

2025 Annual Report



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From the Director |

Governor Whitmer,

It's an honor to present the 2025 Annual Report for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. This past year was one of progress, partnership, and purpose for our department and the State of Michigan. We celebrated milestones that reflect our proud heritage and bold vision. The F-15EX basing decision marked a historic investment in Michigan's airpower and secured our role in national defense. The Michigan National Guard completed its first mobilization exercise, including training exchanges with Latvian partners, demonstrating our international alliances and readiness.

This year also marked 15 years of partnership with Liberia, highlighted by training exchanges with Sierra Leone that expanded security cooperation across West Africa. Our Michigan Veteran Homes were named the top veterans care system in the state, a testament to our team's dedication. We continued investing in people and infrastructure, modernizing armories across the state to create safer, more accessible environments. Our response to the "ice storm of the century" showcased our ability to deliver aid swiftly in emergencies.

Innovation propelled us forward. We hosted the inaugural Uncrewed Triple Challenge, bringing together national innovators to advance unmanned systems for defense. Additionally, our recruiting and retention numbers have improved, reflecting renewed interest in service and the hard work of our recruiters and leaders. These accomplishments are thanks to the steadfast support of the State of Michigan. The new budget expanded veterans benefits and ensures we remain a national leader in caring for our service members. Our success is also due to exceptional individuals—from Staff Sergeant Gabe Couturier and Specialist Hunter Zwiers who took first place at the 2025 Winston P. Wilson Championship sniper competition to Sergeant First Class Burke Cueny, who quickly responded to gun fire at his neighbor's home and performed life saving first-aid while waiting for police and EMS to arrive. Our history programs, including staff rides to Gettysburg and Antietam, continue to educate future leaders in resilience and leadership.

Reflecting on this past year, I am proud of what we've achieved and confident in our future. With your continued support, we will build on these successes, modernize for tomorrow's challenges, and keep Michigan a national leader in military service and veteran care.

Respectfully,



Paul D. Rogers

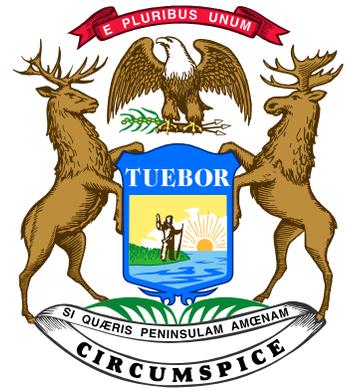
Major General, Michigan National Guard
Director and Adjutant General



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



Senior Deputy Director Michael Price
DMVA State Operations



Director Brian Love
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency



Executive Director and CEO Anne Zerbe
Michigan Veteran Homes

Leadership |



**Brigadier General
Ravindra V. Wagh**
Assistant Adjutant General - Army



**Command Sergeant Major
Matthew L. Hopkins**
Senior Enlisted Leader - Army



**Brigadier General
Daniel J. Kramer II**
Assistant Adjutant General - Air



**Chief Master Sergeant
Jenny R. Balabuch**
Senior Enlisted Leader - Air



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



**Chief Master Sergeant
Erik M. Wolford**
Senior Enlisted Leader - Initiatives

Mission, Vision, and Organizational Identity

Mission

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs synchronizes strategic, legislative, and fiscal initiatives to build and sustain military readiness, care and advocate for veterans, and cultivate purposeful partnerships.

Vision

Michigan is the premier state for advancing military readiness and serving veterans and their families.

Organizational Identity

Department of Military and Veteran Affairs' cultural identity is that of a values-based organization that sets the standard for expected workplace conduct by all department team members. Our culture builds a sense of community and purpose across the department. Shared values to guide our beliefs and behavior assure the foundation of our team's success.

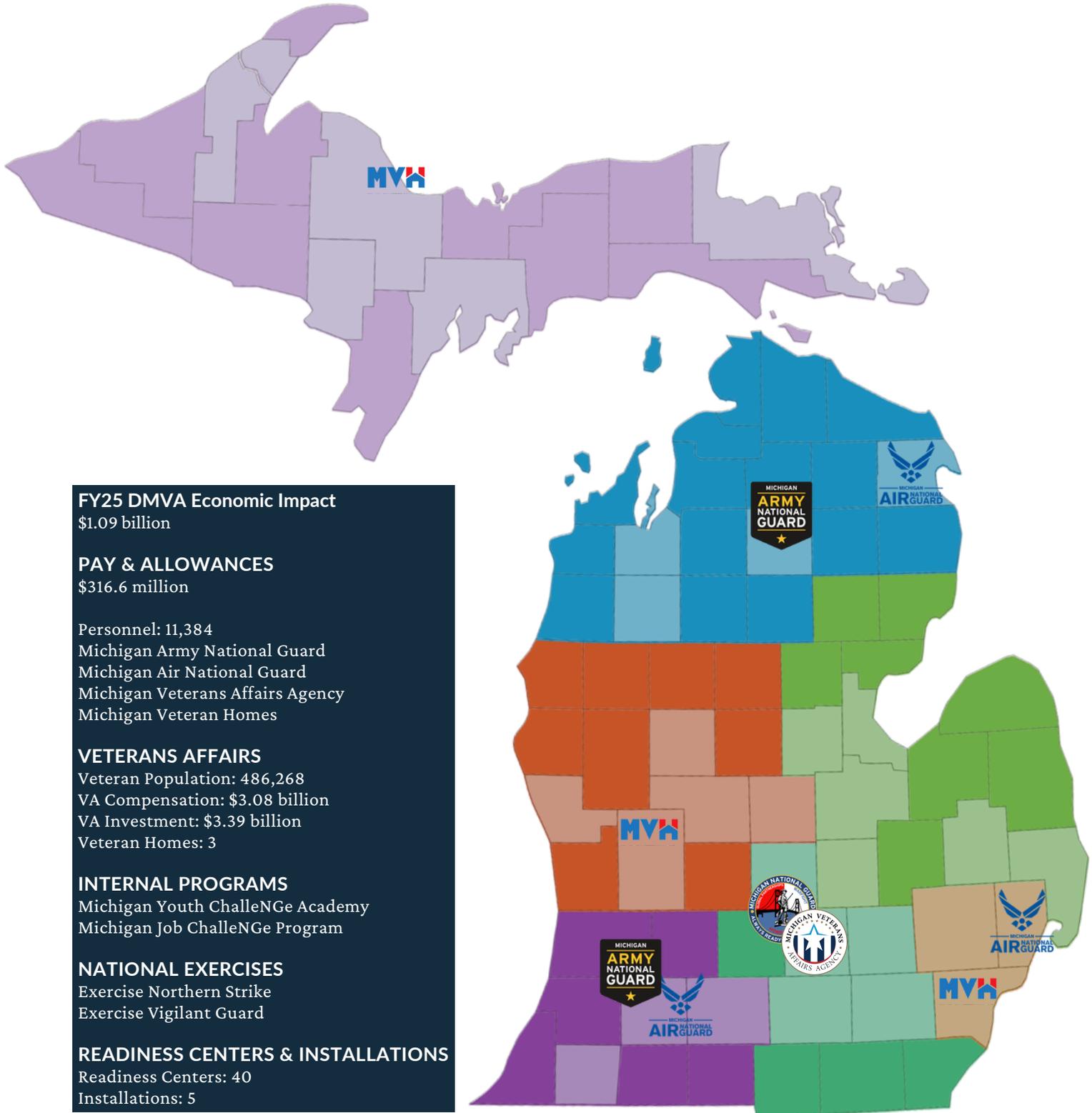


DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Economic Impact



State Operations



Senior Deputy Director: Michael Price

State Operations is a supporting partner of the Michigan National Guard, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, and the Michigan Veteran Homes. State Operations consists of Financial Services and the Challenge Academy.

Financial Services

Comprised of Budget, Procurement, and Information Technology.

Budgeting

Responsible for budget development and implementation, federal cooperative agreement management, the newly created Michigan Member Benefit Assistance Program which consists of MINGSTAP and healthcare and child care assistance, the Military Family Relief Fund, the Great Lakes Grand recruitment incentive program, the Armory Rental Program, employee travel and training and inventory management.

- Payroll Received: \$104.2 million
- Construction, Services, Support and Maintenance Received: \$152.1 million
- Michigan National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program
 - Tuition and Fees: \$6.3 million
 - Service Members: 1,222
 - Dependents: 213

Information Technology

Created in 2021, the IT section is responsible for privacy and security, IT project management, IT governance, and the department's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

Procurement

Procurement consists of all purchasing functions, contract management, procurement card management, fleet management, accounts payable management, and logistics for active state service. In FY25, State Operations supported the largest state activation of MING personnel in response to the historic ice storms. State Operations executed over 800 active state service orders and assisted with procuring over \$2 million in support funds.

- 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 Youth Challenge Academy

Director: Mike Gillum

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) 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 mode 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 Program (MJCP). The program focuses on career preparation and provides opportunities for academic accreditation. Both the MYCA and MJCP are free to participants and there is no requirement for military obligation.

YOUTH CHALLENGE

- Total Graduates through 53 classes: 5,337
- Graduates FY25: 233
- High School Diplomas Earned: 183
- Returning to High School: 50
- Community Service Hours: 11,141
- Number Entering Job Challenge: 102

JOB CHALLENGE

- Total Graduates to Date: 804
- FY25 Graduates: 65
- Total College Credits: 521
- Community Service Hours: 2,257
- Trade Certificates: FANUC (13), Drone (5), EMT (6), Nova Space (6), NCCER (19), Restaurant Management (11), Forklift (15)
- High School Diplomas Earned: 12

THE EIGHT CORE COMPONENTS

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



Michigan Veteran Homes



Director: Anne Zerbe

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.

This exceptional care was recognized nationwide. In 2025, all three of Michigan's veteran homes were awarded the Bronze Quality Award from the American Health Care Association. Additionally, all three of Michigan's veteran homes maintained a 5-star quality rating from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

Additionally, significant work was done to modernize facilities. MVH broke ground to replace the existing MVH D.J. Jacobetti building with a new \$96 million veteran home in the Upper Peninsula. MVH also continued an addition at the MVH at Grand Rapids home that will house the on-site pharmacy, laundry, and business offices.

Overall, MVH provided care to 481 individual veterans and dependents in FY25. Of these, 279 (58%) have a service-connected disability rating of 70% or greater. Although the majority of the veterans served in the Vietnam era (336, or 70%), MVH cared for 11 veterans from the World War II era.





Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

Director: Brian Love

The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency is the central coordinating agency for the state, providing support, care, advocacy and service to Michigan's more than 486,000 veterans and their families. The MVAA also seeks to make Michigan a destination where veterans and their families choose to live, raise a family, work, retire, and play.

Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center

- Connected with veterans and their family members nearly 24,000 times to help them access benefits earned with their service, such as housing, discharge documents, and other state programs.
- Handled more than 8,000 requests for military discharge documents and nearly 2,000 requests to connect with an accredited Veteran Service Officer in their community.
- Fielded more than 1,300 calls for a Vietnam Veteran Recognition Certificate, with nearly 5,000 certificates requested, an increase of more than 350% from FY24.
- Overall customer satisfaction rating of 93% in FY25.

Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

- Connected with nearly 10,000 people at outreach events such as speaking engagements, resource fairs, and by hosting mental health first aid training sessions.
- MVAA Mental Health and Suicide Prevention staff earned LivingWorks ASIST and safeTALK certification.
- New certifications allow MVAA staff to better service veterans and their families as well as promote suicide-safer communities.

Grants Program

- Distributed and administered more than \$10 million in grant funding to 81 participating organizations including Veteran Service Organizations, and other 501(c)(3) charities that directly serve Michigan veterans and their families.

Veteran Service Officers

- MVAA VSOs assisted Michigan veterans and their families recover more than \$6.7 million in U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs compensation and benefits through the submission of more than 590 claims.

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund

- Exceeded \$2 million in grants distributed on behalf of veterans aged 65 and older.
- Partnered with the VFW National Home and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to create the Veterans Regenerative Agriculture Demonstration Farm located at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids.



MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

INSTALLATIONS
JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS
MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



INSTALLATIONS

NATIONAL ALL-DOMAIN WARFIGHTING CENTER (NADWC)
CAMP GRAYLING JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER (CGJMTC)
ALPENA COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER (ACRTC)
KELLY JOHNSON JOINT ALL-DOMAIN INNOVATION CENTER (KJJADIC)
FORT CUSTER TRAINING CENTER (FCTC)
BATTLE CREEK AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE
SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center



Commander: Col. Lucas Lanczy

Deputy Commander: Lt. Col. Quin Rogers

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Young

Camp Grayling JMTTC, the largest National Guard training facility in the United States, stands as a vital component of the National All-Domain Warfighting Center (NADWC). It offers a comprehensive four-season environment that supports a wide array of military and partner training exercises, from near-arctic conditions to multi-domain operations.

Throughout 2025, Camp Grayling hosted major training including:

- Northern Strike 25-1, a winter warfare exercise with over 200 participants focusing on cold-weather, all-domain operations aligned with Arctic strategies
- The Uncrewed Triple Challenge, a pioneering autonomous vehicle competition demonstrating Michigan's leadership in cutting-edge autonomous technologies
- The Michigan Army National Guard's State Annual Training, involving over 2,800 Soldiers conducting tactical exercises
- Vigilant Guard, an all-hazards exercise which enhances cooperation among military, civilian, and federal agencies in emergency response planning
- Northern Strike 25-2, one of the largest Department of Defense exercises for reserve components, with more than 7,500 participants from across the United States and international allies

Beyond training, the center's community engagement efforts remained strong, hosting events such as the "Meet the Guard" outreach, volunteering opportunities, and charity fundraisers like the Kentucky Derby Gala and Northern Strike 5k, which raised tens of thousands of dollars for local support programs. These efforts foster a deep bond with the surrounding communities and demonstrate Camp Grayling's integral role in regional and national readiness.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Total: \$54.4 million

Dollars Returned to the Economy

Total Workforce Payroll: \$19.6 million
State Employees: \$7.1 million
Federal Employees (T32 & T5): \$11.4 million
Military (AGR): \$1.1 million
Operating Costs (State): \$3.4 million
Other Expenditures (State): \$1.4 million
Discretionary Spending: \$10.4 million





Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center

Commander: Lt. Col. Lucas Freudenburg

Senior Enlisted Advisor: Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Frutos

The Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (ACRTC) is a premier training installation operated by the Michigan Air National Guard (MIANG). Located in Alpena, Michigan, near the shores of Lake Huron, it is one of four Air National Guard (ANG) CTRCs in the United States, and plays a crucial role in preparing Airmen and joint forces for real-world missions through large-scale, multi-domain training.

