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A NOTE FROM THE COMMAND STAFF

In 2025, the Indiana National Guard led the way in modernization and in enhancing warfighter readiness, reaffirming our commitment to serving our communities, state, and nation. Our Soldiers and Airmen consistently answered the call, whether at home or abroad. We strengthened critical partnerships, honed our warfighting capabilities, and continued our proud tradition of community service.

This year, our partnership with law enforcement agencies has been a cornerstone of our domestic operations. In a significant demonstration of this collaboration, approximately 300 of our Soldiers deployed to Washington in December to support the "DC Safe and Beautiful" mission.

Our commitment to our Kentucky neighbors was also on display during devastating floods in February. Four of our aviation Soldiers earned the Indiana Distinguished Service Cross for their heroic actions, successfully evacuating 24 civilians and six canines in a single day. Their rapid response underscores our readiness and compassion.

We continued our long and proud tradition of community engagement, most visibly through our decades-long involvement with the Indianapolis 500 in May. This year's event was particularly special as we celebrated the Army's 250th birthday, hosted the Sergeant Major of the Army, and had over 300 troops participating in prerace ceremonies.

The Indiana National Guard's global presence is a cornerstone of our mission, demonstrated by our three distinct and strategic state partnerships. Our celebrated 30-year alliance with Slovakia, our growing relationship with Niger, and our new trilateral security cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are all testaments to the trust and respect the Indiana National Guard has earned on the world stage.

Also in 2025, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signed a landmark defense agreement including a deal worth nearly \$142 billion, the largest in U.S. history. This agreement will enhance our collective readiness and foster greater interoperability as we share expertise in areas vital to our mutual security interests, such as cybersecurity and disaster response.

As the 122nd Fighter Wing converted to F-16s, so too did our Slovak allies, aligning our future capabilities and highlighting our collective synergy. This deep bond was symbolized when an Indiana Guardsman co-piloted the delivery of the first F-16 to the Slovak Air Force, a historic moment that powerfully affirms our enduring and strengthening alliance.

At the heart of our mission is the relentless pursuit of readiness to fight and win our nation's wars. In August, we proudly welcomed home our 38th Infantry Division Soldiers after their nearly yearlong deployment supporting Operation Spartan Shield in the Middle East. While deployed, they provided critical command and control of combat forces and strengthened our defense relationships in numerous joint exercises.

The consistent support of our state and federal legislative leaders contributes to the success of the Indiana National Guard. The D.C. deployment, authorized by Gov. Mike Braun, is a clear example of the trust placed in our organization to carry out sensitive and important missions.

Because service creates a lifelong bond, we have strengthened our connection with those who formerly served through the Indiana National Guard Alumni Relations Program. This initiative ensures that after retirement or separation, our veterans remain a valued part of the Guard family. Through newsletters and events, we are dedicated to keeping our alumni connected to the organization they helped build.

As we look back on this year of significant accomplishments, we are grateful for the unwavering support of our elected officials, our communities, and our families. Because of these relationships, we opened two new modern facilities in Martinsville and Hamilton County, and broke ground on a new small arms range at the 181st Intelligence Wing. We supported HEA 1111, which benefits Soldiers, Airmen, and their families, and modernized military recognition in our state, expanding eligibility requirements and opportunities for those who have served.

To our Soldiers and Airmen, your service and sacrifice continue to make the Indiana National Guard a source of pride for all Hoosiers.

JANUARY 2025

Inauguration of Governor Mike Braun

Indiana National Guard soldiers with the 38th Infantry Division Band perform at the Indiana Gubernatorial Inauguration in Indianapolis, Jan. 13. Gov. Mike Braun became the Hoosier State's 52nd governor during the ceremony. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Lowry)





Indiana National Guard soldiers and airmen march with the state and national colors during the Indiana Gubernatorial Inauguration at Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis, Monday, Jan. 13. Gov.-elect Mike Braun, from Jasper, took the oath of office during the ceremony, and as governor he will serve as the state commander in chief for the Indiana National Guard. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Lowry)



