Minnesota National Guard

2004 Annual Report

Heroes from within

Comments from the Adjutant General

Maj. Gen. Larry Shellito

Governor Tim Pawlenty

To the Citizens of Minnesota -

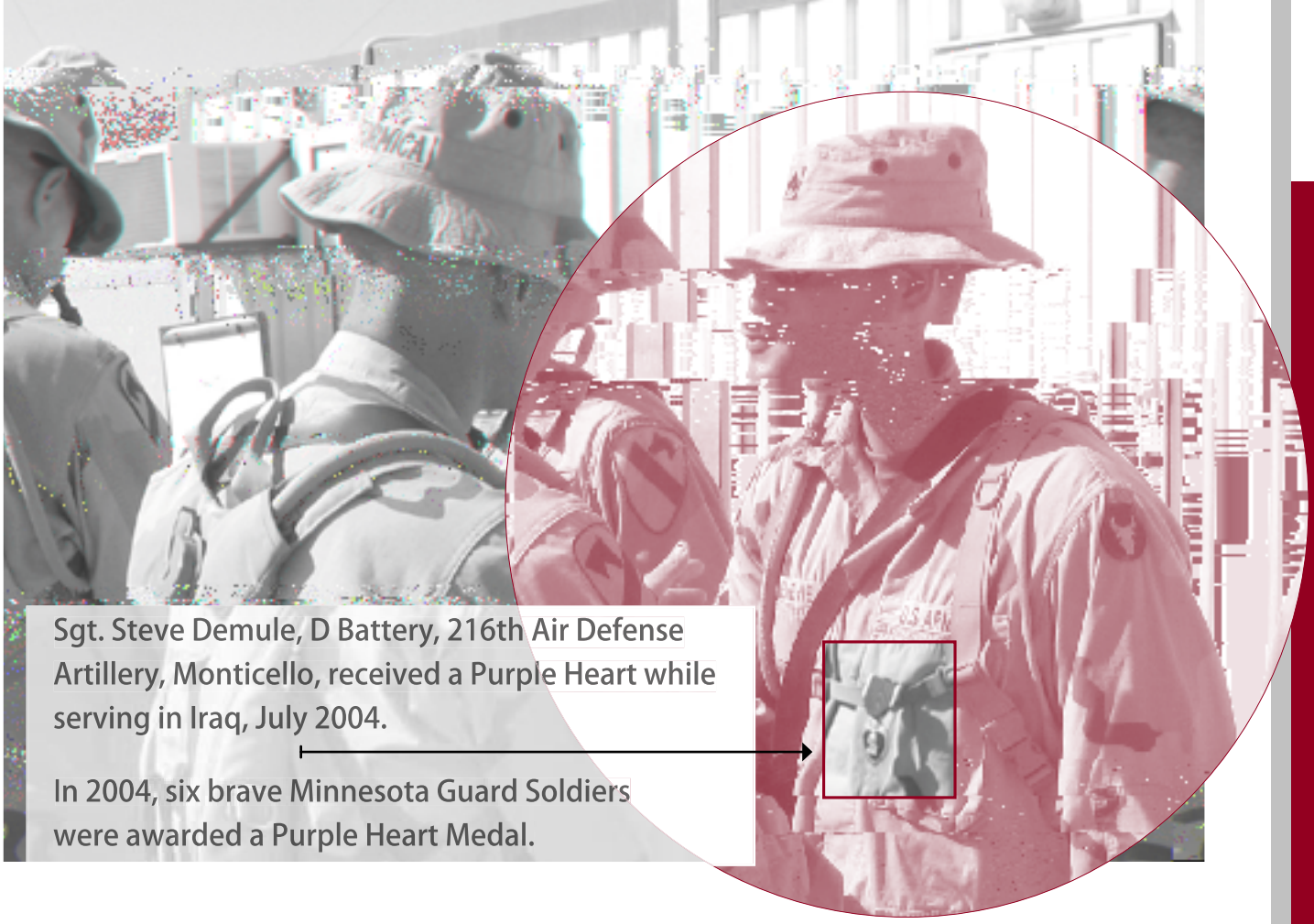
The operations tempo of 2004 has been unmatched since the deployments of World War II. The Minnesota National Guard's 12,800 airmen and soldiers have been called upon to serve our state and nation during the Global War On Terrorism. Since 9/11/01 over 5,950 Minnesota National Guard airmen and soldiers have served in 30 different countries. This past year alone, over 1,600 troops were deployed while concurrently over 3,100 were welcomed back home from overseas assignments.