The ACRTC provides realistic, year-round training environments for ANG, Active Duty, Reserve, and coalition forces. Its mission is to deliver world-class, cost-effective, and integrated training opportunities that replicate modern combat conditions—covering air, land, sea, cyber, and space domains.

In April 2025, a severe ice storm swept across Northeast Michigan, plunging more than 40,000 residents into darkness for up to two weeks. As the community grappled with widespread power outages and dangerous conditions, the ACRTC became a critical hub of support.



ACRTC personnel immediately joined the local Emergency Operations Center to help establish its operational framework, serving as liaisons to coordinate the request and deployment of MING assets to assist with recovery efforts. Within hours, ACRTC opened warming shelters at the local hospital and emergency medical service facilities and provided lodging for more than 70 Michigan Department of Transportation and Infrastructure workers, ensuring roadways could be cleared and essential services restored.



Even amid those challenges, the ACRTC maintained its role as a premier training and readiness platform. For the second consecutive year, ACRTC hosted the ANG's Medical Readiness University—the ANG's largest medical training event nationwide. More than 350 physicians and nurses converged on the installation to sharpen their professional and combat casualty care skills in collaboration with MidMichigan Health, conducting hands-on exercises at Alpena Hospital and across local training ranges.

Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center



Training momentum continued through the summer as ACRTC, in partnership with Volk Field, Wisconsin, revived Exercise SENTRY NORTH—one of only four large-scale ANG exercises of its kind. Six units participated in rigorous fighter integration, offensive and defensive operations, and tested Agile Combat Employment (ACE) concepts under contested logistics conditions. In June, the Navy Surface Warfare Center Crane returned for its tenth year of collaboration with ACRTC and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), using ACRTC’s environment to evaluate new unmanned systems for air, land, and sea operations during exercise SILENT SWARM.



That same period saw the launch of a new partnership with the Department of Defense’s Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA). The agency brought together over 20 industry partners to explore cutting-edge communication and technology solutions aimed at improving the survivability of isolated or injured service members in combat environments.

During Exercise Northern Strike—the state’s largest joint training event—the ACRTC served as host for the 23rd Air Task Force, which successfully certified to assume full base support operations for future deployment. The installation’s Airmen also supported B-2 Spirit operations out of Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airfield and conducted groundbreaking airfield repair testing. Working alongside RED HORSE squadrons and the Air Force Civil Engineering Center, the team repaired simulated crater damage with Fiber Reinforced Panels—then validated their success with live C-130 short-field landings and takeoffs. It marked the first time in over two decades that aircraft had operated from such repairs, and the first time since the Cold War that the Air Force combined airfield damage repair with operational sorties.



Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center

Throughout 2025, ACRTC's range and airspace hosted 925 sorties, expending over 130,000 rounds of ammunition and supporting 49 drop zone training events. Nearly 500 firefighters—local, military, and international—received advanced training in both structural and aircraft fire response. In partnership with Alpena County, ACRTC also completed the final phase of a \$65 million reconstruction of Runway 01/19—the airfield's most extensive repair since its original construction. The 11,001-foot runway and new lighting system now ensure long-term support for both commercial and military flight operations.

By year's end, ACRTC secured over \$2 million in infrastructure contracts to upgrade heating and cooling in 20 troop facilities and re-mark over 120,000 square yards of airfield pavement.

An additional \$700,000 from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center funded new deployable training assets—cementing ACRTC's reputation as a cornerstone of ANG readiness, resilience, and innovation.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total: \$31.5 million



The installation continued to attract diverse units, including Navy squadron VFA-106, which conducted a two-week F/A-18 training event encompassing 682 sorties and more than 641,000 gallons of jet fuel. The exercise yielded an estimated \$1 million in training cost savings, with instructors praising Alpena's facilities and scheduling future engagements.

Federal

Payroll: \$7.5 million

Operating Costs: \$7.1 million

State

Payroll: \$13.1 million

Operating Costs: \$1.2 million

Other Costs: \$193,149

Discretionary spending: \$2.4 million

Utilization

Fuel (gallons): 849,821

Training Reservations: 108

Billeting: 37,649

Dining Facility: 78,938

Training Population

Total: 8,905

Active: 2,487

Reserve: 4,447

International: 84

Civilian: 1,887

Kelly Johnson Joint All-Domain Innovation Center



Director: Col. Michael Whitefoot

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Crider

The Kelly Johnson Joint All-Domain Innovation Center (KJJADIC) serves as an Experimentation and Innovation Center of Excellence, focusing on AI, autonomy and automation, command and control, cyber, drone technologies, space, joint fires, range capacity, and airspace complex. In 2025, the KJJADIC continued to strengthen partnerships within the government, industry and academia.

Key Events and Initiatives

- Initiated the stand-up of the Joint Experimentation Warfighting Laboratory (JEWL) within the NADWC.
- Continued support for the Duke University Design Defense Studio, directly supporting DoW through a 10-week program for service members.
- Remained a major supporter and enabler of the Academic Industry Military-Hybrid Innovation (AIM-HI) program, developing innovators within the DoW.
- Formalized strategic relationship with the DoW Joint Staff and the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA).
- Assisted NGB with the establishment of the Enhanced Quality Assurance Database (EQuAD).
- Secured a Tactical Funding Increase (TACFI) with Visto 360 and four additional AFWERX Small Business Innovation Research Phase II awards.

Exercise Northern Strike Support

- Led a joint staff and JPRA agency collaboration, conducting a demonstration of personnel recovery with DARPA's autonomous UH-60 Blackhawk and the Air Force Blue Horizon's Maritime Autonomous Recovery Vehicle.
- Supported the JPRA with experiment Evasive Warrior 25 at the ACRTC.
- Demonstrated future training capabilities at the ACRTC cyber range, preparing U.S. and allied forces to meet evolving global cyber technologies.
- Highlighted Orama Technologies AI mixed-reality close quarters battle simulator, the Oracle One, at CGJMTC and ACRTC.
- Demonstrated the Pure-Cipher Noise-Based Communications system at the ACRTC.
- JEWL executed its first experiment during Northern Strike 25-2 with Ripple Two's Waveless Semaphore Panel Relay (WSPR) System.
- Showcased Torrey Pines Logic Free Space optical Communications System delivering 20 Mbps, voice, and video at 1km range.
- Featured Skypad's Mobile Optical System (MOS) with its advanced capabilities and potential future integration into Air Force operations.



Fort Custer Training Center

Commander: Lt. Col. Peter Newman

During Northern Strike, the 22nd Air Task Force operated at FCTC, establishing an austere mission-command node while coordinating air missions across statewide ranges. FCTC also hosted multiple international engagements and welcomed a multinational delegation through the International Visitor Leadership Program, representing eight nations across Europe and Eurasia.

These engagements were complimented by continued outreach to Michigan's Native American tribes, including participation in the statewide Tribal Summit, reinforcing trust and strengthening partnerships essential to shared stewardship of the land.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

FCTC completed significant sustainment and modernization across major training, billeting, administrative, and digital-infrastructure facilities.

- Clearing and improvement of the Confidence Course.
- Restoration of helicopter landing zone areas to re-establish rotary-wing and UAS approach paths.
- Repaired tornado-damaged trails to preserve maneuver access for ground, aviation, and emergency operations.
- Completed the gymnasium complex, including new addition and HVAC upgrade.
- Finished drainage improvements via troop project in the new barracks area.
- Upgraded HVAC and plumbing in multiple barracks areas.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The sustained throughput of FCTC fuels a year-round regional training economy. Direct local spending on lodging, meals, fuel, transportation, and contracted services is estimated at \$22-25 million, while facilities maintenance, recurring sustainment, and construction projects add another \$15 million in local contracting and wages. FCTC's total economic output is between \$60-65 million for FY25, supporting an estimated 850-1,000 jobs across Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties.

Total: \$22.7 million

Federal:

Payroll: \$7.3 million
Operating Costs: \$6.6 million

State:

Payroll: \$5.2 million
Operating Costs: \$1.2 million
Other Costs: \$2.4 million

Battle Creek Air National Guard Base



Commander: Col. James Rossi

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Yelencich

The year 2025 was a period of significant advancement and demonstrated readiness for the BCANGB enhancing its joint operational capabilities, celebrated historic personnel milestones, and completed major infrastructure projects. The focus was on innovation and integration, solidifying the base's reputation as a premier training center.

A major step in bolstering joint readiness occurred in February with the establishment of a Navy and Amphibious Liaison Element at the base. This initiative, in partnership with the U.S. Navy Reserve allows Airmen and Sailors to train together quarterly for their shared responsibilities within the U.S. European and African Commands.

The summer brought a historic achievement for the base's growing cyber mission. On 30 July, three Airmen graduated from the USAF's Warrant Officer Training School, becoming the first to do so within the MIANG in over 66 years. As newly appointed warrant officers, they serve as crucial technical leaders in developing new cyber tactics and shaping the future of cyberspace operations.

During Exercise Northern Strike 25-2, BCANGB led an innovative Air Operations Center experiment and realistic training scenarios, including full-scale CBRN response drills and combat medical evacuations, demonstrating the base's robust capability to support complex, joint operations.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

In July, the base celebrated a ribbon-cutting for its new main gate, the culmination of a two-year, \$10 million project. The complex features a 370-square-foot gatehouse, a 2,400-square-foot covered vehicle inspection area, and new anti-vehicle barriers to significantly enhance security and traffic flow.

Full Time Staff

- AGR: 155
- T5 Federal Technician: 18
- T32 Federal Technician: 56
- State Employee: 19
- Contractor: 35

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total: \$82.2 million

Federal

Payroll: \$60.2 million

Operating Costs: \$5.4 million

Other Costs: \$13.4 million

State

Payroll: \$1.9 million

Operating Costs: \$1.3 million

Other Costs: \$29,897

Utilization

Fuel (gallons): 32,905

Dining Facility: 941



Selfridge Air National Guard Base

Commander: Brig. Gen. Leah Voelker

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Hedrick

Established as Selfridge Field nearly three decades before the creation of the U.S. Air Force, Selfridge Air National Guard Base has stood at the forefront of America's defense for more than a century. For generations, American Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and federal law enforcement officers stationed at Selfridge have protected our nation, secured our borders, and responded to crises at home and abroad. Today, the installation is unmatched in its environment of interagency cooperation, readiness, and operational integration. SANGB is notable the only federal installation hosted by an Air National Guard unit, the 127th Wing.

MISSIONS

The host unit, MIANG's 127th Wing, is a powerhouse of air dominance and strategic agility, operating both the A-10 Thunderbolt II and KC-135 Stratotanker flying missions. With more than 1,400 elite Airmen and 45 mission partners, the 127th Wing defends the homeland and fuels global missions with unmatched versatility and readiness.



Other tenant units include:

- Coast Guard Air Station Detroit
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Border Patrol Detroit Sector and Great Lakes Air and Marine Branch
- 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, USMC Reserve
- Detachment B, Marine Wing Support Squadron 471, USMC Reserve
- Navy Reserve Center Detroit
- Detachment 1, Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard

FISCAL YEAR 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

In FY 25, the National Defense Authorization Act established the Department of Homeland Security's "Northern Border Mission Center" to be located at SANGB. Congress earmarked approximately \$3 million for the mission that will coordinate local, state, federal, and tribal partners in support of the Northern Border Security Strategy. Additionally, 2025 was a truly transformational year that secured the base's long-term future with new, state-of-the-art flying missions and launched a nearly \$1 billion modernization effort. After years of uncertainty,

Selfridge Air National Guard Base



a series of key decisions and events throughout the year solidified the base's role as a cornerstone of national defense for generations to come.

In a pivotal announcement on April 29, President Trump visited SANGB and confirmed it would receive two new fleets of advanced aircraft. The announcement detailed that SANGB would be the new home for 21 F-15EX Eagle II fighter jets, replacing the aging A-10 fleet. It was also announced that the KC-46A Pegasus tanker to replace the KC-135 Stratotanker fleet. This historic recapitalization, dubbed "Mission Next" marks the first time in the base's history that it will receive two new types of aircraft directly from the production line.

This landmark decision was the culmination of a years-long, persistent and unified bipartisan effort from Michigan's state and federal congressional leaders. The successful advocacy campaign was widely celebrated as a major win for the state, guaranteeing that Selfridge would not only retain its strategic importance, but also be at the forefront of American airpower.

The strategic planning for this massive undertaking began with a Site Activation Task Force (SATAF). The process began in earnest in June 2025, when the base hosted its first formal SATAF visit, which included an F-15EX on site to assess infrastructure and operational requirements for the nearly \$1 billion in projected construction and infrastructure upgrades. The comprehensive construction plan includes new

hangars, runway modifications, and updated support facilities is scheduled to take place through 2031, representing the most significant investment in the base's history.



Full Time Staff (Includes Virgin Islands)

- AGR: 399
- T5 Federal Technician: 249
- T32 Federal Technician: 115

Training Population (Includes Virgin Islands)

- Active: 339
- Reserve: 929
- Civilian: 249
- Total: 1,517

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total: \$230.1 million

Federal

Payroll: \$133.1 million
Operating Costs: \$89.6 million

State:

Payroll: \$3.1 million
Operating Costs: \$4.3 million

Utilization

Fuel (gallons): 3.4 million
Billeting (rooms requested): 2,760
Dining Facility (meals served): 5,567



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE (J3)

JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER
SECURITY COOPERATION DIVISION
MOBILIZATION READINESS OFFICE
COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM
51ST CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM

TRAINING DIRECTORATE (J7)

EXERCISE NORTHERN STRIKE
EXERCISE VIGILANT GUARD
UNCREWED TRIPLE CHALLENGE

RESILIENCE DIRECTORATE (J9)

RESILIENCE, RISK REDUCTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION
YELLOW RIBBON
FAMILY PROGRAMS

UNITED STATES PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICE (USPFO)
CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE (CFMO)
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Joint Operations Center



Officer-in-Charge: Maj. Cletus Buelow

Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge: Staff Sgt. William Sanderson

The Joint Operations Center (JOC) performs information management processes to ensure an accurate current operations picture is available for senior leadership at all times. In FY25 the JOC activated for two separate Tier 3 responses, the first for Operation Cold as Ice and then Exercise Vigilant Guard, a Joint exercise with US NORTHCOM. In conjunction with Vigilant Guard, the JOC exercised the continuity of operations (COOP) plan and completed internal assessments of overall capabilities. The JOC also processed over 160 reports from MSCs/Wings and published over 60 operations orders.



