

101 MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD



Department of Military Affairs



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OVERVIEW OF THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD





13,000 SOLDIERS & AIRMEN

Soldiers and Airmen, from communities across the state of Minnesota, serve in a variety of full and part-time roles and stand ready to support a wide range of global and state missions.





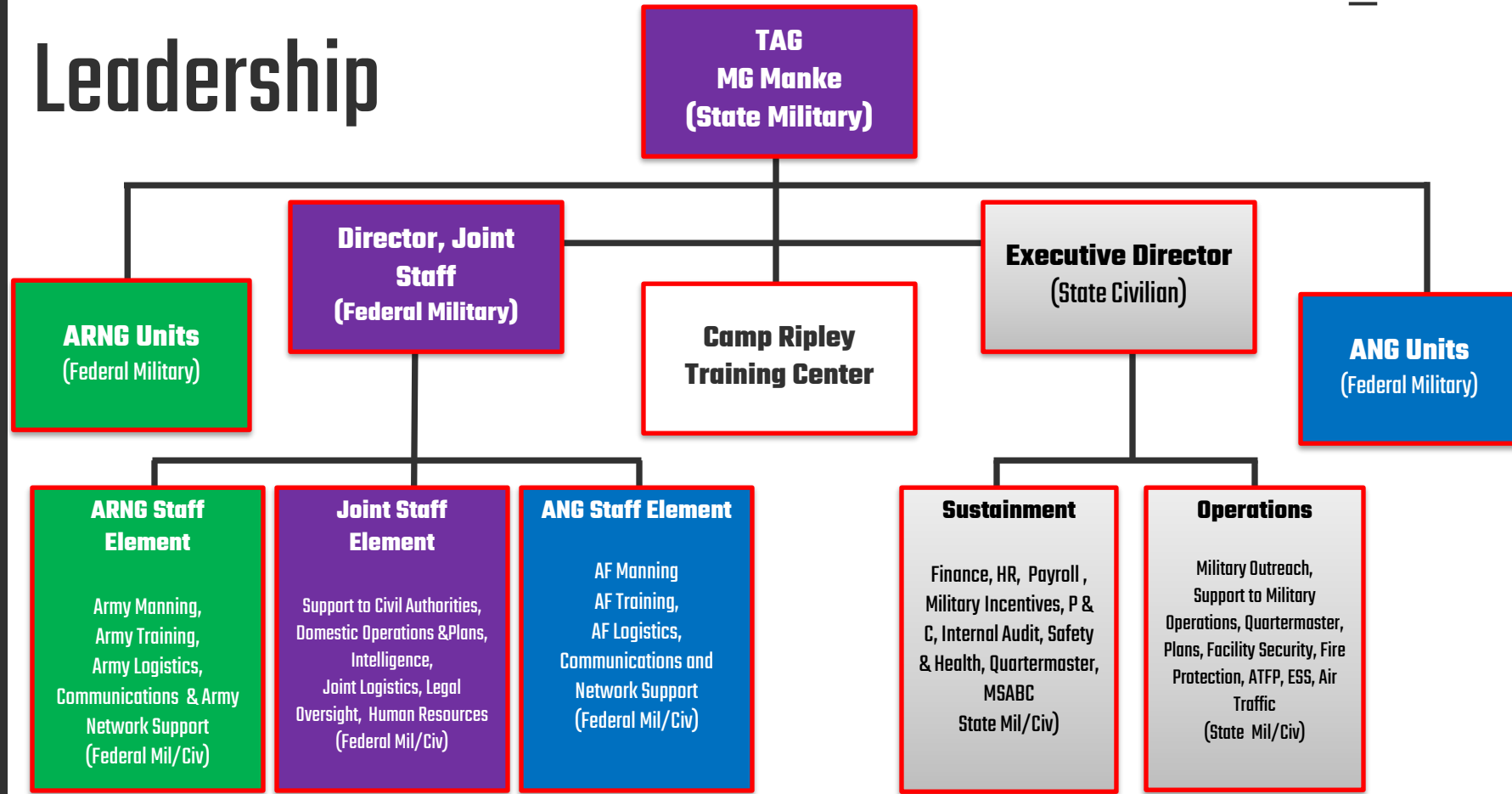
DUAL MISSION

Members of the Minnesota National Guard swear an oath to both the President of the United States and the Governor of Minnesota. So, we have both a federal mission and a state mission.