As Minnesota's Adjutant General, I am proud to report that the men and women of the Minnesota National Guard have performed magnificently. They are truly committed to the values of our great state and nation. I want to especially thank Governor and First Lady Pawlenty for their commitment. The support and empathy they have given to the families and employers of our service members has been exemplary. Their presence at deployment ceremonies is instrumental in assuring family members that the full support of the State of Minnesota is behind their loved ones.

As you review this report, you will gain an appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the members of the Minnesota National Guard. Their accomplishments are exceptional, enabling the Minnesota National Guard to receive the highest award given by the National Guard for excellence. The Army Communities of Excellence award exemplifies the dedication and commitment to quality and continuous improvement. More importantly it has been foundational in insuring our deploying airmen and soldiers have been properly trained and are prepared to face the demanding challenges they will experience. This report will show that the Minnesota National Guard is truly a collection of heroes.

This annual report is a snapshot of the Minnesota National Guard for a given period of time. It is our report card to the leadership of our state and nation. More importantly, it serves as a springboard for our continuous improvement towards building an even better organization. The future for the Minnesota National Guard will truly be dynamic. Transformation of both the Army and Air elements will make the next decade one of continued challenges. I am confident, however, that the foundation laid by today's airmen and soldiers is solid and the Minnesota National Guard's future will continue to be one of excellence.

Larry W. Shellito
Major General, Minnesota
Army National Guard
Adjutant General



Sgt. Steve Demule, D Battery, 216th Air Defense Artillery, Monticello, received a Purple Heart while serving in Iraq, July 2004.

In 2004, six brave Minnesota Guard Soldiers were awarded a Purple Heart Medal.