NORTHERN MICHIGAN ICE STORM RESPONSE: OPERATION COLD AS ICE

Northern Michigan experienced a prolonged severe winter storm event March 28-30, 2025. The storm produced unprecedented winter conditions including severe ice accumulation which caused significant impacts to critical services, widespread power outages and impassable roads. On March 31, 2025, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order 2025-2 declaring a state of emergency for 12 counties.

The declaration activated the Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHSD) arm of the Michigan State Police (MSP) to maximize the coordination of available resources from contributing state departments.

At the request of EMHSD, MING deployed a joint response force consisting of the Ready Response Force (RRF), one Quick Reaction Force (QRF), three debris management teams and one chainsaw Task Force (TF) with command and control provided by TF Command to CGJMTC on April 2, 2025.





Joint Operations Center

The MING Adaptive Battle Staff (ABS) stationed at JFHQ – Lansing utilized a forward command and control node at CGJMTC, the JOC, and the MSP State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Diamondale for management and support of the response. Efforts focused on supporting critical services restoration through debris clearing and conducting wellness checks, commodity distribution, fuel distribution point manning, utility crew life support base camp manning and other general support response activities.



In total, 874 Soldiers and Airmen supported the response effort over the course of 18 days. MING was requested to be employed for 90 Task Assignments at 116 locations across the 12-county disaster area. MING directly supported local emergency managers and district coordinators in conjunction with Michigan DNR, road commission, local law enforcement, utilities companies, MI-TF1, EMHSD, and various shelters, warming centers and food distribution points.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD DISASTER RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES

MISSION OVERVIEW

ICE STORM IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

- 78,599 residents without power
- 70% of cellular systems offline
- 874 Soldiers & Airmen Mobilized

UNITS ACTIVATED

- Quick Reaction Force
- Rapid Reaction Force
- 2 Engineer Battalions
- 2 Civil Engineer Squadrons

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

1,537

MILES OF ROAD
CLEARED



15,373

MAN-HOURS
PERFORMED



792

MILES OF TREE
LINE CLEARED



506

ROAD SEGMENTS
MADE ACCESSIBLE



23,153

WELLNESS
CHECKS
CONDUCTED



30/30

MPCS TOWERS
OPERATIONAL AND
CLEARED ACCESS



7,239

MEALS
DISTRIBUTED



13

CELL PHONE
TOWERS
OPERATIONAL &
CLEARED



3

MICHIGAN ISLAND
SUPPORT
MISSIONS



72

OXYGEN TANKS
REFILLED



Security Cooperation Division - Latvia



Bilateral Affairs Officer: Maj. John Wilkinson

State Partnership Coordinator: Command Sgt. Maj. Leonard Loeffers

The 32-year partnership between Michigan and Latvia saw several milestone achievements this year. In March, Michigan hosted H.E. Ms. Elita Kuzma, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to the United States of America. This visit was the first opportunity for the Ambassador to visit some of the MING's facilities and speak with MING leadership on strengthening our partnership and looking at whole-of-government opportunities between Michigan and Latvia.

In June, The 107th Engineer Battalion joined the Latvian Zemessardze Engineers in establishing an intermediate staging base (ISB) in Selija, Latvia. Selija is scheduled to be a 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 and safety planning and will continue supporting the range development through FY28.





Security Cooperation Division - Latvia

Simultaneously, Michigan deployed over 200 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment to Latvia. The soldiers exercised Latvia's Multinational Division- Northern Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration (RSOI) process and then integrated into training at the Latvian Infantry School in Aluksne and live fire training at Camp Adazi, Latvia.

In addition to live-fire training, Michigan Soldiers conducted drone and counter drone training with Latvia, trained in a Latvian trench system modeled after the current trenches in Ukraine and established a transatlantic common operating picture through a series of mobile command posts and on a Secure but Unclassified / Encrypted system which blended civilian and military hardware and software.

During State Annual Training 2025, Michigan hosted over 70 Latvian Soldiers who integrated with Infantry and Engineer formations. The Chief of Defense of Latvia attended State Annual training for Key Leader Engagements and to observe his troops train.



During Northern Strike 25-2, not only did Latvia send Special Operations Forces, Airfield Fire Fighters, JTACs and Engineers to Michigan, but also members from the Latvian Zemessardze Cyber Defense Unit (CDU).

In late August, MING sent both Army and Air personnel to participate in Exercise Cyber Baltic in Latvia. This is a continuing example of MING and Latvia's commitment toward preparedness across all domains.



Security Cooperation Division - West Africa



Bilateral Affairs Officer: Maj. Andrew Layton
State Partnership Coordinator: Mr. Brian Brace

In 2025, MING executed 24 engagements with our African partners. Engagements occurred in Michigan, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) and Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) both have similar focuses for their militaries. MING supported partner capacity and institutional growth through engagements on force generation, professional development, medical, logistics, exercise planning and development, staff talks with personnel management and chaplaincy. Additional engagements with U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian agencies focused on maritime and border security. Notably, MING personnel assisted in the procurement of over \$270,000 in equipment for our partners.

MING hosted a Liberia delegation during MING State Annual Training. MING planted a White Pine at the Camp Grayling Chapel in recognition of 15 years of partnership. Major General Forleh (AFL) said it was his greatest engagement with MING since he took over as Chief of Defense in Liberia. The visit included multiple engagements with senior leaders from MING and traveling to various locations throughout the state to witness unit training.

MING Hosted a Sierra Leone delegation for a portion of Northern Strike in August 2025. RSLAF is developing its own country wide exercise and visiting with key planners from Northern Strike to discuss ways to help RSLAF planners develop their own exercise in Sierra Leone in the coming year. The Delegation visited several unit training locations and engaged with MING Senior Leaders.



MING personnel facilitated a quadrilateral engagement with MING, RSLAF, AFL, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit, U.S. Border Patrol and Canadian Agencies. Canadian agencies included Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Border Services Agency. The engagement was executed at Sector Detroit and discussion centered around multi-agency involvement in border protection, maritime, and immigration services.





Security Cooperation Division - INDOPACOM

Partnership Coordinators: Maj. Catalin Bugan and Sgt. First Class Ryan Stepanski

The Michigan SCD INDOPACOM desk facilitated the participation of over 500 Service Members from our Taiwan partners during Northern Strike 25-2. Together with adjacent training units the partners were able to increase their overall readiness through live-fire exercises conducted at company level, execute call for fire missions, and manage a full battalion's worth of downtrace units on the battlefield. At the culmination of the exercise, Key Leader Engagements (KLEs) were held to discuss furthering the support in both military and civilian sectors of the INDOPACOM area of responsibility (AOR). Two service members from the Michigan National Guard were sent as subject matter experts in support of an INDOPACOM hosted joint training team designed to improve foreign partner reserve capabilities in the first half of the calendar year, followed by a deployment of an additional group to capitalize on the success of the first cohort from the year.

Following the success of previous years, state and local emergency services and law enforcement agencies around Michigan continued to grow their relationship with Indo-Pacific partners in the domestic operations field. This year the Michigan National Guard facilitated an exercise between the Newaygo County Emergency Management Operations Center and Taiwan. Search and Rescue, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Management processes were exercised over the period of a week in and around Newaygo County.

Mobilization Readiness Office



Chief: Lt. Col. Anthony Przybyla

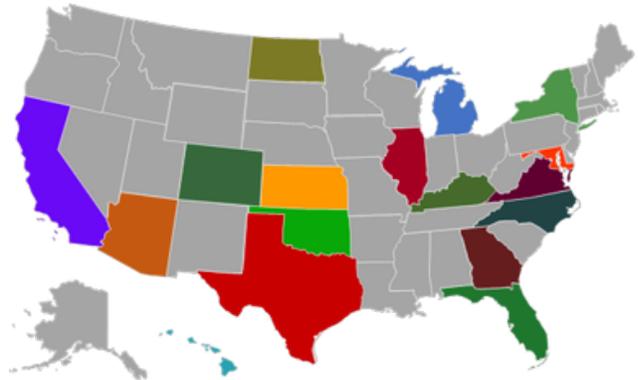
The Mobilization Readiness Office (MRO) assisted in the deployment of the 665 Soldiers who deployed in 2025.

This year, Soldiers deployed to six combatant commands and in support of Special Operations Command. Soldiers also supported seven named contingency operations: Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Atlantic Resolve, Theater Security Cooperation – INDOPACOM, Operation Joint Guardian - KFOR, Theater Security Cooperation– NORTHCOM, and the Southern Border.

The Soldiers deploying represented 11 units:

- 1463 TC
- 745 EOD
- 1171 MCAS
- HHC/3-238 GSAB
- C/1-147 AV
- D/1-147 AV
- E/1-147 AV
- A/3-126 IN
- B/3-126 IN
- JFHQ FWD (JRCAT Bridging Team)
- 63 TC FWD (JRCAT Team)

The State also welcomed back the 272 RSG and the 1440 Firefighting Team.





Counterdrug Task Force

Coordinator: Maj. Jackson Price

Deputy Coordinator: Maj. Kasey Robinson

Senior Enlisted Advisor: First Sgt. Stephen Wojtkowski

The MING Counterdrug Program provides 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.

Benefits to LEA Partners, State and National Security



***62 Analysis Assigned in Direct Support of 38 Law Enforcement Investigative Drug Teams**



**547 Arrests
1,342 Firearms Seized
\$274,900 Estimated Value**



**Drug Demand Reduction Outreach
94 events
7198 Participants
635 Event Hours**



**\$10.5 million
Illicit Drug Revenue
\$1.2 million Assets Seized**



91 Aviation Recon/Observation Missions - 324.5 Flight Hours support to LEA



**\$90.3 million Drugs Seized
**Street Value
\$38.9 million Cocaine
\$30.5 million Methamphetamine
\$2.3 million Fentanyl
\$2.1 million Pharmaceuticals
\$14.6 million Marijuana
\$1.06 million Heroin
\$535,000 Other Drugs**



Analysis of 75,098 Hours of Law Enforcement Collected Full Motion Video, 8,902 Working Hours

51st Civil Support Team



Commander: Lt. Col. Sara So

Senior Enlisted Leader: First Sgt. Adam Stojak

Assigned Strength: 22

Location: Augusta

The 51st Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team mission is to respond to the use, threatened use, or potential threat of weapons of mass destruction, including terrorist attacks, natural or man-made disasters involving nuclear, biological, radiological, or chemical agents, and other incidents that could threaten lives or property across the United States.

Throughout the year, the team responded swiftly to 25 no-notice incidents involving potential chemical and nuclear hazards, often working alongside other agencies like the FBI, supporting sampling operations during critical incidents. They were also called upon multiple times to provide VIP decontamination support for the President, Vice President, and former Presidents during their visits to Michigan, working seamlessly with the U.S. Secret Service.

MISSION TYPE	TOTAL
JHAT/Steady State Events	29
Unplanned Events (Federal Request for Assistance, Live Call-outs)	25
LNO Engagements	10
Skill Refinement (Multi-Agency Training, Exercises, Conferences)	24



Exercise Northern Strike



Director: Col. Todd Fitzpatrick

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Joel Wilson

Exercise Northern Strike is a JNTC accredited, Army sponsored, National Guard Bureau program conducted twice a year (winter and summer) within the four-season National All Domain Warfighting Center's (NADWC) contested multi-domain operating environment. Northern Strike trains for joint operations and decisive action missions including offense, defense, and stability with special emphasis on Contested Sustainment/Logistics, Combined Joint All Domain Command and Control (CJADC2), and Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises (CALFEX).

Additional focused opportunities include Joint Fire Support with live Close Air Support (CAS), Integrated Maneuver with Fires, Force Protection, Air Mobility and C4I elements of Theater Air Ground Systems (TAGS).

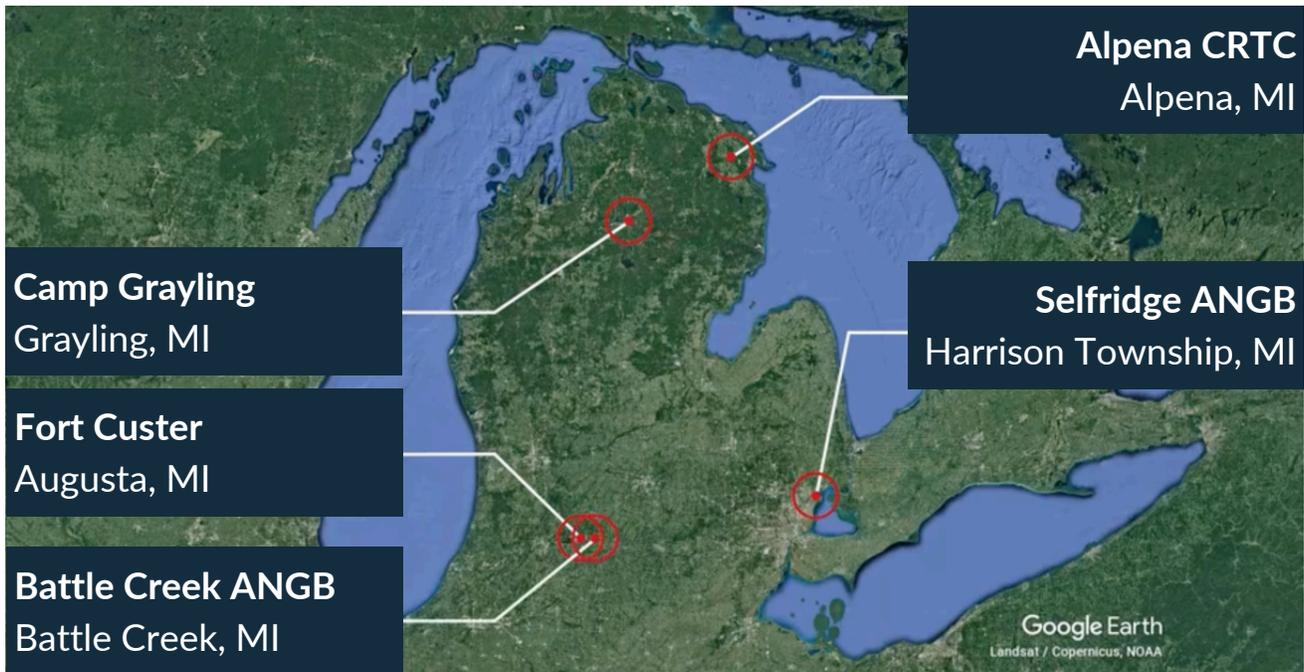
Finally, Northern Strike provides an ideal environment for Conventional Force and Special Operations Forces Interdependence, Interoperability, and Integration (CF-SOFI3). The exercise is the premier reserve component training event designed to build readiness with joint and partner forces in all-domains of warfare.