Indiana National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 2 Catherine Maloney, 38th Infantry Division Band director, leads the band during Indiana's Gubernatorial Inauguration Monday, Jan. 13. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Lowry)

Indiana's 59th Adjutant General Retires After Serving More Than 35 Years in the Military

Indiana National Guard Lt. Col. Scott Wells, chaplain, gives the invocation during a retirement ceremony for Maj. Gen. Dale Lyles at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis, Jan. 31. Lyles dedicated more than 35 years of faithful service to state and nation. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Kuhn)



Indiana National Guard Troops Assist in Flood Mission

An Indiana National Guard soldier conducts a hoist operation while searching for flood victims in eastern Kentucky, Monday, Feb. 17.

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun activated four Hoosier Guardsmen to help with search and rescue efforts in Kentucky following record-breaking floods. (Courtesy Photo)



Indiana National Guard Change of Command



Indiana National Guard Brig. Gen. Larry Muennich receives the state flag from Gov. Mike Braun during a change of command ceremony at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Feb. 18. (Courtesy Photo)

MARCH 2025

Indiana Guardsmen Compete in the Best Warrior Competition

Indiana Guardsmen shoot from the standing position with M4 rifles at randomized targets varying from 25 meters to 400 meters distance. Weapons proficiency and accuracy are basic soldiering skills tested during the Best Warrior Competition at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, March 15. Best Warrior Competition is an annual event that seeks to test, identify and honor the most skilled and proficient warriors across the military. (Photo by Spc. Katie Dixon)





Spc. Tyler Goodall, an Indiana National Guardman with the 384th Military Police Company, struggles to overcome the incline wall portion of the obstacle course during the Best Warrior Competition at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, March 14. Best Warrior competitors completed the obstacle course to test their endurance, stamina and ability to overcome challenges under pressure.

(Photo by Spc. Katie Dixon)

Congressman Shreve Visits the 38th CAB



Indiana National Guard Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Larry Muennich, guides Congressman Jefferson Shreve around the Shelbyville Armory, home of the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade in March. (Photo by Lauren Houck)

F-16s Remain Mission Ready

A U.S. Airman with the Indiana Air National Guard, assigned to 122nd Fighter Wing as a crew chief, examines an f-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft before performing regular maintenance on it at the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 19. The F-16 is a versatile, multirole fighter jet designed for air-to-air combat, air-to-ground strikes and close air support missions.

(Photo by Senior Airman Halley Clark)





Indiana National Guardsmen Supported Efforts in Southern Indiana to Clear a Log Jam

Engineers from the Brigade Engineer Battalion collaborated with Indiana Department of Transportation to clear a log jam. The crucial work helped protect vulnerable structures, farms, and civilian property in Clay County. (Photo by Lauren Houck)

National Guard Maintenance Soldiers Back Home in Indiana



Indiana National Guard soldiers with the 252nd Support Maintenance Company, based Stout Field, are welcomed home by Indiana National Guard leadership in Indianapolis after returning from a 10-month deployment in the Middle East, Wednesday, April 2. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Lowry)

MAY 2025

SMA, Indiana National Guard Join Indy 500 Prerace Ceremonies

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer and his wife, Kimberly, ride in the military appreciation lap during prerace ceremonies before the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, May 25. Weimer joined the Indiana National Guard in many public events leading up to Memorial Day and engaged with Hoosiers in the local community. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Kuhn)





SMA, Indiana National Guard Join Prerace Ceremonies for Indy 500

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Weimer, right, gives a coin to Spc. Josia Bowen, rifleman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 293rd Infantry Regiment, during prerace activities at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, May 25. Bowen won Indiana's Best Warrior Competition as an enlisted soldier.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Kuhn)

Indiana National Guard Supports 500 Festival Memorial Service



Pilots from the Indiana National Guard perform a UH-60 Black Hawk flyover during the 500 Festival Memorial Service at the Indiana War Memorial May 23. The 500 Festival Memorial Service is an annual tradition which honors fallen service members and their families. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Kuhn)

Soldiers Highlight Indiana's Drone Innovation Efforts

Soldiers from the Indiana National Guard's 76th Mobile Brigade Combat Team conducted training on the latest drone technologies at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, demonstrating the unit's integration of unmanned systems into tactical logistic operations.