Leadership



Full Time Staff

State Employees



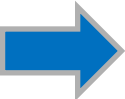
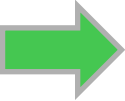
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Federal Air National Guard



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Citizen Soldiers and Airmen



Full Time Staff

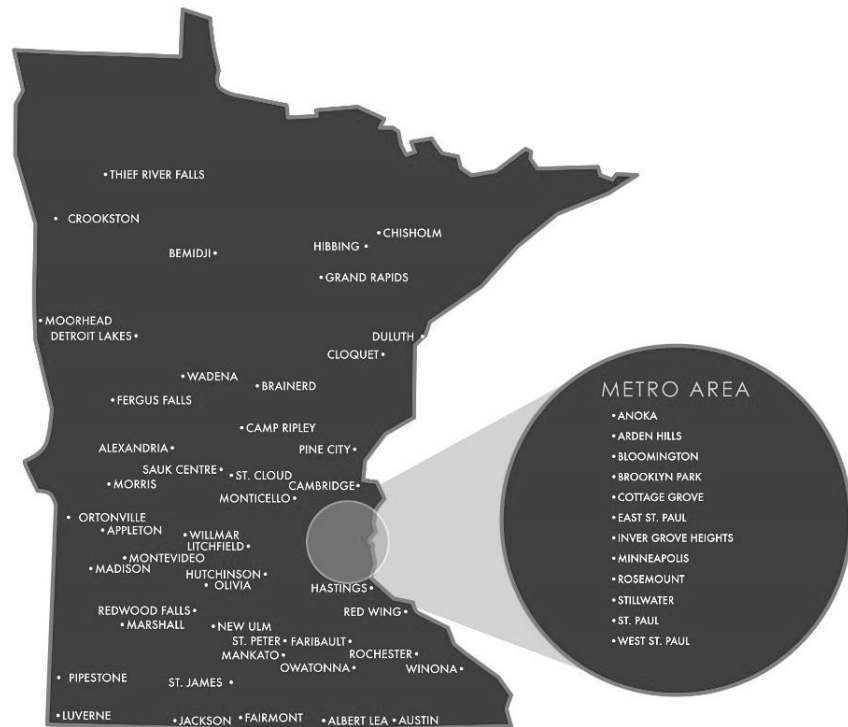


Full Time Staff are only a small portion of the overall Minnesota National Guard. They enable the readiness of the units and equipment.



LOCATED ACROSS MINNESOTA

The Minnesota National Guard operates out of facilities in more than 50 communities throughout our state. We are continually optimizing the physical capabilities at each location to meet mission requirements and enhance local community partnerships.





Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen capable of fighting our nation's wars, protecting our country, and responding to our state's emergencies while remaining the most trusted institution in Minnesota.

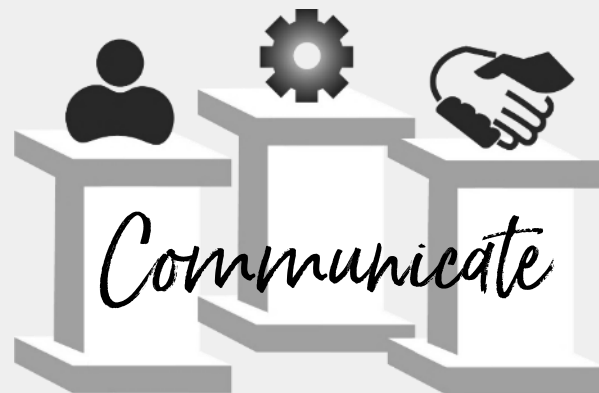
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PRIORITIES OF THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD







PEOPLE

People are at the center of any successful organization. Investment in our Soldiers, Airmen, and civilian employees give our organization the means to tackle the challenges our state and nation face and promote the value of choosing to serve as citizen-Soldiers and Airmen.







MODERNIZATION

Modernization ensures we have the right forces, infrastructure, training spaces, and systems for our current and future missions. As our challenges and adversaries change, we require forces, equipment, and training to ensure our state and national security.