Exercise Northern Strike

In 2025 these exercises hosted over 7,700 participants from 103 multi-service U.S. Military units and 10 partner nations. Spanning across both the upper and lower peninsula of Michigan, rotational training units (RTUs) at all echelons trained collectively in a demanding multi-domain operating environment as part of a larger joint and combined task force.



This year's training audience included joint capabilities from all warfighting functions:

- 96th Sustainment Brigade (96 SUS BDE)
- Combat Logistics Battalion 453 (CLB 453)
- 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment (3-75 RGR)
- 5th Security Forces Assistant Brigade (5 SFAB)
- 20th Special Forces Group (20 SFG)
- 177th Military Police Brigade (177th MP BDE HQ)
- 1-107th and 2-111th Airfield Operations Battalion (AOB)
- 5-113th Field Artillery (5-113 FA)
- 2-222nd Field Artillery (2-222 FA)
- 1st and 6th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO)
- 1st Battalion 24th Marines (1/24 MAR)
- Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775 (HMLA 775)
- 2-135th General Support Aviation Battalion (2-135 GSAB)
- 424th Multi-Functional Medical Battalion (424 MMB)
- 174th Air Defense Artillery (174 ADA)
- Air Force fixed wing fighters, bombers, ISR, and several other enablers

Exercise Northern Strike



Notably, 20th SFG(A) conducted a Pre-Mobilization Validation, 3-75 RGR conducted a Combined Forcible Entry (CFE) Annual Validation, 5th SFAB validated Force Package 26-1 for INDOPACOM mobilization, 1052nd Fire Fighters conducted a Pre-Deployment Evaluation and the 203rd MICO certified a Company Level Task Force. Additionally, Contingency Response Force (CRF) status was validated for 620th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB), 327th and 510th Movement Control Team (MCT) and 401st Truck Company (TC).



This year, Northern Strike experienced significant growth with Industry and Innovation integration into the exercise. The Controlled Airspace Geospatial Environment (CAGE) was established to create a dedicated space to train and collaborate on UAS/c-UAS/UGV capabilities.

Training in the CAGE spanned from start-up companies with novel swarming software to program of record (i.e. M-LIDS c-UAS) capability familiarization. More than 500 total personnel from 13 units, 20 companies and 4 countries took part in CAGE activities.

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Sustainment

- 2,856 cases of MREs consumed
- 393 modules of Heat and Serve UGRs consumed
- 14,239 gallons of diesel fuel issued.
- 16,000 gallons of water purified and distributed
- 896,502 of Class V components over 87 DODICs (ammunition and explosive items) issued



Maneuver

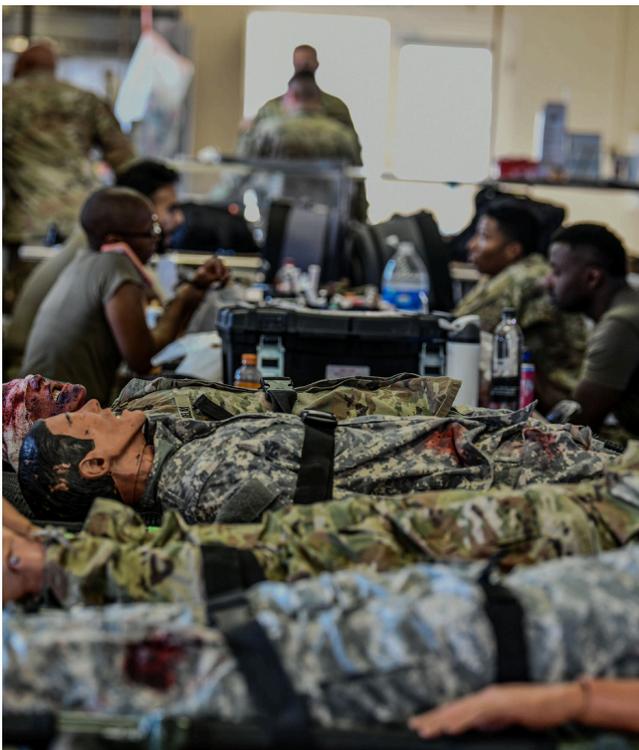
- 3-75th RGR conducted Combined Forcible Entry (CFE) / Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) across both the upper and lower peninsula.
- 1/24th MAR utilized the NADWC Joint Multinational Training Environment to integrate with 2nd Royal Irish in a multinational combined arms maneuver live fire at Platoon and Company level.



Exercise Northern Strike

Mortuary Affairs

- 311th Quartermaster, 246th Quartermaster, Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations (AFMAO) and USMCR Personnel Retrieval and Processing (PRP) company utilized 10 Non-Transplantable Anatomical Media (NAM) to train over 300 Service Members (including UK Partners) on the proper handling and processing of human remains resulting in over 30 graduates from the Joint Unit Recovery Team Course.
- 4th Dental utilized NAM to conduct advanced Forensic Dental identification utilizing X-Ray/Bite Wings
- Canine Search and Recovery alongside Earth Quest's Recovery Vulture Initiative demonstrated search and recovery capabilities.
- Mobile Embalming Operations resulted in three NAM being embalmed and prepared for transportation. This is the first time Northern Strike has 'closed the loop' from point of Injury, recovery, embalming and transporting a NAM, in scenario.



Integrated Fires

- Palletized Field Artillery Launcher (PFAL) demonstrated Army modernization capabilities in long range precision fires.
- HIMARS Rapid Infiltration (HI-RAIN) conducted by 5-113th FA and 403 AW/ 815th AS to support 20th SFG Full Mission Profiles.
- 5th SFAB advised LRC CAB and 1st Battalion LRC, supported by LVA JTACs and 1st and 6th ANGLICO (USMC) in conducting of multinational Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFX).
- Special Operation Forces JTACS conducted Fires Integration with HIMARS, B2, UASF, USMC (HMLA) Close Air Support (CAS) and Electronic Warfare (EW) Platforms.



Rotary Wing Aviation

- 26 Rotary Wing Aircraft in scenario supported the exercise including UH-60L, UH-60M, UH-72B, UH-72A, CH-47F, LUH-72, AH-1Z and UH-1Y.
- 81 air movement requests and 36 scenario-based MEDEVACs totaling 508 total flight hours.
- 1301 passengers transported throughout the upper and lower peninsula.
- Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775th (HMLA 775) provided close air support.

Exercise Northern Strike



Fixed Wing Aviation

- 116 CAS flight hours utilizing 36,639 live rounds resulting in 467 JTAC Controls.
- 367 total aircraft sorties across 135 missions.
- 2 Active Duty ATFs completed AFFORGEN 300 Certification accomplishing 75/94 training tasks
- Received and re-deployed 1,029 personnel from 20 joint and coalition units.
- Aerial port processed 15K tons of cargo including joint inspections for HIMARS Rapid Infiltration missions.
- 467 Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Controls, 3 Initial Qualifications, and 11 recurring evaluations accomplished for 100 JTACs & Joint Fires Observers (JFO) over 116 hours of CAS, expending 32,639 rounds.
- Austere Contingency Location (CL) airfield operations with CRG, USMC engineers, USA ODA, and USAF Multi-Capable Airmen (MCA).
- 36 total aircraft serviced including 16 ICTs, incorporating USMC Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS).
- 2 B-2 Engine Running Crew Changes (ERCC).
- Demonstrated rapid ACE movement via air from AOC Main to AOC Fwd with a production of a Master Air Attack Plan (MAAP) and dissemination of an ATO.

Maritime Operations

- 22 Maritime Operations conducted utilizing maritime platforms from United States Coast Guard (USCG), Customs and Border Patrol (CBP), Michigan State Police (MSP), Great Lakes Maritime Academy and the Northern Strike Maritime Cell.
- F-16s, MQ-9s and U/AH-1s coordinated by Navy E-2D Hawkeye Find, Fix, Track, Target, Engage and Assessed surface targets of interest.
- Sea Surveillance Coordination (SSC), Air Ops iso Maritime Surface Warfare (AOMSW), PR/CSAR, Maritime Intercept Ops (MIO)/Helicopter Visit, Board Search and Seizure (HVBSS).
- Bathymetric survey conducted with an Unmanned Autonomous Vehicle by the Michigan State Police, in support of 20th SFG. The survey provided an understanding of water depth limitations and identified underwater obstacles to set conditions for safe passage of personnel and small rubber raiding craft.



Exercise Vigilant Guard

Director: Col. Todd Fitzpatrick

Project Officer: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kyle Vickery

The Vigilant Guard 25-2 (RG V) exercise was conducted from May 31 to June 3, 2025. The Michigan National Guard was the primary training audience, and the Michigan Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) provided expert planners to support and represent vital interagency partners. RG V is designed to accomplish Elite Constellation Essential Element 1 - Homeland Defense (HD), by assessing the ability of National Guard Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) to execute State/Territory (T32/SAD) HD plans in a simulated environment. The exercise allows JFHQ to rehearse interoperability with federal and civilian partners in response to a complex, multi-domain attack. The exercise reinforced integration with the Title 10 Homeland Defense Plan and Priority Integrated Plans Sets and enhanced the deconfliction of resources when executing multiple simultaneous plans.

RG V provided the opportunity to engage approximately 900 National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, and participants from a variety of state, county, and non-governmental civilian agencies. The MING collaborated with a wide range of state emergency management personnel from the state and local counties.

Participating Organizations

- MING Joint Staff
- MING Special Staff
- Public Affairs Office
- Michigan National Guard
- 103rd Civil Support Team
- The Michigan Organized Militia
- Michigan State Defense Force
- Michigan Naval Militia

Support Organizations

- Michigan Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Michigan Fire Department
- Michigan District 2: Monroe County, Wayne County, Newaygo County, and the city of Romulus
- Michigan District 3: Iosco County, Oscoda Township, AuSable Township, Saginaw County
- Michigan District 5: Berrien County - Lake Township, Van Buren County - Covert Township, Kalamazoo County, Calhoun County
- Michigan District 7: Kalkaska County, Oscoda County, city of Lansing, Mio, Antrim County, Emmet County, Crawford County - Grayling
- Michigan District 8: St. Ignace, Mackinac City, Chippewa County

Federal Partners

- NC J33 R&T
- FEMA Region V DCO/E

Uncrewed Triple Challenge



Director: Col. Todd Fitzpatrick

Project Officer: Mr. Raymond Stemitz

On April 25, 2024 Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the Uncrewed Triple Challenge (UTC), the inaugural state-sponsored drone technology and endurance competition. UTC 25 was conducted from May 20-22, 2025 in northeast Michigan with the intent to bolster the State's mobility leadership and spur innovation in the autonomous technology sector, attracting defense industry investment and jobs. UTC 25 was supported by CGJMTC, ACRTC, and a joint team of over 120 personnel in collaboration with multiple state and federal agencies.

Course

- A maritime segment beginning at the Alpena harbor to a point five nautical miles offshore in Thunder Bay.
- An airborne leg covering 58.5 miles to CGJMTC.
- A land-based final stretch of 23.5 miles through rugged terrain to the finish line at CGJMTC's Parade Field.

Objectives

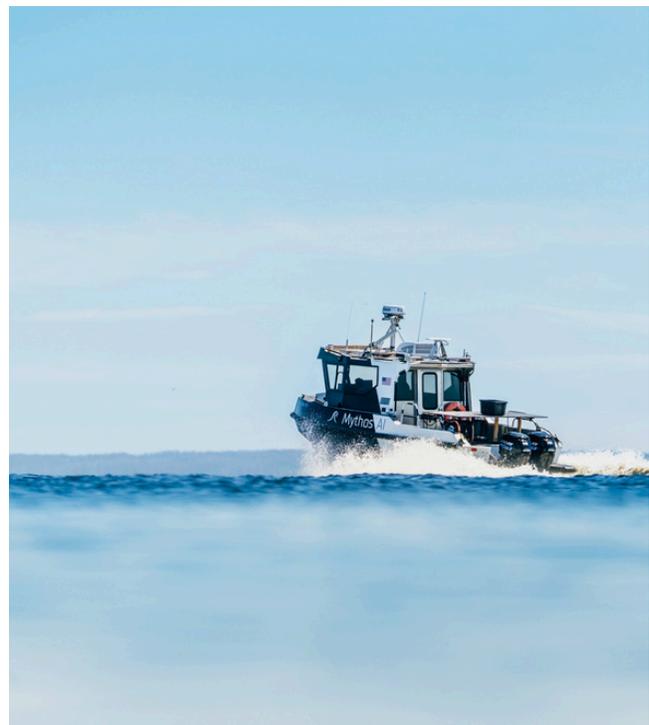
- Develop and validate beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) capability for over-the-horizon drone operations in Michigan.
- Expand NADWC enduring capabilities for uncrewed systems use and air domain awareness.
- Develop strategic partnerships for uncrewed system development.

Outcomes

- Nine teams competed across the challenging sea, air, and land course with one team breaking a world record for UAS payload and endurance.
- Establishment of a BVLOS system and service for UAS to fly without the need for a ground or airborne observer between CGJMTC and ACRTC.
- Increased international awareness and interest in NADWC's abilities to support drone research, testing, and training.

Winners

- Best in Maritime: Mythos AI
- Best in Air: Sifly
- Best on Land: Dataspeed
- Best at Payload Transfer: Sifly to Mythos AI to Dataspeed
- Best Overall Team: Sifly, Mythos AI, Dataspeed





Resilience Directorate

Director: Maj. Amanda Strigel

Deputy Director: Mrs. Heather Nystrom

Full Time Staff

Total Assigned: 53

- M-Day/DSG: 2
- Civilian State/Federal: 42
- Civilian Contractor: 11

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

- Distributed promotional items and resources to 16 armories to spread awareness and encourage reporting.
- Hosted Denim Day 2025 to highlight sexual assault prevention advocacy.
- Partnered with the Northern Strike Team to provide SAPR briefings to incoming rotational training units.
- Completed NGB Joint 1 SAPR staff assistance visit, validating MING SAPR policies and procedures were in compliance with DoW, NGB, ARNG, AFNG regulations and procedures.

Equal Employment Opportunity

- Doubled annual EO briefing participation and data collection.
- Developed and implemented a new EO Leader Course (EOLC), successfully trained 38 EOL during two one-week sessions.
- Coordinated training for four EEO counselors and two EEO mediators.
- Increased awareness and early resolution of EO/EEO concerns, reducing escalation of formal complaints.

