





## Mission

The Georgia Department of Defense provides ready military forces to the Combatant Commanders and to the Governor.

- About 15,000 personnel
- Over 65 readiness centers based in nearly 50 Georgia counties
- The sixth largest of the 54 National Guard states and territories

## Georgia DoD Chain of Command





# National Guard vs Reserves



## National Guard (430k)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Component of the DoD
- Army and Air Force
- 40% of the Army Operational Force
- 30% of the Air Force Operational Forces
- A dual-mission force serving both the state and the federal government
- Commanded by the State Governor unless federalized by the President
- Features a wide range of units, including combat arms such as infantry, armor, and artillery



## Reserves (350k)

- Army, Air Force, Navy & Marines. (Coast Guard)
- 20% of the Army Operational Force
- 17% of the Air Force Operational Forces
- Serves just the federal government
- Commanded by the President
- Primarily consists of combat support and combat service support units (e.g., logistics, medical)



**The Profession**  
Stewarding trust through character, competence, and commitment

**PEOPLE**  
Empowering our most important weapon system - Our People



**WARFIGHTING**

**PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES**

**DOMESTIC RESPONSE**



**Readiness**  
Generating ready and lethal formations

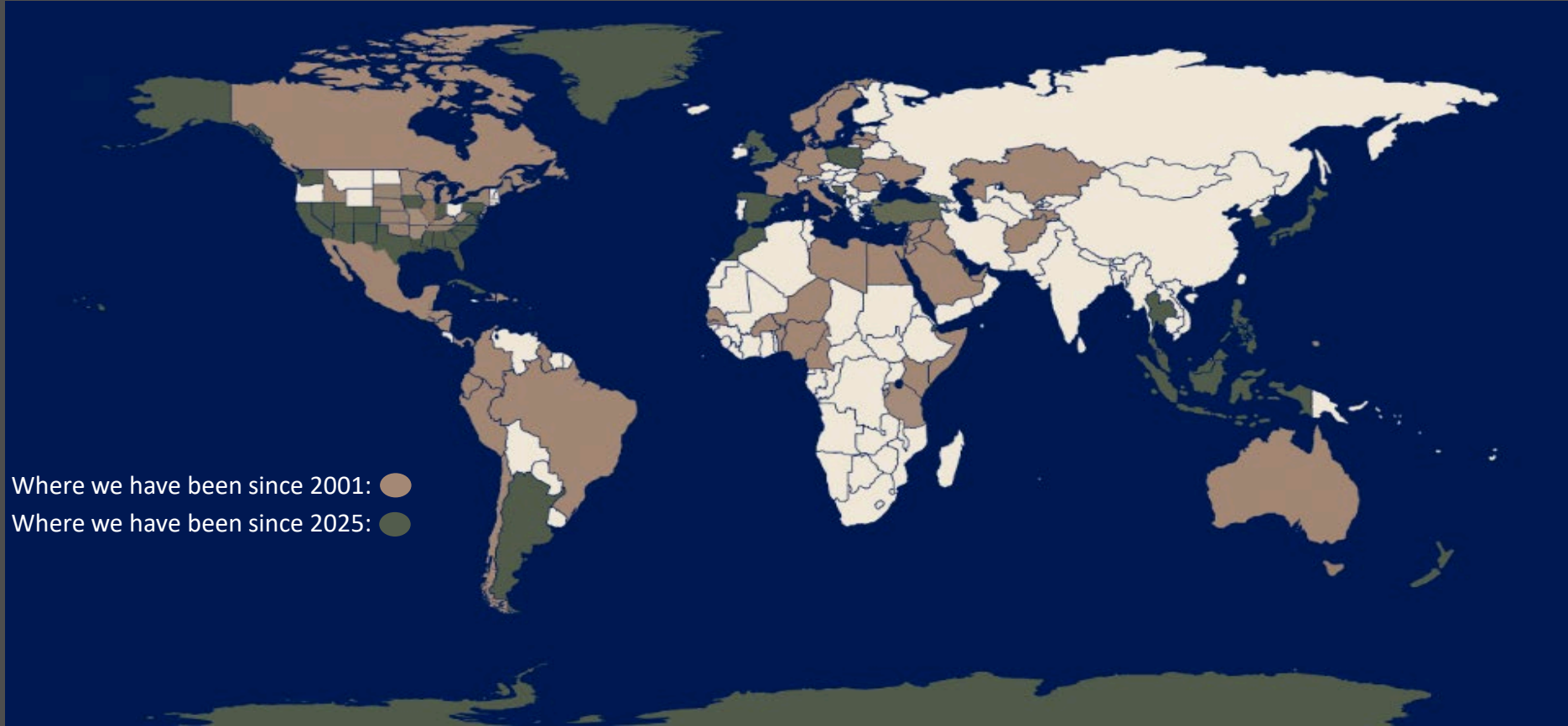


**Transformation**  
Winning the future fight





The Ga. National Guard deployed Soldiers, Airmen and units to over 120 countries and states within the six Geographical Combatant Commands.



