community leaders, local media, and MIARNG leaders.

  The 1431st Engineer Company continued to modernized its Modification Table of Organization and Equipment to the force structure of a Combat Engineer Company Infantry. This gain of capability led to the unit training to employ multiple pieces of heavy equipment in order to conduct obstacle emplacement, enhance maneuver mobility corridors, and practice survivability tasks in the field. The unit also focused on building close-quarters tactical proficiencies, running a live-fire shoot house for their soldiers at Camp Grayling. 34 soldiers of the company were additionally selected to support the 1437th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge Company) Contingency Response Force mission, cross training as bridge crewmembers during key training events. In keeping with the highest standards of excellence, three soldiers exemplified the 1431st Engineer Company echos by graduating SAPPER Leader Course.

  The 1432d Engineer Company conducted regular reconnaissance and site surveys to plan construction operations with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. During the unit's 2024 annual tr
- the DNR at a community engagement day attended by local politicians, community leaders, volunteer groups, local media, the public, and MIARNG leaders.
- The 1437th Engineer Company continued to train as a Contingency Response Force unit. Spending Annual Training at Camp Ripley, Minnesota, the unit certified proficiencies on their Department of the Army directed Mission Essential Tasks. During their evaluation period, the 1437th Engineer Company conducted bridging support operations by partnering with the Minnesota Army National Guard to cross armored vehicles and tracked artillery pieces across the Mississippi River. In September, the 1437th Engineer Company participated in a sling-load training exercise with Michigan Army National Guard aviation assets to deliver bridge bays, ramps, and Bridge Erection Boats into Lake Huron for rafting operations—refining the skillsets required for expedient force projection of bridge equipment expedient force projection of bridge equipment.

TAYLOR, MI

**507TH ENGINEER BATTALION (KALAMAZOO, MI)** 

**Assigned Strength: 582** 

Commander: MAJ Megan Breen
Command Sergeant Major: CSM Wesley Amerson

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (KALAMAZOO, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 79** 

CPT Joseph Kilner & ISG Christopher Wetzel

FORWARD SUPPORT COMPANY (KALAMAZOO, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 45** 

CPT Georgie Juday & ISG Jesse Schmitt

745TH EXPLOSIVE ORDINANCE COMPANY (CAMP GRAYLING, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 30** 

CPT Joel Meller & ISG Stephen Wojkowski

1433RD ENGINEER COMPANY (FT. CUSTER, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 117** 

CPT Adam Donne & ISG Matt Robinson

1434TH ENGINEER COMPANY (YPSILANTI, MI)

Assigned Strength: 160 CPT Miles Warren & 1SG Aaron DuDonis

1436TH ENGINEER COMPANY (MONTAGUE, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 130** 

CPT Jacob Whitacre & ISG Davide Robarge

1439TH/1440TH/1442ND FIREFIGHTER TEAMS (ALPENA, MI)

Assigned Strength: 21 CPT Daniel Debano & SFC Lon Axtell



Army Combat Fitness Test, weapons qualification, field exercises, and a ruck march, enhancing operational readiness and preparing the unit for austere.

The Firefighter Teams deployed internationally in August 2024 to Romania and Bulgaria to conduct command operations for multi-agency and international partners. The 1440th Firefighter Team responded to 106 calls for service and participated in joint training with Romanian forces during a mass casualty event, assuming incident command. Participated in Northern Strike 2024, a state training exercise at Camp Grayling, Michigan, in August 2024. The team responded to a simulated mass casualty incident involving two helicopter crashes. This exercise included collaboration with local fire departments, the Army Reserve Fire Department, and National Guard firefighter units from multiple states, enhancing coordination with joint forces and civil authorities. Honored the memory of 9/11 first responders by participating in the Tunnel to Towers 5K run in Alpena, Michigan, on September 7, 2024. Staff Sergeant Vandyke completed the run wearing full firefighting gear, achieving second place and representing the firefighter team's dedication to service and remembrance. remembrance.





LANSING. MI

Assigned Strength: 1,524

Commander: COL Jeffrey Austhof Command Sergeant Major: CSM James Robins

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT (LANSING, MI)

**Assigned Strength:** 66

CPT Daniel Sackmann & ISG Eric Hutchinson

246TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (JACKSON, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 387** 

Commander: LTC Renn Moon

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Jayme Andrews

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (JACKSON, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 38** 

1LT Nathaniel Stout & SFC Jeffery Edgell

1460TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (MIDLAND, MI)

Assigned Strength: 140 CPT Daniel Reed & 1SG Garret Duke

1463RD TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (AUGUSTA, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 108** 

CPT Zachary Geno & 1SG Terrence Marshall

1461ST TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (JACKSON, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 101** 

CPT James Dahms & 1SG Prescott Ingraham



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During 2024 the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment was a main effort for Exercise Northern Exposure where they supported real world exercises throughout Cheybogan County and Camp Grayling. Facilitated 25 Transportation Movement Requests totaling more than 75,000 miles driven in support of MIARNG units. Participated in the Tuscola Technology Center Recruiting and Retention event. Received the strength maintenance award in 2024 for the highest retention rate in the state. Tasked with Contingency Response Force mission in 2024.