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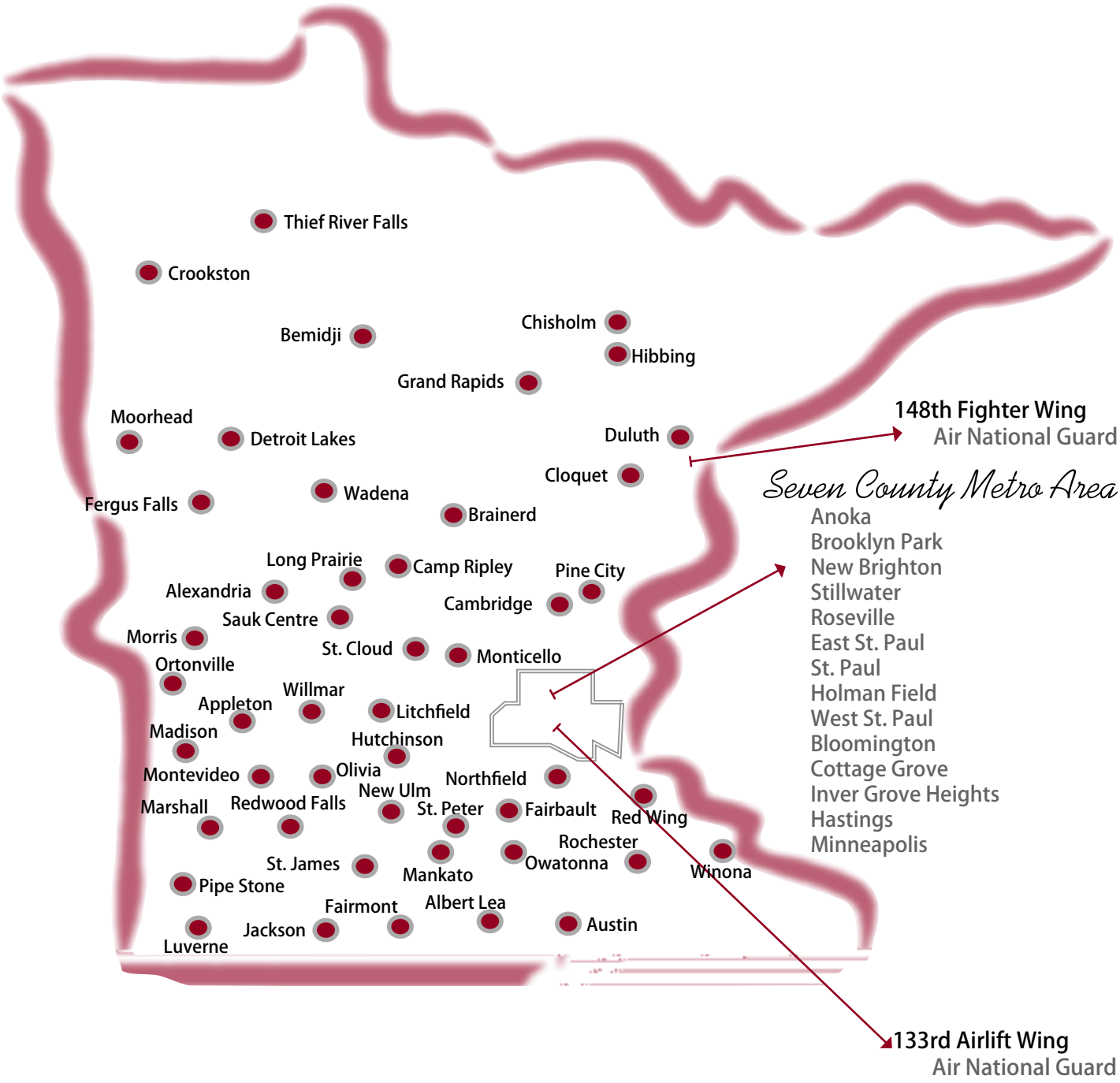
ta National Guard Overview

Joint Units

Joint Force Headquarters. In October, 2003, the Minnesota National Guard combined its separate Air and Army Guard Headquarters into on

Minnesota National Guard Facilities



"Sixty-three training facilities are located around the state to shorten the response time in case of state emergencies, as well as to efficiently train over 12,800 soldiers and airmen in metropolitan and rural communities."

-Major General Larry W. Shellito

State Mission

Soldiers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry patrol outside Prairie Island Nuclear Power Plant.

The Minnesota National Guard served for over 1,195 days of state active duty as requested by Governor Tim Pawlenty for Civil Support Team missions, homeland security, natural disasters, and missing persons searches. The "state mission" is what sets the National Guard apart from other military organizations.

Community Mission

Senator Mark Dayton visited family members of deployed soldiers to discuss their current situations and to thank them for their service and support.

The Guard is America's community-based defense force, located in more than 2,700 cities and towns, including 63 communities in Minnesota.

The Minnesota National Guard takes its community mission very seriously. Guard members are encouraged to volunteer four hours per year during a training weekend. In 2004, the Guard contributed over 34,567 hours to their local communities.

STARBASE: The Minnesota National Guard values youth education and has been a strong supporter of STARBASE. STARBASE Minnesota is a nonprofit organization with a mission to increase the knowledge, skills, and interests of inner city youth in science, mathematics, and technology for greater academic and lifelong success.