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration

- Events hosted in 2025:
 - 745 EOD Pre-Deployment
 - Combined event for 3-238 GSAB and 1171 MCAS Pre-Deployment and 272 RSG Post-Deployment
 - 126 IN BN Pre-Deployment
 - 1430 EN CO Pre-Deployment

Integrated Primary Prevention Workforce

- Completed second Comprehensive Integrated Prevention Plan (CIPP).
- Conducted second annual Defense Organizational Climate Survey (DEOCS), increasing the response rate by 10% since FY24.
- IPPW staff attended Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Summit where they were selected to present on how the MING has operationalized public health constructs to better support service members and their families.



Resilience Directorate



Military and Family Readiness

- MING Child and Youth Program hosted their yearly week-long Youth Camp for 84 campers focused on developing confidence, leadership, resilience, and building connection among Guard youth.
- Executed a Joint Virtual Emergency Family Assistance Center for mobilized MING members during Operation Cold As Ice.
- Secured over \$115,000 from Army Emergency Relief for service members and their families affected by the 2025 ice storm.
- Partnered with the Detroit Lions to host a baby shower for 100 service members and their families, provide volunteer hours at the Veterans Home in Highland Park and Gleaners Food Bank, and complete a surprise welcome home ceremony for a redeploying member of the 1463 TC CO during the Salute to Service game.



Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention

- Conducted Army Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention training, providing awareness of early warning signs, tools and resources to support individuals suffering from suicidal ideation or substance abuse.
- Operationalized the Suicide Intervention Officer's training plan, providing service members the tools and resources to become certified in Ask, Care, Escort-Suicide Intervention Tier Level 1 (ACE-SI).
- Continued to support the Master Resilience Training Program, focusing on the 14 resiliency and performance enhancement skills which support both personal and professional growth.



Environmental Stewardship

This year's focus was conducting internal training on ever-changing environmental regulations for DMVA Soldiers and civilians. CFMO Environmental staff conducted personalized in-person and virtual training sessions for 450 uniformed and civilian staff members which were unique to each facility or responsible area. Training focused on protection of resources and compliance with federal, state, and local regulations. Training courses included:

- Spill prevention, response and regulatory plans
- Stormwater pollution prevention
- HAZMAT and environmental compliance
- Bulk fuel site inspections
- Hazardous waste handling
- Monthly inspections and record keeping

Camp Grayling Conservation

- Seventh year of the annual Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake survey. Partnered with West Virginia University to assess data and develop population model.
- Partnered with USFWS Michigan Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit to test passive survey methods for Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake.
- Hosted U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) Michigan Field Office staff to visit ongoing conservation efforts at the Camp.
- Worked with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction and Research Lab to survey for pollinating insects using environmental DNA (eDNA) techniques.
- Conducted fifth season of migratory bird surveys with focus on species at risk.
- Teamed up with Monarch Joint Venture to conduct surveys and monitoring for the Monarch Butterfly.
- Hosted fifth annual Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt. Partners included the National Wild Turkey Federation, Safari Club International, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Fort Custer Conservation

- Executed programmatic biological assessment for USFWS for the reintroduction of the Federally Endangered Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly which included trajectory determination.
- First collaborative burn week in Michigan held at FCTC in support of prescribed fire capacity growth initiative.
- From April to November, captured emergence, migration, summer and fall occupation of Big Brown, Eastern Read, Hoary, and Silver Haired Bats.
- Continued efforts to remove lead, a potential groundwater contaminant, from the small arms range berms.
- Monitored 10 sites to assess distribution of frogs across training land, this year's efforts included the State Threatened Blanchard's Cricket Frog and eight other species.
- Advanced prescribed fire implementation across multiple habitat types to restore Oak savannas, reduce fuel loads, and sustain training lands critical to building readiness.

PFAS Remediation

- CFMO Environmental Manager co-chaired the Camp Grayling Restoration Advisory Board which meets monthly to share information with and take comments from the community.
- Coordinated National Guard Bureau funded remediation efforts on Camp Grayling. Installed stormwater filtration systems to reduce PFAS constituents from entering Lake Margrethe.
- Partnered with local industry and federal regulatory community to bring innovative and emerging technologies for PFAS investigation and remediation efforts on Camp Grayling and other MING properties.
- Facilitated coordination between federal and local officials for a large-scale municipal water system upgrade, funded by the Department of War as part of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act activities.



MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD

RECRUITING AND RETENTION
110TH WING
127TH WING



Recruiting and Retention

Commander: Capt. Matthew Eibl

Superintendent: Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Koss

Assigned Strength: 16

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.

Event	FY24	FY25	Difference
Authorized Strength	2,548	2,555	7 (+)
Assigned Strength	2,393	2,383	10 (-)
Total Accessions	205	254	49 (+)
Total 110th Wing Gained	103	117	14 (+)
Total 127th Wing Gained	138	173	35 (+)
Total Events Supported	839	1,255	416 (+)

110th Wing



Commander: Col. James M. Rossi

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey J. Yelencich

Assigned Strength: 907

Location: Battle Creek

Subordinate Units:

- 110th Operations Group
- 217th Air Operations Group
- 110th Medical Group
- 110th Mission Support Group

This year, the 110th Wing takes particular pride in the achievements of its members. For three consecutive years, the 110th Wing has had one of its Airmen selected at the National level for the Outstanding Airmen of the Year award. This sustained achievement reflects the high degree of professionalism and the significant contributions of the Wing's airmen. The 110th Wing also celebrated a significant milestone as three of its Airmen made history, graduating from the U.S. Air Force Warrant Officer Training School on July 30, 2025; these Airmen became the first warrant officers assigned to the 110th Wing in over 66 years.



The 110th Wing also demonstrated a commitment to international partnership. Judge advocates from the wing, worked alongside the Michigan Army National Guard and Michigan State University College of Law faculty, hosted by legal professionals from the Armed Forces of Liberia and the Republic of Sierra Leone. The event focused on advancing trial advocacy skills and the use of technology in the courtroom. The partners identified future training needs with a focus on military court-martial training. All partners continue to communicate monthly using creative communication tools to continue meaningful training and foster a long-lasting relationship.



The 110th Wing celebrated the completion of its new main gate entrance. A \$10 million project culminated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, showcasing the new gatehouse, vehicle inspection area, visitor center, and other features designed to enhance safety, security, and traffic flow, all while supporting the base's critical defense mission.



110th Wing

110TH OPERATIONS GROUP

Commander: Col. David Sowers

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Eric Scott

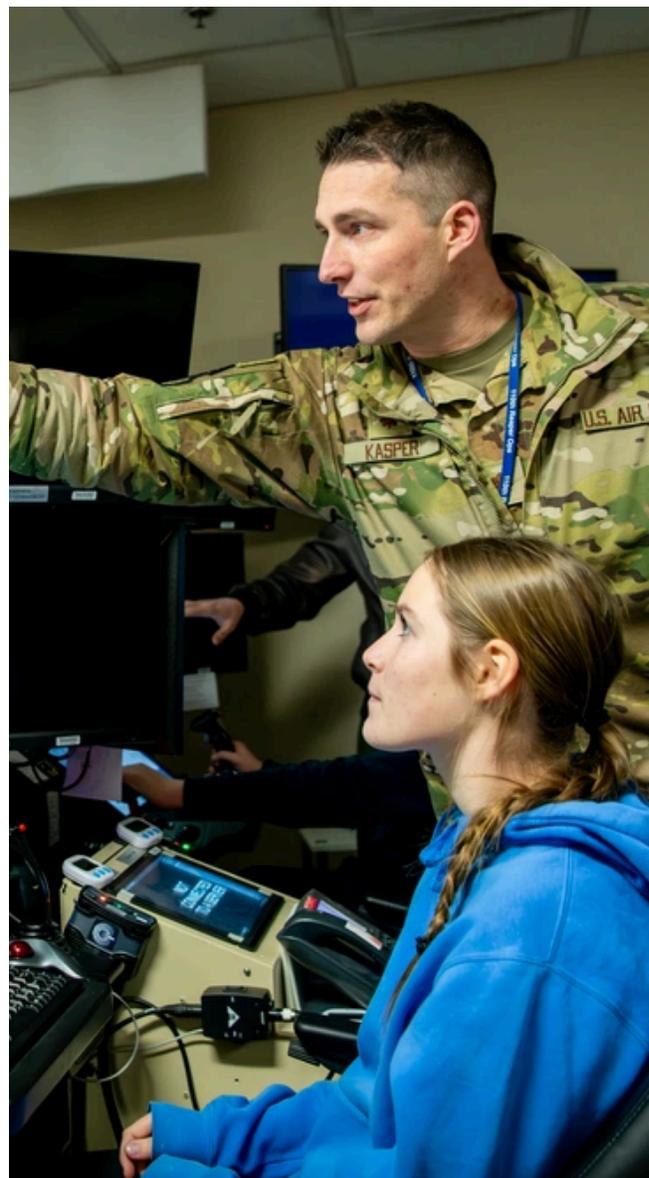
Assigned Strength: 294

The 110th Operations Group orchestrated continuous 24/7 combat operations, managing 25,205 man-days across four combatant commands; executing 284 sorties/5,157 flight hours in support of critical missions, enabling one kinetic engagement and achieved ACC's C-sUAS goal six months ahead of schedule, simultaneously strengthened interagency partnerships (USCG/JPRC), commissioned its first MIANG Warrant Officers in 66 years, and excelled in multinational cyber exercises while strengthening global cyber defense capabilities.

The 110th Operations Support Group Squadron excelled across several domains, from producing a Weapons School candidate who enhanced MQ-9 capabilities, strengthened joint interoperability through advanced exercises, completed the rigorous Norwegian Foot March, and ensured uninterrupted remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) combat operations via innovative communications solutions.

In a testament to their global reach and dedication, the 172nd Attack Squadron logged over 5,157 flight hours supporting U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), U.S. European Command (EUCOM), U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM), and Special Operations Command (SOCOM), most notable supporting Operation Midnight Hammer.

The 272nd Cyber Operations Squadron executed critical cyber missions worldwide alongside INDOPACOM, NATO, and Latvian partners.



110th Wing



217TH AIR OPERATIONS GROUP

Commander: Col. Michael Clow

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Erik Morse

Assigned Strength: 205

The 217th AOG proved its adaptability during Exercise Northern Strike 25-2.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining command and control even in compromised situations, the wing integrated its Air Operations Center into the Air Force's Agile Combat Employment (ACE) concept, quickly deploying a joint team from Battle Creek to the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center to execute the mission.

The 217th Combat Operations Squadron significantly enhanced the capabilities of United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) and Air Forces Africa (AFAFRICA) by mobilizing personnel and executing Title 10 initiatives, demonstrated through the deployment of over 20 members to Operations Atlantic Resolve and Midnight Hammer, and concurrent support of state partnership activities ranging from engagements with Latvian Senior Leaders to tactical-level integration visits and data exchange.





110th Wing

The 217th Air Communications Squadron deployed 12 members to support the USAFE and AFAFRICA theater and supported and enabled the 217 COS successful Air Operations Command (AOC) forward during Northern Strike 25-2, including the installation of future AOC operational software on a mobile platform.

The 217th Air Component Operations Squadron deployed 12 members across five consecutive deployments to USAFE and AFAFRICA, providing over 2,600 man-days of critical theater-wide augmentation. This support directly enhanced existing steady-state operations, resulting in a 20% increase in USAFE's operational planning efficiency and strengthened critical U.S. national security objectives.

110TH MEDICAL GROUP

Commander: Col. Janice Davis

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Karla Francisco-Waichum

Assigned Strength: 67

The 110th Medical Group supported deploying 125 personnel wing-wide, while continuing to sustain Wing medical readiness requirements and exceed expectations during mass exercise event deploying another 250 personnel under exercise-generated contested conditions.

The 217th Air Intelligence Squadron established and operated distributed targeting operations for USAFE and AFAFRICA providing Advanced Target Development (ATD) products for 198 facilities, 1050 weaponeering solutions and over 200 targeting graphics in support of operational planning.



110th Wing



110TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

Commander: Col. Thomas Sierakowski

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Buehner

Assigned Strength: 309

The 110th Mission Support Group coordinated multiple Yellow Ribbon Events that supported over 130 departing and returning deployers and their families. These events were successful in ensuring members and their families had the resources needed during their deployment. The contracting team executed \$2.2M in contract requirements, including two emergency contracts to repair the server room HVAC and UPS power supply for the 217 AOG, safeguarding weapons systems in direct support of USAFE operations. The team also managed the transition of base telephone services to a locally managed contract, including phone system conversion to Internet Protocol based communication technologies.

The 110th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed 39 Airmen to eight locations across three combatant commands and completed a \$10M military construction (MILCON) project to construct and move the installation's primary entry control point, increasing safety and base security standoff distances.



The 110th Security Forces Squadron maintained a strong collaborative relationship with local law enforcement agencies, including the Battle Creek Police Department (BCPD) and the Michigan State Police, through comprehensive joint training initiatives.



These initiatives encompassed a range of critical skill areas, such as active shooter response, SWAT tactics, marksmanship proficiency, and foundational law enforcement procedures, conducted both on and off the installation. The 110th SF also partnered with the BCPD and Kellogg Airport on security protocols and protection measures for high-value assets outside of the installation.



110th Wing

The 110th Logistics Readiness Squadron led the 110th Wing through the largest deployment cycle in recent history to support nine contingency locations across four different Combatant Commands. They were vital in supporting the Wing's largest readiness exercise in 10 years by mobilizing, equipping, and transporting 231 members within 72 hours in a degraded environment.



The 110th Communications Squadron facilitated communications planning and employed a \$680K, Office of the Under Secretary of War for Research and Engineering (OUSW (R&E)) provided Mobile 5G Cellular Tower and cellular handsets to support the 22nd Air Task Force's 300-level certification exercise and test OUSW (R&E)'s prototype cellular capabilities during Northern Strike 25-2 in ACE scenarios. The unit also demilitarized and donated 176 laptop computers to the Calhoun Area Career Center students which saved career center \$169,425.

The 110th Forces Support Squadron enabled MQ-9, Cyber, and Command and Control missions through personnel actions and support services for 900+ Airmen, to include oversight of \$3.3M in training and lodging resources, deployment processing for over 231 Airmen during the Wing Readiness Exercise and real-world mobilizations, \$5K in MWR resources, and developed a Wing fitness program to increase readiness. The unit's deployed members supported CENTCOM operations overseeing 15,000 lodging reservations, accountability of \$94 million in contracts supporting military food, laundry, fitness, MWR, lodging, and medical requirements. The Military and Family Readiness Office stood up the first Virtual Emergency Family Assistance Center for the MIANG to award over \$49,000 in relief to service members.