\$2.443 Billion Federal Investment in Modernization

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| |  |  |  |  |  |
| Platform | Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) | Abrams M1A2 SEPv3 Main Battle Tank | Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle (AMPV) | M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) | C-130J Super Hercules |
| Quantity | 345 (304-MN, 41-Ohio) | 87 (58-MN, 29-Ohio) | 131 | 138 (117-MN, 21-Ohio) | 8 |
| QTY Received (as of 4 Jan) | 265 (41 Ohio, 224 MN) | 0 | 0 | 36 (MN) | 0 |
| Cost/Item | \$290K - \$306K | \$4.9 million | \$3.1 million | \$4.4 million (M2A3) | \$112.5 million |
| Variants | GP, Utility, Heavy Gun Carrier | N/A | MC, GP, Med Evac, Med Treatment, Mortar Carrier | M2A3 BFV (125) / M3A3 BFIST (13) | GP |
| Fielding Timeframe | Complete | Q2 FY25 - Q1 FY26 (TBD) | Q3 FY25 | Complete | FY26-28 |

| System | Cost/Item | Quantity | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------------|
| C-130J | \$ 112,500,000 | 8 | \$ 900,000,000 |
| M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank | \$ 4,900,000 | 87 | \$ 426,300,000 |
| M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle | \$ 4,400,000 | 138 | \$ 607,200,000 |
| Joint Light Tactical Vehicle | \$ 300,000 | 345 | \$ 103,500,000 |
| Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle (AMPV) | \$ 3,100,000 | 131 | \$ 406,100,000 |
| | | | \$ 2,443,100,000 |



PARTNERSHIPS

We value relationships with a wide range of partners, including local community groups, state agencies and civil authorities, national departments and institutions, and international organizations and allies. We strive to foster relationships that help us to better serve our communities, state, and nation.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



...AND MANY MORE.





PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: CROATIA

State Partnership Program

Since 1996, leaders and members of the Minnesota National Guard and the nation of Croatia have been collaborating and building relationships within the framework of the National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program (SPP). The SPP, which links a state's National Guard with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship. The program encourages the development of economic, political and military connections between the states and partner nations.





PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: NORWAY

U.S. - Norway Reciprocal Troop Exchange and State Partnership Program



The Minnesota National Guard continues to execute the country's longest-running troop exchange with the Norwegian Home Guard, a partnership initiative that started in 1974. Soldiers and Airmen trade places to experience each other's training, military lifestyle and culture. The exchange, a tradition spanning nearly five decades, reinforces the positive working relationships between allied services and highlights the strong lineage many Minnesotans share with the Scandinavian culture.





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UNITS OF THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD





MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS



Joint Force
Headquarters



Camp Ripley
Training Center



133rd
Airlift Wing



148th
Fighter Wing



34th Red Bull
Infantry Division



1st Armored Brigade
Combat Team



34th Expeditionary
Combat Aviation
Brigade



347th Regional
Support Group



84th Troop
Command



175th Regional
Training Institute





CAMP RIPLEY TRAINING CENTER

Camp Ripley, located near Little Falls, Minnesota, is a 53,000-acre regional training center hosting numerous ranges and state-of-the-art facilities to support the training requirements of military and civilian agencies. The training center provides services, resources, and facilities that empower organizations to conduct essential training. Supporting a wide range of customers, from local law enforcement agencies to all branches of the Department of Defense, Camp Ripley is a primary training facility for Minnesota National Guard units.



THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) is the state agency that oversees and supports the military operations of the Minnesota National Guard when it is operating under state control by the authority of title 32, U.S. Code.



HEADQUARTERS
Saint Paul, Minnesota

COMMISSIONER
Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Don Kerr

EMPLOYEES
350 Employees



34th Infantry Division Deployment

- More than 550 Soldiers of the 34th ID “Red Bulls” deployed to the Middle East for a 10-month rotation.
- Soldiers come from more than 200 communities throughout Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, and several other states.
- The 34th Infantry Division Headquarters provided command and control of Task Force Spartan from Kuwait, deployed across seven partner nations.



148th Fighter Wing Deployment

- Members and F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard deployed to the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan from July to October 2024.
- The 148th Fighter Wing provided a dynamic force employment package to the 18th Wing to provide combat air power adding an additional deterrence factor to the area of operations.



Future Deployments

- 34th MP Company (159 Soldiers) to Kuwait – January 2026
- 434th Chem Company (148 Soldiers) to Kuwait – October 2026
- 1/34 ABCT Task Force #1 (1128 Soldiers) to Kuwait – July 2027
- 1/34 ABCT Task Force #2 (1128 Soldiers) to Kuwait – April 2028
- Multiple smaller deployments and individual augmentees spread throughout the next five years.