(Photo by Lt. Col. Amy Hoover)





Blacksnakes Train for Air Dominance

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft assigned to the 122nd Fighter Wing approaches the boom of a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 434th Air Refueling Wing in the skies over Indiana, May 29. The tanker refueled four F-16s as part of a joint training mission. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. David Sherman)

181st Security Forces Training at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base



Staff Sgt. Parker Thompson assists SrA Chelsie Edwards during M4A1 carbine weapons safety and assembly training at the Warfighter Training Center on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, June 13. (Photo by Senior Airman Amber Anderson)









Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy Lee Davis meets Thunderbirds

Retired U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Sammy Lee Davis, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, poses for a group photo with the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds," at the 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 9. Davis visited the base to meet the Thunderbirds ahead of the Fort Wayne Air Show. (Photo by Airman Spencer Strubbe)





Blacksnakes at the Fort Wayne Air Show

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, assigned to the 122nd Fighter Wing, performs an in-flight demonstration at the Fort Wayne Air Show at the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 12, 2025. The demonstration used pyrotechnics to simulate close air support. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman Spencer Strubbe)

2025 Fort Wayne Air Show Takes Flight



U.S. Air Force Col. Nathan Malafa, commander of the Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," prepares for takeoff at the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 12. The Thunderbirds flew as part of the 2025 Fort Wayne Air Show. (Photo by Senior Airman Halley Clark)

AUGUST 2025

More than 400 Hoosier National Guard Soldiers Return Home

Indiana National Guard Staff Sgt. Jaylen Forrest with the 38th Infantry Division celebrates with his family and loved ones at the Indianapolis International Airport, Wednesday, Aug. 20. The division soldiers deployed in September 2024 to the Middle East to support Operation Spartan Shield, which helps to maintain and strengthen defense relationships and also helps build partner capacity. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonah Alvarez)





U.S. and Saudi Arabia Strengthen Ties

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expanded its strategic ties with the United States by formally joining the Department of Defense National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program, during a ceremony in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Aug. 21. Military leaders from both nations signed a declaration to integrate Saudi Arabia into the SPP, aligning the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces with the Indiana and Oklahoma National Guards in a trilateral partnership established last year. (Photo by Lauren Houck)

Indiana and Saudi Arabia State Partnership Program



Military leaders including the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, General Steven Nordhaus, formalize the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's entry into the 115-nation Department of War National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Aug. 21. (Photo by Lauren Houck)

A Time Honored Tradition

Staff Sgt. Kelsey Evans and Staff Sgt. Joshua Alvey assigned to the 1st Squadron, 152nd Cavalry Regiment conduct a stress shoot during the units final spur ride at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, Sept. 5. Spur rides are a time-honored tradition in cavalry units that focus on building proficiency in Soldier skill level tasks and unit camaraderie.

(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Lekse)





The Final Spur Ride

Indiana Guardmen assigned to the 1st Squadron, 152nd Cavalry Regiment pose for a photo after conducting the unit's final spur ride at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, Sept. 7. The spur ride ceremony concluded with the induction of the remaining candidates into the Order of the Spur, where they were awarded the coveted silver spurs and formally recognized as Spur Holders. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Lekse)

Stohler Takes Final Flight



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Michael Stohler, Indiana Air National Guard assistant adjutant general - air, prepares to taxi in an F-16D Fighting Falcon aircraft as part of his final flight before his September retirement. (Photo by Senior Airman Halley Clark)

OCTOBER 2025

New Readiness Center in Hamilton County

Indiana National Guard Brig. Gen. Larry Muennich, adjutant general, gives remarks during a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hamilton County Readiness Center in Atlanta, Indiana, Oct. 30. The readiness center is situated on 53 acres of land providing more than 65,000 square feet to support the administrative, training and logistical requirements for approximately 285 soldiers.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Kuhn)



INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD



Indiana National Guard Brig. Gen. Larry Muennich, adjutant general, center left, and Indiana Gov. Mike Braun, center right, cut a ribbon during a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hamilton County Readiness Center in Atlanta, Indiana, Oct. 30. The readiness center is situated on 53 acres of land providing more than 65,000 square feet to support the administrative, training and logistical requirements for approximately 285 soldiers. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Kuhn)

Gov. Mike Braun at New Readiness Center



Indiana Gov. Mike Braun gives remarks during a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hamilton County Readiness Center. The facility will support the command and control of 20 separate units within the brigade's structure that currently reside in 15 armories throughout the state. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelsea Kuhn)

NOVEMBER 2025

122nd Fighter Wing Validates Readiness at Checkered Flag

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Manuel Magallanes-Aguilar, left, and Staff Sgt. Kyle Marion, aircraft armament systems specialists assigned to the 122nd Fighter Wing, remove an inert AIM-120 missile on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during Checkered Flag 26-1 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, Oct. 28. Checkered Flag brought together U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force, as the 122nd Fighter Wing validated its aircraft conversion.

(Photo by Senior Airman Halley Clark)





Indiana National Guard, Saudi Arabia Strengthen State Partnership

Indiana National Guard Maj. Gen. Larry Muennich, right, the adjutant general, walks alongside Gen. Fayyad Bin Hamed Al-Ruwaili, left, the chief of general staff of the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces, and their staff during a State Partnership Program visit at Indiana National Guard Headquarters, Nov. 18. The partnership supports the security cooperation objectives by developing enduring relationships with partner countries and carrying out activities to build partner capacity. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Hector Tinoco)

Secretary of War Addresses Indiana Defense Summit



Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth, left, speaks with The Adjutant General of Indiana, Maj. Gen. Larry Muennich, Col. Scott Boatright and CMSGT Kyle Hoopingarner in Fort Wayne, Nov. 12. (Photo by Master Sgt. William Hopper)

Wreath Laying Tradition Honors Hoosier Veterans

Maj. Gen. Larry Muennich, Indiana National Guard adjutant general, delivers remarks during a Wreaths Across America event at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis Dec. 13. This year, more than two million volunteers and supporters gathered to remember, honor and teach by laying wreaths on the graves of veterans at more than 5,200 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. (Photo by Mark R. W. Orders-Woempner)





Indiana National Guard Train for D.C. Safe and Beautiful

Indiana National Guard Staff Sgt. Joshua Solis, a horizontal construction engineer with 113th Engineer Battalion, based in Gary, and assigned to Joint Task Force - District of Columbia, fires a M17 pistol during a qualification range at Camp Atterbury near Edinburgh, Indiana, Dec. 3. Indiana National Guard soldiers supporting the D.C. Safe and Beautiful mission are professionally trained and qualified to support law enforcement organizations. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Hector Tinoco)

Camp Atterbury Welcomes New Commander



Soldiers assigned to the Indiana Training Center stand in formation during a change of command ceremony at Camp Atterbury, near Edinburgh, Indiana, Dec. 7. The ceremony formally marked the transfer of command from Col. James Babbitt to Col. Daniel Bell. (Photo by Maj. Ryan Snider)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$465.7 Million

STATE STRENGTH: 12,268 Soldiers and Airmen

- Received \$256.2M in FY25 federal funds for pay and allowances for both Army and Air National Guard service members.
- Received \$196.8M in FY25 federal funds for Operations and Maintenance; of which \$23.8M was received for construction. \$82.3M were direct awards to the State of Indiana.
- Received \$619K from Non-Federal Entities through the usage of our facilities.
- Awarded \$14.6M in federal contracts to vendors from our PFO Purchasing and Contracting office, of which \$2.2M were awarded to Indiana vendors.
- \$14.6M contract dollars
- \$2.2M contracts awarded to Indiana-based companies
- \$5.5M in GPC purchases
- \$2.9 in GPC dollars awarded to Indiana-based companies

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