127th Wing



Commander: Brig. Gen. Leah Voelker

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Chief Master Sgt Bruce Hedrick

Assigned Strength: 1,483

Location: Harrison Township

Subordinate Units:

- 127th Operations Group
- 127th Maintenance Group
- 127th Air Refueling Group
- 127th Medical Operations Group
- 127th Mission Support Group

The 127th Wing entered 2025 on the heels of a successful overseas deployment. The Wing celebrated 38 senior NCO promotions in February 2025. In March, the KC-135 Stratotanker team successfully completed a Nuclear Operational Readiness Inspection, affirming the Wing’s critical role in the nation’s strategic deterrence mission.

Spring brought a major accident response exercise that united base and community emergency teams. Later in April, senior Air Force leaders announced the impending transition to the F-15EX Eagle II, marking the beginning of a new era in air superiority.

In June, the Wing made history as one of the primary force enablers of Operation Midnight Hammer. The year concluded with a successful combat-readiness inspection, validating the Wing’s ability to deploy and fight under contested conditions. From deployment to deterrence to modernization, 2025 showcased the Wing’s unwavering commitment to the nation’s defense.

A-10 Missions	Training	Combat
Hours Flown	1,968	290
Sorties Flown	1,107	84
Ordnance Expended	47,430	TBD



Defense Agency Contributed Toward Operation Midnight Hammer Success

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KC-135 MISSIONS	Training	Combat
Hours Flown	956	1,661
Sorties Flown	286	265
Fuel Transferred (lbs)	2,251,000	9,191,000



127th Wing

127TH OPERATIONS GROUP

Commander: Lt. Col. Shannon Vickers

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Jodi Nitz

Assigned Strength: 82

Presented the Selfridge ANGB Base Community Council the achievements from the most recent 127th mobilization. Notable highlights this year included the flyover for the Michigan State University opening football game and the selection of the 177th OSS intelligence shop as superior performers during the Air Combat Command Readiness Inspection. The unit also supported Latvian JTAC during Northern Strike 25-2 and completed critical home station training in preparation for their 2026 mobilization.



127TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

Commander: Col. Kurtis Ring

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Brian Jackman

Assigned Strength: 449

Sent 125 Airmen to Nellis Air Force Base for a weapons instructor course, upgrade, and requalification event to validate instructor abilities. Throughout the year, maintainers played a critical role in ensuring aircraft readiness during high tempo operations. The maintenance group also participated in a Combat Readiness Inspection (CRI), where the unit despite facing multiple challenging scenarios in a contested environment, was able to prepare 14 aircraft and several hundred Wing personnel for deployment.



127th Wing



127TH AIR REFUELING GROUP

Commander: Col. Aaron Klieman

Senior Enlisted Leader: Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Crocker

Assigned Strength: 326

Participated in Emerald Flag, PAC Arrow, Checkered Flag, Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Midnight Hammer, flying over 260 sorties and more than 1,600 hours. The Group supported multiple local high school recruiting events and JROTC visits. Additionally, the Group provided spouse and civic leader flights for more than 150 passengers.



127TH MEDICAL GROUP

Commander: Col. Laura Svinarich

Senior Enlisted Leader: Senior Master Sgt. Marc Muniz

Assigned Strength: 67

The Medical Group assisted with base wide water testing to ensure a healthy working environment across the installation as well as provided medical readiness support for over 250 deploying service members. Members of the Group participated in an Alaskan MFAT, executing 100% of required training for all medics. The unit also executed their first medical rodeo in the U.S. Virgin Islands for 70 members.





127th Wing

127TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

Commander: Col. Samuel Trapasso

Senior Enlisted Leader: Senior Master Sgt. Catherine Finocchiaro

Assigned Strength: 473

Members of the 127th Mission Support Group provided personnel and equipment to support the MING response to the Ice Storm disaster in Northern Michigan. Worked with local agencies and completed multiple infrastructure upgrades in order to ensure a safe, healthy environment for SANGB employees.





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Joint Force Headquarters - Army Element

OFFICE OF THE STATE SURGEON

State Surgeon: Col. Robert Vaidya

Senior Enlisted Advisor: Sgt. First Class Thomas Clark

The Office of the State Surgeon is responsible for ensuring the health, medical readiness, and safety of all Soldiers across the state. Our mission is to preserve and enhance force health protection, ensure medical deployable service members, and maintain safe working environments for Soldiers and technicians in support of both state and federal missions.

Achieved a medical readiness rate (MRC 1&2) of 89%, ranking sixth nationally among all states. The Medical Readiness NCO for the medium state category was recognized as the National MRNCO of the Year. The office successfully executed a budget of approximately \$2 million. With over 65 Providers, attained a 93% credentialing rate. The team conducted more than 40 site and lead surveys to ensure compliance and health protection at our state facilities.

Additionally, conducted significant case management to ensure our Soldiers are meeting medical deployable standards, with over 150 behavioral health cases, over 200 medical; conducted dental treatment for more than 200 Soldiers, oversaw the completion of 5,000 annual health assessments, more than 500 laboratory tests and immunizations, while completing over 200 occupational health, retirement, commissioning, and firefighter physicals.



Joint Force Headquarters - Army Element



AVIATION AND SAFETY DIRECTORATE

Director: Lt. Col. Jeremy Barnard

Deputy Director: Maj. Jeremy Briggs

This year Aviation units achieved significant operational milestones, safely executing over 3,300 flight hours that directly supported Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) and maintained readiness for Overseas Contingency Operations in accordance with National Command Authority directives. The Aviation and Safety Directorate (AVS) also strengthened community relationships by conducting more than 20 flyovers and static displays, which not only promoted recruiting and retention efforts but also supported strategic messaging campaigns, fostering a positive community presence.



During Exercise Northern Strike 25-2, the AVS staff operated within high-level command roles, coordinating over 150 scheduled missions during a dynamic joint live-fire exercise, ensuring airspace management and operational synchronization. This year the SAAO also hosted the Latvian Ambassador and Defense Attaché, which reinforced bilateral cooperation and involved demonstration of UH-60M simulator training. Safety remained a top priority, with four safety workshops attended by 81 command leaders, contributing to the avoidance of Class A or B mishaps throughout the fiscal year—demonstrating the MIARNG’s commitment to safe aviation operations and mission excellence.



Joint Force Headquarters - Army Element

OFFICE OF THE STATE CHAPLAIN

State Chaplain: Chaplain (Col) Brian Martinus

Senior Enlisted Advisor: Master Sgt. Chad Hollopeter

The Michigan National Guard Chaplain Corps provides religious support by assisting the command in providing for the free exercise of religion and by providing religious, moral, and ethical leadership through advisement and administration of chaplain core responsibilities of nurturing the living, caring for the wounded, and honoring the fallen.

By The Numbers

- Chaplain counseling sessions: 646
- Worship services: 106
- Military funerals: 20
- Military memorial services: 3
- Hospital visits made to military members and/or families: 4
- Weddings conducted for military members and/or their families: 1

- Religious rites (baptisms, confirmations, etc.) performed: 8
- Times a MING Chapel was used for religious services/religious programs: 28
- Attendees at worship services within the state: 1,028
- Suicide interventions: 7
- Suicide prevention skills trainings supported: 13
- Number of chaplain-led resilience and enrichment events: 18
- Number of personnel who attended chaplain led resilience and enrichment events in FY25: 1,159



Recruiting and Retention Battalion



Commander: Lt. Col. Richie Sands

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Lucas Catterfeld

Assigned Strength: 217

RRB conducted 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 Plan.

Production increased significantly in 2025, while assisting units in exceeding their retention goals. Every measurable category saw improvement, exceeding the state’s end strength objective. The Recruit Sustainment Program, which ranked last in the nation for 2024, drastically improved and is now ranked within the top 10.



Event	FY24	FY25	Change
Assigned Strength	7,228	7,476	248 (+)
Accessions	1119	1,119	262 (+)
NPS/PS Enlistments	719	965	246 (+)
HS Enlistments	224	271	47 (+)
Reenlistments	1,086	1,147	61 (+)
IET Success Rate	85.30%	87.80%	2.5% (+)
Attrition Loss Rate	16.80%	11.40%	5.4% (+)



Recruiting and Retention Battalion

This year's Director's 54 winner (best recruiter in the state) was SFC Bradley Plaska, who ranked 18th in the nation with 31 total enlistments. He also was the second fastest in the country to meet his annual mission. RRB had their best year since 2017 recruiting non-prior service recruits. Seventy-two recruiters made their mission in 2025, which is more than 2023 and 2024 combined.



The Great Lakes Grand (GLG\$1000) program, funded by DMVA for Soldiers of the MIARNG, commenced on October 1, 2024, offering \$1,000 for each successful enlistment referral. The program yielded 1,472 leads and 297 enlistments marking a 20% conversion rate.

Mission Makers	FY24	FY25	Change
RRNCOs	49	72	23 (+)
Platoons	4	7	3 (+)
Companies	1	1	0

631st Troop Command



Commander: Lt. Col. Nicholas Anderson
Senior Enlisted Leader: First Sgt. Donald Wilhelm
Assigned Strength: 30
Location: Grayling

The 631st Troop Command supported multiple events in 2025 to include state and joint exercises, and Military to Military engagement. The unit supported a State Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX) with three Individual Weapons Qualification Ranges supporting 320 Soldiers.

The 631st Troop Command organized and supported the Grayling Meet the Guard Event which brought in more than 350 local high-school students and was supported by 11 Michigan Army National Guard units statewide.

During Northern Strike 25-2, the 631st Troop Command supported 40 Distinguished Visitor operations, as well as Legislature and Industry Day which had more than 100 attendees.

The 631st Troop Command supported Military to Military engagement, through the Michigan Army National Guard State Partnership Program, with individual Human Resource expertise to Liberia.





Detachment 1, Cyber Protection Team 172

Commander: Lt. Col. Kathleen Prince-Sayward
Senior Enlisted Leader: Master Sgt. Blake Ritenour
Assigned Strength: 38
Location: Lansing

Cyber Protection Team 172 demonstrated exceptional operational capabilities and community engagement across multiple domains. During Exercise Northern Strike, the team conducted cyber operations alongside military service members from the United Kingdom, Latvia, the Air Force, Marine Corps, and Army National Guard.

This event also included students from Northern Michigan University, leveraging community outreach with college students, the Military Reserve Exchange Program (MREP) with the United Kingdom, and the State Partnership Program with Latvia. The team further strengthened international collaboration by participating in several overseas cyber exercises in Latvia and Estonia, including Exercise Cyber Baltic and Winter Frost, which enhanced interoperability and cyber defense capabilities with allied nations.

During the state Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX), the team conducted real-world tabletop exercises with two critical infrastructure organizations in Michigan: the Grand Rapids Airport and Lambda Energy.

Additionally, the team performed a vulnerability assessment on a local commercial network, utilizing Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) of known adversaries to identify and mitigate risks.

For the first time in the history of the organization, Cyber Protection Team 172 achieved a 100% fill rate for Enlisted Soldiers, marking a significant milestone in personnel readiness and organizational strength.



177th Regional Training Institute



Commander: Col. Erick Schramm

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Netzley

Assigned Strength: 107

Location: Augusta

Subordinate Units:

- 1st Battalion, 177 RTI
- 2nd Battalion, 177 RTI
- Regional Training Site-Maintenance

The 177th RTI exists to train and develop Soldiers from all Army components (Active, Reserve, and National Guard), providing MOS qualification courses, leadership development, and professional-military education in support of the Total Force. In 2025, the 177 RTI graduated 868 Soldiers from its programs, including 439 from the MIARNG.



In addition, the 177th RTI conducted three engagements with the Armed Forces of Liberia to assist with the development of a Basic Leader Course and partnered military medical hospital assessment. The RTI also conducted three engagements with the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces to assist with the development of the Noncommissioned Officer Primary Military Education Program.

The 177 RTI also hosted MIARNG's Best Warrior competition for over 20 of Michigan's highly talented Soldiers and NCOs.



177th Regional Training Institute

1ST BATTALION, 177TH RTI (MILITARY POLICE)

Commander: Lt. Col. Amanda Self

Senior Enlisted Leader: Master Sgt. Paul Corrie

Assigned Strength: 24

Location: Augusta

The 1st Battalion, 177th RTI (Military Police) provided the Basic Military Instructor Course resulting in 74 fully trained graduates and participated in the Military Police Regiment Day at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

2ND BATTALION, 177TH RTI (MODULAR TRAINING)

Commander: Lt. Col. April Lakatos

Senior Enlisted Leader: Master Sgt. Daniel Blaser

Assigned Strength: 36

Location: Augusta

The 2nd Battalion, 177th RTI (Modular Training) provided the Unit Supply Specialist Course resulting in 297 qualified logisticians, Officer Candidate School resulting in 8 commissioned officers, and the Combat Lifesaver Course resulting in 139 qualified combat lifesavers for the MIARNG. The battalion also hosted the Norwegian Foot March for more than 300 competitors, which supported donations of 14,000 meals to Southwest Michigan food banks and homeless shelters.

REGIONAL TRAINING SITE - MAINTENANCE

Commander: Maj. Cory Buter

Senior Enlisted Leader: Master Sgt. Derren Mazza

Assigned Strength: 19

Location: Augusta

The 177th RTI's Site-Maintenance unit focuses on courses for mechanics and maintainers. In 2025, Site-Maintenance provided a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Course for 23 students, a Wheeled Vehicle Advanced Leader course for 37 students, a Rough Terrain Container Handler Maintainer Course for 22 students, and a Wheeled Vehicle Recovery Operations Course for 68 students.

Site-Maintenance also conducted a restoration project on Lawler Cemetery at Fort Custer Training Center and developed a Vehicle Cyber Security Course alongside University of Detroit Mercy.

Medical Detachment



Commander: Lt. Col. Timothy B. Findlay
Senior Enlisted Leader: First Sgt. Martin Anderson
Assigned Strength: 119
Location: Detroit

This year the Medical Readiness Detachment (MEDDET) the Michigan Army National Guard's Medical Readiness Detachment (MEDDET) demonstrated exceptional initiative and adaptability in advancing Soldier readiness, expanding medical capability, and strengthening partnerships at home and abroad.

The MEDDET led several groundbreaking efforts to enhance statewide medical readiness. Chief among these was the Limited Dental Treatment Initiative, through which the detachment identified treatment sites, coordinated supply requirements, and finalized regulatory documentation to launch limited dental services for Soldiers. This effort directly addressed gaps in access to dental care and is expected to significantly improve deployability and overall readiness across the force.

In parallel, the MEDDET serviced and calibrated Wireless Automated Hearing Test Systems (WAHTS) to sustain a robust hearing readiness program.

These systems are now operational during First Formation as part of a State Hearing Readiness Initiative, with ongoing efforts to push them to Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs). By training Readiness NCOs to conduct internal testing, the MEDDET is increasing efficiency, reducing costs, and ensuring Soldiers maintain hearing standards across the state.