The 1460th Transportation Company completed multiple TMRs throughout the State, totaling 66,577 miles driven in support of MIARNG Units.

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The 1461st Transportation Company sent over 30 Soldiers to the southwest border to support the 1463rd Transportation Company. They participated in Northern Exposure to help support local law enforcement prepare for real world scenarios if they had to respond with the support of the National Guard. Completed 12 Transportation Movement Requests across the state from Ishpeming to Taylor in FY24 helping support all units move a various range of equipment from Earth Moving Equipment to M1097's.

The 1463rd Transportation Company trained, prepared, and vetted more than 125 soldiers for mobilization to the southwest border in support of Task Force Red Hawk. During this time, the 1463rd also convoyed over 19,500 miles and supported TMR's across the state, to include the 46th Military Police Command during Vibrant Response exercise at Grayling Army Airfield.

Vibrant Response exercise at Grayling Army Airfield.





LANSING. MI

**IST BATTALION, 119TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT (LANSING, MI)** 

**Assigned Strength: 332** 

Commander: LTC Peter Mason

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Kreston Vandermark

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY (LANSING, MI)

Assigned Strength: 78 CPT Andrew Miller & ISG Emanual Mosley

ALPHA BATTERY (PORT HURON, MI) Assigned Strength: 59

CPT Austin Molnar & 1SG Steven Farrell

**BRAVO BATTERY (ALMA, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 67 CPT Eric Epps & ISG Michael Mansell

**CHARLIE BATTERY (ALBION, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 49 CPT Jared Price & ISG William Symington

119TH SUPPORT COMPANY (AUGUSTA, MI)

Assigned Strength: 79

CPT Riley McMichael & ISG Wayne Campau

The 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment received the National Guard's Reaction Force's Ready Reserve Force mission mid-year. The battalion quickly developed and executed a training plan. 1-119th FAR received validation from the Assistant Adjutant General within three months of receipt of mission. The battalion stands ready to answer the call.

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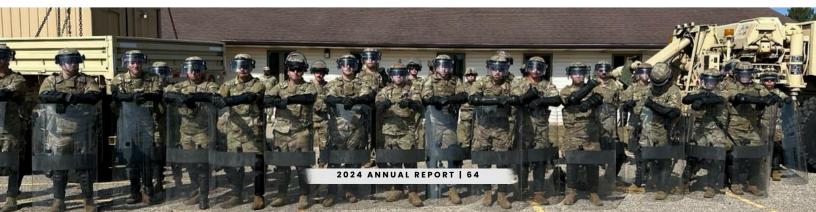
The battalion served as first class opposing forces and red cycle UAS for Northern Strike 24–2. This provided the training audience with realistic and professional quality training. This was the first Michigan unit to train and execute opposition force, or "Red," UAS missions.

The 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment participated in Operation Wolverine Thunder, a Virtual Reality Tactical Operations Center platform integrating maneuver, fires and air assets, demonstrating Michigan's emerging technologies development programs to the Secretary of Defense and Army Chief of Staff.

The The 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment salute battery supported three events across the state, the state pass and review, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command's Change of Command and Responsibility, and a Memorial Day ceremony. The salute battery highlights the storied history and traditions of the Red Lion battalion to current and former service members and community partners.







LANSING. MI

1ST BATTALION, 182ND FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT (DETROIT, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 297** 

Commander: LTC Jason Mitchell

Command Sergeant Major: CSM David Howie

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY (DETROIT, MI)

Assigned Strength: 71 ILT Courtney Bonneau & ISG Mickey Bost

ALPHA BATTERY (DETROIT, MI)
Assigned Strength: 61

1LT Nathan Vanden Bosch & 1SG Kaleb Vickery

**BRAVO BATTERY (BAY CITY, MI)** 

Assigned Strength: 59 CPT Charles Wang & ISG Darwin Brooks

182ND SUPPORT COMPANY (DETROIT, MI)

Assigned Strength: 106
CPT Robert Morrison & ISG Thomas Windgaston

Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment accomplished many things over the last year. HHB took second during the Sudden Death Team of the Year, who's team had a combined military service of three years. HHB lead the Battalion with the most Soldier's qualifying Expert on

combined military service of three years. HHB lead the Battalion with the most Soldiers qualifying Expert on their individually assigned weapons. HHB completed their annual ruck march during May IDT, this event builds esprit de corps and team building across the Battery. Alpha Battery, Ist Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment returned from deployment in February, they deployed in support of the 3-197th Field Artillery Regiment (New Hampshire Army National Guard) mobilization. Alpha Battery was in the Central Command Area of Responsibility supporting both Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve. Operation Spartan Shield is designed to strengthen partnerships with host nations and their armed forces. Alpha Battery was prepared to provide all-weather surface to surface fires in support of Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve throughout the AOR. Due to their efforts, Alpha Battery was recognized as the best Field Artillery Battery in the National Guard, receiving the Hamilton Award presented by Brigadier General Wertzler.