Combat Operations

Domestic Support  
Operations

Overseas Deployment  
Training

Multinational  
Training Exercises

State Partnership  
Training Events



# Georgia National Guard

Live Here! Work Here! Serve Here!



78th Troop Command



78th Aviation Troop Command



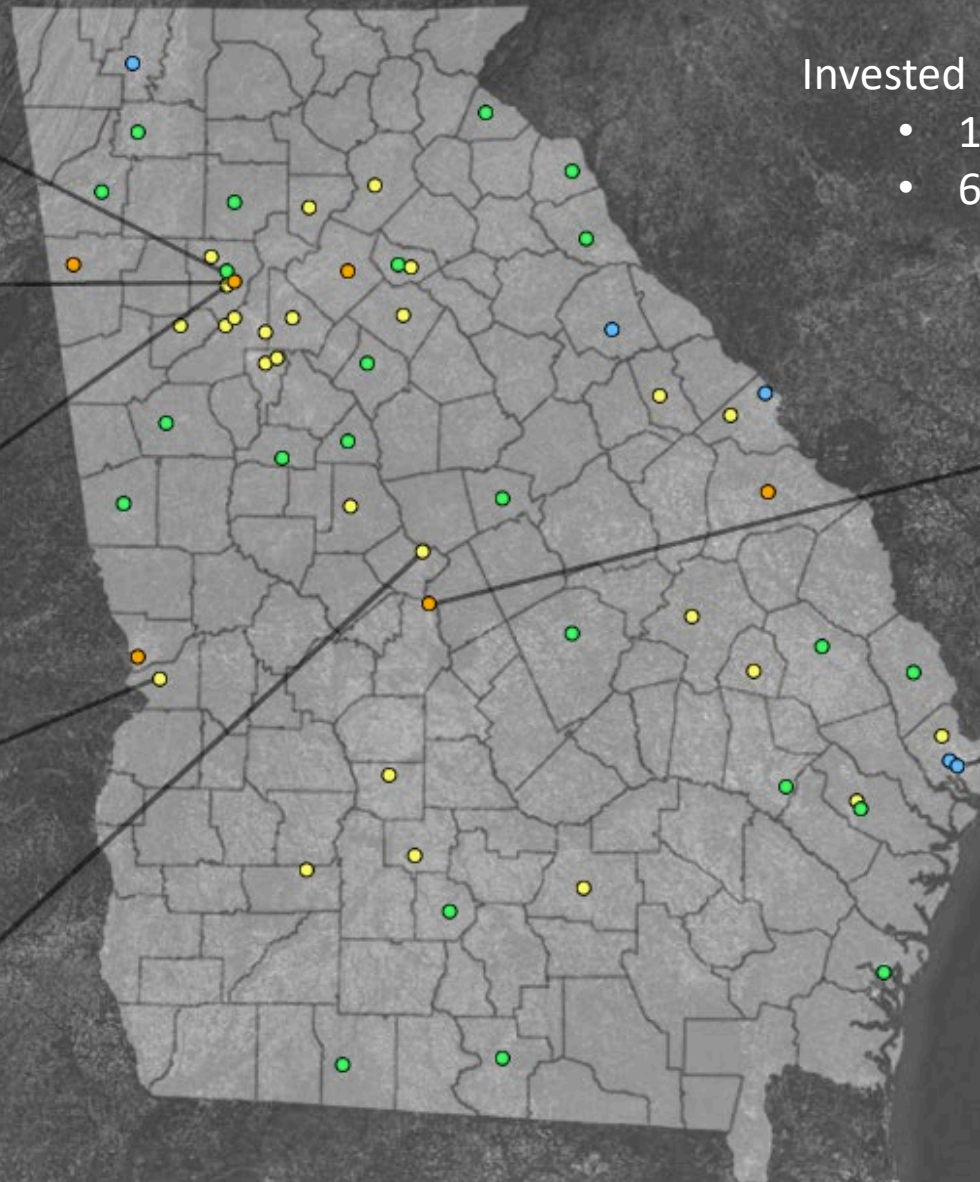
201st Regional Support Group



648th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade



48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team



## Invested in Georgia Communities

- 15,000 Ga DoD Employees
- 66 Readiness Centers



116th Air Control Wing



165th Airlift Wing

- *Renovated*
- *Under Construction*
- *In Design*
- *Readiness Centers*



- **\$126 MILLION IN FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION**
  - **FEDERAL \$110 MILLION**
  - **STATE \$16 MILLION**