Medical Detachment

To further expand organic capability, the detachment—working closely with the State Surgeon’s Office—developed Medical Tiger Teams, mobile medical elements designed to augment MSCs and subordinate units. These teams empower units to manage internal medical readiness while maintaining MEDDET oversight and support, fostering both self-sufficiency and accountability across the force.



In doing so, MEDDET directly enhanced the Michigan Army National Guard’s ability to meet federal mission requirements while delivering timely, quality care to Soldiers.

On the international front, the MEDDET continued its vital support to the Michigan–Liberia State Partnership Program (SPP). The detachment coordinated multiple key leader engagements and medical exchanges with the Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL), laying the groundwork for a joint medical mission planned for June 2026. This future engagement will align Michigan’s capabilities with U.S. strategic objectives while providing Soldiers with valuable operational medical experience.

MEDDET also improved partnerships with academic institutions by coordinating a Suture Clinic at Michigan State University and a Cadaver Lab at Oakland University, offering valuable training for both Soldiers and future medical professionals.

Throughout the year, the detachment executed seven Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) events and five medical readiness events, collectively supporting more than 1,700 Soldiers. These large-scale operations ensured compliance with Army medical standards, reduced non-availability rates, and sustained deployment timelines.

46th Military Police Command



Commander: Maj. Gen. Scott Hiipakka

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. James Taylor

Assigned Strength: 138

Location: Lansing

In 2025, the 46th Military Police Command (46th MP CMD) played a leading role in a series of major exercises that strengthened the National Guard's ability to protect the homeland, support civil authorities, and build international partnerships.

As the command element for U.S. Northern Command's Command and Control Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Element-Bravo (C2CRE-B), the 46th MP CMD directed nearly 1,500 National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers from multiple states during Vibrant Response 2025, a large-scale validation exercise held under U.S. Army North (ARNORTH). The exercise tested and refined the C2CRE-B's ability to respond rapidly to catastrophic incidents within the United States.



During the event, Soldiers rehearsed critical life-saving missions—including search and rescue, medical support, and hazardous-materials response—designed to assist civil authorities during large-scale domestic emergencies.

The proof-of-concept event explored how Soldiers and equipment could be organized to defend critical infrastructure and maintain domestic security while simultaneously enabling U.S. forces to project combat power overseas.



Expanding its global reach, the 46th MP CMD continued to advance Michigan's new State Partnership Program with Sierra Leone. Brig. Gen. Scott House, deputy commanding general of the 46th MP CMD, hosted senior military officials from Sierra Leone as they observed training during Northern Strike 2025 and Soteria Resolve 2025.



63rd Troop Command

Commander: Col. Stephen Chan

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Henry

Assigned Strength: 2,017

Location: Belmont

Subordinate Units:

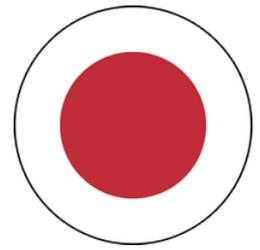
- 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment
- 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment
- 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment
- 126th Army Band
- 126th Theater Public Affairs Support Element
- D Company, 837th Brigade Engineer Battalion

In 2025, the 63rd Troop Command (TC) mobilized two battalions—the 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment (3-126 IN) and the 3rd Battalion, 238th General Support Aviation Battalion (3-238 GSAB)—for overseas deployments in support of real-world missions. These mobilizations underscored the unit’s capacity to generate combat-ready forces capable of supporting U.S. operations abroad and contributing to multinational security objectives.

At home, the 63rd TC played a critical role during the 2025 Mobilization Exercise at Camp Grayling as part of the Michigan Army National Guard’s Annual Training. The command provided essential support across multiple functional areas including medical, administrative, supply, and maintenance readiness.



1st Battalion, 125 Infantry Regiment



Commander: Lt. Col David Holoman

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Darin Alexander

Assigned Strength: 592

Location: Saginaw

Subordinate Units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company
- Alpha Company
- Bravo Company
- Charlie Company
- Delta Company
- Hotel Company

During Annual Training 2025, the 1-125 IN strengthened its enduring partnership with the Latvian National Armed Forces, conducting collective, squad, and platoon-level training in Latvia alongside NATO's Multinational Division—North during Reception, Staging, and Onward Movement (RSOM) operations at Lielvarde Air Base.

Simultaneously, the battalion hosted Latvian Soldiers in Michigan, training shoulder-to-shoulder at the National All-Domain Warfighting Center, where both forces refined interoperability, shared tactics, and deepened the bonds of trust that define Michigan's State Partnership Program with Latvia.





3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment

Commander: Lt. Col. Mitchell Graham

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Tim Arnold

Assigned Strength: 654

Location: Wyoming

Subordinate Units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company
- Alpha Company
- Bravo Company
- Charlie Company
- Delta Company
- India Company

This year the 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment (3-126 IN) demonstrated its versatility and operational readiness through simultaneous global and domestic missions. Two Infantry companies—Alpha and Bravo—deployed to the CENTCOM area of responsibility in support of Operation Spartan Shield as part of Task Force Reaper of the 278th Cavalry Regiment, contributing to regional security and coalition partnerships.



Meanwhile, Soldiers at home supported Northern Strike 25-2, serving as Opposition Forces (OPFOR) and conducting small-unit infantry operations and aggressor UAS actions. Their efforts helped sharpen the lethality and warfighting proficiency of numerous Active Duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, and sister service formations.

3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment



Commander: Lt. Col. Brian Snook (Forward) | Lt. Col. Jeremy Barnard (Rear)

Senior Enlisted Leader: First Sgt. James Dentler

Assigned Strength: 527

Location: Grand Ledge

Detachment 1, Company B, 3-238th General Support Aviation Battalion showcased its aerial proficiency and operational reach through multiple high-impact missions in 2025. Nineteen Soldiers and two CH-47F Chinook helicopters participated in Operation Safe Harbor 25 on Mackinac Island, Michigan, executing more than 18 sling-loads of Improved Ribbon Bridge (IRB) sections and Bridge Erection Boats (BEB) in support of the 1437th Engineer Company.

The 3-238th GSAB also remained on standby for hurricane relief and wildfire support while conducting 28 National Guard Bureau flight missions nationwide.

In addition, the unit supported Exercise Northern Strike 25-2 with three aircrews and twelve support Soldiers, maintaining six full-time planners embedded with the Northern Strike planning team.

Culminating its year of excellence, 97 Soldiers mobilized for Operation Joint Guardian (KFOR) in Kosovo on April 24, 2025, continuing the battalion's proud legacy of global readiness and support to allied operations.





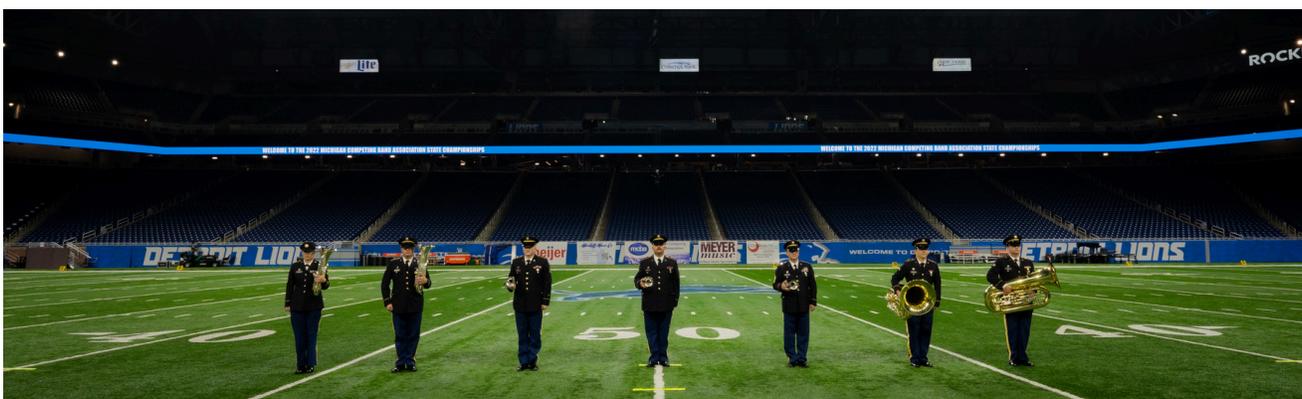
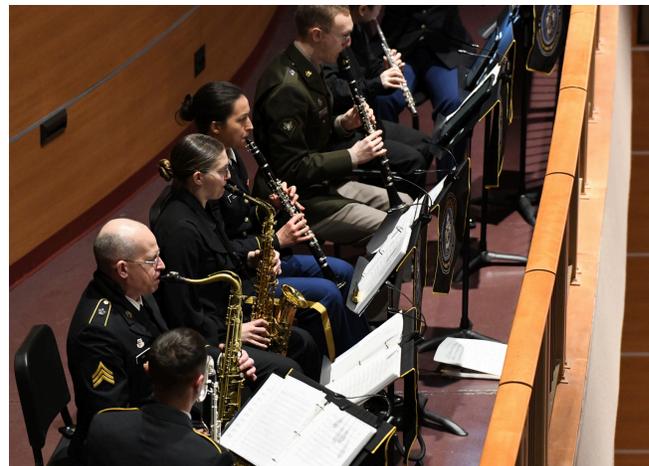
126th Army Band

Commander: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kimberly Ferrante
Senior Enlisted Leader: 1st Sgt. Andrew Schwallier
Assigned Strength: 32
Location: Belmont

The 126th Army Band regularly conducted performances across Michigan in 2025.

The Minutemen Brass ensemble performed the National Anthem at the Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA) Finals at Ford Field in Detroit, taking the field five times before each competition flight—demonstrating the Army Band’s ongoing commitment to community and youth engagement.

On March 12, 2025, the Detroit Red Wings hosted the Buffalo Sabres for their annual Military Appreciation Game at Little Caesars Arena. The 126th Army Band supported the event by providing two buglers to perform the National Anthem before puck drop, honoring service members in attendance and reinforcing the Army’s connection to the Detroit community.



126th Theater Public Affairs Support Element



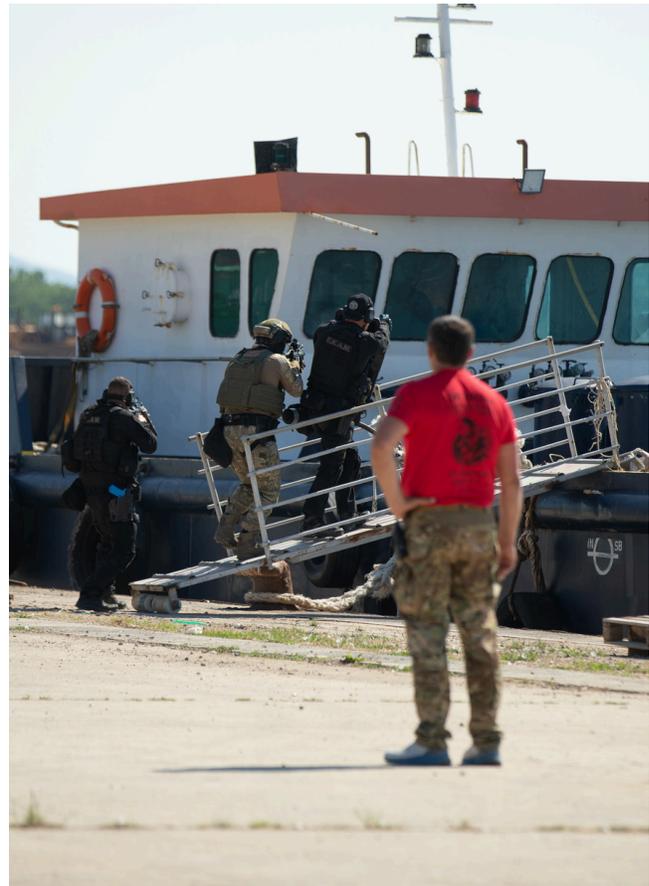
Commander: Maj. Amanda Strigel

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Minix

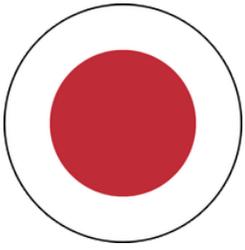
Assigned Strength: 25

Location: Jackson

During Exercise Immediate Response 2025 (a component of DEFENDER 25), the 126th Theater Public Affairs Support Element (TPASE) played a pivotal role in embedding U.S. public affairs capability within the multinational training environment. Before deployment, the TPASE and additional Public Affairs Detachment members from North Dakota met at Fort Custer, Michigan, for joint training under USAREUR-AF guidance to align standards and prepare for content collection across the theater.



Deployed across the Balkan region, the 126th TPASE documented key events—including whole-of-government cyber defense, live-fire exercises, and NATO outreach efforts—while coordinating with partnered PA nodes to ensure unified messaging and seamless media coverage. Their work highlighted U.S. commitment to alliance readiness, strategic deterrence, and interoperability with NATO partners during one of the Army’s premier European training events.



Delta Company, 837th Engineer Battalion

Commander: Capt. Gina DeCesare

Senior Enlisted Leader: Sgt. First Class Corey Wesche

Assigned Strength: 136

Location: Lansing

The Military Intelligence Company (MICO) delivered critical analytical and technical support across multiple strategic efforts. The unit facilitated real-world threat briefings and Intelligence Preparation of the Operational Environment (IPOE) products for the new State Partnership with Sierra Leone and the Regional Cybersecurity Assessment Team (RCAT) mission to INDOPACOM.

Concurrently, during the state's Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX), the UAS Detachment led Counter-UAS training for more than 2,000 Michigan Army National Guard personnel over a three-day period, enhancing statewide readiness against emerging aerial threats. Additionally, CW2 Geisen and WO1 McDonnell conducted advanced communications experimentation using the UltraLink artillery system, developing line-of-sight TTPs with the PRC-117F radio and WinTac software to transmit chat messages and imagery across multiple echelons. A Red Sheet detailing their innovative procedures is currently being prepared for submission to the National Guard Bureau, marking a significant contribution to the Guard's modernization and C2 interoperability efforts.

177th Military Police Brigade



Commander: Col. Tiffianey Laurin

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Williams

Assigned Strength: 2,259

Location: Taylor

Subordinate Units:

- 107th Engineer Battalion
- 507th Engineer Battalion
- 156th Expeditionary Signal Battalion
- 210th Military Police Battalion

When a historic ice storm struck northern Michigan, the brigade responded swiftly, mobilizing over 70% of its soldiers to provide aid within affected communities; distributing record-breaking quantities of food, helping restore essential services, and supporting local law enforcement efforts to keep residents safe and connected during the crisis.