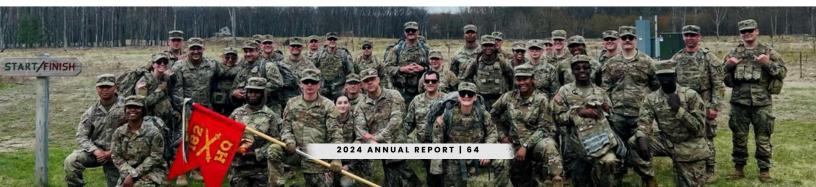
Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment competed in and won the Sudden Death Team of the Year during annual training. The Battery demonstrated exceptional proficiency and tactical expertise throughout the training year. Bravo Battery completed multiple live fire exercises during 2024 including a winter live fire. During annual training Bravo Battery focused on base defense, HIMARS Operations, Artillery Table VI, individual weapons qualification.

The 182nd Forward Support Company was instrumental to the battalion's success this past year. They excelled in providing logistical support across the battalion, completing more than 500 hours of equipment services,

in providing logistical support across the battalion, completing more than 500 hours of equipment services, ammunition distribution from small arms to artillery munitions, and providing field maintenance to three batteries during annual training.







LANSING. MI

1225TH SUPPORT BATTALION (DETROIT, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 351** 

Commander: LTC Thomas Vanden Bosch

Command Sergeant Major: CSM Leonard Lieffers

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (DETROIT, MI)

Assigned Strength: 79 CPT Kristian Bell & SFC Delano Hudgens

1071ST MAINTENANCE COMPANY (CAMP GRAYLING, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 99** 

CPT Drake McArthur & 1SG Darren Mazza

1073RD MAINTENANCE COMPANY (GREENVILLE, MI)

Assigned Strength: 119

CPT Bart Nolde & ISG Jarred Dirheimer

464TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY (LAPEER, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 54** 

1LT Dawan Lewis & 1SG Jacob Waldorf



The 1071st Maintenance Company contributed more than 1,700 man-hours during state annual training completing 446 work orders on equipment across the State of Michigan. Participated in the Fred Bear State Dedication with Ted Nugent in Camp Grayling, the UAW Veterans Conference in Onaway, MI and Meet the Guard Community Events in Camp Grayling, Michigan. Maintained additional levels of training and readiness to stay prepared as the state's Ready Reaction Force in the event of domestic events

The 1073rd Maintenance Company contributed 1,650 man-hours and completed 478 work orders on equipment for various units across the Michigan Army National Guard. Participated in Northern Strike in

Camp Grayling providing vehicle maintenance and recovery, electronics, small-arms, artillery, and equipment repair to participating units of the Joint Exercise. Provided maintenance support and vehicle recovery operations to international partners, Marines, and several state's National Guard units participating in Northern Strike.

The 464th Quartermaster Company participated in Northern Strike 2024, providing shower and laundry services for more than 2,000 joint, multinational troops. Unit provided personnel and equipment in support of Lapeer County ISD Military Day and Lapeer Days, Michigan's largest free festival. Maintained additional levels of training and readiness'in preparation for Móbilization Support Force Mission.

146TH MULTIFUNCTIONAL MEDICAL BATTALION (YPSILANTI, MI)

**Assigned Strength: 191** 

Commander: LTC Karen Sims

**Command Sergeant Major: VACANT** 

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT (YPSILANTI, MI)

Assigned Strength: 124

CPT Noelle Walker & SFC Charles Slates

1171ST MEDICAL COMPANY AREA SUPPORT (YPSILANTI, MI)

Assigned Strength: 67

CPT Michael Bearup & 1SG Lauren Sirken

- Federal training or deployment highlights and accomplishments: The 146th participated in State Annual Training, conducted Operational Public Health (Preventative Medicine) activities which included the following: DFAC Inspections, MRE Recertification, and Upper Respiratory Infection Tracking/Management.

- Provided a Norther Strike Medical Planner.
  Led the way in the unprecedented Effects and Enablers Team for NS24 with medical scenario injects.
  Conducted and supported more than 800 Influenza vaccinations across three Major Subordinate Commands improving individual Medical Readiness across multiple organizations.
- Supported State Annual Training events including one Change of Command ceremony. Surpassed the annual Retention mission of 22 extensions, executed 29 extensions.
- Supported two Officer Symposiums with Army Medical Department Subject Matter Experts.







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