- **\$330 MILLION IN DRUG-RELATED SEIZURES BY THE GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE**
- **ADDITIONAL TRAINING WORTH \$134K PROVIDED FREE TO 163 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL**



- **337 YOUTH CHALLENGE GRADS**
- **78 JOB CHALLENGE ACADEMY GRADS**
- **APPROXIMATE STATE COST PER GRADUATE: \$10,417**

# \$1.1 Billion

**\$686 Million**

Federal Dollars to Georgia (Federal Fiscal Year)

**\$30 Million**

Georgia State Funds (State Fiscal Year)

**\$14.3 Million**

State Income Taxes from Payroll (Calendar Year)

**66**

Readiness Centers based in 49 Georgia Counties

**15K**

Personnel Supporting the Georgia National Guard Mission



## Mission:

The Georgia Army National Guard provides combat-ready forces to conduct large-scale combat operations, defend the homeland, and respond rapidly in support of civil authorities and the citizens of Georgia.

- Fifth largest Army National Guard in the nation
- Comprised of combat, combat support and combat service support units
- The Ga. ARNG is organized into five major subordinate commands
  - 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team
  - 78<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command
  - 201<sup>st</sup> Regional Support Group
  - 648<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade
  - 78<sup>th</sup> Troop Command





# Georgia National Guard

## 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team

- Headquartered in Macon
- 4,200 Guardsmen
- Designed to conduct combat operations worldwide by disrupting or destroying enemy military forces and controlling land areas as required
- Units:
  - 1st Squadron, 108th Cavalry Regiment
  - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment
  - 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment
  - 177th Brigade Engineer Battalion
  - 148th Brigade Support Battalion



# Georgia Army National Guard

## 78<sup>th</sup> Aviation Troop Command

- Headquartered in Marietta at CNGC
- 600 aircrew members, maintainers and support staff
- Two subordinate battalions
- Black Hawk, Chinook and Lakota helicopters, fixed-wing and unmanned aircraft systems that provide command and control, air movement, air assault and medical evacuation support





# Georgia National Guard

# Georgia Army National Guard

## 201<sup>st</sup> RSG-HRF

- Headquartered in Marietta at CNGC
- 1,200 Guardsmen
- Three subordinate battalions
- Region IV Homeland Response Force designed to respond to emergencies in the eight states From Florida to North Carolina and west to Mississippi

## 648th MEB

- Headquartered in Columbus at Ft Benning
- 1,800 Guardsmen
- Three subordinate battalions
- A mission-tailored force which conducts support area operations, maneuver support operations, consequence management and stability operations to ensure the mobility, protection, and freedom of action to the supported force

## 78<sup>th</sup> Troop Command

- Headquartered in Marietta at CNGC
- 1,900 Guardsmen
- Four subordinate battalions
- Most diverse mission set and organization in the Georgia National Guard. It is home to the Georgia National Guard's largest battalion, the 110th CSSB, and its smallest, most specialized detachments





## Mission:

Provide ready military forces to both federal combatant commanders and the Governor of Georgia, supporting national defense and state emergency response..

- Comprised of nearly 3,000 Citizen Airmen organized into two wings and geographically separated units across the state. Headquartered at Clay National Guard Center, Marietta, Georgia.
- The Ga. ANG includes:
  - 116th Air Control Wing
  - 165th Airlift Wing
  - Air Dominance Center





# Georgia National Guard

## 116<sup>th</sup> Air Control Wing

### Modernization:

- Transitioned from the
- E-8C JSTARS mission after more than two decades of operations
- New multi-million-dollar Battle Management Combined Operations Complex is under construction to serve as a hub for future warfighting capabilities



# Georgia Air National Guard

About 1,500 Airmen located at Robins Air Force Base. Their mission is focused on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Integration (RPA-I), Advanced Battle Management, Command & Control, & Cyber warfare.