State Active Duty History

2006

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|----------------------|-------|
| Flood fight | |
| Wildfire suppression | 1,282 |

2007

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| Fire operations in Boundary Waters Canoe Area | |
| Southern Minnesota Blizzard | |
| UND Plane Crash Recovery | |
| Flood fight in southern Minnesota | 1,091 |

2008

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|------------------------------------|----|
| Winter Storm | |
| Search for Body in Lake Mille Lacs | 40 |

2009

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Flood response | |
| Support for Presidential Inauguration | 14,546 |

2010

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| Flood response in Red River Valley and Southern MN | |
| Fire Operations in Northern Minnesota | 3,976 |

2011

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| Flood fight in RRV, North & South Dakota Support | |
| Tornado in Minneapolis, Search Mission in Duluth | 6,808 |

2012

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Flood response in Duluth | |
| Fire Operations in Northern Minnesota | 143 |

2013

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|---------------------------------------|----|
| Winter Storm Response | |
| Fire Operations in Northern Minnesota | 96 |

2014

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|---|-----|
| Winter Storms in Albert Lea, Olivia and Owatonna | |
| Flood response in Sibley and Koochiching Counties | 130 |

2015

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|---|-----|
| Winter storm support | |
| Wildfire response in state and EMAC to Washington | |
| Avian Influenza response | 469 |

2016

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|--|----|
| Wildfire response Hubbard and St. Louis counties | 88 |
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2017

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|---|-------|
| Hurricane Support - Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico | |
| Super Bowl 52 | 4,931 |

2018

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| Flood Response & Winter Storm Response | 143 |
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2019

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| Flood Response & Winter Storm Response | 913 |
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2020

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|----------------|--------|
| Civil Unrest | |
| COVID Response | 82,912 |

2021

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|----------------------|--------|
| Operation Safety Net | |
| COVID Response | 59,497 |

2022

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|---|-------|
| Flood Response - International Falls and Red River Valley | |
| Flood EMAC to North Dakota | 3,392 |

2023

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|-----------------------|----|
| Winter Storm Response | 34 |
|-----------------------|----|

2024

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|---|-------|
| BWCA Search and Rescue Support | |
| Republican National Convention - Wisconsin EMAC | |
| SW Minnesota Floods | |
| Hurricanes Helene and Milton (NC/FL EMAC) | 2,280 |



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Budget and Financial Impact





General Fund Summary

| Department of Military Affairs Program (\$ in thousands) | Actual/Estimated FY2024-25 | Base FY2026-27 | Base FY2028-29 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Support | 10,264 | 8,392 | 8,398 |
| MN Military & Veterans Museum New Facility | 14,055 | - | - |
| Army Combat Fitness Test Field House | 17,600 | - | - |
| Maintenance of Military Training Facilities | 20,015 | 20,134 | 20,134 |
| Enlistment Incentives | 32,935 | 24,228 | 24,228 |
| Emergency Services / Military Support (Open) | 3,258 | 4,494 | 4,494 |
| Total Department of Military Affairs | 98,127 | 57,248 | 57,254 |





2026-2027 Budget Request

Enlistment Incentives:

Request a \$2M increase in SFY2026 and a \$6M increase in SFY2027 to support State Tuition Reimbursement and for costs incurred for the State Reenlistment Bonuses.

General Support:

- Cyber Coordination Cell:

Request a \$353k increase in SFY2026 and \$397k increase in SFY2027 to sustain the Cyber Coordination Cell.

- Holistic Health and Fitness:

Request a \$800k increase in SFY2026 to sustain the Holistic Health and Fitness team. It is anticipated that the federal government will begin to fund the program during SFY2027.

- Operating Adjustment:

Request a \$198k increase in SFY2026 and \$401k increase in 2027 to sustain operating increases at the Department of Military Affairs.





2026-2027 Budget Request

| <u>Appropriations:</u> | SFY2026 | SFY2027 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Appropriation: | \$30,025,000 | \$33,478,000 |
| Maintenance of Training Facilities | \$10,067,000 | \$10,067,000 |
| General Support | \$5,544,000 | \$4,997,000 |
| Enlistment Incentives: | \$14,114,000 | \$18,114,000 |
| Emergency Services: | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |



Incentives

The Governor recommends additional funding for the Department of Military Affairs Enlistment Incentives program. This funding will go toward state tuition reimbursement and enlistment incentives for service members.