The Minnesota Air National Guard, Minnesota Army National Guard Aviation Facility, Minnesota Air National Guard Museum, in partnership with Northwest Airlines provide "real world" applications in aerospace curriculum to students who attend inner city schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

FACT: In the 2003-2004 school year, STARBASE reached 2,662 students in grades 4, 6, and 8, from over 35 schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Counterdrug Program: The Minnesota National Guard supports law enforcement agencies in order to counter the flow of illegal drugs. The Guard provides assistance with aerial and ground reconnaissance and surveillance; data analyst support; Ion Scan technology; specialized law enforcement training, facilities, and materials. They also work with schools, law enforcement, and community-based organizations to support local prevention efforts.

FACT: During 2004, the Guard assisted in seizing more that $14 million in drugs, weapons, and vehicles associated with drug trafficking. In addition, the Guard's demand reduction programs reached nearly 22,000 Minnesota youth with anti-drug messages.

Family Assistance Centers: The Guard provides Family Assistance Centers throughout the state to support families of deployed military personnel.

FACT: In the past year, these centers handled more than 34,500 calls and emails from families of activated members of the Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty military living in Minnesota, to assist with issues such as TRICARE, benefits, pay, legal matters, financial counseling and training, emergency assistance coordination, and family support groups.

FACT: Family Assistance Centers also coordinated extensive donations from the community including 1,400 donated meals, over $100,000 in tickets from professional sports teams and entertainers, and over 3,000 telephone calling cards.

Yearly Accomplishments

SPC Christopher Thiebaut, D Battery 216th Air Defense Artillery, became friends with a local Iraqi girl in his sector.

Major General Shellito greeted Panamanian students.

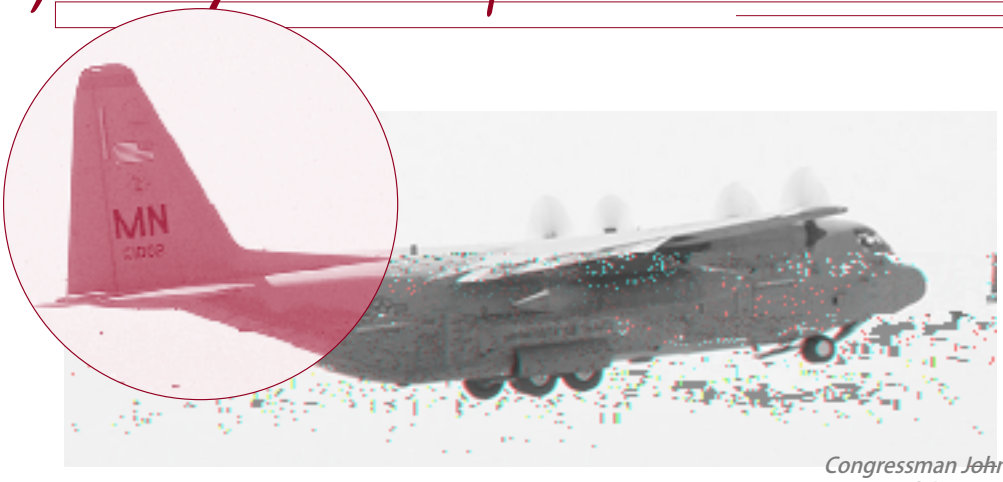
Congressman Mark Kennedy addressed soldiers and families at the Company B, 1st Battalion, 194th Armor deployment ceremony in October.

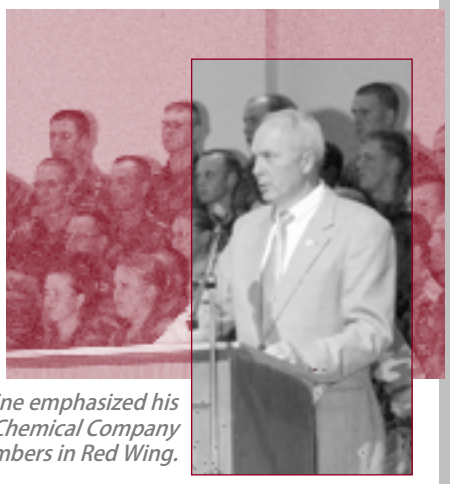
Congressman Gil Gutknecht visited 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry soldiers in Kosovo to thank them for their service.