### Geographically Separated Units:

- 139th Intelligence Squadron (Fort Gordon)
- 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron (Robins AFB)
- 283rd Combat Communications Squadron (Marietta)
- 117th Cyber Operations Squadron (Savannah)
- 155th Cyber Operations Squadron (Savannah)





# Georgia National Guard

## 165<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

Aircraft: C-130J Super Hercules

### Mission:

- Provide trained and ready Airmen to meet state and national objectives
- Execute global airlift missions
- Maintain mobilization readiness for humanitarian and contingency operations

### Geographically Separated Units:

- 165th Air Support Operations Squadron (Savannah)
- 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron (Brunswick)



# Georgia Air National Guard

## Combat Readiness Training Center

1 of 4 Combat Readiness Training Centers

### Training Environment:

- Premier training destination for 4th and 5th-generation fighter aircraft
- Access to 50,000 square miles of airspace over the Atlantic Ocean

### Capabilities:

- Complete aircraft sustainment and support facilities
- Lodging for up to 800 personnel
- Hosts major exercises like Sentry South and William Tell
- Serves as a platform for emergency response operations



More than 1,300 Airmen are part of Team Savannah located at Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, Savannah, Georgia



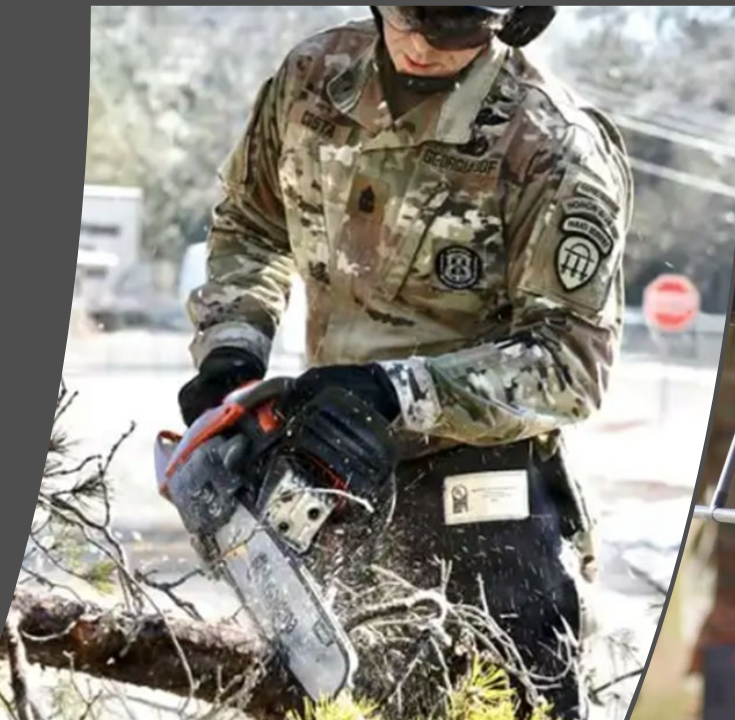
Headquartered in Marietta at the Clay National Guard Center, but stationed throughout the State

500 All Volunteer Force designed to support with 12 man teams

Responds by order of the Adjutant General

### Qualified in

- Search and Rescue
- Route Clearing
- Damage Surveillance
- Incident Command
- Administrative
- Legal Assistance
- Public Affairs
- Musical Band
- Medical Support





# Georgia National Guard

# State Operations

- Headquartered in Marietta at CNGC
- Over 400 Personnel
- Supports the Ga. National Guard
  - Facility Management and Maintenance of nearly 300 Primary Mission Facilities
  - Emergency Response Support
  - Lodging
- Manages and Resources the Ga. DoD Youth Programs
  - Youth ChalleNGe Academy
  - Job ChalleNGe Academy
  - STARBASE



Manages a budget of nearly \$130 million





# Georgia National Guard

Improving international security while building interoperability and partner capacity