Following this large-scale domestic response, the brigade shifted its focus to joint and multinational training exercises. During these exercises, the Brigade played a vital role in training partner nations and U.S. forces, thereby strengthening interoperability and mission readiness on a broader scale.

During rotations at the National Training Center and deployments across the globe, soldiers continued to enhance international partnerships and refine their capabilities for any mission. The Signal Battalion achieved advances in innovative technologies; securing and protecting the digital battle space and illustrating that innovation is integral to modern warfare.

Back at home, the brigade fostered stronger community ties through outreach events such as “Meet the Guard” in Taylor, connecting hundreds of residents with the Soldiers who serve them. This year has been both demanding and defining; a testament to the unit’s service, resilience, and continuous growth.





107th Engineer Battalion

Commander: Lt. Col. Matthew Broksma

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Proehl

Assigned Strength: 599

Location: Ishpeming

The battalion continued providing general engineering support to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources through Innovative Readiness Training projects, advanced its mobility and counter-mobility capabilities, and led technical engineering missions in Latvia in support of the State Partnership Program. The battalion also partnered with aviation units to strengthen wet gap crossing proficiency.



Additionally, the battalion advanced its mobility and counter-mobility capabilities, notably partnering with aviation units to bolster wet-gap crossing proficiency. The battalion also took part in the State Partnership Program by leading technical engineering missions in Latvia, fostering international cooperation and strengthening global partnerships.

In April, the battalion responded to Operation Cold as Ice, a severe winter storm that damaged roadways and caused more than 85,000 homes and businesses to lose power. A total of 124 Soldiers were activated to provide debris management support to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The battalion also saw progress in its infrastructure modernization, with the Calumet Readiness Center and the Sault Ste. Marie Armory completing \$10.43 million in upgrades, while renovation projects began at the Marquette (\$5 million) and Kingsford (\$6 million) armories.



507th Engineer Battalion



Commander: Maj. Megan Breen

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Wesley Amerson

Assigned Strength: 617

Location: Kalamazoo

The battalion provided vital support during multiple disaster response missions in 2025, demonstrating the Michigan Army National Guard's commitment to protecting communities at home and abroad. The battalion provided command and control for 380 engineers and airmen assigned to Joint Task Force Engineer during the April 2025 Northern Michigan ice storm. Soldiers assisted 12 counties and three islands by clearing debris and restoring access to critical infrastructure.

In addition, soldiers from the battalion deployed to North Carolina in response to Hurricane Helene, where they distributed more than 2,500 gallons of fuel, cleared roads, and assisted local authorities with recovery operations. Across both responses, the battalion's engineers logged thousands of man-hours, providing direct support to nearly 19,000 residents affected by severe weather events.

The battalion deepened its ties with partner nations and civilian organizations through a series of training and humanitarian missions. Soldiers participated in Exercise Selija Castle 2025 in Latvia; where they provided project oversight, medical support, and engineering expertise alongside engineers from Combat Logistics Battalion 25 (USMC) and Latvian Land Forces. Together, the teams completed the first phase of a construction project to establish an intermediate staging area for future operations.

At home, the battalion supported several community-based Innovative Readiness Training projects. Engineers from the 1434th and 1436th Engineer Companies completed renovations at the D-A Scout Ranch in Metamora and Camp Tamarack in Jones, improving facilities used by youth across Michigan. Soldiers also worked on the construction of a bathhouse at the Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, performing excavation, masonry, plumbing, and finishing work.





156th Expeditionary Signal Battalion

Commander: Maj. Brian Snedden

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Christian

Assigned Strength: 327

Location: Howell

The battalion participated in multiple high-profile training events and community engagements throughout 2025, advancing its technical capabilities and strengthening partnerships across Michigan and beyond.

Bravo Company, based in Kalamazoo, took part in Exercise Guardian Response 2025 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. The exercise, conducted with interagency partners and Army units from across the nation, tested the unit's ability to provide tactical internet service using commercial-off-the-shelf satellite equipment and the Global Agile Integrated Transport protocol in a hyper-realistic operational scenario.

During Annual Training 2025 at Camp Grayling, the battalion continued testing and integrating commercial communications equipment with the Army tactical internet and radio architecture. Soldiers experimented with Starlink terminals and commercial high-frequency radio antennas from PTS Inc., improving connectivity and operational resilience in austere environments.

In a significant professional milestone, members of the battalion re-established the Michigan Chapter of the Signal Corps Regimental Association during Annual Training. The signing of the chapter's first constitution and bylaws marked the return of a professional network dedicated to fostering collaboration among signal, cyber, communications, and information technology professionals across the Department of War and local industry.



210th Military Police Battalion



Commander: Lt. Col. Jared Van Dop

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. William Gribble

Assigned Strength: 615

Location: Lapeer

The battalion strengthened local, state and federal emergency response capabilities during Exercise Northern Exposure with scenarios involving civil unrest, infrastructure security and resource protection. The 460th Chemical Company supported operations by conducting decontamination missions and deploying robotic surveillance equipment to assess hazardous areas, demonstrating the Guard's ability to integrate seamlessly with first responders.

Throughout 2025, the battalion also sharpened its combat readiness during a large-scale field exercise at Camp Grayling. Military police trained alongside artillery, engineer, aviation, communications and logistics units to improve coordination and tactical proficiency. The 460th Chemical Company partnered with the 107th Engineer Battalion on a river crossing that involved moving armored vehicles across a newly constructed bridge and conducting chemical and biological safety checks. The event concluded with a reenlistment ceremony for Sgt. Robertson atop the bridge.



Beyond training, the battalion continued to build community relationships following its relocation to Lapeer. Soldiers volunteered in the Adopt-A-Highway program and took part in local events including the Pontiac Holiday Parade, Shop with a Hero and the Special Olympics.

The battalion also supported recruiting efforts through partnerships with Michigan Army National Guard recruiters at civic and school events. During a "Meet the Guard" event in Taylor, more than 300 high school students explored military police equipment and learned about opportunities available through Guard service. In Ann Arbor, soldiers led a team-building fitness session with Skyline High School's varsity baseball team, emphasizing leadership, teamwork and readiness.





272nd Regional Support Group

Commander: Col. Jeana Cho

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. James Robins

Assigned Strength: 2,259

Location: Lansing

Subordinate Units:

- 1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment
- 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment
- 1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion
- 246th Transportation Battalion
- 146th Multifunctional Medical Battalion

The Michigan Army National Guard's premier sustainment and field artillery units logged major accomplishments across the force in 2025.

The 1-119th Field Artillery Regiment served as the Task Force headquarters for Michigan's largest-ever ice disaster response, while the 1-182nd Field Artillery Regiment built critical levels of proficiency on their rocket systems.

The 1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and its maintenance companies completed more than 1,000 work orders and restored essential infrastructure during "Operation Cold as Ice" in northern Michigan. The 464th Quartermaster Company supported Bravo Battery, 1-119th Field Artillery Regiment in Alma, washing and recovering equipment and providing shower support to more than 280 personnel, while the 1500th Quartermaster Company delivered nearly 44,000 meals across the state.

The 246th Transportation Battalion completed large-scale training in land navigation, motorcycle safety, situational lanes and the Leader's Reaction Course while transportation units logged tens of thousands of movement miles, moved more than \$39 million in equipment and mobilized for the Southwest Border. Leaders said these results reflect a force that is trained, responsive and prepared for any mission at home or abroad.

Finally, the 146th Multifunctional Medical Battalion reinforced readiness across the state and built new partnerships in their community.



1st Battalion, 119th Field Artillery Regiment



Commander: Lt. Col. Alex Kashenider

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Kreston Vandermark

Assigned Strength: 386

Location: Lansing

The battalion was mobilized on April 2nd, 2025 in response to the severe ice storm that impacted northern Michigan. The 1-119th FAR served under the moniker joint task force (JTF) Red Lion.

JTF Red Lion was comprised of over 800 Soldiers and Airmen from across Michigan. JTF Red Lion served thousands of Michigan citizens, many of whom were without power and access to food and water. Soldiers assisted in the clearing of debris from public roads, cleared powerline paths for linemen, conducted wellness checks, assisted emergency shelters, delivered meals, and filled oxygen tanks to assist local hospitals and nursing homes.

The 1-119th FAR kicked off its annual training on May 31st, 2025 conducting a mobilization exercise and follow-on operation. This exercise demonstrated the unit's ability to quickly mobilize and react to a domestic threat within Michigan.

Additionally, during the unit's annual training, the battalion conducted a family day live-fire event. Family members, friends, and community partners participated and observed 1-119th FAR Soldiers during a live fire of M777A2 howitzers.

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1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment

Commander: Lt. Col. Jason Mitchell

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. David Howie

Assigned Strength: 369

Location: Detroit

The battalion has achieved significant milestones during 2025, demonstrating dedication to operational readiness, community engagement, and team cohesion.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) executed all training requirements during field exercises, coordinating operations with the Tactical Operations Center and Administrative and Logistics Center, located over 50 km apart. A successful mass casualty exercise was conducted, demonstrating crisis management readiness, with the Battalion Commander participating as one of the three simulated casualties.



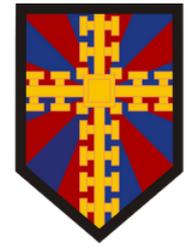
HHB hosted a family day event at VFW Post 9363 in Flatrock, fostering camaraderie and unit cohesion.

Alpha Battery showcased proficiency through multiple live fire exercises throughout the year, including Artillery Table VI during annual training. A Battery also actively supported community events, including Military Day at South Lyon East High School and the Jackson “Meet the Guard” event, showcasing military vehicles and promotion awareness of the Guard mission.

Bravo Battery demonstrated similar tactical expertise, completing multiple live fire exercises and participating in core training activities such as base defense. B Battery supported the Back to Bricks event in Flint, providing a HIMARS for public display.

The Forward Support Company (FSC) played a vital role in the Battalion’s logistics, completing over 1,000 hours of equipment servicing, ammunition distribution, and field maintenance during annual training. In partnership with the Detroit Lions, FSC contributed to the restoration of local veteran facilities in September 2025, assisting with furniture removal and interior painting.

1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion



Commander: Lt. Col Ashley Dykes

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Leonard Lieffers

Assigned Strength: 473

Location: Detroit

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 1225th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, based in Detroit, supported “Operation Cold as Ice” in April 2025, providing command and control over the 1071st and 1073rd Maintenance Companies during state active duty. The unit also completed a Command Post Exercise in June 2025, preparing for potential Contingency Response Force missions. The company is led by First Lt. Bradley K. Aernie and senior enlisted adviser Sgt. First Class Delano L. Hudgens.

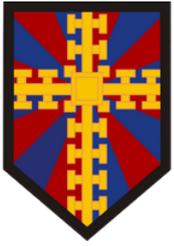
The 1071st Maintenance Company, headquartered in Grayling, contributed significant support to “Operation Cold as Ice,” providing equipment maintenance, recovery operations and working with local utilities to restore power and essential services in northern Michigan. Soldiers logged more than 2,700 man-hours and completed 674 maintenance work orders across the state. The unit is commanded by Capt. Drake D. McArthur, with First Sgt. Jason E. Thomas serving as senior enlisted leader.



The 1073rd Maintenance Company, based in Greenville, conducted similar support during the same state activation, assisting with equipment recovery and working alongside civilian infrastructure partners. The company recorded more than 1,900 man-hours and completed 352 work orders throughout Michigan. The unit is commanded by Capt. Samuel J. Rose with First Sgt. Jarred M. Dirheimer as senior enlisted leader.



Quartermaster support was provided by two companies. The 464th Quartermaster Company in Taylor supported Bravo Battery, 1-119th Field Artillery Regiment during flooding in Alma in August 2025, washing and recovering equipment and providing shower support to 284 personnel. The 1500th Quartermaster Company in Augusta produced 43,970 meals for Soldiers operating across the state and competed in the Philip A. Connelly Competition in June 2025, a national program recognizing excellence in Army food service.



246th Transportation Battalion

Commander: Maj. Melody Taylor

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Weese

Assigned Strength: 422

Location: Jackson

The 246th Transportation Battalion completed a year of extensive training and community engagement throughout Fiscal Year 2025, demonstrating strong readiness and adaptability across subordinate units. Fifty-nine Soldiers completed the Leader's Reaction Course at Fort Custer Training Center, navigating physically demanding and time-sensitive problem-solving challenges designed to enhance leadership, communication and resilience.

A total of 166 Soldiers participated in motorcycle safety training, while 78 completed both day and night land navigation on a non-correcting course. The exercises focused on terrain association, compass skills, hazard awareness and precision decision-making in realistic field environments. In addition, 148 Soldiers conducted Situational Training Exercise lanes replicating battlefield conditions, where they reacted to ambushes and carried out coordinated maneuvers under pressure.

The battalion also supported community efforts, including local blood drives and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System services that ensured military families and residents had access to essential support. Leaders said the engagements helped strengthen ties between Soldiers and surrounding communities.

Subordinate units recorded notable achievements across the formation. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment provided CBRN support during gas chamber operations and led battalion-wide training on signal systems. The 1460th Transportation Company logged more than 25,000 miles on external missions and provided 180 hours of maintenance support, while the 1461st Transportation Company led the battalion in movement miles, participated in a joint boat cradle mission in Virginia and won first place in the 2025 Truck Rodeo. The 1463rd Transportation Company transported more than \$39 million in equipment for the 460th Chemical Company and mobilized to support the Southwest Border mission.



146th Multifunctional Medical Battalion



Commander: Lt. Col. Michelle Hill

Senior Enlisted Leader: Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Ritter

Assigned Strength: 165

Location: Ypsilanti

The battalion supported a wide range of federal and state training missions, reinforcing medical readiness and community partnership. During State Annual Training, the battalion executed key Operational Public Health duties, including DFAC inspections, MRE recertification, and food truck inspections. The unit provided eight combat medics and two field surgeons to conduct sick call operations and supplied a dedicated medical planner for the Northern Strike exercise.

The battalion strengthened academic and professional partnerships by hosting two Eastern Michigan University ROTC cadets completing master's-level public health preceptorships. Their research on substance-use trends and prevention strategies contributed to ongoing Soldier readiness and wellness initiatives.

The battalion also enhanced community engagement through its “Grill with the Guard Community BBQ Bash,” which brought together more than 300 Soldiers, families, first responders, and local leaders. The event fostered stronger relationships, increased awareness of unit capabilities, and supported continued collaboration between the Guard and the communities it serves.



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