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**KEY OBJECTIVES**

- Maintain a balanced force structure authorization of 1,530 soldiers in the Delaware Army National Guard and 1,113 airmen in the 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 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. The Delaware National Guard provides service to local communities, the entire population of the State of Delaware and the whole of the United States. The following are recent accomplishments of the Delaware National Guard:

- Responded for service around the world with the following activities:
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- The 262nd Ordnance Company deployed 140 soldiers to Iraq in May 2009 and returned in April 2010 after performing maintenance and repair work on a wide array of military vehicles and equipment;

- The 238th Aviation Company was deployed to Afghanistan in February 2010 for a year of flight support operations;

- Task Force Wolverine, which includes nine soldiers from the Delaware National Guard, deployed to Afghanistan in April where the unit provides operations and law enforcement training and support to the Afghanistan National Guard;

- The 166th Airlift Wing provided ongoing mission support in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East; and

- Continued collaborative efforts with Trinidad, its designated military partner country.

- Provided transportation and emergency services during the heavy blizzards that hit Delaware last winter with more than 400 soldiers and airmen responding.

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

- Provided drug education to students and supported local law enforcement agencies through the Counterdrug Task Force.

- 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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