People

- Ranked #1 in the nation for Army National Guard recruiting; #3 for Air National Guard.
- Implemented a Recruit Sustainment Program to reduce training losses.
- Developed and executed an Equal Opportunity Advisor training program, and established an Equal Opportunity Mobile Training Team.
- Completed a Minnesota National Guard Unit Command Climate Survey.
- Initiated a statewide ethics training program, trained over 5,600 Soldiers and Airmen.
- Established a Senior Officer Advancement Recommendation (SOAR) program to better manage Air National Guard personnel assignments.
- Facilitated the State of Minnesota's receipt of the Department of Defense Freedom Award.
- Successfully supported the families of deployed military personnel through eight Family Assistance Centers throughout the state.

Yearly Accomplishments





Congressman John Kline emphasized his support of the 434th Chemical Company soldiers and family members in Red Wing.

Operations

- Deployed 1,600 Soldiers and Airmen in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle.
- Welcomed home over 3,100 Soldiers and Airmen from deployments.
- Committed 1,195 man-days for state active duty missions at the request of Governor Tim Pawlenty.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum spoke to soldiers who were leaving for Iraq and their families.

- The 34th Infantry Division completed command of NATO peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.
- The 148th Fighter Wing successfully transitioned to "C" model F-16 fighter jets.
- Conducted the first-ever Minnesota Army National Guard Small Unit Exchange with the El Salvadoran Army, and conducted the 31st annual unit exchange with the Norwegian Home Guard.
- Established a Joint Operations Center (JOC) to provide up-to-date information to senior leaders and prepare for operational contingencies.
- Fielded new automated weapons training systems at Camp Ripley.
- Continued to develop the Arden Hills Army Training Site in an effort to provide cost-effective training opportunities for Twin Cities-based Army National Guard units.
- The 148th Fighter Wing received the Air Force Outstanding Unit award, and earned an "outstanding" rating on an Alert Force Evaluation.
- The 133rd Aerial Port Squadron received both the Air National Guard and the Air Reserve Component Aerial Port Squadron of the Year awards.

Yearly Accomplishments

Governor & the First Lady witnessed Minnesota Guard's influence at a school near Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

STARBASE students demonstrated their mastery of the physics of flight.

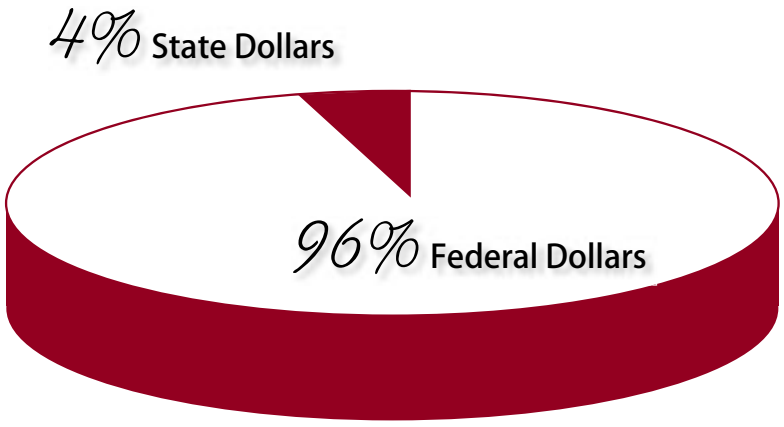
Community

- Provided over 34,000 community support hours throughout the state.
- Continued a successful partnership between the 133rd Airlift Wing and Farnsworth Elementary Aerospace School in St. Paul.
- STARBASE reached 2,662 students in grades 4, 6, and 8, from over 35 schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- Conducted Minnesota Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve awards banquet where Governor Tim Pawlenty presented 34 employer awards.
- Camp Ripley continued to maintain partnerships with area colleges and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- Family Assistance centers handled more than 34,500 calls and emails from families of activated members of the Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty dependents living in Minnesota.
- Assisted in seizing more that $14 million in drugs, weapons, and vehicles associated with drug trafficking.
- Reached nearly 22,000 Minnesota youth with anti-drug messages.

Governor Tim Pawlenty announced his National Guard support initiatives during a December 2004 edition of the Governor's radio show.

Senator Norm Coleman addressed soldiers and families of D Battery, 216th Air Defense Artillery during their departure ceremony in Monticello.

Fiscal Year 2004 Budget



Federal Expenditures

Army National Guard	$136,807,749
Air National Guard	135,788,689
*Other Army Expenditures	32,610,073
Total Federal Expenditures	$305,206,511

State Expenditures

Headquarters Operations	$1,675,000
Enlistment Incentives	5,653,000
Army National Guard	4,105,000
Air National Guard	731,000
State Active Duty	294,000
Total State Expenditures	$12,458,000

Total Expenditures $317,664,511

* Dollars dispersed at Army Guard Training and Community Centers across the state.

Economic Impact

Community Unit name * Units with troops activated in 2004	Legislative District	Congressional District	Assigned Personnel	Federal Pay and Expenditures	State Pay and Expenditures
Albert Lea	**27A**	**1**	**161**	**$487,551**	**$ 34,360**
Company D, 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry (Air Assault)*					
Alexandria	**11A**	**7**	**184**	**$238,391**	**$20,290**
Company A(-), 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry (Mechanized)*					
Anoka	**48B**	**6**	**170**	**$905,075**	**$22,624**
HHB (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery*					
Battery E, 151st Field Artillery (Target Acquisition)*					
Appleton	**20A**	**7**	**92**	**$767,770**	**$14,414**
Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*					
Organizational Maintenance Shop 7					
1151st Towed Artillery Support Team*					
Austin	**27B**	**1**	**126**	**$494,587**	**$14,665**
Company B(-), 434th Main Support Battalion*					
Bemidji	**04A**	**7**	**114**	**$238,725**	**$29,677**
Company C(-) , 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry (Mechanized)*					
Bloomington	**40B**	**3**	**391**	**$2,216,950**	**$53,909**
Headquarters and Material Management Center, 34th Division Support Command					
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 216 Air Defense Artillery					
Battery A, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery					
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery					
Battery C, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery					
Brainerd	**12A**	**8**	**112**	**$642,284**	**$46,400**
Headquarters and Headquarters Company(-), 1st Battalion 194th Armor*					
Brooklyn Park	**47B**	**3**	**151**	**$692,659**	**$37,663**
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 34th Division Artillery					
Cambridge	**17A**	**8**	**104**	**$334,805**	**$3,678**
Battery F, 151st Field Artillery*					
Chisholm	**05B**	**8**	**26**	**$158,113**	**$20,267**
Company A, (Detachment), 2nd Battalion, 194th Armor*					
Cloquet	**08A**	**8**	**175**	**$1,129,411**	**$25,016**
Battery E, 216th Air Defense*					
Organizational Maintenance Shop 13 Annex					