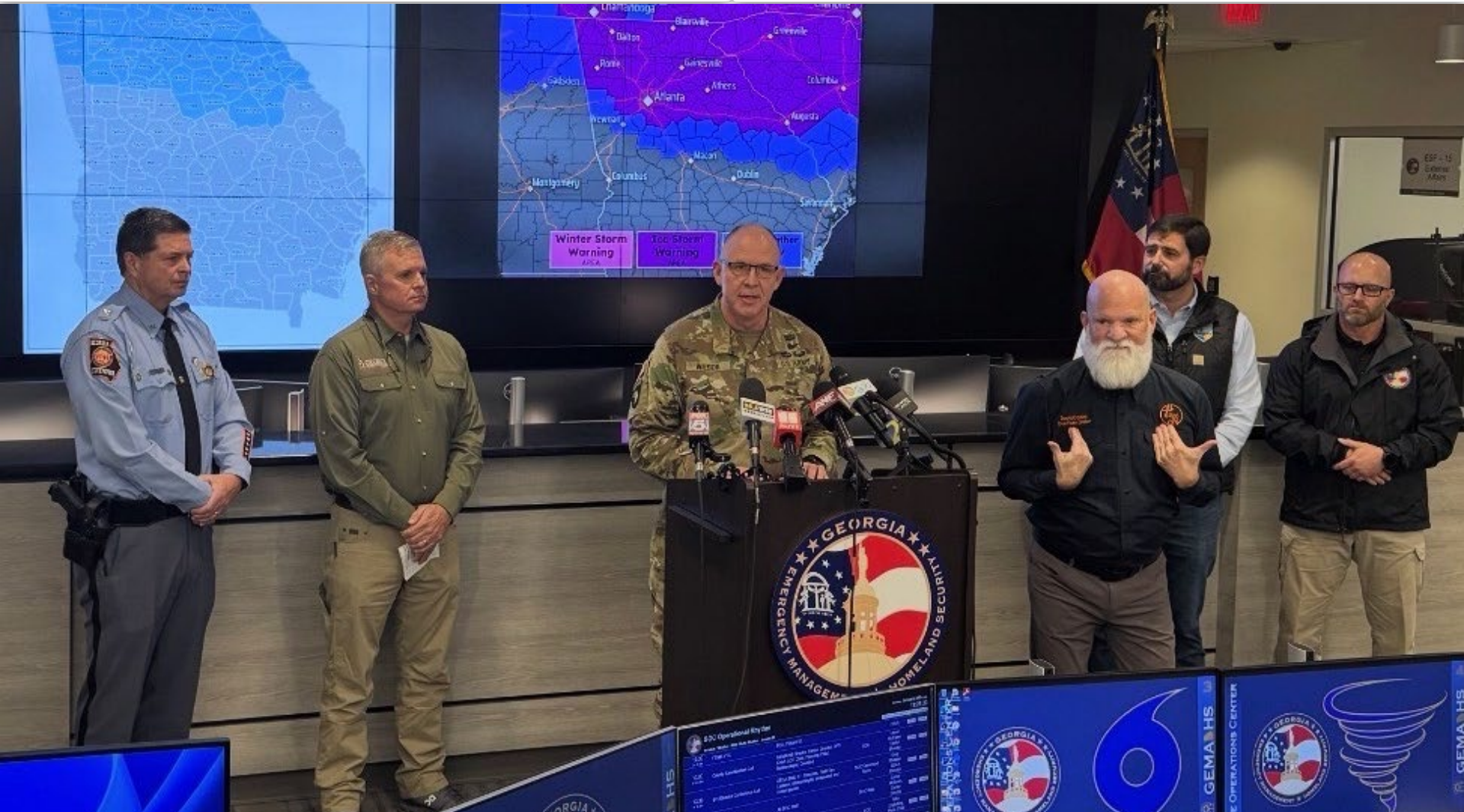


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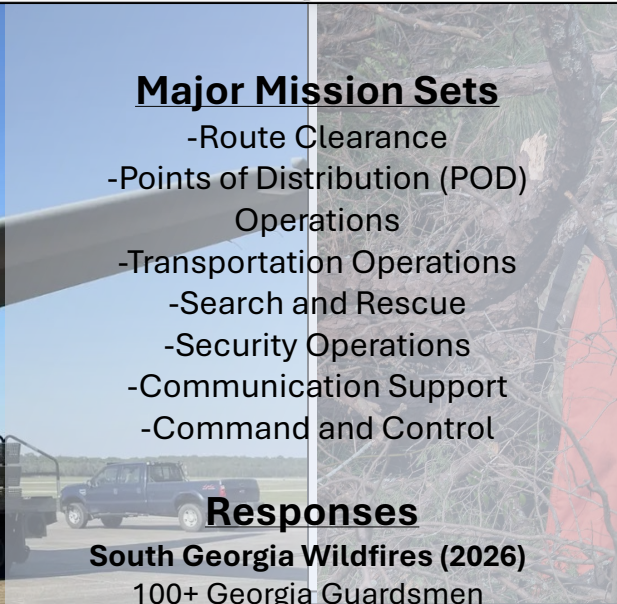
# State Partnership Program



 Enduring civil-military relationship with the Country of Argentina since 2016



- Regular partnerships and training with local, state, and federal agencies
- Training including meetings, rehearsals, and large-scale exercises and responses for Pandemic and Civil Disturbance support
- Familiarize Georgia DoD with key personnel and processes, allows for prior coordination to work out any challenges ahead of time



## Major Mission Sets

- Route Clearance
- Points of Distribution (POD) Operations
- Transportation Operations
- Search and Rescue
- Security Operations
- Communication Support
- Command and Control

## Responses

### South Georgia Wildfires (2026)

100+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Winter Storm Fern (2026)

120+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Hurricane Helene (2024)

1900+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Hurricane Debby (2024)

400+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Covid-19 Response (2020-2024)

3,900+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Civil Unrest Response (2020-2021)

1,500+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Hurricane Dorian (2019)

1,400+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Hurricane Michael (2018)

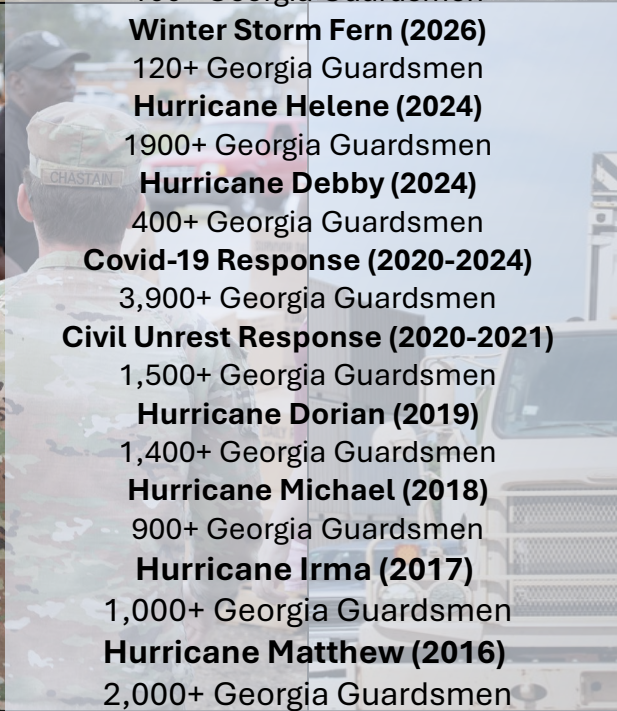
900+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Hurricane Irma (2017)

1,000+ Georgia Guardsmen

### Hurricane Matthew (2016)

2,000+ Georgia Guardsmen





A Civil Support Team is a specialized unit trained to respond to **chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE)** threats or incidents in support of civil authorities.

### Key Functions of a CST:

- **Identify hazardous substances** (chemical, biological, or radiological)
- **Assess current and projected consequences** of the threat
- **Advise civilian responders** on appropriate response measures
- **Assist with requests for additional military support** if needed



# Georgia National Guard

# Counter Drug Task Force

- Specially trained Citizen Soldiers and Airmen that help reduce the supply and demand for illegal drugs by supporting law enforcement agencies
- In FY25, all seizures totaled **\$322 million** equaling \$904,000 per day for a program with a total annual cost of less than \$4.5 million per year
- In FY25, the Ga. CDTF supported seizures of **82.6M lethal doses of fentanyl!** (this could kill the population of Georgia 7 times over and is up from 7.62 million in FY24)
- The Drug Demand Reduction Outreach program provides education to Georgia's youth about the dangers of drug use





## Youth ChalleNGe Academy (YCA)

- Ft. Gordon and Ft. Stewart Campuses
- 16–18 year-old at risk youth
- 22-week residential military-like environment
- Academic Excellence in pursuit of a HS diploma or GED, Life Coping Skills, Job Skills, Physical Fitness, Responsible Citizenship, and Service to Community
- Over 20,000 students graduated since 1993

## Job ChalleNGe Academy (JCA)

- Ft. Stewart Campus
- Post YCA graduates
- Five-month residential program
- Certificate and Vocational Training

## STARBASE

- Marietta Campus, CNGC
- 5th Grade STEAM Curriculum
- 25 hours of hands-on instruction
- Over 18,000 students since 2001





Georgia National Guard

Sacrifice and Service





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