The Delaware Army and Air National Guard are federally-authorized, requirements-driven, capabilities-based military forces with 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 of the State of Delaware. The Delaware National Guard employs a full-time and part-time workforce paid using federal, state or combined funding sources.

**KEY OBJECTIVES**

- Maintain a balanced force structure authorization of 1,530 soldiers in the Delaware Army National Guard and 1,113 airmen in the Delaware Air National Guard.
- Enhance joint operation capabilities to achieve optimal mission effectiveness and efficiency on operations involving Delaware National Guard Army and Air personnel.
- Continue quality recruiting, promotion and retention programs, as well as enhance 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. The Delaware National Guard provides services to a local community and/or the entire population of the State of Delaware and/or the United States. The following are recent accomplishments of the Delaware National Guard:

**Delaware National Guard**

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**Five-Year Appropriation History**

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**OPERATING BUDGET:**

- Recommend ($50.0) in Personnel Costs, ($1.0) in Travel, ($2.0) in Contractual Services, and ($7.5) in Supplies and Materials to reflect reductions in operating expenditures.

**CAPITAL BUDGET:**

- Recommend $600.0 for the Minor Capital Improvement and Equipment program to prevent deterioration of buildings and grounds, maintain a secure environment and continue to eliminate the backlog of deferred maintenance.
Responded for service around the world with the following activities:

- The 261st Signal Brigade deployed 110 soldiers to Iraq in October 2008 and returned a year later after excellent service as the first National Guard unit responsible for maintaining the military signal and communications network;
- The 262nd Ordnance Company was deployed in May 2009. Currently, its 140 soldiers serve in Iraq and perform high volume maintenance and repairs on a wide array of military vehicles;
- Fifty-eight members of the Delaware Air National Guard began serving at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan performing military airlift and aeromedical operations;
- The 166th Airlift Wing deployed 42 airmen who performed critical support operations before and after Hurricane Ike struck Texas;
- The 166th Airlift Wing deployed 44 airmen for operations in support of Tropical Storm Gustav and 19 airmen in support of Tropical Storm Eduardo;
- The 153rd Military Police Company and the 198th Signal Battalion were among members of the Delaware National Guard providing security and communication services during the inauguration of President Obama;
- The 238th Aviation Regiment of the Delaware National Guard participated in wildfire training in Virginia; and
- The Delaware National Guard continued its collaborative efforts with Trinidad, its designated military partner country.

Conducted emergency preparedness exercises with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency regarding the Salem Nuclear Power Plant.

Participated with federal, state and local agencies on the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council.

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 leadership, 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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