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Cottage Grove Company E, 434th Main Support Battalion* Company C, 134th Forward Support Battalion*	**57A**	**2**	**202**	**$1,373,800**	**$38,376**
Crookston Company B (-), 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry (Mechanized)*	**01B**	**7**	**52**	**$189,485**	**$27,265**
Detroit Lakes Company C (Detachment 1), 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry* Organization Maintenance Shop 5	**9B**	**7**	**104**	**$919,641**	**$28,097**
Duluth Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 194th Armor* Company D (-) 434th Main Support Battalion	**6B**	**8**	**303**	**$1,207,217**	**$37,456**
Duluth (Air National Guard Base) 148th Fighter Wing*	**6B**	**8**	**1021**	**$ 73,872,260**	**$ 358,558**
East St. Paul Company A (Detachment 1), 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry*	**67A**	**4**	**95**	**$278,894**	**$33,252**
Fairmont Battery B (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery*	**24A**	**1**	**65**	**$161,402**	**$14,862**
Faribault Company B (Detachment 1), 134th Signal Battalion*	**26B**	**2**	**30**	**$144,880**	**$17,379**
Fergus Falls Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Detachment 1)* 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry*	**10A**	**7**	**86**	**$376,018**	**$18,183**
Grand Rapids Company C, 2nd Battalion, 194th Armor*	**03B**	**8**	**64**	**$210,409**	**$18,593**
Hastings Company B (-), 134th Signal Battalion*	**57B**	**2**	**168**	**$239,360**	**$30,788**
Hibbing Company A (-), 2nd Battalion, 194th Armor* Organizational Maintenance Shop #13	**05B**	**8**	**55**	**$551,142**	**$44,024**
Hutchinson Company B, 682nd Engineer Battalion*	**18A**	**7**	**92**	**$297,881**	**$23,478**

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Inver Grove Heights	**39B**	**2**	**196**	**$1,159,640**	**$49,606**
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 134th Signal Battalion*					
Company A, 134th Signal Battalion					
Jackson	**22B**	**1**	**65**	**$193,300**	**$13,734**
Battery B (-), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery*					
Litchfield	**18B**	**7**	**110**	**$333,522**	**$15,779**
Company A, 682nd Engineer Battalion*					
Little Falls (Camp Ripley)	**12B**	**8**	**1055**	**$35,659,974**	**$410,580**
Company C, 142nd Engineer Battalion*					
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Companies A*, C (Detachment 1), and D, 434th Main Support Battalion					
Joint Force Headquarters (Detachment 2)					
175th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)*					
Installation Support Unit					
Company G, 147th Air Traffic Support Co.*					
Organizational Maintenance Shop 14					
Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES)					
Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS)					
Training Support Unit					
1st Battalion, 175th Training Regiment (Officer Candidate School)					
2nd Battalion, 175th Training Regiment (General Studies)					
Regional Training Site Maintenance					
Long Prairie	**11B**	**7**	**39**	**$448,249**	**$17,216**
Company D (Detachment 1), 434th Main Support Battalion					
Luverne	**22A**	**1**	**59**	**$112,130**	**$12,903**
Battery A (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 125th Artillery*					
Madison	**20A**	**7**	**75**	**$315,035**	**$13,598**
Battery B (-), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*					
Mankato	**23B**	**1**	**141**	**$589,683**	**$53,804**
Headquarters and Headquarters Company (-), 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry (Mechanized)*					
Marshall	**21A**	**7**	**75**	**$608,414**	**$16,948**
Battery A, 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*					
Minneapolis	**59A**	**5**	**370**	**$1,226,031**	**$51,081**
Headquarters Company A, Company B*, 134th Forward Support Battalion					

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Minneapolis/St. Paul (Air National Guard) 133rd Airlift Wing*	63B	5	1287	$ 61,830,254	$362,181
Montevideo Headquarters and Headquarters, Service Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	20B	7	111	$866,941	$54,582
Monticello Battery D, 216 Air Defense Artillery*	19A	6	165	$366,678	$ 2,559
Moorhead Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry (Mechanized)* Company C, 134th Signal Battalion	09A	7	220	$1,259,082	$55,841
Morris Battery C (-), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	11A	7	52	$291,751	$28,209
New Brighton Organizational Maintenance Shop 3 and 8	50B	4	32	$1,047,196	$167
New Ulm Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery* Organizational Maintenance Shop 6	21B	1	129	$862,842	$19,101
Northfield 434th Chemical Company (-)*	25B	2	65	$318,240	$18,937
Olivia Battery B (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	20B	7	52	$280,351	$13,030
Ortonville Battery C (Detachment 1), 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery*	20A	7	63	$279,216	$14,123
Owatonna Company C (Detachment 1), 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry (Mechanized)*	26A	1	29	$129,759	$28,798
Pine City Company B, 2nd Battalion, 194th Armor*	8B	8	92	$279,001	$20,647
Pipestone Battery A (-), 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery*	22A	1	61	$279,474	$13,042
Red Wing 434th Chemical Company (Detachment 1)*	28A	2	55	$138,945	$18,507