Current programs include:

- State Tuition Reimbursement
- State Reenlistment Bonus (expanded on next slide)
- Reclassification Bonus
- Medic Recertification Bonus



State Reenlistment Bonus (SRB)

| Bonus Type | SFY22 | SFY23 | SFY24 | SFY25 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 3yr – ANG | 0 | 0 | 9 | 14 |
| 4yr – ANG | 1 | 12 | 2 | 0 |
| 6yr – ANG | 28 | 196 | 202 | 34 |
| 3yr – ARNG | 0 | 0 | 264 | 114 |
| 4yr - ARNG | 7 | 75 | 40 | 0 |
| 6yr - ARNG | 113 | 552 | 524 | 121 |
| TOTAL per SFY | 149 | 835 | 1041 | 283 |





Cyber Coordination Cell (C3)



National programming for National Guard units do not provide adequate federal manning authorizations to operate and manage a comprehensive Cyber readiness program.

The legislature authorized the creation of the C3 in the SFY2024-2005 biennium. For SFY2026-2027 the program would become a part of the General Support Appropriation.

The C3 has made significant progress in the cyber realm including:

- Hired four cyber employees to develop the coordination cell and provide outreach with interface with federal, state, and local resources and cyber teams
- Integrated and rehearsed cyber response incorporating the activation of a Cyber Protection Team (CPT) for a state level response with HSEM and MN.IT.
- Developed and procured cyber response kits that allow for timely response to an activation
- Won several state awards including the "MNIT Team of the Year" for the collaborate work done as part of the Whole of State Cybersecurity plan.





Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F)



H2F is investment in service members long-term health outcomes. Soldiers and Airmen that are ready physically and mentally, are prepared to fight and win our nation's wars.

- H2F covers five domains: physical, mental, nutrition, spiritual, and sleep
- H2F is fully implemented in the active component, usually with two dozen or more staff members per army Brigade (~5,000).
- Minnesota's H2F program delivers a range of services including:
 - Individual fitness, nutritional, and spiritual consultations for all Minnesota National Guard service members
 - Group courses and clinics focusing on exercise and nutrition
 - Holistic health education, distributed via individual or group instructions and through videos and apps
- DMA maintains five H2F state employees supplemented by two H2F temporary federal positions.
- In SFY2027, it is anticipated that the program is funded federally.





Policy

Increase Minnesota State Armory Building Commission (MSABC) Bonding Authority

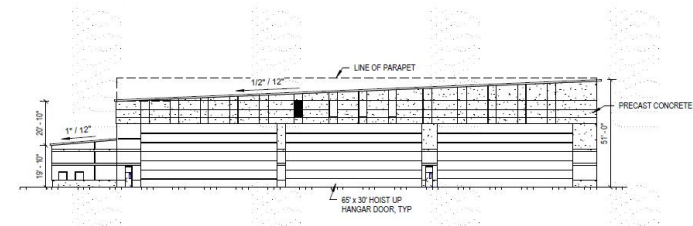
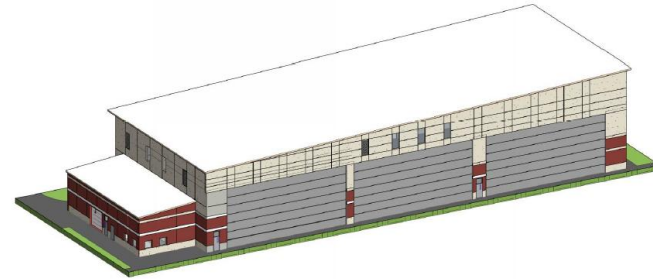
The Governor recommends increasing the bonding authority of the MSABC from \$15M to \$45M. The aim of the increased authority is to allow the agency to better compete for and match federal funding for armory projects.

New armory projects generally require a 25% state investment. New armories cost between \$40-60M. MSABC's current bonding authority does not allow more than one project every twenty years.



Capital Budget Request

The Governor recommends \$3.0M capital funding to design a ready hangar at the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, MN. It is anticipated that the federal government will fund the cost of construction of the hangar which is estimated at ~\$30M.



OVERVIEW

PRIORITIES

UNITS

INITIATIVES



A black and white photograph of soldiers in camouflage uniforms and helmets, seen from behind, standing in a line. In the background, a large military aircraft is visible with the words "U.S. AIR FORCE" and the number "1001" printed on its side. The scene is set on an airfield.

THANK YOU

from the MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD