The Delaware Army and Air National Guard are federally-authorized, requirements driven, capabilities-based military forces with both federal and state missions. The federal mission of the Delaware National Guard is to maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization in the event of war, national emergency, or as otherwise needed. In this capacity, command and control is within the purview of the President of the United States.

The state mission of the Delaware National Guard is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required. In a peacetime environment or operation short of federal mobilization, organizational command and control is directed by the Governor. The Delaware National Guard provides its capabilities by employing a full-time and part-time workforce that are paid using federal, state or combined funding sources.

**KEY OBJECTIVES**

- Maintain a balanced force structure authorization of 1,650 troops in the Delaware Army National Guard and 1,085 personnel in the Air National Guard.
- Enhance joint operation capabilities to achieve optimal mission operational effectiveness and efficiency on operations involving Delaware National Guard Army and Air personnel.
- Continue quality recruiting, promotion and retention programs as well as enhancing mission readiness through effective military leadership development programs and challenging unit training.
- Develop and participate in local, state, and national programs and partnerships on an ongoing basis that provide a positive impact on Delaware communities.

**BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Delaware National Guard provides personnel and equipment in the event of a natural disaster, civil disturbance or an actual armed conflict. Therefore the services provided by the Delaware National Guard can be to a local community and/or the entire population of the State of Delaware and/or the United States. The
following are some of the accomplishments of the Delaware National Guard.

- Responded for service around the world with the following activities:
  - 160th Army Engineer Company performed a year of convoy escort security duty in Iraq.
  - 198th Army Signal Battalion had 27 members complete a full year of service in Iraq.
  - 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron had 35 members deployed in southwest Asia to assist wounded U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.
  - 153rd Army Military Police Company activated 150 members for convoy escort security duty in Iraq.
  - 160th Army Engineer Company and 166th Air Civil Engineering Squadron had 120 members participate in Operation Jump Start on the U.S./Mexico border helping the Border Patrol prevent U.S. entry by illegal immigrants and drug traffickers.
  - 261st Signal Brigade’s Joint C4 Coordination Center deployed members to Kansas, to restore communications in a town damaged by a tornado.
  - Joint Incident Site Communications Capability team provided vital communications and the 121st Medical Company Air Ambulance flew several real world medevac missions during a mock nuclear detonation exercise conducted in Indiana.
  - Conducted emergency preparedness exercises with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) regarding the Salem Nuclear Power Plant.
  - Participated with federal, state and local agencies on the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council.
  - Worked with the Delaware State Police in the Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program.
  - Hosted more than 100 children at the 7th annual Delaware National Guard Youth Camp at the Bethany Beach training site.
  - Supported local communities through a wide array of programs and initiatives, and worked in conjunction with Delaware mentoring and family assistance programs.

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ACTIVITIES

- Provide well trained and equipped Army and Air Force units of the Delaware National Guard to promptly and effectively respond to domestic emergencies and unit deployment requirements.
- Provide administrative, maintenance, security, and facilities for training the Delaware National Guard to meet its state and federal missions.
- Provide maintenance, repairs and payment of daily expenditures on Army and Air National Guard facilities in accordance with Service Contract Funding Agreements with the federal government.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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