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Redwood Falls	**21A**	**7**	**59**	**$329,793**	**$22,454**
Company C, 682nd Engineer Battalion*					
Rochester	**30A**	**1**	**80**	**$532,790**	**$58,288**
Company B, 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry (Mechanized)*					
Organizational Maintenance Shop 2					
Rosemount	**33B**	**2**			

Community Unit name * Units with troops activated in 2004	Legislative District	Congressional District	Assigned Personnel	Federal Pay and Expenditures	State Pay and Expenditures
St. Paul, Cedar Street Armory Continued,					
Homeland Security					
Watch Office					
Headquarters, 34th Aviation Brigade					
Headquarters, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Headquarters and Supply Company, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
B Company, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Army Aviation Support Facility					
Company A, 834th Aviation Support Battalion					
Detachment 39, Operational Support Airlift Command*					
1256th Medical Company (Air AmbulA					

Minnesota Guard History 1850-2004

The Minnesota National Guard takes great pride in being a vibrant participant in shaping Minnesota's history. Since the days before statehood, the National Guard has embraced whatever role history would unveil: protector of settlers, guardian of freedom; provider of relief; peacekeeper to nations; or homeland defender.

The Territorial Militia ushered in the advent of the Minnesota National Guard in 1850. Charged with protecting the interests of settlers, the Minnesota Pioneer Guards were formed in 1856. Minnesota's frontier was ably protected by these militiamen; in fact, local Guard units served as the only line of defense during the Dakota (Sioux) War of 1862.

First Minnesota Infantry

The Minnesota National Guard distinguished itself during the Civil War. The "First Minnesota" is recognized as the first regiment to volunteer troops in service for the Union cause, consequently becoming a legend within the Army of the Potomac as a result of it's gallant charge at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863.

As the United States transformed into a first-rate military power, so too did the Minnesota National Guard. Minnesota National Guard troops saw service in the Spanish American War, Mexican Border Patrol, and World War I. The addition of the 109th Aerial Observation squadron brought to Minnesota the first recognized flying unit in the National Guard in 1921.

World War II spotlighted the Minnesota National Guard's excellence and commitment to victory. The annals of the Minnesota Guard's combat lineage in World War II are legendary: the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division in North Africa; the 175th Field Artillery in Italy; the 194th Tank Battalion at Bataan; and the 109th Observation Squadron in Europe.

War in Asia and Europe during the latter half of the 20th Century provided other venues for the Minnesota National Guard to answer the Nation's call: Korea; Berlin; Vietnam; the Persian Gulf, and the Balkans. This capable and versatile force performed admirably, all the while responding to state activations such as fires, floods, tornadoes, missing persons searches, and homeland defense.

It has been said that the best indicator of future potential lies in past performance. If that is the case, then the Minnesota National Guard is postured for continued success. The attacks of 9/11 brought an unprecedented need for military forces, and the Minnesota National Guard has again responded to the call to arms to fight the Global War on Terror.

Minnesota National Guard

Ready: Answering the call.

Relevant: Serving our communities, state and nation.

Reliable: Working side-by-side with the Army and Air Force.

Guardsmen and women continue to proudly serve in the Global War on Terror. Over 4,600 Minnesota Soldiers and Airman have made the ultimate transformation when they supported Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004. They transformed from everyday citizens to the nation's heroes.

"Every citizen [should] be a soldier. This was the case with the Greeks and the Romans, and must be that of every free state."

"And should we wonder... let us hasten to retrace our steps and to regain the road which alone leads to peace, liberty and safety."

- Thomas Jefferson

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