FY 2023 Delaware National Guard Bond Bill Hearing
March 29, 2022
11:15 a.m.

Major General Michael R. Berry
Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard
National Guard Dual Missions
Always Ready, Always There

State Mission
• The Governor may call individuals or units into state service during emergencies or to assist in special situations
• To provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise provided by state law

Federal Mission
• President serves as Commander-In-Chief
• Provide properly trained and equipped units for prompt mobilization for war, National emergency or as otherwise needed
National Guard Impact

- Continues to be a great value to the State of Delaware and the Nation
- Listed as one of the top 25 employers in Delaware
- Brings over $200 million in revenue to the local economy annually
- Key state agency
- Positive affect
# Army National Guard Readiness Centers

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<th>Readiness Center/Location</th>
<th>Construction Completion Date</th>
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<td>Joseph R. &quot;Beau&quot; Biden National Guard/Reserve Center</td>
<td>2014</td>
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<td>Smyrna Readiness Center</td>
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<td>Dagsboro Readiness Center</td>
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<td>Scannell Readiness Center (Delaware City)</td>
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<td>Duncan Readiness Center</td>
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<td>198th Regimental Armory (1401 Newport Gap Pike)</td>
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<td><strong>Wilmington Readiness Center</strong> ¹</td>
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<td>Stern Readiness Center</td>
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<td>**Pigman Readiness Center (Seaford)**²</td>
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<td>Georgetown Readiness Center</td>
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<td>Total of 10 Readiness Centers of which 9 are state-owned</td>
<td>Average age = 47 years</td>
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<td>Total of 7 Oldest Readiness Centers</td>
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**Note 1 - Acquired from Department of Education in 1979**

**Note 2 - Federally-owned - ongoing license from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**
National Guard MCI Program

- Support ongoing maintenance, repair and replacement projects
- Improve safety
- Maintain building envelopes
- Upgrade equipment
Federal & State Capital Funds

• Last five years
  • $86 million in federal
  • $14 million in state

• Impact
  • Federal match
  • Usage
  • State emergencies
  • State & federal missions
  • Readiness, recruiting & retention
FY 2023 Initiatives

• $2.5 million Minor Capital Budget Request

• Capital Improvement Projects
  • Biden NGRC Storm Water $275,000 (built in 2014)
  • Pigman RC Sewer $82,500 (built in 1950)
  • Stern RC Sewer $110,000 (built in 1954)
  • 198th RC Sitework $185,350 (built in 1969)
  • Smyrna RC Parking $265,650 (built in 2003)
  • Dagsboro RC Solar $137,500 (built in 1999)

• Total federal share for MCI this year is approx. $6 million
FY 2023 Initiatives cont’d

• Major Capital Budget Request
• Pigman HVAC Lifecycle Replacement
• $0 federal / $1.4 million state (FY23 GRB)
• Insufficient federal funds
• Replace current system/20+ years old
• Leverage ARPA funds – no new projects at this time
Military Construction (MILCON) Projects

• New Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS)
• $36 million federal / $700 thousand state match (FY18)
• Federal property – New Castle County
• Supports repairs/maintenance to federal military vehicles
• Completed in February 2021
COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – 15 April 2021
Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont’d

- New Physical Fitness Center
- $3.2 million federal / $0 state match
- State property – Sussex County
- Supports multiple training requirements
- Completion expected end of 2023
BETHANY BEACH TRAINING SITE PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER
Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont’d

- New Transient Training Officer Barracks
- $5.3 million federal / $1.8 million state match (FY22)
- State property – Sussex County
- Supports schoolhouse / accommodate Soldiers who train at Bethany Beach Training Site
- Completion expected end of 2024
BETHANY BEACH TRAINING SITE
BARRACKS
Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont’d

- New Readiness Center, River Road Training Site (RRTS)
- $18 million federal / $8.7 million state (FY23 GRB)
- Federally leased property – New Castle County
- Supports administrative, training and materiel storage for two Army Guard units
- Completion expected end of 2025
Military Construction (MILCON) Projects cont’d

• New Air National Guard Fuel Cell Hangar
• Demolish current facility
• $17.5 million federal / $0 state match (FY23-24)
• New Castle County Airport
• Supports required aircraft maintenance
• Critical in sustaining the tactical airlift mission of the 166th Airlift Wing
• Completion expected end of 2024
ANG Fuel Cell Hangar
New Castle Airport
Closing Remarks

• Continued support
• State collaboration
• Maintain current posture; plan for future growth
• Sustain operational readiness and effectiveness
• Proud to serve the Citizens of this Great State & Nation
• “Always Ready, Always There”